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## Dominican Republic dethrones United States in Pan Am Cup



MEXICO CITY, Mexico, June 19, 2014 – Dominican Republic dethroned United States as champions of the Pan American Women's Volleyball Cup with a 3-1 (25-18, 25-18, 17-25, 25-21) victory in the gold medal match of the 2013 edition at Juan de la Barrera Gymnasium of Mexico City on Thursday.

It is the third crown for the Dominicans in the history of the event with the previous two in 2008 and 2010, snapping

the two-year reign of the Americans. They also have won six silver and three medal bronzes.

The winners committed only 20 unforced errors compared to 31 made by the defeated side.

Bethania De la Cruz and Gina Mambro spearheaded the Dominican offense with 18 and 14 points, respectively, including four blocks by De la Cruz. Yonkaira Peña and Candida Arias contributed 9 and 8 points to the winning effort.

Bailey Webster was the top American contributor with 16 points, followed by TeTori Dixon and Cursty Jackson with 11 and 10, respectively.

In the match for the bronze medal, Puerto Rico prevailed over Argentina in a five-set contest 24-26, 25-15, 24-26, 25-15, 16-14.

**Puerto Rico 3, Argentina 2**

In the exciting battle, both teams scored via 17 blocks but Puerto Rico held a huge margin in attacks 71-54. Aury Cruz led the winners with a tournament-high 30 points while four other Puerto Ricans finished with double figures. Alexandra Oquendo contributed 17, including five blocks, Vanessa Velez and Lynda Morales each registered 14 tallies and Sheila Ocasio chipped in with five blocks among her 12 points. Josefina Fernandez and Emilce Sosa finished with 17 and 16 points, respectively, as the top offensive players of Argentina. Florencia Busquets added 12, including five blocks, and Elina Rodriguez had 11 in the losing effort.

**Cuba 3, Canada 1**

Cuba outplayed Canada 3-1 (26-24, 23-25, 25-21, 25-15) to claim the fifth place. Young sensation Melissa Vargas, who turns 15 next October, topped Cuba with 24 points, followed by Alena Orta, Daymara Lescay and Sulian Matienzo with 12, 11 and 10 points, respectively. Kyla Richey was the best for Canada with 18 points, including two blocks and three aces, while Brittney Page added 15 in the loss. Cuba took advantage of 34 errors by Canada while committing 25 of their own. The winners held margins of 10-7 and 6-5 in blocks and aces.