



Defending champions USA win hard-fought match

Three-time defending champions United States recovered from losing the first set to claim a hard-fought victory 3-1 (21-25, 25-17, 26-24, 29-27) over Mexico in the second match of opening day at the Women's Pan American Cup on Monday.

Veronica Perry scored a match-high 27 points, including four aces, as the offensive star for the American squad, followed by Danielle Cuttino and Linday Stalzer with 18 and 11 points, respectively.

Samantha Bricio led Mexico with 21 points, 10 of them in the long fourth set, while María Rodríguez added 18.

Canada 3, Puerto Rico 0

Canada dominated Puerto Rico in straight sets (25-17, 25-16, 25-18) to open the 19th Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup.

Nyadhali Thokbuom had 15 points as the leading scorer for Canada, including five blocks. Hillary Howe added 10 points, nine attacks and one ace, while Brie King chipped in with 5 points, four of them via blocks.

Gabriela Alicea was the top scorer for the Puerto Rican side with 9 points.

Dominican Republic 3, Cuba 0

Dominican Republic breezed past Cuba in straight sets 3-0 (25-17, 25-12, 25-20) to close day one on Monday night.

The home side dominated from the first whistle and never looked back subduing the young Cuban squad in every facet of the game.

Dominican Yonkaira Peña with 13 points was the only player in the match who reached double digits in the scoring charts.

Vielka Peralta and Geraldine Gonzalez added 9 and 8 points, respectively, in the victory.

Thalia Moreno, Claudia Tarin and Dayana Martinez each had 6 points for Cuba.

