

Cuba Pan Am Final Six Champion and Roamy Alonso MVP

TEPIC, Nayarit, Mexico, July 17, 2022.- Cuba was crowned undefeated champion of the Men's Pan American Cup Norceca Final Six beating and middle blocker Roamy Alonso selected the Most Valuable Player on Sunday at the Amado Nervo Auditorium of Tepic, Nayarit.

Cuba was crowned undefeated champion beating Canada 3-0 (25-23, 25-23, 25-19), concluding with a perfect 7-0 record. Canada ended with a 5-2 record; their two losses were against Cuba. The United States captured bronze medal defeating Puerto Rico 3-0 (27-25, 25-22, 25-23).

Cuban middle blocker Roamy Alonso was selected the MVP and the **2nd Best Blocker**. The other individual awards were granted to: **1st Best Spiker/ Best Server** Osniel Melgarejo (CUB); **2nd Best Spiker** Mauro Fuentes (MEX); 1st Best Blocker Axel Tellez(MEX); Best ReceiverMasonBriggs(USA);BestDigger/BestLiberoJordanPereira(CAN);BestSetterAdrianGoide(CUB);BestScorerHenryTapia(DOM);Best OppositeJesus Herrera.

United States 3, Puerto Rico 0 - Bronze Medal

The United States captured the bronze medal defeating Puerto Rico 3-0 (27-25, 25-22, 25-23). The United States finished third place with a 4-3 win-loss record. This is the U.S. second consecutive bronze medal at the Final Six event. Puerto Rico, in fourth place, closed with a 2-5 record. The U.S. also beat Puerto Rico in straight sets in the preliminary round. The U.S. led 47-37 in attacks and 7-5 in blocks, both teams scored one point from serves, while they committed 27 unforced errors against 22 from Puerto Rico. Four Americans finished with double-figures,

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led by outside hitter Brett Wildman who scored 14 points on 13 kills and one block, outside hitter Kyle McCauley with 13 points from 12 kills and one block, middle blocker Nyerovwome Omene tallied 11 points on 7 kills, 3 blocks and one ace, and opposite hitter Francesco Sani with 10 points. Puerto Rico's offense was led by outside hitter Pelegrin Vargas with 12 points on 10 kills, one block and one ace, followed by opposite hitter Gregory Torres with 10 points all on kills.

Cuba 3, Canada 0 - Gold Medal

Cuba was crowned undefeated champion beating Canada 3-0 (25-23, 25-23, 25-19). Cuba concluded the event with a perfecto 7-0 record winning the gold medal over Canada who ended with a 5-2 record; Canada's two losses were against Cuba. The first set was led by Canada up to point 14

Cuba until managed to dominate. Cuba missed 3match points (24-20) before celebrating their championship win; Simon Robertlandy scored the last point from a powerful spike. Cuba prevailed by a 37-32 margin in attacks and 8-4 in blocks, Canada held an 6-5 advantage in serves. Cuba committed 23 errors and Canada totaled 25. Outside hitter Miguel Angel Lopez topped Cuba with 13 points on 12 kills and one block, and opposite hitter Jesus Herrera collected 14 points on 9 attacks, 2 blocks and 3 points from serves. Middle blocker Simon Robertlandy added 9 points.

Two players also led Canada with double-digits, outside hitter Brandon Koppers with 11 points on 8 kills and 3 aces, and opposite hitter Jordan Canham contributed with 10 points on 6 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces.

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