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## Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Dominican Republic win on opening day at Santiago 2023

SANTIAGO, Chile, October 21, 2023.- Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Dominican Republic won on opening day of the nineteenth edition of the Pan American Games Santiago 2023 at the Arena Parque O'Higgins.

In Pool A, Brazil had no complications in defeating Cuba 3-0 (25-14, 25-16, 25-14) and Argentina started with a 3-1 (25-17, 25-18, 17-25, 25-19) win over Puerto Rico.

In Pool B, Mexico took down Colombia 3-0 (25-22, 25-13, 25-14) and Defending champions Dominican Republic celebrated their first victory after defeating hosts Chile in straight sets (25-18, 25-17, 25-11).

On the second day of competition in Pool A, Cuba (0-1) faces Puerto Rico (0-1) and Brazil (1-0) plays Argentina (1-0), while Dominican Republic (1-0) takes on Mexico (1-0) and hosts Chile (0-1) will face Colombia (0-1).

### Brazil 3, Cuba 0

Brazil opened the Women's Volleyball Tournament at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games with 3-0 (25-14, 25-16, 25-14) over Cuba. The South American team had a solid debut outperforming the Caribbeans in pool A. Brazil led in points from attacks 40-21, in blocking points 7-5 and points from serves 6-2. Brazil's level of play managed to force Cuba to commit 22 unforced errors against 16 of their own. Brazilian Sabrina Machado led all attackers with 19 points on 11 kills, one block and two aces. Maiara Basso and Lorena Viezel added 10 points each in Brazil's win. Yalain De La Peña was Cuba's top scorer with 9 points.

### Argentina 3, Puerto Rico 1

Argentina started the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games with a 3-1 (25-17, 25-18, 17-25, 25-19) win over Puerto Rico. Argentina held back Puerto Rico who recovered from an 0-2 set deficit forcing a fourth set, earning their first tournament win in Pool A. Argentina had its blocking to thank for, finishing with a



16-8 margin over Puerto Rico. The attacks were balanced, with Argentina leading 45-41. Puerto Rico led in serves 3-0 but handed out 31 points on errors and Argentina 27. Opposite hitter María Corbalan topped Argentina with 16 points on 14 kills and two blocks, joined by middle blockers Bianca Farriol with 13 points and Avril García with 10 points who scored a match-high of 7 stuff blocks. Puerto Rico's leading scorers were middle blocker Neira Ortiz with 13 points on 7 kills and 6 blocks. Outside hitter Stephanie Rivera added 11 points on 10 kills and one ace. On the second day of competition in Pool A, Argentina (1-0) will play against Brazil (1-0) and Puerto Rico (0-2) faces Cuba (0-2).

### Mexico 3, Colombia 0

Mexico took down Colombia 3-0 (25-22, 25-13, 25-14). Mexico gained more confidence as the match developed to finish with a 39-24 advantage in attacking points and an 8-1 margin in blocks in their first Pool B win. Both teams scored four points from serves and committed a similar number of errors, Mexico with 20 and Colombia with 23. Opposite Karen Rivera scored 16 points as Mexico's leading attacker and outside hitter Grecia Castro contributed with 11 points. Leading Colombia was middle blocker Paulina Agudelo with 9 points.

### Dominican Republic 3, Chile 0

Defending champions Dominican Republic celebrated their first victory after defeating hosts Chile in straight sets (25-18, 25-17, 25-11). Despite a high-level of resistance from Chile in the first two sets and the support of the home crowd, Dominican Republic prevailed in their first pool B outing in three consecutive sets. Dominican Republic held advantage in every skill of the game, 39-22 in kills, 10-1 in blocks and 5-1 in aces. Both teams committed 21 unforced errors. Outside hitter Yonkaira Peña and Brayelin Martínez led Dominicans offense with 13 points each. Opposite Gaila Gonzalez contributed 11 points. Chilean team captain Beatriz Novoa scored 10 points and outside hitter Dominga Aylwin added 7 points.

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