**Olympic flair in Vaduz, high-class tournament in the best weather**

The 12th edition of the CEV Beach Volleyball Satellite Vaduz was very spoiled despite not too good predictions by the weather. Approximately 9000 spectators attended the tournament this year. Slightly less than in previous years, which was probably due to the holiday season and uncertain forecasts. The tournament itself could hardly be a reason for that, it was one of the best with very good teams.

In two very tight semifinals on the last day the final match between the Belgians Koekelkoren / van Walle and the Swiss Beeler / Strasser was played out.

Yesterday the Czech women Kolocova / Kvapilova won in a packed stadium a bit surprising the women's tournament. They were the first team that were able to challenge the Dutch van Gestel / van der Vlist seriously and were able to defeat them with an excellent service performance.

The Swiss Beeler / Strasser the no. 3 of the tournament, and Heidrich / Kissling had still the chance to secure their place in the semifinals. They met in the quarterfinal of the looserbracket, and the currently best Swiss team won clearly with 21:18 and 21:12. In the semifinal against the no. 1 of the tournament Kunert / Dressler they missed the first set almost completely. They summarized the match afterwards as follows: "We were after only one hour break after the fourth finals just not ready. We tried to keep us in the game and to turn the match in three sets. In the third set we were then focused again and could win the game with a bit luck on our side." The game ended 14:21, 21:18 and 15:12.

Bronze medal match: Austria with too many mistakes

In the match for 3rd place, the Austrians Kunert / Dressler played overall not strong enough to defeat the Poles Kadziola / Kujawiak (16:21, 16:21). Kadziola / Kujawiak have this tournament only played together because Kujawiaks regular partner Bryl is injured. Their thoughts after having won the match relatively clearly: "After the semi-final we just tried to stay focused and to recover as quickly as possible."

Gold medal match: Swiss very present and convincing

Beeler / Strasser started not too well in the game and were quickly 1: 4 behind. They could play afterwards i bit more stable and catch up.At the technical time-out they were only one point 10:11. Afterwards they were always a little back and came back to 17:17 after an Ace of Nico Beeler. After a further break the Swiss took the lead with 18:17. The score was 19:19 after strong actions of Koekelkoren which wobbled a bit before. A block of Strasser brought the first set ball for Switzerland, 21:20. A service of Strasser that touched the net and was not reachable any more brought 22:20.

The second set was very even until the technical time-out, a block of Strasser brings a tiy lead of 11: 10 for the Swiss team. After a further very balanced game again a block of Strasser brought the lead to 17:15. The Belgians took their time-out. At the score of 19:16 a service of Beeler challenged Koekelkoren too much and again a block of Strasser led to the first match point. Although the Belgians came back again, it is then Nico Beeler to win the match with 21:19 and the fourth match point.

The Swiss said after the victory, "that they were very present and in the decisive moments something more focused and happier. And also could put one or other accent in the block."