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Fourth consecutive gold for Dominican Republic



Cordoba, Mexico, November 20, 2014 – The Dominican Republic claimed their fourth consecutive women's volleyball gold medal at the Central American and Caribbean Games following a cruising straight-set (25-19, 25-19, 25-19) victory over Puerto Rico at Arena Cordoba on Thursday.

The world sixth-ranked Dominican Republic outblocked Puerto Rico 15-4 with Prissila Rivera and Annerys Vargas scoring five and four blocks, respectively. Bethania De la Cruz led the winners with 14 blocks while Rivera and Vargas contributed 13 and 10 points. Puerto Rico's Aurea Cruz had a match-high 17 points in the loss.

Dominican star Brenda Castillo, selected as best receiver, best digger and best libero, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

"We always had that goal (winning the gold medal)," Marcos Kwiek, the Brazilian coach of the Dominican team, said. "This is a team of hard workers not a team of stars. If you want something you have to work to get it."

"We are very happy about this victory," De la Cruz said. "It is the best way to close the year with the gold medal here after the fifth place at the world championship." In the match for the bronze medal, Cuba edged hosts

Mexico 3-2 (24-26, 25-20, 25-17, 22-25, 15-13) with Melissa Vargas leading the victory with 26 points.

In other matches, Venezuela outplayed Colombia 3-2 (36-34, 21-25, 25-15, 20-25, 15-13) for fifth place and Costa Rica defeated Trinidad & Tobago 3-1 (25-19, 25-13, 17-25, 25-18) for seventh position.

All-Star Team

Regla Gracia (CUB)	OH
Aurea Cruz (PUR)	OH
Annerys Vargas (DOM)	MB
Mijal Hines (CRC)	MB
Niverka Marte (DOM)	S
Sarai Alvarez (PUR)	OP
Brenda Castillo	L

Individual Awards

Melissa Vargas (CUB)	Best Scorer
Brenda Castillo (DOM)	Best Receiver
Brenda Castillo (DOM)	Best Digger
Gina Mamburu (DOM)	Best Server
Brenda Castillo (DOM)	MVP

Top Scorers

129	Melissa Vargas (CUB)
83	Angela Willis (CRC)
81	Amanda Coneo (COL)
76	Aurea Cruz (PUR)
74	Sarai Alvarez (PUR)
72	Roslandy Acosta (VEN)
72	Seomara Sainz (MEX)
70	Verania Willis (CRC)
70	Andrea Rangel (MEX)
68	Margarita Martinez (COL)

Top Scorer by Day

19-	Angela Willis of Costa Rica v Puerto Rico on 15-11-14
18-	Melissa Vargas of Cuba v Venezuela on 16-11-14
23-	Amanda Coneo of Colombia v Venezuela on 17-11-14
23-	Melissa Vargas of Cuba v Costa Rica on 18-11-14
31-	Melissa Vargas of Cuba v Puerto Rico on 19-11-14
26-	Melissa Vargas of Cuba v Mexico on 20-11-14

Top Scoring Performances

31-	Melissa Vargas of Cuba v Puerto Rico on 19-11-14
28-	Sarai Alvarez of Puerto Rico v Cuba on 19-11-14
26-	Melissa Vargas of Cuba v Mexico on 20-11-14
23-	Amanda Coneo of Colombia v Venezuela on 17-11-14
23-	Melissa Vargas of Cuba v Costa Rica on 18-11-14

Top Blocking Performances

9-	Daymara Lescaj of Cuba v Puerto Rico on 19-11-14
7-	Annerys Vargas of Dominican Republic v Mexico on

19-11-14

6- Annerys Vargas of Dominican Republic v Colombia on 16-11-14

5- Annerys Vargas of Dominican Republic v Cuba on 17-11-14

5- Alena Rojas of Cuba v Dominican Republic on 17-11-14

Top Serving Performances

10- Gina Mamburu of Dominican Republic v Venezuela on 15-11-14

6 - Bethania De la Cruz of Dominican Republic v Venezuela on 15-11-14

6 - Claudia Resendiz of Mexico v Trinidad & Tobago on 15-11-14

6 - Irene Fonseca of Costa Rica v Trinidad & Tobago on 20-11-14

Top Team-Blocking Performances

19-	Cuba v Puerto Rico on 19-11-14
15-	Dominican Republic v Puerto Rico on 20-11-14
14-	Costa Rica v Trinidad & Tobago on 17-11-14
13-	Costa Rica v Puerto Rico on 15-11-14
12-	Dominican Republic v Cuba on 17-11-14

Top Team-Serving Performances

18-	Dominican Republic v Venezuela on 15-11-14
12-	Costa Rica v Trinidad & Tobago on 20-11-14
10-	Cuba v Costa Rica on 18-11-14

Highest Scoring Sets

36-34	Venezuela v Colombia (1st Set) on 20-11-14
27-25	Puerto Rico v Mexico (3rd Set) on 17-11-14
27-25	Dominican Republic v Mexico (3rd Set) on 19-11-14

Highest Scoring Matches

229-	Venezuela d Colombia 3-2 (36-34, 21-25, 25-15, 20-25, 15-13) on 20-11-14
212-	Cuba d Mexico 3-2 (24-26, 25-20, 25-17, 22-25, 15-13) on 20-11-14
208-	Puerto Rico d Cuba 3-2 (25-23, 25-21, 14-25, 22-25, 15-13) on 19-11-14

