



## Dominicans claim fifth gold medal

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, September 19, 2021 - The host Dominican Republic won its fifth gold medal in the history of the Women's Pan American Volleyball Cup after beating Mexico in consecutive sets 3-0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-14) this Sunday.

The Dominicans joined the 2005 Cuban team as the only ones in history to have finished undefeated in a cup without losing a single set.



It was fitting that in her retirement game their captain Prisilla Rivera shared the lead in scoring for the Dominicans with Jineiry Martinez, both with 13 points. Yonkaira Peña and Gaila Gonzalez contributed 10 and 9 points, respectively.

Samantha Bricio led Mexico with 13 points and Karina Flores chipped in with 9 points in the loss.

Marcos Kwiek, Dominican Republic coach: "I am very happy with this victory after a year without playing with this crowd. We are not free from the pandemic yet but at least we can enjoy it and that they can see the girls on the field. We had the game under control all the time. It was not something random that was studied so that the game was that way and we demonstrated our value."

Rafael Petry, coach of Mexico: "It was a very well organized tournament and it served us as an experience. Now what follows is to continue preparing, that the players return to their leagues and come back stronger to the next tournament."



## United States 3, Canada 0

United States defeated Canada in straight sets 3-0 (26-24, 25-17, 25-17) in the bronze medal match on Sunday.

It is the 13th medal –fourth bronze- for the United States in the history of the competition, including seven gold medals and two silvers. After the fourth place finish, Canada remained with only two bronzes.

Danielle Cuttino and Veronica Jones-Perry each scored 15 points to lead United States. Hilary Howe had 14 points as Canadian top scorer.

Karch Kiraly, coach of United States: "I am very proud of this group. After the disappointing loss last night, they came back so strong and played as a team."

Shannon Winzer, coach of Canada: I think that for us it was a good competition and for the players of great value to play at this level because the experience gained is a lot."