



The Final Four is set at Pan Am Cup

SANTO DOMINGO; Dominican Republic, July 11, 2018 – Defending champions United States and host Dominican Republic joined the semifinals of the Women’s Volleyball Pan American Cup after victories over Colombia and Puerto Rico, respectively, on Wednesday.

In Friday’s semifinals United States will play against Canada while Dominican Republic will be pitted with Brazil.

The semifinalists at the Pan American Cup are secured of berths to next year’s Pan America Games in Lima, Peru. There is one more vacancy for the team that finishes in fifth position.



United States 3, Colombia 0

United States joined the semifinals playing text- book game against Colombia. The Americans only needed 1 hour and 9 minutes to dispatch Colombia 3-0 (25-12, 25-17, 25-17) with four players scoring in double digits led by Aiyana Abukusomo-Whitey with 20 points. Chiaka Ogbogu and Haley Washington each contributed 11 points in the victory while Adora Anae added 10 points. Dayana Segovia was the best Colombian with 6 points. The United States outscored

Colombia in attacks 39-21, blocks 14-6 and aces 8-1.

Dominican Republic 3, Puerto Rico 2

Host Dominican Republic outdueled Puerto Rico in five sets 3-2 (25-21, 18-25, 21-25, 25-22, 15-10) to advance to the semifinals. Yonkaira Peña and Brayelin Martinez led the Dominican side with 20 and 18 points, respectively, while Gina Mambro chipped in with 11 points. Daly Santana had 24 points for Puerto Rico followed by Shirley Ferrer with 16. Neira Ortiz and Alba Hernández each had 10.



Cuba 3, Argentina 2

Cuba advanced to the battle for the 5th to 8th positions after a 3-2 (25-18, 21-25, 14-25, 25-23, 15-8) victory over Argentina. Laura Suarez and Sulian Matienzo registered 18 and 17 points, respectively, as the offensive leaders of Cuba in the match. Diaris Pérez and Regla Gracia contributed 13 and 11 in the victory. Paula Nizetich had a tournament-high 24

points in the losing effort as her side played their third match of five sets in four days. Elina Rodriguez and Lucia Fresco finished with 14 and 12, respectively.



Peru 3, Mexico 1

Peru scored a grueling victory over Mexico 3-1 (25-16, 22-25, 31-29, 34-32). In a qualification match, Peru advanced to the 5-8 round after a long battle which lasted 2 hours and 20 minutes. Karla Ortiz and Kiara Montes spearheaded Peru with 20 and 19 points, respectively, while Brenda Lobaton and Clarivett Yllescas added 16 and 10 in the victory. Mexico had five players in double figures with Andrea Rangel and Samantha Bricio leading the parade each with 18 points. Melanie Parra was next with 17 and Karina Flores and Jocelyn Urías chipped in with 14 and 10, respectively.

