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## USA keeps possession of the throne in Pan Am Cup



LIMA, Peru, June 16, 2013 – Defending champions United States swept past Dominican Republic 25-12, 25-20, 25-18 to capture the gold medal of the Movistar Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup at Eduardo Dibos Coliseum of Lima on Sunday night.

It was a powerful performance by the Americans who relied on their strong serves and a consistent blocking. The winners held a 13-3 difference in the blocks and led in attacks 36-28.

Nicole Fawcett was the leading scorer of USA with 15 points, including 6 blocks and 3 aces. Lauren Gibbemeyer added 11 points, with 3 blocks and Kristin Hildebrand and Megan Hodge had 9 and 8 respectively. Dominicans Annerys Vargas, Prisilla Rivera and Yonkaira Peña each had 8 points in the losing cause.

USA became only the second country to successfully defend its throne in the history of the intercontinental event, joining Cuba who won consecutive titles in 2004 and 2005. The gold medal was their third tying with Brazil in second place behind Cuba's four.

The Dominicans had to settle for their sixth silver medal to go with two gold and three bronze medals.

### Quotes:

Kristin Hildebrand, USA Captain: "We are so glad because the team played well united. This championship was very well deserved. Dominican Republic was a very tough rival and I think that today it was a very spectacular game".

Karch Kirally, USA Coach: "Our American athletes worked very hard in preparation for this tournament. Their hard work helped them a lot and I am very happy for them.

Everything we do is in preparation for the long term. My whole staff has been doing a tremendous job".

Marcos Kwiek, Dominican Republic Coach: "It is not that we played bad. They started playing very well and pressured us from the beginning. We didn't know how to get out of some situation, after that we improved our attitude and played at a good level but not as we could really do".

In the match for the bronze medal, Argentina defeated Brazil in straight sets 25-23, 25-22, 25-15.

It is the second bronze medal for Argentina in the history of the event with the previous one attained in 2008 in Tijuana, Mexico.

"It is of a big satisfaction to be on the podium in the most important tournament in the Americas," Argentinean Coach Guillermo Orduña said. "We came to qualify to the Grand Prix and the team showed it is ready for major things. Argentina has grown a lot and all Argentineans must feel proud about this team."

### Argentina 3, Brazil 0

Argentina defeated Brazil in straight sets 25-23, 25-22, 25-15 to grab the bronze medal. Lucia Fresco and Emilce Sosa topped the winners with 18 and 15 points, respectively. Sosa had 4 blocks of the 13 scored by the Argentina while Fresco added three. Brazil's Gabriela Guimaraes and Sara Silva posted 14 and 13 points.

### Puerto Rico 3, Cuba 2

Puerto Rico pulled a come-from-behind victory in five sets (24-26, 18-25, 25-18, 25-22, 15-9) over Cuba in the match for fifth place. Karina Ocasio and Yarimar Rosa led the attack of the winners with 17 and 16 points respectively while Sheila Ocasio (13), Ania Ruiz (12) and Lynda Morales (10) also finished with double digits. Cuba's Ana Cleger had 18 points while Rosanna Giel, Sulian Matienzo and Yoana Palacios tallied 16, 13 and 11 respectively.

### Canada 3, Peru 0

Canada swept past Peru 25-21, 25-14, 25-19 in the match for seventh place. The Canadians dominated 11-2 in the blocking category and 5-2 in service winners. Shanice Marcelle, Margaret Barclay and Kyla Richey finished with 13, 12 and 10 points for the winning side while Jaimie Thibeault had 9, with three blocks included. Raffaella Camet and Angelica Aquino finished with 10 and 9 points respectively in the losing cause.

### Colombia 3, Trinidad & Tobago 2

Colombia overcame Trinidad and Tobago in a five-set match (19-25, 13-25, 25-18, 25-14, 15-13) for the ninth place. Danna Escobar tallied 19 points for Colombia, Paola Ampudia 16 and Melissa Rangel 12 (4 aces). Trinidadian captain Krystle Esdelle scored 27 while Channon Thompson finished with 19 for Trinidad and Tobago, including 4 aces.

### Costa Rica 3, Mexico 1

Costa Rica defeated Mexico 3-1 (27-25, 23-25, 25-22, 25-21) to finish in 11th place. Verania Willis scored 24, Karen Cope followed with 19 and Captain Angela Willis posted 17 for Costa Rica. Yesenia Cledon was the top scorer for Mexico with 21 points, Fernanda Gúitron registered 14, and Patricia Valle charted 11.