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# Peru stuns Dominican Republic with overwhelming win

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico, September 21, 2010 – Peru opened the Women's Final Four Cup with a stunning victory in straight sets over pre-tournament favorites Dominican Republic by an overwhelming score of 25-18, 25-14, 25-15.

In the other match of the first day, Argentina dominated hosts Mexico in consecutive frames 25-10, 25-10, 25-21.

Diana Soto led three Peruvians in double figures with 13 points while Captain Leyla Chihuan and Jessenia Uceda added 12 and 10 respectively. Dominicans Lisvel Eve and Sidarka Nunez each recorded 6 points. Argentineans Maria Julia Benet and Florencia Busquets each contributed with 9 points to the victory while Lucia Fresco, Aylin Pereyra and Tanya Acosta charted 7 apiece. Mexican Seomara Sainz registered 10 points. In Wednesday's action, Dominican Republic meets Argentina and Mexico goes against Peru.

During the opening ceremony, FIVB First Executive Vice President Mr. Cristobal Marte Hoffiz addressed a message on behalf of the Volleyball family while Mr. Jorge Cuesy, Director of the Chiapas Sports Institute, declared the official start of the competition.

**Peru v Dominican Republic**
Peru outscored Dominican Republic 11-3 in blocking and 6-3 in the service. Veteran Chihuan had 5 blocks and setter Elena Keldibekova recorded three aces.

The Peruvian overall defense proved to be a key and their reception allowed Keldibekova to spread the offense with excellent results.

"This victory is not a revenge as everybody is saying because we lost to them at the Pan American Cup," commented Chihuan. "But games are different every time. Dominican Republic is a great team and we have been working hard in preparation for the World Championship."

"We didn't play at our usual level but anyway we are in a very important process towards the World Championship," Dominican Captain Karla Echenique said.

**Argentina v Mexico**
Busquets and Benet compiled four and three blocks respectively as Argentina outblocked their smaller opponents 10-6.

"We played a very solid match but in the third set we fell in a low-motivation hole," stated Argentinan Captain Antonela Curatola. "But finally we were able to solve it."

"I feel very satisfied with this victory because we had the chance to get on track again after some rest," Coach Horacio Bastit added.

"We started very lazy, but in the third set we improved a lot, but unfortunately it was too late for us, but we tried to do our best", Mexican Captain Yazmin Hernández said.

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