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USA clinch fifth Pan American Cup title



Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, July 14, 2012 - United States defeated Argentina in straight sets (29-27, 25-20, 25-21) to claim the gold medal and their fifth title in the Men's Pan American Cup here on Saturday. The South Americans had to settle for their second silver medal in the event.

USA's Carson Clark was the highest scorer of the match with 19 points and his teammate Taylor Sander added 10. For Argentina, Gonzalo Quiroga and Mariano Giustiniano collected six points apiece.

Kawika Shoji, the winners' captain, congratulated NORCECA and the hosts for organizing a great event. "It was a great competition well organized and I am very glad about the result, especially with the performance of each one of our players, who did a great effort to get the gold," he said.

Also, Dominican Republic claimed their fourth medal in the history of the cup by clinching the bronze medal with a thrilling 3-2 (28-26, 25-23, 21-25, 24-26, 15-11) victory over Brazil in 2 hours and 14 minutes.

Once again, the Dominican captain Jose Miguel Caceres (27) topped the offense with the effective support of Elvis Contreras (17) and Elnis Palomino (14). For Brazil, the top scorers were Mauricio Borges (19), Gustavo Bonatto (16), Alan Ferreira Souza (13) and Otavio Rodriguez (11).

In other matches:
Mexico claimed fifth place after outdueling Canada in a match of five sets (25-17, 22-25, 25-22, 18-25, 15-13).

Daniel Vargas spearheaded the Mexican offense with 18 points, followed

by Marco Macías (17) and Leonardo Manzo and Ismael Guerrero with 12 apiece. Canadian Dane Pischke with 27 points was the top scorer in the match with 27 points and James Marshall added 15.

Venezuela clinched the seventh position by outplaying Trinidad & Tobago in a five-set affair that finished 27-25, 18-25, 25-20, 25-27, 15-13. Hector Salermo collected 17 points as top scorer of the winning side while Josher Contreras and Kevin Piñerúa added 16 and 15 respectively. The best scorer of the match was Trinidadian Marc Honore with 23 tallies, followed by Nolan Tash and Ryan Stewart each with 18 and Sean Morrison who finished with 11.

Final positions: 1. USA, 2. Argentina, 3. Dominican Republic (*), 4. Brazil, 5. Mexico, 6. Canada, 7. Venezuela, 8. Trinidad & Tobago.

(*) Qualified to FIVB World League Playoffs
Individual awards

MVP: Taylor Sander USA
Best Scorer: Jose Caceres DOM
Best Spiker: Antonio Ciarelli USA
Best Blocker: Marc Honore TRI
Best Server: Elvis Contreras DOM
Best Setter: Pedro Rangel MEX
Best Receiver: Elvis Contreras DOM
Best Digger: Dustin Walter USA
Best Libero: Edwin Peguero DOM

Historical Results

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2006	USA	DOM	CAN
2007	MEX	PUR	CUB
2008	USA	CAN	DOM
2009	USA	CAN	DOM
2010	USA	ARG	PUR
2011	BRA	USA	CAN
2012	USA	ARG	DOM



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