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2010 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Schedule

China Tour

Site: Guangzhou, China

Jan. 30: def. Hong Kong 4-0 (scrimmage)
Jan. 31: lost to Evergrande 1-3 (scrimmage)
Feb. 2: lost to Evergrande 0-3 (Exhibition)

Montreux VolleyMasters

Site: Montreux, Switzerland

June 8: vs. Japan, 6:30 p.m.
June 9: vs. Germany, 4:30 p.m.
June 11: vs. Russia, 9 p.m.
June 12: Crossover Matches
June 13: Medal Round Matches

Pan American Cup

Site: Mexico

June 10-20: Opponents TBA

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1

Site: Gdynia, Poland

Aust. 6-8: Poland, Germany, Dominican Republic

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2

Site: Taiwan, Chinese Taipei

Aug. 13-15: Thailand, Italy, Puerto Rico

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3

Site: Hong Kong

Aug. 20-22: China, Germany, Thailand

FIVB World Grand Prix Final Round

Site: Ningbo, China

Aug. 25-29: Top 5 Teams plus China

Final Four Intercontinental Cup

Site: TBA

Sept. 19-27: TBA

FIVB World Championship First Round

Site: Matsumoto, Japan

Oct. 29: vs. Thailand
Oct. 30: vs. Croatia
Oct. 31: vs. Germany
Nov. 2: Kazakhstan
Nov. 3: vs. Cuba



USA Volleyball.

NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS A SUCCESS: For three days this past weekend, nearly 175 athletes were put to the test by U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) at the squad's open tryouts held Feb. 19-21 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. At the end of the weekend, McCutcheon was happy with what he saw on the court after each player had four different training sessions. "I thought the tryout was successful," McCutcheon said. "It was wonderfully well-attended. There were a lot of great volleyball players in the gym all at the same time for us to evaluate. The tryout involved 174 athletes – the most ever at the annual open tryout – being evaluated by McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) and assistant coaches Karch Kiraly (San Clemente, Calif.) and Jamie Morrison (Dana Point, Calif.). The coaching staff was able evaluate 46 middle blockers, 41 outside hitters, 38 liberos, 30 setters and 19 opposites representing 81 different colleges. Athletes were competing for spots on the U.S. Women's Volleyball National Team program and the U.S. Women's Senior A2 teams. The U.S. Women's National Team program is open to athletes who have concluded their college eligibility and who wish to train full-time. This program could begin as early as February 2010, or when an athlete's scholastic or professional club season has concluded. Athletes who will have remaining collegiate eligibility may still participate in the program with participation beginning May 2010 or when their scholastic calendar ends. Athletes in college with collegiate eligibility remaining for the 2010 season and not selected to the USA Women's National Team may be invited to participate in the USA Senior A2 Team. This program is tentatively scheduled to take place in Phoenix from May 24 through June 2. A projected 24 athletes will be invited to participate in the program, which will include training and competition in the 2010 USA Adult Open Championships in the Open Division from May 29-June 1. USA Volleyball considers the event as the National Championship for the sport of volleyball in the United States. "The amount of talent and support that the colleges have provided bodes well for the U.S. Women's National Team program," McCutcheon said. According to Tom Pingel, USA Volleyball's managing director of Indoor High Performance Program, the U.S. Women's National A2 Teams will be announced in mid-March once all confirmations to participate have been secured. For the tryout roster, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/33202>.



NATIONAL TEAM OPEN TRYOUTS PHOTO GALLERIES: Three photo galleries – 476 images – of the U.S. Women's National Team Open Tryouts can be found online. For the Feb. 19 gallery of 144 images, visit http://usavolleyball.org/multimedia/photo_gallery/1361. For the Feb. 20 gallery of 223 images, visit http://usavolleyball.org/multimedia/photo_gallery/1366. For the Feb. 21 gallery with 109 images, visit http://usavolleyball.org/multimedia/photo_gallery/1371.

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U.S. WOMEN SHOW SUPPORT FOR TEAM USA AT WINTER OLYMPICS:

Members of the U.S. Women's National Team wore their red, white and blue at the OC Sports Grill in Anaheim on Feb. 21 in support of Team USA hockey players as it defeated Team Canada 5-3 during the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team trains at the USA National Team Center located within the American Sports Centers in Anaheim. The City of Anaheim is also home to the Anaheim Ducks of the National Hockey League, which has several players representing the two Olympic hockey teams. Members of the Anaheim-based U.S. National Volleyball Teams scheduled to be in attendance at the OC Sports Grill included: Bryn Kehoe (North Bend, Ohio), Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Foluke Akinradewo (Plantation, Fla.), Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.). In addition, several players training with the U.S. Men's National Team attended the event, including Hudson Bates (Richmond, Va.), Matt Werle (Meadville, Pa.), Jake Schkud (Santa Monica, Calif.), Mark Ribeiro II (New York, N.Y.) and Jonathan Charette (Fullerton, Calif.).



TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 4)

1. Which current member of the U.S. Women's National Team earned Best Receiver at the 2002 NORCECA Girls' Youth Championship and played in the 2002 NORCECA Women's Junior Championship the same year?
2. Which member of the U.S. Women's National Team earned Best Server at the 2004 NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship?
3. Which player was part of both the 2001 and 2002 U.S. Women's Junior National Team?

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Players Training at American Sports Centers

Below is a list of players actively training at the USA National Team Center in the American Sports Centers in California as part of the U.S. Women's National Team program.

Foluke Akinradewo (MB, Plantation, Fla.)
 Mekana Barnes (MB, Highlands Ranch, Colo.)
 Jill Collymore (OH, Bellevue, Wash.)
 Brittnee Cooper (MB, Houston)
 Alexis Crimes (MB, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)
 Neticia Enesi (MB, The Dalles, Ore.)
 Jessica Fine (L, Tarzana, Calif.)
 Christa Harmotto (MB, Aliquippa, Pa.)
 Heather Hughes (OPP, Fallbrook, Calif.)
 Bryn Kehoe (S, North Bend, Ohio)
 Tamari Miyashiro (L, Kaneohe, Hawaii)
 Brittany Moore (OH, Orange, Calif.)
 Lauren Paolini (MB, Ann Arbor, Mich.)
 Angie Pressey (OH, Lake Mary, Fla.)
 Tracy Stalls (MB, Denver, Colo.)
 Nicole Vargas (S, Seal Beach, Calif.)
 Cheryl Weaver (MB, Washington, D.C.)

Head Coach: Hugh McCutcheon

Asst Coach: Karch Kiraly

Asst Coach/Tech Coordinator: Jamie Morrison

Athletic Trainer: Jill Wosmek

International Transfers for USA Players

Abrahamson, Laurel (C.V. Cuesta Piedra, Spain)
 Adams, Kimberly (Voley Murcia, Spain)
 Ammerman, Sarah (Ponce Leones, Puerto Rico)
 Andreyko, Diana (Hainaut Volley, France)
 Anglin, Keri (VBC Glarona, Switzerland)
 Arrington, Patrice (VC Igtisadchi Baku, Azerbaijan)
 Barboza, Cynthia (Toray Volleyball Team, Japan)
 Barrera, Jessica (OK Koper, Slovenia)
 Baumstark, Jamie (VBC Biel - Biemme, Switzerland)
 Bayley, Jacqueline (OK Galeb, Bar, Montenegro)
 Beck, Morgan (Anorthosis Famagustus, Cyprus)
 Berg, Lindsey (Villa Cortese, Italy)
 Bible, Amanda (OK Koper Volleyball, Slovenia)
 Blum, Tiffany (Zok Matija Mesic Club, Croatia)
 Bown, Heather (Giannino Pieralisi Volley, Italy)
 Brown, Emily (Nantes Atlantique, France)
 Brown, Victoria (Club Voleibol Haro, Spain)
 Burkhardt, Justine (UVF Haebau Schubert Melk, Austria)
 Busse, Cassie (Llaneras Toa Baja, Puerto Rico)
 Buteyn, Lindsey (VC Tirol, Austria)
 Cahill, Stephanie (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
 Campbell, Norisha (TSV Sonthafen, Germany)
 Carter-Knudsen, Caley (Kuusamon Pallokarhut, Finland)
 Cepero, Greichaly (Indias de Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
 Clark, Nichole (VBC Fribourg, Switzerland)
 Cmaylo, Anna (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)
 Cole, Shonda (Caguas, Puerto Rico)
 Copenhagen, Diane (Heutink Pollux, Netherlands)
 Crawford, Therese (VBC Volero Zurich, Switzerland)
 Cubi-Otineru, Aneli (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico)
 Daley, Allison (Club Voleibol R.H. Las Palmas, Spain)
 Davis, Nicole (Evergrande Volleyball Club, China)
 Day, Emily (Franches - Montagnes, Switzerland)
 Deensing, Alesha (Xacobeo Zolo Ribeira Sacra, Spain)
 DeKiewiet, Jamie (HPK Naiset, Finland)
 DeTurk, Lauren (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
 Dyer, Alexandra (VC Tirol Innsbruck, Austria)
 Eddins, Stefani (A.D. Algar Surmenor, Spain)
 Ford, Lauren (Finestrat, Spain)
 Evers, Whitney (Volley Duding, CH, Switzerland)
 Fairchild, Jeanne (ZOK Split 1700, Croatia)
 Fawcett, Nicole (VC Dinamo-Yntar Kaliningrad, Russia)
 Gerling, Rachel (VC Tirol Innsbruck, Austria)
 Glass, Kim (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)
 Gregory, Kari Ann (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
 Griffin, Allie (Fabasoft Linz, Austria)
 Griffin, Maggie (Heutink Pollux, Netherlands)

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OTHER STORIES FROM THE OPEN TRYOUTS: Read two other features posted to www.USAVolleyball.org in relation to the U.S. Women's National Team Open Tryouts held Feb. 19-21. **Blair Brown** (Purcellville, Va.), a rising senior opposite hitter at Penn State University, has helped the Nittany Lions to an unprecedented three consecutive NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship titles. Yet, she is not resting on those laurels while attending the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team open tryouts being held Feb. 19-21 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. For the full story, visit <http://www.usavolleyball.org/news/article/32996>. Growing up in Colorado Springs in the hometown of the U.S. Olympic Training Center, University of Dayton's **Rachael Broerman** dreamed of the opportunity to play on the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team. Despite a microfracture of her left knee last fall and two ACL surgeries before graduating from high school, Broerman continues to defy the odds. For the full feature, visit <http://www.usavolleyball.org/news/article/32963>.



UPDATE TO SECOND TRAINING SESSION ROSTER: A total of 17 players are currently training with the U.S. Women's National Team during its second winter training block that ends April 9. Neticia Enesi, a middle blocker who completed her collegiate career last fall at the University of Oregon, started training at the USA National Team Center on Feb. 22. The team training sessions, held at the American Sports Centers in Anaheim, Calif., are open to the public. Training times are generally Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while Fridays often vary on times. Middle blockers include Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.), Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.), Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Cheryl Weaver (Washington, D.C.), Mekana Barnes (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) and Brittnee Cooper (Houston). Outside hitters/opposite include Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.), Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.) and Jill Collymore (Bellevue, Wash.). The setters training include Bryn Kehoe (North Bend, Ohio) and Nicole Vargas (Seal Beach, Calif.). The libero position has Jessica Fine (Tarzana, Calif.) and Tamari Miyashiro (Kaneohe, Hawaii) training with the U.S. Women's National Team. Further, Foluke Akinradewo

(Plantation, Fla.), and Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) have joined the training session. Some players could leave for pro opportunities or other circumstances, while the training group could expand at the end February following the U.S. Women's National Team Open Tryouts set for Feb. 19-21 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS: For a full listing of the 146 international transfers for American female players to other countries to play professional volleyball, see the two sidebar columns on pages 2 and 3 of the U.S. Women's National Team Weekly Update.

USA Volleyball VOLLEY-TWEETS

Follow Kim Glass at <http://www.twitter-athletes.com/index.cfm?athleteID=2602>

(Feb. 23, 2010): "After 4 hr. bus ride - Got in at 3 o'clock. 3:25 left for 1 1/2 practice ... now settling down in the hotel...Eating lunch in senica - lol don't ask where that is hahaha -1 hr. 2go ...It's 8 in the a.m. UP get'n ready for our bus trip to Bratislava - :0D 2days in a Row The SUN is SHINING!! ... Counting my blessings :0)"

Follow Lindsey Berg at <http://www.twitter-athletes.com/index.cfm?athleteID=3997>

(Feb. 20, 2010): "Off to milan for a little shopping and dinner...then back to rest for big game."

(Feb. 18, 2010): "Just got back from practice...dinner @ my teammates place tonight...gonna be an early one...."

Kristin Richards and Stacy Sykora (Feb. 23, 2010): "We had a great weekend with a win against no. 4 Dinamo Krasnodar and we're headed to Moscow tomorrow to play no. 1 Dinamo Moscow..... should be a great match...."

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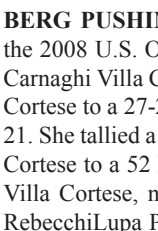
International Transfers for USA Players

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Haas, Emily (Zenski Odbojkaski Klub Dubrovnik, Croatia)
Hall, Kiley (Cossonay Volleyball Club, Switzerland)
Hampton, Maurelle (Lindesberg Volley BK, Sweden)
Harmotto, Christa (Evergrande Volleyball Club, China)
Harry, Tessa (Dresdner SC, Germany)
Hart, Katherine (Zok Matija Mesic Club, Croatia)
Hart, Theresa (Zok Matija Mesic Club, Croatia)
Hartmann, Rachel (Neuchatel Universite Club, Switzerland)
Heler, Jacqueline Victoria (VBC Fribourg, Switzerland)
Hilbers, Johanna (Poitiers Volleyball Club, France)
Höhl, Jessica (CV Miranda, Spain)
Holehouse, Roberta (CVRH Las Palmas, Spain)
Hood, Regan (ASPTT Mulhouse, France)
Hooker, Destinee (GS Seoul Kixx, Korea)
Hubbard, Atlee (Voley Murcia, Spain)
Jackson, Elizabeth (VBC Val-de-Travers, Switzerland)
Jenkins, Benavia (C.V. RH Las Palmas, Spain)
Jones, Jessica (Gigantes de Carolina, Puerto Rico)
Karpia, Beth (VBC Koniz, Switzerland)
Kearney, Linzy (Marq-en-Baroeul, France)
Kelley, Kristin (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Larson, Jordan (VC Dinamo, Kazan, Russia)
Lebeda, Kori (Voley Murcia, Spain)
Livingston, Sherisa (Panellinos A.C., Greece)
Lott, Erica (Valencianas de Juncos, Puerto Rico)
Lynch, Stephanie (Neuchatel Universite, Switzerland)
Magee, Brandy (Pieksamakki, Finland)
Mancuso, Danielle (Dresdner SportClub 1898, Germany)
Martin, Kristina (CV Benidorm, Spain)
Matich, Crystal (CV Tenerife, Spain)
Maurer, Brynn (Alemannia Aachen, Germany)
McCutcheon, Katie (Zenski Odbojkaski Dubrovnik, Croatia)
McNamee, Candace (Le Cannet-Rocheville, France)
McNatt, Therese (Nova KBM Branik, Slovenia)
Metcalf, Nancy (Minas Tennis Club, Brazil)
Miller, Callie (FKB Volley Duding, Switzerland)
Mondientz, Kristin (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Moore, Erica (Bayamon, Puerto Rico)
Moore, Rebecca (TI-Volley, Austria)
Morrison, Christal (Vaqueras de Bayamon, Puerto Rico)
Mustacchio, Darshaya (SSV Ulm 1846, Germany)
Nash, Christina (Toggenburg/KSV Wattwil, Switzerland)
Newcombe, Sonja (Ponce Leones, Puerto Rico)
Nnamani, Ogona (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)
Noyes, Savannah (VK Doprastav Bratislava, Slovakia)
Nyrop, Jessica (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Nzenwa, Queen (Club Volleyball Haro, Spain)
O'Connor, Erin (Kuusamon Pallo-Karhut, Finland)
Odion, Stella (SV Schwechat Post Volley, Austria)
Olsofsky, Katie (Carolina, Puerto Rico)
Orchard, Ellen (VC Kanti Schaffhausen, Switzerland)
Palmer, Crystal (Lindesberg Volley BK, Sweden)
Phillips, Lindsay (VC "Azerall" Baku, Azerbaijan)
Piccolini, Lindsay (Somero, Finland)
Porter, Kristee (Pinkin de Corozal, Puerto Rico)
Richards, Kristin (Spartak Omsk, Russia)
Rogers, Tess (Oriveden Ponnitus, Finland)
Russell, Kelly (Sagres NVC Volleyball, Switzerland)
Salvo, Airial (Lancheras de Catano, Puerto Rico)
Sather, Kaitlin (Pinkin de Corozal, Puerto Rico)
Senfleben, Jennifer (VBC Glaronia, Switzerland)
Sema, Stephanie (OK Tabor Maribor, Slovenia)
Shaw, Sheila (Rote Raben Vilsbiburg, Germany)
Simpson, Jaclyn (AEK, Cyprus)
Slack, Brigitte (SVS Sinsheim, Germany)
Solomon, Am'ra (JAV Olimpico IES Simon Perez, Spain)
Speer, Christina (Aachener TSV Alemannia Aachen, Germany)
Spicer, Nellie (Leonas de Ponce, Puerto Rico)
Stalzer, Lindsay (CV Finestrat, Spain)
Stidham, Melissa (PislaPloki, Finland)
Stovall, Desma (Terville - Florange O.C., France)
Swarbrick, Jessica (Xacobeo Zolo Ribeira Sacra, Spain)
Sutherland, Devon (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Sykora, Stacy (Omichka, Russia)
Tamas, Jennifer (Llaneras Toa Baja, Puerto Rico)
Thomas, Elisha (VC "Azerall" Baku, Azerbaijan)
Thompson, Courtney (Lancheras de Catano, Puerto Rico)
Thompson, Tori (A.D. Algar Surmenor, Spain)
Todd, Jennifer (Istres Ouest Provence, France)
Tom, Logan (Asystel Volley S.P.A., Italy)
Toone, Emillie (OK Kamnik, Slovenia)
Turner, Whitney (Sinsheim, Germany)
Vatterrodt, Katherine (Lyon Saint Fons, France)
Verdin, Quincy (VK Doprastav Bratislava, Slovakia)
Waller, Erin (Sm' Aesch Pfeffingen, Switzerland)
Washington, Naomi (Voleibol Finestrat, Spain)
Webster, Addie (VC Tirol, Austria)
Weider, Katherine (ASA Beer Sheva, Israel)
Wilkins, Katie (Mets de Guaynabo, Puerto Rico)
Williams, Sherri (CV Tenerife, Canary Islands)
Wilson, Makare (Spes S.s.d.p.a., Italy)
Wing, Kelly (Juncos Valencianas, Puerto Rico)
Wise, Bonita (LP Kangasala, Finland)
Woods, Ashley (Club Voleibol Benidorm, Spain)
Yanchulova, Petia (Kanti Schaffhausen, Switzerland)



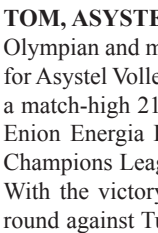
METCALF PROVIDING OFFENSE IN BRAZIL: Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa), a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Games roster, is in Brazil playing for Usiminas/Minas of the Brazilian Superliga. Metcalf totaled 18 points in pacing Usiminas to a 25-8, 25-13, 25-20 victory over Pauta on Feb. 17. She tallied 13 kills on 25 attempts, two blocks and an ace in the victory. Against Cativa on Feb. 19, Metcalf was credited with a match-high 26 points via 23 kills on 44 swings and an ace. Now 4-0 in the second phase and 11-5 overall in the Brazilian Superliga, Usiminas plays Solllys on Feb. 25 and Pinheiros on Feb. 27 in its next league matches.



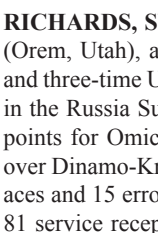
BERG PUSHING ITALIAN TEAM TO TOP: Lindsey Berg (Honolulu), a setter on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team which won the silver medal in Beijing, is playing for MC-Carnaghi Villa Cortese of the Italian Serie A professional league this winter. Berg set Villa Cortese to a 27-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-15 victory over Chateau d'Ax Urbino Volley on Feb. 21. She tallied a kills on three attempts to go with a block for two points. Berg helped Villa Cortese to a 52 kill percent and .417 hitting efficiency for the match with only 12 errors. Villa Cortese, now 13-4 on the season and in second place with 38 points, challenges RebecchiLupa Piacenza on Feb. 27 in its next Serie A match. To follow Berg throughout the season, check out her blog at <http://lindseyberg.blogspot.com/>.



BOWN COMPETING FOR JESI: Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian with the U.S. Women's National Team, is competing for Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi in the Italian Serie A professional league. Bown turned in nine kills on 15 errorless swings in a 25-22, 25-20, 25-15 Jesi victory over Asystel Volley Novara on Feb. 21. She added a match-high five blocks – more than Novara as a team – for a total of 14 points in the match. With the victory, Jesi improves to 11-6 on the season and is in fourth place with 33 points, just one point out of third place. Jesi returns to the court on Feb. 28 against Riso Scotti Pavia.



TOM, ASYSTEL VOLLEY NOVARA: Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah), a three-time Olympian and member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Games silver medal roster, is competing for Asystel Volley Novara in the Italian Serie A professional league this winter. Tom scored a match-high 21 points in leading Novara to a 25-18, 25-17, 25-20 victory over Poland's Enion Energia Dabrowa Gornicza on Feb. 16 in the second match of the CEV Indesit Champions League Playoff 12 round. She tallied 18 kills on 31 swings with three blocks. With the victory, Novara swept the home-and-home series to advance to the Playoff 6 round against Turkey's VakifGunes Telekom Istanbul. The Playoff 6 round starts the first week of March with Novara playing its Playoff 6 opponent on March 2. Later in the week, Novara dropped a 25-22, 25-20, 25-15 match to Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi on Feb. 21. Tom scored 10 kills and a block in the loss. Novara, which is currently in eighth place in the Serie A division with 22 points and an 8-9 record, will play Scavolini Pesaro on Feb. 28.



RICHARDS, SYKORA LEADING OMICHKA TO: Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah), an outside hitter and 2008 U.S. Olympic Team alternate, and three-time U.S. Olympian Stacy Sykora (Burlison, Texas) are playing in the Russia Super League with Omichka in Omsk. Richards scored 24 points for Omichka on Feb. 21 in a 25-22, 25-18, 27-29, 25-20 victory over Dinamo-Krasnodar. She tallied 22 kills on 48 swings, along with two aces and 15 errorless service receptions. Sykora handled 40 of the team's 81 service receptions. Omichka, in second place with a 13-4 record and 30 points, takes on Russia Super League leader and undefeated Dinamo-Moscow (16-0) on Feb. 26 in its next league match.



LARSON PUSHING DINAMO KAZAN TO NEW HEIGHTS: Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.) is playing in her first professional season of her career in the Russia Superliga with Dinamo Kazan. Larson helped Kazan to a near upset of undefeated Dinamo Moscow on Feb. 21. Dinamo Moscow, now 16-0 with a four-match lead over second-place Omichka, prevailed 27-25, 25-19, 18-25, 20-25, 15-13. Kazan, which dropped to 8-9 on the season with 25 points for sixth place, takes on 11th-place Leningradka on Feb. 28 in its next match.



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Egypt Tour

Site: 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

Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

July 31: lost to Germany 0-3
Aug. 1: def. Puerto Rico, 3-2
Aug. 2: def. Brazil 0-3

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2

Site: Miao Li, Chinese Taipei

Aug. 7: def. Dominican Republic 3-2
Aug. 8: lost to Netherlands 2-3
Aug. 9: lost to Germany 0-3

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3

Site: Bangkok, Thailand

Aug. 14: lost to Russia 1-3
Aug. 15: def. Puerto Rico 3-0
Aug. 16: lost to Thailand 2-3

Final Four Intercontinental Cup

Site: Lima, Peru

Sept. 9: lost to Brazil 2-3
Sept. 10: def. Peru 3-1
Sept. 11: lost to Dominican Republic 0-3
Sept. 12: def. Dominican Republic 3-1
Sept. 13: lost to Brazil 1-3 (gold match)

NORCECA Continental Championship

Site: Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Sept. 22: def. Mexico 3-0
Sept. 23: lost to Cuba 2-3
Sept. 24: def. Costa Rica 3-0
Sept. 25: def. Canada 3-1
Sept. 26: lost to Dominican Republic 2-3
Sept. 27: lost to Cuba 2-3 (bronze match)



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FAWCETT SCORING IN RUSSIA: Nicole Fawcett (Zanesfield, Ohio), a U.S. Women's National Team player, continues to pay dividends for Dinamo-Yantar after joining the team in mid-season. Fawcett produced 22 kills on 38 swings, two aces and a block for Yantar on Feb. 20, but it was not enough as Uralochka battled to a 25-23, 25-18, 32-34, 25-22 victory. Yantar is now 7-10 on the season with 24 points for eighth place. Fawcett's team hits the court again on March 1 against 10th-place University-Technology of Belgorod.



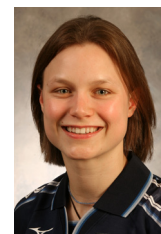
BARBOZA WITH TORAY IN JAPAN: Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.), an outside hitter with the U.S. Women's National Team and alternate on both the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games rosters, is playing in her first professional volleyball season in Japan V-League with Toray. Barboza contributed seven kills on 23 swings in Toray's 25-23, 23-25, 25-19, 25-22 loss to NEC on Feb. 20. Toray bounced back to sweep Okayama 25-19, 26-24, 25-20 on Feb. 21 as Barboza chipped in eight kills on 21 swings and two blocks for 10 points. Toray, now 13-7 on the season and in third place, travels to Aichi on Feb. 27 and Feb. 28 for matches against seventh-place Pioneer and eighth-place Toyota Auto Body. To read her most recent blog, visit <http://www.usavolleyball.org/blogs/blog-for-cynthia-barboza/posts/1729-mass-update-5-from-japan>.

NNAMANI, GLASS PACING PROSTEJOV IN CZECH REPUBLIC: Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.) and Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) continue to lead their Czech Republic professional team Prostejov. The squad concluded its regular season with a 20-0 record. In its CEV Indesit Champions League Playoff 12 round match against Italy's Scavolini Pesaro on Feb. 18, Prostejov lost 25-18, 25-18, 25-20 in the second match of the home-and-home series. Nnamani led her squad with 18 points with 17 kills on 33 swings with just two errors. She added a block in the loss. Glass scored seven kills on 13 swings while adding a block and a service reception of 56 percent excellent on a team-high 32 attempts. Last week, Prostejov defeated Brno to capture the Czech Cup. Starting on Feb. 24, Prostejov begins the Slovakian-Czech Cup with each round being best of five and the finals held in April.



JOINES TAMAS, BUSSE WITH TOA BAJA: Jen Joines Tamas (Milpitas, Calif.) and Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.), both members of the U.S. Women's National Team, are playing for 2009 Puerto Rico League champion Toa Baja in 2010. Busse scored 11 points with seven kills, three blocks and an ace in helping the Llaneras to a 25-18, 25-23, 25-20 victory over Carolina on Feb. 17. Jennifer Tamas added nine points in the victory. Four days later, Toa Baja held off Mayaguez 25-16, 18-25, 25-18, 18-25, 19-17. Tamas tallied 10 points with six kills, two blocks and two aces. Busse pocketed six kills in the victory, while 2004 AVCA Division I Co-Player of the Year Stacey Gordon of Canada tallied 19 points in the win. Toa Baja is currently in second place with a 3-1 record with its only loss to Catano, the only undefeated team in the league.

THOMPSON, SALVO WITH CATANO: Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.), a setter with the U.S. Women's National Team, and Aerial Salvo (Farmington, Utah) are playing for Catano de Lancheras of the Puerto Rico Superliga. Thompson tallied nine assists, 12 digs and two points in leading the Lancheras to a 25-14, 25-22, 25-12 victory over Ponce on Feb. 17. Salvo scored a match-high 19 points for Catano against Ponce. Thompson set Catano to its fourth straight victory to open the season with a 25-19, 25-15, 38-36 victory over Juncos on Feb. 21. Thompson had two aces and a block in the victory. Salvo was credited with 16 points and 16 digs in the victory. Catano extended its win streak to five matches with a hard-fought 26-24, 25-23, 26-24 victory over Corozal on Feb. 22. Thompson had 10 assists, 10 digs and two aces in the victory. Salvo added eight kills, 19 digs and 12 receptions.



TRIVIA ANSWERS (questions on page 1)

1. Cynthia Barboza; 2. Alisha Glass; 3. Kim Glass

Quick Team Information

Current World Ranking: 4th
Head Coach: Hugh McCutcheon
2009 Record: 18-14
2008 Record: 22-11
Assistant Coach: Karch Kiraly
Asst Coach/Technical Coordinator:
Jamie Morrison

U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Weekly Update

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USA National Team Center & City of Anaheim

USA Volleyball and the City of Anaheim are pleased to announce the agreement to bring the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team to Anaheim from Colorado Springs was finalized in April 2009. 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 team trains at the USA National Team Center within the American Sports Centers in Anaheim. 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 and Women's National Teams in Anaheim: American Sports Centers; Anaheim White House; JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery; PepZ Pizza & Eatery; OC Sports Grill; Ruth's Chris Steak House; CIM/Anaheim; Anaheim Marriott Suites; Anaheim Marriott Hotel; B.W. Stovals Hotels; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Disneyland Resort Hotels; Doubletree Guest Suites; Embassy Suites Anaheim South; Hilton Anaheim Hotel; Red Lion Hotel Anaheim; Sheraton Anaheim; and numerous Anaheim/OC Visitor and Convention Bureau member hotels.



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SPICER WITH PONCE: Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.), a setter with the U.S. Women's National Team, is competing for Ponce of the Puerto Rico Superliga in 2010. Spicer totaled 15 assists and 12 digs on Feb. 17 against Catano, but it was not enough in a three-set loss. She helped Leonas to a 25-22, 25-23, 22-25, 25-23 victory over Guaynabo on Feb. 21. Spicer scored three kills and three aces in the victory while adding 18 digs and 10 assists. She set Sonja Newcombe to a massive 38-point performance in the win.



KIMMICH WITH GUAYNABO: Katie Wilkins Kimmich (Lakeside, Calif.), an outside hitter with the U.S. Women's National Team, is competing for the Mets of Guaynabo in the Puerto Rico Superliga. She scored a team-high 15 points with 14 kills and 17 digs in Guaynabo's four-set loss to Juncos on Feb. 17. Kimmich scored 20 points with 18 kills and two blocks on Feb. 21, but it was not enough as Ponce earned a 25-22, 25-23, 22-25, 25-23 victory. One day later, she put up impressive numbers again versus Mayaguez in an 25-18, 25-21, 19-25, 19-25, 15-10 loss. Kimmich tallied 21 points with 19 kills and 13 receptions in the contest.

OTHER AMERICAN HIGHLIGHTS IN PUERTO RICO: Caguas' Shonda Cole scored 27 points in a five-set loss to Mayaguez on Feb. 16...Erin Moore tallied 16 points and Christal Morrison added 12 in Bayamon's sweep of Corozal on Feb. 16. Corozal was led by Kaitlin Sather's 14 points...Erica Lott charted 29 points and 16 digs for Juncos in its four-set win over Guaynabo on Feb. 17. Kelly Wing added 16 points and 12 digs in the victory. Aneli Cubi-Otineru recorded 10 points for Guaynabo...Jessica Jones produced 10 points in Carolina's three-set loss to defending champion Toa Baja on Feb. 17, while former U.S. Women's National Team member Katie Olsovsky charted seven points for Carolina...Sarah Ammerman scored six points for Ponce in a three-set loss to Catano on Feb. 17. Shonda Cole hammered out 23 points with 19 kills, three blocks and an ace to lead Caguas to a four-set victory over Bayamon on Feb. 21. Christal Morrison and Erin Moore each scored 11 points in the loss...Katie Olsovsky tallied 14 points and Jessica Jones added 13 in leading Carolina to a four-set victory over Corozal on Feb. 21. Kristee Porter notched a match-high 19 points in the loss, while Kaitlin Sather added 17 points...Kelly Wing collected 15 points and Erica Lott added nine points in a three-set Juncos loss to undefeated Catano on Feb. 21...Sonja Newcombe provided Ponce 38 points by herself in leading the Leonas to a four-set victory over Guaynabo on Feb. 21. Sarah Ammerman added 12 points in the victory...Katie Olsovsky, a past U.S. National Team member, and Jessica Jones provided a balanced offensive Carolina team with 14 points apiece as the Las Gigantes edged Caguas in five sets on Feb. 22. On the other side of the net, Shonda Cole tallied 18 kills and five blocks for 23 points to go with 12 digs in the loss...Kristee Porter scored a match-high 18 points for Corozal on Feb. 22, but league-leader Catano edged the visitors in three straight deuce sets (26-24, 25-23, 26-24). Kaitlin Sather added 14 points in the loss...Aneli Cubi-Otineru provided 14 points in Guaynabo's five-set loss to Mayaguez on Feb. 22.

2009 USA Women's National Team Results (18-14)

Date	Opponent (Record)	Result	City	Pts Leader	Attend
USOC Goodwill Tour in Egypt					
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
Eighth Women's Pan American Cup					
6/26	Costa Rica (3-0)	W, 25-7, 25-6, 25-16	Miami, Fla	Larson - 14	825
6/27	Guatemala (4-0)	W, 25-7, 25-12, 25-7	Miami, Fla.	Barboza, Collymore - 9	700
6/28	Mexico (5-0)	W, 25-19, 25-14, 25-11	Miami, Fla.	Metcalf - 20	1,734
6/29	Peru (6-0)	W, 25-22, 25-21, 26-24	Miami, Fla.	Larson - 14	1,389
6/30	Puerto Rico (7-0)	W, 25-15, 25-20, 24-26, 25-23	Miami, Fla.	Richards, Larson - 18	2,950
7/3	Brazil (semifinals) (7-1)	L, 25-22, 22-25, 19-25, 14-25	Miami, Fla.	Metcalf - 19	2,500
7/4	Puerto Rico (bronze) (7-2)	L, 22-25, 25-20, 21-25, 20-25	Miami, Fla.	Scott-Arruda - 14	3,000
Final Ranking: 1. Brazil; 2. Dominican Republic; 3. Puerto Rico; 4. USA ; 5. Peru; 6. Argentina; 7. Canada; 8. Costa Rica; 9. Mexico; 10. Trinidad & Tobago; 11. Guatemala					
FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – Third Round NORCECA Pool G					
7/6	Netherlands Antilles (8-2)	W, 25-10, 25-9, 25-5	Orlando, Fla.	Haneef-Park, Barboza - 11	1,500
7/7	Barbados (9-2)	W, 25-6, 25-11, 25-12	Orlando, Fla.	Pressey, Richards - 11	1,200
7/8	Costa Rica (10-2)	W, 25-15, 25-9, 25-15	Orlando, Fla.	Barboza, Collymore - 18	2,500
Final Ranking: 1. USA ; 2. Costa Rica; 3. Netherlands Antilles; 4. Barbados					
FIVB World Grand Prix Preliminary Rounds					
7/31	Germany (10-3)	L, 15-25, 15-25, 16-25	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Fawcett - 11	2,632
8/1	Puerto Rico (11-3)	W, 21-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-14, 15-13	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Fawcett - 27	2,853
8/2	Brazil (11-4)	L, 18-25, 22-25, 13-25	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Fawcett - 11	11,922
8/7	Dominican Republic (12-4)	W, 25-18, 25-19, 23-25, 21-25, 23-21	Miao Li, Chinese Taipei	Metcalf - 20	1,700
8/8	Netherlands (12-5)	L, 25-12, 22-25, 16-25, 25-21, 13-15	Miao Li, Chinese Taipei	Fawcett, Metcalf - 14	3,000
8/9	Germany (12-6)	L, 22-25, 18-25, 25-27	Miao Li, Chinese Taipei	Akinradewo - 13	2,000
8/14	Russia (12-7)	L, 21-25, 24-26, 25-19, 17-25	Bangkok, Thailand	Metcalf - 19	3,500
8/15	Puerto Rico (13-7)	W, 25-16, 25-18, 25-22	Bangkok, Thailand	Metcalf - 12	4,000
8/16	Thailand (13-8)	L, 25-19, 20-25, 21-25, 25-23, 11-15	Bangkok, Thailand	Akinradewo - 22	4,500
Final Preliminary Ranking: 1. Brazil (9-0); 2. Netherlands (8-1); 3. China (7-2); 4. Russia (6-3); 5. Japan (5-4); 6. Germany (5-4); 7. Poland (4-5); 8. Thailand (4-5); 9. USA (3-6) ; 10. Puerto Rico (1-8); 11. Dominican Republic (1-8); 12. Korea (1-8).					
Women's Final Four Intercontinental Cup					
9/9	Brazil (13-9)	L, 12-25, 25-18, 22-25, 25-19, 13-15	Lima, Peru	Pressey - 19	2,500
9/10	Peru (14-9)	W, 25-10, 20-25, 25-14, 25-20	Lima, Peru	Pressey - 23	1,800
9/11	Dominican Republic (14-10)	L, 20-25, 19-25, 23-25	Lima, Peru	Barboza - 15	1,500
9/12	Dominican Republic (15-10)	W, 25-20, 23-25, 25-22, 26-24	Lima, Peru	Bown - 14	2,450
9/13	Brazil (15-11)	L, 17-25, 16-25, 27-25, 25-19	Lima, Peru	Bown - 19	5,000
Final Ranking: 1. Brazil; 2. USA ; 3. Dominican Republic; 4. Peru					
NORCECA Continental Championship					
9/22	Mexico (15-12)	W, 25-18, 25-10, 25-13	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Metcalf - 11	206
9/23	Cuba (16-12)	L, 25-19, 25-16, 16-25, 26-28, 10-15	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Metcalf - 16	2,000
9/24	Costa Rica (16-12)	W, 25-7, 25-10, 25-13	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Barboza - 12	1,100
9/25	Canada (17-13)	W, 17-25, 25-10, 25-23, 25-21	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Fawcett, Larson - 15	550
9/26	Dominican Republic (18-13)	L, 25-21, 24-26, 25-10, 20-25, 19-21	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Metcalf - 25	2,500
9/27	Cuba (18-14)	L, 25-17, 25-16, 26-28, 16-25, 11-15	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Metcalf - 17	3,000
Final Ranking: 1. Dominican Republic, 2. Puerto Rico; 3. Cuba; 4. USA ; 5. Canada; 6. Mexico; 7. Costa Rica; 8. Trinidad & Tobago					

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	Points Set
Foluke Akinradewo	36	66	1.83	48.5	11	136	.404	2	0.06	31	0.86	99	2.75
Cynthia Barboza	94	197	2.10	37.9	51	520	.281	21	0.22	16	0.17	234	2.49
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
Lindsey Berg	39	5	0.13	27.8	1	18	.222	8	0.21	9	0.23	22	0.56
Heather Bown	51	69	1.35	48.9	9	141	.426	12	0.24	31	0.61	112	2.20
Jane Collymore	12	33	2.75	55.0	6	60	.450	6	0.50	4	0.33	43	3.58
Therese Crawford	7	19	2.71	40.4	4	47	.319	0	0.00	1	0.14	20	2.86
Alexis Crimes	33	33	1.00	36.3	12	91	.231	9	0.27	20	0.61	62	1.88
Nicole Davis	86	1	0.01	1.00	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
Nicole Fawcett	74	136	1.84	37.5	48	363	.242	5	0.07	16	0.22	157	2.12
Tayyiba Haneef-Park	26	28	1.08	52.8	5	53	.434	4	0.15	7	0.27	39	1.50
Christa Harmotto	69	101	1.46	52.3	26	193	.389	8	0.12	47	0.68	156	2.26
Heather Hughes	0	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Jordan Larson	79	181	2.29	30.6	81	591	.169	15	0.19	20	0.25	216	2.73
Angie McGinnis	17	2	0.12	28.6	2	7	.000	2	0.12	2	0.12	6	0.35
Nancy Metcalf	79	268	3.39	39.3	92	682	.258	7	0.09	26	0.33	301	3.81
Brittany Moore	6	23	3.83	48.9	2	47	.447	2	0.33	2	0.33	27	4.50
Lauren Paolini	9	19	2.11	61.3	3	31	.516	4	0.44	1	0.11	24	2.67
Angie Pressey	34	79	2.32	38.2	31	207	.232	3	0.09	20	0.59	102	3.00
Kristin Richards	48	122	2.54	36.2	60	337	.184	5	0.10	14	0.29	141	2.94
Julie Rubenstein	7	17	2.43	35.4	7	48	.208	6	0.86	1	0.14	24	3.43
Danielle Scott-Arruda	48	62	1.29	44.9	18	138	.319	10	0.21	35	0.73	107	2.23
Nellie Spicer	39	17	0.44	53.1	4	32	.406	5	0.13	3	0.08	25	0.64
Tracy Stalls	3	4	1.33	80.0	0	5	.800	0	0.00	1	0.33	5	1.67
Stacy Sykora	88	2	0.02	100.0	0	2	1.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
Elisha Thomas	8	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	NA	0	0.00	3	0.38	3	0.38
Courtney Thompson	82	3	0.04	8.3	3	36	.000	23	0.28	5	0.06	31	0.38
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
TEAM	121	1,501	12.40	38.9	491	3,858	.262	163	1.35	317	2.62	1,981	16.37
Opponent	121	1,361	11.25	34.5	605	3,946	.192	105	0.87	257	2.12	1,723	14.24

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). Team 114 (16.29 digs/set).

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). Team 213 (8.88 digs/set).

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). Team 117 (13.00 digs/set).

Digs at FIVB World Grand Prix: Stacy Sykora 53 (2.12 digs/set); Nicole Davis 63 (1.54); Courtney Thompson 43 (1.26); Kristin Richards 24 (1.00); Cynthia Barboza 19 (0.86); Nicole Fawcett 27 (0.82); Nancy Metcalf 13 (0.65); Jordan Larson 22 (0.63); Angie McGinnis 10 (0.59); Christa Harmotto 2 (0.33); Tracy Stalls 1 (0.33); Foluke Akinradewo 9 (0.25); Alexis Crimes 6 (0.19); Angie Pressey 0 (0.00); Heather Hughes 0 (0.00); Lauren Paolini 0 (0.00). Team 292 (8.11 digs/set).

Digs at Final Four Intercontinental Cup: Nicole Davis 45 (3.21 digs/set); Lindsey Berg 47 (2.94); Nancy Metcalf 45 (2.81); Cynthia Barboza 47 (2.35); Stacy Sykora 45 (2.25); Angie Pressey 44 (2.20); Nicole Fawcett 19 (1.19); Nellie Spicer 12 (1.00); Heather Bown 10 (0.56); Christa Harmotto 8 (0.40); Alexis Crimes 0 (0.00); Jane Collymore 0 (0.00). Team 221 (11.05). Opponent 225 (11.25).

Digs at NORCECA Continental Championship: Stacy Sykora 59 (2.46 digs/set); Jordan Larson 45 (1.96); Nicole Davis 5 (1.67); Cynthia Barboza 34 (1.36); Kristin Richards 1 (1.00); Lindsey Berg 22 (0.96); Nancy Metcalf 21 (0.91); Nicole Fawcett 14 (0.56); Danielle Scott-Arruda 10 (0.53); Courtney Thompson 12 (0.48); Christa Harmotto 4 (0.44); Heather Bown 7 (0.29); Angie Pressey 1 (0.20); Elisha Thomas 0 (0.00). Team 229 (9.16). Opponent 210 (8.40).

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 Beuprey
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 Beuprey 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
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International Volleyball Fact Sheet

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

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

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

Major Competitions: The four major events on the international volleyball calendar are the Olympic Games (men and women, indoor and beach), World Championships (men and women, indoor and beach), World Cup (men and women, indoor), World League (men, indoor) and World Grand Prix (women, indoor). All events are conducted quadrennially, with the exceptions of the annual World League/Grand Prix and the biennial Beach World Championships.

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

- Senior World Championships included for four years - 25 percent reduction each year. Points are also granted for the qualification matches, to the best non-qualified teams.
- Olympic Games included for four years - 25 percent reduction each year. Points are also granted for the qualification matches, to the best non-qualified teams.

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

Top 40 teams in the FIVB World Ranking (as of Jan. 15, 2010):

Women (Points)

1. Brazil (177.5)
2. China (131.5)
3. Russia (113.8)
4. USA (102.5)
5. Japan (94.8)
6. Cuba (87.0)
7. Italy (81.3)
8. Netherlands (73.8)
9. Germany (68.5)
10. Serbia (58.8)
11. Poland (54.3)
12. Thailand (42.5)
13. Dominican Republic (40.5)
14. Puerto Rico (38.5)
15. Algeria (35.8)
16. Kazakhstan (30.5)
17. Peru (29.5)
18. Cameroon (28.0)
- 19T. Argentina (27.8)
- 19T. Tunisia (27.8)
21. Korea (27.3)
22. Turkey (23.8)
23. Senegal (18.8)
24. Canada (18.5)
25. Colombia (18.0)
26. Chinese Taipei (17.5)
27. Uruguay (17.0)
- 28T. Mexico (15.3)
- 28T. Botswana (15.3)
30. Venezuela (13.8)
31. Costa Rica (10.3)
32. Morocco (10.0)
33. Azerbaijan (9.8)
34. Bulgaria (8.0)
35. Kenya (6.8)
- 36T. Trinidad & Tobago (5.8)
- 36T. Paraguay (5.8)
- 38T. Belgium (5.5)
- 38T. Czech Republic (5.5)
- 40T. Australia (5.0)
- 40T. Spain (5.0)
- 40T. Chile (5.0)
- 40T. Vietnam (5.0)
- 40T. Iran (5.0)

Men (Points)

1. Brazil (152.5)
2. USA (120.0)
3. Russia (112.5)
4. Serbia (91.25)
5. Poland (89.25)
6. Bulgaria (78.75)
7. Italy (76.0)
8. China (59.0)
9. Cuba (56.25)
10. Argentina (49.0)
11. Japan (47.0)
12. France (45.0)
13. Venezuela (40.5)
14. Egypt (38.25)
15. Puerto Rico (31.75)
16. Korea (31.5)
- 17T. Germany (31.25)
- 17T. Iran (31.25)
19. Algeria (30.5)
20. Canada (27.0)
21. Cameroon (26.0)
- 22T. Tunisia (20.75)
- 22T. Morocco (20.75)
24. Colombia (19.75)
25. Kazakhstan (18.5)
26. Mexico (17.5)
27. Chile (14.75)
- 28T. Netherlands (13.0)
- 28T. Indonesia (13.0)
30. Finland (12.5)
31. Peru (11.5)
32. Australia (11.0)
33. Dominican Republic (11.75)
34. Greece (10.25)
35. Libya (10.0)
36. Czech Republic (8.75)
- 37T. Spain (8.25)
- 37T. South Africa (8.25)
39. Chinese Taipei (8.0)
40. Panama (7.75)

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, bronze)
1971: Mexico (USA, DNP)
1973: Cuba (USA, third)
1975: Cuba (USA, second)
1977: Cuba (USA, third)
1979: Cuba (USA, second)
1981: USA
1983: USA
1985: Cuba (USA, second)
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)
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1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: Cuba (USA, second)
2001: USA
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: Cuba (USA, second)
2009: Dominican Republic (USA, fourth)

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
2009: Brazil (USA, sixth)

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)
2009: Brazil (USA, ninth)