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Cuba owned the BVB tournament in Veracruz

VERACRUZ, Mexico, November 30, 2014. - Cuban squads owned the Beach Volleyball double gender tournament at the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games of Veracruz, Mexico that concluded this Sunday at Magic Kingdom Park.

The first to enjoy the Gold were Nivaldo Diaz and Sergio Gonzalez who beat Venezuela Jackson Henriquez and Jesus Villafañe 2-1 (22-24, 21-19, 15-12).

Cuba's powerful spikes and Venezuela's audacity were at work as the men's Gold Medal match developed. Henriquez and Villafañe kept the score tight in the first set and with consecutive faults by Diaz and Gonzalez managed to be on top.

Venezuela's impressive defense wasn't enough as Cuba's offensive line over the net scored important points to win the title. Sergio Gonzalez' presence on the court was felt by their opponents.

Gonzalez celebrated the Central American and Caribbean Gold running to the stands towards his coach. Gonzalez indicated "Venezuela is a high leveled team but our better physical complex and height made the difference. I am thrilled with the win because we had very strong preparation".

Leila Martinez and Lianma Flores defeated Martha Revuelta and Bibiana Candelas of Mexico 2-0 (21-18, 21-18). They communicated very well while performing, giving them the confidence to face the home team supported by their followers at Magic Kingdom Park in Veracruz.

Bibiana Candelas' blocking and Martha Revuelta's defense weren't enough

to contain as Leila's and Lianma's precise offense and killing serves. Leila Martinez indicated "we prepared the whole year for this competition, training hard back home and playing the NORCECA Tour to apply different strategies".

Liana Flores said "our strength is in our serves and we played hard to crown as champions".

Winners of the Bronze Medals were, Olaya Pazo and Norisbeth Agudo of Venezuela in the women's field, and Mexican Lombardo Ontiveros and Juan Virgen in the men's division.

Results

Women Bronze Medal

Olaya Pazo/Norisbeth Agudo VEN d Karen Cope/Natalia Alfaro CRC 2-0 (21-19, 21-15)

Women Gold Medal

Leila Martinez/Lianma Flores CUB d Martha Revuelta/Bibiana Candelas MEX 2-0 (21-18, 21-18).

Men Bronze Medal

Lombardo Ontiveros/Juan Virgen MEX d Roberto Rodriguez/ Erick Haddock PUR 2-0 (21-14, 21-18)

Men Gold Medal

Nivaldo Diaz/Sergio Gonzalez CUB d Jackson Henriquez/Jesus Villafañe VEN 2-1 (22-24, 21-19, 15-12)

Women's Final Positions: 1. CUB ; 2. MEX ; 3. VEN; 4. CRC; 5. NCA; 6. GUA; 7. TTO; 8. SKN; 9. ESA; 10. BAR; 11. JAM; 12. DOM; 13. LCA; 14. ISV; 15. HON; 16. ANT.

Men's Final Positions: 1. CUB; 2. VEN; 3. MEX; 4. PUR; 5. ESA; 6. LCA; 7. GUA; 8. NCA; 9. ARU; 10. JAM; 11. TTO; 12. DOM; 13. BAR; 14. IVS; 15. CAY; 16. CRC.