



USA women win second gold medal in Pan Am Games history

Prisilla Rivera and Gina Mamburu each had 10 and Yonkaira Peña came off the bench to contribute nine valuable points.

Puerto Rican Karina Ocasio led all the players in the match with 27 points. Aury Cruz and Stephanie Enright finished with 13 and 10, respectively, in the loss.

“We never had our group 100 % and it was needed a hard work to win the medal,” said Marcos Kwiek, the coach of Dominican Republic. “The girls deserve all the credit for their dedication.”

TORONTO, Canada, July 25, 2015 – United States conquered the gold medal at the women’s volleyball tournament of the Pan American Games defeating Brazil in straight sets 3-0 (25-22, 25-21, 28-26) in the last match of the competition played in front of a big crowd at Toronto Exhibition Center on Saturday night.

The American side played neat volleyball to overcome the challenge represented by the defending champions Brazil who battled relentless until the last point of the contest.

It is the second gold medal for the United States women in the history of the Pan American Games with the other also in Canada in 1967 when the games took place in Winnipeg.

Nicole Fawcett finished with 21 points as the most prolific scorer for the winners. Krista Vansant and Kristin Hildebrand contributed 11 and 10 points, respectively, in the victory.

Fernanda Rodrigues topped Brazil with 20 points and Jaqueline Carvalho was next with 10 points for the silver medalists.

The American side dominated in attacks 54-38 and committed 15 errors to 17 by the Brazilians.

“I am very proud of my team that was able to comeback from the loss to them in the preliminary round,” USA Coach Daniel Fisher said. “It was really a big battle and great volleyball for the fans in Toronto. The atmosphere was outstanding and I think our players enjoyed it.”

In the match for the bronze medal, the Dominican Republic defeated Puerto Rico 3-1 (25-22, 25-22, 22-25, 25-21).

Annerys Vargas led the winners with 13 points, including seven blocks, while Brayelin Martinez was next with 12.

