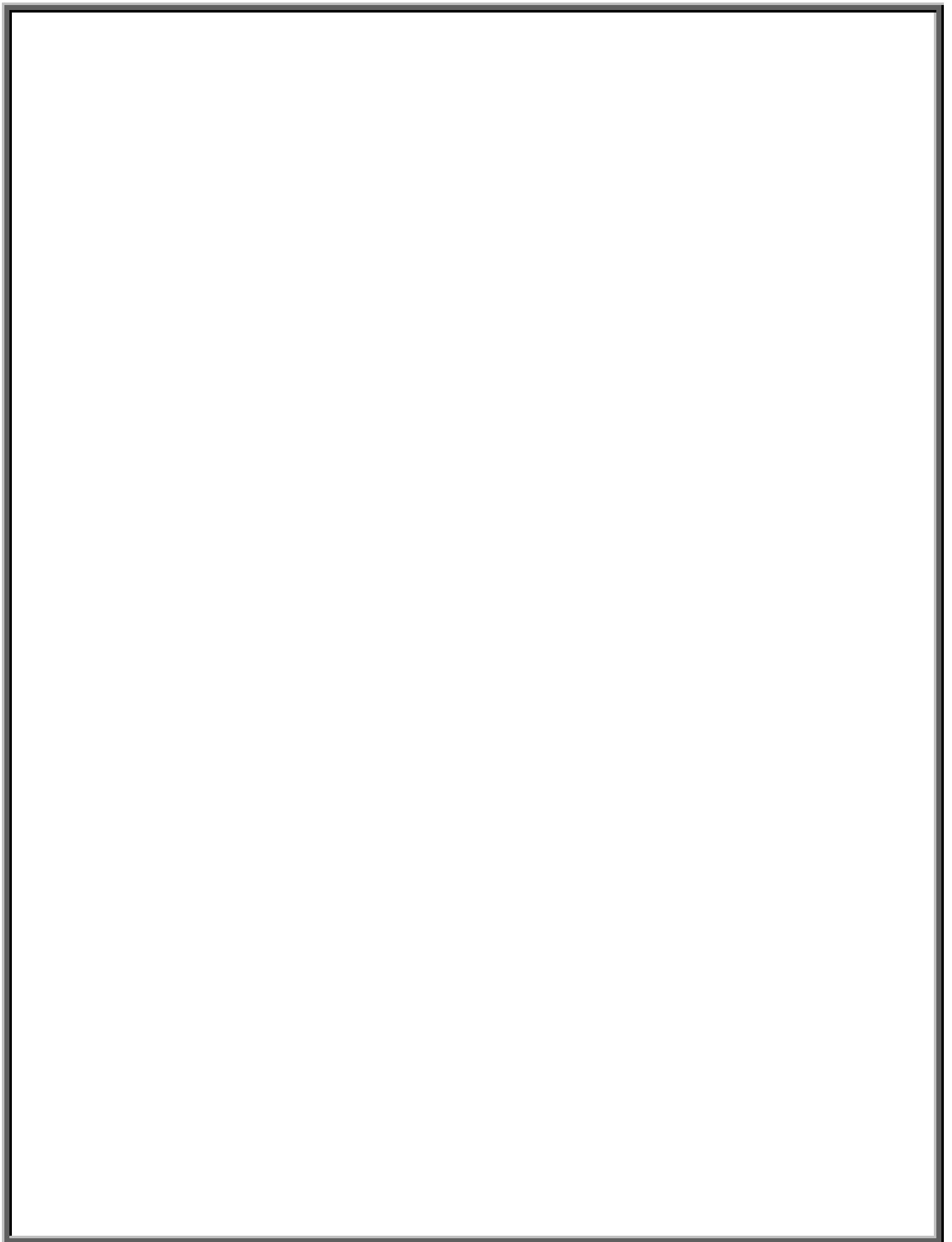


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Media Information

What is World League? The FIVB's (Federation Internationale de Volleyball) premier annual international men's competition, the FIVB World League consists of six intercontinental rounds of tournaments. Each of the 16 teams is vying for a share of more than USD \$20 million in prize money and a place in the final round in Belgrade, Serbia (June 22-26). The teams will each play three rounds at home and three away. Each round consists of two matches against the same team on separate days over the same weekend.

The World League was created in 1990 as part of the intensive marketing program that would become a distinctive mark of the FIVB's activities near the end of the century.

The idea was to promote the sport of volleyball by establishing an annual competition that would appeal to audiences all over the world. At that point, international competitions involving top volleyball teams (i.e., the Olympic Games and World Championship) took place only in four-year cycles, and were usually confined to a host city or nation. By contrast, the World League was designed to be played on a one-year basis, with a system of rotating cities that allowed every team to host a number of matches in the preliminary round. Further restrictions on participation, such as mandatory local broadcasting, ensured massive TV and media coverage.

At the turn of the century, the World League was fully consolidated as a major international volleyball event. Generous rewards in cash - from 1990 to 2004, the total sum spent on prize money jumped from \$1 to \$13 million dollars - made up for the competition's relative lack of tradition and prestige in the eyes of the national federations.

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USA Volleyball World League Web Site: <http://volleyball.teamusa.org/event/event/573>

FIVB World League Web Site:
<http://www.fivb.org/EN/volleyball/competitions/WorldLeague/2009/?Tourn=WL2009>

The FIVB World League web site includes the post-match box and statistics, match description, press conference quotes and high resolution photos available for editorial publication.

Match Times: Each match starts at 7 p.m. on June 26-27. Play is preceded by warm-ups, national anthems and team introductions.

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Match Venue: San Jose State University Event Center Arena

The Event Center Arena holds 4,600 people for basketball, and more than 6,500 people for concerts. It has hosted events such as Bruce Springsteen, Prince, Sting, Faith Hill. Sporting events include the SJSU Spartan men's and women's basketball teams, and 2008 Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championships.

Location: The Event Center is located on the corner of South 7th and San Carlos streets. It features a 6,500 seat Arena for sporting events and concerts, a full service Box Office, and a Sports Club with a fully equipped fitness center. (See campus map on next page)

Main Parking: The primary parking garage is located at the 7th Street garage. The parking fee will be \$10. The 7th Street Garage is a 2 minute walk to the Event Center. Simply exit the garage and the Paseo de San Carlos towards the fountain and the Event Center Box Office marquee.

Downtown Parking: Downtown visitors must now pay a \$3 fee after 6 p.m. in all city-owned parking lots and garages except the lot under I-280 at South First Street and the lot at Almaden/Balbach, which will still be free nights and weekends.

Credential Information: Media Credentials can be picked up at Will Call about one hour prior to the match.

Post-Match Interviews: Team locker rooms are closed to the media. There will be a press conference held 5-15 minutes after the match. The coach and team captain will be at the press conference automatically. Any other player must be requested before the end of the match. Interpreters for international players will be available. Media who want to speak to a player or coach on the court immediately after the match must contact the press director.

Photo Areas: Credentialed photographers are free to go where necessary around the arena, but must stay behind the low signs around the court and may not stand behind the team bench area or the scorer's table. Please stay out of the way of TV cameras and fans.

Statistics: Statistics will be available after each set and at the end of each set and will be delivered to press row by a runner. Final statistics will be available a few minutes after the end of the match.

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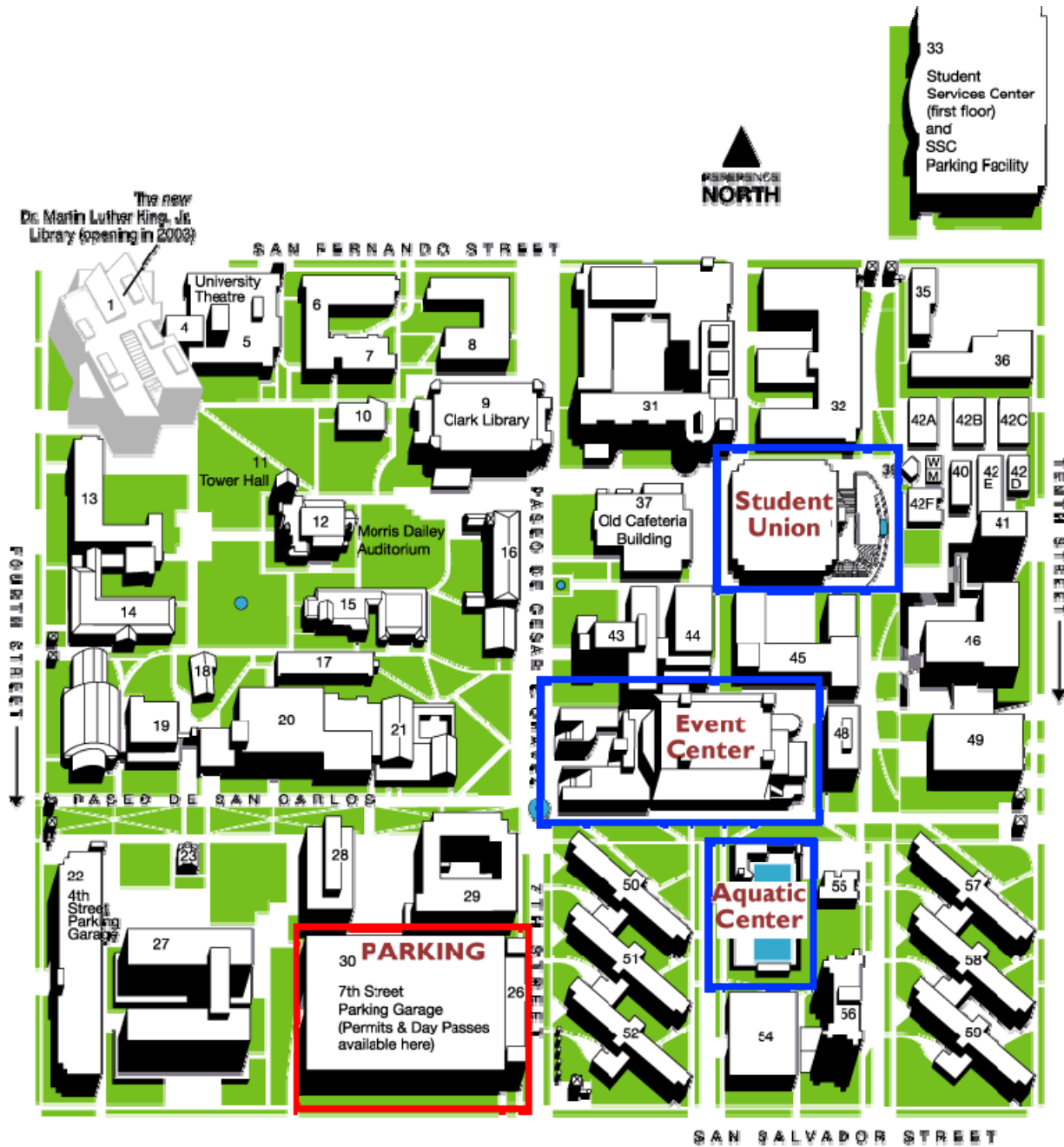


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San Jose State University Campus Map





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China Preliminary Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Club	Hometown
1	Hongmin Bian	MB	19	6-11	209	Zhejiang	Zhejiang
2	Ji Zhe	MB	22	6-7	198	Henan	Henan
3	Qingyao Dai	NA	17	6-9	179	Shanghai	Shanghai
4	Chen Zhang	MB	23	6-7	154	Jiangsu	Nanjing
5	Peng Guo	MB	26	6-7	184	Army	Beijing
6	Chunlong Liang	MB	21	6-9	201	Liaoning	Shenyang
7	Weijun Zhong	OH	20	6-6	176	Army	Beijing
8	Jianjun Cui	OH	23	6-3	196	Henan	NA
9	Shuai Jiao	S	25	6-4	168	Henan	NA
10	Ping Chen	OH	19	6-5	172	Jiangsu	NA
11	Dawei Yu	MB	25	6-6	198	Shandong	Hangzhou
12	Qiong Shen	OH	27	6-6	185	Shanghai	Shanghai
13	Kun Jiang	OH	23	6-6	198	Sichuan	Beijing
14	Qi Gao	S	26	6-5	187	Hubei	NA
15	Runming Li	S	19	6-6	198	Shandong	NA
16	Qi Ren	L	25	5-9	154	Shanghai	Shanghai
17	Hui Ding	NA	19	6-1	176	Zhejiang	NA
18	Yingchao Fang	OH	26	6-6	174	Shanghai	Shanghai

Head Coach: Zhou Jianan
Team Manager: Li Shiping
Assistant Coach: Xie Guochen
Therapist/Trainer: Wang Hebing
Team Doctor: Song Weiping



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United States Preliminary Roster

No	Name	Pos	Age	Ht	Wt	Hometown	College
1	Matt Anderson	OH	22	6-9	190	West Seneca, N.Y.	Penn State
2	Sean Rooney	OH	26	6-9	220	Wheaton, Ill.	Pepperdine
3	Evan Patak	Opp	25	6-7	250	Pleasanton, Calif.	UC Santa Barbara
4	David Lee	MB	27	6-8	232	Alpine, Calif.	Long Beach State
5	Rich Lambourne	L	34	6-3	198	Tustin, Calif.	BYU
6	Paul Lotman	OH	23	6-7	225	Lakewood, Calif.	Long Beach State
7	Donald Suxho	S	33	6-5	216	Korce, Albania	USC
8	Andrew Hein	MB	24	6-11	220	Carol Stream, Ill.	Pepperdine
9	Jonathan Winder	S	23	6-8	200	Irvine, Calif.	Pepperdine
10	David Smith	MB	24	6-7	190	Saugus, Calif.	UC Irvine
11	Brook Billings	Opp	29	6-5	210	Santa Barbara, Calif.	USC
12	Tom Hoff	MB	36	6-8	207	Park Ridge, Ill.	Long Beach State
13	Clay Stanley	Opp	31	6-9	230	Honolulu, Hawai'i	Hawai'i
14	Kevin Hansen	S	27	6-5	205	Newport Beach, Calif.	Stanford
15	Russell Holmes	MB	26	6-8	210	Fountain Valley, Calif.	BYU
16	Jayson Jablonsky	OH	23	6-5	196	Yorba Linda, Calif.	UC Irvine
17	Delano Thomas	MB	26	6-7	210	Sacramento, Calif.	Hawai'i
18	Scott Touzinsky	OH	27	6-6	194	St. Louis, Mo.	Long Beach State
19	Alfee Reft	L	26	5-10	176	Oxnard, Calif.	Hawai'i

Head Coach: Alan Knipe (Huntington Beach, Calif.)
Team Manager: Rick McLaughlin (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
Assistant Coach: Gary Sato (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Therapist/Trainer: John Hawks IV (Huntington Beach, Calif.)
Technical Coordinator: Christopher Jackson (Phoenix, Ariz.)
Medical Support: Aaron Brock (Storm Lake, Iowa)
Team Doctor: Dr. William B. Stetson



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China Team Profile

Vowing to employ a fast game with various tactics, China comes into the 2009 FIVB World League riding high after a fifth-place finish at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the team's best ever showing.

But while the team is optimistic about the future, it has adopted a level-headed approach to the new Olympic cycle.

Some of the faces have changed on the team this year, although most of those are in the coaching department, with the core of the players remaining the same as those who participated in Beijing.

Joining coach Zhou Jianan, the Chinese team captain in 1990s, and assistant coach Xie Guochen, are new assistant coach Wang Hebing and trainer and team manager Li Shiping.

China finished seventh in the 2008 World League, moving up one place from the 2007 edition.

Elsewhere, it has been a mixed bag of results for the Chinese in recent years. In the FIVB World Championship, they were the model of consistency from 1994 to 2002, finishing 13th three times running before dropping to a 17th-placed finish in 2006.

In the FIVB World Cup, they twice finished fifth in 1977 and 1981 and after an 18-year gap came back to place 11th in 1999 and then 10th in 2003.

China has fared better in the Asian Games. They won the competition in 1990, placed second in '94, won in '98, finished third in 2002 and second in '06.

In the Asian Championship, they placed third in '91, fourth in '93 and second in '95, before winning the title in '97 and retaining it in '99. They then finished third in 2001, second in '03, second in '05 and fourth in '07.

China Head Coach



Zhou Jianan, 45, was setter of the Chinese Men's Volleyball team from 1987-1999 and took part in many major international competitions. He appeared in three World Cups and three World Championships and played for several years in the World League. As captain, he led the Chinese team to victory in the Asian Championship in 1997 and 1999, and to gold at the 1998 Asian Games.

After retiring from the Chinese Men's Volleyball team in 1999, he worked as head coach of the Sichuan Men's Club team for several years. After Zhou's appointment, Sichuan won the Chinese National League on a number of occasions.

In 2006, the Chinese National Men's Team was revamped and Zhou was appointed as head coach. For the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, he decided to select younger players to provide them with greater opportunities for rapid development. His strategy paid off, with the team gaining great experience and finishing in fifth in Beijing.



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U.S. Men Look to Continue Improvement at Home



The United States enters its third weekend of the 2009 FIVB World League happy to be home.

“It felt good to land yesterday,” U.S. Head Coach Alan Knipe said. “That was a long World League trip. The good news is we got a lot of the travel out of the way. But it was nice to get back.

“We’re looking forward to playing in front of a home crowd.”

Team USA, ranked No. 2 in the world, will face China on June 26-27 at the San Jose State University Event Center Arena in California. San Jose is about 366 miles (589km) north of the U.S. Men’s training home in Anaheim, Calif.

There is a large Chinese community in Northern California so the Chinese team will most likely have a good share of fans.

Team USA, the 2008 World League and Olympic champion, sits in second place in Group A behind Netherlands, with whom it split a pair of matches on June 12-13 in Rotterdam.

The United States went on to take two straight matches in Italy.

“The really encouraging thing is that we played better every match,” Knipe said of the European trip.

China, ranked eighth in the world, opened World League by splitting two matches with Italy, but then lost two straight to Netherlands.

The United States is 4-1 against China since 2004 and 40-12 since 1981.

The U.S. Men defeated China 3-0 (25-22, 25-12, 25-18) when the teams played in pool play at the 2008 Summer Games. China went on to finish in a four-way tie for fifth.

Knipe is looking for his team to continue its improvement – particularly on passing and blocking – no matter who the opponent is. He is also trying to get his younger players as much time on the court as possible without sacrificing its success.

“I like that we have a number of guys on the roster that are fairly interchangeable,” Knipe said. “I feel good about the guys on the roster; we could put them in at any time.”



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Results and Standings as of June 22

Pool A

Rk	Code	Country	Points	Matches		Points			Sets		
				Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio
1	NED	Netherlands	10	3	1	326	303	1.076	11	3	3.667
2	USA	USA	8	3	1	374	353	1.059	9	7	1.286
3	ITA	Italy	3	1	3	332	322	1.031	5	9	0.556
4	CHN	China	3	1	3	251	305	0.823	3	9	0.333

Pool B

Rk	Code	Country	Points	Matches		Points			Sets		
				Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio
1	KOR	Korea	6	2	2	388	380	1.021	9	8	1.125
2	FRA	France	6	2	2	373	370	1.008	9	8	1.125
3	ARG	Argentina	6	2	2	427	427	1.000	10	10	1.000
4	SRB	Serbia	6	2	2	323	334	0.967	6	8	0.750

Pool C

Rk	Code	Country	Points	Matches		Points			Sets		
				Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio
1	CUB	Cuba	9	3	1	416	383	1.086	11	7	1.571
2	RUS	Russia	9	3	1	377	357	1.056	11	6	1.833
3	BUL	Bulgaria	3	1	3	359	383	0.937	6	10	0.600
4	JPN	Japan	3	1	3	324	353	0.918	5	10	0.500

Pool D

Rk	Code	Country	Points	Matches		Points			Sets		
				Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio
1	BRA	Brazil	11	4		362	293	1.235	12	3	4.000
2	POL	Poland	5	2	2	320	328	0.976	7	8	0.875
3	VEN	Venezuela	4	1	3	325	348	0.934	6	9	0.667
4	FIN	Finland	4	1	3	321	359	0.894	5	10	0.500

Match won 3-0 or 3-1: 3 points for the winner, 0 point for the loser

Match won 3-2: 2 points for the winner, 1 point for the loser

Note: In case of tie, the teams will be classified according to the following criteria: number of matches won, points ratio and sets ratio



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FIVB World League Results				
Year	Final Round Host	Champions	Runners-up	3rd place
1990	 Osaka, Japan	 Italy	 Netherlands	 Brazil
1991	 Milan, Italy	 Italy	 Cuba	 Soviet Union
1992	 Genova, Italy	 Italy	 Cuba	 United States
1993	 São Paulo, Brazil	 Brazil	 Russia	 Italy
1994	 Milan, Italy	 Italy	 Cuba	 Brazil
1995	 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	 Italy	 Brazil	 Cuba
1996	 Rotterdam, Netherlands	 Netherlands	 Italy	 Russia
1997	 Moscow, Russia	 Italy	 Cuba	 Russia
1998	 Milan, Italy	 Cuba	 Russia	 Netherlands
1999	 Mar del Plata, Argentina	 Italy	 Cuba	 Brazil
2000	 Rotterdam, Netherlands	 Italy	 Russia	 Brazil
2001	 Katowice, Poland	 Brazil	 Italy	 Russia
2002	 Belo Horizonte, Brazil	 Russia	 Brazil	 Yugoslavia
2003	 Madrid, Spain	 Brazil	 Serbia and Montenegro	 Italy



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2004	 Rome, Italy	 Brazil	 Italy	 Serbia and Montenegro
2005	 Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro	 Brazil	 Serbia and Montenegro	 Cuba
2006	 Moscow, Russia	 Brazil	 France	 Russia
2007	 Katowice, Poland	 Brazil	 Russia	 United States
2008	 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	 United States	 Serbia	 Russia

Medals Summary

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	 Italy	8	3	2	13
2	 Brazil	7	2	4	13
3	 Cuba	1	5	2	8
4	 Russia ^[1]	1	4	6	11
5	 Netherlands	1	1	1	3
6	 United States	1	0	2	3
7	 Serbia ^[2]	0	3	2	5
8	 France	0	1	0	1

Note: 1. Russia played from 1990 to 1991 as the Soviet Union and in 1992 as CIS
2. Serbia played from 1990 to 1991 as SFR Yugoslavia, from 1992 to 2002 as FR Yugoslavia and from 2003 to 2006 as Serbia and Montenegro



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International Volleyball Fact Sheet

Introduction: Volleyball has major international competitions every year and, at its highest level, is a physically demanding sport played by some of the world's most elite athletes. Of course, volleyball is also a popular recreational activity enjoyed by more than 38 million persons in the United States (more than any team sport but basketball) and more than 800 million persons globally, making it the world's most popular participant sport. This fact sheet is designed to provide more understanding about international volleyball and its major competitions, including the Olympic Games.

International Governing Body: The international governing body for volleyball is the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland. The FIVB is the world's largest sports federation, with more than 200 member nations. Under the direction of its president, Dr. Ruben Acosta of Mexico, the FIVB oversees the administration of volleyball throughout the world and is responsible for producing several major events, including the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, World League and World Grand Prix.

National Governing Body: The national governing body (NGB) for volleyball in the United States is USA Volleyball, formerly known as the United States Volleyball Association. Founded in 1928, USA Volleyball is responsible for the administration of all forms of volleyball in the United States, including producing the annual USA Open Volleyball Championships, Junior Olympic Championships and the USA Outdoor National Championships. As mandated by the 1978 Amateur Sports Act, USA Volleyball is responsible to the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and the FIVB for training and nominating the teams which represent the United States in the Olympic Games and other important volleyball competitions worldwide.

Major Competitions: The four major events on the international volleyball calendar are the

Olympic Games (men and women, indoor and beach), World Championships (men and women, indoor and beach), World Cup (men and women, indoor), World League (men, indoor) and World Grand Prix (women, indoor). All events are conducted quadrennially, with the exceptions of the annual World League/Grand Prix and the biennial Beach World Championships.

World Rankings: Following the decision of the FIVB Board of Administration, a new system of point attribution based on a new scale has been implemented for the FIVB World Ranking of Volleyball National Teams. The following competitions are now included:

- Senior World Championships included for four years - 25 percent reduction each year. Points are also granted for the qualification matches, to the best non-qualified teams.
- Olympic Games included for four years – 25 percent reduction each year. Points are also granted for the qualification matches, to the best non-qualified teams.
- World Cup included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.
- Senior Continental Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year; points are also granted for the qualification matches to the best non-qualified teams.
- Men's World League / Women's World Grand Prix included for one year.
- Junior World Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.
- Junior Continental Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.

Following are the top 20 teams in the FIVB World Rankings as of Jan. 15, 2009:

Men	Women
1. Brazil	1. Brazil
2. USA	2. USA
3. Russia	3. Cuba
4. Bulgaria	4. Italy



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5. Serbia	5. China
6. Italy	6. Japan
7. Poland	7. Serbia
8. China	8. Russia
9. Japan	9. Poland
10. Spain	10. Korea
10. Puerto Rico	11. Turkey
12. Argentina	12. Germany
13. Germany	13. Dominican Rep.
14. Australia	14. Kazakhstan
14. Venezuela	15. Netherlands
16. Egypt	16. Kenya
17. France	17. Peru
18. Korea	18. Algeria
18. Cuba	19. Thailand
20. Tunisia	19. Puerto Rico

Olympic Games: Volleyball made its debut in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. Twelve teams in both the men's and women's draw earn the right to compete:

For the 2008 Olympics, China, as the host country, gets an automatic berth. Eleven other countries must qualify. Three countries will qualify at the 2007 World Cup. After that, countries can qualify at their zone qualifiers, or at other international qualifying events.

Past Olympic Champions (Men)

1964: Soviet Union (USA, ninth)
1968: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1972: Japan, (USA, DNQ)
1976: Poland (USA, DNQ)
1980: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1984: USA
1988: USA
1992: Brazil (USA, third)
1996: Netherlands (USA, ninth)
2000: Yugoslavia (USA, 11th)
2004: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2008: USA

Past Olympic Champions (Women)

1964: Japan (USA, fifth)
1968: Soviet Union (USA, eighth)
1972: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1976: Japan (USA, DNQ)

1980: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1984: China (USA, second)
1988: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1992: Cuba (USA, third)
1996: Cuba (USA, seventh)
2000: Cuba (USA, fourth)
2004: China (USA, fifth)
2008: Brazil (USA, second)

World Championships: The World Championships are held every four years in the second year after the Olympics. The site, usually separate for the men's and women's competitions, is determined by the FIVB based on bids received from interested cities. The 24 berths for the men and women are gained in the following manner:

- Host country
- Defending world champions
- FIVB determines the appropriate number of qualification spots for each continent/zone based on performance at the previous World Championships.

Past World Champions (Men)

1949: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1952: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1956: Czechoslovakia (USA, sixth)
1960: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1962: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1966: Czechoslovakia (USA, 11th)
1970: East Germany (USA, 18th)
1974: Poland (USA, 14th)
1978: Soviet Union (USA, 19th)
1982: Soviet Union (USA, 13th)
1986: USA
1990: Italy (USA, 13th)
1994: Italy (USA, third)
1998: Italy (USA, ninth)
2002: Brazil (USA, ninth)
2006: Brazil (USA, 10th)

Past World Champions (Women)

1952: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1956: Soviet Union (USA, ninth)
1960: Soviet Union (USA, sixth)
1962: Japan (USA, DNP)
1966: Japan (USA, second)



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1970: Soviet Union (USA, 11th)
1974: Japan (USA, 12th)
1978: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1982: China (USA, third)
1986: China (USA, 10th)
1990: Soviet Union (USA, third)
1994: Cuba (USA, sixth)
1998: Cuba (USA, 13th)
2002: Italy (USA, second)
2006: Russia (USA, ninth)

World Cup: The World Cup is held every four years, in the year prior to the Olympic Games. Though originally held at various sites, it has been hosted by Japan since 1977. Prior to 1991, the World Cup took place in the year immediately following the Olympics. The 12 berths in the World Cup for men and women are gained in the following manner:

- Host country (Japan- Men and Women)
- Defending World Cup champion
- Winners of the five zone championships
- The highest-placed team (of each zone) not qualified for the Olympic Games in accordance with the ranking of the zone championships.

Past World Cup Champions (Men)

1965: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1969: East Germany (USA, DNP)
1973: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1977: Soviet Union (USA, 10th)
1981: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1985: USA
1989: Cuba (USA, fourth)
1991: Soviet Union (USA, third)
1995: Italy (USA, fourth)
1999: Russia (USA, fourth)
2003: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2007: Brazil (USA, fourth)

Past World Cup Champions (Women)

1973: Soviet Union (USA, sixth)
1977: Japan (USA, seventh)
1981: China (USA, fourth)
1985: China (USA, DNQ)
1989: Cuba (USA, DNQ)
1991: Cuba (USA, fourth)
1995: Cuba (USA, seventh)

1999: Cuba (USA, ninth)
2003: China (USA, third)
2007: Italy (USA, third)

Zone Championships: The volleyball world is divided into five international zones. The United States is in the NORCECA (North America Central America Caribbean) Zone, with championships held every other year at various sites. The other zones are Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. The frequency of zone championships competition varies in each of the five sections. Any nation in a particular zone may participate in its zone championships whenever such a competition is conducted.

Past NORCECA Champions (Men)

1969: Cuba (USA, third)
1971: Cuba (USA, second)
1973: USA
1975: Cuba (USA, third)
1977: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1979: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1981: Cuba (USA, second)
1983: USA
1985: USA
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)
1991: Cuba (USA, second)
1993: Cuba (USA, second)
1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: USA
2001: Cuba (USA, second)
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: USA

Past NORCECA Champions (Women)

1969: Mexico (USA, sixth)
1971: Mexico (USA, third)
1973: Cuba (USA, third)
1975: Cuba (USA, second)
1977: Cuba (USA, third)
1979: Cuba (USA, second)
1981: USA
1983: USA
1985: Cuba (USA, second)
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)



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1991: Cuba (USA, second)
1993: Cuba (USA, second)
1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: Cuba (USA, second)
2001: USA
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: Cuba (USA, second)

World League and World Grand Prix: The World League features the top 12 men's volleyball teams in the world in competition for a total purse that has grown to \$15 million since the inaugural season in 1990. Teams are divided into three, four-team pools and each country playing the other teams in their pool four times (twice at home, twice on the road). The winner and runner-up in each pool advance to a seeded playoff round. The regular season is usually played in May and June with playoffs in early July.

The World Grand Prix is the women's counterpart to the World League, and offers a total purse of \$2 million to its 12-team field. Teams play in different four-team pools each weekend, at round-robin tournaments hosted by cities throughout Asia. The three teams with the best records join the host country for the Grand Prix Finals. The regular season is played in August and early-September with playoffs in mid-September.

Men's World League Champions

1990: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1991: Italy (USA, third in pool)
1992: Italy (USA, first in pool, third overall)
1993: Brazil (USA, fifth in pool)
1994: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1995: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1996: Netherlands (USA, DNP)
1997: Italy (USA, DNP)
1998: Cuba (USA, DNP)
1999: Italy (USA, DNP)
2000: Italy (USA, first in pool, sixth overall)
2001: Brazil (USA, third in pool, tied-ninth overall)
2002: Russia (USA, DNP)
2003: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2004: Brazil (USA, DNP)

2005: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2006: Brazil (USA, 10th)
2007: Brazil (USA, first in pool, third overall)
2008: USA (USA, first in pool)

Women's World Grand Prix Champions

1993: Cuba (USA, seventh regular season)
1994: Brazil (USA, fifth regular season)
1995: USA
1996: Brazil (USA, fifth)
1997: Russia (USA, eighth)
1998: Brazil (USA, eighth)
1999: Russia (USA, DNP)
2000: Cuba (USA, sixth)
2001: USA
2002: Russia (USA, sixth)
2003: China (USA, third)
2004: Brazil (USA, third)
2005: Brazil (USA, eighth)
2006: Brazil (USA, seventh)
2007: Netherlands (USA, seventh)
2008: Brazil (USA, fourth)