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## WRTC-2006: Canadian Team Takes the Gold! US Teams Place Second and Third



NEWINGTON, CT, Jul 11, 2006--The Canadian team of John Sluymer, VE3EJ, and Jim Roberts, VE7ZO (ex-VE3IY), has officially topped the 46-team World Radiosport Team Championship 2006 ([WRTC-2006](#))

field with nearly 2.44 million points (see "WRTC-2006 Final Scores"). Operating as PT5M during the event, they will take home gold medals for the 2006 competition. US teams took the second and third positions for silver and gold medals respectively.

Sluymer and Roberts have teamed up in previous WRTCs. In WRTC-2002 in Finland, VE3EJ and VE7ZO placed sixth. At WRTC-2000 in Slovenia, they came in 11th with Roberts as the team captain and Sluymer as the second op.

Holding the second position for the silver medal was the US-West team of Californians Dan Craig, N6MJ, and Dave Mueller, N2NL, with nearly 2.32 million points. They operated as PW5C. The top two teams held their respective positions during the final four hours of the event, but in the hours before that, they swapped the lead a couple of times.

The national special invited team of Doug Grant, K1DG, of New Hampshire, and Andy Blank, N2NT, of New Jersey, placed third when all was said and done. They were in fourth place in the preliminary Scoreboard results as the event ended at July 9 at 1200 UTC. The final five changed, however, once WRTC-2006 officials reviewed all logs. Operating as PT5Y, Grant and

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**Taking home the gold: (L-R) Jim Roberts, VE7ZO (ex-VE3IY), John Sluymer, VE3EJ, and referee Junichi Tanaka JH4RHF at the site and referee selection on Friday, July 7. [Diane Ortiz, K2DO, Photo]**

Blank racked up almost 2.1 million points to earn the bronze medal.

Preliminary Scoreboard numbers had the Serbia-Montenegro team of Ranko Boca, YT6A, and Djurica Maletin, YT6T -- operating as PT5L -- apparently scrambling from 11th to third place in the final hour of the event. That was not to be, however. They ended in 11th place.

In a news release July 10, Jarmo Jaakola, OH2BN, said, "Obviously such a jump is not possible near

the finish line, when score levels are quite stable, and the path is established toward final positions."

Jaakola says YT6A set up his team's logging software as if the pair were in Montenegro -- calculating the team's points as though operating from Europe, not Brazil. The software configuration and the team's score were corrected after the event ended, and the team's claimed third-place finish was submitted to the log-checking committee, which apparently determined their 11th place finish.

Taking the fourth spot was the Ukrainian team of Yuri Onipko, UT4UZ, and Dimitry Stashuk, UT5UGR, who competed as PW5X. They'd showed up in fifth place in the preliminary standings. The national team from Ukraine logged some 2.02 million point. 9A8A and 9A5K had been holding onto fourth place in the preliminary scoring until the last hour, when they dropped to sixth. After log checking, the PT5N team dropped to seventh.

Rounding out the top five was the PT5D team of Stefano Brioschi, IK2QEI, and Stefano Galli, IK2JUB, from Italy. They racked up nearly 1.99 million points.

The year's premier global contesting event, WRTC-2006 was held in conjunction with the [IARU HF World Championship](#). The WRTC-2006 organizing committee collected logs via e-mail from IARU contest participants to assist with log checking and determining the final scores and standings.

The difference between the first and last-place teams was more than 1.9 million points. WRTC-2006 selected 47 teams to take part, but only 46 competed because the Czech Republic team of OK1FUA and OK2RZ was unable to get to Brazil because of an airline service suspension.

Citing other commitments, three-time WRTC winners Dan Street, K1TO, and Jeff Steinman, N5TJ, did not participate in this year's event in Brazil.

WRTC-2006 Final Scores			
Place	WRTC Call Sign	Operators	Score



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1	PT5M	VE3EJ/VE7ZO	2439380
2	PW5C	N6MJ/N2NL	2317456
3	PT5Y	K1DG/N2NT	2098060
4	PW5X	UT4UZ/UT5UGR	2024496
5	PT5D	IK2QEI/IK2JUB	1987080
6	PT5P	DL6FBL/DL2CC	1978320
7	PT5N	9A8A/9A5K	1962177
8	PW5Q	N0AX/KL9A	1958928
9	PT5R	RW3QC/RW3GU	1945174
10	PT5Q	W2SC/K5ZD	1944320
11	PT5L	YT6A/YT6T	1937647
12	PT5K	KH6ND/N6AA	1907788
13	PT5W	LY2TA/LY2CY	1871793
14	PW5W	RA3AUU/RV1AW	1845432
15	PT5B	OH2UA/OH4JFN	1804495
16	PW5B	SP7GIQ/SP2FAX	1769625
17	PT5I	YL2KL/YL1ZF	1747392
18	PW5U	XE1KK/XE1NTT	1698200
19	PT5X	PY2NY/PY2EMC	1683825
20	PW5K	ES5TV/ES2RR	1659948
21	PT5E	K1LZ/LZ2HM	1504464
22	PW5Y	K4BAI/KU8E	1492416
23	PT5U	K5TR/KM3T	1489911
24	PW5V	RW4WR/UA9CDV	1457868
25	PW5Z	YO9GZU/YO3JR	1441440
26	PW5I	ZS4TX/N2IC	1431848
27	PW5O	S50A/S59AA	1404920
28	PW5G	IZ3EYZ/9A1UN	1362812
29	PW5L	LZ4AX/LZ3FN	1359579
30	PW5D	K1ZM/K1KI	1349969
31	PT5J	N6BV/AG9A	1333789
32	PW5F	F6BEE/W2GD	1308496
33	PT5V	9A6XX/DJ1YFK	1295728
34	PT5G	N9RV/K3LR	1212120
35	PW5A	LU1FAM/LU5DX	1168500
36	PW5M	PY2NDX/ UU4JMG	1147722
37	PT5C	OH1JT/OH2IW	1136600
38	PT5A	5B4WN/5B4AFM	1128519

39	PW5P	OZ1AA/SM0W	1098880
40	PT5O	HP1WW/N5ZO	1095276
41	PT5T	PY2YU/PY1NX	1055240
42	PT5F	RA3CO/RW3FO	960690
43	PW5T	UA9AM/RZ3AA	938685
44	PW5J	P43E/WA1S	878712
45	PW5N	JK2VOC/JA2BNN	842289
46	PW5E	BA4RF/BA7NQ	534744

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