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Big Fan Support on Chiapas First Day

PUERTO ARISTA, Chiapas, May 18, 2012 – The people of Chiapas showed their support during opening day of the Chiapas Beach Tournament of the 2012 NORCECA Circuit at Puerto Arista as close to 600 spectators were in attendance, which is a higher number than last year on a Friday.

On Saturday and Sunday, a full house is expected just like it has been for the two previous years. In addition, the level of volleyball being played this time around serves as a forecast for a very tight final phase in both divisions. So far, a clear title winning favorite is yet to emerge.



The women's teams of Vanessa Virgen and Martha Revuelta (Mexico-1) and Caleigh Whitaker and Victoria Altamore (Canada) secured top place in pools C and D respectively by winning their two matches during opening day.

Virgen/Revueltas defeated Costa Ricans Katherine Quesada and Eugenia Ramirez 21-11, 21-15 before downing compatriots Samarah Aleman and Judith Catica of Mexico-2 by 21-13, 21-14.

Canadians Whitaker/Altamore defeated Dominican Republic's Diana Peguero/Nairobi Agramonte 21-11, 21-12 and followed with a 21-9, 21-9 victory over Mayra Santacruz and Itzel Santoyo of Mexico-3.

On the first day of competition, the men's double elimination system allowed several teams the opportunity to keep their hopes high for advancing. Mexico-3 and Aruba-2 are the only teams to have been eliminated, so far.



Women's Results of Friday: CUB d. SKN (21-9, 21-8), USA d. LCA (21-10, 21-8), MÉX-1 d. CRC (21-11, 21-15), CAN d. DOM (21-11, 21-12), TRI d. LCA (21-9, 21-10), MÉX-1 d. MÉX-2 (21-13, 21-14), PUR d. SKN (21-17, 21-9), CAN d. MÉX-3 (21-9, 21-9).

Men's Results of Friday: CAN 2 d. MÉX-2 (21-19, 21-19), MÉX-3 d. ARU-2 (21--12, 17-21, 15-10), MÉX-1 d. GUA (25-23, 21-14), ARU-1 d. GRN (21-7, 21-14), CUB d. CAN-1 (21-18, 21-19), ISV d. VIN (21-12, 21-15), USA d. MÉX-3 (21-10, 21-11), TRI d. CRC (21-17, 21-19), LCA d. HON (21-12, 17-21, 15-7), USA d. IVS (21-14, 21-8), DOM d. CAN (21-17, 21-16), CUB d. ARU 1 (21-11, 21-5), MÉX-1 d. TRI (21-9, 21-10), CAN-2 d. ARU-2 (21-8, 21-15), DOM d. LCA (21-19, 21-14), MÉX-2 d. MÉX-3 (21-15, 21-13).