

Newsletter

USA win the gold in dramatic fashion



CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico, July 20, 2012 – USA bounced back from a 0-2 deficit to win the gold medal of the XI Women's Pan American Cup following a dramatic five-set victory (28-30, 18-25, 25-22, 25-21, 15-11) over Brazil on Friday in front of a full house at Colegio de Bachilleras Gymnasium of Juarez.

It is the second title for USA team in the history of the competition with the previous one in 2003 at Saltillo, Mexico. For the three-time champions Brazil the silver medal was their third.

USA's Kristin Richards enjoyed one spectacular night hammering a tournament-high 35 points while veterans Jennifer Joyner-Tamas and Nancy Metcalf contributed 14 and 11 points with Joyner-Tamas totaling 5 blocks.

Brazil's Joyce Silva and Priscila Daroit finished with 25 and 23 points respectively and Gabriela Braga registered 18 points.

The defeated side won the blocking battle (17-11) and each side served four aces. The Americans led in attacks 71-65 and made 23 unforced errors to 25 by the Brazilians.

Cuba 3, Dominican Republic 2

Cuba out-dued Dominican Republic in five thrilling sets (25-21, 28-26, 23-25, 18-25, 15-12) to claim the bronze medal. It is the second bronze for Cuba and sixth overall (four gold medals) in the history of the competition

while Dominican Republic was left out of the podium for the first time. Wilma Salas topped Cuba with 23 points while Rosanna Giel and Yoana Palacios each recorded 18 points. Yanelis Santos and Ana Cleger notched 14 and 10 respectively. Bethania De la Cruz finished with 23 points for the defeated side. Annerys Vargas had 16, Sidarka Núñez added 14 and Candida Arias contributed 12, including a match-high 8 blocks.

Argentina 3, Puerto Rico 0

Lucia Fresco charted 20 points and Emilce Sosa added 13, including 8 blocks, as Argentina beat Puerto Rico in straight sets (25-20, 25-20, 25-17) in the match for fifth place. Stephanie Enright and Daly Santana each had 10 points for Puerto Rico. Argentina held a 14-5 advantage in the blocks category.

Peru 3, Canada 0

Peru defeated Canada in straight-sets (25-19, 30-28, 25-21) in the match for seventh position. Carla Rueda was the winners' best scorer with 16 points followed by Clarivet Yllescas with 12 and Mirtha Uribe with 10. Canada's Sarah Pavan finished with a match-high 19 points and Shanice Marcelle had 13.

Final positions: 1. USA, 2. Brazil, 3. Cuba, 4. Dominican Republic, 5. Argentina, 6. Puerto Rico, 7. Peru, 8. Canada, 9. Costa Rica, 10. Trinidad & Tobago, 11. Colombia, 12. Mexico.

Individual Awards

MVP	Kristin Richards	USA
Best Scorer	Kristin Richards	USA
Best Spiker	Yanelis Santos	CUB
Best Blocker:	Natasha Farinea	BRA
Best Server:	Yanelis Santos	CUB
Best Setter:	Elena Keldibekova	PER
Best Receiver:	Brenda Castillo	DOM
Best Digger:	Brenda Castillo	DOM
Best Libero:	Brenda Castillo	DOM

