



## Brazil pulled the first surprise in Pan American Cup

MEXICALI, Baja California.- The young Brazilian team made its debut in the Pan American Cup pulling the first major upset in Pool B defeating the Dominican Republic 3-1.

The winners of the bronze medal in last year U-18 Girls, came from one set down to beat the champions of the 2003 Pan American Games by score of 21-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-23.

Veronica Brito was the best player for Brazil with 18 points while being successful in 50 % of her attacks (14-for-28). Regiane Bidias added 16 and Adenzia Silva had 11.

Kenia Moreta had 20 points for the Dominicans, including 18 spikes.

Cosiris Rodriguez and Annerys Vargas had 12 apiece and Milagros Cabral 10.

Cuba remained unbeaten in Pool A of the Pan American Cup after defeating Argentina in straight sets by 25-21, 25-21, 25-15.

Veterans Zoila Barros and Yumilka Ruiz shared the spotlight for the Cubans with 17 and 12 points respectively. For Argentina Mirna Ansaldi had 9 points and Karina Pacheco chipped 8.

In Mexicali, Puerto Rico got its first victory edging México in three sets by scores of 27-25, 25-21, 25-21. Both teams are tied with Dominican Republic with record of 1-1 in Pool B while Brazil is 1-0.

Karina Ocasio and Aurea Cruz were the offensive leaders for Puerto

Rico with 16 and 15 points while Bibi Candelas and Claudia Rodriguez starred for the host team with 14 and 12 respectively.

In Tijuana, USA Women Team won their second match in as many chances while beating Canada 3-0 in Pool A competition of the Pan American Cup.

The defending champions of the Pan American Cup edged their North American neighbors by score of 25-20, 25-16, 25-21.

Nancy Metcalf was the top American scorer with 17 points and Elisha Thomas backed her with 14. Metcalf scored in 13 of 23 spikes attempts and Thomas was 12-for-22.

Emely Cordonier was the best for the Canadians with 10 points.

