



## Puerto Ricans Santiago and Acevedo win third gold in 2010

CHIAPAS Mexico, May 16, 2010 – Puerto Ricans Yarleen Santiago and Dariam Acevedo edged resilient Cubans Imara Estevez and Ion Canet 2-1 (19-21, 21-19, 18-16) to win the gold medal in the fifth stop of NORCECA Beach Volleyball at Puerto Arista, Chiapas.

Santiago and Acevedo, who also had won in Cayman Islands and Dominican Republic, achieved their third gold in four tries as they skipped the Guatemala stage to participate in the SWATCH FIVB World Tour tournament in Brazil.

It was their second three-setter of Sunday for the Puerto Rican pair who earlier had prevailed in their semi final match against Canadians Jamie Broter and Elizabeth Cordonier by score of 2-1 (17-21, 21-19, 15-12).

Cubans Estevez and Canet reached the final match following their semi final 2-0 (21-17, 21-12) triumph over Canadians Heather Bansley and Elizabeth Maloney.

In the all-Canadian bronze medal match, Bansley and Maloney edged Broter and Cordonier 2-0 (27-25, 22-20).

In the men's competition, the Cuban duo of Sergio Gonzalez and Yoendris Kindelán won the gold medal following their 2-1 (21-19, 21-13, 15-9) victory over Mexican siblings Ulises and Lombardo Ontiveros.

More than 3,000 spectators watched the second victory in a row for the Cuban pair who also achieved success in the previous stop in Guatemala.

Gonzalez and Kindelán won their semi final match 2-0 (21-15, 21-13) against Canadians Samuel Schachter and Cameron Wheelan. The Ontiveros beat USA's Stafford Slick and Marcin Jogoda 2-0 (21-17, 21-11).

The match for the bronze medal was a battle where Americans Slick and Jogoda prevailed against Schachter and Wheelan 2-1 (21-16, 16-21, 15-10).

Women's Sunday results: Semifinals: CUB d. CAN 2 (21-17, 21-12), PUR d. CAN 1 (17-21, 21-19, 15-12). Bronze medal match: CAN 2 d. CAN 1 (27-25, 22-20). Gold medal match: PUR d. CUB (19-21, 21-19, 18-16).

**Women's final positions:** 1. PUR, 2. CUB, 3. CAN 2, 4. CAN 1, 5. GUA, 6. CRC, 7. USA, 8. MEX 2, 9. CAY, 10. MEX 1, 11. NCA.

**Men's Sunday results:** Semifinals: CUB d. CAN (21-15, 21-13), MEX 1 d. USA 2 (21-17, 21-11). **Bronze medal match:** USA 2 d. CAN (21-16, 16-21, 15-10). Gold medal match: CUB d. MEX 1 (21-19, 21-23, 15-9).

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