

Mexico grabs gold medal at U-20 Pan Am Cup

HAVANA, Cuba, March 23, 2013 – Mexico won the U-20 Women's Pan American Cup by defeating Dominican Republic 3-1 (25-23, 25-23, 14-25, 25-15) at Havana Sport Coliseum on Saturday. Colombia claimed the bronze medal.

MVP Alejandra Isiordia capped an overall outstanding performance contributing 26 points and a total of 120 as the top scorer of the tournament for the only undefeated side. Lisbeth Sainz charted 15. For the Dominican Republic, Brayelin Martínez led with 25 while Pamela Soriano and Galia Gonzalez added 12 and 11 respectively.

"My team was not prepared to reach the finals but played with a lot of heart," said Estanislado Vachino, the Argentine coach of Mexico. "Now we have to enjoy the victory and continue our preparation towards the world championship." The Brazilian Wagner Pacheco, coach of Dominican Republic, stated: "The cup is in the hands of the team that deserved it the most, they knew how to play against each team of its own pool neutralized my players and is a great champion."

Colombia 3, Peru 0

Colombia defeated Peru in three sets (25-22, 25-16, 25-21) to win the bronze medal. The Colombians were better in attack points (35-30), blocks (11-7) and service winners (6-2). Melissa Reid (13), Danna Escobar (11) and Yvonne Montano (10) were the best for Colombia while Peruvians Andrea Urrutia and Angela Leyva each had 8 points.

Puerto Rico 3, Cuba 0

Puerto Rico defeated Cuba to claim fifth place after victory in straight sets (26-24, 25-21, 25-23). Again the captain Daly Santana (15) was the most productive of Puerto Rico and of the match, followed by teammate Kanisha Jiménez (12). Cubans Meliza Vargas and Dayami Sanchez each finished with 11 points.

Chile 3, Costa Rica 0

Chile defeated Costa Rica in consecutive sets (25-20, 26-24, 25-10) to secure the seventh place. Catalina Melo (21 points) and Lucia Lozano (15) led the attack of the South Americans, who faced some difficulties in the first two sets but dominated with their serves in the third set. Costa Rica's Daniela Vargas (9) was the best of the defeated side.

Final Positions:

1. Mexico
2. Dominican Republic
3. Colombia
4. Peru
5. Puerto Rico
6. Cuba
7. Chile
8. Costa Rica

Individual Awards:

- MVP: Alejandra Isiordia, MEX
Top Scorer: Alejandra Isiordia, MEX
Best Spiker: Meliza Vargas, CUB
Best Blocker: Melissa Rangel, COL
Best Server: Daly Santana, PUR



Best Setter: Shiamara Almeida, PER
Best Receiver: Camila Gomez, COL
Best Digger: Winifer Fernandez, DOM
Best Libero: Winifer Fernandez, DOM

Top Scorers by Day

- 27 – Daly Santana of Puerto Rico v Chile on 18-3-13
- 27 – Alejandra Isiordia of México v Dominican Republic on 19-3-13
- 22 – Alejandra Isiordia of México v Perú on 20-3-13
- 24 – Daly Santana of Puerto Rico v Peru on 21-3-13
- 26 – Alejandra Isiordia of Mexico v Peru on 22-3-13
- 26 – Alejandra Isiordia of Mexico v Dominican Republic on 23-3-13

Highest Scoring Performances

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- 25 – Brayelin Martínez of Dominican Republic v Mexico on 23-3-13

Highest Blocking Performances

- 8 – Ivonne Montaña of Colombia v Perú on 19-3-13
- 7 – Paola Rojas of Puerto Rico v Cuba on 20-3-13
- 7 – Natalia Martínez of Dominican Republic v Colombia on 22-3-13
- 6 – Several Players

Highest Serving Performances

- 11 – Daly Santana of Puerto Rico v Costa Rica on 22-3-13
- 10 – Meliza Vargas of Cuba v Costa Rica on 18-3-13
- 9 – Daly Santana of Puerto Rico v Costa Rica on 19-3-13
- 7 – Meliza Vargas of Cuba v Chile on 22-3-13
- 5 – Sulian Matienzo of Cuba v Costa Rica on 18-3-13
- 5 – Alejandra Isiordia of México v Perú on 20-3-13

Highest Scoring Sets

- 30-28 México v Colombia (3er Set) on 18-3-13
- 29-27 Cuba v Colombia (3er Set) on 21-3-13
- 28-26 México v Perú (3er Set) on 20-3-13
- 26-24 Chile v Puerto Rico (2nd Set) on 18-3-13
- 26-24 Chile v Costa Rica (2nd Set) on 23-3-13
- 26-24 Puerto Rico v Cuba (1st Set) on 23-3-13

Highest Scoring Matches

- 212 – Puerto Rico d Chile 3-2 (22-25, 24-26, 25-21, 25-16, 15-13) on 18-3-13
- 205 – Peru d Puerto Rico 3-2 (22-25, 25-21, 25-15, 19-25, 15-13) on 21-3-13
- 187 – Colombia d Perú 3-1 (25-22, 25-22, 22-25, 25-21) on 19-3-13
- 185 – Mexico d Peru 3-1 (23-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-19) on 22-3-13
- 181 – Colombia d Cuba 3-1 (25-16, 25-21, 27-29, 25-13) on 21-3-13

