



Argentina and Mexico win Pan American BVB Gold

TORONTO, Canada, July 21, 2015. - Argentina and Mexico won the Beach Volleyball Gold Medal at the Toronto Pan-American Games that concluded on Tuesday with a full house at the spectacular Chevrolet Beach Volleyball Centre on the shores of Ontario Lake.

In the women's division, Ana Gallay and Georgina Klug claimed the first Pan American Beach Volleyball Gold ever for Argentina defeating Cuban Lianma Flores and Leila Martinez 2-1 (21-17, 19-21, 15-7).

The South American team started off strong, calculating every move and dominating with power over the net which turned out in Cuban errors in the first set. It was another story in the second set, Cuba pressed hard with service points, with powerful kills and enjoying the spotlight, while Argentina's blocks failed repeatedly. Ana and Georgina defense responded well to shorten Lianma and Leila's advantage and Cuba won set two after reaching three set points. Argentina scored in the third set thru aces and with a comeback in their blocking; they won the Gold with huge advantage.

Mexico's Lombardo Ontiveros and Juan Virgen became the Men's Beach Volleyball Gold medalists at the Toronto Pan American Games defeating Brazil's Alvaro Magliano and Vitor Araujo with a spectacular comeback 2-1 (18-21, 13-21, 8-15).

The actions of the men's Gold medal match were very tight at the beginning, there was no clear dominant but Alvaro and Vitor showed strong kills and defense, audacity overall to win the first set. Mexico began their route into the Gold in the second set; they were more assertive which led them to take an eight point advantage. At the conclusion of set two, Alvaro Magliano fell down bad while spiking and had to ask for a five minute medical break before beginning the tiebreaker.

The bronze medals were distributed among Lili Maestrini and Carol Horta of Brazil prevailing over Melissa Humana-Paredes and Taylor Pischke 2-0 (21-9, 21-14) in the women's division. Nivaldo Diaz and Sergio Gonzalez of Cuba won the bronze medal to Marcos and Esteban-Grimalt of Chile by 2-1 (18-21, 25-23, 15-12).

Results Tuesday July 21

Women
Gold Medal Match

Ana Gallay/Georgina Klug of Argentina defeated Lianma Flores and Leila Martinez of Cuba 2-1 (21-17, 19-21, 15-7)

Bronze Medal Match

Lili Maestrini/Carol Horta of Brazil defeated Melissa Humana-Paredes/Taylor Pischke of Canada 2-0 (21-9, 21-14)

Final Positions: 1. ARG; 2. CUB; 3. BRA; 4. CAN; 5. USA; 6. COL; 7. URU; 8. CRC; 9. MEX; 10. CHI; 11. ESA; 12. PUR; 13. GUA; 14. TTO; 15. NCA; 16. CAY

Men

Gold Medal Match

Lombardo Ontiveros and Juan Virgen MEX defeated Alvaro Magliano and Vitor Araujo 2-1 (18-21, 21-13, 15-8).

Bronze Medal Match

Nivaldo Diaz and Sergio Gonzalez CUB defeated Marco Grimalt and Esteban Grimalt CHI 2-1 (18-21, 25-23, 15-12)

Final Positions: 1. MEX; 2. BRA; 3. CUB; 4. CHI; 5. URU; 6. ARG; 7. PUR; 8. CAN; 9. TTO; 10. VEN; 11. ESA; 14. LCA; 15. ARU; 16. GUA

