

## The Pan American Cup will have a new champion



their ticket to the final for the gold medal.

The United States and the Dominican Republic, who lost their undefeated titles today, will meet for the bronze medal.

The calendar for the last day is as follows:  
12:00 pm. Canada vs. Mexico (Positions 7/8)  
2:00 p.m. Colombia vs. Peru (Positions 5/6)  
4:00 p.m. United States vs. Dominican Republic (bronze medal)  
6:00 pm. Puerto Rico and Argentina (gold medal)

### Chile closes its participation with a victory against Costa Rica

**PONCE, PUERTO RICO, August 12, 2023.-** Chile ended its participation with a three-sets victory, 3-0 (25-20, 25-9, 25-18) over Costa Rica. This was the first victory for Chile in this event. The Chileans finish in the ninth position of the tournament, and Costa Rica in 10th. Chile had total control of the game against Costa Rica in attacking points, 47-24; in blocks, 7-3; and aces, 6-3. For Chile, captain Beatriz Novoa was the best scorer with 17 points (14 attacks, 3 blocks), Elisa Sandrock with 10 points (7 blocks, 3 aces); and Paula Vallejos with 10 points (9 attacks, 1 block). For Costa Rica, Marcela Araya with eight points in attacks; María Fernanda Alfaro with five points (3 attacks, 1 block, 1 ace); and Tannia Carazo with four points, all in attacks.

### Colombia defeats Mexico and will play for positions 5/6

Colombia defeated Mexico, 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 25-22) and will play this Sunday for positions 5/6. Colombia dominated Mexico in attacks, 44-35. Mexico out-blocked Colombia, 8-7; and they were tied in aces with 2 each. Colombia will play for positions 5/6 and Mexico will go for 7/8. Opposite Dayana Segovia was the top scorer for Colombia with 15 points (12 attacks, 3 blocks); Amanda Coneo with 13 points, all in attacks; and Ana Karina Olaya with 10 points in attacks. For Mexico, captain Jocelyn Urias with nine points (6 attacks, 3 blocks); Karen Rivera with nine (all in attacks); and María Fernanda Rodríguez with eight (6 attacks, 1 block, 1 ace).

### Peru advances to the match for positions 5/6

Peru will play against Colombia for positions 5/6 defeating Canada this Saturday in three close sets (3-0) with scores from 25-20, 25-22, 25-21. Peru fell 3-2 to Canada in the group stage. The Peruvians managed to maintain control of each set and the advantage, when their opponents tried to come from behind. The triumph guided Peru to the match for positions 5/6 against Colombia this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Canada will play Mexico for positions 7/8. The captain of Peru, Karla Ortiz, was the best scorer of the match with 20 points (18 kills, 1 block, 1 ace); Ysabella Sánchez contributed with 14 points (13 attacks, 1 ace); and María Paula Rodríguez with 12 points (10 attacks, 1 block, 1 ace). For Canada, Shainah Joseph finished with 12 points (11 kills and one block) and Andrea Mitrovic with 11 pts.

### Argentina surprised United States and will play for the gold medal.

Argentina surprised United States in the semifinal with a 3-1 victory (24-26, 25-23, 25-20, 27-25), to advance to the old medal match this Sunday. The Panthers dominated the first set 23-20. United States managed to tie (23-23) the score. Paula Nizetich attacked for point 24 and Argentina's set point, but their never reached the final point. United States closed out the set, 26-24. The second was the other way around since United States

dominated 23-20 and couldn't close out. Argentina won the second set and tied the match. In the third, Argentina dominated the set 24-16, but United States made four straight points to close the lead, 24-20. An error in the service of United States gave the point 25.

The excitement intensified in the fourth set. Argentina was ready to win the game with the score 24-20, but United States had a plan and tied it (24-24), and then at 25-25. The middle blocker Candelaria Herrera attacked twice to close the set, 27-25 giving the victory to Argentina. Argentina will play this Sunday for the gold medal at 6:00 p.m. United States for bronze at 4:00 p.m.

Argentinian opposite Bianca Cugno was the best scorer of the match with 23 points (20 attacks, 1 block, 2 aces); Paula Nizetich contributed 15 points (13 attacks, 1 block, 1 ace); and Candelaria Herrera with 11 points (10 attacks and 1 ace). For the United States, Simone Lee with 18 points (16 attacks, 1 block, 1 ace); Taylor Mims with 15 points (14 attacks and 1 ace); and Madeleine Gates with 12 points (7 attacks, 4 blocks and 1 ace).



### ¡Puerto Rico for the gold!

The Puerto Rican National Team will play for the gold medal against Argentina after defeating the Dominican Republic this Saturday in five exciting sets, 3-2, in semifinals. Puerto Rico took the victory with partial scores of 25-18, 21-25, 20-25, 25-22, 15-7.

The Puerto Ricans made a great comeback after losing the second and third sets, to extend the match to a fifth set. Puerto Rican spiker Paola Santiago was the protagonist of the decisive set. With Santiago on serve, Puerto Rico achieved a rally of five consecutive points, including two aces, to obtain a 7-3 lead. She herself attacked for an 8-3 advantage. Puerto Rico had control of the set to win 15-7 and struck out her ticket to the final. Santiago scored seven of Puerto Rico's 15 points in the fifth set.

Alondra Vázquez was the best scorer for Puerto Rico with 22 points (20 attacks, 2 blocks); Pilar Victoria with 15 points (11 attacks, 3 blocks, 1 ace); and Paola Santiago with 14 points (12 attacks, 2 aces). For the Dominican Republic, Bethania de la Cruz with 20 points (14 attacks, 2 blocks, 4 aces); Brayelin Martínez with 17 points (15 attacks and 2 blocks); and Gaila Gonzalez with 17 points (15 attacks and 2 blocks).