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2011 FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch World Championships Women's Elimination Bracket Match Recaps

Gold Medal Match (played on 19 June)

Juliana Felisberta Silva / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh United States (5) 21-17, 13-21, 16-14 (:46)

The U.S. led 7-5 in the first set when Brazil went on an 8-1 run, fueled mostly by transition plays. Larissa's second ace increased the lead to 16-10, but two Walsh blocks helped the Americans cut into the lead with a 5-0 run. Brazil closed out the set with a 5-2 run. In the second set Brazil led 7-6 when the U.S. went on 9-1 run to take control of the set. The Americans did not commit a single hitting error in the second set, compared to seven by the Brazilians. In the third set the U.S. started out with an 8-4 advantage, but Brazil closed the gap to 9-8. The U.S. led 13-11 but Brazil scored five of the six final points, including one U.S. match point try. Juliana recorded blocks for each of the last two points as Juliana and Larissa won their third World Championships title. The loss ended a 29-match win streak for May-Treanor and Walsh in World Championships matches, but gave America its ninth medal in this competition (four golds, three silvers, two bronzes). Brazil captured its 11th World Championships medal (four golds, four silvers, three bronzes). Juliana and Larissa improved to 3-0 this year against May-Treanor and Walsh, who now lead the series 11-6. A gold medal was at stake in 13 of those meetings, and five of the six Brazilian wins have come in three sets.

Bronze Medal Match (played on 19 June)

Chen Xue / Xi Zhang China (8) def. Lenka Hajeckova / Hana Klapalova Czech Republic (22) 21-14, 21-12 (:32)

China had a 7-6 lead when they scored five straight points, including two aces by Xue. The Czechs could not get any closer than four the rest of the way. Xue ended with three aces and a block, and neither Chinese player had a hitting error in the first set. In the second set, both teams opened up with 3-0 runs, and a block by Klapalova again tied the score at 8-8. Xue and Zhang combined for three aces during a 7-1 run to take a 15-9 lead. China led 17-12 and then scored the final four points of the match. Klapalova had three blocks in the final set and the Czechs had just one hitting error, but both Chinese had a pair of aces and the two players combined for 14 digs in the second set alone. Xue and Zhang swept Hajeckova and Klapalova for the fifth straight time in the series, dating back to their first ever meeting in Rome last year. The Czechs were denied the country's second World Championships medal, while Xue and Zhang collected the third World Championships medal for China after this duo placed fourth in 2007.

Semifinals (played on 18 June)

Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh United States (5) def. Chen Xue / Xi Zhang China (8) 21-17, 15-21, 15-10 (:48)

The U.S. started out ahead 8-3 in the first set, and they only let China get to within two points once, at 11-9. Walsh had one block and both Americans logged a service ace. In the second set though, Zhang's nine digs was the difference as China jumped out to an 11-3 advantage and led the whole way. Xue had nine kills and Zhang had eight, while the U.S. combined for just nine kills as a team. In the third set the two teams were tied 7-7 when the U.S. went on an 8-3 run to win the match. The Chinese had four hitting errors, compared to just one by the U.S. The win was the eighth for the Americans in 10 meetings between the two teams. May-Treanor and Walsh moved one win away from winning their fourth straight World Championships title, as the duo did not compete in the 2009 competition.

Juliana Felisberta Silva / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Lenka Hajeckova / Hana Klapalova Czech Republic (22) 21-14, 21-13 (:32)

An ace by Juliana gave the Brazilians an 8-4 lead, then the two teams played even until the score was 15-12 Brazil. At that point Juliana and Larissa outscored the Czechs 6-2 to win the first set. Juliana finished with 10 kills in the set, and both Brazilians had an ace. In the second set, Brazil broke open a close contest with a 7-1 run which made the score 16-9. Brazil committed just one hitting error in the set, compared to four by the Czechs. Brazil's lopsided scores in Rome continued, as in their 15 sets they have yielded at least 18 points just twice, and lost just one of those sets. Juliana and Larissa are guaranteed to win their fourth straight World Championships medal, tying them with Brazilians Adriana and Shelda, who won two golds, a silver, and a bronze in the first four World Championships.

Quarterfinals (played on 17 June)

Chen Xue / Xi Zhang China (8) def. Maria Antonelli / Talita Antunes Brazil (2) 21-17, 18-21, 15-11 (:48)

These two teams are common opponents, with this being the 12th meeting between them, and for the seventh time the match required a third set to decide the winner. China was dominant from the onset, taking a 14-4 lead as Xue had two aces and two blocks in that span. Brazil mounted a comeback but found the deficit was too big to overcome. In the second set China held a

slim 7-6 lead when Maria served a pair of aces as part of a 4-0 run which gave them the lead for good. China had a 4-1 run to make the score 9-6 in the third set, and Brazil wasn't able to cut the lead. Although Brazil had won two of the previous three meetings between them, China was able to advance to its second semifinal in the past seven events.

Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh United States (5) def. Jennifer Kessy / April Ross United States (3) 21-18, 18-21, 15-10 (:46)

The only time either team had a lead more than two points in the first set was at the very end, when May-Treanor and Walsh scored four of the last five points to win 21-18. Kessy had 13 kills in the first set, but only two hitting errors combined by May-Treanor and Walsh made the difference. In the second set the defending World Champions got out to a 5-2 lead, then later extended the lead to 12-7 thanks to a 4-0 run. May-Treanor and Walsh scored three straight points late to cut the lead to 18-17, but Kessy and Ross prevailed to force a third set. In the third set Walsh had three blocks, and May-Treanor and Walsh combined for three aces but no hitting errors. Kessy and Ross, though, had four hitting errors and trailed throughout the last set. May-Treanor and Walsh improved to 7-0 against their American counterparts on the FIVB Swatch Tour, but this marked the second straight time the match lasted three sets.

Lenka Hajeckova / Hana Klupalova Czech Republic (22) def. Jana Kohler / Julia Sude Germany (24) 21-14, 21-18 (:34)

The two teams were tied 9-9 when Germany went on a 10-3 run behind transition plays by both players, who were getting digs and converting them into kills. There was only one hitting error by the two teams in the whole first set, but a total of 21 digs by the two teams combined. The second set was tight throughout, with no more than two points separating the teams until late in the set. Klupalova had aces late in the set as the Czechs outscored Germany 8-4 to close the match. The win guaranteed the Czechs their second ever World Championships semifinal, as the country secured a bronze medal in 2001. For Hajeckova and Klupalova, this guaranteed them just their second semifinal ever as well, as they placed fourth in last year's Stavanger Grand Slam. The Czechs rebounded nicely after losing their first two pool play matches, both in three sets.

Juliana Felisberta Silva / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Lauren Fendrick / Brooke Hanson United States (12) 21-13, 17-21, 15-12 (:48)

Brazil led 5-1 in the opening set, and the U.S. could not get closer than two points after that. Hanson had back to back aces but the Americans were unable to put the ball away, getting just six kills while Brazil had 15 digs in the first set. In the second set Brazil started up 4-1, and led 6-4 when the U.S. scored five straight points, with two of those coming from consecutive aces by Fendrick. The U.S. led 14-10 when the set became a game of runs; Brazil scored four straight followed by three in a row by the U.S. Brazil had a 4-1 run to pull to 18-17, but the U.S. scored the last three points of the set, handing the Brazilians their first set loss of the tournament. In the third set, Larissa had a pair of aces in helping Brazil get out to a 10-4 start. Juliana and Larissa led 12-7 when the Americans scored fourth straight, but a kill by Larissa ended any hopes of an upset. Juliana and Larissa secured their fourth straight berth in a World Championships semifinal.

Round of 16 (played on 17 June)

Maria Antonelli / Talita Antunes Brazil (2) def. Doris Schwaiger / Stefanie Schwaiger Austria (6) 18-21, 21-15, 22-20 (:55)

Austria entered this match searching for their first ever victory against Antonelli and Talita, who had won five of the first six meetings by sweeps. In the first set an ace by Stefanie during a 3-0 run gave Austria the lead for good at 7-4. Brazil kept close, and trailed just 15-14 when Austria again scored three straight points, this time capped off by an ace by Doris. Brazil jumped out quickly in the second set, leading 6-1 at the first side change. A pair of aces by Antonelli helped increase the Brazil lead to 12-4. Austria managed to cut the lead to three at 17-14, but Brazil closed out the set with a 4-1 run. In the tiebreaking set, Brazil again started out strong, going up 4-1, but the Austrian sisters tied the set at 5-5. Brazil had a 3-0 run to take a 12-9 lead, but Austria scored four straight, including consecutive aces by Stephanie, to take a 14-13 lead. Austria had three match points while Brazil won on its fifth match point try.

Chen Xue / Xi Zhang China (8) def. Greta Cicolari / Marta Menegatti Italy (13) 21-15, 21-19 (:35)

The Italians had played for medals in each of the past two FIVB Swatch tournaments, and were playing on their home sand. This match promised to be close, as evidenced by the results of the only two meetings between them, with one win apiece. In the first set the teams were tied 4-4 when China went on a 6-1 run, with two of those points coming from blocks by Xue. Italy scored three straight points, then traded points until the score was 12-10 in favor of China. Four points by China put the set out of reach. In the second set, China started with a 4-2 run, which was answered by a 4-2 Italy run and then a 4-1 China run. China slowly pulled away, using two more blocks by Xue and 12 kills by Zhang in the set.

Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh United States (5) def. Sara Goller / Laura Ludwig Germany (7) 21-19, 18-21, 15-11 (:51)

The U.S. led 7-5 before Germany went on a 5-1 run. There were a total of four lead changes in the set, and no team led by more than two points the whole way. Walsh recorded three blocks and May-Treanor contributed seven digs in the opening set, while each of the German players had an ace. In the second set Germany scored six of the seven points during the second side change, giving them a 9-5 lead. Goller and Ludwig expanded the lead to 15-9 behind the strength of their third service ace of the set. The Americans survived three set points before succumbing 21-18. May-Treanor and Walsh came out strong in the third set, up 7-3, and the Germans could get no closer than three points after that. Goller and Ludwig combined for seven aces in the match, but

Walsh countered with six blocks. The U.S. improved its series record against Goller and Ludwig to 5-0, with all the meetings occurring in either Grand Slams or World Championships.

Jennifer Kessy / April Ross United States (3) def. Katrin Holtwick / Ilka Semmler Germany (40) 21-18, 15-21, 15-10 (:45)

The score was tied 8-8 in the first set when the U.S. went on a 7-2 run. Kessy had three blocks and seven kills in the first set. Germany led the entire second set, pulling away from a slim 6-5 lead with a 9-4 run. Neither Holtwick or Semmler committed a single hitting error in the second set. In the third set, Germany again led 6-5, but the Americans scored five unanswered points. Then with the score 11-9 in favor of the U.S., Kessy and Ross closed out the match on a 4-1 run. Kessy and Ross won for the fourth time against Holtwick and Semmler, with this being the third match to go three sets.

Jana Kohler / Julia Sude Germany (24) def. Sanne Keizer / Marleen Van Iersel Netherlands (4) 21-17, 17-21, 15-11 (:52)

Both teams had early 4-0 runs as the lead switched hands several times. With The Netherlands leading 14-13, Kohler and Sude put together an 8-3 run to seal the first set. Sude had three blocks in the set as well as eight digs. In the second set, Keizer and Van Iersel quickly jumped out to a 7-2 lead, but runs of 3-0 and 4-0 by Germany gave Kohler and Sude the lead at 10-9. Germany held a 16-15 lead but The Netherlands scored six of the final seven points to force a third set. In the tiebreaker, the Germans used an ace by Kohler, a block by Sude, and some hitting errors by the Dutch to grab an 8-2 lead. The Netherlands was never able to recover from that deficit, ending up with their second early exit after consecutive tournament wins in May.

Lenka Hajekova / Hana Klupalova Czech Republic (22) def. Louise Bawden / Becchara Palmer Australia (18) 16-21, 21-19, 15-13 (:53)

Australia led 11-10 at the technical timeout, then after the rest break scored eight of the next 10 points. The Czechs held off four set points before finally succumbing 21-16. In the second set Australia held several one-point leads, but were never able to extend it past that. The Czechs only had three two-point leads, but that was enough to claim the set. Down 16-15, Hajekova and Klupalova scored six of the final nine points in the set. In the third set neither team led by more than two points as the Czechs outlasted the Australians 15-13. After losing two three-set matches in pool play, Hajekova and Klupalova upset their second straight opponent in bracket play with a 15-13 decision in the third set.

Lauren Fendrick / Brooke Hanson United States (12) def. Elsa Baquerizo / Lilita Fernandez Steiner Spain (23) 21-19, 21-13 (:35)

Spain trailed 6-4 before scoring four straight points, which was then answered by a 4-0 U.S. run. The Americans went on a 4-1 run to make the score 15-12, but the teams mostly traded points after that until Fendrick and Hanson won the first set 21-19. Hanson had just one dig in the set, unusual since she had the second most digs in pool play. In the second set Spain led 6-4 when the Americans scored four straight points. The U.S. led 11-10 at the technical timeout, then came out of the break with a vengeance, outscoring Spain 10-3 the rest of the way. In the second set Hanson chalked up 11 digs, but perhaps more importantly the U.S. team did not commit a single hitting error in the second set.

Juliana Felisberta Silva / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Carolina Salgado / Maria Clara Salgado Brazil (10) 21-14, 21-15 (:39)

Juliana and Larissa broke open a 2-2 set by scoring five straight points, and then after the Salgado sisters answered with a 4-1 run, Juliana and Larissa scored the next eight straight points, with three of those points coming from aces by Larissa. Carolina and Maria Carol made a last push, a 6-1 run which included an ace by each sister, but it wasn't enough. In the second set, Larissa tallied three consecutive aces as part of a 5-0 start, and the sisters could never get closer than four points the rest of the way. Larissa ended the match with seven aces and 13 digs. The top seeds in the event won for the 11th time in 12 meetings between the two teams.

Round of 32 (played on 16 June)

Maria Antonelli / Talita Antunes Brazil (2) def. Sona Novakova / Tereza Tobiasova Czech Republic (44) 21-19, 21-23, 15-11 (:53)

The Brazilians did not allow more than 14 points in any set during pool play, but met some tough resistance in their opening bracket match against the 44th-seeded team from the Czech Republic. In the first set the Czechs took a 14-11 lead and led as late as 18-17 before the Brazilians closed the set on a 4-1 run. In the second set Talita recorded three straight aces to counter the balanced Czech attack. Antonelli and Talita had a couple of chances to seal the match after leading 20-18, but Novakova and Tobiasova came up big with a 5-1 run to force a third set. Two early aces on consecutive serves by Antonelli helped Brazil jump out to a 9-4 lead in the deciding set, but the Czechs stormed back with four straight points. Brazil proved to be too much though, scoring five of the final seven points to win the morning match.

Doris Schwaiger / Stefanie Schwaiger Austria (6) def. Simone Kuhn / Nadine Zumkehr Switzerland (17) 21-14, 21-14 (:33)

The Austrian sisters each had an ace during a 4-1 start in a match in which they never trailed. The Schwaigers had two 3-0 runs and a 4-0 run in winning the first set 21-14. Neither Austrian committed a hitting error in the first set. In the second set the Swiss tied the score at 8-8 but Austria scored 13 of the final 19 points. This marked the fourth meeting this season between the two teams, with Austria improving to 4-0 in the series.

Greta Cicolari / Marta Menegatti Italy (13) def. Anastasia Vasina / Anna Vozakova Russia (26) 21-16, 21-18 (:36)

Energized by the home crowd in centre court, the Italians started out strong by using defense to spark a 5-2 opening run. When Russia cut the lead to 9-7, Cicolari and Menegatti erased any doubt by scoring the next five points to take a commanding 14-7 lead into the technical timeout. In the second set, Russia appeared poised to win the first set against Italy this event. After trailing 11-10, Russia scored six of the next eight points. The teams traded points and then Italy claimed the match after scoring seven of the last eight points. They were led by Menegatti's 13 digs in the match to go with her 18 kills and three aces. Cicolari committed just two hitting errors, bringing her four-match tournament total to only five.

Chen Xue / Xi Zhang China (8) def. Geeske Banck / Anja Gunther Germany (31) 21-12, 21-12 (:30)

China led 4-3 at the first side change, then a pair of blocks by Xue helped extend the lead to 12-5. Xue ended the set with five blocks, which also helped force the Germans into five other hitting errors. Xue and Zhang scored four of the last five points to win 21-12. In the second set, the Chinese did not commit a single hitting error and never trailed. Germany trailed just 6-4 when China scored four in a row. With the score 16-10, China scored five of the last seven points to sweep a match for the first time in this event. China was the only pool winner which had to go three sets in all three pool play matches. Zhang was perfect in the second set, registering a kill on all 11 of her attacks.

Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh United States (5) def. Zara Dampney / Shauna Mullin Great Britain (41) 21-13, 21-12 (:29)

The Americans held a slim 9-8 lead in the first set of the nightcap in the centre court before outscoring Dampney and Mullin 12-5 the rest of the set. May-Treanor and Walsh combined for 14 kills with no hitting errors in the set. The second set was nearly the same, with the U.S. leading just 10-8 before its big push. May-Treanor led the 7-0 spurt with a pair of aces and three digs that led to points. May-Treanor had three aces in the second set and seven digs in each set.

Sara Goller / Laura Ludwig Germany (7) def. Ekaterina Khomyakova / Evgenia Ukolova Russia (34) 21-15, 21-17 (:37)

The Russians were the lowest-seeded team to win it's pool, going 3-0 in pool play despite being seeded 34th. Germany led 11-10 at the technical timeout, but Russia came out and scored the first three points before Goller and Ludwig responded with five straight of their own. The Germans ended the set by scoring five of the last six points, and did not commit a single hitting error compared to the Russians' seven. In the second set, Russia led 9-5 before Germany tied the score at 9-9. The Russians held a 14-12 lead but like the first set, saw Goller and Ludwig score five straight points to take control.

Katrin Holtwick / Ilka Semmler Germany (40) def. Katrien Gielen / Liesbeth Mouha Belgium (38) 21-19, 21-18 (:37)

The Belgium women were playing together for just the second tournament. In the first set Gielen and Mouha never trailed in building a 17-15 lead, but the Germans scored six of the last eight points to win 21-19. The second set was close to a repeat, as Belgium held a slim lead early on. Germany took its first lead at 15-14 and outscored Belgium 8-4 down the stretch to win 21-18. Holtwick had a pair of aces in each set, and Germany limited Mouha, one of the top blockers in pool play, to just one block in the match. Mouha did end the match with an impressive .750 hitting percentage.

Jennifer Kessy / April Ross United States (3) def. Heather Bansley / Elizabeth Maloney Canada (39) 21-14, 21-14 (:39)

Kessy and Ross were looking to avenge a loss to the Canadians in last year's Phuket Open in their only other meeting between the two teams. Canada began the match with a 7-5 lead, but the U.S.A. reeled off nine of the next 10 points to go ahead 14-8. Canada made a little run to pull within 15-12, but then Kessy and Ross scored five straight points. In the second set U.S.A. held a slim 9-8 lead before going on a 10-3 run to take control of the set. Ross had three blocks in the set, including a big block to win the match. Bansley and Maloney combined for six aces in the match, but were plagued with 12 hitting errors.

Sanne Keizer / Marleen Van Iersel Netherlands (4) def. Rebekka Kadijk / Merel Mooren Netherlands (25) 21-17, 21-15 (:31)

Keizer and Van Iersel, winners of two of the last three FIVB Swatch tournaments, began bracket play with a match against their fellow countrywomen. The two teams were close early on, with the underdogs clinging on to a 13-12 lead before Keizer and Van Iersel turned it up, scoring nine of the final 13 points to win 21-17. There were no aces in the first set but 10 service errors between the four players. In the second set Kadijk and Mooren again were strong early, holding a 15-13 advantage. But the final eight points all went to the favorites.

Jana Kohler / Julia Sude Germany (24) def. Emilia Nystrom / Erika Nystrom Finland (21) 21-19, 21-19 (:40)

The young Germans had lost handily to the twins from Finland a year ago in their only previous meeting, but the first set let them know times had changed. Neither team could pull ahead by more than two points the entire set. Finland used a 4-1 run midway through the set to take a 13-11 lead, but Germany responded with two late 3-0 runs to win 21-19. In the second set Finland used consecutive aces by Erika to go ahead 8-5. Kohler and Sude answered with a 9-2 run to make it 14-10, but Finland rattled off the next five points. Germany's defense (12 digs in the second set alone) helped propel them to another 21-19 win and guaranteed Kohler and Sude their biggest payday ever.

Lenka Hajeckova / Hana Klapalova Czech Republic (22) def. Angie Akers / Nicole Branagh United States (11) 24-22, 19-21, 15-13 (:56)

American teams had been a thorn in the side of the Czechs, as no U.S. team had lost to either of these two players since 2006. The Czechs apparently didn't read the history books, using two service aces by Hajeckova to jump out to a 6-3 lead. The

Czechs led 16-13 when the U.S. scored six of the next seven points. Akers and Branagh had one set point themselves before succumbing on the Czechs' third set point attempt. Hajeckova and Klapalova combined for five service aces in the first set. In the second set, the U.S. led early on, extending it to an 18-14 edge before the Czechs scored four straight to tie the score. Akers ended the set with a kill, forcing the tiebreaker. In the third set the U.S. led only twice; at 1-0 and 10-9, and while the Czechs could never push the lead to more than two points, Hajeckova's kill gave them a 15-13 win.

Louise Bawden / Becchara Palmer Australia (18) def. Ying Huang / Yuan Yue China (30) 24-26, 22-20, 15-11 (1:03)

China led 18-16 in the first set but Australia scored three in a row to take the late lead. Australia had four set point tries but China prevailed with a 26-24 set win. The two teams combined for six aces in the first set, while Bawden recorded three blocks. In the second set, neither team led by more than two. China went on a 3-0 run to take a 15-13 lead, but then Australia scored four of the next five. Down 19-18, China scored two straight points capped off with a block by Huang to set up match point. But Australia responded with three consecutive points, ending the set with a Bawden block. China started the third set up 4-2 but had its last lead at 9-8. Australia ended the match by scoring seven of the last nine points, with Bawden getting an ace and block in that span.

Elsa Baquerizo / Liliana Fernandez Steiner Spain (23) def. Vassiliki Arvaniti / Maria Tsiartsiani Greece (19) 21-17, 21-13 (:36)

Both Arvaniti and Tsiartsiani recorded a pair of kills as Greece jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the first set before Spain settled in. Spain went on a 5-1 run to take its first lead at 7-6. With the score 15-13 in favor of Spain, Liliana had a pair of blocks to spur Spain's 4-0 run which increased the lead to 19-13. In the second set, Spain continued its momentum with a 6-1 start. The two teams mostly traded points before Spain went on a 5-1 run to push the lead to 18-10. Liliana ended the match with six blocks and three aces, and the Spaniards committed just two hitting errors in the whole match.

Lauren Fendrick / Brooke Hanson United States (12) def. Vivian Cunha / Taiana Lima Brazil (9) 25-23, 22-20 (:44)

At the technical timeout in the first set, Brazil led 12-9. The U.S. scored four straight points to force a timeout by Brazil. Then the momentum switched and Lima and Vivian went on a 6-2 run to regain the lead and force a timeout by the Americans. Fendrick and Hanson tied the score at 19-19, and managed to survive four straight set points by Brazil before a key ace by Hanson turned the tide in making the score 24-23. In the second set no team ever led by more than two points. Brazil led 16-14 but received a red card during a 3-0 U.S. run. The Brazilians each had two aces in the second set but after going undefeated in their three pool play matches could not hold off the Americans.

Carolina Salgado / Maria Clara Salgado Brazil (10) def. Kristyna Kolocova / Marketa Slukova Czech Republic (20) 21-17, 21-14 (:34)

The first set was close throughout, and there were four early lead changes until Brazil took the lead for good at 5-4. Brazil led 17-16 before scoring four of the last five points to win the set. Statistically the set was even, with both teams committing just two hitting errors and getting one ace each. In the second set though, the Czechs committed six hitting errors while Brazil had none. The Brazilian sisters began the second set on a 6-2 run to force the Czechs to take an early timeout. The two teams then pretty much traded points until 17-14, when Brazil closed out the match with four straight points. Slukova had nine kills in both sets.

Juliana Felisberta Silva / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Tanja Goricanec / Muriel Graessli Switzerland (46) 21-16, 21-15 (:35)

Juliana and Larissa, coming off a disappointing 17th-place finish in Beijing, seemed determined not to repeat that performance. In the first set Brazil led 10-8 before scoring five of the next six points. Juliana sealed the set with a block, and had 10 kills. In the second set, the Swiss led 8-5 before the Brazilians reeled off seven unanswered points, fueled by defense by both Juliana and Larissa. Juliana added to her kill total with 14 kills in the second set, and Larissa tallied 13 digs in the match.