

Mexico and Cuba, winners at Puerto Vallarta



PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico, October 12, 2009 - Mayra Garcia and Bibiana Candelas earned gold medals in the women's category of the III NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit Puerto Vallarta 2009 after defeating Cuba's Milagros Crespo and Ion Canet. In the men's category, Cuba's Yoendry Kindelan and Yunieski Ramirez won over team Canada 1.

During the first women's semifinal of the day, team Mexico 2, made up of Diana Estrada and Marta Revuelta, was unable to

upstage the power behind Cuba's Milagros Crespo and Ion Canet, who overtook the Mexicans in two sets of 21-14 and 21-12 partial scores.

The second women's semifinal encounter was a great game between team Mexico 1, integrated by Garcia and Candelas, against Canada's Jamie Broder and Elizabeth Maloney in which Candela's blocking skills were the determining factor for a double partial score of 21-19.

Mexico and team Canada 2 fought hard for the tournament's third place. Mexico's duo of Estrada and Revuelta was befallen by Canada's Jamie Broder and Elizabeth Maloney, who earned the bronze medal after getting partial scores of 21-14, 21-18 and 16-14.

In the women's grand finale between team Mexico 1 and Cuba, the gold medal was at stake and was finally snatched by Candelas and Garcia with partial scores of 21-15 and 21-16.

In the men's category, the first semifinal was played by the two Canadian teams, team 1 made up of Josh Binstock and Matt Zbysewski, and team 2 integrated by Raymon Sewell and Martin Reader. The final result favored team 1 with partial scores of 15-21, 21-19, and 15-10 and thus earning a pass to the final game.

The second men's semifinal was disputed between, Cuba's Yoendry Kindelan and Yunieski Ramirez, and team Mexico 1 of Aldo Miramontes and Juan Virgen. This was a great match with strong attack by Miramontes and powerful blocking by Virgen; however, the Cuban team overpowered Mexico in three sets of 18-21, 21-18 and 18-16 to move on to the grand finale.

In the game for third place in the men's category, Canada's duo 2 of Sewell and Reader was defeated by team Mexico 1 (Miramontes-Virgen) with partial scores of 21-17 and 21-14.

In the men's finals game, Cuba's Kidendlan and Ramirez claimed victory over Canada's Binstock and Zbysweski with partial scores of 21-25 and 25-23.

Results

For First Place

CATEGORY	SCORE	TEAMS	SETS	TIME
Women	2-0	MEX 1-CUB	21-15/ 21-16	40
Men	2-0	CUB-CAN 1	21-15/ 25-23	56

For Third Place

CATEGORY	SCORE	TEAMS	SETS	TIME
Women	2-1	CAN- MEX 2	14-21/ 21-18/ 16-14	56
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