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Cuba wins the Gold in stunning come-back

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, May 26, 2016.- Cuba had a stunning come-back against Argentina to win the Men's Pan American Cup Gold medal match 3-2 (30-32, 20-25, 25-23, 25-18, 19-17) at the Olympic Gymnasium Juan de la Barrera in Mexico City.

Cuba recovered from a 0-2 set deficit to claim the Gold over Argentina. Cuba has reached the final match on two occasions, winning them both. In stats, Cuba outnumbered Argentina 72-62 in kills and 8-7 in blocks; while Argentina did better in aces with 8-3 advantage. Cuba committed 32 errors and Argentina 42.

Abrahan Alfonso topped Cuba's scorers with 28 points, on 26 kills and 2 service points and Javier Concepción contributed with 14 points. Argentina had in Bruno Lima its top scorer with 29 points, on 27 kills and 2 blocks, followed by Nicolas Lazo with 20 points, on 19 kills and one ace; and Fabian Flores scored 10 points.

Canada defeated Mexico 3-0 (25-20, 25-20, 29-27) to win the bronze medal match. In the match for fifth place, United States beat Dominican Republic 25-22, 25-15, 25-14.

The five top teams in the Pan American Cup qualify for next year's World League.



Final Ranking: 1. Cuba; 2. Argentina; 3. Canada; 4. Mexico; 5. United States; 6. Dominican Republic; 7. Chile; 8. Colombia; 9. Costa Rica; 10 Honduras



Individual Awards:
MVP Abrahan Alfonso, Cuba
1st Best Blocker Fabian Flores, Argentina
2nd Best Blocker Luis Sosa, Cuba
1st Best Spiker Jorge Barajas, Mexico
2nd Best Spiker Vicente Parraguirre, Chile
Best Receiver Santiago Danani, Argentina
Best Digger Santiago Danani, Argentina
Best Setter Matias Sanchez, Argentina

Best Libero Santiago Danani, Argentina
Best Server Gregory Petty, United States
Best Scorer Jorge Barajas, Mexico
Best Opposite Henry Tapia, Dominican Republic

All Star Team:
MVP Abrahan Alfonso, Cuba
Middle Blocker Fabian Flores, Argentina
Middle Blocker Luis Sosa, Cuba
Outside Hitter Jorge Barajas, Mexico
Outside Hitter Vicente Parraguirre, Chile
Setter Matias Sanchez, Argentina
Libero Santiago Danani, Argentina
Opposite Henry Tapia, Dominican Republic