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Brazil wins gold, Cuba silver, at the U21 Pan Am Cup



Fort McMurray, Canada, May 22, 2017 - Brazil came through when it counted to win the gold medal of the U21 Pan American Cup by defeating Cuba 3-1 (25-23, 17-25, 25-18, 25-18) at the Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre at Keyano College in Fort McMurray on Sunday.

Both teams had earned their tickets to the U21 World Championships to be held in the Czech Republic from June 23 to July 2 as the top ranked sides from South American and NORCECA at the intercontinental event.

It was another team effort by Brazil, with Victor Cardoso logging 16 points as that side's highest scorer.

Miguel Lopez had 22 points for Cuba including seven aces while Miguel Gutierrez added 20 in the loss.

"It was an important victory for us," said Brazil's coach *Nery Tambeiro*. "Our team is of a new composition. Cuba is very physically strong, and it's very difficult to stop them. You have to break their reception and make them uncomfortable. There was a lot of very fast serves, but we were better. We will have to fight in the World Championships."

Cuba's coach Nicolas Vives Coffigny was satisfied with his team's result.

"I'm very happy that we have a silver medal and qualified for the U21 World Championships (as first finisher in the NORCECA zone)... I feel the team is getting better."

Canada finished on a high note pick up the bronze medal with an overwhelming 3-0 (25-15, 25-17, 25-19) victory over Guatemala.

Sharone Vernon-Evans was the match top scorer with 17 points, followed by the consistent Eric Loeppky with 12 points.

Chile swept Barbados 3-0 (25-20, 25-18, 25-17) to take sixth place. Bastian Fuentes was winners' top scorer with 15 points.

Final Positions

1. Brazil
2. Cuba
3. Canada
4. Guatemala
5. Puerto Rico
6. Chile
7. Barbados

Individual Awards

MVP: Victor Cardoso (BRA)
First Outside Hitter: Miguel Lopez (CUB)
Second Outside Hitter: Henrique Honorato (BRA)
First Middle Blocker: Javier Concepcion (CUB)
Second Middle Blocker: Flynn McCarthy (CAN)
Opposite: Miguel Gutierrez (CUB)
Setter: Adrian Goide (CUB)
Liber: Lucas Cavin (CHI)
Best Server: Miguel Gutierrez (CUB)
Best Receiver: Jordan Pereira (BRA)
Best Digger: Lionnis Salazar (CUB)
Top Scorer: Eric Loeppky (CAN)

