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Trinidad & Tobago, Cuba and USA each have two victories

TIJUANA, Mexico, June 19, 2010 - Trinidad & Tobago continued its amazing start in the Pan American Cup joining Cuba and USA as teams with two victories in the intercontinental competition, a qualifier to next year's FIVB World Grand Prix.

Meanwhile, Dominican Republic made its debut with a victory over Brazil and Peru recorded its first victory against hosts Mexico.

Trinidad & Tobago v Costa Rica
Trinidad and Tobago defeated Costa Rica 3-0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-21) to claim its second victory in the preliminary round. The Trinidadians benefited from the explosive offense by Captain Krystle Esdelle and Kelly-Anne Billingy, who both finished with 21 points while Costa Rican Verania Willis had a match-high 23 points.

USA v Puerto Rico
USA team improved its Pool B record to 2-0 following a straight-set easy victory (25-13, 25-17, 25-14) over Puerto Rico. Americans Megan Hodge and Foluke Akinradewo each had 13 points and Jordan Larson added 11 as USA out blocked Puerto Rico 13-3. Tatiana Encarnación (13) and Sarai Alvarez (12) were the top scorers for the defeated side.

Cuba v Canada
Cuba showed why is still one of the top countries in volleyball, and with no hesitation came from behind to defeat a strong and well prepared team of Canada by score of 3-1 (21-25, 25-19, 25-21, 25-19). Kenia Carcaces finished with 19 points for Cuba as the top scorer of the match, while Rachel Sanchez and Ana Yilian Cieger concluded with 16 tallies apiece. Canada's Tonya Mokelki recorded 16 points, Sarah Pavan registered 15 and Tammy Mahon and Jennifer Hinze chipped in 11 and 10 points respectively.

Dominican Republic v Brazil
Prisilla Rivera recorded 19 points including 8 aces leading Dominican Republic to a 3-1 (25-14, 16-25, 25-19, 25-23) victory over a young Brazil team who suffered its second loss in the tournament. Veteran Annerys Vargas contributed to the win with 16 points including three blocks and Altagracia Mambru and Jeoselyna Rodriguez each charted 9 tallies. Brazilians Sthefanie Tiele and Isabella Da Silveira compiled 14 and 10 points respectively.

Peru v Mexico
Peru evened up its record at 1-1 following its straight-set (25-17, 7-25, 25-21) victory over hosts Mexico who dropped to 0-2 in Pool B. Karla Ortiz led a balanced offense of the winners with 11 tallies while Jessenia Uceda charted 9 points and Patricia Soto and Yulissa Zamudio contributed 8 apiece. Mexicans Samantha Bricio and Andrea Rangel compiled 9 and 8 respectively in the loss.