



First Pan Am quarterfinal spots for Brazil and Canada



TORONTO, Canada, July 15, 2015.- Brazil and Canada own the first quarterfinal spots in the men and women division respectively of the double gender Beach Volleyball tournament of the XVIII Pan American Games in Toronto.

In the men's field a spectacular performance by Brazilian Alvaro Magliano and Vitor Araujo over Mexicans Lombardo Ontiveros and Juan Virgen, grabbing the victory 2-0 (21-14, 33-31). Mexico's counter attack wasn't enough to contain the Brazilians. Magliano/Araujo topped Pool B undefeated and advanced to the

quarter-final round.

Chile adds a second victory in Pool D as Marcos and Esteban Grimalt overcame Daniel Williams and Fabian Whitfield of Trinidad and Tobago 21-11, 22-20. Chile will play against Puerto Rico's Roberto Rodriguez and Erick Haddock who beat El Salvador's Carlos Talavera and David Vargas 2-0 (21-15, 21-15) to determine Pool D winners.

In Pool A, Canada's Josh Binstock and Sam Schachter had little resistance from Julio Recinos and Luis Garcia of Guatemala in winning their second match 2-0 (21-9, 21-9). Cairus/Vieyto of Uruguay beat Nicaragua's Mora/Lopez 2-0 (21-14, 21-14) and will meet Canada for first place.

Venezuelan Henriquez/Villafañe defeated Aruba's De Cuba/Daniel 21-14, 21-13 and conclude the preliminary round as third in Pool B.

Canada's Melissa Humana-Paredes and Taylor Pischke in the women's division downed Eugenia Nieto and Fabiana Gomez of Uruguay in straight sets 21-15 and 21-14 with a rock-solid performance to top Pool A.

Cubans Lianma Flores and Leila Martinez in Pool D reached a tie-break to overcome Ana Gallay and Georgina Klug of Argentina 2-1 (19-21, 21-15, 15-13) improving their win-loss record 2-0.

Mexico's Bibiana Candelas and Martha Revuelta were also winners in Pool D. The Mexican duo were taken by surprise by Ayana Dyette and Malika Davidson of Trinidad and Tobago as they struggled a lot in the first set, finally they won 2-0 (25-23, 21-7).

Galindo sisters Andrea and Claudia of Colombia achieved their second win in the tournament beating El Salvador's Ivonne Soler and Laura Molina 21-18, 21-12. In Pool C, the United States duo of Kelley Larsen and Betsi Metter prevailed over Maria Jose Orellana and Blanca Recinos of Guatemala 2-0 (21-13, 21-18).

In a Pool A match, Lina Bernier and Eva Torruella of Puerto Rico beat Chante Smith-Johnson and Ileann Powery of Cayman Islands in Pool A by 2-0 (21-5, 21-11) showing superiority.

Pool-play results Wednesday July 15

Men:
Pool A CAN d GUA 2-0 (21-9, 21-9); URU d NCA 2-0 (21-14, 21-14) Pool B BRA d MEX 2-0 (21-14, 33-31); VEN d ARU 2-0 (21-14, 21-13) Pool D CHI d TTO 2-0 (21-11, 22-20); PUR d ESA 2-0 (21-15, 21-15)

Women:
Pool A CAN d URU 2-0 (21-15, 21-14); PUR d CAY 2-0 (21-5, 21-11) Pool C COL d ESA 2-0 (21-18, 21-12); USA d GUA 2-0 (21-13, 21-18) Pool D CUB d ARG 2-1 (19-21, 21-15, 15-13); MEX d TTO 2-0 (25-23, 21-7)