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Brazil and USA are the finalists in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 27, 2007.- Brazil defeated Venezuela in straight sets 30-28, 25-18 y 25-16 and moved to the final of the Men's Tournament of the Pan American Games against USA. Venezuela will meet Cuba in the match for third place.

Andre Nascimento and Gustavo Endres led Brazil with 13 and 10 points respectively and Harry Gomez was the best Venezuelan scorer with 13.

USA had five players with double figures in scoring and beat Cuba 3-1 (25-23, 25-17, 24-26 y 25-23) advancing to the final of the Men's Tournament of the Pan American Games.

The best scorers for USA were Brook Billings with 16 points, David Lee and Sean Rooney with 15 apiece, Jim Polster 14 and Delano Thomas 13.

Cuba had its best scorer in Oriol Camejo with 16 points, Rolando Jurquin added 15, and Raydel Corrales and Roberlandy Simon had 11 and 10 respectively.

In other matches, Puerto Rico scored an easy triumph 3-0 (25-19, 25-19 y 25-18) over Mexico and will meet Argentina for the fifth place.

Hector Soto again was a key piece for his team with 16

points, including 11 kills, four blocks and one ace. Victor Rivera added 13 points. Ivan Contreras was the best Mexican scorer.

Argentina defeated Canada in a five-set thriller (16-25, 25-23, 30-28, 19-25, 25-23) and will play for the fifth place.

The best Argentineans scorers were Lucas Chávez with 25 points, Gustavo Scholtis had 21, Gaston Giani 15 and Diego Stepanenko 11. Canada had Nicholas Cundy with 24 puntos, Paul Duerden added 21, Fred Winters 20, Brett Youngberg 12 and Murray Grapentine 10.

