

Mexicans and Canadians top Guatemala Beach Tournament

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, April 10, 2011 - Mexicans Juan Virgen and Aldo Miramontes defeated Cubans Karel Peña and Javier Jimenez in three sets (21-19, 20-22, 15-8) to win the men's gold medal at the Gatorade Beach Volleyball Tournament in Guatemala, the second stage for the 2011 NORCECA Circuit, on Sunday.



Meanwhile, Canadians Heather Bansley and Elizabeth Maloney claimed the women's gold medals with a 21-18, 21-16 victory over Americans Grin Grey and Jennifer Snyder.

The men's bronze medal went to Christian Redmann and Benjamin Saxton of Canada-1 who defeated Puerto Ricans Roberto Rodriguez/Christopher Underwood 21-15, 22-20. Cubans Ion Canet and Niriam Sinal finished third in the women's event following a 21-18, 21-16 victory over Mexicans Martha Revuelta and Diana Estrada.

Earlier on Sunday, Virgen/Miramontes prevailed 21-10, 22-20 over Dominicans Yewddy Perez and German Recio in the quarterfinals and 21-19, 21-14 over Rodriguez and Underwood in the semifinals.

"This is our second time in Guatemala and the second win here," said Miramontes. "It was a very tough tournament as we are just starting the season. It feels good to begin with a victory and my partner, Juan did a splendid job."

Bansley/Maloney arrived into the final match following victories over Costa Ricans Ingrid Morales and Natalia Alfaro by score of 25-23, 21-17 and Revuelta/Estrada in three sets 21-15, 17-21, 15-10.

"We struggled at the beginning of the day, but we were patient in the final match and it worked well for us," Bansley said.

Sunday's men results

Quarterfinals: CAN-1 d. GUA-1 2-0 (21-17, 21-13); CUB d. USA-1 2-1 (17-21, 21-13, 15-6); MEX d. DOM 2-0 (21-10, 22-20); PUR d. CAN-2 2-0 (21-19, 26-24). Semifinals: CUB d. CAN-1 2-0 (21-16, 21-15); MEX d. PUR 2-0 (21-19, 21-14); Bronze Medal Match: CAN-1 d. PUR 2-0 (21-15, 22-20); Gold Medal Match: MEX d. CUB 2-1 (21-19, 20-22, 15-8).

Final positions: 1. MEX; 2. CUB; 3. CAN-1; 4. PUR; 5. CAN-2; 6. USA-1; 7. DOM; 8. GUA-1; 9. USA-2; 10. TRI; 11. ESA; 12. NCA; 13. IVS; 14. GUA-2; 15. CRC; 16. CAY; 17. SKN; 18. HON.

Sunday's women results

Quarterfinals: CUB d. USA-1 2-1 (19-21, 21-18, 15-12); USA-2 d. PUR-1 2-1 (26-24, 19-21, 16-14); CAN-1 d. CRC 2-0 (25-23, 21-17); MEX-1 d. MEX-2 2-0 (21-12, 21-12). Semifinals: USA-2 d. CUB 2-0 (21-15, 21-16); CAN-1 d. MEX-1 2-1 (21-15, 17-21, 15-10); Bronze Medal Match: CUB d. MEX-1 2-0 (21-18, 21-16); Gold Medal Match: CAN-1 d. USA-2 2-0 (21-18, 21-16).

Final positions: 1. CAN-1; 2. USA-2; 3. CUB; 4. MEX-1; 5. USA-1; 6. PUR-1; 7. CRC; 8. MEX-2; 9. CAN-2; 10. GUA-1; 11. ESA; 12. DOM; 13. TRI; 14. NCA; 15. HON; 16. GUA-2; 17. PUR-2.