

**GB Women – Latina Cup  
Match 2 – Lima – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Chile 0-3 GB (20-25, 15-25, 19-25)**

GB arrived at the Coliseum Stadium looking for their first win in the Latina Cup. The squad had a good training session in the morning, prepared well for the game and were looking forward to the match.

From the first whistle in set one GB came out firing through Sandell and Beattie, quickly leading 4-0. After a Chile time out the GB serve pressure continued and they led 8-2 at the first technical time out. With Bertelli dominating the pass the Chilean blockers and defence could not handle the 1v1 situations that Wicks was creating and the offence was finding the floor regularly. More aggressive serving followed, allowing the GB block to be dominant with Carter and Michel particularly impressive. GB led at the second technical 16-11. GB was now playing some fantastic volleyball and the opponents were struggling to cope with the speed and up tempo style of play. This set was an extremely professional performance by the starting six getting the team off to a great start. GB won 25-20.

The second set was of a similar nature but GB intensified their pressure and once again showed their determination to gain their first tour win. Quick attacks from Beattie, Carter, Bragg and Michel took them into the first technical 8-3 up. The GB team continued to push and three serving aces from setter Wicks opened up a big lead of 16-7 at the second technical. GB's confidence was now flowing and three more blocks from Michel (2) and Bragg established a lead of 22-11. Coach Cooper introduced Palmer and Morgan as a double substitution which had a positive impact on the set which GB closed out 25-15.

The third set began with Chile taking the upper hand as Carbrera recorded three quick points but Beattie quickly responded for GB to lead at the first technical 8-6. GB was determined not to let this game out of their control and quickly upped the pressure on their opponents. Michel continued to thwart Chile with two more kill blocks. GB now led 16-11 at the second technical. The introduction of Taylor, Osborne and O'Connor showed the squads versatility, everyone making a positive contribution as the team continued to score through their offence and from the service line. GB closed out the set and match 25-19.

This win was extremely satisfying for the GB squad and thoroughly deserved. All members of the team contributing and each and every one of them playing a key role. Special mentions go to Ciara Michel with 8 kill blocks, Beattie with 13 kills and Bertelli who was excellent in defence and in service reception. GB now face Peru in their 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the Latina Cup tomorrow.

**Key Stats:**

Serve Receive:	Team: 2.04 from 94 balls (Bertelli: 2.26 from 27 balls)
Kills/Efficiency:	Team: 31 / 18.99% (Beattie: 13 / 20.7%, Carter: 4 / 33.3)
Blocks:	Team: 16 (Michel 8, Bragg 3)
MVP:	Ciara Michel

**Squad:**

**2. Lucy Wicks, 3. Nicola Osborne, 6. Jenn Taylor, 7. Maria Bertelli (Libero), 8. Rachel Bragg, 9. Jo Morgan, 10. Lynne Beattie (Captain), 14. Victoria Palmer, 15. Stacey O'Connor, 17. Janine Sandell, 18. Grace Carter, 19. Ciara Michel**