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Dominicans battle to prevail against Argentina

Tuxtla Gutierrez, México, September 22, 2010 – Dominican Republic scored its first victory while Peru continued its impressive play at the Final Four Women's Volleyball Cup on Tuesday.

The Dominicans, who were upset by Peru one day earlier, recovered to prevail against Argentina in a match of 1 hour and 50 minutes. The final score was 3-1 (25-23, 25-27, 25-22, 27-25).

In the other match on Tuesday, Peru scored an easy straight-set (25-12, 25-16, 25-7) over hosts Mexico. The Peruvians improved to a win-loss record of 2-0 and Mexico dropped to 0-2.

Dahiana Burgos was the best scorer for the Dominican team with 14 points. Bethania de la Cruz added 12 points, Cindy Carolina Rondon charted 11 and Candida Arias had 10 including five blocks.

For Argentina, Lucia Fresco scored 16 points while Emilce Sosa and Maria Benet added 15 and 11 respectively.

Peruvians Leyla Chihuán led the winners with 16 points while Yulissa Zamudio contributed 12. Diana Soto and Karla Ortiz charted 10 and 9 respectively.

Dominican Republic v Argentina

In a very close fought match the Dominicans prevailed and both teams are tied in second place with 1-1 record with Argentina with a better points-ratio. The Dominicans had the advantage in service aces (7-4) with De la Cruz and Rondon each uncorked two.

"We are in a transition process with our team," Brazilian Marcos Kwiek said about his Dominican side. "There were mistakes on both sides of the net, but at the end the match resulted very attractive for the fans, because it was very close."

"We started very well even though there were some problems with our service," Argentinean Captain Antonella Curatola said. "We failed in our consistency."

Peru v Mexico

Peruvian Chihuán had 4 blocks and 3 aces among her 16 points and her side dominated in the blocking and service categories 8-0 and 12-1 respectively. The setter Keldibekova had five services winners and has registered 8 in two days.

"There are no small teams as we take every match seriously," Chihuán said. "México is a team with very young players and if they work correctly they can be a great team".

"We have played against Mexico in previous times, in Pan American Cups, for example, and this is a team that plays hard", said Edwin Jimenez, assistant coach of Peru.

Mexican coach Jose Afredo Bernal commented: "We faced a very strong, a high quality team, that plays a style very complicated for us".