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Canadians excited about playing in front of home fans

MISSISSAUGA, Canada, May 15, 2014 – Canada are the favorites to book the ticket to Italy when the NORCECA World Championship Women's Qualification Tournament Third-Round Pool S gets underway on Friday at Hershey Centre.

Given their world and continental ranking and with the enthusiastic support from the home crowd, the Canadians are excited about their chances as it was expressed by Coach Arnd Ludwig at the press conference held on Thursday here.

Arnd (Lupo) Ludwig – Canada's Coach: "We had a very good training year with this relatively new team. Our main goal is to win and get to Italy. We are very excited to be playing here in Canada and we need as much competitive experience possible to prepare for the Grand Prix and the World Championships."

Ortnel Findlay –Jamaica's Coach: "Our goal is to win, to qualify. We are hoping for the best and so far it was one of our biggest successes just to get here."

Jorge Azair –Mexico's Coach: "This is a new team.. a new beginning for this team. Our hope is to qualify, of course, and not have to go through another qualifier. Since I was previously the men's coach, this is new also for me as a coach."

Lucille Hobson, U.S. Virgin Islands Coach: "It is an honor for us to be able to play in this third round. We will try our best."



Hoag confident of Canadian men's forces in Pool Q



MISSISSAUGA, Canada, May 15, 2014 – Canada men's team has made giant steps lately and it looks the plan is to continue that trend during weekend when they play hosts to the NORCECA World Championship Qualification Third-Round Tournament Pool Q at Hershey Centre.

Canada are the heavy favorite to win the tournament and the ticket to Poland when they meet the teams of Panama, Trinidad & Tobago and Costa Rica,

Coach Glenn Hoag is very confident about his team's chances to be among those 24 squads to compete in six cities of Poland for the world title next fall.

Hoag and his colleague coaches expressed their views and goals during the press conference held at the end of the General Technical Meeting on Thursday evening.

Glenn Hoag – Canada Coach: "We're very happy to be back in Canada and working as a team. We are just starting to get into a rhythm again and comfortable with the flow.... All our focus this week is solely on qualifying for the World Championships."

Angulo Calderon – Panaman Coach: "This is our third time in Canada, and our preparation for this tournament was very good. We have a mix of experienced players and younger players who have come up from the Junior team. We are looking forward to this competition."

Gideon Dickson – Trinidad and Tobago Coach: "It was challenging to get here, but it's a great opportunity to showcase the skills, abilities and potential of Trinidad volleyball. This is historic for our team, as it's the first time we have gone this far in the process (of qualifying for the Worlds)."

Cesar Salas – Costa Rica Coach: "We are very happy. It's a new team, new players. This experience is very important, as important as it is to qualify."