

Players from 10 countries to compete at Rosarito Beach

BAJA CALIFORNIA, Mexico, September 15, 2011 - A total of ten countries and 20 couples will participate at the Norceca Beach Volleyball Circuit that starts on Friday in Rosarito Beach.

The last stop, played in Manzanillo was won by Mexico in both genders. Mexican teams lead the circuit with a total of 1020 points in the women's group, while in Men's group the host country has registered 1120 after six dates.

Players from every delegation attended to the preliminary enquiry on Wednesday prior to the beginning of the tournament, as well as the general technical meeting that was held at the "Americas" Ball Room of the Rosarito Beach Hotel.

Some of the players shared their impressions before the start of the competition.

Lourdes Ramírez (Guatemala): "We are very happy to be here. We are going to have a new experience on the beach. We had played here previously but at the High Performance Center, and now it will play with more teams".

Erick Garrido (Guatemala): "We had a good result in Manzanillo. This will be my third time here in Baja and I think this will be also a great tournament with good level".

Christopher Underwood (Puerto Rico): "We expect to have a good tournament. We will try to give our best to get the best result as possible".

Yamileska Yantin (Puerto Rico): "We are the second team of Puerto Rico, and even though We have been practicing since may, we have improved a lot and we will enjoy this tournament".

Elki Phillip (Trinidad and Tobago): "This is my second time, I am very excited, and we hope to have good matches and a good place to finish".

Fabien Whitfield (Trinidad and Tobago): "This is a nice place to be. I think this will be like a practice for us, and we hope to improve at this tournament".

Brian Monge (Costa Rica): "We expect to advance as much as we can, last tournament we had the chance to have a good performance, and finish on the top four".



Valeria Valenciano (Costa Rica): "We are starting in an experience like this, may be we will be a little nervous, but we hope to have a good participation and will try to enjoy it".

Marc Lomeli (US Virgin Islands): "This is a year in wich the US Virgin Islands Volleyball is more active in the Norceca beach tournaments, we expect to be able to compete in a higher level and to make it further in a near future".

Kristina Vlcek / Rebecca Billings (Canada): "This is our last tournament of the season, we hope to play well and finish with a medal in it".
Mayra García (Mexico): "It is good to be back at home, and we hope to have a lot of fans supporting us, this will be a great stop in our preparation for Pan Am Games".

Aldo Miramontes (Mexico): "I am happy to be here, this is like a second home for us. Fortunately things went well last week in Colima and won the stop there, and we expect to win here too".

David Vargas (El Salvador): "Two years ago I was very pleased to play here, I like to be at this stop, now we will play by the beach, the strong couple is Mexico with Aldo and Juan, but we expect to have a good result".

Women: Lourdes Ramirez y Susana Alvarado (GUA), Yamileska Yantin y Tatiana (PUR), Elki Phillip y Ayana Dyette (TRI), Valeria Valenciano y Francini Morales (CRC), Kristina Vlcek y Rebecca Billings (CAN), Mayra García y Bibiana Candelas (MEX-1), Martha Revuelta y Vanessa Virgen (MEX-2), Michelle Alvarez y Seomara Sainz (MEX-3), Kelly Schamacher y Angela Bryan (USA).

Men: Erick Garrido y Andy Leonardo Blanco (GUA), Christopher Underwood y Roberto Rodríguez (PUR), Fabien Whitfield y David Thomas (TRI), Brian Monge y Esteban Escobar (CRC), Marc Lomeli y Gustavo Cintron (ISV), Aldo Miramontes y Juan Virgen (MEX-1), Juan Revuelta y Ricardo Galindo (MEX-2), Jaime y Armando López (MEX-3), David Gabriel Vargas y Ovidio Alonso Quintanilla (ESA), Andrew Maguire y Avery Drost (USA), Yewddys Pérez y Germán Recio (DOM).