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Women of Puerto Rico won three of four Beach events



PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad. - Ania Ruiz and Yamileska Yantin, the duo of Puerto Rico-1 was crowned as queens of the fourth and final leg of the North, Central American and Caribbean Continental Beach Volleyball Tour -Spike Down.

Ruiz and Yantin gave Puerto Rico its third consecutive women's gold medal of the Inaugural NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit. USA won the title in the first leg in Santo Domingo.

Ruiz combined with Maritere Ramos to win in Guatemala and Yantin had Yarleen Santiago as partner during the Puerto Rico stage. Americans Paula Roca and Alicia Polzin won the gold in the Dominican Republic.

Ruiz-Yantin edged Cubans Ion Canet and Kirenia Bell in three sensational sets by scores of 21-18, 18-21, 18-16 to prevail in Trinidad.

Canadians Mila Miguel and Asia Danilova won the bronze medal with a 21-17, 21-9 victory over Maria Orellana and Anna Ramirez of Guatemala.

In the semi final round, Ruiz-Yantin beat Canadians Miguel-

Danilova 23-21, 21-13 and Canet-Bell ease past Orellana-Ramirez 21-8, 21-19.

As winners of Pool A, Ruiz-Yantin received a bye during the Single Elimination Round and in quarterfinals defeated Nancy Joseph and Andrea Davis of TRI-2 (21-11, 21-16).

In Pool Play, Ruiz-Yantin first defeated Laura Whitehall- Julia Lewis of Barbados (21-4, 21-13) and then beat Trinidadians Pauline Woodroffe and Elki Phillip 21-4, 21-14.

First day results: TRI-1 d. BAR (21-16, 21-15), CUB d. SVG (21-3, 21-1), PUR-2 d. USA (21-16, 21-17), GUA d. TRI-2 (21-12, 21-15), CAN d. SVG (21-7, 21-6), PUR-1 d. TRI-1 (21-4, 21-14), TRI-2 d. DOM (21-0, 21-0), PUR-2 d. CRC (23-21, 21-16), GUA d. DOM (21-0, 21-0), PUR-1 d. BAR (21-4, 21-13), CRC d. USA (25-23, 21-19), CUB d. CAN (30-28, 21-14). Single Elimination Round: TRI-2 d. SVG (21-16, 21-11), CAN d. USA (21-19, 15-21, 18-16), TRI-1 d. DOM (21-0, 21-0), CRC d. BAR (21-12, 21-17). Quarterfinals: PUR-1 d. TRI-2 (21-11, 21-16), CAN d. PUR-2 (21-18, 12-21, 15-12), GUA d. TRI-1 (20-22, 21-14, 15-8), CUB d. CRC (21-14, 21-16). Semi finals: PUR-1 d. CAN (23-21, 21-13), CUB d. GUA (21-8, 21-19). Bronze Medal Match: CAN d. GUA (21-17, 21-9). Gold Medal Match: PUR-1 d. CUB (21-18, 18-21, 18-16)