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Argentina, Puerto Rico, Cuba, USA and Trinidad all winners in Pan Am Cup

Argentina and Canada played a breathtaking match in day one of the Women's Pan American Cup with the South American side prevailing in five sets.

Also teams of Puerto Rico, Cuba, USA and Trinidad & Tobago all came out victorious in this qualifier to next year's FIVB World Grand Prix.

Argentina v Canada

Argentina edged Canada in a sensational five-setter (22-25, 25-20, 25-22, 19-25, 15-11) in the first international volleyball contest at Reforma Sports Complex in Rosarito.

Argentineans Georgina Pinedo and Lucia Fresco finished the match with 19 and 14 points respectively. Leticia Boscacci added 10 tallies. Canadian Sarah Pavan was the leading scorer with 23 points while Tammy Mahon, the Canadian captain, capitalized 14 points. Tonya Mokelki chipped in 10 tallies.

Puerto Rico v Costa Rica

Puerto Rico beat Costa Rica 3-0 (25-13, 25-15, 25-19) in the second match in Rosarito on Friday. The Puerto Ricans over matched their rivals 10-3 in the blocking category. Tatiana Encarnacion and Stephanie Enright topped the scoring of the winning side with 10 points apiece while Sarai Alvarez and Shanon Torregrosa added 8 and 7 respectively. Costa Rican Verania Willis compiled 8 points and Mariela Quesada added 7.

Cuba v Brazil

Cuba used powerful serves and strong blocking to defeat Brazil 3-1 (27-25, 23-25, 25-17, 25-21) in a match of Pool B at the High Performance Center Gym in Tijuana. The Cubans had an advantage of 12-5 in blocking and a 10-4 margin in serving aces. Kenia Carcaces led Cuba with 20 points while Ana Cleger and Liannes Castañeda contributed 17 and 11 points respectively. Brazilian Sthefanie Tieles led her side with 16 points.

USA v Peru

USA claimed a 27-25, 25-22, 25-17 victory over Peru in the opening match of the Ninth Women's Pan American Cup. Veteran middle-blocker Heather Bown led USA with 14 points while Jordan Larson contributed 11 tallies. Foluke Akinradewo and Megan Hodge charted 10 apiece. Yulissa Zamudio topped Peru with 10 points and Jessenia Uceda and Leyla Chihuan tallied 8 points apiece.

Trinidad & Tobago v Mexico

Trinidad & Tobago defeated Mexico 3-0 (25-21, 25-15, 25-23) in the last match of day one for its first victory in four years participating in the event. Krystle Esdelle and Kelly-Anne Billingy were the best scorers of the winners with 22 and 16 points respectively. Mexicans Andrea Rangel and Samantha Bricio led the defeated side with 16 and 15 points.

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