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Second gold in a row for Puerto Rico

Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 2, 2012 - Roberto Rodriguez and Pablo Guzman gave Puerto Rico its second gold in a row by defeating Tony Pray and John Heagy of the United States 21-16, 21-19 in the final match of the Guatemala Gatorade Beach Volleyball Tournament, the second stop of the 2012 NORCECA circuit.

The women's gold went to the U.S. Team of Jenny Kropp and Whitney Pavlik who saw off Guatemala's Susana Alvarado and Lourdes Ramirez 21-18, 21-15.

Puerto Rico had also won the gold at the first stage in Cayman Islands when Rodriguez combined efforts with Eric Haddock. "I am glad for Puerto Rico," Rodriguez said.

"We are preparing for the Olympic qualifier and that's why we're using different combinations Puerto Rico's complete team will travel to Boca Chica for the third stop of the circuit."

"The crowd was great, we enjoyed the whole tournament specially winning the gold," said Pavlik who along with Kropp finished fifth in last year's Guatemala edition.

Guatemala took the bronze medal when Andy Leonardo and Erick Garrido defeated William Sanchez and German Recio of Dominican Republic 2-0 (21-15, 21-13).

In the women's bronze medal match, Elia Torrez and Swan Mendoza of Nicaragua came from behind and took the third place, prevailing over Anthazia Mason and Shari Mathews of Barbados 2-1 (17-21, 21-1 y 15-7).

Men's Semifinals: PUR d. DOM 2-0 (21-18, 21-17); USA d. GUA-1 2-1 (18-21, 21-16, 15-11). Bronze Medal Match: GUA-1 d. DOM 2-

0 (21-15, 21-13) Gold Medal Match: PUR d. USA 2-0 (21-16, 21-19).

Women's Semifinals: USA d. BAR 2-0 (21-11, 21-13); GUA-1 d. NCA 2-0 (21-19, 21-14). Bronze Medal Match: NCA d. BAR 2-1 (17-21, 21-18, 15-7). Gold Medal Match: USA d. GUA 1 (21-18, 21-15).

Men's Final ranking: 1. Puerto Rico, 2. United States, 3. Guatemala-1, 4. Dominican Republic, 5. Trinidad and Tobago, 6. Nicaragua, 7. El Salvador, 8. Bahamas, 9. Guatemala-2, 10. Jamaica, 11. Dominica, 12. Belize, 13. Honduras, 14. Saint Vincent and Grenadines, 15. Saint Kitts and Nevis, 16. Antigua and Barbuda.

Women's Final Ranking: 1. United States, 2. Guatemala-1, 3. Nicaragua, 4. Barbados, 5. Dominican Republic, 6. El Salvador, 7. Saint Kitts and Nevis, 8. Dominica, 9. Saint Vincent and Grenadines, 10. Guatemala-2, 11. U.S. Virgin Islands.

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