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USA teams crowned at home in Chula Vista



CHULA VISTA, California, October 6, 2013 –The USA-A team of Lane Carico and Heather Hughes defeated compatriots Sarah Day and Kaitlin Nielsen of USA-B, 21-12, 21-17 on Sunday to win the women's gold medal at the NORCECA Beach Circuit event at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista.

In the bronze medal match, the Mexico-A team of Martha Revuelta and Bibiana Candelas defeated the Mexico-B squad of Itzel Santoyo and Stephanie Burnside, 21-15, 21-17.

Sunday's victory was the second straight NORCECA title for Carico, who won on Sept. 22 in Puerto Rico with Sara Hughes. Carico and Heather Hughes went 5-0 in matches in Chula Vista and 10-0 in sets. In the women's semifinals, Carico and Hughes

defeated Revuelta and Candelas, 19-21, 21-19, 15-12. Day and Nielsen beat Santoyo and Burnside, 21-15, 21-14.

In the men's division, the USA-B team of Theo Brunner and Nick Lucena fought off a challenge from compatriots Tri Bourne and John Hyden of USA-A to win the men's title, 21-19, 17-21, 15-13.

In the bronze medal match, Puerto Rico's Hector Soto and Roberto Rodriguez defeated the Canada-B pair of Michael Plantiga and Cameron Wheelan, 21-19, 17-21, 15-12.

Brunner and Lucena finished the tournament with a 5-0 match record and 10-1 in sets.

In Sunday's men's semifinals, Brunner and Lucena beat Plantiga and Wheelan, 21-16,

21-18 while Bourne and Hyden defeated Rodriguez and Soto, 21-18, 21-15.

The NORCECA Beach Circuit will move on to St. Lucia on Oct. 11-13.

Women's Results of Sunday

Semifinals: USA-A d MEX-A 2-1 (19-21, 21-19, 15-12), USA-B d MEX-B 2-0 (21-15, 21-14). Bronze Medal Match: MEX-A d MEX B 2-0 (21-15, 21-17). Gold Medal Match: USA-A d USA-B 2-0 (21-12, 21-17).

Men's Results of Sunday

Semifinals: USA-A d PUR 2-0 (21-18, 21-15), USA-B d CAN-B 2-0 (21-16, 21-18). Bronze Medal Match: PUR d CAN-B 2-1 (21-19, 17-21, 15-12). Gold Medal Match: USA-B d USA-A 2-1 (21-19, 17-21, 15-13).

