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Colombia and Dominican Republic to play for Lima 2019 Pan Am Gold

LIMA, Peru, August 10, 2019. - Colombia and Dominican Republic will play for the Gold Medal of the eighteenth Lima 2019 Pan American Games on Sunday at the Multisport Complex El Callao in Lima, Peru.

Colombia locked their first ever Pan American medal in a thrilling five-set comeback 3-2 (25-22, 27-25, 14-25, 26-28, 9-15) over Brazil in the first semifinal.

Dominican Republic defeated Argentina 3-1 (25-18, 28-26, 25-13, 25-21) in the second semifinal. This is the second time that Dominican Republic reaches the gold medal match; they won in 2003 in Santo Domingo. Brazil aims to win their fourth bronze medal facing Argentina that is seeking for their first historic medal in Pan American Games.

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Puerto Rico 3, Peru 2

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the first set and their tough advantage (10-5) in the fourth set extending to an overtime were cut off short from a calm and controlled Puerto Rico that stood up to the crowd's pressure the entire game.

Puerto Rico held advantage only in service points (6-3) and scored on 36 opponent errors against 31. Peru led in kills 52-49 and in blocks 15-11. Outside hitter Aury Cruz scored 18 points including 17 kills as Puerto Rico's leading attack, along with Stephanie Enright with 16 points and Paulina Prieto with 13 points. Karla Ortiz of Peru scored a match-high of 21 points on 17 kills and 4 big blocks, while Angela Leyva and Maguilaura Frias added 18 and 11 points accordingly.

Semifinal Colombia 3, Brazil 2



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from a two-set deficit. Colombia will play for the gold medal and Brazil for their fourth bronze medal, waiting for the other semifinal result between Argentina and Dominican Republic.

In set four, Colombia recovered from a five-point deficit (16-21) to the deciding winning tie-break leading from start to finish. Colombia's huge 18-9 blocking margin took over Brazil; they also led in kills 70-66 and by a slim 5-4 in aces. Both teams committed 22 unforced errors.

Semifinal Dominican Republic 3, Argentina 1

Dominican Republic defeated Argentina 3-1 (25-18, 28-26, 25-13, 25-21) in semifinals to advance to the title match against Colombia. This is the second time that Dominican Republic reaches the gold medal match; they won in 2003 in Santo Domingo. Dominican Republic is set to face Colombia in a pool-play rematch where "The Queens of the Caribbean" finished on top. Argentina will aim to win their first ever medal in Pan American Games facing Brazil for third place, who they beat during the preliminary round.

Dominicans struggled in the second set as Argentina pushed harder to recover from a two set deficit (19-21) to an extended 28-26 finish. Dominican Republic prevailed in every fundament of the game with a huge 63-47 advantage in attacks, 9-5 in blocks and 8-3 in service points.

Dominicans committed 25 unforced errors and Argentina 21. Brayelin Martinez carried her team with 26 points all on kills and Bethania De La Cruz scored 22 points on 21 kills and one block; captain Prisila Rivera tallied 13 points and middle blocker Jineiry Martinez 12 including 5 aces. Three Argentinians scored double-figures, opposite player Lucia Fresco (17), captain Julieta Lazcano (12) and outside hitter Elina Rodriguez (10).