



Newsletter

United States advance into semifinals and Cuba will play quarterfinals



LA PAZ, Baja California Sur, June 9, 2022.- The United States advanced directly into semifinals winning pool B and Cuba won pool A but will play quarterfinals of the Women's U21 Pan American Cup at Arena La Paz in Baja California Sur.

The U.S. won pool B over Argentina in exciting 3-1 (25-16, 25-21, 22-25, 27-25) and join Mexico in the semifinals as the top ranked pool winners. Cuba won first place in pool A beating Dominican Republic in straight sets 3-0 (25-23, 25-17, 25-17) finishing as the third top pool winner forcing them to play quarterfinals.

The tournament grants two berths to the 2023 FIVB World Championship for the two NORCECA top finishers.

In Friday's quarterfinal round, Argentina faces Puerto Rico and Cuba goes up against Chile; while Canada, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Honduras play for positions 7-10.

Canada 3, Costa Rica 0

Canada's impressive 22-3 margin in serves earned them their first win defeating Costa Rica 3-0 (25-16, 25-18, 25-11). Canada concludes the preliminary round with 1-2 record for third place in pool C, while Costa Rica ends in fourth (0-3). Both teams will play for positions 7 to 10 of the event. Canada's best performance was in the third set, offensively dominating Costa Rica not only with an impressive margin in serves but with a huge 36-14 advantage in attacking. The North American team also led 4-3 in blocks but committed more errors than Costa Rica (25-13). Outside hitter Madyson Saris led Canada with 15 points on 10 kills and 5 aces, accompanied by team captain Emoni Bush with 14 points on 7 kills, two blocks and 5 aces; outside hitter Sullie Sundara also added 11 points on 7 kills and 4 aces. Opposite hitter Angelica Rodriguez and outside hitter Nicole Mata scored 8 and 7 points respectively for Costa Rica.

Cuba 3, Dominican Republic 0

Cuba won first place in pool A beating Dominican Republic in straight sets 3-0 (25-23, 25-17, 25-17). Cuba with 2-0 record and 9 pints sealed their way into the next round but will have to wait if it'll be in the quarter finals or directly into semifinals after the result between United States and Argentina. The event

qualifies two NORCECA teams to the 2023 FIVB World Championship. Dominican Republic with 0-2 record will play classification matches for places 7-10. Cuba topped Dominican Republic in every skill, with 36-28 margin in attacks, 10-4 in blocks and 7-5 in service points. Cuba finished with 20 unforced errors and Dominican Republic with 22. With double-figures, once again middle blocker Lisania Grafort led Cuba with 15 points on 9 kills, 4 blocks and one ace, outside hitter Claudia Tarin followed with 12 points on 10 kills, one block and one ace, while outside hitter and team captain Thainalien Castillo contributed with 10 points on 7 kills and 3 aces. Outside hitter Marcelly Perez and middle blocker Alanae Margaritha scored 8 points on Dominican Republic's side.

Chile 3, Honduras 0

Chile beat Honduras 3-0 (25-13, 25-18, 25-7) to advance into the quarterfinal. Chile with 1-1 record advanced into the quarterfinal round as second place of pool B of the event that grants tickets for the top two NORCECA teams to the 2023 FIVB World Championship. Honduras with 0-2 will play matches for 7-10 places. The South Americans held an overwhelming 40-16 advantage in attacks, a 2-0 margin in blocks and a considerable 12-2 margin in serves. Honduras committed one less error (20-21) than Chile. Outside hitter Doming Aylwin of Chile was the only player with double figures, scoring 13 points on 8 kills and 5 aces. Middle blocker Enikki Canedo and outside hitter Daniela Maureira contributed with 7 points each. Opposite hitter and team captain Dazly Duran led Honduras with 6 points on 4 kills and 2 aces.

United States 3, Argentina 1

The United States advanced directly into semifinals winning pool B over Argentina in exciting 3-1 (25-16, 25-21, 22-25, 27-25). The Americans join Mexico in the semifinals as the top ranked pool winners, while Argentina will play quarterfinals after finishing second in pool B against Puerto Rico on Friday. The U.S. jumped to comfortable leads early in sets one and two, Argentina's pressure for the service line in the third helped them to recover from a five-point deficit (13-18) only to put tension extending the actions to a fourth and final set, led by Argentina up to 18 all. United States held 59-41 advantage in attacks and a comfortable 15-9 margin in blocks, while Argentina controlled in serves 10-5. The U.S. handed out 27 points from unforced errors and Argentina 20.

Opposite hitter Merritt Beason of United States scored a tournament-high of 28 points, on 25 kills and three blocks. Also contributing to the U.S. victory were outside hitter Norah Sis with 15 points on 13 kills, one block and one ace and middle blocker Breanna Kelley with 12 points on 7 kills and 5 blocks. Argentina's leading scorers were opposite hitter Valentina Vaulet with 21 points on 16 kills and leading in aces 5 points, middle blocker Avril García who added 14 points on 9 kills, 3 blocks and two aces, and outside hitter Milena Margaria tallied 11 points on 10 kills and one block.