



# Newsletter

## Puerto Rico, Argentina, USA and Mexico debut with victories at Women's U21 Pan Am Cup



LA PAZ, Baja California, June 7, 2022.- Puerto Rico, Argentina, USA and Mexico made their winning debut at the sixth Women's U21 Pan American Cup at La Paz Arena in Baja California Sur.

In pool A Puerto Rico edged Dominican Republic in five thrilling sets 3-2 (25-23, 27-29, 25-22, 24-26, 16-14) at the inaugural match.

Mexico claimed their first victory in pool B over Honduras 3-0 (25-7, 25-18, 25-6), while Argentina had a strong beginning defeating Canada 3-0 (25-17, 25-8, 25-22) and the U.S. overpowered Costa Rica 3-0 (25-8, 25-4, 25-8) in pool C.

Day two of the event starts with Cuba's debut vs Puerto Rico (1-0) in pool A, followed by pool C matches between Argentina (1-0) and Costa Rica (0-1), and the United States (1-0) against Canada (0-1); and closing with pool B of Mexico (1-0) vs Chile.

### Puerto Rico 3, Dominican Republic 2

Puerto Rico edged Dominican Republic in five thrilling sets 3-2 (25-23, 27-29, 25-22, 24-26, 16-14) at the inaugural match. Puerto Rico won their first match in pool A of the qualifying event to the 2023 FIVB World Championship against a tough Dominican squad that led by a slim margin in every skill, with 55-54 in attacks, 17-16 in blocks and 7-5 in serves, while benefiting from 42 opponent errors and allowing 35. Outside hitter Grace Mar López scored a match-high of 27 points leading Puerto Rico's scorers; on 23 kills, 3 blocks and one ace. Opposite hitter Paola Martell followed with 11 points on 9 kills, one blocks, and one ace, and middle blocker Marcelle Baez also added 11 points on 5 kills, 5 blocks and one ace. Middle blocker Florangel Terrero led Dominican Republic scoring 21 points on

18 kills, 2 blocks and one ace; setter Ariana Rodriguez contributed with 17 points on 11 kills and 6 blocks, and setter Sophia Reynolds chipped in with 10 points all on kills.

### Argentina 3, Costa Rica 0

Argentina had a strong beginning defeating Canada 3-0 (25-17, 25-8, 25-22). Argentina started off their pool C campaign with no difficulties and showed a solid performance overpowering Canada. Argentina led 36-22 in attacks, 7-2 in blocks and finished with an overwhelming 12-4 margin in serves. Canada committed one less error than Argentina (19-20). Opposite hitter Valentina Vaulet led Argentina with 16 points on 12 kills and 4 aces, followed by outside hitter Milena Margaria with 13 points on 8 kills, one block and 4 aces. On Canada's side, middle blocker Jenna Pollock scored 7 points.

### United States 3, Costa Rica 0

The United States overpowered Costa Rica 3-0 (25-8, 25-4, 25-8) in their debut. The U.S. team grabbed their first win in pool C of the event that grants two tickets to the 2023 FIVB World Championship using all their players in a match short of one minute of an hour. The Americans' serves were too much for Costa Rica, ending with an impressive 14-0 margin in aces; they also were superior in attacks (39-10) and blocks (7-0), and scored 75 points on opponent errors against 20. Outside hitter Chole Chicoine led the United States with 13 points on 10 kills and 3 aces; opposite hitter Merritt Beason and outside hitter Raven Covin contributed with 8 and 6 points respectively.

Opposite hitter Angelica Rodriguez scored 5 points for Costa Rica as their leading scorer. On day two of the event, the United States (1-0) will face Canada (0-1) and Costa Rica (0-1) meets Argentina (1-0).

### Mexico 3, Honduras 0

Mexico claimed their first victory in pool B over Honduras 3-0 (25-7, 25-18, 25-6). Hosts Mexico had a solid performance in the first and third set in their first outing at the qualifier event to the FIVB World Championship subduing Honduras with a huge 45-16 advantage in attacks and 14-3 in serves. Mexico also led by a slim 3-2 margin in blocks and committed fewer errors (10-13) than Honduras.

Outside hitter and team captain Aime Topete scored 18 points in Mexico's victory, on 13 kills, one block and 4 aces, while outside hitter Katherine Ramirez contributed with 10 points all on kills and Grecia Ung followed with 9 points all on kills.

Opposite hitter Dazly Duran and outside hitter Andrea Aceituno scored 5 points apiece for Honduras.