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## Dominicans crowned at home with fourth gold medal

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, July 10, 2016 – Hosts Dominican Republic outpowered Puerto Rico in the tie-breaker of the gold medal match to claim their fourth title in the history of the Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup by defeating Puerto Rico 3-2 (23-25, 25-19, 20-25, 25-21, 15-6) in front of some 6,500 spectators at Ricardo Arias Gymnasium on Sunday.

It was the fourteenth overall medal for the Dominicans, who also have collected seven silver medals and three bronzes. Puerto Rico attained their first silver ever to go with two bronzes.

Brayelin Martinez and Bethania de la Cruz registered 30 and 24 points, respectively, to spearhead the solid attack of the home side. Annerys Vargas finished with 9 while Yonkaira Peña and Gina Mamburu had 8 points each.

Stephanie Enright topscored Puerto Rico with 19 points, and Karina Ocasio and Daly Santana had 13 points apiece.

In the bronze medal match, the United States recovered from a slow start and stormed past Cuba 3-1 (20-25, 25-9, 25-15, 25-9).

Micha Hancock laced 12 aces to break her own Pan American Cup record of 11 service winners in a single match set earlier in the week against Costa Rica. She finished the

tournament with 50 aces, 22 more than the previous mark of 28 set last year by Cuban Melissa Vargas.

It is the ninth overall medal for the United States in the history of the Pan American Cup, including four gold medals, two silvers and three bronzes.

Hancock had 15 points to lead five USA players with double digits in scoring. Megan Courtney was next with 13, Taylor Simpson and Carly Wopat had 12 points each and Rhamat Alhassan charted 11. Cuba's Daimara Lescaj topped the losers with 8 points.

The Americans outclassed the Cubans in blocks 17-9 and aces 20-2. Each team committed 19 errors.

### Argentina 3, Canada 0

Argentina swept Canada 3-0 (25-21, 25-23, 25-23) in the match for fifth place. Emilce Sosa collected 10 points, including four blocks, to lead the South American side. Josefina Fernandez added 10 in the victory, with two blocks, and Lucia Fresco contributed 9 points. Shainah Joseph was the best for Canada with 11 points.

### Colombia 3, Venezuela 1

Kenny Moreno scored 22 points to lead Colombia to a 3-1 (25-19, 20-25, 25-17, 25-13) over Venezuela in the match for seventh place. Moreno finished the tournament with a new record of 174 points, shattering the previous mark set of 151 set by Puerto Rican Aury Cruz in 2009. Dayana Segovia and Lorena Zuleta chipped in with 14 and 12 points, respectively, in the victory. Sharlin Bidean and Desiree Glod got 10 points apiece for Venezuela.