

Straight set wins for Argentina, Canada and Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, May 21, 2016. - Argentina, Canada and Mexico earned straight wins in opening day of the XI Men's Pan American Cup at Olympic Gymnasium Juan de la Barrera in Mexico City.

The first day of actions developed as expected, with the more experienced teams debuting powerfully.

With 3-0 wins, Argentina and Mexico in Pool C beat Colombia and Honduras respectively, while Canada in Pool B dominated Costa Rica. The other winner of the day was United States who defeated Colombia 3-1 in Pool A.

Still waiting for their first appearance in the tournament remain Dominican Republic in Pool A and Cuba in Pool B.

Sunday's Schedule starts with Dominican Republic facing Chile in Pool A; followed by Pool C actions with Argentina v Honduras; in Pool B Cuba against Costa Rica; and Mexico faces Colombia in Pool C.

United States 3, Chile 1

United States beat Chile 3-1 (25-17, 17-25, 25-15, 25-22) at the XI Men's Pan American Cup opening match. United States dominated Chile leading 44-39 in spikes, 12-9 in blocking and 8-2 in service points. The winners also scored on 29 errors from Chile while committing 28. Torey Defalco led USA with 15 points, followed by Gregory Petty with 13 points, Joshua Taylor with 12 and Kristopher Johnson with 10 points. Vicente Parraguirre topped with 16 points, the only one with double digits on the Chilean side.

Argentina 3, Colombia 0

Argentina defeated Colombia in straight sets 25-16, 25-20, 25-22 in their debut. Argentina stormed over Colombia with huge advantage in spikes (45-26) to take their first victory in Pool C. Argentina also held advantage in blocks (5-4) and in aces (4-0). Argentina scored on 75 errors by Colombia, while committing 28. Leading all scorers was Nicolas Lazo of Argentina with 15 points, followed by teammate Bruno Lima with 13. Ronald Jimenez led Colombia with 9 points.

Canada 3, Costa Rica 0

Canada performed strong against Costa Rica with a victory by 3-0 (25-15, 25-13, 25-11) on opening day. The Pool B match showed Canada powered up with huge advantage in all categories: 40-17 in spikes, 7-1 in blocks and 9-1 in serves. Canada had 20 unforced errors, while Costa Rica had 19. Jason Derocco led Canada's offence with 13 points, while

Casey Knight and Timothy Maar chipped in with 11 and 10 respectively. Alberto Blanco led Costa Rica with 7 points.

Mexico 3, Honduras 0

Mexico made their debut at home with a 3-0 (25-17, 25-15, 25-22) victory over Honduras. Mexico was better in spikes by 38-21 and also in blocks 7-3. In aces, both teams scored 3 points and they both committed 27 errors. The top scorer for Mexico was Jorge Barajas with 11 points, joined by Samuel Cordova and Ivan Marquez with 8 points apiece. For Honduras, Luis Salgado scored 8 points and Frank Alley 7.

