



NATIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL CIRCUIT 2013

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Cape Town teams dominate day two of the SA Beach Volleyball Open

South Africa's top beach volleyball pairs worked hard on Saturday for a place in the semi-finals today in the third leg of the South African Beach Volleyball 2013 Circuit. Play started at 8am at Durban's New Beach and play continued until after 5pm.

Qualifying for the semi-finals in the women's section are Capetonians Palesa Sekhonyana and Randy Williams who will play against Dieke Hessels and Sheena Alice Abrahams, also from Cape Town; and Kirsten Pocock and Judith Augoustides from Gauteng, who will compete against fellow Gautengers Manakedi Mokome and Stembile Cele.

The men's semi-finals will feature Leo Williams and Jerome Fredericks against Clinton Stemmet and Lesley Naidoo – all four players are from Cape Town. The other semi-final will see more Capetonians Grant Goldschmidt and Freedom Chia taking on Jacques Oberholzer and Chris Ahlfeldt.

Fierce competition saw some of the top seeds knocked out of the pools prior to the quarter finals. These included Colin Pocock and Ryan Wentzil from Cape Town and Phil Smith and Ryan Smith (UK) and Sean Hayes, Cape Town.

The semi-finals and finals take place on Sunday from 9am 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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