



Big final day for USA duos in Toluca BVB

Toluca, Mexico, June 10, 2013 – Teams of USA locked up the men's and women's gold medals at the Toluca Beach Volleyball Tournament, the fourth stage of the 2013 NORCECA Circuit.

In the men's finals, Casey Jennings and Stafford Slick stopped Lombardo Ontiveros and Juan Virgen of Mexico, who were looking for their third consecutive title of the year. Their female compatriots Emily Day and Whitney Pavlik edged the local pair of Bibi Candelas and Martha Revueltas to take home the gold in a tough three-setter.

Jennings/Slick won 21-17, 16-21, 17-15 while Day/Pavlik scored a come-from-behind victory 15-21, 21-15, 17-15.

"It's my first title NORCECA tournament in Mexico," Slick said. "It is a good time for us, I really liked the game, Mexico has a great team and it was a great game."

"The Mexican fans are great and I love them. My grandfather is Mexican and I felt very well with the public, always supporting the teams," Slick added.

Day said: "Mexico has a very good team and we had to plan well our game because it was a very difficult match. It's wonderful to play in Mexico, as they are developing and promoting beach volleyball, and have great teams."

In the semifinals, Jennings/Slick prevailed 21-19, 21-23, 16-14 against

Roberto Rodriguez/Hector Soto, of Puerto Rico while Ontiveros/Virgen won a duel with Canada's Grant O'Gorman/Sam Pedlow 19-21, 21-14, 15-9.

Rodriguez/Soto had to play three well-fought sets to win the bronze medal 14-21, 22-20, 23-21 against O'Gorman/Pedlow.

In the women's semifinals, Day/Pavlik prevailed 21-16, 18-21, 15-9 against fellow Americans Heather Hughes/Summer Ross, while Revuelta/Candelas won 21-15, 21-16 over compatriots Vanessa Virgen/Stephanie Burnside.

Hughes/Ross saw off Virgen/Burnside 21-17, 21-13 to claim the women's bronze medal.

Sunday's results:

Men's Semifinals: MEX-A d CAN-A 2-1 (19-21, 21-14, 15-9), USA-B d PUR 2-1 (21-19, 21-23, 16-14). Bronze Medal: PUR d CAN-A 2-1 (14-21, 22-20, 23-21). Gold Medal: USA-B d MEX-A 2-1 (21-17, 16-21, 17-15).

Men's Final Positions: 1. USA-B, 2. MEX-A, 3. PUR, 4. CAN-A, 5. CUB, 6. MEX-B, 7. USA-A, 8. NCA, 9. CAN-B, 10. BAH, 11. TRI, 12. ARU, 13. CRC, 14. BAR, 15. DOM.

Women's Semifinals: MEX-A d MEX-B (21-15, 21-16). USA-B d USA-A (21-16, 18-21, 15-9). Bronze Medal: USA-A d MEX-B (21-7, 21-13). Gold Medal: USA-B d MEX-A (15-21, 21-15, 17-15).

Women's Final Positions: 1. USA-B, 2. MEX-A, 3.- USA-A, 4.- MEX-B, 5.- CAN-A, 6. MEX-C, 7. DOM, 8. CUR, 9. CAY, 10. CAN-B, 11. NCA, 12. HON, 13. CRC, 14. ESA, 15. TRI, 16. FSM.