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# Newsletter



## Dominicans Pan Am Champions and Bethania De La Cruz MVP

LIMA, Peru, August 11, 2019. - Dominican Republic defeated Colombia 3-1 (25-20, 19-25, 27-25, 25-16) winning the Lima 2019 Pan American Games Champion title and Bethania De La Cruz was named the Most Valuable Player "MVP" on Sunday at the Multisport Complex El Callao in Lima, Peru.

After a sixteen year drought, Dominicans win the Pan American gold medal for the second time in the events history (2003) after dominating a surprising Colombia who recovered from an eight-point deficit (8-16) for an extended overtime third set win 27-25 for the "Queens of the Caribbean".

It was a match with little errors for the more than two hours that the four sets lasted; Dominicans allowed 16 and Colombians handed out 19. Dominican Republic struck even harder in the fourth set to impose their strategy and force to finish with 64-61 advantage in kills and 9-5 in blocks. Both teams scored 4 service points.

Outside hitter Brayelin Martinez led Dominican Republic with 24 points including 22 kills. Three other players scored

double-figures for the Pan American Champions, Bethania De La Cruz (18), Prisilla Rivera (15) and Lisvel Eve (10). Amanda Caneo and Dayana Segovia tallied 22 points for the silver medalists.

**Final standings:** 1. Dominican Republic, 2. Colombia, 3. Argentina, 4. Brazil, 5. Puerto Rico, 6. Peru, 7. United States, 8. Canada.



### Dream Team

- 1st Best Outside Hitter** Brayelin Martínez (DOM)
- 2nd Best Outside Hitter** Bethania De La Cruz (DOM)
- 1st Best Blocker** Jineiry Martínez (DOM)
- 2nd Best Blocker** Lisvel Eve (DOM)
- Best Setter** Victoria Mayer (ARG)
- Best Libero** Camila Gómez (COL)
- Best Opposite** Lucía Fresco (ARG)
- MVP** Bethania De La Cruz (DOM)

### Bronze medal match Argentina 3, Brazil 0

Argentina beat Brazil 3-0 (26-24, 25-20, 25-21) in historic Bronze Medal win. This is the first time Argentina wins a medal at Pan American Games and the second time they beat Brazil in straight sets here at Lima Games. Argentina led in attacks 38-32 and scored on 26 opponent errors, while Brazil held advantage in blocks 9-6 and in aces 6-5, scoring on 18 errors from Argentina. Opposite player Lucia Fresco was Argentina's best scorer with a match-high of 19 points on 16 kills, 2 blocks and one ace, followed by outside hitter Elina Rodriguez with 12 points on 9 kills and 2 aces. Lorene Geraldo was Brazil's only player to score double-figures with 15 points from 40 attacks, including 10 kills and 4 aces.