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Swan and Lolette of Nicaragua improve record at Managua 2017



MANAGUA, Nicaragua, December 4, 2017. – Hosts Swan Mendoza and Lolette Rodriguez improved their record adding two victories at the women's Beach Volleyball tournament of the eleventh Central American Games Managua 2017 at Salvador Allende sand court in Paseo Xolotlan.

It was a windy day on day two of competition, putting every team under full concentration in each of their moves.

Swan and Lolette recovered from yesterday's loss to El Salvador while beating both Guatemala and Honduras.

In their first performance, the Guatemalan duo of Paola Alvarado and Estephany Bethancourt managed to keep the score close while Swan and Lolette still had difficulties in finding their rhythm, but their experience was crucial in grabbing the win 2-0 (21-18, 21-14). Their second victory was to Jarisa Hynds/Christianne Etches of Honduras 2-0 (21-13, 21-16).

"We are closing the second day of competition with three outings and we are confident to keep on improving. We are aiming to move forward with the best of our abilities" said Swan Mendoza. The Olympic team of Karen Cope and Natalia Alfaro of Costa Rica earned their third consecutive victory in their only outing of the day, after beating Kathya Vasquez and Maria Fernanda Vargas of El Salvador 2-0 (21-15, 21-12). Both team showed good control of the ball but Karen and Natalia held the advantage despite Kathya's and Maria's strong effort.

Karen Cope said "we started off focusing on our opponents' moves; we managed a comfortable advantage when we decided only to think about our performance".

The preliminary round continues on Tuesday with the first match in the women's division at noon (local time) between Lezcano/Caballero of Panama against Alvarado/Bethancourt of Guatemala.

Women's Results Monday December 4:

Kathya Vasquez/María Fernanda Vargas (ESA) d Stiphany Lezcano/Keysi Caballero (PAN) 2-0 (21-9, 21-9); Swan Mendoza/Lolette Rodríguez (NCA) d Paola Alvarado/Estephany Bethancourth (GUA) 2-0 (21-18, 21-14); Karen Cope/Natalia Alfaro (CRC) d Kathya Vasquez/María Fernanda Vargas (ESA) 2-0 (21-15, 21-12); Swan Mendoza/Lolette Rodríguez (NCA) d Jarisa Hynds/Christianne Etches (HON) 2-0 (21-13, 21-16).







