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Chile and Puerto Rico reach the semifinals



LIMA, Peru, May 8, 2019 – Chile and Puerto Rico joined the semifinals of the U21 Men's Pan American Volleyball Cup after victories over United States and Colombia on Wednesday.

The top ranked of the two teams will get the ticket to the FIVB World Championship to be played in Bahrain.

Cuba and Canada, the other semifinalists, are already qualified to Bahrain. Cuba as NORCECA Continental champion and Canada as one of the top-five world ranked teams not qualified through the continental tournaments.

In Friday's semifinals, Puerto Rico will play Canada and Chile will meet Cuba. Thursday is a rest day.

Chile 3, United States 2

Chile turned the tables to beat the United States 3-2 (24-26, 17-25, 25-21, 26-24,

15-10) moving one step closer to achieving a historic classification to the U21 World Championship.

Chile had the advantage in blocks (10-7), with four from outside hitter Rafael Fuentes. But USA, showed dominance in attacks (53-45) and services (9-5). The United States yielded in 47 points via unforced errors while Chile reduced them to 37.

Vicente Ibarra, Chile's top attacker, commanded the offense of his team with 20 points, accompanied by Manfred Borgstedt and Julián Zenteno with 12 and 10 points respectively. For the United States, Brett Wildman, Anthony Matheney and Ryan Wilcox recorded 26, 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Puerto Rico 3, Colombia 0

Puerto Rico advanced to the semifinal of the IV U21 Pan American Cup after defeating a challenging and impetuous Colombian team with a score of 3-0 (25-16, 25-20, 33-31).

Pedro Molina, Johan León and Ventura Peluzzo added 19, 15 and 10 points, respectively, each to the triumph of their team. For Colombia, the highest score came from its captain, Jharold Caicedo with 9 units.

The winning team got 6 direct service points and dominated in attack (49-28), but was overtaken by Colombia (9-6) in blocks.

