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Puerto Rico moves one step closer to Thailand

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, April 30, 2013 – Puerto Rico claimed an important victory over Chile in straight sets (25-23, 25-21, 25-21) on Tuesday as they continue their quest for the last ticket to the FIVB U18 Girls' World Championship in Thailand.

The Puerto Ricans, with a 2-0 win-loss record in Pool B, now need one more victory against winless Guatemala on Wednesday to book their place in the event to take place Nakhon Ratchasima from July 26 to August 4.

In the other match of Pool B, Colombia overwhelmed hosts Guatemala 25-11, 25-14, 25-11 to equalize their record at 1-1 while the losers dropped to 0-2.

In Pool A, where all the teams are qualified to Thailand, the Dominican Republic remained undefeated at 2-0 following a 25-21, 25-15, 25-21 over Peru (0-2) while Brazil beat

Argentina (0-2) by scores of 25-20, 25-18, 25-19.

The preliminary round concludes on Wednesday with the matches Chile v Colombia, Peru v Brazil, Dominican Republic v Argentina and Puerto Rico v Guatemala.

Brazil v Argentina

Brazil downed Argentina in straight sets for their first victory in Pool A. Both teams stand at 1-1 win-loss mark. The winners held a wide advantage in the blocking category by 14-5 and were also better in aces by 7-5. Laiza Ferreira and Karoline Tormena each had 12 points as Brazil's top scorers followed by Lorene Geraldo with 11. Argentina's Irene Verasio topped the losers with 10 points.

Dominican Republic v Peru

Dominican Republic claimed its second win in Pool A by defeating Peru. The Dominicans were superior scoring 18 blocks and 4 aces to 5 and 2 respectively by Peru. The winners improved to a 2-0 win-loss record while the defeated sided dropped to 0-2. Brayelin Martinez was the best scorer for Dominican Republic with 20 points, Gaila Gonzalez and Angelica Hinojosa chipped in with 10 each. Barbara Briceño was the best scorer for Peru with 12 points.

Puerto Rico v Chile

The Puerto Ricans were determined to win and overcame Chile in a match that lasted 1 hour 25 minutes, with better blocking (8-4), attacks (47-37) and service points (6-3). Puerto Rico improved to a 2-0 win-loss mark and needs one more victory to get the last ticket to Thailand. With double digits, Genesis Miranda (17), Julymar Otero (15) and Patricia Montero (12) were the best for Puerto Rico. Catalina Melo topped Chile with 23 points.

Colombia v Guatemala

Colombia dominated Guatemala with a big advantage in all categories. The Colombians were by far the superior teams leading in attacks (34-11), blocks (11-4) and serving aces (12-2). Colombia evened their win-loss record at 1-1 while Guatemala remained winless in two outings. Amanda Coneo was Colombia's leading scorer with 13 points, followed by Veronica Pasos with 11 points.