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Pacific Rim Dominates in Houston

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From left, back row: Team rep. Matt Koewen, assistant coach Joe Peacock, Jordan Ewert, Sean Vaisima, Patrick Gasman, head coach Roger Worsley, Donovan Mitchell, Ryan Smith, Mitch Brooks, assistant coach Dipen Patel, team chaperone Christine Worsley; front row: John Whitman, Joe Worsley, Connor Koewen, Gage Worsley, Jonathon Santos, Stephen Bhul, Jack Eisner Photo provided

The U17 boys Pacific Rim Volleyball Academy team of Pleasant Hill won the 2014 USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships on July 5. Composed of players from around the East Bay, including six players from Lamorinda, Pac Rim entered the Houston tournament as the No. 1 seed. The team won the SCVA Boys Junior Classic just days before, but they remained focused throughout the tournament.

On the first day of the tournament, the team won three games in straight sets. The second day concluded with similar results, three matches with three sweeps. The team was tested, losing the first set of a match on the third day. However, Pacific Rim bounced back to win the game. After another tough day of competition on the fourth day, Pacific Rim qualified for the gold medal match.

In the finals, Pacific Rim defeated Balboa Bay, 25-20, 25-20. With the win, Pacific Rim is 23-0.

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