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Geraldine Gregorius leads Netherlands Antilles second triumph



KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 16, 2005.- Geraldine Gregorius enjoyed a wonderful overall performance and the Netherlands Antilles captured its second victory in the 2006 Women's World Championship first round tournament of Norceca-A defeating the Cayman Islands representative by score of 3-0 (25-11, 25-13, 25-13).

Gregorius was successful in 14 of her 23 killing attempts and in 3 out of her six blocks totaling 17 points for the Netherlands Antilles who are 2-0 and meet Jamaica on Sunday. Jenrette Coffy added 9 points.

"The team is getting more confidence and playing more as a unit," said Juan Carlos Loaiza, the Venezuelan who coaches the Netherlands Antilles. "We are working in our fighting spirit which we will need for tomorrow."

Captain Helma Stam said: "It was more a warm-up match today, but we must have everything working for the match against Jamaica."

As it was predicted, Jamaica and Netherlands Antilles will be the protagonists of the feature match

in the 2006 Women's World Championship first round tournament of Norceca-A.

Both teams are going with unbeaten records to the decisive match this Sunday and the rival coaches are conceding the edge to the host team to advance to the next round in the Dominican Republic next August.

Jamaica got its second triumph this Saturday defeating British Virgin Islands 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-11) with Ptamony Fletcher leading the route with 15 points. Jacqueline Weekes had 13 for BVI who will face Cayman Island for the third place.

Cayman Islands' coach Andrea Williams is of the opinion that "it's going to be an extraordinary good final. I think that the teams are very even. They have different strengths and weaknesses. I think tomorrow will be very close and very exciting. I'm in Jamaica. I have to pick Jamaica."

Kwele Williams, the British Virgin Islands coach stated that "the experience, quickness and the home court advantage will play key factors in favor of Jamaica, a team who raises the level with the occasion."

