



Brazil and Cuba advance to men and women Semis



TORONTO, Canada, July 18 2015. Brazil and Cuba advanced in the men and women semifinals of the double gender Beach Volleyball tournament of the Toronto XVIII Pan American Games.

The men's semifinals feature Mexico's Lombardo Ontiveros/Juan Virgen meet Marco Grimalt/Esteban Grimalt of Chile and Alvaro Magliano/Vitor Araujo of Brazil face Cubans Nivaldo Diaz/Sergio Gonzalez.

In the women's semifinals Ana Gally/Georgina Klug of Argentina meets Liliane Maestrini/Carol Horta of Brazil and Melissa Humana-Paredes/Taylor Pischke of Canada faces Lianma Flores/Leila Martinez of Cuba

Lombardo Ontiveros and Juan Virgen of Mexico arrived into the semifinals after disappointing the fans at the Chevrolet Beach Volleyball Centre as they downed Canada's Josh Binstock y Sam Schatcher in a well fought battle from both sides 2-0 (21-19, 26-24).

Chile's Marco and Esteban Grimalt won the south American battle with precision to Argentina's Ian Mehamed and Nicolas Capogrosso 2-0 (21-18, 21-12).

Alvaro Magliano and Vitor Araujo of Brazil beat Uruguay's Renzo Cairus and Mauricio Vieyto 2-0 (21-13, 21-12). Both teams started off very cautious and calculating each of their moves.

Cubans Nivaldo Diaz and Sergio Gonzalez took a thriller victory to Roberto Rodriguez and Erick Haddock of Puerto Rico 2-1 (23-25, 21-13, 15-9).

In women, Ana Gally and Georgina Klug of Argentina showed power over Kelley Larsen and Betsi Metter of United States with a 2-0 (21-18, 21-12) score.

Cuban duo of Linama Martinez and Leila Flores took down Colombian sisters Andrea and Claudia Galindo 2-0 (21-18, 21-12).

The home team Melissa Humana-Paredes and Taylor Pischke didn't disappoint the crowd at the Chevrolet Beach Volleyball Centre while dominating Costa Rica's Karen Cope and Natalia Alfaro 2-0 (21-18, 21-18).

It took a tie-break for Liliane Maestrini and Carol Horta of Brazil to beat Eugenia Nieto and Fabiana Gomez of Uruguay 21-14, 19-21, 15-11.

Results Saturday July 18

Men

QF: BRA d URU 2-0 (21-13, 21-12); MEX d CAN 2-0 (21-19, 26-24); CHI d ARG 2-0 (21-18, 21-12); CUB d PUR 2-1 (23-25, 21-13, 15-9).

9-12 positions: TTO d NCA 2-1 (23-21, 17-21, 15-13); VEN d USA 2-0 (21-14, 21-19).

Results Saturday July 18

Women

QF: ARG d USA 2-0 (21-18, 21-12); CUB d COL 2-0 (21-18, 21-12); CAN d CRC 2-0 (21-12, 21-12); BRA d URU 2-1 (21-14, 19-21, 15-11) 9-12 positions: MEX d PUR 2-0 (21-6, 21-18); CHI d ESA 2-0 (21-15, 10-21, 15-8)

