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Big crowds in opening day at Ciudad Juarez

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico, July 12, 2012 – Dominican Republic, United States and Cuba in Pool A and Brazil, Peru and Trinidad & Tobago in Pool B all won their matches as big crowds watched the opening day actions in the two venues of the XI Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup on Thursday.

Pool A

Dominican Republic 3, Colombia 0

Dominican Republic trounced Colombia in straight sets (25-13, 25-18, 25-11) in the first match of the 2012 edition. Dominican captain Prisilla Rivera scored 17 points, while Brayelin Martínez finished with 11. Colombia's María Martínez and Diana Arrechea registered 6 points apiece.

USA 3, Canada 0

United States defeated Canada (25-15, 25-22, 25-15) in a match that marked the return of Stacy Sykora after a long rehabilitation from an accident a year ago in Brazil. USA's Lauren Gibbemeyer and Nancy Metcalf topped USA with 14 points apiece, while on the Canadian side, Sarah Pavan recorded 10 tallies.

Cuba 3, Puerto Rico 1

Cuba recovered from a slow start to defeat Puerto Rico 3-1 (16-25, 25-18, 25-19). The winners, who arrived four hours before the match, held an 18-7 margin in blocks with Gyselle Silva leading the way with 7. Cuba's Yanelis Santos led with 16 points, followed



by Silva's 14 and Yoana Palacios and Wilma Salas with 12 and 11. Puerto Rico's Stephanie Enright finished with 14 and Daly Santana had 10.

Pool B

Brazil 3, Costa Rica 0

Defending champions Brazil routed Costa Rica in straight sets (25-9, 25-15, 25-11) in the first match of Pool B. The South American side held a 17-3 advantage in the blocking category. Priscila Daroit and Gabriela Guimaraes each registered 11 points for Brazil while Joyce Silva and Natasha Farinea contributed 8 apiece.

Peru 3, Argentina 1

Peru prevailed 3-1 (14-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-23) against Argentina in a South American

duel. Carla Rueda and Karla Ortiz charted 15 and 14 points respectively to lead the Peruvian victory. Brenda and Mirtha Uribe contributed 11 and 10. Lucia Fresco and Leticia Boscacci each had 13 tallies for Argentina while Josefina Fernández added 11 points.

Trinidad & Tobago 3, Mexico 1

Trinidad & Tobago won a hard fought match against hosts Mexico to close the actions. The score was 27-25, 25-20, 17-25, 25-19. The Trinidadians held a 15-7 advantage in blocks and also had a 5-3 margin in the aces category. Kelly-Ann Billings and Krystele Esdelle and topped the winners with 17 and 16 points respectively while Channon Thompson and Sinead Jack each added 10. Mexico's Alejandra Isiordia had a match-high 27 points and Olivia Meza charted 16.

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