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Hunkus and McGiven-Dicello win for the third time in 2014

NORTH BAY, Canada, July 13, 2014 – Tealle Hunkus and Kimberly McGiven-Dicello of United States-A captured their third gold medal of the season in the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit with a 2-0 (21-11, 26-24) over home favorites Melissa Humaña and Taylor Pischke of Canada-A on Sunday.

Playing under breezy conditions in Marathon Beach, the American duo cruised to claim the first set but had to fight hard against the high spirited Canadian duo before claiming the victory.

"It is great to win for the third time this year and hopefully we can win more," Hunkus said after the award ceremony. "We really communicated very well as a team."

"I also want to congratulate the organizers in North Bay with the volunteers doing a great job. The atmosphere was great and the sight surrounding the courts," she added.

Hunkus and McGiven-Dicello had won the gold medal in the first event of the year in Cayman Islands and repeated in Antigua Guatemala. Besides their three titles, Hunkus and McGiven-Dicello also claimed the bronze medals this season in Guatemala City and Huixquilucan, Mexico.

Hunkus/McGiven-Dicello won a semifinal thriller over compatriots Kendra Vanzwieten and Allison Daley 21-19, 21-19, 19-17 while Humaña/Pischke advanced to the finals with a 21-13, 21-17 victory over Victoria Altomare and Julie Gordon.

The bronze medal went to Vanzwieten/Daley who brushed aside Altomare/Gordon 21-17, 21-11.

In the men's segment, Canadians Josh Binstock and Sam Schachter stormed past

Puerto Ricans Roberto Rodriguez and Erick Haddock to claim their first gold medal of the year with a 21-11, 21-12 win on Sunday.

Binstock and Schachter relied on their strong and high blocking game to dominate Rodriguez and Haddock who were seeking their second title of the year.

It was the third medal of the season for the Canadian team added to their bronze and silver medals in Manzanillo and Huixquilucan, Mexico, respectively. The silver medal for the Puerto Ricans was their fifth podium of the year.

"We never get the opportunity to play at home so we had an extra motivation," Binstock said after the award ceremony. "We have been together for a full season now and the chemistry was the difference because at this level everybody is good. Now we have to keep it going."

Rodriguez/Haddock advanced into the final match with an easy win 21-14, 21-17 over Nick Tramble and James Drost of United States-A. Binstock and Schachter climbed the ladder towards the gold medal contest with a three-set win 21-19, 19-21, 15-12 victory over compatriots Sam Pedlow and Grant O'Gorman.

Pedlow and O'Gorman won a grueling battle of three sets over Tramble/Drost 19-21, 21-18, 15-11 to collect the bronze medal.

Sunday's Women Results

Women's Semifinals: USA-A d USA-B 2-1 (21-19, 19-21, 19-17), CAN-A d CAN-D 2-0 (21-13, 21-17). Bronze Medal Match: USA-B d CAN-D 2-0 (21-17, 21-11). Gold Medal Match: USA-A d CAN-A 2-0 (21-11, 26-24).

Women's Final positions: 1. USA-A, 2. CAN-A, 3. USA-B, 4. CAN-D, 5. CAN-B, 6. CAN-C, 7. CRC, 8. GUA, 9. JAM, 10. ESA Y 11. HON

Sunday's Men's Results

Men's Semifinals: PUR d USA-A 2-0 (21-14, 21-17), CAN-B d CAN-A 2-0 (21-19, 19-21, 15-12). Bronze Medal Match: CAN-A d USA-A 2-1 (19-21, 21-18, 15-11). Gold Medal Match: CAN-A d PUR 2-0 (21-11, 21-12)

Men's Final Positions: 1. CAN-A, 2. PUR, 3. CAN-A, 4. USA-A, 5. USA-B, 6. CAN-C, 7. ESA; 8. CAN-D, 9. CRC, 10. GUA, 11. CAY, 12. BAH, 13. BAR, 14. ISV

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