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Peruvians and Dominicans reach gold medal match at Final Four

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico, September 24, 2010 – Peru and Dominican Republic are set to play for the gold medal at the Women's Final Four Cup following their victories over Mexico and Argentina on Friday at Chiapas Polyforum.

Peru reached the gold medal match with an undefeated 4-0 record after winning against Mexico 3-0 (25-13, 25-10-25-15) while Dominican Republic (3-1) beat Argentina in straight sets (25-23, 25-12, 25-19). Argentina and Mexico will play for the bronze on Saturday's last day of action.

Mirtha Soriano led Peru with 15 points, Carla Rueda finished with 11 and Karla Ortiz added 9. Mexicans Alejandra Isiordia and Seomara Sainz registered 8 points apiece.

Dominican Gina Mambrú compiled 17 tallies, while Dahiana Burgos and Lisvel Eve contributed 15 and 12 points respectively. For Argentina Julia Benet recorded 11 and Lucia Fresco 8.

Peru v Mexico

The serves of Peru were the key for the victory as they out served their opponents 7-0 and also outscored Mexico 8-3 in the blocking department.

"With this victory we are just one step away of our main goal," commented Peruvian captain Leyla Chihuan. "We are just midway and tonight some of our main players had a rest and the younger ones had the chance to play."

Peruvian assistant coach, Edwin Jimenez added: "We worked harder with more variations and gave game rhythm and chance to the younger players."

Dominican Republic v Argentina

Eve had three blocks and two aces among her 12 points as her Dominican team built advantages of 8-3 and 6-3 in blocks and service winners.

"Except for the first set, we've had our best match of the tournament, very physical but we finished strong", stated Karla Echenique, captain of the Dominican Republic.

Coach Marcos Kwiek added: "Fortunately for us we won and I am very happy to classify to the finals. I am also glad because we played with a better and higher level, correcting all the mistakes we made in the first match against Argentina."