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USA Teams with fast start in Chula Vista

CHULA VISTA, California, October 4, 2013 – Four women's teams went undefeated on the first day of pool play at the NORCECA Beach Circuit event at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. The event is the eighth on the 2013 NORCECA Beach Circuit.

Teams from Puerto Rico, Mexico and Costa Rica all went 2-0 on Friday along with both teams from the United States.

In Pool A, Puerto Rico's Dariam Acevedo and Vanessa Velez beat Cayman Islands' Jessica Wolfenden and Cristin Alexander in straight sets, 2-0 (21-17, 21-16). They had a tougher time against the Canada-A team of Claudia Seguin and Brandie Wilkerson before winning, 2-1 (24-22, 14-21, 15-8).

In Pool C, the Mexico-A team of Martha Ravuelta and Bibiana Candelas won matches against St. Kitts & Nevis' Brenda Allen and Shanicia Dyer, 2-0 (21-12, 21-10) and the sisters of Guatemala-B María José Orellana and María Andrea Orellana, 2-0 (21-9, 21-13). Also in Pool C, Costa Rica's Karen Cope and Natalia Alfaro beat Allen and Dyer (21-18, 21-12) and also the Orellana sisters (21-9, 21-13).

Both U.S. teams also went undefeated on Friday. The USA-A squad of Heather Hughes and Lane Carico beat the Mexico-B team of Vanessa Virgen and Stephanie Burnside, 2-0 (21-14, 21-14) and El Salvador's Laura Molina and Ivonne Soler, 2-0 (21-9, 21-19).

The USA-B pair of Sarah Day and Kaitlin Nielsen swept Dominican Republic's Diana Peguero and Nairobi Agramonte, 2-0 (21-16, 21-11) and Nadia Galán and Lourdes Ramírez of Guatemala-A, 2-0 (21-7, 21-15).

On the other hand, men's teams from Mexico, Puerto Rico and the United States went 2-0 on the first day of pool play on Friday.

In Pool F, Puerto Rico's Hector Soto and Roberto Rodriguez defeated Canada's Michael Plantiga and Cameron Wheelan, 21-14, 21-14. They later beat Marc Anthony Lomeli and Anthony Scott Pippen of U.S. Virgin Islands, 21-12, 21-16.

In Pool E, Mexico's Mario Barrragan Medel and Julio Manrique Espejel won matches over Guatemala's Julio Anibal and Recinos Ocana, 21-19, 21-12 and Cullen Diehl and Austin Pitten of U.S. Virgin Islands, 21-9, 21-12.

In Pool H, the United States' Nick Lucena and Theo Brunner defeated their U.S. compatriots Tri Bourne and John Hyden, 21-15, 21-15. Lucena and Brunner went on to beat Trinidad & Tobago's Daniel Williams and Simon Blake, 21-10, 21-14.

Friday's Women Results

Pool A: PUR d CAN-A 2-1 (24-22, 14-21, 15-8), CRC d CAY 2-0 (21-13, 21-9), PUR d CAY 2-0 (21-17, 21-16), CAN-A d CRC 2-0 (24-22, 21-17). Pool B: USA-A d ESA 2-0 (21-9, 21-19), MEX-B d HON 2-0 (21-7, 21-11), ESA d HON 2-0 (21-8, 21-11), USA-A d MEX-B 2-0 (21-14, 21-14). Pool C: MEX-A d SKN





2-0 (21-12, 21-10, CRC d GUA 2-0 (21-18, 21-13), CRC d SKN 2-0 (21-18, 21-12), MEX-A d GUA-B 2-0 (21-9, 21-13). Pool D: CAN-B d GUA-A 2-0 (21-14, 22-20), USA-B d DOM 2-0 (21-16, 21-11), DOM d CAN-B 2-1 (21-18, 19-21, 15-12), USA-B d GUA-A 2-0 (21-7, 21-15).

Friday's Men Results

Pool E: GUA d NCA 2-1 (20-22, 21-17, 10-15), MEX d GUA 2-0 (21-19, 21-12). NCA d ISV-B 2-0 (21-11, 21-13), MEX d ISV-B 2-0 (21-9, 21-12) Pool F: PUR d ISV-A 2-0 (21-12, 21-16), CAN d LCA 2-0 (26-24, 21-16), LCA d ISV-B 2-1 (17-21, 21-18, 15-12), PUR d CAN-B 2-0 (21-14, 21-14) Pool G: CAN-A d CRC 2-0 (21-9, 21-13), DOM d USA-C (21-0, 21-0), CRC d DOM 2-0 (21-13, 21-15), CAN-A d USA-C 2-0 (21-16, 22-20), Pool H: TTO d HON 2-0 (21-16, 21-17), USA-B d USA-A 2-0 (21-15, 21-15).