



Dominicans and Argentineans to battle for the U20 crown

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, April 23, 2015 – Hosts Dominican Republic will clash with Argentina in the match for the gold medal at the U20 Women's Pan American Cup on Friday at Ricardo Arias Pavilion in Santo Domingo.

The Dominicans finished the round-robin phase with a spotless 5-0 win-loss record while Argentina concluded with a 4-1 mark. The home team won all the five matches without losing a single set.



In the match for the bronze medal, Mexico (3-2) will play Chile while Costa Rica will meet Nicaragua in the first match of Friday for the fifth position.

In Thursday's matches, Dominican Republic defeated Mexico, Argentina beat Chile and Costa Rica downed Nicaragua with all the matches concluding in three sets.

Costa Rica 3, Nicaragua 0

Costa Rica defeated Nicaragua 3-0 (25-23, 25-21, 25-20) in a match between Central American teams who entered the match winless. Tania Carazo and Tatiana Sayles were the best scorers for Costa Rica with 12 and 11 points, respectively, while Allison Font added 10. Ericka Conto and Eugenia Sequeira each had 11 points for Nicaragua. The Costa Ricans outscored their opponents in attacks (33-27) while the Nicaraguans held slight advantages in blocks (6-5) and aces (9-7). The winners gave away 22 points with unforced errors to 30 by the defeated side.

Argentina 3, Chile 0

Argentina defeated Chile in straight sets (25-19, 25-22, 25-14) in a battle that pitted South American teams

in day five. The Argentineans finished the round-robin phase with a 4-1 win-loss record good for second place and a berth in Friday's gold medal match against hosts Dominican Republic. The winners established their pace during the whole match and held the advantages in attacks (42-26), blocks (9-3) and aces (4-1). Maria Corbalan led Argentina with 19 points, including two aces, followed by Anahi Tosi and Fiamma Bian with 12 and 10 points, respectively, while Candela Nota chipped in with 8 tallies in the victory. Chile's best scorer was Catalina Melo with 8 points.

Dominican Republic 3, Mexico 0

Hosts Dominican Republic took down Mexico in straight sets (25-21, 25-16, 25-9) to finish the round-robin phase with a spotless win-loss record of 5-0. The big difference in the match resided in the attacks with the Dominicans scoring with 42 spikes compared to 20 by Mexico. The winners held slight advantages in blocks (6-4) and aces (7-6). Gaila Gonzalez spearheaded the Dominican offense with a match-high 19 points, followed by Natalia Martinez with 17 points, including four aces, and Jineiry Martinez with 10 tallies. Maria Rodriguez led Mexico with 15 points.