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## Americans grab gold medals in Trinidad & Tobago

MISSION BEACH, Trinidad, November 18, 2012 - The USA-1 team of World University champions, Summer Ross and Emily Day lived up to their pre-tournament favourites billing by taking the gold medal in the tenth stop of the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit women's competition at Mission Beach on Sunday.

Coming up against fellow Americans, Tealle Hunkus and Tracylyn Weamer (USA-2), in the gold medal under sunny and humid conditions and in front of a partisan crowd, Ross and Day stormed to a 21-17, 21-15 victory.

"We trained a lot together back in Los Angeles so we knew what to expect and knew it was going to be a tough match," Day commented. "In addition, for USA to finish one-two we are very happy as this was our main goal coming into the tournament."

Earlier in the semifinal round, the USA-1 pairing overcame the stubborn Costa Rican duo of Ingrid Morales and Natalia Alfaro, 21-16, 21-6 while Hunkus and Weamer stopped top ranked T&T duo, Nancy Joseph and Ayana Dyette, 21-18, 21-12. Morales and Alfaro overcame Joseph and Dyette 21-13, 21-10 in the bronze medal match as the locals secured a

second straight fourth place among the women.

In the men's competition, the USA-1 pairing of William Montgomery and Antonio Ciarelli overcame Nicaragua's duo of Gerald Umaña and Henry Hernandez in two sets for the gold medal.

In the championship decider of the 16-team tournament, Montgomery who won two weeks ago in St Lucia with Jonathan Mesko, paired with Ciarelli this time to secure a 21-10, 21-11 victory.

Speaking after his team's win, Ciarelli was quick to admit the score did not really reflect how difficult a match it was.

"The Nicaraguans are a very good team and made us work for every point but in the end we were very grateful for the victory," he said.

In the semifinals, the eventual gold medal winners were 21-11, 21-17 victorious over Toco-born Whitfield and Williams, while Umama and Hernandez prevented another all-American gold medal contest by outlasting USA-2, Weston Carico and Curt Toppel 17-21, 21-18, 18-16.

Whitfield and Williams, both 24-years-old and now in their fourth year on the circuit, rebounded in grand fashion to secure a first ever medal for Trinidad & Tobago on the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit by upstaging fancied Carico and Toppel 27-25, 19-21, 15-13.

Sunday's women results: Semifinals: USA-B d TRI-A 2-0 (21-18, 21-12); USA-A d CRC 2-0 (21-16, 21-16); Bronze medal: CRC d TRI-A 2-0 (21-13, 21-10). Gold medal: USA-A d USA-B 2-0 (21-17, 21-15).

Sunday's men results: ARU d LCA 2-1 (22-24, 23-21, 16-14); Quarterfinals: USA-B d CRC 2-0 (21-19, 21-15); TRI-A d ARU 2-0 (21-14, 21-19); Semifinals: NCA d USA-B 2-1 (17-21, 21-18, 18-16); USA-A d TRI-A 2-0 (21-11, 21-17); Bronze medal: TRI-A d USA-B 2-1 (27-25, 19-21, 15-13); Gold medal: USA-A d NCA 2-0 (21-10, 21-11).

Results of the 2012 stops:

Place	Women	Men
Cayman Islands	Candelas/Garcia (MEX)	Rodriguez/Haddock (PUR)
Guatemala	Kropp/Pavlik (USA)	Rodriguez/Guzman (PUR)
Boca Chica, Dom. Rep.	Santiago/Yantin (PUR)	Rodriguez/Irizarry (PUR)
Chiapas, México	N.Sinal/Canet (CUB)	Peña/Gonzalez (CUB)
Toluca, México	Candelas/Garcia (MEX)	Virgen/Ontiveros (MEX)
Varadero, Cuba	Ballard/O.Sinal (CUB)	Peña/Gonzalez (CUB)
Mayagüez, P. Rico	Santiago/Yantin (PUR)	Rodriguez/Haddock (PUR)
Chula Vista, USA	Day/Hughes (USA)	Schalk/Saxton (CAN)
Saint Lucia	Babcock/Treamer (USA)	Montgomery/Mesko (USA)
Trinidad & Tobago	Day/Ross (USA)	Montgomery/Ciarelli (USA)

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