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Newsletter

Dominican Republic and United States to battle for gold medal

CAÑETE AND LIMA, Peru, June 24, 2017 – Defending champions Dominican Republic and United States both will be vying for their fifth title when they face each other on Sunday in the gold medal match of the XVI Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup by Movistar at Lolo Fernandez Coliseum.

The Dominicans will be playing in their 12th final and secured their 15th appearance on the podium of the intercontinental tournament while the USA will be visiting their seventh match for the crown while earning a 10th top-three finish.

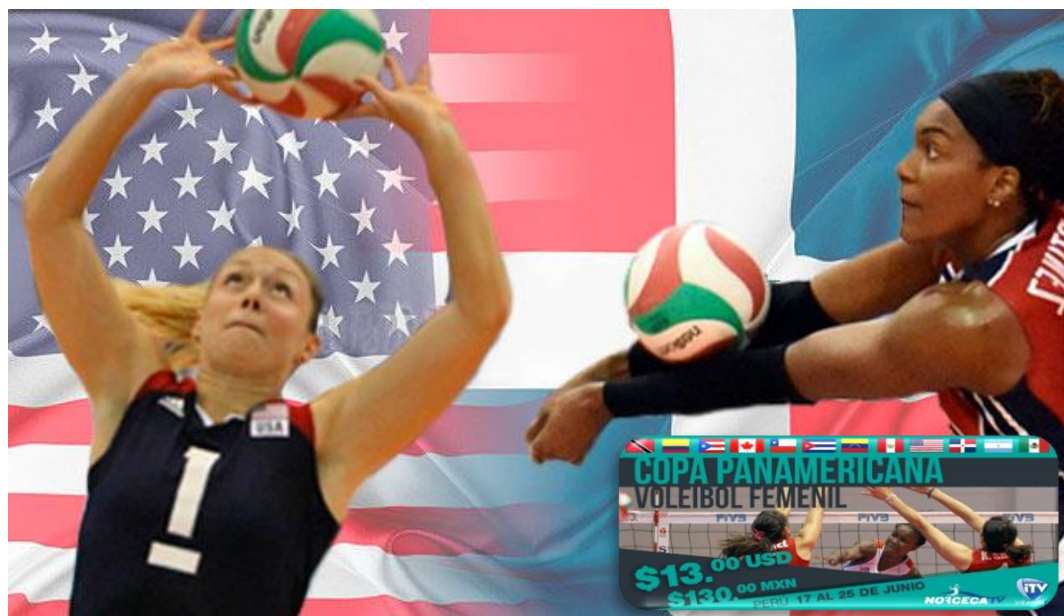
Puerto Rico and Peru will play for the bronze medal.

Dominican Republic advanced to the gold medal match after a convincing straight-set victory 3-0 (25-18, 25-21, 25-19) over Puerto Rico. Meanwhile, United States beat hosts Peru also in straight sets 3-0 (25-14, 25-17, 27-25) in front of some 2,500 spectators.

Bethania de la Cruz and Jineiry Martinez each had 12 points as offensive leaders for the Dominican Republic. Brayelin Martinez and Annerys Vargas contributed 10 and 9 points, respectively, in the win. Puerto Rican Daly Santana was the lone with double digits in the score sheet for the defeated side.

The winners held an advantage of 42-31 in attacks and 9-6 in blocks with Jineiry leading the category with four in the match.

Elizabeth McMahon tallied 15 points leading USA victory over Peru in front of a noisy crowd. Rhamat Alhassan added 12 points, including five blocks, and Madison Kingdon scored three



blocks among her total of 10 points. Angela Leyva finished with 16 points for Peru.

The United States established their game of serve and blocking with Micha Hancock scoring three aces and the winners finishing with 15 blocks.

Canada 3, Argentina 1

Canada relied on a very strong defense at the net in the 3-1 (28-26, 22-25, 25-21, 25-19) victory over Argentina earning a shot to fifth place against Cuba. Canada registered 13 blocks, including 7 by Jennifer Cross. Shainah Joseph led five Canadians in double figures with 25 points. Cross and Michaela Reesor each tallied 13 while Kyla Richey and Lucille Charuk had 12 and 11, respectively. Lucia Fresco had 21 for Argentina, followed by Sol Piccolo and Elina Rodriguez with 15 and 12.

Cuba 3, Colombia 1

Cuba advanced to the match for fifth place following a 3-1 (25-15, 25-22, 18-25, 25-21) victory over Colombia. Heidi Casanova topped Cuba with 19 points, including three blocks, as one of four Cubans who reached double figures in the scores. Daymara Lescay added 12 in the victory while Regla Gracia and Laura Suarez each contributed 11 points. Colombia's Dayana Segovia had a match-high 23 points, including four blocks and two aces, while Giselle Perez finished with 14 points in the loss.

Trinidad & Tobago 3, Venezuela 1

Trinidad & Tobago defeated Venezuela 3-1 (25-22, 25-17, 19-25, 25-18) in the match for 9th place. It was the first victory ever for Trinidad & Tobago against the South American side. The islanders dominated their opponents in blocks 16-6 with Sinead Jack leading the pack of blockers with seven of her own. Krystle Esdelle had 21 points and Channon Thompson added 18 as the best scorers for the winning side. Jack and Darlene Randim also scored in double figures for TTO with 16 and 14, respectively. Maria José Perez and Desiree Glod finished with 14 and 12 points, respectively, for the defeated side.