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USA and Mexico win gold medals at El Salvador Beach Volley

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, March 29, 2010 – Americans Claire D'Amore and Jennifer Zinder won the women's gold medal at El Salvador Beach Volleyball Tournament, the second stop of the 2010 NORCECA Circuit.

D'Amore and Zinder prevailed against Cubans Niriam Sinal and Kirenia Ballar in a tough battle by score of 2-0 (21-19, 21-17).

Elsewhere, the Mexican team of Aldo Miramontes and Juan Virgen claimed the men's crown by crushing the USA team of Ty Loomis/Matt Prosser in a lopsided final match by score of 21-13, 21-9.

The women's bronze medal went to Puerto Ricans Yarleen Santiago and Dariam Acevedo who beat Guatemalans Maria Jose Orellana and Lourdes Ramirez 2-0 (21-14, 21-17).

The best match of the day was reserved for the men's bronze medal contest where Cubans Karell Peña and Sergio Gonzalez prevailed in a tough battle against Canadians Martin Reader and Ray Sewell. The Cubans succeeded in their third match-point winning by score of 21-13, 17-21 and 22-20.

In the women's semi final phase, D'Amore/Zinder recorded a 2-1 (18-21, 21-16, 15-11) victory over Orellana-Ramírez and Sinal/Ballar had beaten Santiago/Acevedo by score of 2-0 (21-17, 21-16).

In the men's semi finals, the Mexicans reached the final match by scoring a 2-1 (21-12, 21-19) victory over Peña/González, while the Americans edged Canadians Reader/Sewell by score of 2-1 (21-19, 21-18).

Women's final results: Semi finals: CUB d. PUR (21-17, 21-16), USA d. GUA (18-21, 21-16, 15-11). **Bronze medal match:** PUR d. GUA (21-14, 21-17). **Gold medal match:** USA d. CUB (21-19, 21-17).

Men's final results: Semi finals: USA d. CAN (21-19, 21-18), MEX d. CUB (21-12, 21-19). **Bronze medal match:** CUB d. CAN (21-13, 17-21, 22-20). **Gold medal match:** MEX d. USA (21-13, 21-9)