

# Puerto Rico and USA complete the final-four round

MEXICALI, Mexico, July 14, 2011 – Puerto Rico and United States advanced to the semifinals of the Boys' U-19 Pan American Cup completing the teams in the final-four round on Thursday.

Puerto Rico scored a 3-0 (25-17, 25-14, 25-18) win over Trinidad and Tobago and will play Mexico while United States will take on Brazil after a 3-0 (25-19, 25-4, 25-12) win over Costa Rica.

Edgardo Cartagena and Carlos Acosta topped Puerto Rico with 10 points apiece. Brandon Legall also tallied 10 for Trinidad and Tobago.

“This was an interesting match for us that are trying to improve and work a little bit more as a unit before the World

Championship,” Puerto Rico’s Acosta stated.

“We have played previously, last year at the NORCECA championship. We won the medal and the pass to the World Championship, but it will be different this time and need to do the



right things," Coach Ramon Lawrence said.

Gregory Petty scored 16 points and Scott Rhein added 10 for the American side.

"We played better today, with more communication and chemistry," USA's Matthew West said.

Coach Ken Shibuya is focusing now on Brazil.

"It will be a tough match. Brazil is a very experienced team, their coach Percy (Oncken) has a lot of time directing their program, and you don't know how good you are until you play the best," Shibuya said.

