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First two semifinalists to be decided on Tuesday

TIJUANA, Mexico, April 30, 2012 – The winners of Pools A and B of the NORCECA Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament will be decided on Wednesday with the matches of Dominican Republic versus Puerto Rico and Cuba versus hosts Mexico.

Monday's action began with the easy victory of Puerto Rico over Honduras in 49 minutes followed by the triumph of Cuba over Costa Rica in consecutive sets. The Dominican Republic and Canada battled for four sets with the former team prevailing in 1 hour and 40 minutes while Mexico concluded with a straight-set win against Trinidad and Tobago.

Puerto Rico v Honduras

Puerto Rico trounced Honduras in three consecutive sets (25-4, 25-6, 25-4) in just 49 minutes for its second victory in Pool A. Honduras dropped to 0-2. Stephanie Enright and Sarai Alvarez each registered 13 points to top the scores of Puerto Rico with Enright totaling 8 winners with her booming serves. Puerto Rico totaled 25 aces for the entire match. David Aleman, coach of Puerto Rico, gave opportunity to play to every player on the roster in anticipation to the third and last match of the pool against Dominican Republic on Tuesday.

Cuba v Costa Rica

Cuba overcame a slow start to defeat Costa Rica in straight-sets (25-22, 25-15, 25-6) for its second victory in Pool B. Cuba had a 13-6

advantage in the aces category and in the blocking department blanked the opposition 6-0. The match lasted just 61 minutes. Veteran Yanelis Santos had 11 aces among her 17 points for Cuba as she displayed her show of cannon-shot serves in the third set. Wilma Salas recorded 10 points while the trio of Rosanna Giel, Yusidey Silie and Gyselle Silva contributed 7 apiece. Costa Rica's Verania Willis finished with 8 points.

Dominican Republic v Canada

Dominican Republic bested Canada in four sets (25-12, 27-25, 21-25, 25-15) for its second victory in Pool A. The Dominican side had a 10-9 edge in the blocks but dominated in the aces category 11-2. Bethania De La Cruz had a match-high 26 points, including six serving aces, to lead the Dominican Republic attack. Annerys Vargas added 17 with four blocks and two aces while Milagros Cabral and Gina Mambro chipped in 14 and 10 respectively. Sarah Pavan was tops for Canada with 24 points and Sherline Holness added 10 tallies.

Mexico v Trinidad and Tobago

Hosts Mexico remained with an unbeaten record following a 3-0 (25-14, 25-19, 25-23) victory over Trinidad and Tobago to advance to a decisive match against Cuba for the top place in Pool B. Trinidad and Tobago is scheduled to play Costa Rica for a spot in the quarterfinals to be played on Wednesday. Karla Sainz, Alejandra Isirdia and Claudia Rios each finished the match with 8 points for the winning team while Olivia Meza added 7. Krystle Esdelle registered a match-high 18 points but her titanic effort was not enough for the Trinidadian squad. Delana Mitchell and Rheeza Grant charted 10 and 7 points respectively.

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