



Teams of Barbados advanced to second phase



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, June 19, 2005.- Barbados confirmed its condition of a volleyball major power in the Eastern Caribbean booking trips in both genders to the second round of the World Championships to be played in Puerto Rico next August.

The event was staged at the Garfield Sobers Sports Complex in Bridgetown and received plenty support of a very enthusiastic crowd.

It was predictable the victory on the men's side and the Caribbean kings dropped only one set during the tournament but still diminished the Netherlands Antilles, 25-16, 25-18, 20-25, 26-24.

Best Spiker Fabian Cox slammed a game high 12 kills for the Bajans while captain and tournament MVP Elwyn Oxley was the Best Scorer with 14 points. Paulina Gilbert scored 13 points for the Netherlands.

Jamaica placed second with a record of 2/1 while the Netherlands finished third after winning two games and losing two. The British Virgin Islands

ended fourth after completing a hard fought, 25-11, 14-25, 25-21, 20-25, 15-11, over the Cayman Islands.

The Barbados' women easily defeated St. Kitts, 25-13, 25-7, 25-21, to win the World Championships Qualifier Norceca Group A.

The Bajans will now advance to the second round after placing top of the four-team contest without dropping a set. Dominica ended second after coming from a set down to stop Anguilla, 22-25, 25-13, 25-17 and 25-20. St. Kitts placed third and Anguilla finished in the fourth position.

Tournament Best Server and MVP Barbadian Shari Matthews rattled the Kittitians with some vicious spikes and serves while the attack and blocking of her teammates denied the OECS team any hopes of an upset. It was only the attack of Antoinette Nery and Shanicia Dyer which prevented a total rout by the Bajans.

