



Dominicans and Brazilians start with victories in Pool A



RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 14, 2007.- The Dominican Republic and Brazil debuted with 3-0 victories in Pool A of the Women's Volleyball Tournament of the Pan American Games.

The Dominicans won over Mexico by scores of 25-23, 25-16, 25-19 in a match of ups and downs that did not satisfied coach Beato Miguel Cruz.

Brazil got a comfortable win 3-0 over Peru to close the first day of action. The sets finished 25-15, 25-19 y 25-12 before a capacity crowd of more than 13,000 spectators. "We did not have the necessary concentration to win by a wider margin, and we have to go over that matter," said the Dominican coach.

During the third set, the Dominican Republic played without regulars Milagros Cabral and Cosiri Rodriguez.

"I kept my substitute players because this is a very tough tournament and I think I am going to need all the resources available," he said.

The best Dominican scorer was Bethania de la Cruz with 16 points, followed by Annerys Vargas and Rodriguez each with 11 and Cabral with 9. The Mexicans had Martha Revuelta with 11 points and captain Migdalel Ruiz with 8.

The Peruvians led 16-13 at the second pause of the second set, but the Brazilians recovered and dominated with their powerful kills to tie at 19-all and cruised the rest of the way.

Fabiana Claudino led Brazil with 17 points and Mari Steinbrecher and Paula Pequeno added 13 and 10 respectively. Leyla Chihuán led Peru with 10 points and Luren Baylon added 9.

