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Brazil wins gold at U-18 Pan Am Cup

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, May 5, 2013 – Brazil survived an exciting five-set battle of 2 hours and 29 minutes against Puerto Rico to claim the gold medal of the U-18 Girls Pan American Cup with a 20-25, 25-19, 25-13, 23-25, 15-12 victory at Teodoro Palacios Flores Gymnasium on Saturday.

Drussyla Costa with 20 points and Gabriela Candido and Lana Conceicao who each contributed 18 were Brazil's top scorers. For Puerto Rico, Genesis Miranda registered 22 points.

In the match for the bronze medal, Dominican Republic defeated Argentina 3-1 (25-16, 25-17, 20-25, 25-22) with Brayelin Martinez and Gaila Gonzalez leading the way with 24 and 19 points respectively.

"Our first title in this age-group category is an important one because the girls grow as players," Brazil's coach Mauricio Thomas said. "Puerto Rico had a lot of heart and courage."

"We played three spectacular sets out of five and the girls did a splendid job," Puerto Rico's coach Juan Carlos Rodriguez commented.

In the consolation round, Chile edged Peru in five sets (16-25, 25-14, 17-25, 25-16, 16-14) for fifth place while Colombia blanked hosts Guatemala (25-18, 25-14, 25-13) for seventh place.

Final Positions

1. Brazil
2. Puerto Rico
3. Dominican Republic
4. Argentina
5. Chile
6. Peru
7. Colombia
8. Guatemala.

Individual Awards

Most Valuable Player: Lais Vasques BRA
 Best Scorer: Catalina Melo CHI
 Best Spiker: Laura Sotomayor CHI
 Best Blocker: Laiza Ferreira BRA
 Best Server: Laura Sotomayor CHI
 Best Digger: Lais Vasques BRA
 Best Setter: Wilmarie Rivera PUR
 Best Receiver: Okiana Valle PUR
 Best Libero: Lais Vasques BRA

