

BVB double gender Semis to get underway

VERACRUZ, Mexico, November 28, 2014. - The Beach Volleyball double gender semifinals of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games will get underway at Magic Kingdom Park in Veracruz, Mexico.

Costa Rica, Cuba, Venezuela and Mexico reached the women's semifinals; while Puerto Rico, Cuba, Venezuela and Mexico advanced in the men's field.

Costa Rica's Karen Cope and Natalia Alfaro were the first team to make the final cut, beating Nancy Joseph/Ayanna Dyette of Trinidad and Tobago in straight sets 21-13, 21-13. Olaya Pazo and Norsbeth Agudo of Venezuela, playing under a mild rain, took a fast win against Brenda Allen/Sanicia Dyer of St. Kitts and Nevis by 2-0 (21-7, 21-8).

Cuban pair Liela Martinez and Lianma Flores owned the court from start to finish in a quarterfinal match against Guatemala's Blanca Recinos and Lourdes Ramirez by score of 2-0 (21-12, 21-11). While the home team Martha Revuelta and Bibiana Candelas defeated Nicaragua's Elia Machado and Lollette Rodriguez 2-0 (21-15, 21-7).

Puerto Rico's Roberto Rodriguez and Erick Haddock defeated St. Lucia's Julian Bissette and Joseph Clercent 2-0 (21-12, 24-22) in a well battled second set. And Jackson Henriquez and Villafañe Jesus of Venezuela completely dominated Carlos Escobar and David Vargas of El Salvador 2-0 (21-9, 21-6) in their quarterfinal match.

Cuban Nivaldo Diaz and Sergio Gonzalez got into a good rhythm to win quarterfinal match to Guatemala's Andy Leonardo and Erick Garrido 2-0 (21-16, 21-13). In the last quarterfinal, Mexican Lombardo Ontiveros and Juan Virgen advanced after their 2-0 (21-9, 21-14) victory over Nicaraguan Ruben Mora and Gerson Contreras.

Women's Semifinals: SF1: Karen Cope/Natalia Alfaro CRC vs. Leila Martinez/Lianma Flores CUB

SF2: Olaya Pazo/Norsbeth Agudo VEN vs. Martha Revuelta/Bibiana Candelas MEX

Men's Semifinals:

SF1: Roberto Rodriguez/Erick Haddock PUR vs. Nivaldo Diaz/Sergio Gonzalez CUB

SF2: Jackson Henriquez/Villafañe Jesus VEN vs. Lombardo Ontiveros/Juan Ramon Virgen MEX

Results 9-16 positions: TTO d CRC 2-0 (21-0, 21-0); JAM d ISV 2-0 (21-14, 21-16); DOM v CAY 2-0 (21-15, 21-8); ARU d BAR 2-0 (21-15, 21-16); ISV d CRC 2-0 (21-0, 21-0); BAR d CAY 2-0 (21-10, 21-12);



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