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## Argentina, Brazil, Chile y Cuba move into Lima 2019 Semifinals

LIMA, Peru, August 2, 2019.- Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Cuba are the four teams moving into the semifinals of the eighteenth Lima 2019 Pan American Games to be held on Saturday at the Multisport Complex El Callao of Lima, Peru.

Defending champion Argentina topped pool A undefeated, without losing a set and Cuba took earned their spot in semifinals as second place. Brazil's dramatic comeback win granted their way into the semifinals and that of Chile who earlier beat Mexico and to finish second in pool B.

Brazil will face Cuba in the first semifinal and Argentina goes against Chile in the second semifinal. In placing matches, Puerto Rico will play against United States for fifth place and host Peru will battle Mexico for seventh place.

### Argentina 3, Puerto Rico 0

Argentina defeated Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-18, 25-12, 25-18) to move into Lima 2019 Pan American Games semifinals as pool A top finisher. Defending champion Argentina topped pool A undefeated, without losing a set. In their last preliminary round performance Argentina was fast and had no difficulties in stopping Puerto Rico's hitters from the beginning. Argentina topped Puerto Rico with huge 46-27 attacking margin, 8-4 advantage in blocking and 5-1 in aces; both teams handed out 16 points from unforced



errors. Outside hitters Luciano Palonsky and Jan Martinez led Argentina with 11 points apiece; Palonsky on 8 kills and 3 aces, Martinez on 8 kills, 2 blocks and one ace. Outside hitter Pablo Guzman scored 12 points for Puerto Rico, all on kills.

### Cuba 3, Peru 0

Cuba beat host Peru 3-0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-19) and finished second in pool A to reach the semifinals. Cuba earned their spot in semifinals as second place in pool A, with a 2-1 win-loss record; while Peru finishes fourth place and will play for seventh position of the event. Cuba's overwhelming attacking (41-27) and blocking (15-3) margins finished with Peru's high energy to move forward. Always supported by an enthusiastic crowd, the home team committed fewer (16-21) errors than Cuba. Outside hitter Miguel Angel Lopez of Cuba topped all scorers with 15 points on 13 kills and 2 blocks, followed by captain Livan Osoria with 12 points including 5 stuffed blocks and Osniel Mergarejo contributed with 10 points. With 7 points apiece, Alvaro Hidalgo and Daniel Porras led Peru's attackers.

### Chile 3, Mexico 1

Chile defeated Mexico 3-1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-20) and waits to confirm their semifinal berth. Chile went straight to the stands to celebrate with their families and supporters their victory and putting one foot into semifinals. Chile must wait for the result between United States and Brazil that could register a triple tie; Chile stands with 2-1 win-loss record, Brazil with 2-0 and United States with 1-1. Chile outblocked Mexico 11-8 and held a 7-1 margin in aces; Mexico did better in attacks with 56-47 advantage. Chile scored 30 points on Mexico's errors against 23. Opposite player Tomas Parraguire carried Chile into beating Mexico with 21 points, followed by his brother Vicente with 18 points and captain Dusan Bonacic contributed with 12 points. Outside hitter Jorge Barajas led Mexico with 18 points; Gonzalo Ruiz added 14 points and Ridl Garay came off the bench to score 12 points.

### Brazil 3, United States 2

Brazil won their semifinal ticket in dramatic five-set comeback to United States 3-2 (23-25, 21-25, 25-17, 25-19, 15-9) in pool B. Brazil's dramatic comeback win granted their way into the semifinals and that of Chile who earlier beat Mexico and finishes second in pool B. Brazil will face Cuba in semifinals and Chile plays against defending champion Argentina. United States will face Puerto Rico to settle for fifth place. Despite United States' sizeable 11-4 margin in blocks and surprising Brazil taking sets one and two, Brazil sealed the win with a huge 65-48 advantage in kills and 10-7 in aces. Brazil allowed 29 points on errors against 30 from United States. Brazil used a balanced offence led by Aboubacar Dramé (18pts), Eduardo Loh (18pts), Eduardo Barreto (15pts) and Matheus Bispo dos Santos (12pts). United States also had four players leading their attack with Kyle Ensing (18pts), Brendan Schmidt (14pts), Brenden Sander (13pts) and Price Jarman (10pts).