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Mexico and Argentina complete the Semifinalists at the 2023 Pan **American Games**

Mexico and Argentina complete the Semifinalists at the 2023 Pan American Games SANTIAGO, Chile, October 24, 2023. - Mexico and Argentina won in quarterfinals to complete the list of four semifinalists of the Women's Volleyball Tournament at the nineteenth Pan American Games Santiago 2023.

Mexico defeated Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-14) without difficulties and Argentina won a thriller to hosts Chile 3-2 (25-19, 25-9, 21-25, 23-25, 15-7).

In semifinals, reigning champions Dominican Republic will face Argentina, a repeat of the Lima 2019 Games semifinal, and Brazil plays Mexico.

In classification matches for positions 5 to 8, Colombia goes up against Puerto Rico and Cuba will face Chile.

Mexico 3, Puerto Rico 0

Mexico became a semifinalist in the Women's Volleyball Tournament of the nineteenth Pan American Games Santiago 2023 by defeating Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-14). Mexico hasn't won a medal in the Pan American Games since 1975 when they took bronze. In the semifinals, Mexico will face either Brazil or the Dominican Republic, pending the outcome of the match between Argentina and Chile. Mexico's 57-23 huge advantage in attacking points was crucial in advancing to the tournament's finals. Mexico also led in blocks 9-4, and both teams scored 4 points from serves. Puerto Rico gave away fewer points from unforced errors (10-12). With 22 points, outside hitter Grecia Castro once again led Mexico's offense. Opposite hitter Karen Rivera and outside hitter Aimé Topete contributed 15 and 13 points, respectively. Puerto Rico's leading scorer was outside hitter Ivania Ortiz with 14 points.



Argentina 3, Chile 2

Argentina defeated Chile 3-2 (25-19, 25-9, 21-25, 23-25, 15-7) and won their ticket at the semifinals. Argentina will face the reigning champions, the Dominican Republic, in the semifinals, just as they did in the previous edition of the 2019 Lima Games, where they lost in four sets and then went on to defeat Brazil in the bronze medal match. marking their first-ever Pan American Games medal. Chile staged a remarkable comeback from a two-set deficit, especially after Argentina's complete dominance in the second set.

The match extended to a tie-break, won by Argentina who controlled the actions with a 75-56 advantage in attacks, a 6-5 margin in blocks, and an 8-1 lead in aces. Chile scored 23 points from Argentina's errors and gave away 20. Argentina's top scorer was team captain Daniela Bulaich, with 21 points on 18 attacks, one block, and one ace.

Also contributing to the victory were opposite María De La Paz Corbalan and middle blocker Avril García, with 17 points each.

García registered a match-high of 4 blocks. Chile's captain, Beatriz Novoa, scored 21 points, all from attacks. Opposite Petra Schwartzman added 16 points on 15 attacks and one block.



