

Cuba wins gold in dramatic duel with Dominican Republic



LIMA, Peru, May 18, 2019 - Cuba won the gold medal at the U20 Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup by Herbalife after a five-set victory over the Dominican Republic on Saturday at Manuel Bonilla Coliseum of Miraflores.

It was the first gold medal for Cuba after bronzes in 2011 and 2017 while for the Dominican Republic, winner in 2015, it was its third second-place finish with the two others in 2011. Peru, winner of the first cup in 2011, claimed its second medal with the bronze after a victory over Puerto Rico.

Final Positions: 1. Cuba, 2. Dominican Republic, 3. Peru, 4. Puerto Rico, 5. Chile, 6. Honduras, 7. Guatemala.

Cuba 3, Dominican Republic 2

Cuba came up winner from a dramatic duel against the Dominican Republic for the gold medal. The Cubans took the victory 3-2 (25-21, 25-23, 14-25, 15-25, 15-10). Ailama Cese



had 29 points for Cuba followed by Ivy Vila and Thalia Moreno with 13 and 111, respectively.

The Dominican Madeline Guillén had 30 points in the loss followed by Natalia Martínez with 19. The Cubans led in aces 9-7 and the Dominicans in blocks 13-8.

Perú 3, Puerto Rico 0

Host Peru defeated Puerto Rico 2-0 (25-16, 25-23, 25-17) to claim the bronze medal. Peru relied on a well balanced offense led by Kiara Montes who finished with 11 points.

Ariana Arciniega and Nicolle Perez each contributed 10 points to the win. Sofía Victoriá and Alondra Maldonado finished with 10 apiece for Puerto Rico. The losers made 28 errors to 14 by the winners.

Honduras 3, Guatemala 0

Honduras crushed Guatemala 3-0 (25-9, 25-11, 25-9) in the Central American match for the sixth place. Honduras dominated in spikes (31-12), blocks (4-0) and aces (8-4). Estefany Godoy had 12 points as the Hondurans leader followed by Ruth Aguilar, Josselyn Waterhouse and Nathaly Pérez with 9, 8 and 7, respectively. Andrea Serra had 7 for Guatemala.







