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## Argentina and Venezuela establish a new combined record

TIJUANA, Mexico, August 12, 2014 – Argentina and Venezuela established a new combined points' record in a set at Men's Pan American Cup, after scoring a total of 68 units in the second one.

The victory was for the Argentinean team in straight sets (25-20, 35-33, and 25-23). The previous mark was of 64 combined points, when Puerto Rico defeated Mexico 33-31 (first set) on June 16 2009 during the Preliminary Round of the Fourth Edition of the Pan American Cup, celebrated in Chiapas, Mexico.

Pablo Koukartsev finished as top scorer of the match with a total of 15 points, while Rodrigo Villalba and Cristian Poglajen scored 11 apiece. Maximiliano Gavina closed with 10, all of them for Argentina.

On the Venezuelan side, captain Kervin Pinerua closed with 14 and Jesus Chourio with 13. Argentina capitalized a 6-2 blocking advantage in 1 hour and 25 minutes of game. Second set lasted 36 minutes.

Puerto Rico 3-0 Dominican Republic

Puerto Rico granted its first victory after a 3-0 (25-17, 25-18, 28-26) win over Dominican Republic in Pool B. Ezequiel Cruz, Maurice Torres and Pedrito Sierra combined a total of 33 points by scoring 11 apiece for the Puerto Rican Team, while Mannix Roman finished with 10, six of them by blocking.

Jose Miguel Caceres was the top scorer for Dominican Republic with 16 tallies, including 2 aces, the same ones as Puerto Rico's Torres. The Dominican team tried to get back in the third set but failed the decisive points and surrendered a total of 24 units to their rivals. Puerto Rican blocking game was key in the first two sets and in the end totalized a 13-2 advantage.

USA 3-0 Colombia

Americans clinched their first victory by beating Colombia in a three setter match (25-18, 25-23, 25-15) with captain Zachary LaCavera as their top scorer with 15 points in the third match of Day 2 in Pool A.

Crabb Taylor and Averill Taylor also contributed with 9 points apiece for United States. Alexander Moreno was the best scorer for Colombia with 11 tallies. Colombia gave 28 points by mistakes, despite a very good second set that finished 23-25.

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