

Big Day for big teams in St Lucia

PIGEON POINT, St Lucia- October, 11, 2013 – USA-A, Canada-A, Mexico and the Dominican Republic, all came through to their billing on the opening day of the ninth leg of the 2013 NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit got on the way here on Friday.

USA-A team of Heather Hughes and Lane Carico continued their winning ways as they trumped over the St Kitts and Nevis representatives- Brenda Allen and Shanicia Dyer 2-0 (21-11, 21-14).

Second ranked Canada-A with Claudia Seguin and Brandie Wilkerson won both matches without dropping a set. The Canadians also overcame Vincentians- Nikita Campbell and Shannique De Shong in dominating fashion 2-0 (21-12, 21-6) and defeated USA-B team of Sarah Day and Kaitlin Nielsen 2-0 (21-13, 21-15).

Third ranked Mexico represented by Marta Revuelta and Bibiana Candelas humbled Grenada's Thornia Williams and Renisha Stafford 2-0 (21-6, 21-10). The Mexicans then returned lace St Lucia- B comprised of Jamilla Lansiquot and Kerin Neptune also 2-0 (21-10, 21-1).

Meanwhile Dominican Republic's Diana Peguero and Nairobi Agramonte, who heads up Pool D, outlasted Trinidad and Tobago- B of Elki Philips and Pauline Woodroffe 2-0 (21-15, 21-12). But Peguero and Agramonte were pushed by the pair of Megan and Nicole McNamara of Canada-B in an epic battle which fittingly crowned off the day's activities.

Peguero and Agramonte though prevailed 2-1 (22-20, 16-21, 15-12). It was plain sailing



for the top ranked men's teams on the opening day. The two top ranked men's teams Mexico and Puerto Rico were in scintillating form disposing with consummate ease those who came face to face with them at the nets.

Number one seed- the Mexican pair of Ulises Ontiveros and Tomas Aguilera stopped St Clair Hodge and Kemoroy Percival of St Kitts and Nevis 2-0 (21-13, 21-15) and also ousted the Costa Rican combination of Zlatko Piskulich and Alexis Villegas 2-0 (21-18, 21-13).

Meanwhile number two - Puerto Rico, represented by Victor Rivera and Erik Haddock shrugged off the Canada- B team of Cameron Wheelan and Michael Plantinga 2-0 (21-16, 21-17) and did likewise to the Aruban duo of Mitchel Daniel and Earganell De Cuba , 2-0 (21-15, 21-15).

Andrew Hitchey and the bean pole Ryan Vandenburg who make up Canada-A, and who are ranked at number three in this leg of the circuit, beat the USA- B team of David Mc Kensie and Austin Rester 2-0 (21-19, 21-14) and trampled Vincentians Cassius Franklyn and Kemual Lee 2-0 (21-7, 21-9).

Also staying on course was USA- A. The combination of John Hyden and Tri Bourne

saw off St Lucia -B 's personnel of Ceon Caesar and Gillan Octave 2-0 (21-12, 21-11). Hyde and Bourne also commanded Grenadians Jonell Phillip and Darron Oxford 2-0 (21-5, 21-12).

Women's results of Friday

Pool A: USA- A d SKN 2-0 (21-11, 21-14), LCA-A d SKN- 2-1 (21-11, 14-21, 15-13). Pool B: USA-B d TRI-A 2-0 (21-14, 21-7), TRI-A d VIN 2-0 (21-11, 21-10), CAN-A d USA-B, 2-0 (21-13, 21-15), CAN-A d VIN 2-0 (21-12, 21-6). Pool C: MEX d GRN 2-0 (21-6, 21-10), PUR d LCA- B 2-0 (21-12, 21-17), PUR d GRN 2-0 (21-7, 21-5), MEX d LCA-B 2-0 (21-10, 21-1). Pool D: CRC d TRI-B 2-0 (21-10, 23-21), DOM d TRI-B 2-0 (21-15, 21-12), CAN-B d CRC 2-1 (16-21, 22-20, 15-9), DOM d CAN-B 2-1 (22-20, 16-21, 15-12).

Men's Results of Friday

Pool A: GUA d CRC 2-0 (21-12, 21-17), MEX d SKN 2-0 (21-13, 21-15), MEX d CRC 2-0 (21-18, 21-13), GUA d SKN 2-0 (27-25, 21-17). Pool B: PUR d CAN- B 2-0 (21-16, 21-13), PUR d ARU 2-0 (21-18, 21-14), CAN- B d LCA- A 2-0 (21-18, 21-14), LCA d ARU 2-0 (21-14, 21-13). Pool C: CAN-A d USA-B 2-0 (21-19, 21-14), DOM d VIN 2-0 (21-13, 21-11), CAN-A d VIN 2-0 (21-7, 21-9), USA-B d DOM 2-1 (21-14, 17-21, 15-9). Pool D: TRI d GRN 2-0 (21-9, 21-9), USA-A d LCA-B 2-0 (21-12, 21-11), USA-A d GRN 2-0 (21-5, 21-12), TRI d LCA-B 2-0 (21-12, 21-12).

