

Newsletter



Strong performances by Canadian women

VARADERO, Cuba, August 24, 2013 – The two pairs of Canada and the top duos of Mexico and Cuba advanced to the women's semifinals of the Varadero Beach Volleyball Tournament, the fifth stop of the 2013 NORCECA Circuit.

The local tandem of Lianma Flores and Leila Martinez will meet in center court Canadians Kacie MacTavish and Caleigh Whitaker, who triumphed this year in Guatemala. The other semifinal has Mexicans Martha Revuelta and Bibi Candelas playing Canadians Melisa Humana and Taylor Pischke.

In the quarterfinals phase, Flores-Martinez saw off countrywomen Maylen Delis-Yanisleidis Tamayo 21-10, 21-16 while MacTavish-Whitaker survived a thrilling battle to eliminate Mexicans Vanessa Virgen-Stephanie Burnside 21-13, 17-21, 15-13.

Revuelta-Candelas defeated Dominican Republic's Diana Peguero-Nairobi Agramonte 21-12, 21-18 while Humana-Pischke outlasted USA's Leah Hinke-Emily Stockman 21-13, 21-18.

In the men's field, Mexicans Lombardo Ontiveros and Juan Virgen, winners in Dominican Republic and Guatemala this year, are in the final four round.

In Sunday's action, Ontiveros-Virgen will play the Canada-A team of Grant O'Gorman and Samuel Pedlow. The other semifinal match has Cubans Karel Piña and Sergio González, silver medalists in Guatemala, playing

Canadians Josh Binstock and Samuel Schachter.

In the quarterfinals, Ontiveros-Virgen scored a 21-13, 21-16 victory over the duo of Piña-Gonzalez, who recovered to defeat compatriots Alex Ruiz and Rene Patterson of Cuba-C 21-12, 21-16 in the losers' bracket of the double elimination tournament.

Binstock-Schachter defeated Nivaldo Diaz and Yendri Castillo of Cuba-B 21-17, 21-19 while O'Gorman-Pedlow overcame Diaz-Castillo in three sets 16-21, 21-17, 15-12.

Women's Saturday Results

Pool A: USA d NCA 2-0 (21-11, 21-14). Pool B: CAN-A d CRC 2-0 (21-16, 21-16). Pool C: CUB-A d PUR 2-0 (21-19, 21-10), MEX-A d HON 2-0 (21-3, 21-9). Pool D: CUB B d SKN 2-0 (21-16, 21-16), GUA d DOM 2-1 (17-21, 21-19, 15-12). Quarterfinals: MEX-A d DOM 2-0 (21-12, 21-18), CUB-A d CUB-B 2-0 (21-10, 21-16), CAN-B d MEX-B 2-1 (21-13, 17-21, 15-13), CAN-A d USA 2-0 (21-13, 21-18).

Men's Saturday Results:

MEX d NCA 2-0 (21-17, 21-10), CUB A d LCA 2-0 (21-7, 21-11), CAN B d DOM 2-0 (21-8, 21-12), CUB B d ESA 2-0 (21-9, 21-7), CUR d GUA 2-1 (18-21, 21-19, 15-13), CUB C d BAR 2-0 (21-14, 21-7), CAN A d CAY 2-0 (21-9, 21-13), PUR d ISV 2-0 (23-21, 21-17), DOM d CUR 2-1 (14-21, 23-21, 15-9), CUB C d ESA 2-0 (21-19, 21-20), CAN A d NCA 2-0 (21-17, 21-14), PUR d LCA 2-0 (21-14, 21-18), CAN A d PUR 2-1 (14-21, 21-18, 15-13), CUB C d DOM 2-0 (21-16, 21-7), CAN A d PUR 2-1 (14-21, 21-18, 15-13). Quarterfinals: MEX d CUB A 2-0 (21-13, 21-16), CAN B d CUB B 2-0 (21-17, 21-19), CAN A d CUB B 2-1 (16-21, 21-17, 15-12), CUB A d CUB C 2-0 (21-12, 21-16).

