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Americans dominate both genders in Cayman Islands



GRAND CAYMAN, Cayman Islands, April 27, 2014 - USA-B's Todd Rogers and Theodore Brunner beat countrymen USA-A's William Montgomery and Stafford Slick in straight sets to win the 2014 NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit season opener at Seven Miles Beach.

Rogers combined with Brunner to whip Montgomery and Slick 21-12, 21-18.

In the semifinals, Rogers and Brunner overwhelmed Andrew Hinchey/Ryan Vanderbug (Canada-B) with relative ease 21-14, 21-13 while Montgomery and Slick saved three match points against Rodriguez and Haddock before prevailing 13-21, 23-21, 16-14.

Rodriguez and Haddock had better fortune in the bronze medal contest as they won 21-14, 21-12 for their second win in three days over Hinchey and Vanderbug.

In the women's tournament, Tealle Hunkus and Kimberly McGiven of United States-A won the first women's gold medal at stake after clawing their way back from a first-set loss to outlast their younger Canada-A opponents, Melissa Humana/Taylor Pischke in three sets at Seven Miles Beach.

In a match-up of unbeaten teams, Hunkus and McGiven, both 29-years-old won 21-23, 21-10, 15-9 in 53 minutes in a very entertaining contest that was well received by the jam-packed crowd under another sunshine-filled day.

Earlier on, Hunkus and Mc Given had a much easier time in the semifinal with a 21-12, 21-15 victory over Mexico-B duo, Vanessa Virgen and Paulette Cruz in 42 minutes while the 21-year-old duo, Humana and Pischke rallied past USA-B's Heather Hughes and Christal Engle 17-21, 26-24, 15-13 in 58 minutes.

Hughes and Engle got some redemption as they got the bronze medal with a 21-19, 21-9 defeat of Virgen and Cruz.

Sunday Men Results: Semifinals: USA-A d PUR 13-21, 23-21, 16-14; USA-B d CAN-B 21-4, 21-13; Bronze Medal Match: PUR d CAN-B 21-14, 21-12; Gold Medal Match: USA-B d USA-A 21-12, 21-18.

Sunday's Women Results: Semifinals: USA-A d MEX-B 21-12, 21-15; CAN-A d USA-B 17-21, 26-24, 15-13; Bronze Medal Match: USA-B d MEX-B 21-19, 21-9; Gold Medal Match: USA-A d CAN-A 21-23, 21-10, 15-9.