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Argentina earns ticket to 2014 FIVB Grand Prix



LIMA, Peru, June 14, 2013 – Argentina captured a spot in next year's FIVB World Grand Prix while advancing towards the semifinals of the Movistar Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup with a victory over Cuba at Eduardo Dibos Coliseum of Lima.

It was the first ever victory of Argentina over Cuba in women's volleyball and earned the South Americans a final-four match against Dominican Republic, the best ranked team of the preliminary phase.

The other quarterfinal saw Brazil advancing to a semifinal match against defending champions United States. The Brazilian junior national team edged Canada in five sets at Miguel Grau Coliseum of Callao.

In the other action of Friday, Puerto Rico and Peru advanced to the 5-to-8 positions round following victories over Costa Rica and Mexico, respectively. The Puerto Ricans cruised to

a straight-set win but the Peruvians had to battle hard before surviving a five-set clash

Quarterfinals

Argentina 3, Cuba 0

Argentina pulled a 26-24, 25-22, 25-23 victory over Cuba to move into the semifinals and along the way also captured a ticket to next year's FIVB World Grand Prix. Lucia Fresco posted 24 points to lead the Argentinean offense while Emilce Sosa contributed 10. Cubans Yoana Palacio, Rosanna Giel and Ana Cleger finished with 12, 11 and 10 points respectively. Argentina outscored Cuba 7-3 and held a 9-8 slight advantage in the blocking stats.

Brazil 3, Canada 2

Brazil qualified to the semifinals following a 3-2 victory over Canada by scores of 25-20, 23-25, 25-13, 20-25, 15-9. Gabriela Braga Guimaraes led Brazil with 27 points, while Silvia Aparecida totaled 12. Kyla Richey was the leader for Canada with 16, Jaimie Thibeault closed with 14 including 3 aces while Lisa Barclay and Shanice Marcelle had 13 and 10 points respectively. Canada won the blocking battle 21-17 but Brazil was tops in service winners (9-6) and attacks (48-44).

Positions 5-10

Puerto Rico 3, Costa Rica 0

Puerto Rico breezed past Costa Rica 25-5, 25-14, 25-12 keeping alive their hopes of qualifying to the 2014 World Grand Prix. Karina and Sheila Ocasio each charted 10 points for Puerto Rico while Yarimar Rosa and Ania Ruiz added 8 apiece. Angela Willis had 8 points for Costa Rica. The winners held a huge margin in serving aces 10-2 and out-blocked the opponents 7-2. Ruiz had six aces among her tally.

Peru 3, Mexico 2

Hosts Peru edged Mexico in a five-set thriller (20-25, 26-28, 25-20, 25-17, 16-14) in a consolation match. The young Raffaella Camet was the top scorer of the home side with 25 points followed by Angelica Aquino, who tallied 16. The veterans Karla Ortiz and Yulissa Zamudio each had 12 points while Mirtha Uribe added 10. Mexico's Samantha Bricio and Alejandra Isiordia registered 24 and 19 points while Lizbeth Sainz finished with 16.