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USA teams win gold medals in St Lucia BVB



Gros Islet, St Lucia, October 29, 2012 – USA's teams took home the women's and men's gold medals in the St Lucia Beach Volleyball Tournament, the ninth stage of the 2012 NORCECA that concluded at Pigeon Point Beach on Sunday.

Kathryn Babcock and Tracilyn Weamer recovered from losing the first set and went on to edge Costa Rica's Ingrid Morales and Natalia Alfaro 2-1 (17-21, 22-20, 15-12) in a thrilling women's final which lasted exactly 60 minutes.

William Montgomery and Jonathan Mesko of USA-1 scored a 2-0 (21-13, 24-22) victory over compatriots Jeffrey Carlson and

Antonio Ciarelli in the title match of the men's competition. "We started to practice just a couple of weeks ago," Babcock said. "This is our first tournament playing together."

"It's my first time in a Norceca's event representing USA," she added. "This make me feel very proud and I'm very happy to be here."

"This is my third Norceca's tournament," Weamer commented. "It is fantastic to finish on top, it is really amazing,"

"I'm glad to be here. This weekend was really exciting. We played against good teams. St. Lucia has a phenomenal team and Trinidad played very well, so it was really hard", Mesko said.

"To play here was really fun," Montgomery said. "To watch other countries playing so well is nice. The match against St. Lucia was hard and fun also."

Canada's Kristina Vlcek and Victoria Cowley won the women's bronze with a 2-0 (26-24, 21-14) win over the Trinidad & Tobago-A of Ayana Dyette and Elki Phillip. The men's bronze went to St Lucia's Julian Bissette and Joseph Clercent who defeated Fabien Whitfield and Daniel Williams of Trinidad & Tobago by score of 2-0 (21-14, 21-13).

Babcock/Weamer reached the gold-medal contest by winning 2-0 (21-15, 21-12) over Vlcek/Cowley. On the other hand, Morales/Alfaro defeated Dyette/Phillip by 2-0 (21-10, 21-9).

In semifinals, Montgomery/Mesko won 2-0 (21-12, 25-23) over Whitfield/Williams while Carlson/Ciarelli beat Bissette/Clercent 2-0 (21-14, 21-16).

Women's results of Sunday: Semifinals: CRC d TRI-A 2-0 (21-10, 21-9), USA d CAN 2-0 (21-15, 21-12). Bronze medal: CAN d TRI-A 2-0 (26-24, 21-14). Gold medal: USA d CRC 2-1 (17-21, 22-20, 15-12).

Men's results of Sunday: Semifinals: USA-A d TRI-A 2-0 (21-12, 25-23), USA-B d LCA-A 2-0 (21-14, 21-16). Bronze medal: LCA-A d TRI-A 2-0 (21-14, 21-13). Gold medal: USA-A d USA-B 2-0 (21-13, 24-22).