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team one single ticket to the London Olympic Games.

While Dominican Republic and Cuba claimed easy wins, Puerto Rico and Mexico had to battle a little more to come out victors.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Jizhong Wei, FIVB President, who was accompanied by NORCECA President and FIVB First Executive Vice President Cristobal Marte Hoffiz.

Dominican Republic 3, Honduras 0

World No. 9 Dominican Republic cruised to a lopsided victory (25-5, 25-5, 25-7) over Honduras in the first match of Pool A at the Tijuana Multi Sports Gymnasium on Sunday. The strong serves of the Dominican Republic proved to be the key for the victory as they outscored their opponents 29-1 in the aces category. Gina Mambrú led the way with 9 aces among her match-high 14 points. Cindy Rondon and Prisilla Rivera contributed to the victory with 12 and 10 points including 8 and 5 aces respectively. Candida Arias tallied 8 with five service winners.

Cuba 3, Trinidad and Tobago 0

Three-time Olympic champions and world No. 10 Cuba blanked Trinidad and Tobago (25-15, 25-7, 25-12) in the opening match of Pool B. Cuba dominated their opponents at the net with 9 blocks against only two by Trinidad and Tobago and also won the battle from the service line with a 10-2 margin in the aces category. Yoana Palacios topped Cuba with 15 points and Yanelis Santos added 11 including three aces and three blocks. Wilma Salas contributed nine points to the victory.

Puerto Rico 3, Canada 0

Puerto Rico relied on a team-effort to score a convincing 3-0 (25-18, 25-14, 25-21) over Canada in Pool A. Five players of the winning side concluded the match in double-figures with Aury Cruz and Shanon Torregrosa each registering 13 points, Sarai Alvarez and Jetzabel Del Valle contributing 11 apiece and Yarimar Rosa adding 10 points. Sarah Pavan and Tammy Mahon were the top producers for Canada with 11 and 9 points respectively.

Mexico 3, Costa Rica 0

Mexico defeated Costa Rica 3-0 (25-21, 25-23, 25-14) in the last match of Day One. It was a close battle for the first two sets of the contest but the home team took advantage of a long rally of serves by setter Alicia Castro to take a commanding 13-0 lead in the third set. Mexico team was better in serving aces (7-2) and the Costa Ricans were the superior side in the blocking (8-4). Alejandra Isordia topped Mexico with 17 points while Olivia Meza and Karla Sainz each added 7. Costa Rica's Verania and Angela Willis had 11 and 10 points respectively.

Four straight-set wins in Day One of NORCECA Olympic Qualifier

TIJUANA, Mexico, April 29, 2012 – Dominican Republic, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico all opened with straight-set victories during the first day of competition at the NORCECA Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament on Sunday. The week-long event offers to the winning

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