



Brazil keep an unbeaten record in Pool B

MEXICALI, Baja California.- Brazil kept its unbeaten record (2-0) in the Pan American Cup winning this Sunday in straight sets over Mexico by score of 29-27, 25-13, 25-20.

Regiane Bidias's attack was key in the victory of the Brazilians scoring 19 points. She had 16 spikes in 29 attempts and Thaisa Menezes had 13 points with Adenizia Silva scoring 10. Yendy Cortinas and Bibi Candelas had 9 apiece for Mexico.

"The first set was decisive because gave us the momentum," said Antonio Rizola, the Brazilian coach. "Down 23-24, the two aces of Juliana Amaral coming of the bench gave us new life."

In the other match in Mexicali, Puerto Rico cruised to its second victory in the Pan American Cup with an one sided victory over Costa Rica 25-14, 25-14, 25-11.

Alexandra Oquendo and Yarleen Santiago had 11 points apiece for the winners and Verania Willis also had 11 for Costa Rica.

In Tijuana, Cuba displayed all its power while crushing Guatemala in consecutive sets by score of 25-6, 25-11, 25-5.

The big and high leaping Cubans were almost perfect in their attack and the small girls from Guatemala were no match for the three time Olympic Champions.

Dulce Tellez led the Cubans with 15 points and Dami Ramirez added 12. Tellez had success in 11 of 12 attacks, Ramirez was 8-for-13 and veteran Zoila Barros was 5-for-5 attacking.

In the other match, Canada obtained its first victory in Pool A of the Pan American Cup defeating Argentina 3-0, and seems a lock to advance to the next round of the competition.

There was a battle during the first two sets when the North Americans prevailed 25-21, 25-22, but in the third Canada won easily 25-16. The match lasted 1 hour and 13 minutes.

Emely Cordonier had 12 points for Canada and was escorted by Lies Verhoeff with 11 and Bard Bellini with 10. Georgina Pinedo led all the scorers with 16 points and Mirna Ansaldi and Karina Pacheco had 8 apiece for Argentina.

