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*U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Press Kit*

# **2009 FIVB World Grand Prix**

***U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team  
Ranked Second in the World***

***Olympic Games***

***Silver Medalist in 2008 and 1984***

***Bronze Medalist in 1992***

***FIVB World Championships***

***Silver Medalist in 2002 and 1966***

***Bronze Medalist in 1990 and 1982***

***FIVB World Cup***

***Bronze Medalist in 2003 and 2007***

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# U.S. Women's National Team O-2 Preliminary Roster

## 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Hometown	College
1	Nicole Fawcett	OH	6-4	Zanesfield, Ohio	Penn State
2	Elisha Thomas	MB	6-3	Grass Valley, Calif.	Long Beach State
3	Lauren Paolini	MB	6-4	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Texas
4	Angela McGinnis	S	5-11	Fraser, Mich.	Florida
5	Stacy Sykora	L	5-10	Burleson, Texas	Texas A&M
6	Nicole Davis	L	5-6	Stockton, Calif.	Southern California
7	Angie Pressey	OH	5-8	Lake Mary, Fla.	California-Berkeley
8	Cynthia Barboza	OH	6-0	Long Beach, Calif.	Stanford
9	Alexis Crimes	MB	6-3	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.	Long Beach State
10	Kristin Richards	OH	6-1	Orem, Utah	Stanford
11	Jordan Larson	OH	6-2	Hooper, Neb.	Nebraska
12	Nancy Metcalf	OPP	6-1	Hull, Iowa	Nebraska
13	Tracy Stalls	MB	6-4	Denver, Colo.	Nebraska
14	Heather Hughes	OPP	6-2	Fallbrook, Calif.	Loyola Marymount
15	Courtney Thompson	S	5-7	Kent, Wash.	Washington
16	Christa Harmotto	MB	6-2	Aliquippa, Pa.	Penn State
17	Mary "Nellie" Spicer	S	5-9	Barrington, Ill.	UCLA
18	Foluke Akinradewo	MB	6-3	Plantation, Fla.	Stanford
19	Jane Collymore	OH	5-11	Seattle, Wash.	Florida

**Head Coach:** Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand)

**Assistant Coach:** Karch Kiraly (San Clemente, Calif.)

**Assistant Coach:** Beth Launiere (Salt Lake City, Utah) - at Brazil and Chinese Taipei

**Assistant Coach:** John Speraw (Irvine, Calif.) - at Thailand and Final Round

**Technical Coordinator/Team Leader:** Jamie Morrison (Dana Point, Calif.)

**Athletic Trainer:** Jill Wosmek

\* **NOTE:** Teams can carry 14 players during each preliminary and Final Round phase of the FIVB World Grand Prix, and can change the roster for each phase as long as the players are on the O-2 Preliminary Roster.

Pronunciations	Past Olympians on Roster
Foluke Akinradewo.....Fa-LUKE-uh ahh-kin-rah-DAY-woe	Nicole Davis.....2008
Nicole Fawcett.....FAH-set	Nancy Metcalf.....2004
Stacy Sykora.....Si-COR-ah	Stacy Sykora.....2000, 2004, 2008

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### 2009 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Schedule

#### Egypt Tour Cairo, Egypt

April 10: def. Egypt 3-1  
April 12: def. Egypt 3-0

#### Pan American Cup Site: Miami, Fla.

June 26: def. Costa Rica 3-0  
June 27: def. Guatemala 3-0  
June 28: def. Mexico 3-0  
June 29: def. Peru 3-0  
June 30: def. Puerto Rico 3-1  
July 3: lost to Brazil 1-3  
July 4: lost to Puerto Rico 1-3

#### FIVB World Championship Third Round - NORCECA Qualification Site: Orlando, Fla.

July 6: def. Netherlands Antilles 3-0  
July 7: def. Barbados 3-0  
July 8: def. Costa Rica 3-0

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

July 31: Germany, 1 p.m.  
Aug. 1: Puerto Rico, 1 p.m.  
Aug. 2: Brazil, 10 a.m.

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2 at Miao Li, Chinese Taipei

Aug. 7: Dominican Republic, 2:30 p.m.  
Aug. 8: Netherlands, 2:30 p.m.  
Aug. 9: Germany, 4:30 p.m.

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3 at Bangkok, Thailand

Aug. 14: Russia, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 15: Puerto Rico, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 16: Thailand, 4:30 p.m.

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Finals at Tokyo, Japan

Aug. 19-23: Teams must qualify

#### Final Four Intercontinental Cup Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Sept. 7-13: Teams must qualify

#### NORCECA Women's Continental Championship

Site: Bayamon, Puerto Rico  
Sept. 20-28: Opponents TBA

#### FIVB Grand Champions Cup Site: Tokyo and Fukuoka, Japan

Nov. 10-15: Teams TBA



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**THE EVENT:** The 17th Annual FIVB World Grand Prix is the premier, annual international event for women's volleyball. The 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix involves 12 national teams playing a total of 69 matches over four consecutive weekends in 10 cities. The preliminary rounds are set to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Kielce, Poland and Ningbo, China, on the first weekend, Miao Li, Chinese Taipei, Macau, China, and Osaka, Japan, the second weekend and Hong Kong, Mokpo, Korea and Bangkok, Thailand, the third weekend.

**TEAM USA PRELIMINARY ROUND SITES AND OPPONENTS:** The U.S. Women's National Team opens the FIVB World Grand Prix at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as part of Pool A. The Americans begin the tournament versus Germany on July 31, followed by NORCECA rival Puerto Rico on Aug. 1. On Aug. 2, the FIVB will have its featured match of the preliminary round as top-ranked and 2008 Olympic Games gold medalist Brazil hosts second-ranked and 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist Team USA. The U.S. Women travel from Rio de Janeiro to Miao Li, Chinese Taipei, the following weekend for Pool D action. Team USA plays NORCECA rival Dominican Republic on Aug. 7, Netherlands on Aug. 8 and Germany on Aug. 9. The Americans conclude the preliminary action in Pool I Aug. 14-16 at Bangkok, Thailand. The U.S. Women face Russia on Aug. 14, Puerto Rico on Aug. 15 and host Thailand on Aug. 16.

**FINAL ROUND:** The overall top five teams from the three World Grand Prix preliminary weekends plus host Japan advance to the FIVB World Grand Prix Finals to be held in Tokyo. The Finals format is five straight days of round-robin competition among the six participating teams.

**HOW QUALIFIED:** The U.S. qualified for the 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix at the 2008 Pan American Cup held in Mexico. As the third-highest finishing team from NORCECA in last year's Pan American Cup, Team USA joined Dominican Republic, Brazil and Puerto Rico as the four teams which qualified in the event. The U.S. has already qualified for the 2010 FIVB World Grand Prix by placing fourth - third highest NORCECA team - at the 2009 Pan American Cup.

**PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND WORLD RANKINGS:** The U.S. is second in the FIVB World Ranking, while Brazil leads the international field after it defeated the U.S. in the 2008 Olympic Games gold-medal match. The FIVB World Grand Prix also has No. 5 China, No. 6 Japan, No. 8 Russia, No. 9 Poland, No. 10 Korea, No. 12 Germany, No. 13 Dominican Republic, No. 15 Netherlands, No. 19 Thailand and Puerto Rico. China and Japan are the only two teams to appear in all 17 annual events, while USA and Brazil are making their 16th appearances. Cuba, which had played in all 16 previous editions, failed to qualify for the 2009 World Grand Prix. Puerto Rico is making its first-ever appearance in the premier annual tournament.

**WORLD GRAND PRIX HISTORY:** Brazil has won four of the last five FIVB World Grand Prix tournaments, including last year's gold-medal performance. Overall, Brazil has won the event a record seven times. The U.S. has won the event in 2001 and 1995 with its last medal being a bronze at the 2004 competition. Cuba (1993, 2000) and Russia (1997, 1999) has won the gold medal twice. China (2003) and Netherlands (2007) round out the past champions with one title each. China and Japan are the only countries to have qualified for all 17 FIVB World Grand Prix events. USA and Brazil are participating in their 16th World Grand Prix, while Cuba failed to qualify for the first time in the event's 17-year history.

**2008 WORLD GRAND PRIX REVIEW:** Brazil captured the 2008 FIVB World Grand Prix by going 5-0 in the Final Round, heading off second-place Cuba (4-1), third-place Italy (2-3), fourth-place USA (2-3), fifth-place China (1-4) and sixth-place Japan (1-4).



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### 2008 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Results

#### China Tour Exhibition Matches

March 21: lost to Tianjin 0-3  
March 22: lost to Tianjin 2-3  
March 24: def. China Army 3-1  
March 26: def. China Army 3-2  
March 28: def. ZheJiang 3-1  
March 29: def. ZheJiang 3-2  
April 1: lost to JiangSu 1-3  
April 2: def. JiangSu 3-0

#### Pan American Cup

##### Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico

May 30: lost to Dominican Republic 2-3  
May 31: def. Costa Rica 3-0  
June 1: def. Argentina 3-0  
June 2: def. Mexico 3-0  
June 3: def. Trinidad & Tobago 3-0  
June 5: lost to Puerto Rico 1-3  
June 6: def. Peru 3-0  
June 7: def. Venezuela 3-2

#### at Colorado Springs, Colo.

June 11: lost to Brazil 2-3  
June 13: def. Brazil 3-2  
June 14: lost to Brazil 1-4

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1 at Kobe, Japan

June 20: lost to Turkey 1-3  
June 21: def. Kazakhstan 3-0  
June 22: def. Japan 3-2

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2 at Wroclaw, Poland

June 27: def. Thailand 3-1  
June 28: def. Dominican Republic 3-0  
June 29: def. Poland 3-0

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3 at Taipei, Chinese Taipei

July 4: def. Poland 3-1  
July 5: def. Turkey 3-1  
July 6: lost to Italy 0-3

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Finals at Yokohama, Japan

July 9: lost to Brazil 0-3  
July 10: def. Japan 3-2  
July 11: lost to Cuba 2-3  
July 12: lost to Italy 1-3  
July 13: def. China 3-2

#### Olympic Games Beijing, China

Aug. 9: def. Japan 3-1  
Aug. 11: lost to Cuba 0-3  
Aug. 13: def. Venezuela 3-1  
Aug. 15: def. China 3-2  
Aug. 17: def. Poland 3-2  
Aug. 19: def. Italy 3-2 (quarters)  
Aug. 21: def. Cuba 3-0 (semis)  
Aug. 23: lost to Brazil (finals)

**USA AT 2008 WORLD GRAND PRIX REVIEW:** Using a blended roster of youth and experience to develop its 2008 Olympic Games roster, the U.S. finished fourth in the 2008 FIVB World Grand Prix Final Round with a 2-3 record. However, the Americans gained important victories over future Olympic Games pool opponents China and Japan, and went five sets before falling to Olympic pool opponent Cuba. During the preliminary round phase, the U.S. dropped its initial match against upstart Turkey before rolling off seven consecutive wins. Team USA dropped its final preliminary match to Italy to finish 7-2 and in fourth place.

**RECENT U.S. WOMEN'S RESULTS:** The U.S. hosted back-to-back tournaments in Florida in appearances on domestic soil. Team USA hosted the Eighth Women's Pan American Cup in Miami from June 26-July 4 and finished in fourth place behind gold medalist Brazil, second-place Dominican Republic and third-place Puerto Rico. At the event, the Americans blitzed through Pool A with a 5-0 record capped by a four-set victory over Puerto Rico. With Brazil being upset in Pool B by Dominican Republic, the U.S. faced the 2008 Olympic Games gold medalist in the semifinal round and lost in four sets. Team USA finished the Pan American Cup with a four-set loss to Puerto Rico in the bronze-medal match. USA's Danielle Scott-Arruda earned Best Blocker at the tournament, while Nicole Davis secured the Best Digger individual honor.

After a day of travel to Orlando, the U.S. hosted the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament - NORCECA Pool G Third Round at UCF Arena July 6-8. Team USA won all three of its matches over Netherlands Antilles, Barbados and Costa Rica in straight sets to earn a slot at the 2010 FIVB World Championship in Japan. The U.S. held its opponents to an average of 10.2 points per set. Cynthia Barboza was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Best Spiker, while teammate Stacy Sykora earned Best Libero, Best Digger and Best Receiver. USA's Courtney Thompson added Best Setter and Best Server to the individual honors received.

**UPCOMING:** The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team is confirmed to compete in the NORCECA Continental Women's Championship to be held Sept. 20-28 in Puerto Rico. The U.S. has won the bi-annual event five times (1981, 1983, 2001, 2003 and 2005) and reached the finals in 14 of the last 15 events. Cuba has won the most NORCECA Continental Championships with 13. The Cubans won the 2007 event in five sets against an injury-depleted USA roster in the finals to break an American streak of three straight titles.

## Anaheim Serves as New Home for U.S. Women's National Team

USA Volleyball and the City of Anaheim are pleased to announce the agreement to bring the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team (Women's Team) to Anaheim from Colorado Springs has been finalized. The agreement also designates Anaheim as the Exclusive Official Host City for the USA Men's and Women's National Volleyball Teams through 2016. The City of Anaheim and USA Volleyball are grateful for the support of these local sponsors who have contributed to the success of the U.S. Men's Team and eagerly await the arrival of the U.S. Women: American Sports Centers; Anaheim White House; JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery; PepZ Pizza & Eatery; OC Sports Grill; and numerous Anaheim/OC Visitor and Convention Bureau member hotels.



## Preview of 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix

The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team played two international tournaments on domestic soil (Pan American Cup at Miami and FIVB Women's World Championship Qualification Tournament at Orlando) in June and July with six Olympians playing key roles, but newcomers will take center stage during the upcoming FIVB World Grand Prix that begins on July 31.

U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) sees the World Grand Prix as a perfect opportunity to see what the younger players can do for the future of the program.

"We are at the beginning of the Olympic quadrennial and this seems like a very appropriate time to look at a new generation of athletes in order to see if they can help sustain and build on this program's success."

The preliminary 19-player roster, from which McCutcheon must select a maximum of 14 players per World Grand Prix stage, includes 2008 Olympic Games silver medalists Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) and Stacy Sykora (Burlington, Texas) vying for the libero position. Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa), a 2004 Olympic Games roster, and Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.) are the two pure opposites on the roster. At setter, Angie McGinnis (Fraser, Mich.), Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) and Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) are the three players competing for spots on the final FIVB World Grand Prix roster.

Outside hitters on the preliminary roster include Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.), Jane Collymore (Seattle, Wash.), Nicole Fawcett (Zanesfield, Pa.), Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.), Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) and Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah). The six middle blockers vying for court time for the U.S. in the World Grand Prix are Foluke Akinradewo (Plantation, Fla.), Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.), Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.) and Elisha Thomas (Grass Valley, Calif.).

Akinradewo, Barboza, Hughes, McGinnis, Richards and Stalls were all alternates on the U.S. 2008 Olympic Games roster and now looking for their opportunity to shine in the upcoming Olympic quadrennial.

Although the preliminary roster is youthful in age and experience, it is not short on talent. Both Sykora and Davis walked away from the first two major tournaments in 2009 with individual hardware. Davis was the Best Digger during the Pan American Cup in which the U.S. finished fourth after winning Pool A with a 5-0 record. Sykora earned Best Libero, Best Digger and Best Receiver at the FIVB Women's World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G held in Orlando. The liberos will provide leadership to the young squad.

Barboza, an alternate for the U.S. at each of the last two Olympic Games yet still relatively young at age 22, was presented the Most Valuable Player and Best Spiker Award at the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament earlier this month in



Orlando. In addition, Thompson was the recipient of the Best Setter and Best Server awards in the tournament as she split time with Spicer at setter in each of the opening tournaments. Thompson and Spicer could be pushed during the tournament by McGinnis, who had a late start in training with the National Team this summer after a solid first season in 2008.

Metcalf, Larson and Richards could be called upon as go-to offensive threats at the World Grand Prix. Metcalf, an Olympian in 2004, was Team USA's leading scorer at the Pan American Cup with 93 points in her first action with the team since 2006. Larson, competing in her first senior-level international event for the U.S., added 77 points during the Pan American Cup. Neither Metcalf or Larson played in the World Championship Qualification Tournament. Richards played in 20 of the 24 sets during the Pan American Cup and provided 66 points, followed by 12 points in limited action during the World Championship qualifier.

Harmotto has competed in the first three events of 2009 for the U.S. and averaged 2.24 points per set with a .404 hitting efficiency in Egypt, Miami and Orlando. Akinradewo, who had a breakout tournament in last year's World Grand Prix, Stalls and Alexis Crimes are middle blockers seeking their first action for the U.S. in 2009. Meanwhile, Thomas has not played for the U.S. since 2005 and looks to find her way back into the middle blocker mix. The middle spot also includes Paolini, who started both matches in Egypt earlier this year with a 3.83 scoring average.

The outside hitter role has three relative newcomers to the program. Collymore, who competed with the national team early in the previous Olympic cycle, returned to the team this summer and helped the U.S. win the World Championship qualifier with 3.44 points per set topped by an 18-point performance against Costa Rica on July 8. Pressey was a reserve for Team USA in both international tournaments this year. Meanwhile, Fawcett could get her first taste of international competition at the senior level during the World Grand Prix after a standout career at Penn State that included two NCAA titles and Player of the Year honor.

"This trip could be difficult, but it could be very good for our team," Metcalf said. "It will be very interesting to see how our team will react in facing some very good competition. The World Grand Prix will be a great time to get better as a team and individually."

“Our goal is to try to win as many matches as possible during the World Grand Prix,” McCutcheon said. “But more important will be our focus on implementing techniques and systems that will be used for the rest of the quad. As a team, we learned a lot from the first two tournaments this year in Florida. Since then we have practiced hard, made adjustments and continued to improve as a team.”

The 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix involves 12 national teams playing a total of 69 matches over four consecutive weeks in 10 cities. The preliminary weekend rounds are set to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Kielce, Poland and Ningbo, China, on the first weekend, Miao Li, Chinese Taipei, Macau, China, and Osaka, Japan, the second weekend and Hong Kong, Mokpo, Korea and Bangkok, Thailand, the third weekend. The Final Round – composed of the top five teams plus host Japan – is a five-day round-robin event in Tokyo settling the overall title.

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The U.S. Women travel from Rio de Janeiro to Miao Li, Chinese Taipei, the following weekend for Pool D action. Team USA plays NORCECA rival Dominican Republic on Aug. 7, Netherlands on Aug. 8 and Germany on Aug. 9.

The Americans conclude the preliminary action in Pool I Aug. 14-16 at Bangkok, Thailand. The U.S. Women face Russia on Aug. 14, Puerto Rico on Aug. 15 and host Thailand on Aug. 16.

“The travel is extensive in the World Grand Prix, but I think we have some strategies for that,” McCutcheon said. “We will be playing some good teams and it will be good to see how our players compete under these trying circumstances.”

During the trip, McCutcheon will be assisted by Karch Kiraly (San Clemente, Calif.) as assistant coach and Jamie Morrison (Dana Point, Calif.) as technical coordinator/team leader. Beth Launiere (Salt Lake City, Utah), the head women’s coach at University of Utah, will serve as an assistant coach for the first two preliminary weekends. John Speraw (Irvine, Calif.), the head men’s coach at UC Irvine and former assistant coach for the U.S. Men’s National Team that won the 2008 Olympic Games gold medal, will serve as an assistant coach in the third weekend and the Final Round should Team USA advance.

The U.S. Women’s National Team qualified for the 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix through the 2008 Pan American Cup in which the Americans were the third highest placing team from NORCECA.

## **FIVB World Grand Prix Schedule**

### **Pool A – at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Maracanazinho Gym)**

July 31: Brazil vs. Puerto Rico, 10 a.m.  
July 31: USA vs. Germany, 1 p.m.  
Aug. 1: Brazil vs. Germany, 10 a.m.  
Aug. 1: USA vs. Puerto Rico, 1 p.m.  
Aug. 2: USA vs. Brazil, 10 a.m.  
Aug. 2: Puerto Rico vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

### **Pool B – at Kielce, Poland (Hala Sportowo Widowsiskowa Mosir)**

July 31: Poland vs. Thailand, 4:30 p.m.  
July 31: Japan vs. Netherlands, 7 p.m.  
Aug. 1: Poland vs. Netherlands, 4:30 p.m.  
Aug. 1: Thailand vs. Japan, 7 p.m.  
Aug. 2: Poland vs. Japan, 4:30 p.m.  
Aug. 2: Netherlands vs. Thailand, 7 p.m.

### **Pool C – at Ningbo, China (Beilun Sports Training Center)**

July 31: Russia vs. Korea, 3 p.m.  
July 31: China vs. Dominican Republic, 7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 1: Dominican Republic vs. Russia, 3 p.m.  
Aug. 1: China vs. Korea, 7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 2: Korea vs. Dominican Republic, 3 p.m.  
Aug. 2: China vs. Russia, 7:30 p.m.

### **Pool D – at Li Miao, Chinese Taipei (Miao Li Country Gym)**

Aug. 7: USA vs. Dominican Republic, 2:30 p.m.  
Aug. 7: Netherlands vs. Germany, 6 p.m.  
Aug. 8: USA vs. Netherlands, 2:30 p.m.  
Aug. 8: Dominican Republic vs. Germany, 4:30 p.m.  
Aug. 9: Netherlands vs. Dominican Republic, 2:30 p.m.  
Aug. 9: USA vs. Germany, 4:30 p.m.

### **Pool E – at Macau, China (Forum de Macau)**

Aug. 7: Brazil vs. Thailand, 6 p.m.  
Aug. 7: China vs. Poland, 9 p.m.  
Aug. 8: Brazil vs. Poland, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 8: China vs. Thailand, 4:30 p.m.  
Aug. 9: Thailand vs. Poland, 1 p.m.  
Aug. 9: China vs. Brazil, 3:30 p.m.

### **Pool F – at Osaka, Japan (Osaka Municipal Central Gymnasium)**

Aug. 7: Korea vs. Russia, 4:30 p.m.  
Aug. 7: Japan vs. Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 8: Russia vs. Puerto Rico, 3 p.m.  
Aug. 8: Japan vs. Korea, 6 p.m.  
Aug. 9: Korea vs. Puerto Rico, 3 p.m.  
Aug. 9: Japan vs. Russia, 6 p.m.

### **Pool G – at Hong Kong, China (Hong Kong Coliseum)**

Aug. 14: Poland vs. Netherlands, 5 p.m.  
Aug. 14: China vs. Dominican Republic, 8 p.m.  
Aug. 15: Dominican Republic vs. Netherlands, 1:15 p.m.  
Aug. 15: China vs. Poland, 3:45 p.m.  
Aug. 16: Dominican Republic vs. Poland, 1:15 p.m.  
Aug. 16: China vs. Netherlands, 3:45 p.m.

### **Pool H – at Mokpo, Korea (Mokpo Indoor Gym)**

Aug. 14: Korea vs. Germany, 4 p.m.  
Aug. 14: Japan vs. Brazil, 6 p.m.  
Aug. 15: Brazil vs. Germany, 3:30 p.m.  
Aug. 15: Korea vs. Japan, 5:30 p.m.  
Aug. 16: Germany vs. Japan, 3:30 p.m.  
Aug. 16: Korea vs. Brazil, 5:30 p.m.

### **Pool I – at Bangkok, Thailand (Keelawes Gym)**

Aug. 14: USA vs. Russia, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 14: Thailand vs. Puerto Rico, 4:30 p.m.  
Aug. 15: USA vs. Puerto Rico, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 15: Russia vs. Thailand, 4:30 p.m.  
Aug. 16: Puerto Rico vs. Russia, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 16: USA vs. Thailand, 4:30 p.m.

### **Final Round – at Tokyo, Japan**

Aug. 19-23

## 2009 USA Women's National Team Stats

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Kill PCT	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting Eff.	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points	Points Set
Cynthia Barboza	27	49	1.81	51.6	11	95	.400	7	0.26	3	0.11	59	2.19
Mekana Barnes	3	7	2.33	41.2	5	17	.118	1	0.33	0	0.00	8	2.67
Morgan Beck	2	3	1.50	23.1	5	13	-.154	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1.50
Heather Bown	9	11	1.22	57.9	1	19	.526	3	0.33	4	0.44	18	2.00
Jane Collymore	11	30	2.73	53.6	6	56	.429	6	0.55	4	0.36	40	3.64
Therese Crawford	7	19	2.71	40.4	4	47	.319	0	0.00	1	0.14	20	2.86
Nicole Davis	28	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tayyiba Haneef-Park	26	28	1.08	52.8	5	53	.434	4	0.15	7	0.27	39	1.50
Christa Harmotto	34	54	1.59	51.9	12	104	.404	6	0.18	16	0.47	76	2.24
Jordan Larson	21	69	3.29	38.8	27	178	.236	6	0.29	2	0.10	77	3.67
Nancy Metcalf	20	75	3.75	41.7	28	180	.261	5	0.25	13	0.65	93	4.65
Brittany Moore	6	23	3.83	48.9	2	47	.447	2	0.33	2	0.33	27	4.50
Lauren Paolini	6	18	3.00	60.0	3	30	.500	4	0.67	1	0.17	23	3.83
Angie Pressey	7	16	2.29	57.1	4	28	.429	1	0.14	5	0.71	22	3.14
Kristin Richards	23	71	3.09	42.5	26	167	.269	5	0.22	2	0.09	78	3.39
Julie Rubenstein	7	17	2.43	35.4	7	48	.208	6	0.86	1	0.14	24	3.43
Danielle Scott-Arruda	29	42	1.45	50.0	10	84	.381	8	0.28	25	0.86	75	2.59
Nellie Spicer	27	15	0.56	57.7	2	26	.500	5	0.19	2	0.07	22	0.81
Stacy Sykora	19	1	0.05	100.0	0	1	1.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.05
Courtney Thompson	23	1	0.04	20.0	0	4	.200	10	0.43	3	0.13	14	0.61
Emillie Toone	4	2	0.50	40.0	1	5	.200	1	0.25	2	0.50	5	1.25
Nicole Vargas	4	2	0.50	28.6	2	7	.000	2	0.50	0	0.00	4	1.00
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>13.83</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>.317</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>18.20</b>
<b>Opponent</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>9.15</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>.118</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>11.03</b>

**Digs on Egypt Tour:** Nicole Davis 34 (4.86 digs/set); Nellie Spicer 11 (2.75); Nicole Vargas 10 (2.50); Morgan Beck 5 (2.50); Therese Crawford 15 (2.14); Julie Rubenstein 13 (1.86); Brittany Moore 9 (1.50); Mekana Barnes 4 (1.33); Stacy Sykora 6 (1.00); Lauren Paolini 6 (1.00); Christa Harmotto 1 (0.25).

**Digs at Pan American Cup:** Nicole Davis 82 (3.90 digs/set); Stacy Sykora 9 (2.25); Nancy Metcalf 32 (1.60); Kristin Richards 27 (1.35); Jordan Larson 17 (0.81); Cynthia Barboza 10 (0.53); Danielle Scott-Arruda 10 (0.45); Nellie Spicer 9 (0.45); Christa Harmotto 7 (0.33); Angie Pressey 1 (0.33); Courtney Thompson 5 (0.29); Tayyiba Haneef-Park 4 (0.21).

**Digs at FIVB Women's World Championship Qualification Tournament:** Stacy Sykora 45 (5.00 digs/set); Courtney Thompson 13 (2.17); Jane Collymore 16 (1.78); Kristin Richards 5 (1.67); Cynthia Barboza 13 (1.63); Tayyiba Haneef-Park 9 (1.29); Angie Pressey 5 (1.25); Danielle Scott-Arruda 7 (1.00); Heather Bown 2 (1.00); Christa Harmotto 1 (0.11)

## 2009 USA Women's National Team Results

Date	Opponent (Record)	Result	City	Pts Leader	Attend
<b>USOC Goodwill Tour in Egypt</b>					
4/10	Egypt (1-0)	W, 25-14, 25-27, 25-18, 28-26	Cairo, Egypt	Harmotto – 18	NA
4/12	Egypt (2-0)	W, 25-13, 25-15, 27-25	Cairo, Egypt	Rubenstein – 16	NA
<b>Eighth Women's Pan American Cup</b>					
6/26	Costa Rica	W, 25-7, 25-6, 25-16	Miami, Fla	Larson - 14	825
6/27	Guatemala	W, 25-7, 25-12, 25-7	Miami, Fla.	Barboza, Collymore - 9	700
6/28	Mexico	W, 25-19, 25-14, 25-11	Miami, Fla.	Metcalf - 20	1,734
6/29	Peru	W, 25-22, 25-21, 26-24	Miami, Fla.	Larson - 14	1,389
6/30	Puerto Rico	W, 25-15, 25-20, 24-26, 25-23	Miami, Fla.	Richards, Larson - 18	2,950
7/3	Brazil (semifinals)	L, 25-22, 22-25, 19-25, 14-25	Miami, Fla.	Metcalf - 19	2,500
7/4	Puerto Rico (bronze)	L, 22-25, 25-20, 21-25, 20-25	Miami, Fla.	Scott-Arruda - 14	3,000
<b>Final Ranking:</b> 1. Brazil; 2. Dominican Republic; 3. Puerto Rico; <b>4. USA</b> ; 5. Peru; 6. Argentina; 7. Canada; 8. Costa Rica; 9. Mexico; 10. Trinidad & Tobago; 11. Guatemala					
<b>FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – Third Round NORCECA Pool G</b>					
7/6	Netherlands Antilles	W, 25-10, 25-9, 25-5	Orlando, Fla.	Haneef-Park, Barboza - 11	1,500
7/7	Barbados	W, 25-6, 25-11, 25-12	Orlando, Fla.	Pressey, Richards - 11	1,200
7/8	Costa Rica	W, 25-15, 25-9, 25-15	Orlando, Fla.	Barboza, Collymore - 18	2,500
<b>Final Ranking:</b> <b>1. USA</b> ; 2. Costa Rica; 3. Netherlands Antilles; 4. Barbados					
<b>FIVB World Grand Prix Preliminary Rounds</b>					
7/31	Germany		Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		
8/1	Puerto Rico		Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		
8/2	Brazil		Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		
8/7	Dominican Republic		Miao Li, Chinese Taipei		
8/8	Netherlands		Miao Li, Chinese Taipei		
8/9	Germany		Miao Li, Chinese Taipei		
8/14	Russia		Bangkok, Thailand		
8/15	Puerto Rico		Bangkok, Thailand		
8/16	Thailand		Bangkok, Thailand		
<b>Final Preliminary Ranking:</b>					
<b>FIVB World Grand Prix Final Round</b>					
8/19	TBA		Tokyo, Japan		
8/20	TBA		Tokyo, Japan		
8/21	TBA		Tokyo, Japan		
8/22	TBA		Tokyo, Japan		
8/23	TBA		Tokyo, Japan		
<b>Final Round Ranking:</b>					
<b>Women's Final Four Intercontinental Cup</b>					
9/7-13			Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		
<b>Final Ranking:</b>					
<b>NORCECA Continental Championship</b>					
9/20	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
9/21	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
9/22	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
9/23	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
9/24	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
9/25	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
9/26	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
9/27	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
9/28	TBA		Bayamon, Puerto Rico		
<b>Final Ranking:</b>					
<b>FIVB Grand Champions Cup</b>					
11/10	TBA		Japan		
11/11	TBA		Japan		
11/12	TBA		Japan		
11/13	TBA		Japan		
11/14	TBA		Japan		
11/15	TBA		Japan		
<b>Final Ranking:</b>					

# 2009 USA Women's National Team Match Capsules

## 2009 SEASON, McCUTCHEON OPEN WITH A WIN

USA.....	25	25	25	28
Egypt .....	14	27	18	26

**CAIRO (April 10, 2009)** – The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team defeated Egypt 25-14, 25-27, 25-18, 28-26 on April 10 at Cairo to open its 2009 season. The two teams will play again on April 12 at Cairo.

The match represented the first contest for Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) serving as the head coach of the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team. He accepted the position in December of 2008 after leading the U.S. Men's National Team to a gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games.

"Overall, I was very satisfied with our performance," McCutcheon said. "I thought we were particularly strong from the service line and in the middle. Most importantly, we were able to manage some pressure and find ways to win crucial points. It was a good start to the quad."

Middle blockers Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) and Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) led the Americans with a combined 33 points. Harmotto scored a team-high 18 points with 16 points on 25 attacks for a 64 kill percent and .560 attack efficiency, one block and one ace. Paolini chipped in 13 kills on 23 swings, one block and one ace in the victory.

Outside hitters Therese Crawford (Kalamazoo, Mich.) contributed 13 kills on 28 attacks, while outside hitter Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.) recorded 10 kills on 23 attempts with only one error to go with a block and ace.

Outside hitter Julie Rubenstein (Camarillo, Calif.) added six kills, one block and one ace for eight points and eight digs in the victory, while opposite Morgan Beck (Coto De Caza, Calif.) tallied three kills and five digs. Setter Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) provided six kills and a block in leading Team USA to a 42.8 kill percent and .314 attack efficiency against the Egyptian defense.

Libero Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) handled 19 digs in the match, along with a 62 positive percent on 32 service receptions. Stacy Sykora (Burlleson, Texas) was a reserve off the bench adding five digs and 10 service receptions in the back row. Davis and Sykora are the only two players from the 2008 Olympic Games also part of the 12-player roster competing in Egypt.

Middle blocker Emillie Toone (American Fork, Utah) added a block and setter Nicole Vargas (Seal Beach, Calif.) entered the match but did not score.

"Tonight was a great night for this new team," Davis said. "We played a strong Egyptian team that put us in some challenging situations that allowed us to grow and improve in a short amount of time. It was a collaborative effort, and the next match should provide another opportunity for us to get better as well."

McCutcheon started Spicer at setter, Harmotto and Paolini at middle blocker, Crawford and Rubenstein at outside hitter and Beck at opposite. Davis was the libero for the match, while Sykora came off the bench as a defensive replacement in all four sets. Crawford shifted over to opposite to start the third and fourth sets in place of Beck, while Moore went into Crawford's outside spot in the final two sets. Toone subbed into the match in the second set, while Vargas entered late in the fourth set.

Team USA won the defensive battle over the host nation as it held a 6-2 block advantage and a 56-44 dig margin. The American defense limited Egypt to a 34.4 kill percent and .198 attack efficiency. The U.S. had 18 service errors in the match compared to Egypt's 10.

## USA SWEEPS TOUR OF EGYPT

USA.....	25	25	27
Egypt.....	13	15	25

**CAIRO (April 12, 2009)** – Julie Rubenstein (Camarillo, Calif.) scored a match-high 16 points in leading the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team to a 25-13, 25-15, 27-25 victory over Egypt at Cairo on April 12 to conclude its brief two-match cultural exchange exhibition series arranged by the United States Olympic Committee and the Egyptian Olympic Committee. Team USA won the first match in four sets on April 10.

"We played better tonight," U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) said. "Some of that had to do with us knowing more about our opponents – and a lot of it was just a function of having more time to play together. These women did a wonderful job on this tour. We met each other at LAX (Los Angeles International Airport), traveled for 24 hours, and came up against a quality opponent. These wins are a testament to their ability to play the game, and their willingness to compete as a team."

Rubenstein charted her 16 points with 11 kills on 26 attempts and five aces on 19 errorless serves to go with five digs and a 46 percent positive service reception. Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.) contributed 13 kills on 24 attacks with just one error to go with a block and ace for 15 points.

"The team played really well," Rubenstein said after the match. "We are starting to gel well together. The coaches provided us with a thorough scouting report, and were able to make adjustments to be more efficient. It was a fantastic win to finish off this trip."

Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) and Mekana Barnes (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) added eight points apiece from the middle blocker position. Paolini tallied five kills on seven errorless attempts to go with three aces. Barnes notched seven kills on 17 attacks with an ace. Therese Crawford (Kalamazoo, Mich.) added six kills and a block for seven points. Emillie Toone (American Fork, Utah) scored two kills on four attacks with a block and ace for four points in her reserve role.

Nicole Vargas (Seal Beach, Calif.) set Team USA to a 43 kill percent for the match. The Americans limited their attack errors to 14 on 106 attacks for a .302 hitting efficiency. Vargas chipped in two kills and two blocks from her setter position. Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) tallied 15 digs, while Stacy Sykora (Burlleson, Texas) added one in a limited role.

McCutcheon started Vargas at setter, Crawford at opposite, Paolini and Barnes at middle blocker and Moore and Rubenstein at outside hitter. Davis served as the libero for the match. Toone played as a reserve in the opening two sets before starting the third set in place of Paolini. Sykora was a defensive specialist in both the second and third sets. Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.), Morgan Beck (Coto De Caza, Calif.) and Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) did not play in the match after starting the first contest on April 10.

Team USA held Egypt to a 27 kill percent on 92 attacks, but the host team made only 10 hitting errors over the course of the match. Egypt tallied a 7-3 block advantage to offset the woes at the service line. The Americans served 13 aces in the match in contrast to Egypt's three. In addition, the U.S. received serve with a 55 positive percent.

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## U.S. WOMEN OPEN PAN AM CUP WITH STRONG PERFORMANCE

USA .....	25	25	25
Costa Rica .....	7	6	16

**MIAMI, Fla. (June 26, 2009)** – The U.S. Women's National Team, the 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist, opened the Eighth Pan American Cup with a 25-7, 25-6, 25-16 victory over Costa Rica on Friday evening at the University of Miami's BankUnited Center.

The Pan American Cup represents the first international women's tournament the U.S. has hosted since 2000.

"This was a nice start to the tournament," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "Costa Rica is a good team, and it showed in the third set. I was glad to see that we managed the game well in the first two sets."

Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.), playing in her first competition with the U.S. Women's National Team after completing her eligibility at University of Nebraska last fall, led all scorers with 14 points with 12 kills and two aces. Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa) made her official return after an absence of two year-plus years from the team by scoring 11 points on seven kills, three aces and a block. Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah) chipped in nine points via the attack, while Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.) added seven points on five kills and two blocks.

Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) tallied six points in the victory, while Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.) tacked on five points. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) contributed four points off the bench and Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) rounded out the scoring with a kill.

Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) provided a team-high six digs. Larsen had a team-high six excellent receptions on 11 attempts. Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) recorded seven assists off the bench, while Spicer added five assists.

"My compliments to the Costa Rica team," Scott-Arruda said. "They fought hard to the end. Any time you win 3-0 is good, but we need to work on minimizing our errors. It was good to play at home."

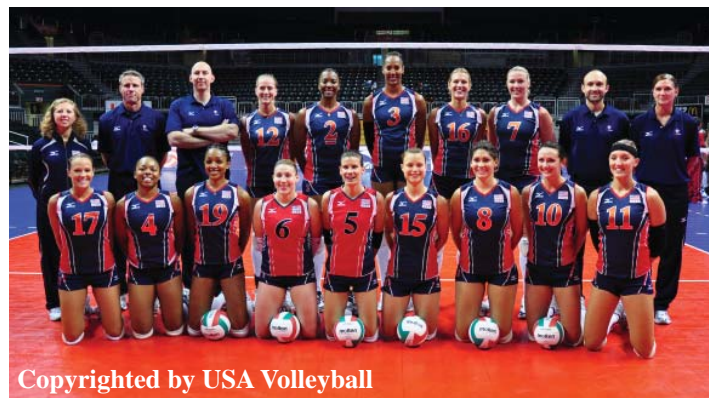
U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon started Scott-Arruda and Bown at middle blocker, Richards and Larsen at outside hitter, Spicer at setter and Metcalf at opposite. Davis served as the libero. Haneef-Park and Barboza subbed into the match in the first set and started the third set for Metcalf and Richards, respectively. Thompson started the final set in place Spicer.

Team USA held a 6-1 advantage in blocks and served an 8-3 margin in aces. The U.S. converted 43 of 71 attacks into kills with only seven errors. In contrast, Costa Rica was only able to convert on 14 of 72 attempts.

The U.S. jumped to a 9-2 lead in the opening set as Richards and Scott-Arruda led the way with two points apiece in the spurt. After Costa Rica cut the deficit to 10-5, Team USA rattled off 11 unanswered points as Metcalf scored four points in the run. The Americans closed out the set with a 25-7 victory on a Richards kill.

With a 3-2 lead in the second set, the U.S. extended the lead to 9-2 with six straight points on Metcalf's serve which netted three aces. The Americans built the lead to 17-3 as part of an overall 14-1 run. Larsen ended the set with an ace at 25-6.

Costa Rica recovered to take an 8-4 lead at the first technical timeout of the third set. However, Barboza led the U.S. to a 6-0 run with two aces and a kill for a 10-8 advantage. Team USA rolled off an 8-1 run to grab an 18-10 lead with Scott-Arruda scoring a kill and block during the spurt. The U.S. finished out the set with a 25-15 victory on consecutive kills from Bown and Barboza.



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## U.S. WOMEN OVERWHELMS GUATEMALA

USA .....	25	25	25
Guatemala .....	7	12	7

**MIAMI, Fla. (June 27, 2009)** – The U.S. Women's National Team, the 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist, improved to 2-0 in the Eighth Pan American Cup with a 25-7, 25-12, 25-7 victory over Guatemala on Saturday evening at the University of Miami's BankUnited Center.

The U.S., ranked second in the world by the FIVB, returns to action on Sunday night at 8 p.m. ET versus Mexico (0-2). Team USA is tied with Puerto Rico and Peru atop the Pan American Cup Pool A standings.

"You have to respect the game and all levels," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "We look to improve with each game, regardless of the opponent. Guatemala fought hard and played hard, and there is something to that."

Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.) and Jane Collymore (Seattle, Wash.) led the U.S. attack with nine points apiece. Barboza reached her total with seven kills on 11 attacks and two aces. Collymore tallied five kills, three blocks and an ace.

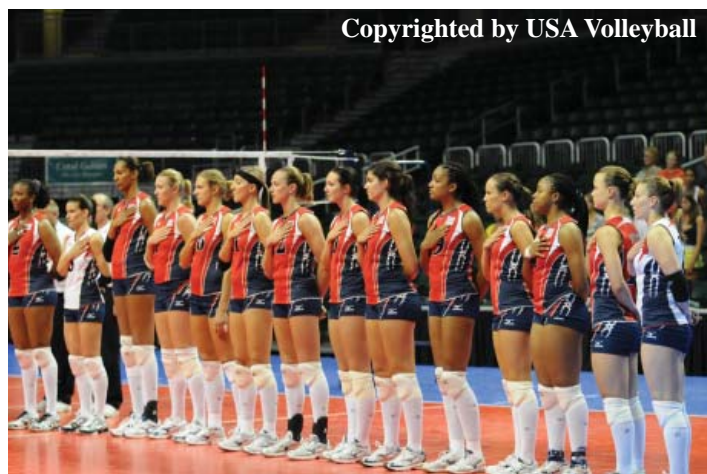
Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) added six kills and two blocks for eight points, while Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) chalked up seven kills on seven attacks and a block for eight points. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) provided four kills, two blocks and an ace for seven points. Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.) chipped in six points, followed by Nellie Spicer's (Barrington, Ill.) four. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) and Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) both came off the bench to yield two points. Thompson had eight assists, while Spicer added six. Stacy Sykora (Burlington, Texas) had a team-leading four excellent receptions on seven attempts.

"It was fun to play in front of the home fans," Scott-Arruda said. "It was also fun to watch Guatemala play hard in the match. I give credit to them."

McCutcheon started Harmotto and Bown at middle blocker, Barboza and Collymore at outside hitter, Haneef-Park at opposite and Spicer at setter. Sykora was the starting libero as McCutcheon utilized the new FIVB libero rule as a different libero can be declared for each match of a tournament.

Blanca E. Recinos Ocana led Guatemala with five points.

Team USA held a 34-16 advantage in kills and used its aggressive serve to gain a 9-1 ace margin. At the net, the U.S. put up 12 blocks and the younger Guatemala team was unable to come away with a block.



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## U.S. WOMEN SPIKE MEXICO, STAY UNDEFEATED AT PAN AM CUP

USA.....	25	25	25
Mexico.....	19	14	11

**MIAMI, Fla. (June 28, 2009)** – The U.S. Women's National Team, the 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist, notched a 25-19, 25-14, 25-11 victory over Mexico to improve to 3-0 in Pool A of the Eighth Women's Pan American Cup at the University of Miami's BankUnited Center.

The U.S., ranked second in the world by the FIVB, returns to action on Monday night at 8 p.m. ET versus Peru (2-1). Team USA is tied with Puerto Rico atop the Pan American Cup Pool A standings.

"Mexico is a good team and played hard tonight," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "They present some challenges for us and made us adjust and we were able to accomplish that."

Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa) scored a match-high 20 points in the three-set victory with 16 kills on 28 attacks, three blocks and an ace. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) chipped in 11 points with seven kills on 13 swings, three blocks and ace. Jordan Larson (Hooper, Iowa) matched her total of 11 points with 10 kills on 23 attacks and a block to go with nine

Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah) provided seven kills and team-high 10 excellent receptions. Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) added four aces as part of her seven points. Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) added three points to go with 16 assists and leading Team USA to a 43.8 kill percent. Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) led the defense with 10 digs to go with six excellent service receptions.

"Mexico dug a lot of balls and touched a lot of other balls off the block and made us adjust," Scott-Arruda said. "It is good to know that we can play in a variety of ways and win."

McCutcheon started Scott-Arruda and Harmotto at middle blocker, Richards and Larson at outside hitter, Metcalf at opposite and Spicer at setter. Davis served as the libero. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.) subbed into the match in all three sets.

Migdalel Ruiz and Martha Revuelta led Mexico with nine points apiece.

Team USA served eight aces to Mexico's zero and held a 9-4 advantage in blocks. The Americans had 42 kills to the Mexicans' 20.

In the first set, the U.S. jumped to a 7-2 lead, but Mexico rallied back to close to within one at 9-8. The Americans broke free from a slim 14-13 advantage with a 6-0 run on Spicer's serve that included an ace. Mexico closed by to within four at 22-18, but consecutive Richards kills gave Team USA set points at 24-18.

Metcalf produced an ace to give the U.S. its third straight point at 10-5 in the second set. Team USA stretched 10 points at 21-11 on six unanswered points as Metcalf provided another two kills in the turn. The U.S. closed out the set with consecutive points on Mexico errors.

Mexico stayed close in the third set at 6-4, but the Americans poured on the pressure with 13 of the next 15 points as Harmotto recorded all four of her aces as part of seven consecutive points at 19-6. The U.S. ended the match with a Metcalf kill at 25-11.

"Right now we are focusing on tomorrow and not looking ahead," McCutcheon said in reference to his 3-0 record and leading Pool A. "Our opponent tomorrow, Peru, is a good team and presents some good challenges for us."



## U.S. WOMEN HOLD BACK PERU UPSET ATTEMPT

USA.....	25	25	26
Peru.....	22	21	24

**MIAMI, Fla. (June 29, 2009)** – The United States (4-0) defeated Peru (2-2) 25-22, 25-21, 26-24 on Monday evening during the Eighth Women's Pan American Cup at the University of Miami's BankUnited Center.

The victory sets up a key match between undefeated USA and Puerto Rico on the final day of pool play. The USA-Puerto Rico winner will automatically advance to the tournament's second round and have two days to prepare as July 1 is an off day in the schedule and pool winners receive a bye on July 2.

Five Team USA players reached double-digit scoring in a balanced offense. Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.) led the U.S. with a match-high 14 points that included 12 kills and two aces. Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah) added 13 points on 12 kills and an ace, while Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa) chipped in 13 points. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) was credited with five blocks as part of an 11-point night, while Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) contributed 10 points with three blocks.

"We expected a tough match from Peru and that is what we got," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "Some of our problems tonight are my fault as we are putting in a lot of changes to this team, both in technique and system. I was happy that we found a way to win and battle through the challenge."

Patricia Soto paced Peru with 11 points, while Yulissa Zamudio added nine points. Leyla Chihuan tacked on eight points in the loss, while teammate Jessenia Uceda put down seven points.

U.S. absorbed every rally from Peru to take the hard-fought three-set match. The Americans held a slim 23-20 lead in the opening set only to have Peru close to one at 23-22. However, Richards and Larson put down back-to-back kills for the set victory.

Team USA led 20-13 in the second set and held off the Peru come back for a 25-21 victory.

Peru led the third set with scores of 5-2, 11-5 and 20-14 only to have the U.S. come back. Larson served during a stretch of seven unanswered points to give the U.S. a 21-20 lead on a Metcalf kill. Metcalf and Harmotto scored consecutive kills giving the U.S. a 24-22 advantage. After Peru held off two match points when down 24-22, the Americans finished off the rally at 26-24 with a Harmotto kill and Peru error.

"Congratulations to the Peru team," Scott-Arruda said. "Peru presented us with some challenges, and I think it allowed our team to build some character in coming back. We stayed together in the tough moments and found a way to win."



U.S. out-paced Peru on offense with a 50-31 kill advantage and kept the visitors off-balance with a 4-0 ace margin. However, Peru's block came alive in the match as part of a 14-8 block advantage.

"We showed a new level of play tonight and limited our errors," Peru Assistant Coach Natalia Malaga Dibos said. "Tonight's effort and performance will help our team progress toward the classification round. The U.S. is obviously a strong team at the net, but they played well when needed. We obviously need to fix some areas to get to the next level that they are at."

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## U.S. BATTLES PAST PUERTO RICO, WINS PAN AM CUP POOL A

USA .....	25	25	24	25
Puerto Rico.....	15	20	26	23

**MIAMI, Fla. (June 30, 2009)** – The United States edged Puerto Rico 25-15, 25-20, 24-26, 25-23 in an emotional battle of unbeaten teams on Tuesday evening during the final day of five consecutive pool play matches during the Eighth Women's Pan American Cup at the University of Miami's BankUnited Center. The match drew 2,950 fans with a good mix representing both squads.

U.S. (5-0), as the winner of Pool A, earns an automatic berth into the semifinal round on July 3. In addition, the Americans earned a berth in to the 2010 FIVB World Grand Prix with the victory and semifinal berth (top three NORCECA teams in Pan American Cup earn berths). With the loss, Puerto Rico finishes second in Pool A with a 4-1 record and will play in the quarterfinal round versus Pool B's third-place team on July 2.

"Puerto Rico is a very good team and is well-coached," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "On our side of the net, we played within our system and that may have been the difference as we were able to win a few more points."

Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah) and Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.) contributed matching 18 points for the U.S. in the victory. Larson reached her total with 15 kills, two aces and a block, while Richards carried 15 kills, two blocks and an ace. Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa) added 17 points on 13 kills and four blocks. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) chipped in 10 points for Team USA with five kills, four blocks and an ace.

Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) chipped in five points, Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) totaled two and Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) rounded out the scoring with a block. Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) handled 14 digs in the victory, while Metcalf and Larson tallied six digs apiece. Spicer dished out 17 assists, while Thompson was credited with seven despite not starting a single set.

"This was exciting match," Scott-Arruda said. "Puerto Rico did a really good at challenging us, but we played with heart and won points when needed."

McCutcheon started Arruda-Scott and Harmotto at middle blocker, Larson and Richards at outside hitter, Metcalf at opposite and Spicer at setter. Davis was the designated libero for the match. Thompson subbed into the match in all four sets, while Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.) entered as a sub in all but the second set. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) was part of double-subbs in the first three sets, while Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.) was a reserve in the fourth set.

Puerto Rico was led by Aurea Cruz's match-high 21 points, while Sarai Alvarez added 15 points. Yarimar Rosa charted 10 points off the bench.

Team USA out-blocked Puerto Rico 13-4 and held a 5-1 ace advantage. Both teams committed an uncharacteristic number of errors – 28 for Puerto Rico and 27 for USA.

"Congratulations to USA for its well-organized play," Puerto Rico Head Coach Carlos Cardona said. "The game was very emotional and exciting."

"We made a lot of mistakes," Puerto Rico captain Vilmarie Mojica said. "At the beginning we were a little cold. At the end, we were able to get our offense going."



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## U.S. WOMEN FALL TO BRAZIL IN PAN AM CUP SEMIFINALS

USA .....	25	22	19	14
Brazil.....	22	25	25	25

**MIAMI, Fla. (July 3, 2009)** – After falling in the first set, Brazil came back to defeat the U.S. 22-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-14 in the semifinals of the Eighth Women's Pan American Cup being held in Miami.

The U.S.-Brazil match was the first since the two team faced each other in the 2008 Olympic Games gold-medal match with the same result – a four-set Brazil victory.

"Congratulations to Brazil," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "Our team gave good effort, but we just did not have a consistent execution for the whole match. While I am not happy with losing, there are some things that we can take from this match and learn from."

Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa) paced the U.S. with 19 points with 16 kills, two blocks and an ace. Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.) added 12 kills on 40 attempts, while Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) produced 10 points via eight kills and two blocks. Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah) chalked up eight points, while Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) chipped in five points. Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.) was credited with three points, while Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.), Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) and Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) rounded out the scoring with a point apiece.

Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) held a team-high 20 digs and 18 excellent receptions on 27 attempts, while Metcalf added six digs. Thompson came off the bench to have a team-high 15 assists.

McCutcheon started Scott-Arruda and Harmotto at middle blocker, Richards and Larson at outside hitter, Metcalf at opposite and Spicer at setter. Thompson started the third and fourth sets after subbing in the first two sets. Barboza started the third set in place of Richards and was a reserve in the other three. Haneef-Park was a reserve in the first set, while Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) was a sub in the fourth set.

Brazil's Sheilla Castro scored a match-high 21 points with 19 kills, one block and an ace. Welissa de Souza Gonzaga and Fabiana Marcelino Claudino checked in with 13 points, followed by Natalia Zilio Pereira's 12.

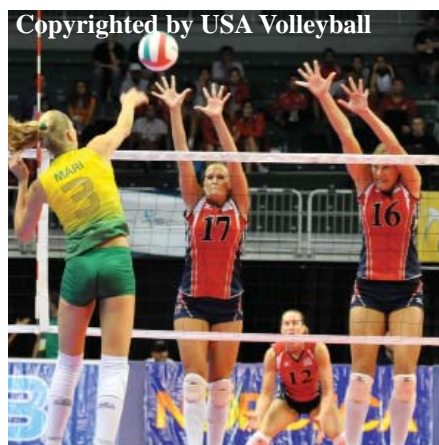
"Both teams played well and there were some good rallies," Brazil Head Coach J. Roberto Guimaraes said. "In the third and fourth sets in particular, we had good sequences in blocking and serving that was the difference."

The U.S. fell behind 7-4 in the opening set, but quickly came back to tie the set at 10-all with Richards and Larson each scoring two points in a 6-3 run. Neither team held a two-point lead until 19-17 when Brazil followed a Metcalf kill with an error. Larson and Metcalf extended the lead to three at 21-18 with back-to-back kills. Richards sliced consecutive kills yielding set points at 24-20 and the U.S. ended the stanza with another Richards kill at 25-22.

Brazil jumped to an 8-4 lead in the second set opening technical timeout, then increased the margin to nine points at 20-11 on a 12-7 run. The U.S. put together a rally to close to within one at 22-21 on the strength of a 10-2 spurt. However, Brazil answered with a Fabiana kill and Welissa ace at 24-21 and ended the set at 25-22.

The U.S. continued its late second set momentum to take an early 3-0 lead on three straight Scott-Arruda points – two blocks and a kill. However, that lead evaporated on the next three serves and Brazil continued the momentum into the first technical timeout leading 8-5. The Americans recovered to take a 15-13 advantage with

an 8-3 spurt keyed by three Metcalf points after trailing 10-7. Brazil assumed the lead back at 16-15 and seasawed back to the U.S. at 18-17. But the U.S. could only score one more point the rest of the set as Brazil closed on an 8-1 run at 25-19.



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The U.S. led 4-3 in the fourth set, but Brazil bounced back to take a 9-5 lead with six of the next seven points. The visitors would rattle off seven unanswered points to take a 16-7 lead at the second technical timeout and did not look back in winning the final set 25-14.

# 2009 USA Women's National Team Match Capsules

## U.S. LOSES PAN AM CUP BRONZE-MEDAL MATCH TO PUERTO RICO

USA .....	22	25	21	20
Puerto Rico.....	25	20	25	25

**MIAMI, Fla. (July 4, 2009)** – Puerto Rico notched a 25-22, 20-25, 25-21, 25-20 victory over United States in the bronze-medal match of the Eighth Women's Pan American Cup being played at the University of Miami's BankUnited Center.

Puerto Rico finished the tournament in third place, while USA settled for fourth place. Earlier in the tournament, the Americans defeated Puerto Rico in four sets on the final day of pool play to win Pool A with a 5-0 record.

Aurea Cruz led all scorers with 27 points for Puerto Rico, include 23 kills and four blocks. Sarai Alvarez added 20 points with 19 kills and an ace. Yarimar Rosa and Sheila Ocasio chipped in eight points in the victory.

Danielle Scott-Arruda led the U.S. with 14 points via 10 kills and four blocks. Nancy Metcalf contributed 13 points on 10 kills and three blocks. Kristin Richards added 11 points on 10 kills and one ace.

Puerto Rico outscored the U.S. 61-46 in kills to offset a 13-10 block disadvantage and 14 service errors.

"This victory represents a good finish to the tournament," an elated Puerto Rican Head Coach Carlos Cardona said in the post-match press conference. "We played with a lot confidence as it was hard to go through the U.S. defense."

"Congratulations to Puerto Rico as they certainly deserved to win the match," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "We came out flat and never got into any rhythm. Puerto Rico was able to return the big points when they needed them."

"Puerto Rico made the important plays at the right time," said Scott-Arruda, the U.S. captain. "We need to play more consistently throughout the match to improve."

McCutcheon was able to utilize a tournament roster dotted with youth as well as veterans. At the press conference, McCutcheon related one of the goals of the tournament was to involve the Olympians as a matter of familiarization with the staff before they get some deserved rest between the professional league seasons.

"For many of our Olympians, this was a chance for our coaching staff to see them and have them be a part of our system early in the process," McCutcheon said.



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## U.S. DOMINATES NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AT WORLD QUALIFIER

USA .....	25	25	25
Netherlands Antilles .....	10	9	5

**ORLANDO, Fla. (July 6, 2009)** – The United States opened the FIVB World Championship NORCECA Pool G with a 25-10, 25-9, 25-5 victory over Netherlands Antilles on Monday evening at UCF Arena in Orlando.

Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.) led the United States in scoring with 11 points apiece. Haneef-Park converted seven of her 10 attacks into kills, while Barboza provided 10 kills on 21 swings. Jane Collymore (Seattle, Wash.) added eight points, while Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) chipped in seven points.

"I was happy that our team could implement some changes from the Pan Am Cup," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said.

Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) added five points, six digs and 14 assists. Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.), from a suburb just outside Orlando, added three in the victory including two blocks despite being just 173cm in height. Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) and Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah) each tallied one point to round out the scoring. Stacy Sykora (Burlson, Texas) lifted up 14 digs and five excellent receptions on 10 attempts to pace the U.S. back-row defense.

McCutcheon started Collymore and Barboza at outside hitter, Scott-Arruda and Harmotto at middle blocker, Haneef-Park at opposite and Thompson at setter. Sykora was the designated libero for the match.

Christine Anthony provided Netherlands Antilles with a team-high four points.

Team USA held a 7-2 block advantage during the match, while adding a 9-0 margin in aces. Setter Courtney Thompson scored four of her five points with aces. The Americans also held their miscues to 12 and gained 28 points directly off Netherlands Antilles errors.

"My compliments to Netherlands Antilles," U.S. captain Danielle Scott-Arruda said. "They played some good defense during the match."

Netherlands Antilles stayed close in the first set trailing only 5-3. Barboza sparked a 5-0 run with two kills while Haneef-Park chipped in an ace. After Netherlands Antilles cut the deficit to 13-8, the U.S. finished the set on a 12-2 run that included four of Haneef-Park's 11 points in the match.

The Americans opened the second set with a 6-0 advantage on Thompson's serve, including the first two points of the set via ace. Leading 9-3, the U.S. rolled off nine unanswered points for an 18-3 lead as Haneef-Park capped the run with an ace. Netherlands Antilles scored four of the next six points to cut the gap to 22-8 before the U.S. earned three of the final four points of the set for a 25-9 victory.

Thompson led the U.S. to a 9-0 lead in the third set as she was credited with two aces. Team USA rolled the rest of the set for a 25-5 victory.



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"USA is a great team," Netherlands Antilles Head Coach Patricio Bridgewater said. "I have a young team and in a rebuilding process. I think the players had a little bit of nerves knowing they were playing one of the top teams in the world. I did not expect to win today – but maybe 10 years from now that is the hope. Overall, it was a great honor to be here tonight playing the United States."

# 2009 USA Women's National Team Match Capsules

## U.S. WOMEN BLANK BARBADOS AT WORLD QUALIFIER

USA .....	25	25	25
Barbados.....	16	11	12

**ORLANDO, Fla. (July 7, 2009)** – The U.S. Women's National Team handled visiting Barbados 25-16, 25-11, 25-12 on Tuesday evening to improve to 2-0 in the FIVB World Championship NORCECA Pool G being held at UCF Arena in Orlando.

"I thought our team improved on a few phases of the game tonight," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "We are excited to get back out on the court for tomorrow's match with Costa Rica."

Kristin Richards came off the U.S. bench in the second set and scored a match-high 11 points filling in for an injured Cynthia Barboza, who scored 10 points before leaving the match. Orlando-area product Angie Pressey added 11 additional points, while Tayyiba Haneef-Park chipped in seven points. Heather Bown, Christa Harmotto and Jane Collymore all racked up five points.

Shari Matthews led Barbados with five points in the loss, while Julia Lewis and Thonya Joseph each tacked on three points.

Team USA grabbed an 8-2 lead at the first technical timeout of the opening set and extended the gap to 10-2 with two points out of the break. The U.S. held a 13-point advantage, 16-3, at the second technical timeout and cruised to the 25-6 set victory.

Barbados scored the first two points of the second set, only to have USA answer with four unanswered points for a 4-2 lead. Barbados came back to retake a 6-5 lead and relinquished it to the U.S. at 8-7. The Americans gained breathing room as part of a 5-0 spurt at 11-7. Leading 15-10, the U.S. finished strong on a 10-1 run for a 25-11 victory.

Barbados came back from an 8-5 deficit in the third set to move within one at 10-9, but Richards sided out with a kill and started a 3-0 run to rebuild a four-point cushion at 13-9. Collymore sliced in three consecutive aces and served Team USA to the final nine straight points to push the American advantage to 25-12.

Team USA held a sizeable 43-12 kill advantage while adding a 10-0 margin in aces. The U.S. also out-blocked Barbados 4-2.

"I am happy with the win," Scott-Arruda, the USA captain, said. "We were able to play a lot of people and they played well."

"I enjoyed the competition tonight with the USA team," Barbados Head Coach Andrew Brathwaite said. "We were able to stay with them for a little while, but we need to stay focused for a longer period. Tonight we were beaten by a great USA team. I am happy with the fight spirit displayed by our team."



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## U.S. WOMEN DEFEAT COSTA RICA, GAINS WORLD CHAMP BERTH

USA .....	25	25	25
Costa Rica .....	15	9	15

**ORLANDO, Fla. (July 8, 2009)** – The U.S. Women's National Team earned a spot into next year's FIVB World Championship after topping Costa Rica 25-15, 25-9, 25-15 on Wednesday evening in Orlando to finish the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament - NORCECA Pool G with an undefeated 3-0 record.

"I honestly think Costa Rica is a good team and better than when we last played them at the Pan American Cup," U.S. Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said. "At the same time, I think we are a better team. We went into tonight's match with a plan and executed it. We are happy that we have qualified for the World Championships next year."

The U.S. was led by tournament most valuable player and Best Spiker Cynthia Barboza and Jane Collymore, who had matching 18 points in the match. Barboza tallied 16 kills as part of her totals, while Collymore chipped in 15 kills. Danielle Scott-Arruda contributed eight points, while Tayyiba Haneef-Park put down six points. Courtney Thompson and Christa Harmotto rounded out the scoring with four points.

Karen Cope paced Costa Rica with nine points, while Verania Willis provided the second-place team with seven points.

In addition to Barboza's two individual awards, USA's Stacy Sykora pulled in three individual honors as Best Digger, Best Receiver and Best Libero. Courtney Thompson of the U.S. earned Best Setter and Best Server. Netherlands Antilles' Christine Anthony earned the Best Scorer honor, while Barbados' Thonya Joseph was presented the Best Blocker award.

The U.S. took a 13-7 lead in the opening set after Collymore served two aces in a mini-run to break away from Costa Rica. Thompson served off a 4-0 run that included two aces giving the U.S. a 19-10 advantage. Team USA ended the set at 25-15 on consecutive kills from Collymore and Barboza.

The Americans jumped out to a 5-1 lead to open the second set and went into the first technical timeout up 8-4. The U.S. continued the pressure by taking hold of a 16-7 advantage at the second technical timeout. Thompson netted consecutive aces, Barboza put up a block and kill and a Costa Rica attack error extended the margin to 14 points, 22-8. The U.S. added to the run of eight unanswered points on kills from Scott-Arruda and Barboza giving the Americans set point at 24-8. Haneef-Park ended the set with kill from the left side at 25-9.

Team USA rattled off the first five points of the third set taking advantage of Thompson's serve and two Scott-Arruda kills off Costa Rica overpasses. Scott-Arruda pushed the gap to seven points, 10-3, on an ace and the U.S. went into the second technical timeout leading 16-7. The Americans cruised the rest of the way for the match victory.

The U.S. used a dominant service game to register a 9-1 ace advantage that kept Costa Rica out of system for much of the match. The Americans held a 44-22 advantage in kills and a 5-2 margin in blocks.

"We are trying to get better on each play," Scott-Arruda said. "We are glad to be on the medal stand here and qualified for the World Championship."

"Congratulations to USA," said Costa Rica captain Verania Willis. "I think USA has a good defense and block. They also play a very fast pace that we have not seen and played against that much."



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# 2009 U.S. Women's National Team Roster - FIVB World Grand Prix



**#1 Nicole Fawcett**  
Outside Hitter \* 6-4  
Zanefield, Ohio



**#2 Elisha Thomas**  
Middle Blocker \* 6-3  
Grass Valley, Calif.



**#3 Lauren Paolini**  
Middle Blocker \* 6-4  
Ann Arbor, Mich.



**#4 Angie McGinnis**  
Setter \* 5-11  
Fraser, Mich.



**#5 Stacy Sykora**  
Libero \* 5-10  
Burlleson, Texas



**#6 Nicole Davis**  
Libero \* 5-4  
Stockton, Calif.



**#7 Angie Pressey**  
Outside Hitter \* 5-9  
Lake Mary, Fla.



**#8 Cynthia Barboza**  
Outside Hitter \* 6-0  
Long Beach, Calif.



**#9 Alexis Crimes**  
Middle Bocker \* 6-3  
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.



**#10 Kristin Richards**  
Outside Hitter \* 6-1  
Orem, Utah



**#11 Jordan Larson**  
Outside Hitter \* 6-2  
Hooper, Neb.



**#12 Nancy Metcalf**  
Opposite \* 6-1  
Hull, Iowa



**#13 Tracy Stalls**  
Middle Blocker \* 6-4  
Denver, Colo.



**#14 Heather Hughes**  
Opposite \* 6-2  
Fallbrook, Calif.



**#15 Courtney Thompson**  
Setter \* 5-7  
Kent, Wash.



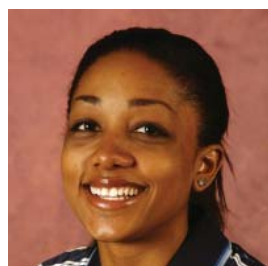
**#16 Christa Harmotto**  
Middle Blocker \* 5-2  
Aliquippa, Pa.



**#17 Mary "Nellie" Spicer**  
Setter \* 5-9  
Barrington, Ill.



**#18 Foluke Akinradewo**  
Middle Blocker \* 6-3  
Plantation, Fla.



**#19 Jane Collymore**  
Outside Hitter \* 5-11  
Seattle, Wash.



**Hugh McCutcheon**  
Head Coach  
Christchurch, New Zealand



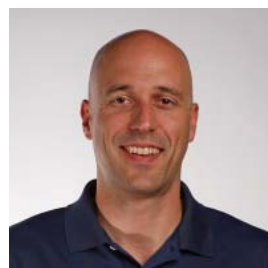
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Assistant Coach



**Jamie Morrison**  
Technical Coordinator



**Beth Launiere**  
Assistant Coach



**John Speraw**  
Assistant Coach



**Jill Wosmek**  
Athletic Trainier



**Foluke Akinradewo**  
 Middle Blocker \* 6-3  
 Plantation, Florida  
**College:** Stanford  
**Birth Date:** Oct. 5, 1987  
**Joined Team:** May 2003

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2008** – USA Tour of China...U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball versus Brazil... FIVB World Grand Prix (Fourth Place). **2007** – Pan American Games (Bronze Medal). **2005** – Pan American Games (Fourth). **2003** – Pan American Cup (Fourth).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2008** – Scored 117 points to lead all players during an eight-match tour of China in March-April...Tallied 82 kills with a 59 kill percent and .479 attack efficiency to go with team-leading 23 blocks and 12 aces on Tour of China...Played three sets versus Brazil during three-match exhibition series versus Brazil. Started final two sets versus Brazil on June 11 and totaled three kills and two blocks... Played in 14 of 21 FIVB World Grand Prix sets in the Final Round... Averaged 2.86 points, 2.19 kills, 0.52 blocks and 0.14 aces over the course of the entire tournament with a .387 attack efficiency...During the Final Round, compiled 42 points with averages of 2.29 kills, 0.64 blocks and 0.07 aces per set...Scored a team-high 18 points versus Italy on July 12 with 14 kills on 29 swings and four blocks. **2007** – Averaged 3.44 points per set at Pan American Games while hitting .513 on 76 swings and just six errors...Reached double-digit points in four of the five Pan American Games, including 14 points against Puerto Rico on July 15 and Peru on July 19 in the bronze medal match...Hit 90 percent (9 kills, 10 attempts and no errors) versus Cuba on July 16. **2005** – Played on U.S. team that placed fourth at Pan American Games held in Dominican Republic...Recorded five kills in semifinal loss to Dominican Republic. **2003** – Competed for the U.S. at the Pan American Cup held in Dominican Republic.

**COLLEGE:** **2008** – Earned AVCA All-America First-Team honors and co-Player of the Year by Volleyball Magazine...Finished third nationally in hitting percentage (.457) and fourth nationally in blocking (1.47 average per set), both marks which paced the Pac-10...Finished career with the best hitting percentage ever recorded by an NCAA Division I player (.446), breaking the previous record (.423) by more than 20 points... Posted the second-best single-season hitting percentage in Pac-10 and school history, coming in only behind the record of .499 she set in 2007... Helped Stanford to its third consecutive Pac-10 title and a third straight run to the national title match...Led the team with 4.17 points per set and was third on the team with 3.19 kills per set. **2007** – Named American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Player of the Year as she guided Stanford to a national runner-up finish...Posted the second-best hitting percentage in NCAA history (.499), a mark which led the nation and shattered both the Pac-10 and program records by more than 50 points...Averaged 4.11 kills, 1.21 blocks and 4.94 points per game... Tabbed as Honda Award finalist. **2006** – Selected AVCA All-America and was one of four finalist for the Honda Award in 2006...Led the Cardinal last season with a .431 hitting percentage for third-best in the nation. Paced

Stanford with 141 blocks to average 1.44 blocks per game. Averaged 3.90 kills per game with just 63 attack errors on 740 swings. **2005** – Named AVCA All-America Second Team and AVCA Pacific Region Freshman of the Year...Selected Pac-10 Freshman of the Year and First-Team All-Pac-10...Finished third in the Pac-10 and 13th in the nation in hitting percentage at .397, the third-best mark in school history...Averaged 3.92 kills per game and led the Cardinal in blocks with 1.09 per game.

**OTHER VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS:** Akinradewo was the starting middle blocker on the U.S. Women’s Junior National Team that competed in the 2005 FIVB World Championships in Turkey. She was a member of the gold medal-winning U.S. Women’s Junior National Team that captured the 2004 NORCECA Continental Women’s Junior Championship.

**PERSONAL:** Born Foluke Atinuke Akinradewo on Oct. 5, 1987, in London, Ontario, Canada...Now calls Plantation, Fla., home...Parents are Ayoola and Comfort Akinradewo...Also has two brothers, Foluso (1982) and Fiyinfolu (1977)...Attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale from 2001 to 2005 before enrolling at Stanford University...Majoring in human biology at Stanford and is expected to graduate in 2009...Holds tri-citizenship with Canada, Nigeria and the United States...Began playing volleyball in 2002 and nearly quit the sport a couple months after starting...Favorite food is pizza...Favorite books are Harry Potter series and The Kite Runner...Favorite music is almost any type except country...Favorite musicians are John Mayer, The Fray and Damien Rice...Hobbies are online shopping, hanging out with friends and watching movies...Most admired people are her parents because they “have worked so hard to provide for our family and give us the best life possible. I think that they have succeeded in doing so. If I can grow up to be half of what they are, I think I’ll be pretty successful.”



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**Cynthia Barboza**  
 Outside Hitter \* 6-0  
 Long Beach, Calif.  
**College:** Stanford  
**Birth Date:** Feb. 7, 1987  
**Joined Team:** July 2003

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2009** – Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold). **2008** – Pan American Cup (Fifth Place)... U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball Series versus Brazil... FIVB World Grand Prix (Fourth Place). **2007** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place)... Pan American Game (Bronze Medal). **2003** – Pan American Games (Bronze Medal). **2002** – NORCECA Junior Girls Continental Championships (Silver Medal)... NORCECA Youth Girls Continental Championships (Gold Medal).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2009** – Started three matches and played in 19 sets of the Pan American Cup... Averaged 1.05 points and 0.53 digs per set while mainly a serving specialist in the Pan American Cup... Named Most Valuable Player and Best Spiker of the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G after leading the U.S. to the gold medal... Held a .510 attack efficiency and converted 57.7 percent of attacks into kills during the qualifying event... Averaged 4.88 points, 4.25 kills, 0.38 blocks, 0.25 aces and 1.63 digs per set in the qualification tournament... Produced 18 points versus Costa Rica on July 8 in qualification tournament final match helping U.S. to earn 2010 FIVB World Championship berth. **2008** – Finished 15th in scoring at Pan American Cup... Averaged 3.14 points per set with set averages of 2.72 kills and 0.34 blocks... Attacked at a .304 efficiency... Started final two matches of Pan American Cup at opposite, including a 17-point match versus Venezuela in the fifth-place contest... Averaged 2.07 points and 0.36 blocks per set in three matches against Brazil during U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball series in Colorado Springs... Tallied 11 kills and two blocks versus Brazil on June 11 while starting all five sets... Came off bench to spark USA to five-set win over Brazil on June 13 with eight points... Played in 23 sets during the FIVB World Grand Prix with two set starts... Totaled 18 points (14 kills, four blocks) at the World Grand Prix. **2007** – Contributed 2.59 points per set during the Pan American Cup, highlighted by four double-figure point contests... Added 2.50 digs per set during the Pan American Games... Recorded 15 points against Argentina with 13 kills and two aces on June 21... Provided four aces as part of 10-point match against Costa Rica on June 22... Hit .421 with nine kills, three aces and a block for 13 points against Mexico on June 25... Averaged 3.06 points during the Pan American Games, including 2.69 kills and 0.25 blocks per set... Turned in three double-figure point matches at Pan American Games, topped by a 12-point performance against Puerto Rico on July 15. **2004** – Was one of six alternates for the 2004 USA Women's Olympic Volleyball Team. **2003** – Earned a bronze medal as the youngest member of the USA women's national training team at the Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic... Scored 11 points on nine kills and two blocks in the bronze-medal match as the USA defeated Brazil, 3-1, to finish the tournament with a record of 4-2... Became a starter on the right side two matches into the tournament... Finished eighth among all players at 1.44 digs per set. She also ranked fifth on the team in scoring with 43 total points (35 kills, six blocks, two aces), a number that ranked her 29th among all players in the tournament. **2002** – Earned a gold medal as a member of the USA Girl's Youth National Team at the NORCECA Youth Girls Continental Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah... The team earned an automatic berth to the 2003 FIVB Girl's Under-18 World Championships after going 5-0 and losing just one set at the NORCECA tournament... Named Best Serve-Receiver at the NORCECA tournament... Also earned a silver medal as a member of the USA Women's Junior National Team at the NORCECA Junior Women's Continental Championships in Puerto Rico.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Three-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American... Finished career at Stanford ranked ninth in career kills (1,639), sixth in digs (1,241) and ninth in service aces (115). **2008** – Selected a 2008 AVCA All-America First-Team pick after assisting Stanford to the NCAA Division I Championship title match... Earned ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American... Appeared in all 118 sets for Stanford while finishing second on the team with 412 kills (3.49 per set)... Finished among Pac-10 leaders in kills (7th) and points (8th)... Led team in aces (24) and finished second in digs with 358 (3.03 per set)... Named to NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team. **2007** – Selected AVCA All-America First Team after leading Stanford to a NCAA Division I runner-up finish... Ended the year with a career-best 20 double-doubles and was one of the team's top hitters with 3.99 kills per game... Named the program's first ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American since 2004... Joined Stanford's elite 1,000-kill club as just a junior. **2006** – Finished second with partner Bryn Kehoe at the Powerade Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship in April 2007... Concluded sophomore season at Stanford in 2006-2007... Selected AVCA All-America First-Team selection in 2006 after leading the Cardinal with 463 total kills and 4.21 kills per game... Led the team with 48 service aces and was honored with all-tournament accolades at each of the Cardinal's four tournaments in 2006... Added 2.99 digs and 0.69 blocks per game on defense as a sophomore... **2005** – Missed the final 11 matches of her 2005 freshman season after suffering a season-ending anterior cruciate ligament injury... Had started all 21 matches prior to injury and led the Pac-10 in kills (297) and kills per game (4.50) up until the injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS:** Capped her amazing high school career by being named the Gatorade National High School Volleyball Player of the Year for the second-straight year... In winning the award for a second consecutive season, Barboza joins Marion Jones (1991-93), LeBron James (2002-03) and Candace Parker (2003-04) as one of only four high school athletes in any sport to win Gatorade National Player of the Year honors in back-to-back seasons. She is the first volleyball player to achieve the feat.

**PERSONAL:** Born Cynthia Jane Barboza on Feb. 7, 1987, in Bellflower, Calif. ... Parents are Robert and Jane Barboza... Also has a brother, David (18)... At age 18 Cynthia was the youngest member of the USA women's national volleyball training team in 2004 while pursuing a spot on the Olympic roster... While English is her first spoken language, Spanish was her first written language.



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pick in 2004 and honorable mention selection in 2003...Selected as Southeastern Conference Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005...Recorded over 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in her career at Florida... Ranks among top 10 in 51 different categories in Florida volleyball records book.

**PERSONAL:** Born Jane Elizabeth Collymore on Sept. 30, 1984, in Los Angeles...Now calls Seattle, Wash., home...Parents are Victor and Valenz Collymore...Also has younger sister Jill, who plays volleyball at University of Washington...Favorite television show is The Boondocks... Enjoys playing the guitar and the piano...Attended University of Florida from 2002 to 2006 majoring in English.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2009** –Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold). **2006** - Pan American Cup (Fourth Place)... World Grand Prix (Seventh Place)...TV Azteca Cup (Sixth Place). **2005** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009** – Started one match and played in two sets of the Pan American Cup, tallying nine points... Recorded five kills on 12 errorless attempts, three blocks and an ace versus Guatemala on June 27 at Pan American Cup...Averaged 3.44 points per set with two match starts at the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G...Charted 18 points (15 kills on 27 attempts, 2 aces, 1 block) and eight digs in key three-set victory against Costa Rica on July 8 to secure berth into 2010 FIVB World Championship. **2006** - Scored in double digits twice during the Pan American Cup with 10 points against Brazil and 11 points against Barbados...Played 10 sets in the Pan American Cup scoring 24 total points...Added to the World Grand Prix roster after the first weekend...Played a total of seven sets at World Grand Prix scoring a total of eight points...Tallied nine points with six kills, two blocks and an ace versus Brazil on Aug. 26 as she started three of the four sets...Finished tied for second in scoring among all players at the TV Azteca Cup with 77 points...Tallied a career-high 23 points against Peru on Sept. 27 with 21 kills...Reached double-figure scoring in all five matches at the TV Azteca Cup and averaged 4.53 points per set. 2005 – Pan American Cup.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Collymore was a three-time AVCA All-American, including a first-team selection as a senior in 2005, third-team





**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008** – Pan American Cup (Fifth Place).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Captured the Best Spiker award at the Pan American Cup as she totaled 73 kills on 127 attempts for a 57.48 kill percent...Finished the tournament ranked seventh in scoring with 96 points and 3.56 point average...Placed seventh in the Best Blocker category at the Pan American Cup with a 0.72 block average... Contributed 19 points versus Dominican Republic on May 30 in her first-ever senior national team match at the international level...Tallied six blocks in consecutive matches versus Peru on June 6 and Venezuela on June 7.

**PRO HIGHLIGHTS:** Paced Toa Baja to the 2009 regular season and playoff championship in the Puerto Rico Super League.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2007** – Earned a fourth consecutive American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America honor with an honorable mention as a senior...Named All-Big West First Team all four years...Led the 49ers in kills, hitting percentage and blocking while ranking in the conference's top five in each of those categories as a senior. Averaged 4.48 kills per game, made 151 total blocks and was fifth on the team in digs in 2007...Helped lead the 49ers to fourth straight NCAA tournaments...Ended career ranked third in career kills with 1,756, fifth

in hitting percentage at .377 and was just six blocks behind Danielle Scott-Arruda for the most total blocks in program history. Additionally, she tops the block assists list for Long Beach State with 494. **2006** – Selected AVCA All-America honorable mention and Big West Co-Player of the Year...Averaged 3.77 kills and 1.39 blocks per game while hitting .377. **2005** – Tabbed AVCA All-America Honorable Mention and All-Big West First Team...Averaged 3.62 kills and a league-leading 1.44 blocks per game...Attacked at a Big West Conference-leading .378 percentage. **2004** – Earned AVCA All-America Third Team and AVCA West Region Freshman of the Year...Named All-Big West Conference First-Team after averaging 3.88 kills and 1.25 blocks per game with a .374 attack percentage.

**OTHER USA VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE:** Named “Best Attacker” at the FIVB Women’s Junior World Championship in 2005 as part of Team USA...Member of 2004 U.S. Women’s Junior National Team that captured the gold medal at the NORCECA Continental Women’s Junior Championship...Competed on the 2003 U.S. Girls’ Youth National Team that played in the FIVB Girls’ Youth World Championship.

**CLUB/PREP CAREER:** Named a Volleyball Magazine “Fab 50” and a Top 10 Player in the Inland Empire, according to the San Bernardino Sun...Tabbed as the sixth best recruit for the 2004 class by PrepVolleyball.com...Named most valuable player of her track team and all-league first team in basketball while playing for ...Named to Honor Roll, Principal’s List and on the Who’s Who Among High School Students at Etiwanda High School (Calif.)...Competed two years on the Santa Monica Beach Volleyball Club.

**PERSONAL:** Born Alexis Marie Crimes on June 12, 1986, in Honolulu, Hawai’i...Mother is Elizabeth Crimes... Nicknames are Lexy, Lex, AC and Crimes...Majored in criminal justice and earned her degree from Long Beach State in 2007...Hobbies include watching television, hanging with family and friends...Most admired people are her family and Shaquille O’Neal as “they are always strong when obstacles come their way.”... Favorite food is French Fries...Favorite music is R&B and neo-soul... Favorite athlete is Shaquille O’Neal.



**Nicole Davis**  
 Libero \* 5-6  
 Stockton, California  
**College:** Southern California  
**Birth Date:** April 24, 1982  
**Joined Team:** January 2004

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2009** – Tour of Egypt...Pan American Cup (Fourth). **2008** – Tour of China...U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball versus Brazil...FIVB World Grand Prix (Fourth Place)...Olympic Games (Silver Medal). **2007** – FIVB World Grand Prix (Eighth Place)...NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal)...FIVB World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2006** – World Grand Prix (Seventh Place)...World Championships (Ninth Place). **2005** – Front Range Tour vs. Brazil...Pan American Cup...World Grand Prix...FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)...NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)...World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2009** – Libero for U.S. Women’s National Team two-match tour of Egypt resulting in two victories... Averaged 4.86 digs per set in two-match series against Egypt... Played in 21 sets of the Pan American Cup, averaging a tournament-best 3.90 digs per set to earn Best Digger... Held a 54.18 libero efficiency rating at the Pan American Cup for third best among liberos... Contributed 20 digs in four-set match against Brazil. **2008** – Served as libero for three-week, eight-match tour of China... Tallied 112 digs and handled 213 serve receive chances with 54 percent positive receptions leading to a 5-3 record with a young team competing... Served as libero in June 11 match versus Brazil and subbed into contest on June 13 and June 14 as part of three-match series... Served as libero for the entire FIVB World Grand Prix preliminary round in which USA won seven of nine matches and was a defensive specialist in the Final Round... Ranked fourth in the preliminary round in Best Digger with 2.33 digs per set, including four matches with at least double-digit digs... Served as USA libero at the Olympic Games, which resulted in a silver medal and the country’s first medal in women’s volleyball since 1992... Averaged 2.88 digs per set, sixth-best among all players in the Olympic Games... Tallied a 52 percent in excellent service receptions, which along with her dig average, helped the U.S. to a .302 team hitting efficiency. **2007** – Averaged 2.53 digs per set as the U.S. libero for all three preliminary rounds during the World Grand Prix... Turned in a team-high 21 digs versus China in three games on Aug. 4... Paced Team USA to a silver medal at the NORCECA Championship as the team’s libero... Averaged 3.00 digs per set for third best at the NORCECA Championship... Tallied 54 excellent service receptions on 84 attempts with only one error at the NORCECA Championship... Averaged 2.66 digs per set, fourth best at the FIVB World Cup, as the Team USA libero... Tallied 19 digs in four set win over Poland on Nov. 4. **2006** – Played in four matches during seven-match tour of Italy March 22 to April 2 with USA National Training Team ... Played in two sets versus Poland on May 26... Libero for the final two weekends of the World Grand Prix... Ranked sixth in the Best Libero category in the World Grand Prix despite not playing the position the first three matches... Ranked 10th in World Grand Prix in digs with 1.30 per set (185 total digs)... Turned in 15 digs in 31 sets as a back-row specialist coming off the bench during the World Championships, handling 46 service receptions with a 41 positive percentage. **2005** – Split time with fellow libero Sarah Drury for the USA Women’s National Team that captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November... The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way... Earned a gold medal as Team USA won its third-straight

NORCECA Continental Championship with a five-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 11...The USA Women qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the win...Also earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Women qualified for the 2006 World Championships.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** **2003** – Davis concluded her stellar career with an incredible showing in the 2003 NCAA tournament...Davis, who averaged 4.2 digs per game during the regular season, averaged 5.2 digs per game during the postseason as the Trojans won their second-consecutive national championship and finished the year with a perfect 35-0 record...She recorded a career-high 31 digs twice during the season, including a four-set win over UCLA in the regional finals. **2002** – Davis proved to be one of the best liberos in the country by the end of her junior season as she helped guide USC to the 2002 NCAA championship... Played in all 32 matches and made 27 starts at libero (2002 marked the first season the libero position was used in collegiate volleyball)... Averaged a team-leading 3.44 digs per game and finished sixth in the Pac-10...Set a career-best mark with 24 digs in three matches (Oct. 4 at Stanford, Nov. 2 vs. Stanford and Nov. 26 vs. UC Santa Barbara)... Averaged 3.05 digs throughout the NCAA Championships, including 13 and 14 digs against Florida and Stanford in the semifinals and finals. **2001** – Davis played in all 29 matches and appeared in 99 games as a sophomore...She led the team and finished the season ranked ninth in the Pac-10 with 0.30 service aces per game...Also finished fourth on the team with 2.27 digs per game...Set a career high with 15 digs against Wisconsin (Sept. 2)...Tallied a kill against Hawai’i (Sept. 7) and Cal (Nov. 9)...Had a dominating performance at the service line when she recorded a career-best seven aces against Stanford (Oct. 12), a mark that ranks fifth among USC match records. **2000** – In her first season, Davis played in 44 games and appeared in 23 matches... She averaged 1.30 digs per game.

**PERSONAL:** Born Nicole Marie Davis on April 24, 1982 in Stockton, Calif...Parents are Randy and Barbara Davis...She also has a brother named Christopher...Her happiest moment(s) in sports were winning back-to-back NCAA Division I volleyball championships with USC in 2002 and 2003...The person she admires most is her mother because of “the person she is, and has helped me become.”...Owns a black belt in karate...Favorite professional team is the New York Yankees of Major League Baseball...Favorite movie is “Dirty Dancing” and her favorite food is anything sweet...Enjoys watching football in her spare time... Favorite television show is Sex and the City... “My mom is my role model. She came from very little and had a very successful career. She is a strong, independent woman, and a wonderful friend and mother.”



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**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** None

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** None

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2008** – Named AVCA Division I National Player of the Year, third consecutive AVCA All-America First-Team honor and fourth overall AVCA All-American award... Selected as Honda Award winner for overall best NCAA Division I volleyball player... Led Penn State to an undefeated record (38-0) and its second straight NCAA title and sixth consecutive Big Ten crown... Averaged 3.78 kills per set on .358 hitting for the year, with her kills per game average ranking second on the team... Led Penn State with 40 service aces and also added in 219 total blocks for the year. **2007** – Selected to AVCA All-America First-Team and NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team after guiding Penn State to the NCAA Division I Tournament championship... Unanimous selection to All-Big Ten First-Team... Started all 36 matches of the season and played in 120 of 122 sets... During NCAA Tournament (20 sets), averaged 4.20 kills per game on .387 hitting with 12 service aces, 22 digs and 26 blocks ... Held season average of 4.44 kills per set (533 total kills) and finished with a hitting percentage of .313, good for 10th in the Big Ten. **2006** – Selected AVCA All-America First-Team and unanimous All-Big Ten First-Team... Selected as Academic All-Big Ten... Played in all 35 matches of the year and 113 of 114 sets... Averaged 4.27 kills per set (483 total kills), good for second on the team and eighth in the Big Ten... Finished the season ranked fourth on the team and sixth in the conference in hitting percentage (.331), the only pure left-side hitter in the league within the top six... Ended her second season with 979 career kills. **2005** – Selected as AVCA

NCAA Division I National Freshman of the Year and AVCA All-America Second-Team All-America... Named Big Ten Freshman of the Year and All-Big Ten First-Team... Started all 34 matches in freshman season and set an NCAA Tournament record for hitting percentage by attacking at a career-high .889 clip (16-0-18) against Long Island (12/3) in the second round... Led the Lions and ranked third in the Big Ten with an average of 4.51 kills per set (496 total kills) on .309 hitting... Recorded 31 double-digit kill matches.

**OTHER USA VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE: 2005** – Member of U.S. Women’s Junior National Team that competed at the FIVB Women’s Junior World Championship. **2004** – Member of U.S. Junior Women’s National Team that won gold medal at NORCECA Women’s Junior Continental Championship. **2003** – Member of U.S. Girls’ Youth Team which participated in the FIVB Girls’ Youth World Championship in Poland.

**CLUB/PREP CAREER:** Member of the Team Atlantis Volleyball Club... Four-year volleyball letterwinner and three-year track letterwinner for Benjamin Logan High School in Bellefontaine, Ohio... Four-year team captain in volleyball for the Raiders... 2004 Ohio State High School Gatorade Player of the Year... Named to Volleyball Magazine “Fab 50”... Selected Ohio High Magazine Player of the Year as a senior... Led prep team to 92-13 scholastic record, including three league championships and the district and regional runner-up titles in 2004... Three-time First Team All-Ohio honoree... Earned four First-Team CBC honors, four First-Team District IX accolades and three District IX Player of the Year awards... Set school record for kills in a season four consecutive years and olds the Ohio state record for career kills... Regional track high jump finalist in 2004 and 2005... National Honor Society member... Named to the Fall Sport All-Academic Team and the honor roll.

**PERSONAL:** Born Nicole Marie Fawcett on Dec. 16, 1986, in San Antonio, Texas... Nickname is Nic... Parents are Bob and Kim Fawcett... Mother Kim played volleyball for Wright State... Brother is Joe Fawcett... Maternal grandfather was a pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles in 1945... Majored in Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State University... Favorite musical group is Coldplay... Favorite professional team is the New York Yankees... Favorite book is Angels and Demons... Favorite television show is Grey’s Anatomy.



**Christa Harmotto**  
 Middle Blocker \* 6-2  
 Aliquippa, Pa.  
**College:** Penn State  
**Birth Date:** Oct. 12, 1986  
**Joined Team:** April 2009

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** 2009 – Tour of Egypt...Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** 2009 – Tallied match-high 18 points versus Egypt on April 10, producing 16 kills on 25 attempts with just two errors for a 64 percent on kill attempts...Started six of seven matches at the Pan American Cup, producing a 2.29 scoring average over 21 sets...Held a .381 hitting efficiency and 0.67 blocks per set average at the Pan American Cup...Started all three matches of the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G event and contributed 1.11 points per set while converting eight of 16 attacks into kills.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** 2008 – Led Penn State to second consecutive NCAA Division I title with an undefeated season...Named American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America First-Team after leading the nation with a .486 hitting efficiency...One of four finalists for the Honda Award for volleyball...Earned fourth consecutive All-Big Ten Conference award...Averaged 1.47 blocks per set for third-best in the nation...Added 2.43 kills per set...Assisted Penn State to sixth consecutive Big Ten Conference title...Selected as the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American of the Year as selected by College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)...Spending spring semester student-teaching elementary-aged students in England. 2007 – Selected AVCA All-America First-Team and one of four finalists for the Honda Award for volleyball...Led Penn State to the NCAA Division I Tournament championship title...Named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Third Team...Started all 366 matches and played in 121 of 122 sets...Ranked second in the nation in attack efficiency with a .492 mark...Ranked sixth nationally with a 1.65 block average, providing a team-high 200 total blocks for seventh-best all-time at the school...Hit .548 during the NCAA Tournament with 3.00 kills per set in postseason action...Hit .917 (11-0-12) versus Michigan State on Sept. 21. 2006 – Selected AVCA All-America Second-Team as she ranked first on the team in blocks with 1.58 per game (14th in nation), second in hitting efficiency with a .405 percentage (10th in nation) and was third on the team in kills with 2.85 per game... 2005 – Selected AVCA All-America honorable mention as a freshman...One of only four freshmen to ever be named All-Big Ten First-Team...Selected to AVCA/NACWAA Showcase All-Tournament team in first collegiate matches...Started the first 29 matches of the year before knee injury forced her to miss last Big Ten weekend and NCAA Tournament...Set Penn State single match record for blocks with 13 against Southern California on Aug. 31...Led team in blocking with 1.50 per set...Recorded 25 matches with three or more blocks, including 14 matches with five or more blocks...Ranked third in the Big Ten Conference with a .356 attack percentage...Ranked second on team with 2.96 kills per set.

**OTHER USA VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE:** Member of the 2004 U.S. Women's Junior National Team that won the NORCECA Women's Junior Continental Championship in Winnipeg, Canada ... Selected to the 2005 U.S. Women's Junior National Team that competed in Ankara, Turkey, at the FIVB Under-20 World Championships.

**CLUB/PREP CAREER:** Three-year volleyball letterwinner and two-year basketball letterwinner at Hopewell High School in Hopewell Township, Pa...Team captain for the Vikings in 2004...Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year in 2004...Two-time Prep Volleyball High School All-American... 2004-2005 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Female High School Athlete of the Year...Mizuno First-Team All-American following senior season, also picking up Beaver County Times, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Female Athlete of the Year accolades...Two-time first-team all-state, all-WPIAL and all-section... Posted a scholastic team record of 75-4 through three years...Recorded a school-record 186 blocks during junior season in 2003 and posted a school-record .595 hitting percentage in senior year to go along with 448 kills, 376 digs and 172 blocks...Led team to a No. 1 ranking in the state of Pennsylvania and the 2004 section, WPIAL and state championships, winning every tournament entered prior to the postseason...Also section and AA WPIAL champions in 2002 and 2003...Helped Hopewell to a 59-0 record against WPIAL opponents from 2001 to 2005 and a 103-match winning streak against section opponents...Member of the Pittsburgh Renaissance Volleyball Club that qualified for the USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships in 2004 and 2005...Member of the National Honor Society...Member of the Principal's Student Leadership Advisory Board.

**PERSONAL:** Born Christa Deanne Harmotto on Oct. 12, 1986, in Sewickley, Pa...Parents are Robert and Constance Harmotto...Father played basketball at Juniata College...Has younger brothers Nathan and Nolan ...Majored in elementary education at Penn State...Nicknames are Motti and Chris...Hobbies include snowboarding, art and scrapbooking... Favorite musical group is Sugarland...Favorite subject in school is math...Favorite pro sports team is Pittsburgh Steelers...Favorite athlete is Hines Ward of Pittsburgh Steelers...Favorite food is gnocchi's...Favorite book is "Mind Gym" by Gary Mack with David Casstevens...Favorite TV show is Desperate Housewives...Favorite actor is Jack Nicholson... Favorite actress is Sandra Bullock...Favorite place to visit is Hilton Head, S.C.



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**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** 2008 – Tour of China...Pan American Cup (Fifth Place).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** 2008 – Scored 68 points as the primary opposite hitter on a three-week, eight-match tour of China... Tallied 60 kills, four blocks and four aces in China as Team USA won five of eight matches with a young squad...Compiled 35 points in 27 sets at the Pan American Cup, including averages of 1.04 kills, 0.15 aces, 0.14 blocks and 1.30 points per set...Due to illness at the libero position, played her first-ever match at the position in the fifth-place match of the Pan American Cup and received 46 of the 95 service chances compiling an 83 positive percent...Added 1.07 digs per set at the Pan American Cup.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** 2007 – Earned AVCA All-Pacific Region Honorable Mention and first-team All-WCC honors as a senior...Finished first in the West Coast Conference in kills and points with 5.00 and 5.56 per game, respectively...Ended season ranked 18th in the nation in kills per game, collected a WCC-best 19 double-doubles and was the only WCC player to record a triple-double, accomplishing the feat twice... Ranked among Loyola Marymount’s record books in several categories as she has claimed the top spot in aces (157), second in kills (1,679), digs (1,261) and total attacks (4,435), fourth in games played (438) and kills-per-game (3.83), seventh in service aces-per-game (0.36) and ninth in digs-per-game (2.88). 2006 - Earned All-WCC recognition for the third straight year and made it back-to-back first-team selections... Averaged 4.09 kills, 0.50 aces and 3.27 digs per game...Led LMU with 19 statistical double-doubles...Recorded her 1,000th career kill on Oct. 14 against San

Francisco. 2005 – Named first-team All-WCC and tabbed 2005-06 LMU Co-Female Athlete of the Year...Only WCC player to record a triple-double on the season and did it five times. 2004 – Received All-WCC honorable mention recognition... led team with 42 service aces and ranked second with 2.95 kills per game.

**OTHER USA VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE:** U.S. Women’s National A2 Team alternate in 2007...USA Volleyball Junior National Team alternate in 2006...U.S. Girls’ Youth A2 alternate in 2003 and 2004.

**CLUB/PREP CAREER:** A 2004 graduate of Fallbrook High School in Fallbrook, Calif... Served as captain at Fallbrook during her junior and senior seasons... Three-time All-Avocado League selection... Earned All-CIF recognition in back-to-back seasons... Named all-state by CalHiSports both her junior and senior seasons... played club volleyball for Epic...Started playing club volleyball with Fitness Plus 14s.

**PERSONAL:** Born Heather Lee Hughes on June 22, 1986, in Oceanside, Calif... Parents are Bill and Lori Hughes... Siblings are brother Taylor (1990) and sister Kristen (1984)...Majored in communications with a business minor at Loyola Marymount University with anticipated graduation year of 2008... Hobbies include beach volleyball, listening to music, beach and anything in the sun...Favorite food is watermelon... Favorite book is Angels and Demons... Favorite music is alternative and almost everything else...Favorite athlete is Karch Kiraly...Most admired person is father Bill as “he is the most respectable



person I know and is always thinking of others. He gives 100 percent in everything he does. He always has a positive attitude and can solve any problem that comes his way.”...Father played volleyball for Long Beach State and on the beach circuit, while mother played tennis at UC Santa Barbara...As the crocodile in the play Peter Pan in performing arts during middle school, fell off the stage chasing Captain Hook.



and AVCA All-Central Region honorable mention...Started 34 matches helping the Huskers to the NCAA runner-up finish...Averaged 2.82 kills, 2.79 digs and 0.71 blocks per set.

**CLUB/HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS:** Earned first team Super-State honors in each of her final three prep seasons at Logan View High School (Nebraska)...Named Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 pick and was ranked the No. 2 player in the country by Prepvolleyball.com. **2005** - Selected All-American while playing for Nebraska Juniors at the USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship. **2004** - Selected All-American while playing for Nebraska Juniors at the USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship...Led Logan View to a 25-2 record and a berth in the Class C-1 state semifinals...Established a C-1 record with 501 kills, hitting .490 with 49 blocks as a senior...Selected Nebraska Gatorade High School Player of the Year honors...Earned Lincoln Journal Star's Female High School Athlete of the Year for 2003-2004...Selected All-State Second Team in high school girls' basketball after leading team to a 21-2 record with averages of 14.8 points and nine rebounds per game. **2003** - Selected All-American while playing for Nebraska Juniors at the USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship...Paced LVHS to a 25-3 record and a state final appearance, totaling 357 kills on .424 hitting while serving 158 aces and setting a C-1 state record with 15.08 kills per game.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2009** - Pan American Cup (Fourth). **2004** - NORCECA Women's Junior Continental Championship. (Gold). **2003** - FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2009** - Started six of seven matches at the Pan American Cup with 21 sets played...Contributed 77 points at the Pan American Cup as part of a 3.67 scoring average with a 3.29 kill average...Added 0.81 digs and 0.29 ace average...Scored in double-figures in five Pan American Cup matches, including individual high 18 points versus Puerto Rico on June 30...Produced hitting efficiency of .688 (12 kills, 1 error, 16 attacks) in first match with the senior national team against Costa Rica on June 26. **2004** - Led the U.S. Junior National Team to a gold medal at the 2004 NORCECA Women's Junior Continental Championship, earning MVP and Best Receiver Awards. **2003** - Member of the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team that participated in the FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship, earning the tournament's Top Server honor.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Three-time AVCA All-American...Compiled 1,600-career kills and 1,410-career digs at University of Nebraska. **2008** - Named AVCA All-America First-Team after averaging 3.95 kills, 3.17 digs and 0.34 service aces per set as a senior leading the Huskers to the NCAA national semifinals...Chosen Big 12 Player of the Year, as well as the league's defensive player of the year, marking the first time any player has earned both honors in one year...Held team-high 16 double-doubles this season, including 10 in NU's last 12 contests. **2007** - Named AVCA All-America Third-Team after averaging 3.45 kills, 3.18 digs, 0.51 aces and 0.63 blocks per set. **2006** - Chosen AVCA All-America First-Team as a sophomore in leading the Huskers to the NCAA National title...Averaged 4.13 kills and 3.50 digs per set. **2005** - Named AVCA Central Region Freshman of the Year, Big 12 Freshman of the Year

**PERSONAL:** Born Jordan Quinn Larson on Oct. 16, 1986, in Fremont, Neb...Parents are Pat and Kae Clough and Kevin Larson...Majored in communication studies at University of Nebraska.





**Angie McGinnis**

Setter \* 5-11

Fraser, Mich.

College: Florida

Birth Date: Nov. 3, 1986

Joined Team: May 2005

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2008** – Tour of China...Pan American Cup (Fifth Place)...U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball versus Brazil...FIVB World Grand Prix (Fourth Place). **2005** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2008** – Started the majority of eight-match tour of China leading to a 5-3 overall record against Chinese club teams...Helped USA to a 41 kill percent for the tour, while providing 14 kills, four blocks, one ace and 35 digs during the three-week event... Earned Best Setter award at Pan American Cup after averaging 4.38 assists per set with just five faults...Added 21 points during the Pan American Cup with 10 kills on 22 attacks, four aces and seven blocks...Totaled 18 digs during the Pan American Cup as part of 0.64 dig average...Started four sets and played in seven total sets in three-match exhibition series with Brazil...Started fifth set of victory over Brazil on June 13...Played in 10 sets during the first two weekends of the FIVB World Grand Prix, recording one ace. **2005** – Played for the USA Women’s National Team during the summer of 2005 in the Pan American Cup in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** **2007** – Completed collegiate career at Florida as school’s career leader in assists with 5,784...Captured AVCA All-America honors for the third-consecutive year after establishing a single-season school record for assists per game (13.88), which ranked sixth in the nation, and setting the Gators to a .303 hitting percentage that stood as the country’s fifth-best mark...Set Florida to a school record with a 17.49 kills per game average, besting the school record by 0.55... Became the first player in school history to collect both 1,000 digs and 300 blocks in her career, as well as the first setter to reach either of those milestones...Played in 449-career games - more than any Gator in the rally scoring era - and owns nearly 40 career, season and match records at UF...Earned her second-straight Southeastern Conference Player of the Year award in 2007, and was named to the AVCA All-South Region team for third year in a row. **2006** - AVCA First-Team All-American ... AVCA All-South Region ... SEC Player of the Year ... First-Team All-SEC ... First setter in SEC history to be named conference player of the year ... Second in SEC in assists per game (13.23) and 22nd nationally ... Seventh in SEC in hitting percentage (.350) ... Second in SEC in league matches in assists per game (13.40) and ninth in hitting percentage (.310) ... Set 14 school single season and career records during year ... Set UF career setting records for kills, attacks, block solos, block assists, total blocks and points during season and became fastest player in school history to both 3,000 and 4,000 career assists ... Set single season setter school records in kills (171), kills per game (1.51) and blocks per game (1.05) and tied mark for block solos (13) ... Became first setter in school history to earn multiple All-America honors and the first to claim first team All-America accolades ... Set UF to third best team hitting percentage in nation (.292) ... Became fastest player in school history and just the third overall to reach 4,000 career assists after collecting 61 at Tennessee. **2005** - AVCA Third-Team All-American ... Volleyball Magazine Honorable Mention All-American ... First-Team All-SEC ... NCAA Omaha Regional All-Tournament Team ... Set school records by a setter in hitting percentage (.394) ... Assist average (13.46) ranked as third best in school history and assist total (1,575) was fifth ... Both were records by a sophomore. **2004** - SEC Freshman of the Year ... Second-Team All-SEC ... SEC All-Freshman Team ... SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll ... Set UF record for assists per game by a freshman at 11.03.

**OTHER USA VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE:** Trained with U.S. Women’s National Team in Colorado Springs from May-June 2006... Member of U.S. Women’s Junior National Team in 2004 ... Named best setter at 2004 NORCECA Continental Women’s Junior Championship as U.S. won Gold Medal ... Starting setter for the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Team that competed in Poland in Summer 2003 and advanced to the medal round before finishing in fourth place... Trained with U.S. Girls’ Youth National Team in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

**PREP CAREER:** Named Michigan’s Miss Volleyball in 2004 ... Named Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year in 2002 and 2003 ... Ranked second in the nation and the top setter for the class of 2004 by PrepVolleyball.com ... Named to Volleyball Magazine’s Fab 50 list ... All-state first team in 2003 ... All-state first team, all-county first team, all-league first team and league MVP in 2002 ... All-state second team, all-county first team and all-league first team in 2001 ... Club team placed third at Junior Olympics and won the NORCECA tournament in 2003 ... Set high school records for setting attempts in a season, assists in a season, service aces and blocks in a season.

**PERSONAL:** Born Angela Frances McGinnis on Nov. 3, 1986, in Detroit, Mich...Parents are Patrick and Dawn McGinnis with sisters Mary (1987) and Brittany (1990)...Comes from an athletic family as mother was a high jumper for University of Michigan, father was a cross country runner for Eastern Michigan University, sister Brittany played volleyball at Ball State University and sister Mary played volleyball at Madonna University...On track to graduate from University of Florida with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 2009...Began playing volleyball in 1994 with VIP Volleyball Club...Hobbies include camping, bonfires, biking, decorating, cooking, shopping and relaxing...favorite food is Greek salad...favorite book is The Kite Runner...Favorite music is country with favorite musical group as Rascal Flatts...Favorite professional team is Detroit Pistons and favorite athlete is Chauncey Billups...Most admired people are mother and father as “they sacrifice so many things in their lives to make mine wonderful!”



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fourth place...Played professionally for Original Marines Arzano in Italy. **2004** – Made her first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece. She was a reserve on a team that finished tied for fifth overall after losing to Brazil in the quarterfinals...Finished third overall among all scorers at the Montreux Volley Masters with 84 points (71 kills, 10 blocks, three aces) as Team USA captured the silver medal. **2003** – Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece...Finished sixth on the team with 89 total points in 11 matches (85 kills, 3 blocks, 1 ace) as the United States went 8-3...Second on the team in total kills (373), third in total points (421) and tied for third in service aces (19)...Added 127 digs, 29 blocks and a hitting percentage of .279 in 153 sets...Played professionally for Despar Perugia in Italy. **2002** – Saw extensive action on the Japan Tour with the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Training Team...Led the Training Team in scoring (106 points) and service aces (13) and finished second in kills (83) on the exhibition tour...Earned a silver medal at the World Championships in Germany.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2001** – AVCA First-Team All-American... NCAA Today's Top VIII Award... Big 12 Player of the Year... First-Team All-Big 12...ASICS/Volleyball Magazine First-Team All-American... Finished career in Nebraska history third for career kills (1,603), third for attacks (3,741), ninth for block assists (376), and 10th with total blocks (412). **2000** – Redshirted the 2000 season after training with National Team. **1999** – AVCA First-Team All-American...Big 12 Player of the Year... NCAA Pacific Region All-Tournament Team... Set Nebraska's school record for kills per game (5.09) and attacks per game (12.17)... Broke the Huskers' single-match record for kills with 39. **1998** – AVCA First-Team All-American... ASICS/Volleyball Magazine Second-Team All-American...NCAA Pacific Region All-Tournament MVP...First-Team All-Big 12. **1997** – Played in 24 matches...Averaged 1.29 kills per game...Posted season-best 10 kills with .615 hitting percentage against Baylor.

**PERSONAL:** Born Nancy Jean Meendering in Sioux Center, Iowa, to parents Harry and Dee Meendering...Husband's name is Jason...Has two sisters, Kristi and Barb, and one brother, Eric...Graduated from Nebraska in December 2001 with a bachelor's degree in advertising... Enjoys watching basketball and football... Her happiest moment in sports was beating Florida in five games in the 2001 Regional Championships of the NCAA Tournament...Nancy and Jason recently opened a Scooter's Coffeehouse franchise in Lincoln, Neb.



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**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2009** – Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold). **2006** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place)... World Grand Prix (Seventh Place)...World Championships (Ninth). **2005** – Front Range Tour vs. Brazil...Pan American Cup...World Grand Prix... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)...World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** – Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)...Pan American Cup (Silver Medal)...World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)...Olympic Games. **2003** – Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tournament...Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)...World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)...NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... Texas Tour...World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2002** – Japan Tour...Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tour...Utah Tour vs. Italy...World Grand Prix (sixth place)...Italy Tour...World Championships (Silver). **1999** – World University Games.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009** – Averaged team-leading 4.65 points per set with 93 points scored at the Pan American Cup... Started six of seven matches at the Pan American Cup adding averages of 3.75 kills, 0.65 blocks, 1.60 digs and 0.25 aces per set...Scored 20 points versus Mexico on June 28, 19 points against Brazil on July 3 and 17 points against Puerto Rico on June 30 at the Pan American Cup...On the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament –NORCECA Pool G roster, but did not play. **2006** – Played at the Pan American Cup in June and July... Led the team in scoring against Peru (15), Barbados (12), Puerto Rico (27) and the Dominican Republic (12) in the Pan American Cup...Ranked sixth in the best spikers category with a .425 hitting percentage...Averaged a team-leading 4.19 points per set at the World Grand Prix and ranked third among all players in the tournament through the end of the nine-match preliminary round...Led the U.S. in scoring in four matches at the World Grand Prix, including a 27-point outburst against Korea on Sept. 2...Tallied 20 kills in four sets versus Brazil on Aug. 26...Averaged 4.25 points, 3.74 kills, 0.30 blocks and 1.33 digs per set during World Championships...Ranked fifth in total points scored at World Championships, leading all U.S. scorers...Netted 25 points, all on kills, against Kazakhstan on Oct. 31, in addition to 20 points against China on Nov. 8, 20 points versus Netherlands on Nov. 1. **2005** – Breakout year for Metcalf, who was moved into the starting lineup this year by new head coach "Jenny" Lang Ping...A powerful left-hander, Metcalf was the leading scorer for the United States in 25 of the 36 matches she competed in during the year...Played a key role as the USA Women captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November...The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way...Led the team in scoring in four of the five matches and finished as the tournament's second-leading scorer with 85 points on 77 kills and eight blocks...Named the Most Valuable Player of the NORCECA Continental Championships following the Americans' stunning five-set win over Cuba in the gold medal match on Sept. 11 that earned Team USA a trip to the upcoming Grand Champions Cup in Japan...Named the MVP and "Best Scorer" of the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (NORCECA D) in August after helping the USA qualify for next year's World Championships...Led all players in scoring through the preliminary rounds of the World Grand Prix with 187 points on 159 kills, 24 blocks and four service aces in nine matches, leading the second-best players (Katarzyna Skowronska of Poland and Cornelia Dumler of Germany) by a whopping 62 points... Eclipsed the 30-point mark twice during the Grand Prix, was also the "Best Scorer" of this year's Pan American Cup tournament in Santo Domingo as the United States qualified for the 2006 World Grand Prix by finishing in



**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** 2009 - Tour of Egypt.  
 2008 – Tour of China...Pan American Cup (Fifth Place).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** 2009 – Scored 23 points in a two-match tour of Egypt in April...Scored 15 points (13 kills, 1 ace, 1 block) versus Egypt on April 10...Added eight points (5 kills, 2 aces) in two sets versus Egypt on April 12. 2008 - Scored 11 points during a three-week, eight-match tour of China...Tallied four kills on seven attempts without an error in three sets played at the Pan American Cup.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** 2008 - Named American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America First-Team...Contributed 355.5 points as Texas reached the NCAA Tournament semifinals in her senior season...Credited with set averages of 3.26 points, 2.63 kills, 0.86 blocks, 0.14 aces and 0.53 digs...Compiled a .478 hitting efficiency, which ranked second in the NCAA and set a school single-season mark...Finished career with over 1,000 kills and 400 total blocks. 2007 – Selected to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America Third Team as a junior...Named All-Big 12 First Team...Appeared in all 103 games and 31 matches on the Texas schedule...Averaged 3.65 points, 2.90 kills and

1.28 blocks per game...Led Longhorns in hitting percentage (.418) and blocks (130), finished third in kills (301). 2006 – Started at middle blocker in 20 of 31 matches. 2005 – As a freshman, appeared in 28 matches and averaged 3.03 points and 2.43 kills per game while hitting .261 in a split role between outside hitter and opposite.

**OTHER USA VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE:** Led U.S. Women’s National A2 Team to a second-place finish at the 2007 USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships...Named All-Tournament at the 2007 USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in the Open Division...Member of the 2004 and 2005 USA Junior National A2 Team.

**CLUB/PREP CAREER:** Started club volleyball experience with Go Blue Volleyball Club in 1999, then moved to the Toledo Volleyball Club as a senior in 2005...2005 Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 recruit and ranked seventh in the national among incoming college freshmen by Prepvolleyball.com...Selected Mizuno High School All-American and state of Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year...Attended Saline High School (Mich.) from 2001-2005...Three-time letterwinner in basketball earning honorable-mention All-League and conference’s best defensive player...Dunked a basketball in a game as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Born Lauren Adair Paolini on Aug. 22, 1987, in Tustin, Calif...Parents are Frank and Cathy Paolini with one brother, Andrew (1986)...Nickname is Pao (pronounced pay-o)...Majoring in biology/pre-dental at University of Texas...Hobbies include reading, listening to music, shopping and trying new restaurants...Has spent three years playing beach volleyball...Favorite food is macaroni and cheese...Favorite book is Kite Runner...Enjoys listening to R&B music with favorite musical groups Maroon 5 and Counting Crows...Favorite professional team is Detroit Pistons and favorite athlete is Ben Wallace. Happiest moment in life is every time she is back in Austin, Texas.



**Angie Pressey**  
 Outside Hitter \* 5-8  
 Lake Mary, Florida  
**College:** California  
**Birth Date:** June 6, 1986  
**Joined Team:** January 2008

**OTHER USA VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE:** Competed for the U.S. Women's National A2 program in 2007.

**CLUB/PREP CAREER:** Earned Florida All-State in volleyball, basketball and track while competing for Lake Mary High School... Selected 2002 Florida 6A Volleyball Player of the Year...Member of PrepVolleyball.com's Fab 50 team in 2003 and 2004...Won the 2003 Florida High School state championship in the 100-meter dash.

**PERSONAL:** Born Angela Pressey on June 6, 1986, in Tulsa, Okla... Parents are Paul and Elizabeth Pressey...Siblings are brothers Mathew (1988) and Phillip (1990) and sister Ashley (1984)...Father Paul Pressey played in the National Basketball Association (NBA) for the Milwaukee Bucks, San Antonio Spurs and Golden State Warriors, and is now an assistant coach for the New Orleans Hornets...Majored in history at the University of California...Attended Lake Mary High School (Fla.), graduating in 2004...Began playing club volleyball in 1998 with Orlando Volleyball Academy...Hobbies include shopping...Favorite types of music are gospel and R&B...Favorite professional team is the San Antonio Spurs...Favorite food is pasta...Happiest moment in life is helping her team reach the NCAA Division I Tournament semifinals.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2009** – Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold). **2008** – Tour of China

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2009** – Played in three sets of the Pan American Cup, producing seven kills on seven attacks with one block against Guatemala and for the entire tournament...Played in four sets with one match start in the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G, helping the U.S. to the gold and entry into the 2010 FIVB World Championship...Averaged 2.25 kills, 1.00 blocks and 0.25 aces per set for a 3.50 points average in the qualification event, along with 1.25 digs per set. **2008** – Tallied 20 points in limited action during a three-week, eight-match tour of China.

**PRO HIGHLIGHTS:** Helped Toa Baja to the 2009 regular season in the Puerto Rico Super League before an injury sidelined her for the playoffs.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** **2007** – Selected as American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America First-Team after leading California to its first-ever NCAA Tournament semifinal round appearance...Selected All-Pac-10 first team...Provided 4.98 points per set including averages of 4.21 kills, 0.89 blocks and 0.23 aces per set...Added 2.82 digs per set...Despite a lack of height, finished collegiate career with 307 blocks (65 solo and 236 assisted)...Totaled 1,725 kills during four-year career for a 4.14 career kill average, along with 1,174 digs (2.82 average). **2006** – Named to the AVCA All-America Second Team and was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection...Honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic honors...Led the Bears in kills (487), kills per game (4.39, third in the Pac-10) and points (551.0, 4.96 points per game, fifth in the Pac-10)...Finished second on the team with 300 digs. **2005** – Named first-team All-Pac-10, hitting .251 and leading the Bears in kills (446, 10th on Cal's single-season list) and kills per game (4.13)...Named honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic...Averaged 4.79 points per game (517.5 total). **2004** - Named first-team All-Pac-10, the first Cal freshman in school history selected all-conference, and a member of the Pac-10 All-Freshman Team...Ranked second on the Bears' squad with 329 kills (3.74 kills per game, seventh in the Pac-10)...Led Cal in kills in 13 of 29 matches.



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**Kristin Richards**  
 Outside/Opposite \* 6-1  
 Orem, Utah  
**College:** Stanford  
**Birth Date:** June 30, 1985  
**Joined Team:** September 2005

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2009** – Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold). **2008** – Pan American Cup (Fifth Place)... U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball versus Brazil... FIVB World Grand Prix (Fourth Place). **2005** – Montreux Volley Masters (Seventh Place)... FIVB World Grand Prix (Eighth Place).

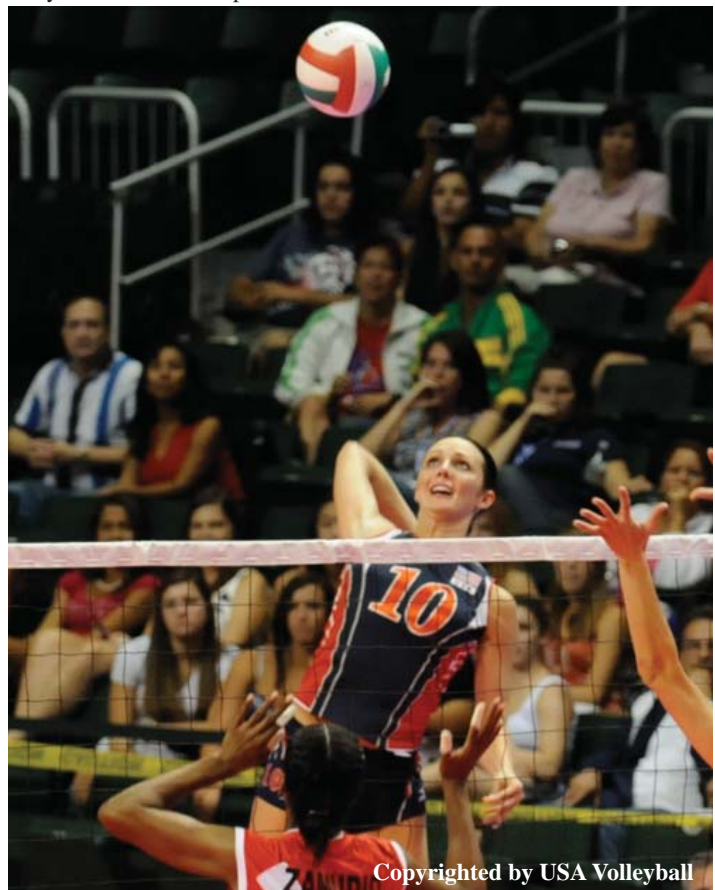
**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2009** – Started six matches and played 20 total sets of the Pan American Cup, averaging 3.30 points and 1.35 digs per set... Converted 40.4 percent of attacks into kills at Pan American Cup... Played a reserved role at FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G, but generated 4.00 points per set coming off the bench in three sets... Tallied 11 points with nine kills on 14 attempts in two sets versus Barbados on July 7. **2008** – Contributed 73 points in 26 sets to help the U.S. finish fifth at Pan American Cup and earn 2009 World Grand Prix berth... Averaged 2.81 points, 2.38 kills, 0.31 blocks and 0.77 digs per set at the Pan American Cup... Tallied 15 points in loss to Puerto Rico on June 5... Hit .710 against Argentina, the bronze medalist at the Pan American Cup, with 10 kills on 14 errorless swings in a June 1 victory... Started two of three sets played versus Brazil on June 13 compiling three kills and an ace... Started two of four sets played at the FIVB World Grand Prix compiling two kills on nine attacks and an ace. **2005** – Participated at the Montreux Volley Masters and FIVB World Grand Prix events. **2003** – Member of USA National A2 program. **2002** – Member of U.S. Women’s Junior National Team. **2001** – Traveled with U.S. Women’s National Team player and served as a practice player at the Montreux Volley Masters tournament... Member of U.S. Women’s Junior National Team. **2000** – Captain of U.S. Girls’ Youth National Team... Traveled to Switzerland with U.S. Girls’ Youth National Team.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American while competing as an outside hitter at Stanford University (2003-2006)... Concluded collegiate career in 2006 ranked among the top 10 in several career categories with the Cardinal... Holds the Stanford record for career digs (1,597) and career dig average (3.44 per set), while ranking third in career attacks (4,350). Ranks fifth with 1,819-career kills and 3.92 kills per set... Served 126 aces for fifth place, while her 0.27 aces per set ranks tied for seventh... Played in a 464 total games for ninth place at Stanford. **2006** - Earned All-American Honorable Mention by Volleyball Magazine and was a Third Team honoree by the AVCA... Named to the All-Pac-10 Team for the fourth-straight season. **2005** - First-Team AVCA All-American and ASICS/Volleyball All-American... Also named First-Team AVCA Pacific Region... Named to the All-Pac-10 First Team for a third-straight season... Finished first on the team in kills (544, 4.90 kpg, third in the Pac-10, 19th in the country) as a starter in 32 matches... Her 544 kills is sixth-best for a single season in school history. **2004** - Played in 132 games... Volleyball Magazine All-American... NCAA All-Tournament selection... NCAA Regional All-Tournament choice... Pac-10 First Team selection... Averaged 3.68 kills and 3.80 digs per game. **2003** - Volleyball Magazine National Freshman

of the Year... AVCA Pacific Region Freshman of the Year... Pac-10 Freshman of the Year... All-Pac-10 selection... Averaged 3.38 kills and 3.03 digs per game.

**HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS:** Four-year letterwinner at Timpanogos High School in Orem, Utah... Captained her team during her junior and senior seasons... Four-time all-region selection and all-state honoree... 2000 & 2002 Region MVP... 2000 Student Sports National Sophomore of the Year... 2001 & 2002 All-American... 2001 & 2002 Utah Gatorade Player of the Year... The 2002 State MVP... 2003 National Gatorade Player of the Year... 2001 & 2002 Academic all-region selection... Led her team to a state championship in 2002-03... Played club for the Players Volleyball Club, and helped her team win the 2002 Nationals... Voted MVP.

**PERSONAL:** Born Kristin Richards on June 30, 1985... Daughter of Dave and Lori Richards... has one sister (Lauren) and two brothers (Andrew and Taylor)... Sister, Lauren, played volleyball at BYU and is now coaching at American University... Both her father and mother played volleyball at BYU... Father, Dave, also played on the U.S. National Team from 1978 to 1980... Graduated from Stanford in 2007 with a bachelor of arts degree in urban studies... Played volleyball since age eight... Rehabilitated two consecutive knee surgeries in nine months... Happiest moment in sports was winning the NCAA Division I national championship in 2004... Happiest moments in life were graduating from Stanford and her sister’s marriage... Hobbies include skiing, photography, sleeping, outdoors and beach volleyball... Admires her mother most because she has endured a lot growing up and is an amazing individual... Favorite athlete is Karch Kiraly... Favorite movie is Wedding Crashers and favorite television shows are Family Guy and Friends... Favorite book is Tuesday’s with Morrie... Favorite music is country and favorite musical group is Bloc Party... Favorite food is pizza.



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**Nellie Spicer**  
 Setter \* 5-10  
 Barrington, Ill.  
**College: UCLA**  
**Birth Date: Oct. 12, 1986**  
**Joined Team: April 2009**

**CLUB/PREP CAREER:** Spicer was a four-year letterwinner at Barrington High School in Illinois...Named to Volleyball Magazine's Fab 50 and was one of the Top 10 high school seniors according to PrepVolleyball.com...Recipient of the Andi Collins Award given to the best senior setter in the country...Named first-team all-State twice... Holds Illinois state high school record for most aces in a season with 106...Selected most valuable player of the 2005 USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships in the Under 18 Open Division, which her team Sports Performance won...Named all-tournament at the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships three times...Selected AAU All-American four times.

**PERSONAL:** Born Mary Nelson Spicer on July 3, 1987, in Barrington, Ill...Parents are Barbara and Thomas Spicer...One of seven children with three sisters (Megan, Betsy and Annie) and three brothers (Tommy, Matt and twin brother Charlie) ...Majored in sociology at UCLA.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** 2009 – Tour of Egypt...Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold). 2008 – Tour of China.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** 2009 – Starting setter for U.S. Women's National Team versus Egypt on April 10, leading Team USA to a .314 hitting efficiency and 43 kill percent...Scored six kills on 10 errorless attacks versus Egypt, in addition to one block...Started all seven matches of the Pan American Cup, playing in 28 sets...Averaged 3.60 assists, 0.65 points, 0.45 digs and 0.25 aces per set at Pan American Cup... Started versus Barbados on July 7 during FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G, producing 18 assists and two kills on two attempts. 2008 – Played in four sets during an exhibition tour of China as Team USA prepared for the Olympic Games.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Three-time American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America First-Team selection...Finished career ranked second-all-time at UCLA with 6,000 assists and third in digs with 1,299. 2008 – Named AVCA All-America First-Team...Led Bruins to NCAA Sweet 16 appearance with a 22-11 record...Set UCLA to a .238 team attack percentage while averaging 10.77 assists per set...Added 136 kills (1.12 per set), 297 digs (2.45 per set) and 72 blocks (0.60 per set). 2007 – Named AVCA All-America First-Team...Ranked 25th in the nation in assist average (12.92) and fourth on the team in digs with 3.07 per set... Added 91 total blocks and 21 aces to rank fourth on the team. 2006 – Earned AVCA All-America First-Team while setting 1,721 assists, the third highest single-season total in school history...Averaged 13.66 assists per set, along with averages of 1.13 kills, 2.52 digs and 0.74 blocks... Set senior middle blocker Nana Meriwether to the nation's best hitting percentage. 2005 – Averaged 12.62 assists per set while playing 113 games for the Bruins as a freshman...Added 0.96 kills, 0.67 blocks, 0.28 aces and 2.80 digs per set...Selected All-Pac-10.

**OTHER USA VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE:** Competed on the U.S. Women's Junior National Team in 2004 and 2005.



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**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2008** – Tour of China...Pan American Cup (Fifth Place). **2007** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place). **2003** – Mexicali Tournament (training team)... Pan American Games (Bronze Medal).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2008** – Tallied 94 points during a three-week, eight-match tour of China club teams netting a 5-3 record... Converted 50 percent of attacks into 67 kills, added 22 blocks, six aces and 16 digs...Finished the Pan American Cup third in the Best Blocker category with 0.93 block average and 27 total blocks...Ranked 10th in scoring at the Pan American Cup with 94 points (3.24 per set), including a 2.24 kill average... Attacked at a .420 efficiency at the Pan American Cup. Contributed 18 points against both Argentina on June 1 and Venezuela on June 7, the latter match including seven blocks. **2007** – Averaged 2.75 points per set during the Pan American Cup before being injured in the third match of the event... Compiled 13 kills without an error on 18 swings to go with one block against Argentina on June 21...Totaled eight kills on 10 attacks against Dominican Republic on June 23. **2003** – Earned a bronze medal as a member of the USA women’s national training team at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic...Saw extensive action at middle blocker



at the Mexicali Tournament in March due to injuries to Erin Aldrich and Elisha Thomas...Started all five matches as Team USA went 4-1 and posted a third-place finish...Scored 28 points in the five matches on 12 blocks, 10 kills and six service aces.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** **2007** – Ranked third nationally in attack percentage (.473) and added 2.83 kills and 1.13 blocks per game as senior at Nebraska...Earned her second consecutive AVCA All-America Second-Team recognition after the 2007 season. **2006** – Earned AVCA All-America Second-Team accolades in 2006 as a junior while averaging 2.67 kills and 1.41 blocks per game...Team captain...Led the Big 12 and ranked 11th nationally in hitting percentage (.400) while ranking fourth in blocks in 2006...Reached double-figures in kills 13 times, including a career-high 17 kills in the 2006 NCAA Tournament semifinals against UCLA. **2005** – Helped Nebraska to a 33-2 record and a national runner-up finish while averaging 1.43 kills and 1.59 blocks per game after offseason knee surgery...Ranked third in the Big 12 and 14th nationally in blocks per game. **2004** – Started 30 matches at middle blocker as a freshman and set single-season school freshman records for total blocks (160) and block assists (148)...Ranked third in the Big 12 and 11th nationally in blocks (1.65 per game).

**OTHER VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS:** Stalls spent nearly two years in the USA Volleyball National Developmental Program after becoming the first participant in the program in May of 2002...Competed on the USA Girls’ Youth National Team at the 2000 NORCECA Continental Championship and was a member of the USA Women’s Junior National Team and competed at the 2001 FIVB World Championships and the 2002 NORCECA Continental Championships...Took college courses at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs while participating in the USA Volleyball Developmental Program.

**PERSONAL:** Born Tracy Lynn Stalls on June 12, 1984, in Wheatridge, Colo...Parents are Dave DeForest-Stalls and Terry Brewerton...Also has two brothers: Jon Stalls and Cody Brewerton... Her father played professional football as a defensive lineman for three teams in the NFL: Dallas Cowboys (1977-79), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1980-83) and Los Angeles Raiders (1983-85)...He played in three Super Bowls in his career and earned two Super Bowl rings as the Cowboys beat the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XII (27-10) on Jan. 15, 1978, and as the Raiders defeated the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl XVIII (38-9) on Jan. 22, 1984...Tracy was the valedictorian of her 2002 graduating class after finishing her high school career with straight A’s all the way through.



**Stacy Sykora**  
 Libero \* 5-10  
 Burleson, Texas  
**College:** Texas A&M  
**Birth Date:** June 6, 1986  
**Joined Team:** January 2008

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2009** – Tour of Egypt... Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold). **2008** – Pan American Cup (Fifth Place)...U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball versus Brazil... FIVB World Grand Prix (Fourth Place)...Olympic Games (Silver Medal). **2007** – FIVB World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2004** – Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)...World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)...Olympic Games (Fifth Place). **2003** – Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tournament... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)...Texas Tour...World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2002** – Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tour... Utah Tour vs. Italy... World Grand Prix (sixth place)...Italy Tour...World Championships (Silver Medal). **2001** – Montreux Volley Masters... World Championships Qualifying (first place)...World Grand Prix (first place)...NORCECA (first place)...World Grand Champions Cup. **2000** – BCV VolleyMasters...Grand Prix...Japan Tour...NIKE Americas' Volleyball Challenge...Olympic Games (fourth place)...Russia Trip. **1999** – Australia Trip...Brazil Tour...BCV Volley Masters...Japan Tour... NORCECA Championships...Pan American Games...World Cup.

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2009** – Played in six sets during two-match tour of Egypt resulting in two victories...Tallied five digs versus Egypt on April 10...Played four sets during the Pan American Cup, producing nine digs for a 2.25 average...Designated U.S. libero for FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G... Helped U.S. win gold and berth into 2010 FIVB World Championship after earning Best Libero, Best Digger and Best Receiver at qualifying tournament...Averaged 5.00 digs per set at the qualifying tournament, in addition to a 75.90 pass/receive success percent in the Best Libero category...Turned in 18 excellent service receptions on 36 attempts in the qualifying tournament. **2008** – Ranked third in the Pan American Cup Best Digger category with 1.73 digs per set...Turned in a 55 percent positive serve receive percentage on 85 attempts as teams served away from her at the Pan American Cup...Served as the tournament libero for the Pan American Cup, but missed the final match due to illness...Designated as the libero versus Brazil on June 13 and June 14...Recorded 15 digs versus Brazil in June 13 victory, followed by nine digs in June 14 loss...Served as designated libero for FIVB World Grand Prix Final Round after missing all of preliminary rounds...Ranked third in World Grand Prix Final Round in digs per set with 3.00...Totaled 20 digs versus Italy on July 12 and 17 digs versus China on July 13...Played in 11 sets during Olympic Games as the defensive specialist in critical late set situations, helping the USA to a silver medal in the event...In limited time on the court, averaged 0.55 digs per set and provided a 55 percent excellent serve reception percent. **2007** – Played in 21 sets at the FIVB World Cup as a late set defensive specialist. Totaled 19 digs for 0.70 digs per set. **2004** – Helped U.S. to silver medal at Montreux Volley Masters...Averaged 3.87 digs per set in leading Team USA to bronze at the World Grand Prix...Finished third in the Best Digger Category and fifth in Best Libero category at Grand Prix...Made second Olympic Games appearance as the Team USA libero. Earned Best Digger award at Olympic Games. **2003** – Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece...On the season she led the United States in digs (533) and digs per set (3.46)...Earned "Best Digger" honors at the Montreux Volley Masters. **2002** – Won a silver medal at the 2002 Women's Volleyball World Championships...One of the world's best at her position...Played professionally for Starfin Ravenna in Italy's Serie A1. **2001** – Earned the Best Libero award at the Montreux Volley Masters after dominating both the serve-receive and digging statistical

categories...Named the Best Digger at the World Grand Prix...Earned the Best Receiver award NORCECA Championships...Captured the Best Digger award at the season-ending World Grand Champions Cup... **2000** – Finished as the team leader in digs (553) for the second consecutive year...Named best Libero at the NIKE Americas' Volleyball Challenge, helping Team USA qualify for the 2000 Sydney Olympics...Averaged 4.5 digs per game on the Japan Tour...Led the team with 68 digs and a 2.42 passing average on the Russia Trip...Was the leading digger at the BCV Volley Masters with 43 digs...Named Best Receiver at the Grand Prix, where she led the team with 133 digs...Placed second at the Olympic Games with 123 digs, including a career-high 26 against Korea in the five-set quarterfinal victory...Posted her 1,000th career dig in the bronze-medal match against Brazil. **1999** – Saw her first international playing time on the Australia Trip...Named Best Receiver at the BCV Volley Masters, and placed third in digging...Sparked the Americans' defense on the Japan Tour, recording a career-high 22 digs in the June 30 match... Team's primary passer and defensive player on the bronze-medal winning Pan American Games squad...Helped the Americans earn a three-match sweep of Brazil with 39 digs in 12 games...Tallied 53 digs en route to earning the best digger award at the NORCECA Championship...Recorded a team-high 153 digs at the World Cup...Recorded a team-high 456 digs.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** **1998** – American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Second-Team All-American...AVCA All-District 5...First-Team All-Big 12...Led the team in kills (4.74) and digs per game (4.37)...Finished the season ranked No. 9 in the country in digs per game...MVP of the All Sport Challenge. **1997** – AVCA Second-Team All-American...Asics/Volleyball Honorable Mention All-America...AVCA All-District 5...First-Team All-Big 12...MVP of the Georgia Invitational... Led the team and ranked second in the conference in digs per game (3.80). **1996** – AVCA All-District 5...Named team defensive player of the year...Led the Big 12 in digs per game with a 4.01 average...Set a school record with 24 digs in a three-game loss to Michigan State in the NCAA tournament...Posted a career-high 30 kills in a victory over nationally-ranked Loyola Marymount. **1995** – Saw action in 29-of-30 matches as a true freshman...Led the team in kills in four matches and in digs three times.

**PERSONAL:** Born Stacy Denise Sykora on June 24, 1977, in Fort Worth, Texas...Parents are Ed Sykora and Sherian Richards...Also has two older sisters: Kim and Keri Sykora...Graduated from Burleson High School (Texas) in 1995 and majored in sports management at Texas A&M...Three-sport athlete at Texas A&M as she participated in track (1995-96) and basketball (1996-97) in addition to volleyball... Won Southwest Conference heptathlon championship in 1996 while at Texas A&M...Hobbies include art and music, with Dolly Parton being her favorite musical artist...Favorite movies are Dark Crystal and Beast Master...Favorite foods are sushi and Mexican...Favorite sport to watch is football and favorite team is Dallas Cowboys...Enjoys watching Cartoon Network...Admires Kerri Walsh most because she is an amazing player, but best of all, is an amazing and caring person...Happiest moment in life was making the national team and happiest moment in sports was defeating Korea in the 2000 Olympic Games.



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**PERSONAL:** Born Elisha Margaret Thomas on July 20, 1981, in Long Beach, Calif. ...Now lives in Grass Valley, Calif. ...Parents are Michael Thomas and Margaret Cummings...Also has four brothers, Anthony Thomas; William Thomas; John Cummings; and Adrian Cummings; and three sisters: Briana Thomas; Christa Cummings; and Rachel Cummings...Sister Briana played basketball for the Air Force Academy.

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** 2005 - Pan American Cup...World Grand Prix. 2003 – Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tournament...Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)...World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** 2005 - Member of U.S. roster for Front Range Tour versus Brazil on June 4 and June 6...Selected to participate in Pan American Cup...Member of World Grand Prix team. 2003 – Saw significant action in the middle in the first four tournaments of the year before injuries ended her season...Played in 55 sets and recorded 75 kills, 20 blocks, 12 service aces, 107 total points and a hitting percentage of .336...Posted a career-high 15 points on eight kills, four service aces and three blocks in a 3-2 win over Japan at the World Grand Prix in Italy on July 21...Scored 14 points on a career-high 13 kills and one ace in a sweep of Japan at the Yeltsin Cup Tournament in Russia on June 11.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Thomas, a 6-3 middle blocker, recorded 168 total blocks as a senior at Long Beach State this past season (1.51 per game) and was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association third-team All-American...Also named to the All-Big West Conference first-team and the AVCA All-West Region team as a senior...Posted double-figure kills in 29-of-33 matches on the year...Finished her career with more than 1,000 career kills (1,025) and No. 5 all-time with 374 career block assists...Her 145 block assists this season were the second-highest, in a single season, in the program's history...Her career .352 hitting percentage is fifth highest all-time at The Beach...Led the team with 3.75 kills and 1.51 blocks per game this season...Earned second-team all-conference honors as a sophomore and honorable mention as a junior...Was a member of the USA Volleyball women's A2 team in the summer of 2001.





**Courtney Thompson**  
 Setter \* 5-7  
 Kent, Wash.  
**College:** Washington  
**Birth Date:** Nov. 4, 1984  
**Joined Team:** January 2007

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** **2009** – Pan American Cup (Fourth); FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G (Gold). **2007** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place), Pan American Games (Bronze Medal), World Grand Prix (Eighth Place).

**INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:** **2009** – Split time at setter at the Pan American Cup, coming off the bench in 17 sets to contribute 2.47 assists per set...Added five points (2 aces, 3 blocks) in the Pan American Cup...Started two of three matches at the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – NORCECA Pool G and led the U.S. to the gold and qualification into the 2010 FIVB World Championship...Named Best Setter and Best Server at the qualifying event, averaging 5.17 assists and 1.33 aces per set...Averaged 1.50 points per set at the qualifying tournament...Turned in four aces in key match against Costa Rica on July 8 to clinch World Championship berth. **2007** – Played in 15 sets during Pan American Cup, including one set start against Brazil on June 28...Played in all five matches of the Pan American Games, including starts in the final three contests...Tallied 81 assists in 13 sets during the Pan American Games, in addition to four aces and four blocks...Averaged 2.69 digs per set on defense at Pan American Games...Recorded 29 assists, three aces and two blocks in bronze medal match against Peru on July 19...Played in 10 sets of the World Grand Prix, mostly as a situational substitution late in sets...Provided eight assists for the U.S. at the World Grand Prix.

**RECENT PRO:** Led Zeiler Koniz to the 2009 Swiss championship as team’s starting setter.

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:** Thompson, a three-time AVCA All-America First-Team selection playing for the University of Washington, set the Pacific-10 Conference record with 6,552 assists for third best in NCAA Division I history...Set the NCAA record for career assists per game with 14.56...Concluded her career with a school-best 450 starts leading to three appearances in the NCAA Division I Tournament national semifinals and one regional final...Added 1,059-career digs for sixth-best in school history...As a junior, she earned the Honda Sports Award for best volleyball player after leading the Huskies to their first national championship...Received an ESPY Top Female College Athlete nomination in 2005...As a senior, she again was a finalist for the Honda Sports Award as she set the Huskies to a .281 team attack percentage on 14.50 assists per game...Thompson is a three-time ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American.

**PERSONAL:** Born Courtney Lynn Thompson on Nov. 4, 1984, in Bellevue, Wash...Parents are Steve and Linda Thompson...Has two older brothers Craig and Trevor...Brother Trevor played baseball at the United States Naval Academy for four years and was captain of the squad in 2005...Hobbies include hiking, board games, reading and playing the guitar...Attended University of Washington from 2003 to 2006 majoring in business administration...Lists her brothers as most admired persons because they are the most amazing people...Favorite professional team is Seattle Mariners...Favorite musical group is U2 and favorite book is “Tuesdays with Morrie”...Favorite movies are Braveheart, Notting Hill, The Little Mermaid...Favorite moment in sports was winning the NCAA Division I national title in 2005 while playing for University of Washington...Earned valedictorian honors at Kentlake High School in Kent, Wash...She led her high school to three state championships, earning 2002 Washington State Player of the Year honors as well as all-state in basketball as a senior.



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Less than four months after leading the U.S. Men's Olympic Volleyball Team to a gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) has accepted the head coach position of the U.S. Women's National Team for the 2009-2012 Olympic quadrennial, USA Volleyball Chief Executive Officer Doug Beal announced on Dec. 15, 2008.

"This is a great opportunity for me to further develop professionally. I'm excited by the challenges this change presents, and I'm optimistic that some of the knowledge we've acquired with the men's program can translate to the women," McCutcheon said in regards to changing roles to the U.S. Women's National Team. "There will be differences in systems and aspects of developing team culture but, at the end of the day, the fundamental principles of volleyball are not gender-specific."

"Hugh proved throughout the past quadrennial his abilities as a great coach, motivator and program manager," Beal said. "The direction he provided allowed our men to steadily climb into position to be champions. Rarely has a team been so good so often under such intense pressure as they were in Beijing. I look forward to him bringing his talents, abilities, personality and philosophy to our women's program! USA Volleyball is indeed fortunate and pleased to be able to retain Hugh within our national team structure."

Beal notes this is not an uncommon situation in international or professional volleyball. There are many examples of coaches moving from one gender to the other, most notably Jose Roberto Guimaraes (Ze Roberto), who led the Brazilian men's team to the gold medal at the 1992 Olympic Games, and matched that success by leading the Brazilian women to the gold medal in Beijing.

"Successful coaches are successful coaches," Beal said. "I have every confidence that Hugh can learn the differences that surely exist between genders and apply his philosophy to our women's team in a positive way."

As the head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team at the 2008 Olympic Games, McCutcheon, 39, and Team USA went undefeated in Beijing to claim its third Olympic Games gold medal and its first podium finish since 1992. He compiled a 107-33 record in four years with the U.S. Men's National Team program, which ended 2008 ranked second in the FIVB World Ranking.

The U.S. enjoyed one of its best seasons ever in 2008 under McCutcheon's guidance as the team won all three of its major tournaments of the year. Team USA secured its first-ever FIVB World League championship in July 2008 after a bronze medal finish in the same event in 2007, the first time the Americans earned back-to-back medals in the annual event. The U.S. started the 2008 campaign in dominating fashion by sweeping all five matches at the NORCECA Men's Continental Olympic Qualifier to earn its berth in the 2008 Olympics.

The U.S. Men opened the 2007 season with a third-place finish at World League. McCutcheon handed the team over to assistant coach Ron Larsen for the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The United States finished 4-1 in the event, with its only loss coming to hometown favorite Brazil in the gold-medal match.

McCutcheon and his men won the gold medal in the 2007 Americas' Cup, defeating a young Brazilian team in the final. Then the United States hosted and won the 2007 NORCECA Men's Continental Championship in Anaheim, Calif. McCutcheon was presented with the inaugural Jim

Coleman Award as the tournament's most outstanding coach.

In 2006, the U.S. Men encountered some bumps in the road to Beijing. Nevertheless, the team finished the season with a winning record at 18-14. In April 2006, McCutcheon and the team moved their center of operations from Colorado Springs, Colo. The move had many benefits as it put the team in the center of the men's volleyball universe in Southern California and also removed the effects of Colorado's high altitude on the team's serves.

But injuries and the disruption caused by moving the team caught up with Team USA at FIVB World League, where it did not advance from pool play and finished tied for 10th. That was followed by another 10th-place finish at the 2006 FIVB World Championships in Japan. The U.S. Men's world ranking slipped from fifth to eighth.

However, 2006 ended on a high note for McCutcheon, who married U.S. Women's National Team player and 2004 Olympian Elisabeth "Wiz" Bachman on Dec. 9 in Minneapolis.

The U.S. Men's Team flourished in McCutcheon's first year as head coach in 2005 by going 27-6 and winning five medals in five tournaments. The team earned a silver medal at the USOC International Sports Invitational in San Diego, Calif., gold medals at the Americas' Cup in Brazil, the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament in Puerto Rico and the NORCECA Continental Championship in Canada and another silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan.

McCutcheon, a former Brigham Young University assistant coach, joined USA Volleyball as a full-time assistant coach for the men's national team program in April 2003.

McCutcheon was no stranger to the organization. In the summers of 2001 and 2002, respectively, he served as a volunteer assistant coach for the men's national team, helping out during the 2001 World League, the 2002 World Championships and on five international tours.

He has also served as the head coach of the USA Boys Youth National Team in 2000 and 2001. McCutcheon was the top assistant coach and recruiter for BYU from 1995- 2001 under head coach Carl McGown. During that time, the Cougars posted a record of 138- 44 and captured two NCAA men's volleyball championships (1999 and 2001).

After leaving BYU, McCutcheon was the head coach of the Vienna Hotvolleys in Austria for two seasons. In his first season there, the Hotvolleys won the 2001-02 Inter-Liga, Austrian Cup and Austrian League championships. He also coached the first Austrian team to ever beat an Italian A1 opponent.

McCutcheon's love for volleyball developed in New Zealand where he played on the junior and senior national teams from 1986-90 before coming to the United States. He was also a member of New Zealand's national team in 1996 and represented his country on the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour in 1997.

He played for BYU from 1991-1993 after transferring from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. In 1993 he earned honorable mention All-America honors. In 1992 he earned Academic All-Conference honors from the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in physical education from BYU in 1993, McCutcheon played professionally for two years in Finland and Japan before returning to BYU to complete his master's degree in exercise science in 1998.

In 1999, McCutcheon received an MBA from BYU's Marriott School of Management.





Karch Kiraly (San Clemente, Calif.), the most decorated player in the history of volleyball and an international legend – both indoor and on the beach – was named an assistant coach of the U.S. Women’s National Volleyball Team in April of 2009.

U.S. Women’s National Volleyball Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) hired Kiraly as an assistant coach for the program which won the 2008 Olympic Games silver medal in Beijing.

“We all know how great Karch was as a player, and I strongly believe that he will have similar success in this game as a coach,” McCutcheon said. “His addition to our staff is a huge boon for this program. His knowledge, experience and drive will be invaluable.”

Kiraly, 48, has been recognized by many as the greatest volleyball player ever. He is the only volleyball player –male or female – to win Olympic Games gold medals in both the indoor and beach volleyball disciplines. Further, Kiraly is the first volleyball player – and one of only two ever – to win three gold medals in the sport.

“Two things intrigue me most about this position; the first is the opportunity to work under Coach McCutcheon, one of – if not THE – best coaching minds on the planet,” Kiraly said. “The second is the phenomenal potential that exists on the women’s side of American volleyball. High school and club volleyball for women are so advanced in popularity and skill level here in the United States. College volleyball has an NCAA Tournament of 64 teams for its own version of March Madness, along with hundreds of outstanding players.”

Kiraly still maintains influence on the beach and has been instrumental in its further growth across the United States. He has been active in spearheading the development of the U.S. Open of Beach Volleyball, which was created in partnership with USA Volleyball for the specific purpose of providing an opportunity for adult players to pursue a crowning achievement on a national stage for beach volleyball. In partnership with the Elevation Group, Kiraly has backed the creation of the Corona Wide Open, a new festival and grassroots-based beach volleyball series that will have eight tour stops throughout the United States in 2009, and qualify teams for the U.S. Open of Beach Volleyball.

USA Volleyball Chief Executive Officer Doug Beal, who served as the head coach of the Kiraly-led 1984 U.S. Olympic team that won the gold medal, views the pairing of McCutcheon with Kiraly as an exciting synergy of volleyball individuals for the U.S. Women’s National Team and the sport.

“By having Karch join Hugh’s staff brings about an exciting time for the U.S. Women’s National Team and USA Volleyball,” Beal said. “Both have long-term potential of being not only great coaches, but being wonderful volleyball ambassadors with ancillary benefits to all areas of our sport on this very expanded platform as U.S. Women’s National Team coaches. I’m positive that Karch will bring to this position the same qualities that made him so great on the court and on the sand – a unique focus, a total commitment to excellence and an unswerving drive to be the best and make everyone around him the best.”

Kiraly has been active in the coaching field and other volleyball endeavors

since he finished his playing career in 2007. He founded the Karch Kiraly Volleyball Academy in 2007, which delivers fundamental training principles, physical and mental preparation, and game-like challenges for female volleyball players ages 13-17.

Kiraly said his desire to learn and acquire new skills led him into his current career path. And despite a short coaching resume, he will utilize his own knowledge coupled with a vast coaching cadre to bounce ideas off.

“I have a hunger to grow and to learn, so coaching is a natural extension of a life-long love of the game of volleyball,” Kiraly said. “I have immersed myself in coaching the same way I did with playing and with television commentary – by trying to over-prepare and by asking lots of questions. I have also been blessed to have had great coaching as a player and to be able to pick up the phone and bounce coaching ideas off mentors like Bill Neville and Marv Dunphy among many others. The United States has a superb cadre of coaches, some of the best minds of volleyball ever, and I aspire to join that group.”

As a player, the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) named Kiraly as the greatest men’s volleyball player of the sport’s first century, citing his performance and courage in leading the U.S. Men’s Team to an unprecedented string of championships including the famed “Triple Crown of Volleyball” consisting of gold medals at the 1984 Olympic Games, the 1985 FIVB World Cup and the 1986 FIVB World Championship. Kiraly also captained the U.S. Men’s Team to their second consecutive gold medal at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. The FIVB also named him “Best Player in the World in 1986 and 1988.

After his two Olympic Games gold-medal performances, Kiraly went on to play professional volleyball in the Italian League from 1990 to 1992. He won the World Club Championship with his team Il Messaggero in 1991 and was named the most valuable player. His team also won the Italian League championship in the 1990-91 season.

After years of dominating the game on the hard court indoors, Kiraly returned to the sand and became equally dominant in beach volleyball. He and partner Kent Steffes captured the 1996 Olympic Games gold medal in beach volleyball as the sport made its Olympic debut in Atlanta.

Before retiring at the end of 2007, Kiraly had won 148 beach volleyball tournaments (144 domestic, 3 FIVB international events), more than any other player in history. He won at least one tournament in 24 of his 27 seasons of playing beach volleyball, claiming titles with 13 different partners during his four-decade long career. Kiraly was named the AVP (Association of Volleyball Professionals) Most Valuable Player six times.

Kiraly was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2001.

Domestically, Kiraly has been bestowed many honors for his volleyball skills. The United States Olympic Committee recognized him in 2008 with induction into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame on June 19 in Chicago. The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) inducted Kiraly into its 2005 Hall of Fame Class. In 1992, UCLA retired the All-American’s jersey and inducted him into the UCLA Hall of Fame. Kiraly led the Bruins to a 124-5 record from 1979-82, including three NCAA titles and a runner-up finish. In 2009, Kiraly was inducted into the California Sports Hall of Fame and the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America® Hall of Fame.

Kiraly’s introduction to the sport occurred at the age of six. He earned his A and AA rating on the beach at the age of 15 and his AAA rating at 17. After leading Santa Barbara (Calif.) High School to the Southern California Championship title in 1978, Kiraly participated on the U.S. Junior National Team in 1978 and 1979 leading into his collegiate career at UCLA.

Kiraly now lives in San Clemente, Calif., with his wife, Janna, and sons Kristian and Kory.



Jamie Morrison (Dana Point, Calif.) was named the U.S. Women's National Team assistant coach/technical coordinator on March 7, 2009, a similar role he held with the 2008 Olympic Games gold-medal winning U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team.

For the 2005-2008 Olympic Games quadrennial, Morrison was part of Hugh McCutcheon's U.S. Men's National Team staff that guided the Americans to the 2008 Olympic Games gold medal in inspiring fashion. Team USA defeated Brazil in four sets in the championship match and progressed through the Olympic Games without losing a match.

"I am extremely excited, honored and thankful to be a part of the U.S. Women's National Team and have the opportunity to coach some of the greatest athletes in the world," Morrison said. "Hugh and I have worked closely over the past four years and I have the utmost respect for him as a coach, mentor and friend. I am thrilled to join him in this new venture and I would like to thank him for giving me this opportunity."

"Jamie's hire is huge for our program," said McCutcheon, who accepted the U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach position in December 2008. "He will allow us to hit the ground running from an organizational perspective, and we also retain one of the best young coaches in the country. Jamie has wonderful quantitative and analytical abilities, and he sees the game very well. I could not be happier."

Morrison was responsible for match video analysis and statistics with the U.S. Men's National Team and implementing the data into training session plans and match-time decisions. He was also charged with creating technological advances to aid in training, scouting and overall team functionality.

In addition to the 2008 Olympic Games gold medal, the U.S. Men's National Team won its first-ever FIVB World League title in 2008. As a result, the United States Olympic Committee selected the squad as its Team of the Year for 2008.

The U.S. Men's National Team compiled a 107-33 record in major international competitions during Morrison's tenure on staff. Among other

major team accomplishments in the past four years have been gold medals at the 2008 NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualification Tournament, 2006 and 2008 Pan American Cup, 2007 NORCECA Continental Championship and 2005 and 2007 America's Cup. Team USA also won the silver at the 2007 Pan American Games and the bronze at the 2007 FIVB World League Finals.

"The last four years were a learning process for both the players and coaching staff," Morrison said. "The lessons learned in the process of qualifying and while at the Olympics are invaluable going forward into the next quadrennial."

"Jamie has been a tremendous asset providing technical support and coaching knowledge to our Men's National Team over the past four years," USA Volleyball Chief Executive Director Doug Beal said. "He will certainly provide Hugh with great staff continuity and level of comfort in his own transition to the women's team."

Both McCutcheon and Morrison will be making the transition from the men's international game. However, Morrison does not view this as a hindrance to the coaching of the U.S. Women's National Team.

"I believe some of the knowledge we have gained over the past four years will translate to the women's game and aid in taking the Women's National Team to the next level," Morrison said. "At the same time, I fully understand that there are subtle differences in the game as well as culture, and I am excited to learn and grow."

Morrison is not totally unfamiliar with women's volleyball. He spent one season as an assistant coach at the University of Southern California working with both the men's and women's volleyball programs immediately before his tenure with the U.S. Men's National Team. He assisted the Women of Troy to the semifinal round of the NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship in 2004. Morrison also was an assistant coach at Concordia University Irvine, under the direction of then-head coach Paula Weishoff, for two seasons and assisted the Eagles to a NAIA National Tournament championship match appearance and runner-up finish in 2008.

Prior to working at USC, Morrison served three years as an assistant and volunteer assistant coach with both the men's and women's volleyball programs at UC Santa Barbara. As an undergraduate at UC Santa Barbara, he competed on the school's club volleyball team and worked various Gaucho volleyball camps.

Morrison, who also interned in the San Francisco 49ers public relations department, earned his bachelor's degree in business economics from UC Santa Barbara in 2002 with an emphasis in accounting and a minor in sports management. He prepped at Dana Hills High School where he played volleyball and basketball.



Three-time AVCA West Region and Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year Beth Launiere has used her renowned competitiveness, work ethic and dedication to build the University of Utah volleyball team into a perennial contender on both the conference and national levels in 19 seasons.

Launiere (391-212, .648) took over in 1990, looking to straighten out a team that won only one match in 1989. In her 19 years, she has sculpted the Utes into a top-25 power and is nine wins away from her 400th career victory.

The Utes have qualified for the NCAA Tournament 10 times, winning six Mountain West Conference titles and have recorded 20-win seasons a total of 13 times. For her efforts, Launiere has earned American Volleyball Coaches Association West Region (2001, 2006, 2008) and MWC (2004, 2006, 2008) Coach of the Year honors three times in her career.

Her ability to attract top-notch talent has helped take Utah to the forefront of the national scene. She has guided three Utes to All-America honors while eight have garnered all-region accolades. The 2005 freshman class was ranked the eighth-best in the nation by Volleyball Magazine. Many of her players have represented Utah internationally in various USA Volleyball Olympic development programs.

As the current president of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), Launiere's impact on the sport goes well beyond the court. Since 2004 she has guided volleyball on the national stage as a member of the AVCA Board of Directors. She recently finished a three-year term as the Division I Coaches Volleyball Representative and prior to that served on the AVCA's All-America committee for five years.

On the court, Utah volleyball reached new heights in 2006. It set the school record for wins in a season (28), set the school and conference record for league wins (16) and became only the second MWC school ever to go undefeated in conference play. The team won a school-record 25 straight during the season and was ranked as high as ninth in the AVCA poll. Since the beginning of the MWC in 1999, Utah has won three tournament championships (2001, 2002, 2005) and two regular season titles (2004, 2006).

Utah has also been successful on a national level. In 10 NCAA Tournament appearances, the Utes have reached the second round eight times, with regional semifinal appearances in 2001 and 2008. In 2001, Utah fell to eventual national champion Stanford, 3-1. Utah was the only team to win a game against the Cardinal during the tournament.

Launiere led Utah to its first national ranking in 2000 after defeating No. 1 Stanford, 3-2, on Sept. 5, 2000. The next week, the Utes appeared in the Sept. 18th AVCA Top 25 poll, coming in at No. 18. Utah earned its highest ranking in school history on Sept. 2, 2002, when it was ranked eighth. Launiere arrived at Utah in 1990 and took over a team that had compiled a 1-32 record the previous year. Inspiring a turnaround in the program, she recorded Utah's first winning season in seven years (18-15) by her third year in 1992. Utah earned its first postseason berth in 1993, placing third in the NIVC. The Utes as a team and senior Mikki Kane-Barton led the nation in blocks that year, a first for any Western Athletic Conference team.

John Speraw served as an assistant coach with the U.S. Men's National Team from April 2007 through the 2008 Olympic Games, helping the Americans win the gold medal in Beijing. He concurrently served as the head coach of the UC Irvine men's volleyball program.

Before the Olympic Games success, Speraw helped Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon guide the U.S. Men's Team to the bronze medal at the 2007 FIVB World League and a fourth-place finish at the 2007 FIVB World Cup.

In 2008, he was on the bench as Team USA qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games at the NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualifier in Puerto Rico. He also assisted McCutcheon as the U.S. Men won their first FIVB World League title just two weeks before the Olympic Games.

On the heels of the Olympic gold medal, Speraw led UC Irvine to its second NCAA national title in three years in 2009. UCI went 27-5 overall and ended 2009 ranked No. 1 in the country. The Anteaters were ranked No. 1 for eight weeks, the most of any team in the country. UCI also captured the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation regular season title.

Speraw, who is 139-74 overall as head coach of the Anteaters, has mentored both the AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Year and the AVCA Division I-II Men's Newcomer of the Year in 2006. UC Irvine players have earned All-American distinction 14 times since Speraw arrived at UCI, including five first teamers. While at Irvine, Speraw's players have also garnered MPSF Player of the Year, MPSF Freshman of the Year, NCAA Championship MVP, NCAA All-Tournament Team, numerous national and conference Player of the Week honors as well as academic distinctions such as Academic All-American, MPSF & UCI Scholar-Athletes and Lauds & Laurels Athlete of the Year. Under Speraw's leadership, the men's volleyball team has had no fewer than five scholar-athletes each year.

Speraw, who has had a team ranked No. 1 in four different years, has had UCI sitting in the Top 10 final rankings all but one year.

A few weeks after he joined the U.S. Men's Team, Speraw led the Anteaters to the 2007 NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship, defeating IPFW in the final, 3-1 (30-20, 24-30, 30-23, 30-28). It was UCI's first national championship since the men's water polo team took the crown in 1989. The Anteaters ended the season 29-5 overall, the most wins in school history and the most in the country this year.

Along with the national championship in 2007, Speraw's team also won its first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title, ended the year with the No. 1 ranking and had a school record 29 victories.

In his fourth season with Irvine, Speraw was named 2006 AVCA National Coach of the Year as well as Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and Volleyball Magazine Coach of the Year following UC Irvine's most successful season in school history to date. In 2006, the Anteaters earned the NCAA National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship top-seed in their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. The Anteaters closed out the year ranked second in the final CSTV/AVCA Division III Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll after falling to Penn State in five games during the semifinal round of the NCAA Championship. UCI held the number-one ranking for eight consecutive weeks.

# Silver Lining in Beijing - 2008 Olympic Games Recap

The U.S. Olympic Women's Indoor Volleyball Team arrived in Beijing knowing it would face many challenges to earn an Olympic medal for the first time in 16 years with potentially eight teams capable of having their flag raised during the medal ceremony.

By many accounts, the 12-team Olympic Games field was the strongest since the sport was added in 1964. The Olympic quadrennial failed to produce a clear cut favorite as several teams earned gold medals or reached the medal stand in events leading up to the Olympics. The Americans, ranked fourth in the world after a rollercoaster quadrennial, staked a claim to be among the medal contenders after finishing with the bronze at the 2007 FIVB World Cup and in fourth place at the 2008 FIVB World Grand Prix.

The U.S., specifically its head coach "Jenny" Lang Ping, also attracted international media attention beyond the realm of normal for an Olympic Games. A native of Beijing, she returned to her hometown leading the U.S. team into the Olympics, putting herself and her squad under a microscope in front of an adopted home-away-from-home audience.

Lang Ping previously starred for the Chinese national team as an outside hitter, leading her team to the 1984 Olympic Games gold medal over the U.S. Already with a star-status persona in China through her exploits in 1984, she returned to coach the Chinese team to a silver medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta before switching roles to coach the United States for the Games in China. She is only the second female to serve as head coach of a country at two Olympic Games, and the only female to lead her squad to a medal.

However, hours before Team USA served its first ball on the opening day of the Olympics, the Americans endured the tortures of an unwanted opponent besides the 11 other teams at the Olympics: emotion.

Elisabeth "Wiz" McCutcheon, a 2004 Olympian for USA Volleyball and wife of then-U.S. Olympic Men's Indoor Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon, was visiting a tourist site in Beijing on Aug. 9 with her parents Todd and Barbara when the unthinkable occurred in a society of little violence. Without provocation, a Chinese assailant stabbed Todd to death and seriously wounded Barbara



before jumping to his own death.

The U.S. squad, including eight players who were teammates with Wiz at the 2004 Olympic Games, battled through the initial emotions and responded not as 12 individual players and coaching staff, but as one unit working in harmony with the USA Volleyball family toward the ultimate goal of medaling at the Olympics.

Fewer than five hours of learning of the death, the team won an emotion-filled four-set match over Japan. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.), playing in her record fourth Olympic Games, turned in a match-high 22 points in the victory as a stabilizing influence amidst the emotional turns of the day. The American squad dedicated the match to the Bachmans, coming up with individual ways to honor them during the match.

"We had a very difficult situation," Lang Ping said after the match. "I told the players to concentrate on the game, the game always goes on. We have to be strong and make sure we play our game and play for the USA. We were lucky because there were many supporters behind us. We would like to thank them for that."

However, Team USA suffered a letdown the following match on Aug. 11 as NORCECA rival Cuba won in three sets. The Americans bounced back to take a four-set victory over Venezuela on Aug. 13 behind 17 points from Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.).

In one of the most anticipated matches of the entire Olympic Games, U.S. faced China on Aug. 13 as Lang Ping coached against her native country. Using a balanced offense with four players scoring at least 18 points, Team USA rallied to defeat host China in five sets in front of a packed house at Capital Gymnasium, an arena that Lang Ping had played in several times as a player for China. The victory also secured a quarterfinal berth for the U.S. with one match remaining in pool play.

"In a meeting with the players, we told them to make sure every point for our team is very important and don't think about the result," Lang Ping said in regards to a meeting prior to the USA-China match. "Just trust yourself and play as a team. I need to



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congratulate my team as the players played very brave and aggressive, especially down 2-1 after three sets.”

Team USA finished out pool play with another thrilling five-set victory over Poland on Aug. 17 in which it came back from a 2-1 deficit. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) scored 25 points as the Americans gained the second seed out of Pool A with a 4-1 record.

Despite a second-seed, the U.S. was forced to face Pool B’s second seed, Italy, due to a new rule implemented this year that a drawing of teams determined two of the four quarterfinal matches. Despite the seemingly bad draw for the quarterfinals, Team USA took the challenge in stride instead of making it an issue.



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Much like the previous two matches, the U.S. dug itself into a 2-1 set deficit against Italy on Aug. 19. Reserve setter Lindsey Berg (Honolulu) played a key role off the bench as the Americans rallied for a third straight match to win in five sets. While at the service line, she served the Americans to an 8-0 lead in the fourth set and a 5-0 advantage in the tiebreaking set to help complete a 20-25, 25-21, 19-25, 25-18, 15-6 victory.

“I had a type of concentration and focus that I have never experienced before,” Berg said. “I was not going to let our team lose that match.”

The victory over Italy, ranked second in the world, set up a semifinal rematch with third-ranked and then-undefeated Cuba in the semifinals. In reverse fashion, Team USA dominated Cuba 25-20, 25-16, 25-17 to earn the team’s first berth into an Olympic Games gold-medal match since 1984. Haneef-Park scored 12 points in the victory over Cuba, while Tom added 11 points.

“I think the team came together,” Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) said after the match. “The first time we played (Cuba), they kicked our butts but that did not deter us. We always fight. We came together as one unit.”

The U.S. advanced to the gold-medal match to face an undefeated top-ranked Brazil squad, which dominated the Americans 25-15 in the opening set. The Americans answered by winning the second set 25-18 for Brazil’s first set loss of the entire 2008 Olympics. Brazil came back to win the third set 25-13, but had to battle the rest of the way. The U.S. led the fourth set 18-16, only to have Brazil tie it at 18-all. Brazil iced the match with the final four points to win 25-21.

The U.S. silver medal matched its previous best finish from the 1984 Olympic Games. Team USA also finished with a bronze in

1992, its last time reaching the medal stand. The Americans had not been in the gold-medal match since the 1984 Olympic Games when it lost to China.

“I’d need to congratulate my team, my assistants, my players,” Lang Ping said. “I think they had a very good tournament.”

Team USA’s venture onto the medal stand at the 2008 Olympic Games was a team effort beyond just the 12 players on the court. The whole USA Volleyball family came together as one, including other U.S. National Team players who did not make the Olympic Team but traveled to Beijing.

“Getting to the gold-medal match is unreal, so this is great for me,” Glass said. “USA Volleyball is very close in family. We got so many emails from people all over the place. It’s deeper than the 12 girls that play on the court.”

“We definitely exceeded expectations of others, but deep down inside we knew we could be here,” Berg said following the tournament. “Definitely the tragedy with the Bachmans brought us even closer. Beating China brought us closer. We just kept growing from there and definitely improved as a team each match.”

Tom finished the tournament as the Best Scorer with 124 points (96 kills, 19 blocks, nine aces) to out-distance second-leading scorer Yimei Wang’s (China) 120 points. She also ranked eighth in Best Blocker with 0.58 blocks per set. Haneef-Park finished with the sixth-most points with 102, while Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.) and Scott-Arruda finished 10th and 11th, respectively. Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) averaged 2.88 digs per set to rank sixth overall in Best Digger.

“I’m happy we went as far as we did as a team,” Tom said. “I’m proud that we got a medal for our country, but I’m more proud of our performance here and we stuck together throughout that.”

From the players’ perspective, the silver medal was a team effort that many did not expect under the circumstances. However, the American fighting spirit came to light with each passing test.

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“It’s been an incredible run,” libero Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) said. “I’m just so proud of how well this team has done. It was a true team effort and that makes it more special.”

“The gold-medal match is always bittersweet for the loser,” Berg said after the match. “We’ve got to look at it as, ‘We got here and won a silver medal.’ Nobody expected it. We knew deep down inside that we were that good. We came out here in this tournament and fought our hearts out.”

Prior to the Olympic Games, Jennifer Joines (Milpitas, Calif.) stated that other teams should be prepared for a very focused squad as it helps Scott-Arruda reach a new plateau in her Olympic career.

“Danielle, in her three previous Olympic Games, has yet to make it to the medal stand,” Joines said in July. “I think that is dangerous for other teams.”

After the Games, Berg stated one of her Olympic Moments was “Coming together through the tragic times, overcoming our differences as individuals and playing our hearts out and leaving everything on the floor.”



That same focus and determination working as a team to help one another reach the medal stand under the added emotional duress were essential to Team USA’s silver-medal run at the 2008 Olympic Games, one which seems straight from a made-for-television movie script.



## 2008 USA Women's National Team Volleyball Results (22-11)

Date	Opponent (Record)	Result	City	Pts Leader	Attend
<b>Tour of China (* match results not counted in overall record due to club status of opponents)</b>					
3/21	Tianjin Club *	L, 22-25, 21-25, 21-25	Tianjin, China	Faucette – 14	NA
3/22	Tianjin Club *	L, 25-23, 25-21, 16-25, 21-25, 9-15	WuQing, China	Faucette – 17	NA
3/24	Chinese Army *	W, 21-25, 25-21, 25-19, 26-24	YiYang, China	Hughes – 16	NA
3/26	Chinese Army *	W, 23-25, 25-17, 26-24, 21-25, 15-13	ChangShu, China	Akinradewo – 20	NA
3/28	ZheJiang Club *	W, 19-25, 25-17, 27-25, 25-21	HangZhou, China	Hooker – 24	NA
3/29	ZheJiang Club *	W, 15-25, 25-16, 25-22, 23-25, 15-10	FuYang, China	Klineman – 26	NA
4/1	JiangSu Club *	L, 20-25, 28-26, 23-25, 20-25	Nanjing, China	Klineman/Akinradewo – 14	NA
4/2	JiangSu Club *	W, 25-22, 25-23, 25-22	Nanjing, China	Akinradewo – 18	NA

### **Pan American Cup (Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico)**

5/30	Dominican Republic	L, 25-20, 18-25, 27-25, 23-25, 8-15	Mexicali, Mexico	Crimes – 19	800
5/31	Costa Rica	W, 25-20, 25-10, 27-25	Mexicali, Mexico	Crimes – 12	100
6/1	Argentina	W, 25-16, 25-18, 30-28	Mexicali, Mexico	Stalls – 18	1,800
6/2	Mexico	W, 25-18, 25-22, 25-14	Mexicali, Mexico	Richards – 12	2,000
6/3	Trinidad & Tobago	W, 25-11, 25-11, 25-14	Mexicali, Mexico	Barboza -12	300
6/5	Puerto Rico (Quarterfinals)	L, 21-25, 32-34, 25-14, 18-25	Mexicali, Mexico	Barboza, Richards – 15	2,500
6/6	Peru (Classification 5-8)	W, 25-19, 25-15, 25-16	Mexicali, Mexico	Crimes – 15	800
6/7	Venezuela (5th Place)	W, 27-25, 28-26, 17-25, 22-25, 15-7	Mexicali, Mexico	Stalls – 18	1,000

**Final Standings:** 1. Dominican Republic; 2. Brazil; 3. Argentina; 4. Puerto Rico; 5. USA; 6. Venezuela; 7. Peru; 8. Canada; 9. Costa Rica; 10. Mexico; 11. Cuba; 12. Trinidad & Tobago

### **U.S. Olympic Team Exhibition for Volleyball**

6/11	Brazil	L, 20-25, 25-21, 23-25, 25-21, 15-17	Colorado Springs	Tom – 23	1,200
6/13	Brazil	W, 25-21, 19-25, 29-27, 17-25, 15-11	Colorado Springs	Nnamani – 19	1,200
6/14	Brazil *	L, 16-25, 20-25, 18-25, 25-20, 8-15	Colorado Springs	Nnamani – 16	3,508

*All matches were pre-arranged to go five sets, Brazil won the first three sets of the June 14 match and four of the five sets overall*

### **FIVB World Grand Prix**

6/20	Turkey	L, 26-28, 16-25, 25-21, 19-25	Kobe, Japan	Scott-Arruda/Glass – 14	3,000
6/21	Kazakhstan	W, 25-16, 25-17, 25-18	Kobe, Japan	Haneef-Park – 16	3,400
6/22	Japan	W, 27-29, 25-18, 18-25, 25-16, 15-13	Kobe, Japan	Haneef-Park – 21	5,300
6/27	Thailand	W, 25-18, 25-17, 26-28, 25-13	Wroclaw, Poland	Tom – 17	2,000
6/28	Dominican Republic	W, 25-13, 25-21, 25-20	Wroclaw, Poland	Haneef-Park / Glass – 14	4,600
6/29	Poland	W, 25-17, 25-16, 25-20	Wroclaw, Poland	Tom – 16	6,000
7/4	Poland	W, 20-25, 25-23, 25-19, 25-10	Taipei, Chinese Taipei	Haneef-Park – 18	1,500
7/5	Turkey	W, 25-16, 25-20, 20-25, 25-17	Taipei, Chinese Taipei	Haneef-Park – 19	2,400
7/6	Italy	L, 22-25, 21-25, 16-25	Taipei, Chinese Taipei	Akinradewo – 11	3,300
7/9	Brazil	L, 19-25, 19-25, 23-25	Yokohama, Japan	Tom – 12	2,560
7/10	Japan	W, 26-28, 25-20, 22-25, 25-20, 15-11	Yokohama, Japan	Scott-Arruda – 22	7,500
7/11	Cuba	L, 25-22, 25-17, 18-25, 21-25, 11-15	Yokohama, Japan	Haneef-Park – 16	4,000
7/12	Italy	L, 17-25, 28-26, 19-25, 19-25	Yokohama, Japan	Nnamani / Akinradewo – 18	7,000
7/13	China	W, 25-23, 25-19, 22-25, 21-25, 17-15	Yokohama, Japan	Haneef-Park – 23	4,000

**World Grand Prix Final Round Standings:** 1. Brazil (5-0); 2. Cuba (4-1); 3. Italy (2-3); 4. USA (2-3); 5. China (1-4); 6. Japan (1-4); 7. Turkey; 8. Germany; 9. Dominican Republic; 10. Poland; 11. Thailand; 12. Kazakhstan.

**World Grand Prix Preliminary Round Standings:** 1. Brazil (8-1); 2. China (8-1); 3. Italy (8-1); 4. USA (7-2); 5. Cuba (6-3); 6. Turkey (4-5); 7. Germany (4-5); 8. Dominican Republic (4-5); 9. Japan (2-7); 10. Poland (1-8); 11. Thailand (1-8); 12. Kazakhstan (1-8)

### **Olympic Games**

8/9	Japan	W, 25-20, 20-25, 25-19, 25-21	Beijing, China	Scott-Arruda – 22	11,500
8/11	Cuba	L, 15-25, 24-26, 17-25	Beijing, China	Haneef-Park – 13	12,000
8/13	Venezuela	W, 25-17, 20-25, 25-14, 25-18	Beijing, China	Haneef-Park – 17	3,400
8/15	China	W, 23-25, 25-22, 23-25, 25-20, 15-11	Beijing, China	Glass – 20	13,000
8/17	Poland	W, 18-25, 25-21, 19-25, 25-19, 15-13	Beijing, China	Tom – 25	11,000
8/19	Italy (Quarterfinals)	W, 20-25, 25-21, 19-25, 25-18, 15-6	Beijing, China	Tom – 19	10,000
8/21	Cuba (Semifinals)	W, 25-20, 25-16, 25-17	Beijing, China	Haneef-Park – 12	13,000
8/23	Brazil (Gold-Medal Match)	L, 15-25, 25-18, 13-25, 21-25	Beijing, China	Tom – 16	13,000

**Final Standings:** 1. Brazil; 2. USA; 3. China; 4. Cuba; 5T. Italy, Japan, Russia and Serbia; 9T. Kazakhstan and Poland; 11T. Algeria and Venezuela

## 2008 USA Women's National Team Volleyball Final Stats

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Kill PCT	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting %	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points	Points Set
Ah Mow-Santos	59	1	0.02	10.0	2	10	-.120	0	0.00	7	0.32	32	1.45
Akinradewo	57	132	2.32	54.5	26	242	.438	15	0.26	36	0.63	183	3.21
Barboza	66	117	1.77	38.0	51	308	.214	2	0.03	19	0.29	138	2.09
Berg	82	2	0.02	12.5	3	16	-.063	8	0.10	9	0.11	19	0.23
Bown	85	144	1.69	49.8	24	289	.415	11	0.13	48	0.56	203	2.39
Busse	22	25	1.14	30.1	15	83	.120	0	0.00	7	0.32	32	1.45
Crawford	1	0	0.00	0.0	4	5	-.800	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Crimes	27	65	2.41	52.4	15	124	.403	5	0.19	26	0.96	96	3.56
Davis	129	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Faucette	20	51	2.55	40.2	24	127	.213	2	0.10	3	0.15	56	2.80
Glass	84	155	1.85	40.8	61	380	.247	19	0.23	30	0.36	204	2.43
Haneef-Park	82	259	3.16	42.8	81	605	.294	15	0.18	29	0.35	303	3.70
Hooker	24	70	2.92	35.9	34	195	.185	3	0.13	18	0.75	91	3.79
Hughes	55	88	1.60	34.4	45	256	.168	8	0.15	7	0.13	103	1.87
Hunter	13	1	0.08	25.0	0	4	.250	3	0.23	0	0.00	4	0.31
Joines	22	40	1.82	48.2	6	83	.410	0	0.00	18	0.82	58	2.64
Klineman	53	92	1.74	36.9	28	249	.257	6	0.11	23	0.43	121	2.28
McGinnis	78	26	0.33	50.0	6	52	.385	6	0.08	11	0.14	43	0.55
Nnamani	42	91	2.17	44.0	26	207	.314	8	0.19	13	0.31	112	2.67
Olsovsky	4	1	0.25	20.0	3	5	-.400	1	0.25	0	0.00	2	0.50
Paolini	8	10	1.25	52.6	0	19	.526	4	0.50	1	0.13	15	1.88
Pressey	15	18	1.20	32.7	11	55	.127	1	0.07	1	0.07	20	1.33
Richards	33	69	2.09	38.1	34	181	.193	5	0.15	8	0.24	82	2.48
Scott-Arruda	88	189	2.15	56.9	26	332	.491	9	0.10	62	0.70	260	2.95
Spicer	4	0	0.00	0.00	0	1	.000	1	0.25	0	0.00	1	0.25
Stalls	61	132	2.16	49.6	28	266	.391	7	0.11	50	0.82	189	3.10
Sykora	70	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tom	80	229	2.86	36.8	100	623	.207	20	0.25	37	0.46	286	3.58
Willoughby	48	94	1.96	40.1	44	234	.214	11	0.23	12	0.25	117	2.44
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>12.66</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>.283</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>2.85</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>16.58</b>

**Dig Totals on China Tour:** Nicole Davis 112 (3.29 d/s); Angie McGinnis 35 (1.06); Heather Hughes 32 (1.14); Destinee Hooker 21 (0.88); Alix Klineman 21 (0.72); Tracy Stalls 16 (0.50); Angie Pressey 15 (1.00); Lindsey Hunter 13 (1.63); Juliann Faucette 11 (0.73); Cassie Busse 8 (0.57); Folu Akinradewo 6 (0.18); Nellie Spicer 4 (1.00); Therese Crawford 2 (2.00); Lauren Paolini 2 (0.25). Team: 298 (8.76 d/s). Opponent 226 (6.65 d/s).

**Dig Totals at Pan American Cup:** Stacy Sykora 55 (2.29 d/s); Cynthia Barboza 39 (1.34); Heather Hughes 29 (1.07); Kristin Richards 20 (0.77); Angie McGinnis 18 (0.64); Alix Klineman 14 (0.58); Tracy Stalls 7 (0.24); Alexis Crimes 5 (0.19); Lindsey Hunter 2 (0.40); Lauren Paolini 1 (0.33); Juliann Faucette 0 (0.00); Olsovsky 0 (0.00). Team: 190 (5.59 d/s). Opponent: NA.

**Dig Totals for Brazil Exhibition Series:** Stacy Sykora 27 (2.08 dig/set); Logan Tom 11 (1.57); Robyn Ah Mow-Santos 15 (1.50); Kim Willoughby 10 (1.43); Nicole Davis 19 (1.36); Angie McGinnis 9 (1.29); Kim Glass 7 (1.17); Lindsey Berg 5 (0.83); Cynthia Barboza 11 (0.79); Danielle Scott-Arruda 8 (0.67); Ogonna Nnamani 6 (0.60); Jennifer Joines 3 (0.43); Cassie Busse 7 (0.50); Heather Bown 1 (0.10).

**Digs Totals at World Grand Prix:** Nicole Davis 84 (1.71 digs/set), Kim Willoughby 27 (1.44), Logan Tom 56 (1.38), Kim Glass 59 (1.21), Lindsey Berg 33 (0.63), Nnamani 12 (0.55), Robyn Ah Mow-Santos 11 (0.53), Tayyiba Haneef-Park 27 (0.50), Heather Bown 15 (0.36), Danielle Scott-Arruda 15 (0.33), Cynthia Barboza 6 (0.26), Jennifer Joines 2 (0.22).

**Digs Totals at Olympic Games:** Nicole Davis 95 (2.88 digs/set); Logan Tom 69 (2.09); Kim Glass 52 (1.73); Robyn Ah Mow-Santos 41 (1.37); Kim Willoughby 20 (0.87); Tayyiba Haneef-Park 24 (0.80); Danielle Scott-Arruda 22 (0.73); Heather Bown 20 (0.61); Stacy Sykora 6 (0.55); Ogonna Nnamani 6 (0.50); Lindsey Berg 11 (0.44).



# Volleyball Glossary

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**Ace** - a served ball that directly results in a point.

**Bagel** - winning a game 25-0.

**Block** - an attempt by a player or players to interrupt the ball before, as or just after it crosses the net.

**Bump (Pass)** - technique of playing the ball using forearms, hands together, to direct the ball.

**Bump (Set)** - a forearm pass used as a set.

**Carry** - a fault called if the ball comes to rest in the course of contact by one player.

**Chickenwing** - a last-ditch way to dig a ball using your elbow and a bent arm.

**Court** - the playing surface divided into two equal areas by a net. In its official form, volleyball is played on a rectangular court 18 meters (59 feet 0.75 inches) long and 9 meters (29 feet 6.475 inches) wide; the women's net placed at 2.24 meters (7 feet 4.125 inches) high and the men's net at 2.44 meters (8 feet) high.

**Coverage** - most often, refers to backing up a teammate's hit when the block is up and the ball comes back.

**Cross Court/Cut Shot** - an offensive hit when a player, instead of hitting with power, slices the ball just over and nearly parallel to the net.

**Dig Lips** - defending more than once and successfully an opponent's hard spike as if the attacker was saying beforehand where the hit was going and you read their lips.

**Dig** - to pass a very hard hit spike; a ball brought up (saved) with any part of the body, particularly from a spike attempt.

**Dink** - a very softly-hit spike; ball played just over the net or the blockers hands.

**Down-Referee** - secondary referee. He/she stands on the floor at the opposite end of the net as the up-referee. Also known as the second official.

**Dump** - when the setter, instead of setting the hitters, attacks the ball over the net.

**Facial Disgracial** - a spike that hits the opposing blocker or floor defender in the face.

**Foot fault** - stepping on the court or out of bounds before serving the ball.

**Free Ball** - a ball the opponent cannot attack and must yield by passing over the net.

**Husband and Wife** - when a serve drops untouched between two receivers who fail to move.

**Just** - when two players on opposing sides attempt to block the ball by vying to push it onto each other's side of the net.

**Kill** - an attack that results in an immediate point.

**Paint Brush** - a wipe off shot by the spiker (painter) on a blocker.

**Pancake** - a one-handed floor defensive technique where the hand is extended and slid along the floor, palm down, and the ball rebounds off the back of the hand, rather than the floor.

**Pass** - the first of three contacts on the offensive side - overhead or forearm.

**Perimeter Defense** - backrow defenders work in the area a meter in from the backline and sidelines up to the three-meter line.

**Pipe** - a ball set in the middle of the court, on the three-meter line, for a backrow player to hit.

**Quick** - the first of the three attack options. The attacker contacts the ball immediately after it is released from the setter's hands.

**Red card** - a severe sanction given by the up-referee.

**Roof** - to block a spike, usually straight down and for a point.

**Screening** - an attempt by a player to conceal the start of a teammate's serve by obstructing an opponent's line of sight. Screening is illegal.

**Seams** - the space between the blockers and between back-court defenders.

**Set** - the act of getting the ball into the position for the hitters to attack the ball. Usually done overhead with two hands.

**Setter** - the team quarterback. Attempts to "set" every second contact for his/her hitters to attack.

**Serve** - the act of putting the ball into play.

**Shank** - to pass the ball badly.

**Six Pack** - another term for getting a spiked ball in the face on defense. A "Twelve Pack" actually knocks down the defender. In the past the defender was then obligated to buy the spiker a six pack of his/her desired beverage (roots are found in doubles sand play).

**Sizzle the Pits** - a spike that goes under, and past, the armpits of a big block.

**Slide** - a movement from an attacker's serve receive position past another into a third; usually the ball is hit while "sliding out" towards the sideline.

**Spiked Ball** - a ball hit forcibly from a height not less than the top of the net. Also known as a bury, crush, hammer, kill, put-away or slam.

**Stuff** - a block in which the ball goes straight down to the floor with no hope of being picked up by an opposing player.

**Tool** - when a ball is intentionally spiked off a blocker's hands to make it go out of bounds.

**Touch** - when the ball lands out of bounds, but not before contacting one of the players.

**Up-referee** - the main referee. He/she stands upon a special chair. Also known as the first referee.

**Yellow card** - a first sanction given by the up-referee, cost the sanctioned team a point.



**USA Volleyball**

## USA Volleyball – 2009 Fact Sheet

**Name:** USA Volleyball

**Location:** Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Founded:** 1928

**Membership:** Approximately 240,000

**Mission:** USA Volleyball is the National Governing Body (NGB) for all disciplines of volleyball in the United States and is officially recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). As mandated by the Amateur Sports Act, USA Volleyball is responsible for the growth of the sport in America at the grassroots and most elite levels. USA Volleyball is the parent organization of the USA National Teams.

**Chief Executive Officer:** Doug Beal

**Head Coach USA Women:** Hugh McCutcheon (First Year with Women's Team)

**Head Coach USA Men:** Alan Knipe (First Year with Men's Team)

### Major 2009 National Team Events:

World League (Men, June 12-July 26, Various Sites)

Pan American Cup (Men, June 13-21, Chiapis, Mexico)

Pan American Cup (Women, June 26-July 4, Miami, Fla.)

NORCECA Qualification Tournament to FIVB World Championship (Women, July 6-8, Orlando, Fla.)

NORCECA Qualification Tournament to FIVB World Championship (Men, Aug. 15-17, Irvine, Calif.)

World Grand Prix (Women, July 31-Aug. 23, Various Sites in Asia and Europe)

Women's Final Four (Women, Sept. 7-13, Brazil - must qualify at Pan American Cup)

America's Cup (Men, Sept. 19-28, Brazil)

NORCECA Continental Championship (Women, Sept. 20-28, Puerto Rico)

NORCECA Continental Championship (Men, Oct. 9-18, Puerto Rico)

Grand Champions Cup (Women, Nov. 10-15, Japan)

Grand Champions Cup (Men, Nov. 18-23, Japan)

### Major 2009 Grassroots Events:

USA Open Volleyball Championships (May 23-30, Minneapolis, Minn.)

USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships (June 26-July 5, Miami, Fla.)

USA Junior Olympic Boy's Volleyball Championships (July 1-8, Atlanta, Ga.)

USA High Performance Championships (July 23-27, Fort Lauderdale, Fla)

**Other:** USA Volleyball consists of 40 regional volleyball associations which manage grassroots playing opportunities for the USA Volleyball membership and is affiliated with 36 member organizations (i.e. NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, YMCA) that provide playing opportunities at a variety of levels.

# All-Time USA Women's Indoor Volleyball Olympians

## 1964 (Tokyo)

### 5th Place

Patti Bright  
Jean Gaertner  
Lou Galloway  
Barbara Harwerth  
Linda Murphy  
Gail O'Rourke  
Nancy Owen  
Mary Jo Peppler  
Mary Perry  
Sharon Peterson  
Verneda Thomas  
Jane Ward

**Head Coach:** Dr. W.P. Burroughs  
**Manager:** Ida Litschauer

## 1968 (Mexico City)

### 8th Place

Patti Bright  
Kathryn Heck  
Fanny Hopeau  
Ninja Jorgensen  
Laurie Lewis  
Miki McFadden  
Marilyn McCreavy  
Nancy Owen  
Barbara Perry  
Mary Perry  
Sharon Peterson  
Jane Ward

**Head Coach:** Harlan Cohen

## 1980 (Moscow)

### Did Not Compete (USA Boycott)

Janet Baier  
Carolyn Becker  
Rita Crockett  
Patty Dowdell  
Laurie Flachmeier  
Debbie Green  
Flo Hyman  
Laurel Brassey  
Debbie Landreth  
Diane McCormick  
Terry Place  
Sue Woodstra

**Head Coach:** Arie Selinger  
**Assistant Coach:** Toshi Yoshida  
**Manager:** Ruth Becker

## 1984 (Los Angeles)

### Silver Medal

Jeanne Beauprey  
Carolyn Becker  
Linda Chisholm  
Rita Crockett  
Laurie Flachmeier  
Debbie Green  
Flo Hyman  
Rose Magers  
Kim Ruddins  
Julie Vollertsen  
Paula Weishoff  
Sue Woodstra

**Head Coach:** Arie Selinger  
**Assistant Coach:** John Corbelli  
**Assistant Coach:** Marlon Sano

## 1988 (Seoul)

### 7th Place

Deitre Collins  
Caren Kemner  
Laurel Kessel  
Tammy Liley  
Liz Masakayan  
Jayne McHugh  
Melissa McLinden  
Kim Oden  
Keba Phipps  
Kim Ruddins  
Angela Rock  
Liane Sato

**Head Coach:** Terry Liskevych  
**Assistant Coach:** Debbie Landreth Brown  
**Assistant Coach:** Kent Miller

## 1992 (Barcelona)

### Bronze Medal

Janet Cobbs  
Tara Cross-Battle  
Lori Endicott  
Caren Kemner  
Ruth Lawanson  
Tammy Liley  
Elaina Oden  
Kim Oden  
Liane Sato  
Paula Weishoff  
Tee Williams  
Yoko Zetterlund

**Head Coach:** Terry Liskevych  
**Assistant Coach:** Greg Giovanazzi  
**Assistant Coach:** Kent Miller  
**Technical Coordinator:** David Sims  
**Medical Consultant:** Dan McDonough

## 1996 (Atlanta)

### 7th Place

Tara Cross-Battle  
Lori Endicott  
Caren Kemner  
Kristin Klein  
Tammy Liley  
Bev Oden  
Elaina Oden  
Danielle Scott  
Paula Weishoff  
Tee Williams  
Elaine Youngs  
Yoko Zetterlund

**Head Coach:** Terry Liskevych  
**Assistant Coach:** Aldis Berzins  
**Assistant Coach:** Jeanne Beauprey Reeves  
**Technical Assistant:** Dave Fleming

## 2000 (Sydney)

### 4th Place

Robyn Ah Mow  
Heather Bown  
Tara Cross-Battle  
Mickisha Hurley  
Sarah Noriega  
Demetria Sance  
Danielle Scott  
Stacy Sykora  
Charlene Tagaloa  
Logan Tom  
Kerri Walsh  
Allison Weston

**Head Coach:** Mick Haley  
**Assistant Coach:** Toshi Yoshida  
**Assistant Coach:** Jeri Estes  
**Technical Coordinator:** Monica Paul  
**Trainer:** Emery Hill, Jr.  
**Team Doctor:** Dr. David Weinstein  
**Team Manager:** Bob Gambardella

## 2004 (Athens)

### 5th Place

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos  
Elisabeth Bachman  
Lindsey Berg  
Heather Bown  
Tara Cross-Battle  
Tayyiba Haneef  
Nancy Metcalf  
Ogonna Nnamani  
Keba Phipps  
Danielle Scott  
Stacy Sykora  
Logan Tom

**Head Coach:** Toshi Yoshida  
**Assistant Coach:** Kevin Hambly  
**Assistant Coach:** Tara Cross-Battle  
**Technical Coordinator:** Robyn Romansky  
**Trainer:** Emery Hill, Jr.  
**Team Leader:** Tom Pingel

## 2008 (Beijing)

### Silver Medal

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos  
Lindsey Berg  
Heather Bown  
Nicole Davis  
Kim Glass  
Tayyiba Haneef-Park  
Jennifer Joines  
Ogonna Nnamani  
Danielle Scott-Arruda  
Stacy Sykora  
Logan Tom  
Kim Willoughby

**Head Coach:** "Jenny" Lang Ping  
**Assistant Coach:** Sue Woodstra  
**Assistant Coach:** Li Yong  
**Assistant Coach:** Tom Hogan  
**Technical Coordinator:** Diane French  
**Trainer:** Emery Hill, Jr.  
**Team Leader:** Joan Powell

# 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.

Top 40 teams in the FIVB World Ranking:

## Women (Points)

1. Brazil (255)
2. USA (198)
3. Cuba (190)
4. Italy (185)
5. China (154)
6. Japan (128)
7. Serbia (123)
8. Russia (106)
9. Poland (61)
10. Korea (37)
11. Turkey (35.5)
12. Germany (34.5)
13. Dominican Republic (34)
14. Kazakhstan (33.5)
15. Netherlands (31.5)
16. Kenya (29.5)
17. Peru (29)
18. Algeria (22)
- 19T. Puerto Rico (21)
- 19T. Thailand (21)
21. Chinese Taipei (20)
22. Egypt (18)
23. Canada (16.5)
- 24T. Cameroon (16)
- 24T. Venezuela (16)
- 26T. Azerbaijan (15)
- 26T. Mexico (15)
28. Tunisia (14.5)
29. Uruguay (14)
30. Costa Rica (13)
31. Argentina (10.5)
32. Senegal (8)
- 33T. Belgium (7.5)
- 33T. Bulgaria (7.5)
35. France (7)
- 36T. Australia (6.5)
- 36T. Czech Republic (6.5)
- 36T. South Africa (6.5)
39. Croatia (6)
- 40T. Romania (5.5)
- 40T. Slovakia (5.5)
- 40T. Ukraine (5.5)

## Men (Points)

1. Brazil (223)
2. USA (198)
3. Russia (185)
4. Bulgaria (132.5)
5. Serbia (117)
6. Italy (111)
7. Poland (105.5)
8. China (69.5)
9. Japan (53)
- 10T. Puerto Rico (51)
- 10T. Spain (51)
12. Argentina (44.5)
13. Germany (42)
- 14T. Australia (38.5)
- 14T. Venezuela (38.5)
16. Egypt (33.5)
17. France (32.5)
- 18T. Cuba (29)
- 18T. Korea (29)
20. Tunisia (28.5)
21. Canada (26.5)
22. Finland (20)
23. Cameroon (18)
24. Iran (17)
25. South Africa (15)
26. Czech Republic (13.5)
27. Paraguay (12)
- 28T. Greece (11.5)
- 28T. Netherlands (11.5)
- 30T. Kazakhstan (10.5)
- 30T. Portugal (10.5)
- 32T. Chile (10)
- 32T. Thailand (10)
34. Barbados (9.5)
35. Mexico (9)
- 36T. Colombia (8.5)
- 36T. Trinidad & Tobago (8.5)
- 38T. Chinese Taipei (8)
- 38T. Dominican Republic (8)
- 38T. Indonesia (8)
- 38T. Turkey (8)

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:

#### **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 (2006 information is provided in parenthesis where available):

- Host country
- Defending World Champions
- FIVB determined the appropriate number of qualification spots for each continent/zone based on performance at the 2002 World Championships and the number of teams registered for the 2006 World Championships. Each continent/zone played a World Championships Qualification Tournament in early 2002.

#### **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: Not held  
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)  
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)  
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.

#### **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, third in pool)  
2007: Brazil (USA, third in finals)  
2008: USA

#### **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, eighth final, seventh preliminary)  
2008: Brazil (USA, fourth)