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Dominican Republic claims the ticket to London

Tijuana, Mexico, May 5, 2012 – Dominican Republic became the sixth women's team qualified to the volleyball tournament of the 2012 London Olympic Games by defeating Cuba in four thrilling sets 25-18, 25-23, 27-29, 25-20 in the decisive match of the NORCECA Olympic Qualification Tournament held in Tijuana, Mexico.

The Dominican team joined Italy, United States and China, who qualified to London through de FIVB World Cup last November in Japan, the African champions Algeria and host Great Britain. It is the second time in history that Dominican Republic reaches the Summer Games with the previous visit during the edition of 2004 in Athens, Greece.

Bethania De La Cruz registered 25 points to spearhead the Dominican attack, followed by Milagros Cabral, Annerys Vargas and Lisvel Eve with 12, 11 and 10 points respectively. Cuba's Yoana Palacios finished with 24 points and Wilma Salas charted 14.

The Dominicans held a 13-9 advantage in the blocking department with Vargas leading with four blocks followed by Eve and Cabral with three apiece. The winners also were better in the service division 9-3 with Vargas registering three.
Puerto Rico v Canada

World-ranked No. 19 Puerto Rico pulled out a 3-2 (25-20, 20-25, 25-14, 23-25, 15-11) victory over No. 22 Canada in the bronze medal match. Sarai Alvarez and Aury Cruz were the main offensive contributors to the victory with 29 and 24 points respectively while Jetzabel Del Valle chipped in 14. Canada's Sarah Pavan finished the match with a tournament-high 32 points while Marisa Field tallied 12.

Mexico v Costa Rica

Hosts Mexico handed Costa Rica a 3-0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-22) defeat in the match for fifth place. Alejandra Isiordia and Karla Sainz were Mexico's top scorers with 16 and 10 points respectively and Claudia Rios added 7. Costa Rica's Verania Willis had a match-high 21 points and Karen Cope charted 8. Both teams served 6 aces but Mexico was better in the blocking category 8-4. Costa Rica made 27 errors to 18 by the winners.

Trinidad and Tobago v Honduras

Trinidad and Tobago defeated Honduras in straight sets (25-10, 25-15, 25-23) in the match of seventh place. Abigail Gloud and Krystle Esdelle had 15 and 10 points respectively for the winners while Renele Forde and Delana Mitchell charted 8 apiece. Honduras' Catarine Leiva collected five points.

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