



2007 AVPNext/Wilson National Championships host play for nearly 1,000 participants

LOS ANGELES - AVPNext, the membership-based grassroots program of the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, contested two events as part of its 2007 championship series featuring play for nearly 1,000 participants.

The events, hosted by East End Volleyball, included the Oct. 20-21 AVPNext/Wilson National Beach Volleyball Championships at Clearwater Beach, FL and the Sept. 15 AVPNext/Wilson National 6's and 4's Beach Volleyball Championships at Cedar Beach in Babylon, NY.

The AVPNext/Wilson National Beach Volleyball Championships, offering doubles competition in 11 adult and junior divisions, featured participants from 20 states and Canada. The open divisions competed for over \$5,000 with Matt Henderson (Tampa, FL) and Joey Cash (St. Petersburg, FL) winning the men's title and Tara Kuk (Clearwater, FL) and Kim Whitney (Dunedin, FL) earning the women's championship.

Champions from the remaining divisions include:

Men's AA

(Sat.) Kevin Legg (Palm Harbor, FL), Jon Sundquist (Safety Harbor, FL)

(Sun.) Alex Kutsy (Sarasota, FL), Allan Coleman

Men's A

Dan Paynter (Jackson, WI), Luke Otto (Hartford, WI)

Men's B

Chrisa Lucina, Jonathan Jennings (Tavares, FL)

Women's A

Joanna Jockish (Indianapolis, IN), Sharilee Doty (Altamonte Springs FL)

Women's B

Atara Oven, Jessica Oven

Co-ed Open

Mike Kuk (Clearwater, FL), Lisa Ekmekjian

Co-ed A

(Div. 1) Ami Gideons (Plant City, FL), Bert Gideons (Plant City, FL)

(Div. 2) Thomas Gonzalez, Jules Lovejoy

Co-ed B

Dean Dukat (Winter Garden, FL), Rebecca Kuma

Girl's 18 & under

Taylor Story (Plano, TX), Maggie Brindock (Rockwall, TX)

The AVPNext/Wilson National 6's and 4's Beach Volleyball Championships, offered competition in competitive 6's, rec 6's and 4's (any gender) divisions and featured nearly 500 participants.

Champions from the event include:

Competitive 6's: Angelfish, Charlie Felloni (captain)



Rec 6's: Sixpak.com, Keith Schlobohm (captain)
4's: Beach Hut, Haps Donovan (captain)

The national tournaments concluded the \$15,000 AVPNext/Wilson East Coast Grand Prix, a season-long competition offering points in events hosted by East End Volleyball, Newport Volleyball Club, Sunshine State Outdoor Volleyball Association and Volleyball Virginia.

Mike DiPierro (Pompano Beach, FL) and Rebecca Smith (Somerset, MA) each earned \$1,000 as the leading male and female (respectively) competitors based on their finishes during the 2007 season.

For more information on the AVPNext/Wilson National Beach Volleyball Championships visit www.avp.com or www.eevb.net/clearwater.htm.

Made up of over 40 promoters offering programs for nearly 30,000 participants, AVPNext unites the volleyball community by formulating activities designed to enhance the growth of the game for all enthusiasts.

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