



## Cuba finished unbeaten in Pool B

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 16, 2006.- Cuba qualified atop of Pool B by finishing USA 3-0 in a match of the women's volleyball tournament of the Pan American Games. The Cubans won 25-16, 25-23 y 25-15 in just 58 minutes and had a perfect record in three outings.

Puerto Rico defeated Costa Rica 3-0, qualifying in third position of Pool B. The victory enables Puerto Rico to battle for the fifth position

Cuba used its whole arsenal led by Rosir Calderon who hammered thunderous spikes over the defense at the net.

“Our tactic worked very well and we didn't allow them to play. They are better than that, but today we could

neutralize them,” said Antonio Perdomo, the Cuban coach.

Calderon, Yumilka Ruiz and Yanelys Santos each had 12 points for Cuba and Zoila Barrios and Nancy Carrillo added 11 and 9 respectively. Foluke Akinradewo led USA with 10 points and Tayyiba Haneef-Park added 8.

The Puerto Ricans got their first victory by scores of 25-14, 25-19 y 25-14 with a good offensive performance from Sarai Alvarez who scored 14 points.

“We came looking for a medal, we were prepared for that but failed at the important moments and now we will have to watch the battle for the medals from the stands,” said Juan Carlos Nunez, the Puerto Rican coach.

Karina Ocasio had 11 points to join Alvarez as the Puerto Ricans in double figures. Costa Rican Karen Cope scored 10 points.

