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Mexicans Miramontes and Virgen dominated 2009 NORCECA Circuit

MONTELIBAR, Nicaragua, November 1, 2009 - The Mexican pair of Aldo Miramontes and Juan Virgen won their fourth men's title of 2009 by dominating the last stop of the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit.

Mexico dominated a dramatic final match by edging Jamaica (Lewis-Wilson) by score of 21-15, 18-21, 15-10. It was the fourth crown for the Mexican in the last five events they took part.

The duo of Dominican Republic (Perez-Recio) claimed a historical triumph by defeating Costa Rica 2 (Araya-Guevara) to take the third place for first time ever. The score was 21-13, 17-21, 15-11.

In the semi final round, the Mexicans advanced with a victory over Costa Rica 2 by score of 21-9, 21-13 and the Jamaicans edged Dominican Republic 24-22, 22-20. Before the semi final phase, the suspended match of the previous day was played to decide the fourth semi finalists and Costa Rica 2 defeated Costa Rica 1 (Villegas-Villegas) 21-17, 21-17.

In the women's side, Puerto Rico claimed its only title in the 2009 NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit thanks to the victory of Yarleen Santiago and Darlam Acevedo.

The Puerto Ricans had a perfect tournament and in the final match defeated Costa Rica (Alfaro-Morales) by score of 22-20, 21-19.

The final was a seesaw battle with both pairs trading leads but in the late stages of every set the blocking of Santiago neutralized the attacks of Natalia Alfaro combined also with the accurate offense by the Puerto Ricans.

Third place went to Mexico (Virgen-Revueltas) who scored a 21-16, 21-10 victory over El Salvador (Soler-Molina).

In the semi final round, Puerto Rico edged El Salvador 19-21, 21-12, 15-9 while Costa Rica prevailed against Mexico 21-13, 19-21, 15-11.

Men's Results of Sunday: CRC 2 - CRC 1 (21-17, 21-17). Semi finals: MEX - CRC 2 (21-9, 21-13); JAM - DOM (24-22, 22-20); Bronze: DOM - CRC 2 (21-13, 17-21, 15-11). Gold: MEX- JAM (21-15, 18-21, 15-10).

Women's Results of Sunday: Semi finals: PUR- ESA (19-21, 21-12, 15-9); CRC - MEX (21-13, 19-21, 15-11). Bronze: MEX - ESA (21-16, 21-10). Gold: PUR - CRC (22-20, 21-19).