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

Gold Medal Match (played on 19 June)

Alison Cerutti / Emanuel Rego Brazil (2) def. Marcio Araujo / Ricardo Santos Brazil (3) 21-16, 21-15 (:38)

The opening set was close as Ricardo and Marcio built a 15-12 lead, but Alison and Emanuel took over at that point, scoring nine of the final 10 points. Alison had four blocks in the set, including each of the last two points. Alison and Emanuel committed just one hitting error while forcing eight from their opponents. In the second set, Alison and Emanuel scored five straight points to make it 6-2, then extended the lead to 10-4. Marcio and Ricardo could get no closer than three points the rest of the way, and Alison and Emanuel scored the final three points of the match. Ricardo and Alison both had two blocks in the second set. Alison and Emanuel improved their series record to 5-0 against their fellow countrymen, and won their 21st consecutive FIVB Swatch World Tour match, by far their longest streak. Brazil captured its 10th and 11th World Championships medals (five golds, three silvers, three bronzes), with Emanuel accounting for three of the golds (1999 with Jose Loiola and 2003 with Ricardo Santos).

Bronze Medal Match (played on 19 June)

Julius Brink / Jonas Reckermann Germany (4) def. Martins Plavins / Janis Smedins Latvia (15) 22-20, 18-21, 15-11 (:59)

Germany scored four straight points to take a 6-3 lead, and in the rest of the set no team could string together more than two consecutive points. Latvia's only lead of the set was at 3-2, but Plavins and Smedins managed to close a four-point gap at 11-7 down to one at 13-12 as Smedins recorded two blocks in that span. Both Latvians had two blocks in the first set, while Reckermann also had two. In the second set, Latvia trailed 6-5 before scoring six straight points, including an ace by Plavins and a block by Smedins. Germany had cut the lead to 12-9 in time for the technical timeout, but Latvia came out of the break with a 5-2 run that featured several digs by Plavins that were converted into kills. Germany had a pair of 3-0 runs late but it was not enough as Latvia forced the tiebreaking set. Brink had a couple of key transition points in the third set to give Germany an early 5-2 lead. A Smedins block cut the lead to 5-4, but then Germany responded with a 4-1 run and the outcome was never in doubt after that. Brink had 12 kills in the final set. Latvia had its best ever finish, and this marked the third semifinal for Plavins and Smedins in their career as teammates. The bronze medal was the third ever World Championships medal for Germany, and Brink has had his hand in all three. In 2005 he won a bronze with Kjell Schneider and in 2009 this duo won gold.

Semifinals (played on 18 June)

Marcio Araujo / Ricardo Santos Brazil (3) def. Martins Plavins / Janis Smedins Latvia (15) 22-20, 21-16 (:40)

Smedins had a block on the first play, one of two he would have in the set. Latvia held several two-point leads, while the first time Brazil was in front was at 10-9, thanks to a Ricardo block that was part of a 3-0 run. Latvia quickly answered as Smedins recorded another block during a 3-0 Latvia run. The score was tied at every point from 12-12 to 20-20, but Ricardo's ace ended the set at 22-20 on Brazil's second set point try. Ricardo had two blocks in the set. In the second set Latvia led 5-4 early but Brazil ran off four unanswered points. Marcio and Ricardo extended the lead to 13-8 before a 4-1 Latvia run cut the lead to two. Marcia's 10 kills in the set, along with seven hitting errors by Latvia, proved too much to overcome. Brazil was able to get revenge from a loss to the Latvians the week before in Beijing.

Alison Cerutti / Emanuel Rego Brazil (2) def. Julius Brink / Jonas Reckermann Germany (4) 21-15, 21-15 (:36)

Alison had four blocks during an 8-4 start for Brazil, and the defending World Champions could get no closer than three the rest of the set. Alison ended the set with five blocks and ace, while the Germans combined for just five kills. In the second set only one point separated the two teams early, but with the score tied at 7-7 Brazil reeled off three straight points, capped off by an ace by Alison. Germany cut the lead to 11-10 at the technical timeout, but the ensuing side change saw Brazil score six of the seven points, building an insurmountable lead. Reckermann had a block and an ace in the set, but Alison tallied three blocks and both Brazilians had an ace. Alison and Emanuel are now 3-0 this year against Brink and Reckermann, after winning just once in four meetings last year. The German loss meant that once again no men's team is able to successfully defend its World Championship title, and set up an all-Brazilian finale.

Quarterfinals (played on 18 June)

Martins Plavins / Janis Smedins Latvia (15) def. Anders Lund Hoyer / Bo Soderberg Denmark (23) 21-19, 21-17 (:40)

Latvia scored four straight to take a 6-2 lead in the first set, and managed to keep Denmark at bay. Hoyer and Soderberg pulled to within one twice but each time Latvia rattled off three straight points to extend the lead. Denmark was able to fend off three set points but finally succumbed 21-19. In the second set the teams were tied 6-6 when Latvia scored four straight points. Denmark wasn't able to get closer three points the rest of the way. With the win Latvia gained its first World Championship semifinal, and the second ever semifinal for this team, which won a silver medal in Marseille last year.

Marcio Araujo / Ricardo Santos Brazil (3) def. Adrian Gavira Collado / Pablo Herrera Spain (9) 21-18, 21-17 (:40)

Herrera's third block of the set gave Spain an 18-16 lead, but Brazil scored the final five points of the set, capped off by a Ricardo block, one of four he had in the opening set. In the second set Spain led most of the way early, but had its last lead at 12-11. Brazil scored seven of the next eight points to take an 18-13 lead en route to a 21-17 win. Ricardo added three more blocks to his total. Marcio and Ricardo earned a spot in the semifinals after being left out the last two tournaments, which broke a six-event streak of playing in the semifinals. The win by Brazil was the first in three meetings against the Spaniards.

Julius Brink / Jonas Reckermann Germany (4) def. Grzegorz Fijalek / Mariusz Prudel Poland (30) 21-15, 21-16 (:41)

Germany started ahead 7-3, but Poland closed the gap to one at 13-12. Germany then scored four unanswered points and cruised to a 21-15 win, capped off with a kill by Prudel. Prudel logged three blocks, while Reckermann had one block and one ace. In the second set Reckermann had three early blocks in helping Germany to an 8-4 advantage. Poland fought back to tie the set at 11-11, but then Brink and Reckermann scored seven of the next eight points. Prudel added two more blocks but Poland had lost its first two sets of the tournament. The fifth place finish was the highest ever for a team from Poland in the World Championships.

Alison Cerutti / Emanuel Rego Brazil (2) def. Rhooney Ferramenta / Pedro Salgado Brazil (12) 22-20, 21-16 (:41)

Alison and Emanuel jumped out to a 9-5 lead, and held the same margin at 18-14. But then Ferramenta and Pedro scored four straight points, highlighted by an ace by Ferramenta and a block by Pedro. Alison and Emanuel scored the next two points to set up two set point tries, but were unsuccessful on both. However a kill by Emanuel clinched the set at 22-20. Alison ended the set with three blocks. In the second set it was Ferramenta and Pedro's turn to start out strong, as they led 9-4 after Ferramenta's ace. Five blocks by Alison helped pull his team ahead 18-14. A let serve by Alison that trickled to the sand sealed the match.

Round of 16 (played on 17 June)

Anders Lund Hoyer / Bo Soderberg Denmark (23) def. Clemens Doppler / Matthias Mellitzer Austria (44) 21-12, 21-18 (:36)

Doppler and Mellitzer have been employing the "I" formation, where they line up one behind another on serve receive. In the first set against Denmark, Hoyer and Soderberg logged three aces, something that no other team has been able to do against the Austrians this tournament. Denmark pulled away from a 4-4 tie with six straight points, including an ace by Hoyer and a block by Soderberg. Austria trailed 11-6 and fell further behind as the set went on, losing 21-12. Doppler and Mellitzer combined for five hitting errors while Denmark had none in the first set. In the second set, Denmark scored the first four points, but then Austria responded with a 4-1 run. Down 8-6, Austria scored four straight points, including a block by Mellitzer. Denmark had two 3-0 runs to outpace Austria.

Martins Plavins / Janis Smedins Latvia (15) def. Jonathan Erdmann / Kay Matysik Germany (20) 21-17, 16-21, 19-17 (:58)

Latvia came out strong, building an early 12-6 lead as Smedins had a block and an ace in that span. Germany chipped away at the lead but fell short at 21-17. In the second set Germany turned a 6-5 deficit into a 10-7 lead, and they maintained the advantage the rest of the way. In the third set there were a total of nine lead changes. Germany had a pair of two-point leads but Latvia did not have a two-point edge until the final point. Erdmann and Matysik had two match point tries interspersed with three Latvian match point tries. Down 16-15, Plavins had an ace and two kills, including one after a long rally to win the match, as the Latvians outscored Germany 4-1 to end the match 19-17. Erdmann tallied 29 kills in the match.

Adrian Gavira Collado / Pablo Herrera Spain (9) def. Matteo Martino / Paolo Nicolai Italy (14) 21-18, 18-21, 15-11 (:49)

Italy got off to a 5-3 start, but Spain went on a 9-3 run to take a lead they would hold throughout the set. Herrera had two blocks in the set, while each Italian registered an ace. In the second set Spain led 7-6 but that would be its last lead as Italy scored three straight and held on for a 21-18 win. Martino tallied 14 kills in the second set. In the third set the two teams were tied 5-5 when Spain went on a 5-1 run, capped off by a block by Herrera. Italy responded with a 4-0 run, but then Spain countered with its own 4-0 run. Herrera had six blocks, including three in the deciding set.

Marcio Araujo / Ricardo Santos Brazil (3) def. Sebastian Dollinger / Stefan Windscheif Germany (36) 22-20, 19-21, 23-21 (1:08)

Brazil had a 6-1 run early to take the lead at 9-4, but Germany responded with back-to-back aces by Dollinger. The set was tied at 16-16 when Brazil scored three straight, which was followed up by a 4-1 Germany run to knot the score at 20-20. A kill by Marcio, one of his 11 in the set, ended the set at 22-20. In the second set Brazil led 14-13 but Germany went on a 5-1 run to make the score 18-15. Dollinger, who had two blocks in the set, had a kill for the final point. In the third set Germany built up a 9-6 lead

but Brazil tied it at 10-10. No team led by more than one point until the final play. Germany had three match points and Brazil had six. Ricardo ended the match with a block, one of three in the set and five in the match.

Julius Brink / Jonas Reckermann Germany (4) def. Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers United States (1) 17-21, 21-19, 18-16 (1:01)

Germany began the opening set with a 13-9 lead, but the U.S. finished on a 12-4 run, including scoring the first five points in a row. Dalhausser had three blocks in the set, and both Germans committed three service errors. In the second set, the two teams were tied 9-9 when Germany scored three straight, including an ace by Brink and a block by Reckermann. The U.S. countered with four straight points, including a block by Dalhausser. The Americans squeezed a 3-0 run in between two 4-1 German runs, which was enough to propel Brink and Reckermann, the defending World Champions, to a 21-19 win. Brink and Reckermann combined for three service aces but also had six service errors. In the third set it was all U.S. early on, as three Dalhausser blocks helped give the Americans an 8-3 lead. Germany outscored the U.S. 6-2 to cut the lead to 10-9, but wasn't able to tie the score until an ace by Brink made it 13-13. The U.S. had a match point at 14-13 but the Germans scored five of the final seven points of the set to win it. The victory was the third in the series between the two teams for Brink and Reckermann, compared to seven wins for the U.S., with one win being a forfeit and the other two wins both coming in World Championship competition.

Grzegorz Fijalek / Mariusz Prudel Poland (30) def. Benjamin Insfran / Bruno Oscar Schmidt Brazil (8) 21-13, 21-16 (:38)

Poland continued its perfect record in Rome, having not lost a set in its five matches to date. Brazil started the opening set ahead 5-3, but Poland outscored the Brazilians 18-8 after that. Prudel had nine kills and two blocks in the set, which saw Brazil commit eight hitting errors. Poland started out strong in the second set, taking a 12-6 lead on the strength of two Prudel blocks. Fijalek and Prudel were able to hold the Brazilians at bay for the rest of the set, winning 21-16. Poland inched closer to gaining its second consecutive semifinal appearance, as they placed fourth in Beijing last week. Poland was also able to gain the advantage in the series against Benjamin and Bruno with its fourth win in seven meetings.

Rhooney Ferramenta / Pedro Salgado Brazil (12) def. Matt Fuerbringer / Nick Lucena United States (7) 21-19, 15-21, 15-13 (:51)

Brazil built up a 16-11 lead in the first set but Fuerbringer and Lucena tied the score with a 6-1 run. A kill by Pedro ended the set at 21-19. Pedro had three blocks and Ferramenta had 12 kills in the set, while Fuerbringer tallied two blocks and Lucena chalked up 10 kills. In the second set the U.S. had a slim 9-8 lead before going on a 9-2 run. Fuerbringer had three blocks in the second set to go with his 11 kills and no hitting errors, while Ferramenta countered with 10 kills and seven digs. The U.S. looked to be in control of the third set with a 7-3 start, but Brazil scored four straight points to tie the set after a block by Pedro. The Americans pulled back in front at 12-9, but Brazil made an impressive comeback by scoring six of the final seven points of the set. Fuerbringer added two more blocks to his total but Pedro countered with three blocks in the set.

Alison Cerutti / Emanuel Rego Brazil (2) def. Yaroslav Koshkarev / Konstantin Semenov Russia (16) 21-17, 21-17 (:36)

Brazil led 5-4 but Russia scored five straight points leading to a side change. Then Brazil scored six straight points to take an 11-9 lead. Russia had the lead as late as 15-14, but a 4-0 Brazilian run gave them control of the set. Both Alison and Semenov had three blocks in the first set. In the second set no team led by more than one point before the technical timeout, when Russia held an 11-10 advantage. Alison and Emanuel scored the first four points out of the break and maintained control the rest of the way. Alison had another three blocks while Semenov added two blocks. Alison and Emanuel, winners of the last two tournaments, continue their strong play in Rome, having lost just one set in their six matches.

Round of 32 (played on 17 June)

Clemens Doppler / Matthias Mellitzer Austria (44) def. Casey Jennings / Kevin Wong United States (24) 17-21, 21-16, 18-16 (:55)

Austria was the last team to advance from pool play, getting in by a margin of three points total from the three pool play matches. In the first set the U.S. team was looking much like the pool winners they were, jumping out to a 10-4 lead. Austria answered with four straight points and then closed the gap to one at 12-11. Wong had a block to cap off a 4-0 USA run to give the Americans a five-point cushion at 16-11. In the second set, the teams were tied 8-8 when Austria went on a 9-2 run, sparked by three consecutive blocks by Mellitzer. In the tiebreaker, Jennings and Wong broke a 4-4 tie with a 6-1 run that featured two blocks by Wong. Austria responded with a 6-2 run, with three of the points coming from Doppler aces. The U.S. had five unsuccessful match point tries before Doppler dug a ball and looped it over the block, hitting the tape for an 18-16 victory.

Anders Lund Hoyer / Bo Soderberg Denmark (23) def. Sebastian Chevallier / Sascha Heyer Switzerland (29) 21-18, 21-18 (:39)

Soderberg was one of the top players in number of digs during pool play, but in the first round of bracket play he showed his offensive prowess, getting 10 kills in each set. In the first set Denmark led 7-4 before the Swiss went on a 4-1 run to knot the score at 8-8. In what became a game of runs, Denmark had its own 4-1 run to push the lead back to 12-9. Switzerland had a 3-0 run to tie the set again at 14-14, but Denmark quickly regained the lead at 17-14 and went on to a 21-18 victory. In the second set, no team led by more than two points until Denmark scored the final three points of the match. Soderberg finished with four aces in the match, and often went over on two in chalking up his 20 kills.

Martins Plavins / Janis Smedins Latvia (15) def. Harley Marques / Thiago Santos Barbosa Brazil (18) 21-15, 21-12 (:36)

Latvia preserved its unblemished record in Rome by sweeping its fourth straight opponent. Plavins and Smedins never trailed in the first set, but couldn't pull away until the end of the set. Leading 16-15, Latvia scored the final five points behind a Smedins block and two straight kills by Plavins. In the second set, Brazil kept it close with a pair of Thiago aces and trailed just 14-12. However Latvia ended the match on a 7-0 run which included two blocks by Plavins.

Jonathan Erdmann / Kay Matysik Germany (20) def. Jason Lochhead / Kirk Pitman New Zealand (26) 21-15, 21-14 (:39)

Germany used some big runs to dispatch New Zealand in the opening round of bracket play. Erdmann and Matysik, one of just three pool winners which lost a match in pool play, left no doubt to the outcome of this match. In the first set, the Germans jumped out to a 6-1 lead but the Kiwis climbed back into it at 8-7. The two teams remained close until 12-12, at which point Germany rolled off six unanswered points to take control of the set. In the second set, Germany again started fast, getting out to a 7-2 lead. With the score 8-6 Germany, Erdmann notched two blocks as part of a 7-2 run to make the score 15-8. New Zealand trailed 19-10 before making one last push. Erdmann finished the match with five blocks, four of which came in the second set.

Matteo Martino / Paolo Nicolai Italy (14) def. Reinder Nummerdor / Richard Schuil Netherlands (17) 21-17, 24-22 (:35)

The Netherlands grabbed the early advantage after back-to-back aces by Schuil gave them a 9-6 lead. But Italy, fueled by a partisan centre court crowd, scored six of the next seven points to lead 12-10. Italy had an 18-17 lead but won the first set with two straight Nicolai blocks. Schuil had three aces in the first set, but Nicolai countered with three blocks and two aces. The second set was much tighter, as no team led by more than two points the whole way. Italy led 14-12 when the Dutch went on a 5-1 run to take a 17-15 lead. Italy's transition play, turning digs into kills, helped the host country to claim a 19-18 lead. Italy had two set points before The Netherlands had one set point try. Nicolai sealed the victory with an ace. Martino logged 15 kills in the second set alone.

Adrian Gavira Collado / Pablo Herrera Spain (9) def. Jefferson Bellaguarda / Patrick Heuscher Switzerland (21) 18-21, 21-13, 15-13 (:51)

Switzerland had a key run in the middle of the first set, turning a 12-11 deficit into a 15-12 lead en route to a 21-18 set win. Heuscher had three blocks in the first set. In the second set, Spain had a slim 11-10 lead going into the technical timeout. But following the break, Spain went on a 10-3 win to force a tiebreaker. In the third set Spain was able to eliminate the service errors which plagued it the first two sets (10 total in those two sets, but none in set three). The lead was never bigger than one point until Switzerland scored consecutive points to go ahead 11-9. However Spain finished the match with a 6-2 run, with a block by Herrera clinching the victory. These two teams had met just a week ago in Beijing, with the Swiss winning in three sets.

Sebastian Dollinger / Stefan Windscheif Germany (36) def. Philip Gabathuler / Jan Schnider Switzerland (27) 12-21, 21-18, 15-12 (:42)

Switzerland started the match with an 8-4 run before Germany cut the lead to 10-8. The Swiss then gained control by scoring six straight points. In the second set, Germany trailed 4-3 but went on a 6-2 run to take the lead for good. The score was tied 16-16 but Dollinger's fourth block of the set gave the Germans set point at 20-16. The third set was close early and there were three lead changes before the score was tied at 9-9. The Germans scored six of the final nine points though. Dollinger finished the match with seven blocks.

Marcio Araujo / Ricardo Santos Brazil (3) def. Michal Kadziola / Jakub Szalankiewicz Poland (45) 21-13, 21-17 (:37)

For the first time in four matches in Rome, Brazil did not have a match last three sets. Marcio had two aces as part of a 7-2 start for Brazil. With the score 15-11, Brazil closed out the set with a 6-2 run. Marcio ended the set with three aces, 10 kills and seven digs. In the second set Poland scored three straight points to break a 6-6 tie, but then Ricardo had back-to-back blocks as part of a 4-0 run. Poland led 16-14 but Brazil went on a 7-1 run, including scoring the final five points of the match. Ricardo had a total of four blocks in the match.

Julius Brink / Jonas Reckermann Germany (4) def. Karl Jaani / Rivo Vesik Estonia (34) 21-17, 21-19 (:42)

The defending World Champions opened up bracket play with their fourth sweep in as many matches in Rome. Estonia trailed just 12-11 when Germany began pulling away. Two Reckermann blocks and an ace by Brink were enough to overcome the six German service errors in the first set. In the second set, Estonia hung close but could not knock off Germany. Brink and Reckermann led 16-13 when Estonia went on a 4-1 run to tie the score at 17-17. However Reckermann collected his fourth and fifth block of the set as part of a 4-2 run to close the match, including the final play.

Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers United States (1) def. Jake Gibb / Sean Rosenthal United States (10) 21-14, 21-18 (:42)

Dalhausser and Rogers lead the series 11-5 now (on the FIVB Tour, 44-12 overall), but one of Gibb and Rosenthal's victories came last year in Rome, a tournament which Dalhausser and Rogers won. Dalhausser and Rogers jumped out to a 6-2 lead capped off by a Dalhausser block. The margin was the same at 14-10 when an ace by Rogers and another block by Dalhausser capped off a 5-1 spurt which put them ahead 19-11. In the second set the score was tied 6-6 when Dalhausser and Rogers scored five of the next six points. Gibb and Rosenthal stormed back with a 6-1 run, only to see Dalhausser and Rogers score four straight points to take a 16-13 lead. Dalhausser finished the match with four blocks, while Rogers had 21 digs and Rosenthal notched 15 digs.

Benjamin Insfran / Bruno Oscar Schmidt Brazil (8) def. Petr Benes / Premysl Kubala Czech Republic (11) 19-21, 21-17, 15-9 (1:05)

Brazil started the match ahead 5-2 but the Czech Republic answered with a 5-0 run. The Czechs increased the lead to 12-8 before Brazil chipped away until it was 17-15. Three straight points for the Czechs gave them match point at 20-15, but Benjamin and Bruno fought off four straight set points before a kill by Benes, his 12th of the set, ended the set at 21-19. Benes and Kubala played error-free volleyball, with just one hitting error in the first set, and that came late in the set. In the second set no team led by more than one point until Brazil scored four straight to close out the set at 21-17. Benjamin had two blocks in the set. Brazil was strong in the third set, with two 4-0 runs helped by Bruno's nine digs in the set. Both teams had just one hitting error in the set, but the defense by Brazil helped them to the 15-9 win.

Grzegorz Fijalek / Mariusz Prudel Poland (30) def. Christian Redmann / Ben Saxton Canada (46) 21-18, 21-19 (:39)

The two teams were tied 5-5 early, but then Poland went on a 6-1 run. Canada chipped away at the lead but could get no closer than two points the rest of the way. Saxton led the way for Canada with 13 kills, while Prudel had a block and ace for Poland. The second set was much like the first as the teams were tied 6-6 when Poland went on another run, this one being a 5-1 burst. Down 16-15, Redmann and Saxton scored four straight behind two Saxton blocks, but Poland was able to hold off the charge for a 21-19 win. Saxton added another 11 kills and three blocks to his total, while Fijalek tallied 15 kills and nine digs in the match.

Matt Fuerbringer / Nick Lucena United States (7) def. Alexander Horst / Daniel Mullner Austria (33) 21-18, 17-21, 15-8 (:51)

Austria had two blocks by Mullner to jump out to a 5-2 lead early. Austria led 13-10 when the U.S. ran off five straight points, capped off by an ace by Lucena. The teams were tied at 17-17 when Fuerbringer and Lucena closed the set on a 4-1 run. Mullner finished the set with three blocks, but the 13 digs by the Americans proved too much. In the second set Austria came out with a vengeance, going up 7-3 on the strength of Mullner's four kills, a block and an ace. The U.S. was not able to get closer than two points the rest of the way, and Mullner piled on three more blocks this set. Austria went up 2-1 in the tiebreaking set, but then the Americans scored 11 of the next 13 points. Fuerbringer had three blocks in the set and helped force Austria into nine hitting errors in the set.

Rhooney Ferramenta / Pedro Salgado Brazil (12) def. Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Ruslans Sorokins Latvia (38) 21-19, 14-21, 15-10 (:51)

Brazil broke open a 4-4 tie in the opening set with a 9-3 run which included three blocks by Pedro. Brazil had a seemingly comfortable lead at 17-12, but Latvia scored seven of the next eight points to take a 19-18 lead, then Ferramenta and Pedro scored the last three points. Ferramenta had 12 kills in the set. In the second set Latvia trailed only at 1-0, but scored the next four points and remained in control the rest of the set. The Latvians committed just one hitting error in the set, while Sorokins had nine digs. In the third set Latvia had the lead early as Samoilovs recorded three blocks. But with the two teams tied at 7-7 an ace by Ferramenta and a Pedro block were part of a 5-0 run by Brazil.

Yaroslav Koshkarev / Konstantin Semenov Russia (16) def. Penggen Wu / Linyin Xu China (6) 21-19, 21-17 (:37)

In a game of runs, China started out up 4-0 but then Russia tied it 4-4. China went on a 5-1 run immediately thereafter, and held the same margin at 17-13. Then Russia's run proved to be the difference, as their 6-0 run put the set firmly in their control. Xu had three blocks in the set but it wasn't enough as Semenov had two blocks and two aces. In the second set, Russia had a big early run, going up 6-1 as both Koshkarev and Semenov had an ace. The two teams mostly traded points until the score was 14-10 in favor of Russia, at which point Russia scored four straight. China answered with a 7-2 run but fell short as Russia closed the match with the 21-17 win. The Russians combined for five service aces in the match.

Alison Cerutti / Emanuel Rego Brazil (2) def. Inocencio Lario / Raul Mesa Spain (32) 21-16, 21-15 (:33)

Spain scored the first point of the match, which would mark their only lead in the whole match. Brazil scored three straight points to take a 5-2 lead, scored three in a row to go ahead 17-14, and then scored the final four points of the set. Alison had four blocks in the set, including two of the last three points. The two teams were tied 6-6 in the second set when Brazil went on a 7-2 run, capped off by Emanuel's ace. Spain trailed 16-13 when Alison and Emanuel closed the match on a 5-2 run.