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World champions triumph in Germany

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Italians Veronica Visani, Camila Ponti, Sofia Cimatti Photo: Maximilian Hamm and Federica Bacchetta, with German Lisa-Marie Bürkle

INGELHEIM, GERMANY: Reigning World Champions and current joint number one in the ITF World Ranking Federica Bacchetta, 28, and Sofia Cimatti, 22, were victorious in the final in the Women's Doubles.

The duo won an all-Italian contest by beating Camilla Ponti, 22, and Veronica Visani, 24, with the loss of only four games, all of which came in the opening set of a 64 60 victory.

In the semifinals the two teams had eased past the German teams Carina Blank and Lisa-Marie Buerkle and Dorothee Berreth and Monika Keller, respectively.

Luca Cramarossa, 22, and Matteo Marighella, 35, the favourites of the tournament from Italy, won the first edition of the frubiase Beach Tennis Open in Ingelheim/Rhein.

In a spectacular final match they beat Russian Nikita Burmakin, 26, and Alex Mingozi, 33, from Italy in two tiebreakers 76(5) 76(3). Both finalists had some difficulties in their semifinals, where Cramarossa and Marighella recovered from a set down to defeat their fellow countrymen Maurizio Di Cori and Andrea Penza 36 62 61 whilst Burmakin and Mingozi overcame a fightback from Teo Casadei and Marco Faccini to triumph 63 26 63.

The Grade 2 tournament with a Prize Money of 5,000 Euros was part of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour 2015 and of the DTB Beach Tennis Circuit. Teams from eight countries participated.

The organisers from Beachclub2010 and TC Boehringer had perfect beach weather over the span of four days, when they also were responsible for a Grade 4 tournament and a Beach Tennis Academy led by Alex Mingozi on Thursday.

Nils Muschiol and Benjamin Ringlstetter won the Grade 4 title in the Men's Doubles event in a dominant display against Benjamin Blank and Tobias Notter 60 60, while Carina Blank and Lisa-Marie Burkle saw off the challenge of Dorothee Berreth and Monika Keller 75 63.

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