

Semifinalists determined in St Lucia



PIGEON POINT, St Lucia, October, 12, 2013 – The four semifinalists in the men's segment of the ninth leg of the 2013 NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit have been decided. Through to the last four are the USA-B, Mexico, Guatemala and Canada-A.

The semifinals pairings pit the USA-B of David McKensie and Austin Rester versus Guatemalan combination of Andy Blanco and Erick Garrido; Mexico's Ulises Ontiveros and Tomas Aguilera against Canada-A, which comprises Andrew Hinchey and Ryan Vandenburg.

McKensie and Rester upstaged the USA-A team of John Hyden and Tri Bourne 2-0 (21-18, 21-19), to set up a meeting with Guatemala, as Blanco and Garrido recorded a hard fought 2-1 (22-20, 15-21, 15-11) win over Canada- B's Cameron Wheelan and Michael Plantinga.

Meanwhile, Ontiveros and Aguilera were taken to the edge by Puerto Rico's Victor

Rivera and Erik Haddock, but won out in the end 2-1 (25-23, 20-22, 15-12). However, it was less uncomplicated for Hinchey and Vandenburg- Canada A, who outlasted Trinidad and Tobago's Fabien Whitfield and Daneil Williams 2-0 (24-22, 21-11).

The four top seeded women's teams have gained berths to the women's semifinal phase on Sunday. Number one seed USA-A squares off with the number four seeded, the Dominican Republic and Canada A- the second seed, plays Mexico- the third seed.

USA-A team of Heather Hughes and Lane Carico defeated their fellow Americans , the USA-B, made up of Sarah Day and Kaitlin Nielsen 2-0 (21-14, 21-18). The USA- A team's foes in the semifinals, the Dominican Republic, which comprised of Diana Peguero and Nairobi Agramonte was similarly commanding as they derailed the Puerto Rican combination of Eva Torruella and Lina Bernier 2-0 (21-16, 21-13).

Meanwhile, Mexico's Marta Revuelta and Bibiana Candelas advanced to the semifinals with a 2-0 (21-18, 21-16) ousting of 16 year old twin sisters – Megan and Nicole Mc Namara. And, Canada-A which has Claudia and Sequin and Brandie Wilkerson in its lineup, made light work of St Lucia- A team of Samantha Mann and Dania Hamilton 2-0 (21-15, 21-7).

Men's Saturday Results

Pool A- GUA d MEX 2-1 (17-21, 22-20, 15-13), CRC d SKN 2-0 (21-17, 21-8) Pool B- PUR d SLU 2-0(21- 16, 16-21, 25-23) Pool C : USA-B d VIN 2-0 (21-12, 21-10) CAN –A d DOM 2-1 (21-18, 17-21, 17-15). Pool D- USA-A d TTO 2-0 (21-14, 21-18), SLU –B d GRN 2-0 (21-12, 21-12). Quarter Finals: USA – B d USA-A 2-0 (21-19, 21-18), MEX d PUR 2-1 (25-23, 20-22, 15-12), GUA d CAN-B, 2-1 (22-20, 15-21, 15-11), CAN – A d TTO- 2-0 (24-22, 21-11). Consolation Play offs: SKN d GRN 2-0 (21-16, 21-12), CRC d SLU-B 2-1 (17-21,

21-15, 15-11), ARU d VIN 2-0 (21-15, 21-12).

Women's Saturday Results

Pool A: USA- A d SLU- A, 2-0 (21-11, 21-10) Pool B: USA-B d VIN 2-0 (21-9, 21-9), CA- A d TTO-A 2-0 (21-17, 21-13). Pool C: MEX d PUR 2-0 (21-13, 21-19), SLU-B d GRN 2-0 (1 CAN d TTO-B 2-0 (21 -18, 21 -14). Pool D: DOM d CRC 2-0 (22-20, 21-19), CAN-B d TTO-B 2-1(20-22, 21-8, 15-7). Quarter Finals: USA-A d USA –B 2-0 (21-15, 21-18, MEX d CAN –B 2-0 (21-18, 21-16), CAN- A d SLU-A, 2-0 (21-15, 21-7), DOM d PUR 2-0(21-16, 21-13). Consolation Round: VIN d GRN 2-0 (21-13, 21-16), TTO –A d SLU-B 2-0 (21-17, 21-13).

