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Dominicans and USA to meet for top place

Host Dominican Republic beat Canada in consecutive frames 3-0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-20) tying with United States atop of the standings of the Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup.

The two teams will meet on Friday to decide the top qualifier of the preliminary phase who will play against Mexico in the semifinals of Saturday.

Gaila Gonzalez once again was the top scorer for the Dominican side with 12 points, including three blocks and two aces. Jineiry Martinez was next with 9 points. Hillary Howe finished with 10 points for Canada.

The Canadians made 29 unforced errors to 19 by the Dominicans who landed 10 aces against 3 by the losers.

United States 3, Cuba 0

United States beat Cuba in straight sets 3-0 (25-11, 25-17, 25-18) to improve to a 4-0 record. Cuba, still looking for its first win, will play Puerto Rico on Friday in a contest between winless sides.

Veronica Jones-Perry came back into action after one day of rest and responded with a match-high 14 points for the

winners. Alison Bastianelli added 11, with four aces included, and Lindsay Stalzer chipped in with 9.

Yamilena Ruiz and Dezirett Madan tallied 6 points apiece as the top Cuban scorers.

Mexico 3, Puerto Rico 0

Mexico secured the ticket to the semifinals after defeating Puerto Rico 3-1 (19-25, 25-15, 25-13, 25-15) in the first match of Thursday.

The winners held a huge advantage in aces (14-2) and also held a wide margin in blocking (11-6) and attacks (47-30).

Karina Flores was Mexico's leading scorer with 18 points, including four blocks and four aces, followed by Grecia Castro and María Rodríguez with 16 points apiece. Aida Bauza led Puerto Rico with 12 points, followed by Gabriela Alicea with 9 of her own.

