



The United States, Argentina, Colombia and Puerto Rico won on the first day of the XX Women's Pan American Cup in Ponce

PONCE, PUERTO RICO, August 6, 2023.- The teams of the United States, Argentina, Colombia and Puerto Rico won the opening of the XX Women's Pan American Cup at the Juan "Pachín" Vicéns Auditorium in Ponce.

It was a first day full of emotions with great victories.

The Dominican Republic, two-time Cup champion, had the day off as did Peru.

Tomorrow's schedule features Canada vs. Costa Rica (2:00 p.m.), United States vs. Peru (4:00 p.m.), Chile vs. Dominican Republic (6:00 p.m.), and Puerto Rico vs. Argentina closes the day at 8:00 p.m.

Victory for the United States against Costa Rica in the opening of the XX Women's Pan American Cup in Ponce

The United States began the XX Senior Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup with a quick victory against Costa Rica in three sets (25-12, 25-12, 25-17). The United States offense made itself felt from the beginning of the game and had three players in double figures to get the important victory. Mims Taylor was the top scorer with 17 points (13 attacks, 4 blocks); Logan Eggleston with 14 points (13 attacks, one ace); and Danielle Hart with 13 points (8 attacks, 3 blocks, 2 aces). The Americans made nine blocks against two by Costa Rica. In serves, the United States dominated 5-1. For Costa Rica, Tatiana Sayles Marín was the best scorer with 11 points (11 on kills) and Marcela Ayara with six (6 on kills).

Argentina defeats Mexico 3-0 at XX Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup

Argentina defeats Mexico in consecutive sets (25-20, 25-19, 25-18). Argentina's blocking was very effective at the net to stop the Mexican offense. Argentina dominated in attacks, 42-33, to Mexico; in blocks, 10-2, and 4-2 in aces. Mexico had its best moment of the game in the third set, dominating the first technical timeout, 8-5. From then on, Argentina returned to the

field to close the game and get their first win. Opposite Bianca Cugno was the best scorer for Argentina with 20 points (19 attacks, 1 blocks); Outside Hitter Yamila Nizetich with 12 points (9 attacks, 1 blocks, 2 aces); and middle blocker Candelaria Herrera with eight points (5 attacks). María Fernanda Rodríguez was the best scorer from México with nine points, all in attacks; Karen Rivera with six points (6 attacks); and Aime Margarita Topete with six points (5 attacks, one block).

RIZOLA: "It was a very important victory against Canada"

Colombia was able to stop Canada's push to achieve an important victory. Colombia defeated Canada in four sets: 25-19, 25-20, 24-26 and 25-19. The South Americans presented great defense, good service and effective blocking at the net to dominate the match. But, in the third set, Canada benefited of Colombia's mistakes to take advantage. Both teams battled for control and with three straight points, Canada sparked the fourth set. Colombia returned to its game and took the win. Outside hitters Ana Karina Olaya and Amanda Coneo were the best scorers for Colombia with 16 points each. Olaya got 11 attacks, two blocks and three aces and Coneo, with 14 attacks and 2 blocks. Dayana Segovia had 12 points, on eight kills, three in blocks and one ace. For Canada, Andrea Mitrovic was the best scorer of the match with 21 points (16 attacks, one block and 4 aces). Hilary Howe with 16 points (15 attacks and one ace); and Layne Van Buskirk with 12 points (10 attacks and two blocks).

Puerto Rico debuts with a three-set victory against Chile

The host team of the XX Women Senior Pan American Cup, Puerto Rico, began their participation with an exciting victory against Chile (25-22, 25-17, 25-23). Puerto Rico had a difficult rival against Chile, who surprised in the third set. Chile had an advantage, 8-6, 16-14 and 19-14; but Puerto Rico with six points in a row took the lead, 20-19, and ultimately won the set. Puerto Rico dominated in blocks, 6-1, but Chile was better in serving with 6 aces against only one for the locals. In attacks, Puerto Rico made 122 kills and Chile, 119. Pilar Victoriá was the best scorer with 17 points (16 attacks, one block), Alondra Vázquez (10 attacks, 1 block); Brittany Abercrombie with 10 points in attacks. For Chile, captain Beatriz Novoa was the best scorer with 16 points (15 attacks, 1 block); Florencia Giglio with eight points, all in attacks; and Paula Vallejos with seven points (6 attacks, one ace).