



Newsletter

Dominicans are Five-time U23 Pan American Champions and Madeline Guillen MVP



AGUASCALIENTES, Mexico, August 15, 2021.- Dominican Republic beat Mexico 3-0 (25-20, 25-19, 25-22) in the gold medal match to become five-time U23 Women's Pan American Champions and Dominican Madeline Guillen elected the Most Valuable Player.

Dominican Republic was crowned champion, Mexico silver medalist and Puerto Rico received the bronze medal.

The individual awards were handed to the following:

Madeline Guillen (DOM), MVP
 Grecia Castro (MEX), 1st Best Spiker
 Madeline Guillen (DOM), 2nd Best Spiker
 Sthefany González (DOM), 1st Best Blocker
 Natassia Baptiste (TTO), 2nd Best Blocker
 Joseline Landeros (MEX), Best Receiver
 Madeline Guillen (DOM), Best Server
 Laura Quiñonez (GUA), Best Digger
 Laura Quiñonez (GUA), Best Libero
 Karen Rivera (MEX), Best Setter
 Marian Ovalle (MEX), Best Opposite
 Madeline Guillen (DOM), Best Scorer



Costa Rica 3, Guatemala 0

Costa Rica defeated Guatemala 3-0 (25-14, 25-12, 25-15) finishing fifth place. Costa Rica prevailed in another Central American duel against Guatemala with a huge 33-16 advantage in attacks and 5-0 in serves; Guatemala held a slim 5-4 margin in blocks. Costa Rica committed 20 unforced errors and

Guatemala ended with 30. Outside hitter Tamara Espinoza of Costa Rica led all scorers with 11 points followed by opposite Ana Victoria Rojas tallied 10 points. Guatemala's top scorer was outside hitter Naomi Monney with 7 points.

Puerto Rico 3, Suriname 0

Puerto Rico won the Bronze Medal after defeating Suriname 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 29-27). Suriname attackers forced Puerto Rico's defense to resist a nail biting finish. Puerto Rico and Suriname are two of the four teams qualified to the Junior Pan American Games to be held in Cali, Colombia later this year.

Puerto Rico edged Suriname with a huge 44-19 margin in attacks; while Suriname held an impressive 10-3 blocking advantage. Puerto Rico did better in serves 4-2 and committed 38 errors against 30 from Suriname.

Opposite Ana Beatriz Fuertes of Puerto Rico topped all scorers with 17 points and middle blocker Karolina Rodriguez collected 11 points. Outside hitters Cabriella Bouterse and Margaret Ketura with 10 points apiece led Suriname's offense.

Dominican Republic 3, Mexico 0

Dominican Republic beat Mexico 3-0 (25-20, 25-19, 25-22) in the gold medal match to become five-time U23 Women's Pan American Champions.

Madeline Guillen scored a tournament high of 22 points, on 18 attacks and 4 blocks to help Dominican Republic finish the tournament with perfect mark and retaining their championship for the fifth time, the same number of editions of the event. Mexican leading scorers were outside hitters Grecia Castro and Atenas Gutierrez with 12 and 11 points respectively.

Dominican Republic's strongest skill was their blocking, subduing Mexico with an impressive 16-9 advantage. Mexico held a one-point advantage in attacks (33-32); both teams scored one ace. Dominicans limited their unforced errors to 18 points in comparison of 26 from the Mexican side.