

# Newsletter

## Four undefeated teams to decide pool winners in Pan Am Cup



Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, July 10, 2012 – Pool winners of the Men's Pan American Cup will be decided on Wednesday when Argentina take on hosts Dominican Republic while United States clash with Brazil at the Volleyball Palace in Santo Domingo.

The top sides of each pool automatically advance to the semifinal phase of the event that qualify the best team, not already qualified to the 2013 FIVB World League, to the playoffs for next year's event.

Wednesday's schedule also features the matches between Mexico and Trinidad & Tobago and Canada versus Venezuela for a spot in the quarterfinals against the second placed teams.

In Tuesday's action, Argentina defeated Trinidad & Tobago, USA outclassed Mexico, Brazil beat Venezuela and Dominican Republic recorded a historic first ever victory over Canada.

Argentina scored their second victory in Pool A by defeating a feisty Trinidad & Tobago in four sets (25-10, 25-18, 24-26, 25-11).

The winners' offense was led by Mariano Giustiniano with 16 points followed by Gonzalo Quiroga (15) and Gonzalo Lapera (12). Trinidadian Marc Honore was the only on his side with double figures with 15 points.

United States remained undefeated in Pool B following a victory over Mexico in straight sets (25-8, 25-16, 25-18) in just 69 minutes. The winners dominated in attacks (42-23), blocks (11-7) and services (15-10).

Troy Murphy (14 points) was the only player to reach double figures, but Taylor Sander (9), and Matthew Garrett Muagututia Rawson (both with 8) and Daniel McDonnell (7) also contributed to the triumph.

The young Brazil team was unstoppable as they dominated Venezuela to add another victory in three sets (25-20, 25-15, 25-16) in a match of Pool B. The taller Brazilians dominated 9-2 in blocks and also 4-2 in serves. Brazil made 15 errors to 29 by Venezuela.

The top scorer of the clash was Brazilian Cargnin Franco, who contributed 12 points, followed by Tiago Barth with 10. Venezuela's Luis Arias and Kervin Piñerua finished with 8 tallies. Dominican Republic won their first ever victory over Canada in men's volleyball with a 3-0 (25-23, 25-20, 25-17) victory in Pool A. It was the second victory for the home side in Pool A, while the young team of Canada suffered its second loss.

One experienced trio led the winners' offense with 17 points by Elvis Contreras followed by Jose Miguel Caceres and Ernis Palomino with 14 and 12 respectively. Braden McLean-s 8 points topped the North Americans who led in blocks (12-4). The winners had the advantage in attacks (42-25) and serves (8-3).

