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## Brazil won the gold medal in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 28, 2007.- Reigning Olympic and World Champion Brazil added another title to its big collection by winning the men's volleyball gold medal of the Pan American Games.

The Brazilians crowned their campaign of 3-0 victories with a straight sets triumph over USA 25-16, 25-20, 25-22, claiming their first gold medal of the quadrennial event since the 1983 edition in Caracas.

Cuba won the bronze medal with a five-set victory over Venezuela by scores of 25-16, 23-25, 27-25, 17-25 and 18-16.

Brazilian superstar Giba Godoy produced a match-high 18 points, Dante Amaral and Andre Nascimento each contributed 11 points to the victory while Gustavo Endres added 10. Americans Jim Polster and Sean Rooney had 10 points apiece.

Raydel Corrales led five Cubans in double figures 21 points, Roland Jurquin and Roberlandy Simon had 18

apiece, Oriol Camejo contributed 13 points and Osvelido Dominicó chipped in 10. Venezuelan Harry Gomez was the match top scorer with 28 tallies, and Ivan Marquez and Luis Diaz each produced 14.

Puerto Rico qualified in the fifth position with a 3-0 victory over Argentina by scores of 25-22, 25-22, 30-28.

Puerto Rican Hector Soto produced 20 points and cemented his position as the leading scorer of the competition. Victor Rivera and Luis Rodriguez contributed 14 and 13 points respectively. Argentina had in Lucas Chavez (13) and Gaston Gianni (10) its best scorers.

Canada downed Mexico in straight sets and the victory was good for the seventh place. The Canadians won by scores of 26-24, 25-22, 25-20 in 80 minutes.

Paul Duerden led Canada with 16 points, Nicholas Cundy added 12 and Murray Grapentine and Fred Winters each had 10. Ivan Contreras and Gustavo Meyer had 15 points apiece for Mexico.