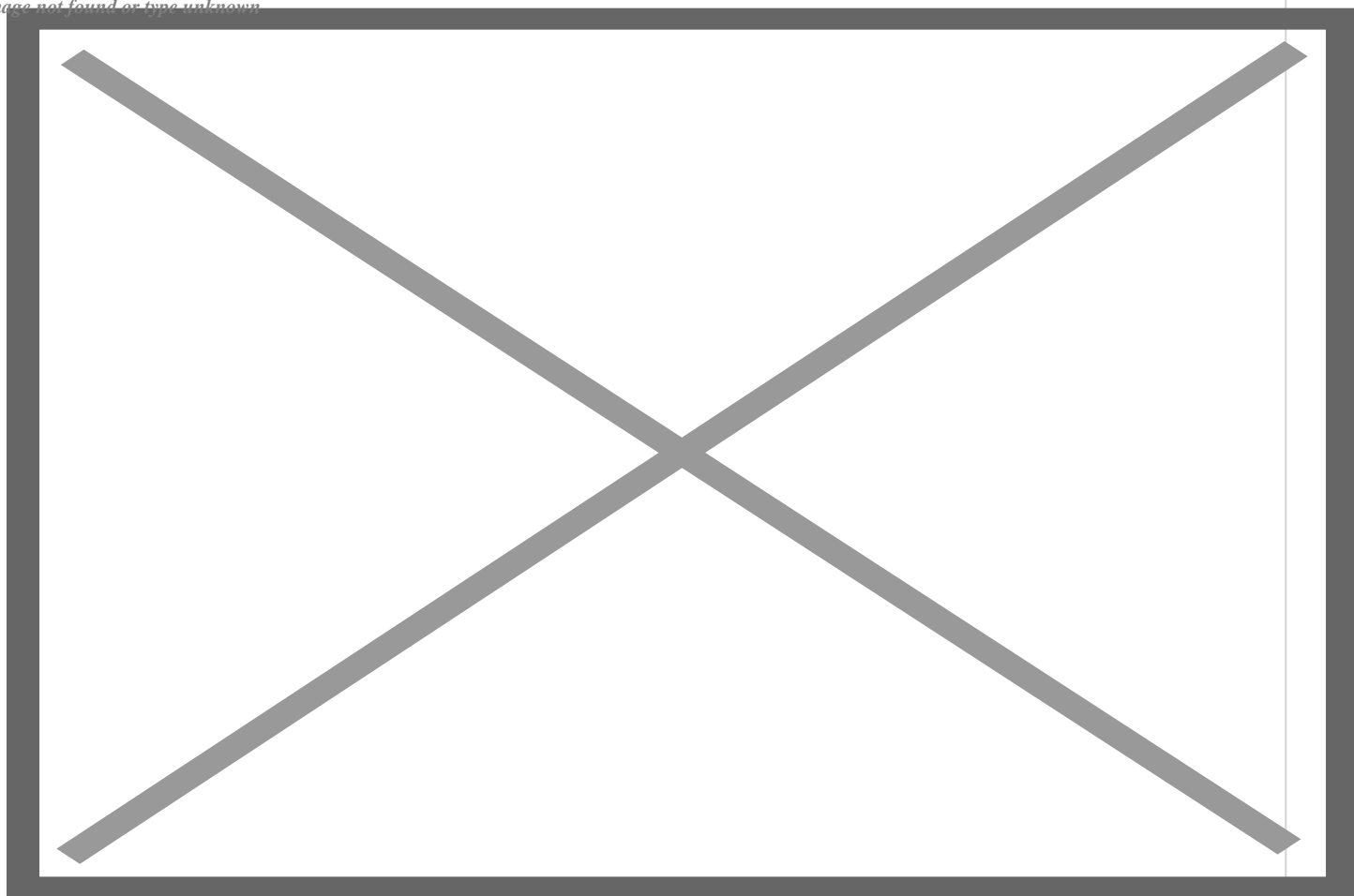


Brazil for finalist ticket in volleyball World Cup (m)

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The South Americans advanced to the round of the best four by beating the Argentines 3-1 in the quarterfinals and avenged their bronze medal defeat at the last Olympic Games.

The Auriverde team easily won the first set 25-16, lost 23-25 in the second, but resumed their best game to win the third set 25-22 and finished off the fourth 25-21.

The Brazilians dominated 52-44 in attack, six-four in service, tied at nine in blocks, although they committed 31 errors for 27 of their rivals.

Cuban nationalized Brazilian Yoandi Leal led the offense with 25 points (22 in attack, one block and two effective serves), followed by Wallace de Souza (13) and Ricardo Locarelli (12).

For Argentina, Bruno Lima scored 13 points (12 in kills and one service ace), Loser Agustín (12) and the experienced Facundo Conte (11).

The Auriverde team won the preliminary group B undefeated, with victories over Cuba in five sets by 3-2 and Qatar and Japan in three sets, and then overcame Iran 3-0 in the round of 16.

Poland, the defending champion, defeated the United States in five sets with scores of 25-20, 27-25, 21-25, 22-25, 22-25 and 15-12 to advance to the semifinals.

In the other challenge of the penultimate round, Slovenia will face Italy. The Slovenians defeated the Ukrainians 3-1 (18-25, 26-24, 25-19 and 25-23) in the semifinals and the Italians defeated the French in five sets (24-26, 25-21, 23-25, 25-22 and 15-12).

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