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## Mexico, Argentina and Dominican Republic undefeated at U23 Pan Am Cup

HERMOSILLO, Mexico, July 19, 2023.- Mexico, Argentina and defending champions Dominican Republic remain undefeated at the fifth edition of the U23 Women's Pan American Cup in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Mexico and Argentina earned straight set wins and will play on

Thursday to decide first place in Pool B.

Mexico prevailed 3-0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-21) against Costa Rica, while Argentina defeated Honduras 3-0 (25-16, 25-13, 25-11) to keep their winning streak.

Defending champions Dominican Republic beat Peru 3-1 (25-23, 25-20, 22-25, 25-19) to remain undefeated and Canada earned their first win beating Cuba 3-1 (25-18, 24-26, 25-19, 26-24) in Pool A.

The preliminary round finishes on Thursday, starting with Peru (1-1) against Canada (1-1), followed by Honduras (0-2) facing Costa Rica (0-2), Dominican Republic (2-0) faces Cuba (0-2) and host Mexico (2-0) plays Argentina (2-0) for first place in Pool B.

### Mexico 3, Costa Rica 0

Mexico prevailed 3-0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-21) over Costa Rica. Mexico controlled the first two sets, but in the third set, Costa Rica with a better rhythm of play reached an even 15. The hosts recovered after numerous errors and sealed the win in three sets. Both teams used all their players where Mexico was dominant in kills (46-26) and in points from serves (8-2). The Central Americans were better in blocks (5-2). Mexico scored 22 points from Costa Rican errors, against 14. The only player who scored double digits was Mexican outside hitter Alexandra Goris, with 10 points (7 kills, 3 aces). Her teammates outside hitter Sofia Maldonado and opposite Katherine Ramirez added 9 and 6 points respectively. Outside hitter Krystal Vargas was the leading scorer for Costa Rica with 9 points. María Torres added 6 points.

### Dominican Republic 3, Peru 1

Dominican Republic beat Peru 3-1 (25-23, 25-20, 22-25, 25-19) to remain undefeated. Dominican Republic (2-0) in Pool A will face Cuba (0-2) to finish the preliminary round, while Peru (1-1) goes up against Canada (1-1). The top ranked of each pool advance directly into semifinals. Dominicans blocked Peru the entire match with a huge 13 to two advantage. Both teams scored on 58 points from attacks, and both handed out 22 points from errors. Peru held a slight 5-4 advantage in points from serves. Dominican outside hitter Flormarie Heredia led all scorers with 21 points, from 18 attacking points, two blocks and one ace. Outside hitter Madeline Guillen also chipped in producing 15 points and middle blocker Geraldine Gonzalez added 14 points while scoring a match-high of 7 monster blocks. Peru's team captain Alondra Alarcon and outside hitter Aixa Vigil led with 14 points each. Opposite Shaniya Ayme collected 10 points.

### Argentina 3, Honduras 0

Argentina defeated Honduras 3-0 (25-16, 25-13, 25-11) to keep their winning streak. Argentina has a 2-0 win-loss record in Pool B and will finish the preliminary round against the host Mexico on Thursday, while Honduras is 0-2 and will play their Central American rival Costa Rica. Argentina held a huge advantage in kills (49-13) and serves (13-2), and a 5-3 margin in blocks. Honduras only committed 8 unforced errors and Argentina 22. Three players scored double figures for Argentina, Nicole Perez (11), Magali Marquez (11) and Milena Margaria (10). Rocio Duron and Genesis Oyuela scored 4 points for Honduras.

### Canada 3, Cuba 1

Canada earned their first win beating Cuba 3-1 (25-18, 24-26, 25-19, 26-24) in Pool A. It was a rollercoaster performance for both teams. Despite leading, Canada struggled to close the first set. In the second set Canada reached set point but Cuba evened the actions on a block and kill. Canada's best set was the third, while in the fourth they battled hard coming from behind recovering two Cuban sets points before sealing with a block by Raya Surinx. Canada led in every skill, in kills 49 to 41, in blocks with a comfortable 13-8 margin and in serves 9-6. Cuba committed fewer unforced errors, 29 to 32. Middle blocker Jessica Andrews and outside hitter Raya Surinx led Canada's attackers with 17 points each, with Andrews leading with 4 points from blocks and as well in serves with 4 from aces. Outside hitter Yalain De La Peña and opposite hitter Claudia Tarin scored double digits for Cuba; De La Peña contributed with 11 points and Tarin with 10.