



NATIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL CIRCUIT 2013

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Volleyball tournament kicks off with exciting play at New Beach

The third leg of the National Beach Volleyball circuit on Durban's New Beach got off to a brisk start yesterday and featured some tight encounters in windy weather conditions with intermittent rain.

Play got underway at 9am, with teams battling it out on four courts in a round robin format, each team having to play three matches. The tournament is being played on a knock-out basis with 14 women's and 21 men's teams of two players each.

Says Tournament Director Gershon Rorich: "We did well on Friday, completing 50 matches in unfavourable weather."

Top seeds at the beginning of the tournament were Palesa Sekhonyana from Johannesburg and Randy Williams from Cape Town in the women's competition; and Capetonians Leo Williams and Gerome Fredericks in the men's.

The most memorable clash among the women was the match-up between Dieke Hesseks and Sheena Alice Abrahams from the Western Cape and Judith Augoustides and Kirsten Pocock from Gauteng.

In the men's competition, one of the pre-tournament favourites was the pair of Leo Williams and Jerome Fredericks, from Western Cape, who saw off the challenge of Victor Morias and Kirshen Govender from KwaZulu-Natal.

Tournament Director Gershon Rorich says that he believes the team of Dominic Goliath and Andor Gyulai, from Johannesburg and Durban respectively, is looking strong in the men's competition and Palesa Sekhonyana and Randy Williams, Gauteng and Western Cape, are strong contenders for the women's title.

Play continued today from 8am, with the quarter finals starting at 2pm and ending at 5pm. By the end of play on Saturday, the top two teams in each of the men's four pools will have been decided, as well as the top four teams in each of the women's two pools.

The semi-finals and finals take place on Sunday from 8am to 4pm and will culminate in a prize giving ceremony.

The prize money for the winning men's and women's teams is a total of R60 000 and the Most Valuable Player of each gender for the tournament as a whole will receive R2 500.

Hosted by the City of Durban, the event is a collaborative effort between the City of Durban; VSA; Kwa Zulu-Natal (KZN) Volleyball; Sizawena Branding & Marketing in partnership with South African beach volleyball promoter Geness Consulting; and sponsors Gateway Theatre of Shopping and PC Training.

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