



## Top seeded have winning start in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, April 9, 2010.- Top seeded Cubans Nirian Sinal and Kirenia Ballar, and Americans Michael Bruning and Jason Wight both won their two matches in women's and men's respectively during opening day of the fourth stop of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit at Campo Marte in Guatemala.

Sinal and Ballar downed Shanique Green and Cheryl Daley of Jamaica 2-0 (21-9, 21-10) in 37 minutes and in their second match won easily against Recinos/Lopez 2-0 (21-11, 21-10) of GUA-2.

The Cubans showed their superior talent and are confident of taking home the gold. "Our goal is to reach the final, win the leg and successfully defend the title we won here last year," said Nirian.

Bruning and Wight dominated their rivals during the matches contested in the opening day of the tour. They first met Joseph Clercent and Dayne Williams of Saint Lucia winning in 28 minutes by score of 2-0 (21-11, 21-17). They followed with a victory against hosts Garrido/Recinos of GUA-1 by score of 2-0 (21-9, 21-18) in 32 minutes.

Bruning, captain of the USA Team, said "our strength relies on

our knowledge of each other and that was a key today for the victories."

Three other women's teams won two matches on Friday (Katherine Zakrzewski and Julie Rodriguez of CAN-1, Rebecca Moskowitcz/Eve Dansereau of CAN-2 and Ivonne Soler and Laura Molina of ESA).

Also winners of two matches in the men's bracket were Cubans Kanell Piña and Sergio González, Jessie Lelliott and Benjamin Saxton of Canada, and Villegas and Piskulich of Costa Rica.

Friday Women's results: CUB d. JAM (21-9, 21-10); CAN-1 d. GUA-1 (24-22, 17-21, 9-15); CRC d. TRI (21-13, 21-13); ESA d. DOM (12-21, 21-18, 15-7); CUB d. GUA-2 (21-11, 21-10); CAN-2 d. CRC (21-17, 21-19); ESA d. GUA-3 (21-9, 21-10); GUA-2 d. JAM (21-10, 21-16); CAN-1 d. LCA (21-12, 21, 9); CAN-2 d. TRI (21-18, 21-14); DOM d. GUA-3 (21-5, 21-5); GUA-1 d. LCA (21-16, 21-15).

Friday Men's Results: USA d. LCA (21-11, 21-17), GUA-1 d. TRI (21-13, 21-19); GUA-2 d. NCA (18-21, 21-15, 15-13); DOM d. SKN (21-18, 21-14); CAN d. HON (21-10, 21-06); CUB d. BIZ (21-07, 21-04); JAM d. CAY (21-16, 21-12); GUA-2 d. GUA-3 (18-21, 21-18, 16-06); CRC d. ESA (16-21, 21-13, 15-11); PUR d. GUA-2 (21-15, 21-23, 15-10); USA d. GUA-1 (21-09, 21-18); CAN d. DOM (21-19, 21-18); CUB d. JAM (21-18, 21-15); CRC d. PUR (15-21, 21-09, 20-18); TRI d. LCA (21-13, 21-18); HON d. SKN (21-14, 19-21, 15-10).