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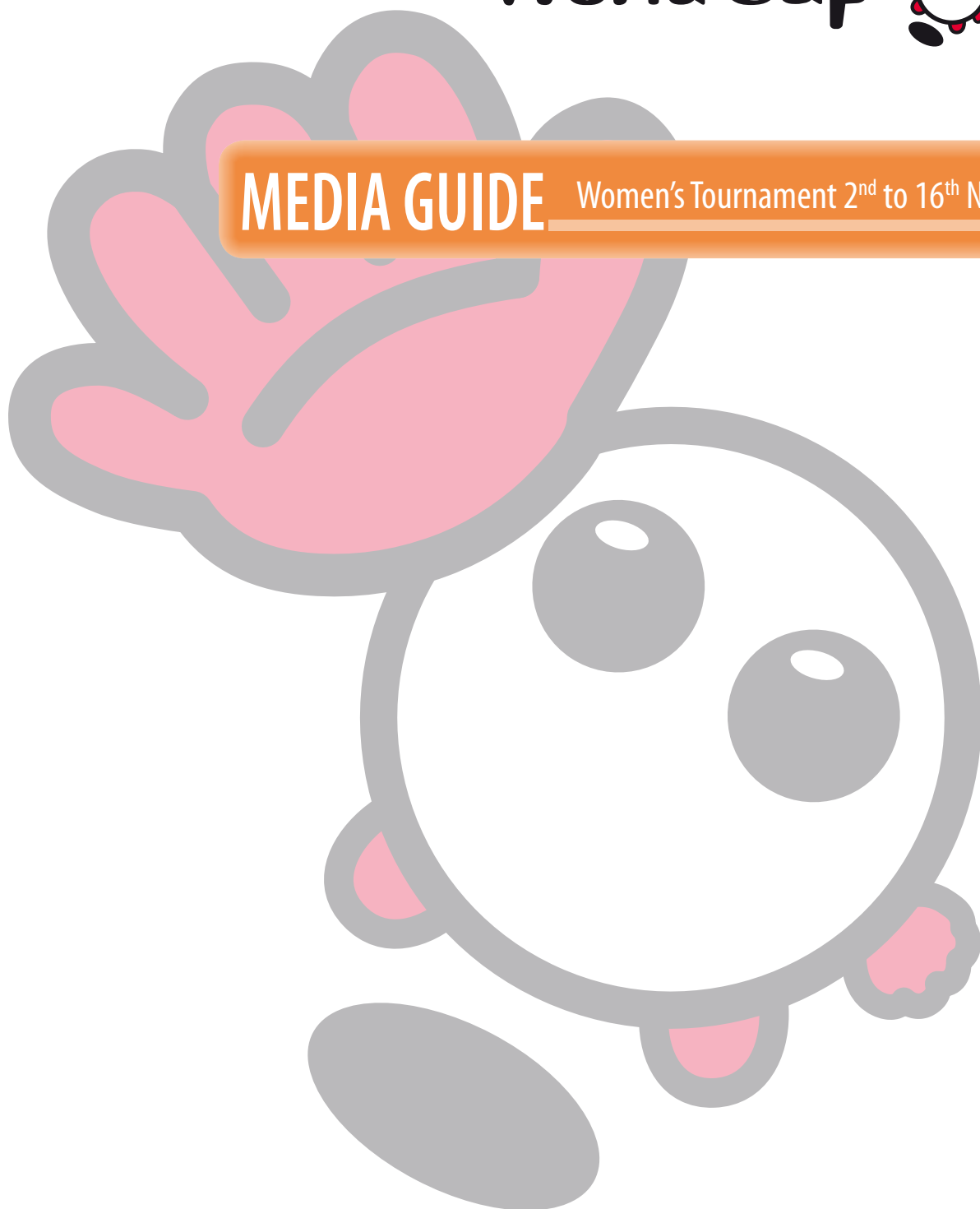


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FIVB World Cup 2007: the challenge for Beijing 2008 begins

One year after the huge success of the FIVB World Championships played in Japan, the Volleyball family was looking forward to coming back here for the FIVB World Cup 2007.

Months before the event I had the feeling that something really exciting was going to happen: the FIVB wants a World Cup even more successful than the 2003 edition, which is still a record breaker event.

Japan Volleyball Association and Fuji Television Network Inc. are leading the FIVB team to have the best World Cup ever. All the Japanese fans are ready to give their full support to the best players of the planet, gathered in Japan to go for the gold medals and to get a chance to compete at the Olympic Games next year. Six teams will celebrate on the podiums and they will conquer the first places for Beijing.

I never forget the last player, who always sits off the court but is one of the most important: it's the world of Media. I would like to thank personally all the journalists, from press, radio and TV stations, who will give their support to our event. Two different websites, with the FIVB and the organizers' special pages, will offer a huge feed of



information and materials to every journalist all over the world, with live scoring, statistics, news and free pictures shot by the best Volleyball photographers.

This Media Guide, produced by the FIVB in two versions for the Women and Men's tournaments, is another big support that I'm sure will help all the media to give the best coverage to the World Cup.

My special wishes to all the accredited press which will work directly here in Japan: they are going to travel as the teams, from city to city, to live the World Cup as a great sport adventure. I'm sure that they will enjoy every day spent with the Volleyball family, thanks to the hospitality of the Japanese people.

13 cities, 15 different venues, 24 teams, 6 entries for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. These numbers are the starting figures of the 2007 World Cup. Now we need soul, touching sport stories, exciting reports.

Dr. Rubén Acosta H.
FIVB President





General Organisation

National Organisation Committee

NOC Function	Family Name	First Name
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	Takeda	Yoshio
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	Uesawa	Koji
	Utsumi	Takashi
	Takeuchi	Tsuguya
	Aizawa	Takashi
	Yamamoto	Souichi
	Nukazawa	Syuichi
	Murayama	Minoru
	Aizaki	Yoshimatsu
	Sone	Masahiro
	Ueda	Munehiko
	Takaba	Kunihiro
	Mitsuno	Minoru
	Asano	Sekiya
	Kataoka	Masashi
	Arisawa	Kan
	Miyauchi	Masaki
	Nagano	Masao
	Hirai	Nobuyuki
	Itoyama	Kenichirou
	Terasaki	Kazuo
	Hirayama	Kouzou
	Kaneko	Genkichi
	Motomatsu	Masaru
	Yuuki	Nobutaka
	Watanabe	Michinori
	Yamamoto	Tsuyoshi
	Kinjou	Junichirou
Controller	Okazaki	Shouzou

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NOP Function	Family Name	First Name
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	Murai	Tsunao
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	Takahashi	Yoshio
	Nishikawa	Tomoyuki
	Tsuchiya	Shinji
	Kameyama	Hiromi
	Yamamoto	Akio
	Fukumoto	Kazuhiro
	Shimomura	Eiji
	Goto	Shonosuke
	Hirata	Itsuo
Members	Kikuchi	Akihiro
	Goto	Seiichi
	Kobayashi	Shinichi
	Takagawa	Hideaki
	Ohashi	Makoto
	Kimura	Takashi
	Yamamura	Shinya
	Hanafusa	Takamitsu
	Takakubo	Kenji
	Sase	Yoichi
	Motomatsu	Masaru
	Kawai	Jitsunosuke
	Mori	Youichi
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	Omori	Shizuo
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	Maeda	Kazuya
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	Uemura	Yoshikatsu
	Murakoso	Kiyoshi
	Muta	Natsuhiko

Qualification Tournaments

Teams	Set	Result per set (points)					Ranking	Code	Country	Pts	Matches		Sets			Points		
		1	2	3	4	5					Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio
Africa																		
POOL A - Nairobi, Kenya / 5-9 September 2007																		
CMR-ALG	1-3	20-25	20-25	25-23	11-25		1	KEN	Kenya	8	4		12		MAX	300	177	1.695
KEN-BOT	3-0	25-10	25-14	25-16			2	ALG	Algeria	7	3	1	9	4	2.250	305	265	1.151
BOT-CMR	1-3	25-21	6-25	17-25	22-25		3	CMR	Cameroon	6	2	2	7	7	1.000	288	289	0.997
UGA-KEN	0-3	20-25	12-25	7-25			4	BOT	Botswana	5	1	3	4	9	0.444	243	313	0.776
ALG-BOT	3-0	25-17	25-21	25-18			5	UGA	Uganda	4		4		12		210	302	0.695
CMR-UGA	3-0	25-16	25-14	25-16														
UGA-ALG	0-3	22-25	21-25	15-25														
KEN-CMR	3-0	25-12	25-12	25-17														
BOT-UGA	3-0	27-25	25-23	25-19														
ALG-KEN	0-3	22-25	20-25	15-25														
POOL B - Nairobi, Kenya / 5-9 September 2007																		
SEN-RWA	3-0	25-11	28-26	25-22			1	TUN	Tunisia	8	4		12	2	6.000	348	256	1.359
TUN-STA	3-0	25-12	25-13	25-9			2	EGY	Egypt	7	3	1	10	4	2.500	353	272	1.298
RWA-STA	0-3	19-25	17-25	14-25			3	SEN	Senegal	6	2	2	8	6	1.333	340	322	1.056
EGY-SEN	3-1	25-22	30-28	27-29	25-21		4	STA	South Africa	5	1	3	3	9	0.333	206	275	0.749
STA-EGY	0-3	15-25	17-25	9-25			5	RWA	Rwanda	4		4		12		181	303	0.597
TUN-RWA	3-0	25-17	25-10	25-12														
SEN-STA	3-0	25-21	25-17	25-18														
EGY-TUN	1-3	24-26	25-19	26-28	21-25													
TUN-SEN	3-1	24-26	26-24	25-15	25-22													
RWA-EGY	0-3	7-25	18-25	8-25														
SEMI-FINALS - Nairobi, Kenya / 10 September 2007																		
KEN-EGY	3-0	25-22	25-9	25-21														
TUN-ALG	1-3	25-21	21-25	23-25	18-25													
FINALS - Nairobi, Kenya / 11 September 2007																		
TUN-EGY	3-1	18-25	25-23	25-21	25-23		1	KEN	Kenya									
KEN-ALG	3-0	25-23	25-22	25-23			2	ALG	Algeria									
							3	TUN	Tunisia									
							4	EGY	Egypt									
							5	SEN	Senegal									
							6	CMR	Cameroon									
							7	BOT	Botswana									
							8	STA	South Africa									
							9	UGA	Uganda									
							10	RWA	Rwanda									
Asia																		
Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand / 5-13 September 2007																		
THA-AUS	3-0	25-13	25-11	25-12			1	JPN	Japan	14	7		21	2	MAX	576	419	1.374
CHN-VIE	3-0	25-14	25-11	25-15			2	CHN	China	13	6	1	18	4	4.500	541	387	1.397
JPN-KOR	3-0	25-18	25-15	25-19			3	THA	Thailand	12	5	2	16	10	1.600	596	539	1.105
TPE-KAZ	0-3	22-25	16-25	16-25			4	KOR	Korea	11	4	3	15	11	1.364	591	589	1.003
CHN-KOR	3-1	19-25	25-15	25-16	25-14		5	KAZ	Kazakhstan	10	3	4	13	12	1.083	554	524	0.934
THA-TPE	3-0	25-12	25-19	25-23			6	TPE	Chinese Taipei	9	2	5	6	15	0.400	405	485	0.835
JPN-VIE	3-0	25-20	25-16	25-19			7	VIE	Vietnam	8	1	6	6	19	0.316	494	569	0.868
KAZ-AUS	3-0	25-16	25-11	25-13			8	AUS	Australia	7		7	1	21	0.048	303	548	0.552
VIE-KOR	2-3	17-25	25-18	25-18	25-27	12-15												
CHN-JPN	0-3	23-25	27-29	19-25														
THA-KAZ	3-1	18-25	25-20	25-17	25-19													
AUS-TPE	0-3	11-25	19-25	22-25														
JPN-AUS	3-0	25-10	25-13	25-12														
KAZ-KOR	2-3	24-26	31-29	23-25	25-19	11-15												
THA-VIE	3-1	26-24	25-21	22-25	25-20													
CHN-TPE	3-0	25-11	25-17	25-13														
JPN-TPE	3-0	25-12	25-16	25-20														
THA-KOR	3-2	22-25	20-25	25-20	25-17	15-13												
CHN-AUS	3-0	25-5	25-15	25-15														
KAZ-VIE	3-0	25-17	25-17	25-17														
TPE-KOR	0-3	17-25	16-25	25-27														
THA-JPN	1-3	25-27	18-25	25-23	17-25													
KAZ-CHN	3-0	21-25	22-25	16-25														
AUS-VIE	1-3	11-25	25-23	21-25	11-25													
TPE-VIE	3-0	25-15	25-20	25-21														
JPN-KAZ	3-1	22-25	25-16	25-18	25-16													
THA-CHN	0-3	18-25	26-28	19-25														
KOR-AUS	3-0	25-17	25-13	25-7														

 =Team qualified




Teams	Set	Result per set (points)					Ranking	Code	Country	Pts	Matches		Sets			Points		
		1	2	3	4	5					Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio
Europe																		
POOL A - Charleroi, Belgium / 20-23 September 2007																		
AZE-BLR	3-0	25-15	25-23	25-13			1	ITA	Italy	6	3		9	1	9.000	249	193	1.290
GER-ITA	0-3	22-25	12-25	27-29			2	GER	Germany	5	2	1	6	4	1.500	236	202	1.168
GER-AZE	3-0	25-13	25-22	25-16			3	AZE	Azerbaijan	4	1	2	3	6	0.500	179	201	0.891
BLR-GER	1-3	10-25	18-25	27-25	17-25		4	BLR	Belarus	3		3	2	9	0.222	202	270	0.748
ITA-AZE	3-0	25-23	25-14	25-16														
BLR-ITA	1-3	16-25	22-25	25-20	16-25													
POOL B - Hasselt, Belgium / 20-23 September 2007																		
ESP-BUL	2-3	28-26	25-15	31-33	14-25	13-15	1	POL	Poland	6	3		9	3	3.000	286	259	1.104
BUL-CZE	2-3	10-25	25-22	22-25	25-23	18-20	2	CZE	Czech Republic	5	2	1	7	5	1.400	279	258	1.081
POL-ESP	3-0	25-21	25-22	25-20			3	BUL	Bulgaria	4	1	2	7	8	0.875	321	342	0.939
CZE-POL	1-3	17-25	25-27	25-18	22-25		4	ESP	Spain	3		3	2	9	0.222	237	264	0.898
CZE-ESP	3-0	25-19	25-23	25-21														
BUL-POL	2-3	25-20	25-27	31-29	13-25	13-15												
POOL C - Charleroi, Belgium / 20-23 September 2007																		
RUS-CRO	3-0	25-23	25-23	25-14			1	RUS	Russia	6	3		9		MAX	228	185	1.232
CRO-FRA	1-3	21-25	26-28	25-22	18-25		2	FRA	France	5	2	1	6	4	1.500	231	223	1.036
TUR-RUS	0-3	21-25	26-28	22-25			3	TUR	Turkey	4	1	2	3	8	0.375	236	251	0.940
FRA-TUR	3-0	25-19	25-16	25-23			4	CRO	Croatia	3		3	3	9	0.333	248	284	0.873
FRA-RUS	0-3	19-25	17-25	20-25														
CRO-TUR	2-3	25-22	25-22	22-25	20-25	6-15												
POOL D - Hasselt, Belgium / 20-23 September 2007																		
SVK-SRB	3-2	14-25	25-21	25-20	21-25	15-11	1	NED	Netherlands	5	2	1	8	4	2.000	270	235	1.149
NED-BEL	3-1	25-19	18-25	25-23	25-12		2	SRB	Serbia	5	2	1	8	7	1.143	328	298	1.101
NED-SVK	3-0	25-16	25-12	25-16			3	BEL	Belgium	4	1	2	6	6	1.000	251	259	0.969
SRB-NED	3-2	25-18	17-25	25-14	30-32	15-13	4	SVK	Slovakia	4	1	2	3	8	0.375	196	253	0.775
BEL-SVK	3-0	25-14	25-14	26-24														
SRB-BEL	3-2	22-25	25-20	27-29	25-17	15-5												
POOL E - Charleroi, Belgium / 20-27 September 2007																		
GER-ITA	0-3	22-25	12-25	27-29			1	ITA	Italy	10	5		15	1	15.000	403	301	1.339
GER-AZE	3-0	25-13	25-22	25-16			2	RUS	Russia	9	4	1	12	3	4.000	359	312	1.151
ITA-AZE	3-0	25-23	25-14	25-16			3	GER	Germany	8	3	2	9	6	1.500	351	327	1.073
TUR-RUS	0-3	21-25	26-28	22-25			4	FRA	France	7	2	3	7	10	0.700	351	384	0.914
FRA-TUR	3-0	25-19	25-16	25-23			5	TUR	Turkey	6	1	4	3	12	0.250	333	369	0.902
FRA-RUS	0-3	19-25	17-25	20-25			6	AZE	Azerbaijan	5		5	1	15	0.067	294	398	0.739
ITA-FRA	3-1	24-26	25-17	25-10	25-19													
GER-TUR	3-0	25-21	25-21	32-30														
AZE-RUS	0-3	23-25	14-25	17-25														
ITA-TUR	3-0	25-23	25-14	25-22														
GER-RUS	0-3	12-25	23-25	23-25														
AZE-FRA	1-3	14-25	25-23	17-25	21-25													
ITA-RUS	3-0	25-15	25-22	25-19														
GER-FRA	3-0	25-22	25-13	25-15														
AZE-TUR	0-3	18-25	19-25	22-25														
POOL F - Hasselt, Belgium / 21-27 September 2007																		
BUL-CZE	2-3	10-25	25-22	22-25	25-23	18-20	1	POL	Poland	10	5		15	4	3.750	458	391	1.171
CZE-POL	1-3	17-25	25-27	25-18	22-25		2	SRB	Serbia	9	4	1	12	8	1.500	453	417	1.086
BUL-POL	2-3	25-20	25-27	31-29	13-25	13-15	3	NED	Netherlands	8	3	2	12	7	1.714	431	407	1.059
NED-BEL	3-1	25-19	18-25	25-23	25-12		4	BEL	Belgium	7	2	3	9	11	0.818	430	450	0.956
SRB-NED	3-2	25-18	17-25	25-14	30-32	15-13	5	CZE	Czech Republic	6	1	4	5	14	0.357	396	438	0.904
SRB-BEL	3-2	22-25	25-20	27-29	25-17	15-5	6	BUL	Bulgaria	5		5	6	15	0.400	446	511	0.873
BUL-NED	0-3	20-25	23-25	19-25														
POL-SRB	3-0	25-18	25-20	25-14														
CZE-BEL	1-3	16-25	25-18	17-25	21-25													
BUL-SRB	1-3	25-20	16-25	19-25	28-30													
CZE-NED	0-3	18-25	17-25	22-25														
POL-BEL	3-0	25-18	25-20	25-19														
CZE-SRB	0-3	18-25	21-25	17-25														
POL-NED	3-1	25-22	25-18	22-25	25-21													
BUL-BEL	1-3	16-25	19-25	32-30	22-25													
SEMI-FINALS - Luxembourg / 29 September 2007																		
ITA-RUS	3-0	25-21	25-22	25-13														
SRB-POL	3-0	27-25	25-21	25-21														
CLASSIFICATION 3/4 - Luxembourg / 30 September 2007																		
RUS-POL	3-1	21-25	25-22	25-14	25-20													
FINAL - Luxembourg / 30 September 2007																		
ITA-SRB	3-0	26-24	25-18	25-21			1	ITA	Italy									
							2	SRB	Serbia									
							3	RUS	Russia									
							4-16	POL, NED, GER, BEL, FRA, CZE, TUR, BUL, AZE, SVK, CRO, ESP, BLR										

 =Team qualified

Qualification Tournaments

Teams	Set	Result per set (points)					Ranking	Code	Country	Pts	Matches		Sets		Points	
		1	2	3	4	5					Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won
Norceca																
POOL A - PRELIMINARY ROUND - Winnipeg, Canada / 17-19 September 2007																
CAN-CRC	3-0	25-18	25-16	25-18												
CUB-PUR	3-1	25-22	24-26	25-21	25-12											
CUB-CRC	3-0	25-14	25-8	25-15												
CAN-PUR	3-2	25-20	25-20	24-26	15-4											
PUR-CRC	3-0	25-16	25-13	25-19												
CAN-CUB	0-3	20-25	18-25	10-25												
POOL B - PRELIMINARY ROUND - Winnipeg, Canada / 17-19 September 2007																
USA-TRI	3-0	25-9	25-7	25-6												
DOM-MEX	3-0	25-17	25-19	25-13												
TRI-DOM	0-3	13-25	12-25	13-25												
MEX-USA	0-3	6-25	25-13	25-10												
MEX-TRI	3-0	25-22	25-16	25-15												
USA-DOM	3-0	25-20	25-18	25-22												
QUARTERFINALS - Winnipeg, Canada / 20 September 2007																
PUR-DOM	3-0	25-22	25-22	25-15												
CAN-MEX	3-0	25-17	25-10	25-16												
CLASSIFICATION ROUND 5 THROUGH 8 - Winnipeg, Canada / 21 September 2007																
MEX-CRC	3-1	18-25	25-15	25-17	25-21											
PUR-TRI	3-0	25-11	25-10	25-15												
SEMIFINALS - Winnipeg, Canada / 21 September 2007																
CUB-DOM	3-0	25-15	25-19	25-23												
CAN-USA	0-3	18-25	11-25	23-25												
CLASSIFICATION 7/8 - Winnipeg, Canada / 22 September 2007																
CRC-TRI	3-0	25-19	25-20	25-19												
CLASSIFICATION 5/6 - Winnipeg, Canada / 22 September 2007																
PUR-MEX	3-0	25-16	26-24	25-10												
FINALS - Winnipeg, Canada / 22 September 2007																
CAN-DOM	2-3	17-25	25-22	23-25	25-20	13-15	1	CUB	Cuba							
USA-CUB	2-3	25-22	18-25	25-19	23-25	16-18	2	USA	USA							
							3	DOM	Dominican Republic							
							4	CAN	Canada							
							5	PUR	Puerto Rico							
							6	MEX	Mexico							
							7	CRC	Costa Rica							
							8	TRI	Trinidad & Tobago							
South America																
Santiago de Chile, Chile / 26-30 September 2007																
ARG-VEN	2-3	25-23	22-25	25-12	18-25	11-15										
PER-URU	3-0	25-19	25-19	25-19												
BRA-COL	3-0	25-13	25-6	25-14												
CHI-PAR	3-0	25-12	25-21	25-18												
ARG-COL	3-1	25-11	25-18	22-25	26-24											
PER-PAR	3-0	25-17	25-15	25-7												
BRA-VEN	3-0	25-10	25-17	25-17												
CHI-URU	1-3	22-25	25-17	21-25	11-25											
BRA-ARG	3-0	25-20	25-12	25-14												
URU-PAR	3-0	25-22	25-20	25-14												
VEN-COL	3-0	25-13	25-21	25-22												
CHI-PER	0-3	16-25	19-25	12-25												
ARG-PAR	3-0	25-13	25-16	25-15			1	BRA	Brazil							
PER-VEN	3-0	25-20	25-22	25-19			2	PER	Peru							
CHI-COL	0-3	17-25	28-30	14-25			3	VEN	Venezuela							
BRA-URU	3-0	25-8	25-15	25-12			4	URU	Uruguay							
CHI-PAR	3-1	13-25	26-24	25-23	25-20		5	ARG	Argentina							
URU-VEN	0-3	9-25	19-25	15-25			6	COL	Colombia							
ARG-COL	3-0	25-16	25-11	25-19			7	CHI	Chile							
BRA-PER	3-0	25-20	25-17	25-15			8	PAR	Paraguay							

 =Team qualified



Competition System

Qualification

12 Men's and 12 Women's teams will participate:

- The Organising country: Japan.
- The five 2007 Continental Champions: Asia, Africa, Europe, Norceca and South America.
- The four 2007 best Continental Vice-Champions, according to the FIVB World Ranking (January 1st, 2007).
- Two Wild Cards; the FIVB and the Organising Committee have chosen the remaining two teams under the condition that they took part in the corresponding Continental championship and have enrolled for Olympic Qualification for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The name of the teams chosen to receive a wild card has been released after the last Continental Championship.

Remark: in case Japan is continental champion or vice-champion, the third ranked team from the continental championship will participate. Only teams not yet qualified for the Olympic Games can compete in the World Cup 2007.

Competition System

The competition system of the 2007 World Cups for Men & Women is the single Round-Robin system. Each team plays once against each of the 11 remaining teams. Points are accumulated during the whole tournament, and the final ranking is determined by the total points gained.

Rounds 1 + 2 (30 matches, 5 days): 12 participating teams will be divided in 2 groups (Site A & Site B).

Rounds 3 + 4 (36 matches, 6 days): teams continue to play against the remaining teams of the other groups.

Olympic Games



The top three teams in the 2007 World Cups for Men & Women (not yet qualified) will be qualified to participate in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Order of Matches and Organiser's rights

The order of matches in Sites A and B in the rounds 1 and 2 is assigned in accordance with the Berger Table. The Organiser has the right to choose two matches in each site A and B.

The order of matches in the round 3 and 4 is decided by the Organiser after approval of FIVB.

The daily timetable of matches is fixed by the FIVB considering a proposal by the Organiser.

The Organiser has the right to change the timetable and order of the matches for TV broadcasting needs and with the approval of the FIVB Control Committee. Each team must be informed of the timetable changes at least 24 hours before the competition.

Distribution of Points

Winner = 2 points


Loser = 1 point

Forfeit = 0 point

FIVB World Ranking

Ranking at January 1st, 2007

R.	PR.	Teams	Total	World Ch. 2006 100%		World Grand Prix 2006 100%		Cont.Ch. 2005 50%		OG 2004 50%	
				R.	Pts.	R.	Pts.	R.	Pts.	R.	Pts.
1	(3)	Russia	201.00	1	100	2	45	3	11	2	45
2	(2)	Brazil	190.00	2	90	1	50	1	15	4	35
3	(1)	China	147.00	5	62	5	20	1	15	1	50
4	(4)	Italy	145.50	4	70	3	40	2	13	5	22.5
5	(5)	Cuba	138.00	7	50	4	35	2	13	3	40
6	(7)	Japan	104.50	6	56	6	15	3	11	5	22.5
7	(6)	USA	87.50	9	40	7	10	1	15	5	22.5
8	(30)	Serbia	82.50	3	80			7	2.5		
9	(8)	Korea	61.50	13	27	9	3	4	9	5	22.5
10	(16)	Netherlands	52.50	8	45			5	7	cq4	0.5
11	(9)	Poland	43.00	15	24	12	3	1	15	cq2	1
12	(15)	Turkey	42.50	10	36			6	5	cq1	1.5
13	(18)	Germany	41.00	11	33			11	0.5	9	7.5
14	(19)	Azerbaijan	39.50	13	27	10	3	4	9	cq4	0.5
14	(10)	Dom. Rep.	39.50	17	21	8	5	3	11	11	2.5
16	(23)	Ch. Taipei	37.50	12	30			5	7	wq3	0.5
17	(11)	Kenya	35.50	21	18			1	15	11	2.5
17	(12)	Peru	35.50	17	21			2	13	cq1	1.5
19	(16)	Kazakhstan	34.00	17	21			2	13		
19	(12)	Puerto Rico	34.00	15	24			4	9	wq2	1
21	(12)	Egypt	30.50	21	18			3	11	cq1	1.5
22	(24)	Cameroon	25.00	21	18			5	7		
23	(33)	Costa Rica	21.00	17	21						
23	(28)	Mexico	21.00	21	18			7	2.5	cq3	0.5
23	(21)	Nigeria	21.00	AF-A2	7			2	13	cq2	1
26	(20)	Argentina	19.00	SA-A3	7			3	11	cq2	1
27	(25)	Canada	17.50	NO-D4	9			5	7	cq1	1.5
27	(22)	Greece	17.50	EU-I4	10					9	7.5
29	(27)	Thailand	16.50	AS-B3	7	11	3	6	5	wq1	1.5
30	(28)	Tunisia	16.00	AF-C2	7			4	9		
31	(33)	Barbados	13.00	NO-D5	8			6	5		
31	(26)	Bulgaria	13.00	EU-PO2	12			9	0.5	cq3	0.5
31	(32)	Uruguay	13.00	SA-A4	6			5	7		
34	(38)	Ukraine	11.00	EU-PO3	11						
35	(37)	Croatia	10.50	EU-F4	8			8	2.5		
36	(42)	Belgium	10.00	EU-H4	10						
36	(36)	Czech Rep.	10.00	EU-G4	10						
38	(35)	Romania	9.50	EU-D3	9			9	0.5		
38	(31)	Venezuela	9.50					4	9	cq3	0.5
40	(45)	France	9.00	EU-E3	9						
40	(46)	Guatemala	9.00	NO-E4	9						
40	(46)	Slovakia	9.00	EU-F3	9						
43	(39)	Australia	8.50	AS-A3	8			10	0.5		
43	(41)	Spain	8.50	EU-D4	8			11	0.5		
45	(49)	Algeria	8.00	AF-B2	8						
45	(49)	Belarus	8.00	EU-E4	8						
45	(46)	Jamaica	8.00	NO-E5	8						
48	(42)	Botswana	7.50	AF-A4	5			7	2.5		
49	(55)	Albania	7.00	EU-A3	7						

 =Team qualified



R.	PR.	Teams	Total	World Ch. 2006 100%		World Grand Prix 2006 100%		Cont.Ch. 2005 50%		OG 2004 50%	
				R.	Pts.	R.	Pts.	R.	Pts.	R.	Pts.
49	(55)	Congo Brazaville	7.00	AF-B3	7						
49	(55)	Dominica	7.00	NO-B2	7						
49	(49)	Finland	7.00	EU-C3	7						
49	(54)	Netherlands Antilles	7.00	NO-A2	7						
49	(55)	Nicaragua	7.00	NO-C3	7						
49	(49)	Slovenia	7.00	EU-B3	7						
49	(49)	Uzbekistan	7.00	AS-A4	7						
57	(55)	Philippines	6.50	AS-B4	6			9	0.5		
58	(61)	Austria	6.00	EU-B4	6						
58	(61)	British Virgin Island	6.00	NO-A3	6						
58	(61)	Congo	6.00	AF-B4	6						
58	(61)	England	6.00	EU-A4	6						
58	(61)	Honduras	6.00	NO-C4	6						
58	(61)	Jordan	6.00	AS-A5	6						
58	(61)	Mauritius	6.00	AF-C3	6						
58	(60)	Norway	6.00	EU-C4	6						
58	(61)	South Africa	6.00	AF-A3	6						
58	(61)	St. Kitts	6.00	NO-B3	6						
68	(71)	Anguilla	5.00	NO-B4	5						
68	(42)	Bolivia	5.00					6	5		
68	(71)	Bosnia Herzegovina	5.00	EU-C5	5						
68	(71)	Cayman Islands	5.00	NO-A4	5						
68	(71)	Ecuador	5.00	SA-A5	5						
68	(71)	Eritrea	5.00	AF-B5	5						
68	(40)	Marocco	5.00					6	5		
68	(71)	Panama	5.00	NO-C5	5						
68	(61)	Portugal	5.00	EU-B5	5						
68	(71)	Scotland	5.00	EU-A5	5						
68	(71)	Tonga	5.00	AS-B5	5						
68	(71)	Uganda	5.00	AF-C4	5						
80	(71)	Chili	2.50					7	2.5		
80	(71)	Cote d'Ivoire	2.50					8	2.5		
80	(71)	DPR Korea	2.50					7	2.5		
80	(71)	Trinid. & Tobago	2.50					8	2.5		
80	(71)	Vietnam	2.50					8	2.5		
85	(86)	Hong Kong	0.50					12	0.5		
85	(86)	India	0.50					11	0.5		
85	(86)	Seychelles	0.50							cq3	0.5
88	(96)	Afghanistan	0.00	AS-Awo	0						
88	(91)	Aruba	0.00								
88	(96)	Colombia	0.00								
88	(86)	Denmark	0.00								
88	(85)	Hungary	0.00								
88	(91)	Israel	0.00								
88	(91)	Latvia	0.00								
88	(91)	Namibia	0.00								
88	(96)	Senegal	0.00								
88	(91)	Sri Lanka	0.00								
88	(86)	Switzerland	0.00								

Competition Schedules

1st Round: Site A, Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium)

					Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
2 Nov. (Fri.)	01	13:35	KOR - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	02	16:05	ITA - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
		18:30	Grand Opening Ceremony						
	03	19:30	JPN - DOM	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Nov. (Sat.)	07	12:35	SRB - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	08	15:05	DOM - ITA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	09	18:00	JPN - KOR	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Nov. (Sun.)	13	12:35	DOM - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	14	15:05	ITA - KOR	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15	18:00	JPN - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-

1st Round: Site B, Hamamatsu (Hamamatsu Arena)

					Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
2 Nov. (Fri.)	04	13:35	CUB - KEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
	05	16:05	PER - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
		18:30	Grand Opening Ceremony						
	06	19:35	BRA - POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Nov. (Sat.)	10	12:35	CUB - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	11	15:05	PER - POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	12	18:05	BRA - KEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Nov. (Sun.)	16	12:35	KEN - PER	-	-	-	-	-	-
	17	15:05	BRA - CUB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	18	18:05	POL - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-

2nd Round: Site A, Osaka (Nanihaya Dome)

					Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
6 Nov. (Tue.)	19	12:35	ITA - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	20	15:05	DOM - KOR	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21	18:00	JPN - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Nov. (Wed.)	25	12:35	KOR - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	26	15:05	DOM - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	27	18:00	JPN - ITA	-	-	-	-	-	-

2nd Round: Site B, Sendai (Sendai City Gymnasium)

					Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
6 Nov. (Tue.)	22	12:35	KEN - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	23	15:05	CUB - POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	24	18:05	BRA - PER	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Nov. (Wed.)	28	12:35	KEN - POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	29	15:05	CUB - PER	-	-	-	-	-	-
	30	18:05	BRA - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-



3rd Round: Site A, Sapporo (Hokkaido Prefectural Sports Center)

					Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
9 Nov. (Fri.)	31	14:05	ITA - POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	32	16:35	KEN - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	33	19:30	JPN - PER	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Nov. (Sat.)	37	14:05	ITA - KEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
	38	16:35	PER - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	39	19:30	JPN - POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 Nov. (Sun.)	43	12:35	ITA - PER	-	-	-	-	-	-
	44	15:05	POL - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	45	18:00	JPN - KEN	-	-	-	-	-	-

3rd Round: Site B, Kumamoto (Kumamoto Prefectural Gymnasium)

					Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
9 Nov. (Fri.)	34	12:35	BRA - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	35	15:05	DOM - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	36	18:05	CUB - KOR	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Nov. (Sat.)	40	12:35	CUB - DOM	-	-	-	-	-	-
	41	15:05	THA - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	42	18:05	BRA - KOR	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 Nov. (Sun.)	46	12:35	CUB - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	47	15:05	KOR - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	48	18:05	BRA - DOM	-	-	-	-	-	-

4th Round: Site A, Nagoya (Nippon Gaishi Hall)

					Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
14 Nov. (Wed.)	49	14:05	BRA - ITA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	50	16:35	SRB - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	51	19:30	JPN - CUB	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Nov. (Thu.)	55	12:35	BRA - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	56	15:05	CUB - ITA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	57	18:00	JPN - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 Nov. (Fri.)	61	12:35	CUB - SRB	-	-	-	-	-	-
	62	15:05	ITA - USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	63	18:00	JPN - BRA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Awarding Ceremony									

4th Round: Site B, Nagoya (Park Arena Komaki)

					Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
14 Nov. (Wed.)	52	12:35	KEN - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	53	15:05	DOM - POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	54	18:05	KOR - PER	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Nov. (Thu.)	58	12:35	DOM - KEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
	59	15:05	PER - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	60	18:05	KOR - POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 Nov. (Fri.)	64	12:05	DOM - PER	-	-	-	-	-	-
	65	14:35	POL - THA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	66	17:05	KEN - KOR	-	-	-	-	-	-

Final Ranking

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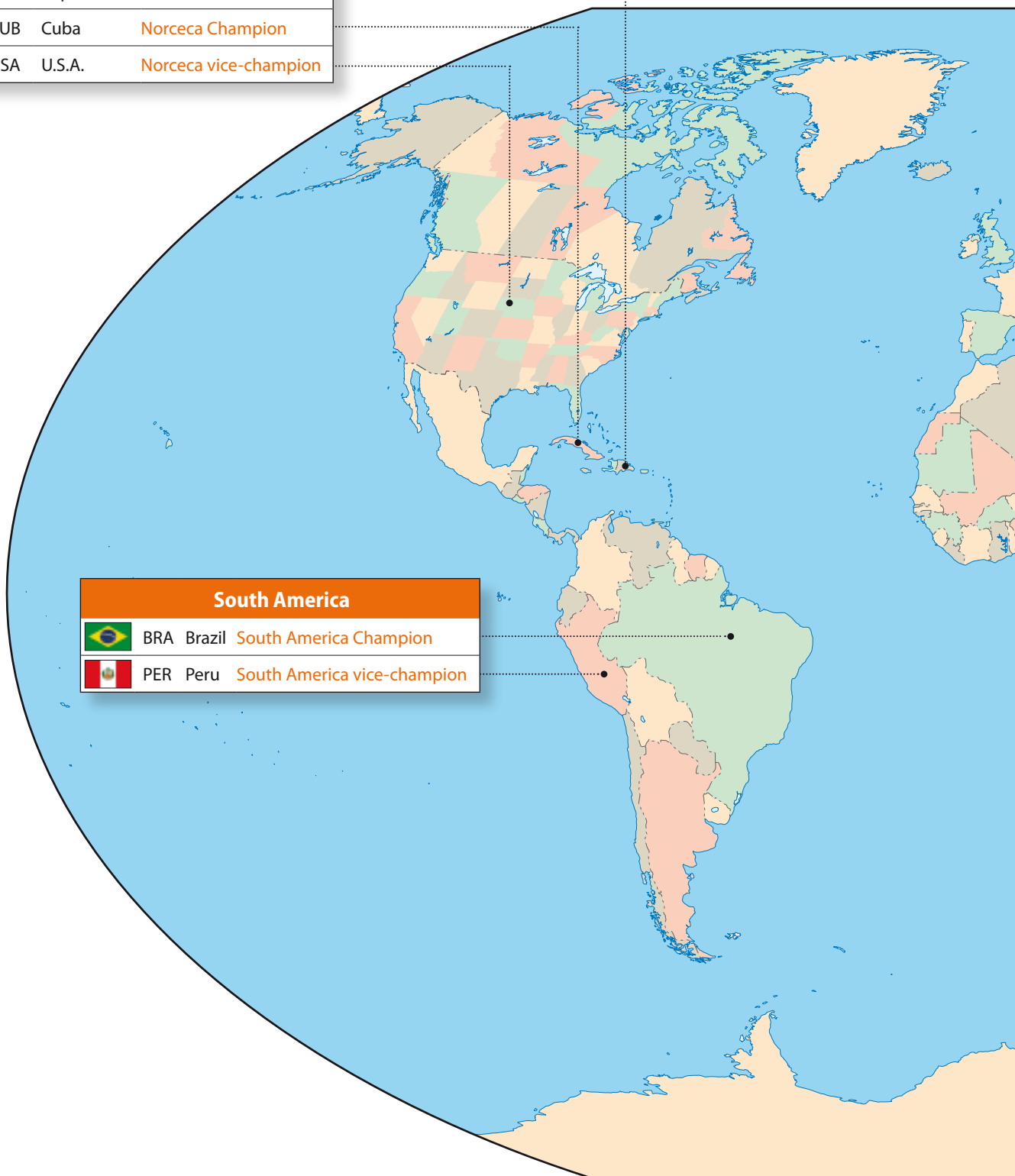
Participants

Norceca

	DOM	Dominican Republic	Wild Card
	CUB	Cuba	Norceca Champion
	USA	U.S.A.	Norceca vice-champion




South America

	BRA	Brazil	South America Champion
	PER	Peru	South America vice-champion








Europe

	POL Poland	Wild Card
	ITA Italy	Europe Champion
	SRB Serbia	Europe vice-champion

Asia

	JPN Japan	Host Country
	KOR Korea, Republic of	Asia Championship (best after Thailand)
	THA Thailand	Asia Championship (best after Japan and China)

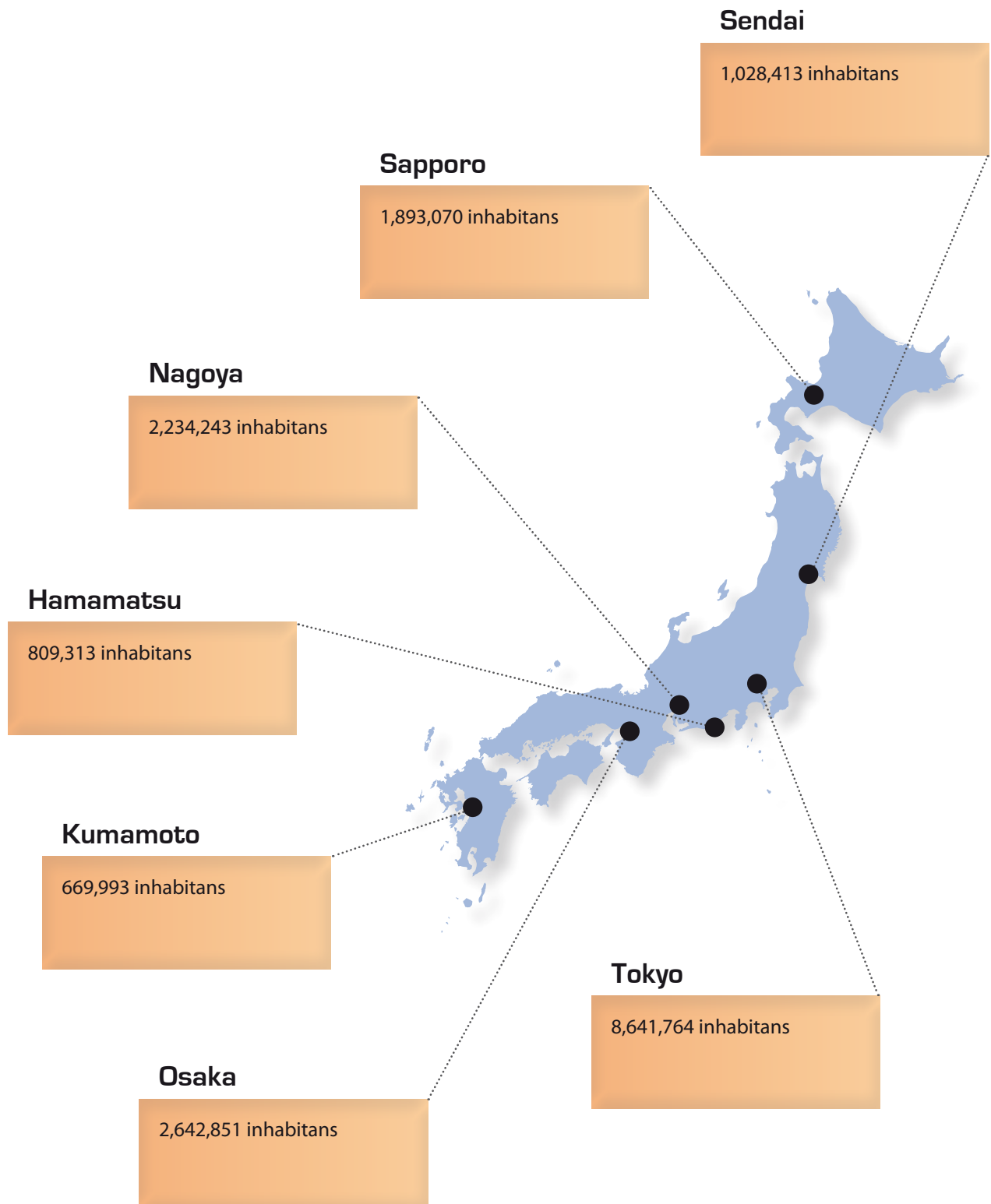
Africa

	KEN Kenya	Africa Champion
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2007 World Cup Host cities



2007 World Cup Host cities

Tokyo, Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium

1st Round - Site A



the Site A, which Japan will participate in, was refurbished in 1990 and is equipped with high-tech machinery and 10,000 seats.

Tokyo, which will hold the women's opening and final matches, is, needless to say, Japan's capital city and its entire population is about twelve million. The opening ceremony for the '77 World Cup took place at the gym - staged for the first time in Japan - and this year will be the ninth time to host the World Cup both for men and women. The Tokyo Metropolitan gymnasium, the competition venue for the opening and final matches of

1-17-1 Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

Hamamatsu, Hamamatsu Arena

1st Round - Site B



instruments, Hamamatsu hosts many musical events; however, with regard to sports events, Hamamatsu will host the World Cup this year for the second time following the World Championships in 1998.

Hamamatsu, which is the central city of the western part of Shizuoka prefecture and whose population has reached 600,000, is famous for the car manufacturers, HONDA and SUZUKI, and for the musical instruments manufacturers, YAMAHA and KAWAI. What's more, these days, Hamamatsu is an industrial city with lots of optical firms and laboratories and is the city where the largest numbers of Brazilians in Japan live. As the biggest city in the production of musical

808-1 Wada-cho, Hamamatsu, Shizuoka

Access: [Hamamatsu Station / JR] Take an Entetsu-bus N0.80 for Iwata & Mitsuke from the bus terminal at North Exit of Hamamatsu Station. Get off at "Hamamatsu Arena".



Osaka, Nanihaya Dome

2nd Round - Site A



Osaka, a mammoth city like Tokyo, has been flourishing as a commercial centre for ages, and its business people have been called "Naniwa-Merchants" - Naniwa is the former name of Osaka - and still it clings to its traditions. In the Kansai-area, whose centre is Osaka, many Volleyball teams of the V-League, the Japanese Volleyball Premier League, are based. The Nanihaya Dome, which was a competition site for the finale of the 2003 women's World Cup, is a huge sports complex with 10,000 seats and can be converted into a swimming

pool in summer, a skating rink in winter. In the other seasons, it is used for various sports activities such as Volleyball.

Access: a few minutes walk from Kadoma-minami Station [Nagahori-Tsurumi Ryokuchi Line / underground].

308-1 Mitsushima, Kadoma, Osaka

Sendai, Sendai City Gymnasium

2nd Round - Site B



Sendai, whose population exceeded one million in 1999, is the only ordinance-designated city in the Tohoku district, the northern region of Japan's main island, Honsyu and has been flourishing as the political, economic and cultural centre of the Tohoku district. In 1953 Sendai's involvement in Volleyball started and it organized the first international Volleyball competition, All Hong Kong vs. All Sendai. Since then, almost every year some

international competitions have been hosted. The Sendai City Gym is a well-equipped sports complex with the first gym (three Volleyball courts), the second gym (one Volleyball court) and a swimming pool in an annex. It is 6km away from Sendai Station and is easily accessible by underground.

Access: Take the Namboku-Line of the municipal underground at JR Sendai Station and get off at the Tomizawa Station (12 minutes) and walk (5 minutes).

1-4-1 Tomisawa, Taihaku-ku, Sendai, Miyagi

2007 World Cup Host cities

Sapporo, Hokkaido Prefectural Sports Center (KITAYELL) 3rd Round - Site A



Sapporo will host the World Cup for the fifth time this year and will host the women's tournament for the fourth time. Sapporo, the capital city of Hokkaido, has flourished as the hub of Hokkaido's development since the Meiji era. Having reached a population of 1.84 million today, Sapporo is the fifth biggest city in Japan.

Volleyball fans are advised to enjoy the World Cup in winter clothes because the first

snowfall of the season can usually be seen at the beginning of November.

Getting to the competition site (nickname: KITAYELL) from Chitose Airport, the main entrance to Hokkaido, is very easy and practical. Go to Sapporo Station by rapid train (36 minutes) and change to the Toho-line (underground) and get off at Toyohira Koen Station. The Sports Centre is directly connected to the station.

Access: [Toho-line / underground] Toyohira-Koen Station (10 minutes from Sapporo Station). Sports Centre is directly connected to the gym.

11-1-1, 5-jyo, Toyohira, Toyohira-ku,
Sapporo, Hokkaido

Kumamoto, Kumamoto Prefectural Gymnasium 3rd Round - Site B



As a main sports facility of Kumamoto prefecture, Kumamoto Prefectural Gymnasium can host various competitions from recreational events to international sports events. This is a well-equipped sports complex with various-sized gymnasiums, a meeting room, a gymnasium for children, an indoor swimming pool, and a training room where everyone can easily enjoy fitness and sports.

Access: [JR Kagoshima-honsen (main line)] 5 minutes walk from Kami-Kumamoto Station.

1-9-28, Kamikukamoto, Kumamoto,
Kumamoto



Nagoya, Nippongaishi Hall

4th Round - Site A



Nagoya, with its population of over two million, is the core-city of Japan's midlands and has flourished since the Edo-era as one of the major cities following Edo (present-day Tokyo), Osaka and Kyo (present-day Kyoto). Aiming to be an international city, Nagoya is sister city with Los Angeles and Sydney, and has been actively hosting international events. The '77 Men's tournament was held here for the first time and since then Nagoya has hosted the World Cup five times. This year's invitation will be the sixth - the women's

5-1-16 Higashimatabe-cho, Minami-ku,
Nagoya, Aichi

tournament will be the third consecutive year. The Nippongaishi Hall is well known as the competition site for the Nagoya Tournament in Sumo and it is easily accessible from Nagoya Station (10 minutes travel by train).

Access: [Tokaido-line / JR]Kasahara Station, three minutes walk on the access road.

Nagoya, Park Arena Komaki

4th Round - Site B



The Park Arena Komaki has a main arena which holds 5000 people maximum, as well as a sub-arena, a training gymnasium, a soccer field, and is suitable for various events. The Park Arena Komaki is easily accessible from a distant place (20 minutes by car from the center of Nagoya city, 5 minutes from Komaki IC).

737 Nitta, Ooazamamahara, Komaki, Aichi

Access: [Meitetsu Komaki Line] 10 minutes by car from Komaki Station or Ajioka Station.

Brazil



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

The Women's Brazilian Volleyball team started 2007 trying to keep its good results. In the last season, Brazil won four competitions: Montreux Volley Masters, Courmayeur Tournament, Pan-American Cup and Grand Prix, for the sixth time. Besides that, they got the silver medal in World Championship.

Coached by José Roberto Guimarães since 2003, the Brazilian team obtained good results. In 2003, they got a gold medal at the South-American Championship, and a silver medal in the World Cup.

In the following season, they got the title, in the World Grand Prix, and the fourth place in Olympic Games. In 2005, they won the Montreux Volley Masters, the Grand Prix, the South-American Championship, the World Championship Cup and the Courmayeur Tournament.

In 2007, the female Brazilian team started with four friendly matches against Serbia and won it all. After that, the team

played the Pan-American Games, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Until the finals, Brazil won all the matches for 3 sets 0, but at the last match it was beaten by Cuba during the tie-break, and finished it with the silver medal. The last competition was the World Grand Prix. Without the setter Fofão and the middle-blocker Walewska, the most experienced players, Brazil finished the championship in fifth place.

With the title at the South American Championship, in Santiago, Chile, Brazil will play the World Cup, in Nagoya, Japan. The purpose is just one: stand up on the podium, in order to go to the Olympic Games, in Beijing, next year.

Brazil has never won the World Cup title. However, it has three medals in the competition history: second place in 1995 and 2003; and third place in 1999. This gives more motivation to the Brazilian team.

Area: 8,514,877 sq km
Inhabitants: 190,011,000
Capital: Brasilia





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	José Elias Proença
Head coach	José Roberto Guimarães
Assistant coach	Paulo Barros Junior
Doctor	Juilio Nardelli
Trainer/Therapist	José Ricardo Regi

MATCH SCHEDULE

02.11	19:35	Hamamatsu	BRA - POL
03.11	18:05	Hamamatsu	BRA - KEN
04.11	15:05	Hamamatsu	BRA - CUB
06.11	18:05	Sendai	BRA - PER
07.11	18:05	Sendai	BRA - USA
09.11	12:35	Kumamoto	BRA - THA
10.11	18:05	Kumamoto	BRA - KOR
11.11	18:05	Kumamoto	BRA - DOM
14.11	14:05	Nagoya (NGH)	BRA - ITA
15.11	12:35	Nagoya (NGH)	BRA - SRB
16.11	18:00	Nagoya (NGH)	JPN - BRA



Brazil



1 WALEWSKA

Name: Walewska Oliveira - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Belo Horizonte/MG, BRA - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** E.C. Londrina (BRA) in 1994 - **Intl. debut:** Youth & Jr South American Championship (Uruguai) in 1996 - **Hobby:** Hanging out with my friends - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: Carandiru, Food: Pasta, Movie: In Love & War, Music: Samba, Other sports: Soccer & Basketball



2 ANA TIEMI

Name: Ana Tiemi Takagui - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Nobres - MT - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Minas Tennis Clube (Belo Horizonte - Brazil) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** South American Championship (Barquisimeto - Venezuela) in 2002 - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Food: Salad, Music: Hip Hop



3 MARI

Name: Marianne Steinbrecher - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Sao Paulo/SP/ BRA - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Maringa (Maringa/BRA) in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** World Grand Prix (Taiwan) in 2004 - **Hobby:** Dancing - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Food: Pasta, Movie: Cold Mountain, Music: Pop rock, Other sports: Volleyball



4 PAULA

Name: Paula Pequeno - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Brasilia/DF/BRA - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** ASBAC (Brasilia/BRA) in 1994 - **Intl. debut:** Junior World Championship (Edmonton/CAN) in 1999 - **Hobby:** Singing and dancing - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: O Alquimista, Food: Pizza, Movie: My Best Friend Wedding, Music: Brazilian Popular music



5 CAROLINE

Name: Caroline Gattaz - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Sao Jose do Rio Preto/SP/BRA - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Rio Preto Automóvel Clube (Sao José Rio Preto/BRA) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** Junior South American Championship (BRA) in 1998 - **Hobby:** Walk on horse - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Food: Barbecue, Movie: Macunaima, Music: Samba



6 THAISA

Name: Thaisa Menezes - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Rio de Janeiro - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Tijuca Tênis Clube (Rio de Janeiro - Brazil) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** Youth and jr South American Championship (Barquisimeto - Venezuela) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Swimming - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: Adventure, Food: Pasta, Movie: Adventure, Music: Pop and Rock



7 FOFÃO

Name: Helia Souza - **Age:** 37 - **Born in:** São Paulo, BRA - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** SP Centro Olímpico (Sao Paulo - BRA) in 1981 - **Intl. debut:** Continental Championship (Sao Paulo - BRA) in 1991 - **Hobby:** Dancing - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: Sidney Sheldon, Food: Pasta, Movie: Titanic, Music: Pop, Other sports: Soccer



8 FABIOLA

Name: Josefa Souza - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Brasília - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Brasília - **Intl. debut:** South American Championship (Bolivia) in 1998 - **Hobby:** Dancing - **Favourites:** Food: Pasta, Movie: Gladiator, Music: Samba, Other sports: Tennis



9 FABIANA

Name: Fabiana Claudino - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Belo Horizonte/MG/ BRA - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Minas Tennis Clube (Belo Horizonte/BRA) in 2000 - **Intl. debut:** Youth World Championship (Croacia) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Travelling - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Food: Lasagna, Movie: Action, Music: Samba



10 SASSÁ

Name: Welissa Gonzaga - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Barbacena/MG, BRA - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Olympic Club (Barbacena, MG/ BRA) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** Junior World Championship (Santo Domingo) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Playing Guitar - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: Diário de um Mago - Paulo Coelho, Food: Lasagna, Music: Samba



11 MARCELLE

Name: Marcelle Moraes - **Age:** 31 - **Born in:** Lavras/ MG/BRA - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Lavras T.C (Lavras, MG/BRA) in 1989 - **Intl. debut:** Junior World Championship (Thailand) in 1995 - **Hobby:** Dancing - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: The bible, Food: Pasta, Music: MPB



12 JAQUELINE

Name: Jaqueline Carvalho - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Recife/PE - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Sport Club (Recife/BRA) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** Youth World Championship (Portugal) in 1999 - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: Paulo Coelho, Food: Pasta, Movie: Titanic, Music: Samba, Other sports: Soccer



13 SHEILLA

Name: Sheilla Castro - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Belo Horizonte, BRA - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Mackenzie (Belo Horizonte - BRA) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** Junior South American Championship (Colômbia) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Volleyball - **Lang.:** Por, Ing - **Favourites:** Food: Lasagna, Movie: Green mile



14 FABI

Name: Fabiana de Oliveira - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** Rio de Janeiro/BRA - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Flamengo (Rio de Janeiro) in 1993 - **Intl. debut:** South American Championship (Argentina) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Beach Volleyball - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Food: Pasta, Movie: Gladiator, Music: Brazilian POP music, Other sports: Soccer



15 REGIANE

Name: Regiane Bidias - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Piracicaba - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Clube de Campo (Piracicaba - SP - Brazil) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** South American (La Paz Bolívia) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Samba - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Food: Pasta, Movie: adventure, Music: samba, Other sports: Zico

**16 NATÁLIA**

Name: Natalia Pereira - **Age:** 18
Born in: Ponta Grossa/PR/BRA -
Position: Wing spiker - **Club debut:**
 Clube 10 de Maio (Joacaba) in
 2003 - **Intl. debut:** Youth South
 American Championship (Guayaquil) in 2004
Hobby: Read/movies - **Lang.:** Portuguese -
Favourites: Book: A casa das 7 Mulheres, Food:
 Pasta, Movie: Harry Potter, Music: Ivete Sangalo,
 Other sports: Tennis

**17 RENATA**

Name: Renata Colombo - **Age:**
 26 - **Born in:** Birigui/SP/BRA -
Position: Universal - **Club debut:**
 Votuporanga (Sao Paulo/BRA)
 in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** Montreux
 Volley Masters (Montreux/SUI) in 2003 - **Hobby:**
 Dancing - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Food:
 Barbecue, Movie: Titanic, Music: Samba

**JOSÉ ROBERTO GUIMARÃES (BRA)**

José Roberto Guimarães was born in Quintana, 500 Km away from São Paulo. As a National Team player, Zé Roberto won the gold medal in the South American Championship twice (73 and 75) and finished in seventh place in the Olympic Games of Montreal (1976). In 1988, Zé Roberto started to coach, he was the assistant coach of Mr. Bebeto de Freitas at the Men's Brazilian National team. In 1992, he achieved the most important title of his career: the gold medal in the Olympic Games of Barcelona, with the Brazilian Men's Team. In 2003, Zé Roberto started to work as the head of the Brazilian Women's National Team. In 2004, the team won the gold medal in the Grand Prix, fourth place in the Olympic Games. During the 2005 season, the Brazilian National female team conquered all its tournaments. The main title was the Grand Prix. In 2006, gold medal at the World Grand Prix and silver at the World Championship. This year, the Brazilian team was silver medal in Pan-American Games, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. After this competition, the team went to Grand Prix and finished it in the fifth place.

**18 JOYCE**

Name: Joyce Silva - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** São Paulo - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** School (Guarulhos) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** Youth World Championship (Pula _ Croácia) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Volleyball - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: Jorge Amado, Food: Pasta, Movie: Dram, Music: Pop

**19 ARLENE**

Name: Arlene Xavier - **Age:** 37 - **Born in:** Belo Horizonte, BRA - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Campestre (Belo Horizonte, BRA) in 1987 - **Intl. debut:** World Grand Prix (Asia) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Dancing - **Lang.:** Portuguese - **Favourites:** Book: As Valquírias - Paulo Coelho, Food: Brazilian food, Movie: A Cor Purpura, Music: Dance music

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Oliveira Walewska	Walewska	01/10/1979	190	73	310	290	8	4	117	129	C. A. V. Murcia
2	Takagui Ana Tiemi	Ana Tiemi	26/10/1987	187	74	295	284		7	35	42	Finasa / Osasco
3	Steinbrecher Marianne	Mari	23/08/1983	188	70	310	290	7		9	16	Scavolini Pesaro
4	Pequeno Paula	Paula	22/01/1982	184	74	302	285		24	78	102	Finasa / Osasco
5	Gattaz Caroline	Caroline	27/07/1981	191	87	304	280		7	28	35	Finasa / Osasco
6	Menezes Thaisa	Thaisa	15/05/1987	196	79	316	301		14	46	60	Rexona/Ades
7	Souza Helia	Fofão	C 10/03/1970	173	63	283	264	22	6	239	267	C. A. V. Murcia
8	Souza Josefa	Fabiola	03/02/1983	183	79	292	277		13	20	33	Minas T.C.
9	Claudino Fabiana	Fabiana	24/01/1985	193	76	314	293	6	14	50	70	Rexona Ades
10	Gonzaga Welissa	Sassá	09/09/1982	179	76	300	287	6	17	63	86	Rexona Ades
11	Moraes Marcelle	Marcelle	17/10/1976	181	72	303	289		11	46	57	Giannino Pallavolo Voley
12	Carvalho Jaqueline	Jaqueline	31/12/1983	186	70	302	286		13	40	53	C. A. V. Murcia
13	Castro Sheilla	Sheilla	01/07/1983	185	64	302	284		16	44	60	Scavolini Pesaro
14	de Oliveira Fabiana	Fabi	L 07/03/1980	169	59	276	266		11	35	46	Rexona/Ades
15	Bidas Regiane	Regiane	02/10/1986	189	74	304	286		7	32	39	Rexona Ades
16	Pereira Natalia	Natália	24/04/1989	183	76	3000	2880			1	1	Finasa/Osasco
17	Colombo Renata	Renata	25/02/1981	181	78	305	293			6	6	Rexona/Ades
18	Silva Joyce	Joyce	13/06/1984	190	67	311	294		6	10	16	Minas T.C.
19	Xavier Arlene	Arlene	L 20/12/1969	177	74	299	290		8	18	26	E. C. Pinheiros

H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm), WC=World Championship, OG=Olympic Games, OTH=Other, C=Captain, L=Libero

LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships	
2004 4	2006 2	2007 5	2005 1	2003 2	2007 1	1981 1
2000 3	2002 7	2006 1	2001 4	1999 3	2005 1	1979 2
1996 3	1998 4	2005 1	1997 3	1995 2	2003 1	1977 2
1992 4	1994 2	2004 1		1991 8	2001 1	1975 2
1988 6	1990 7	2003 7		1985 6	1999 1	1973 2
1984 7	1986 5	2002 4		1981 8	1997 1	1971 2
1980 7	1982 8	2001 5		1973 9	1995 1	1969 1
	1978 7	2000 3			1993 2	1967 2
	1974 15	1999 2			1991 1	1962 1
	1970 13	1998 1			1989 2	1961 1
	1962 8	1996 1			1987 2	1958 1
	1960 5	1995 2			1985 2	1956 1
	1956 11	1994 1			1983 2	1951 1
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Cuba



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

From the first year of the World Cup (1973), the Cuban team has been playing in all its editions and has accumulated in total 4 gold medals in a row, from 1989 to 1999, a unique performance in the history of this high level competition.

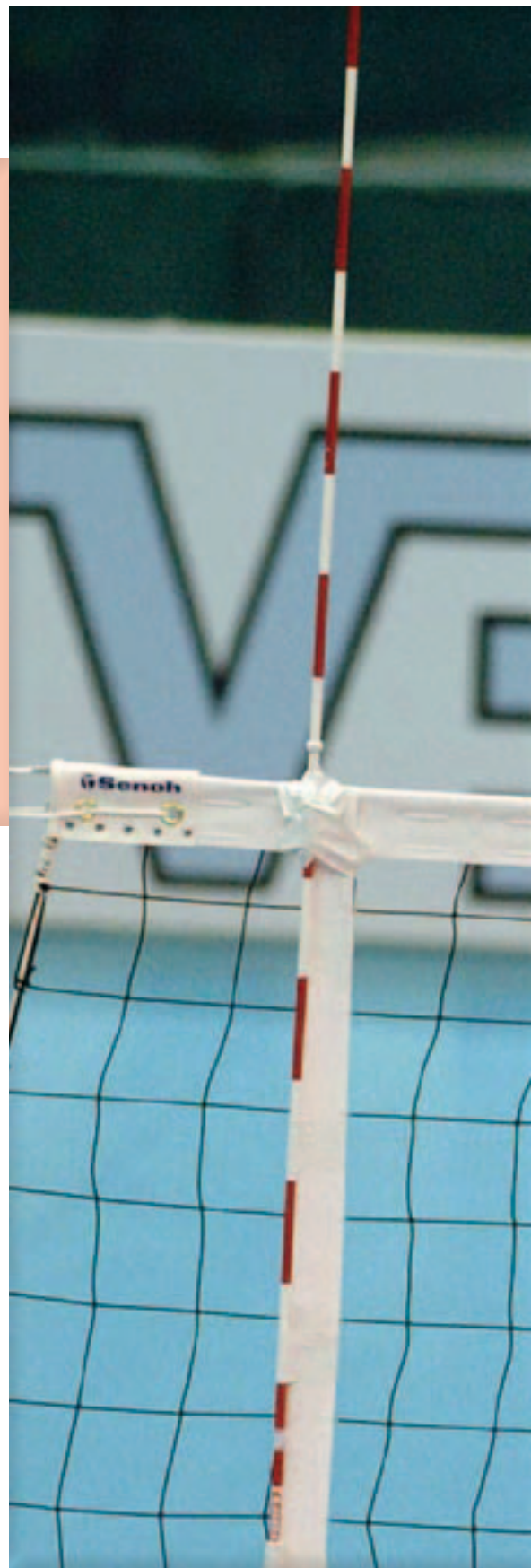
In the last edition (2003), Cuba achieved the 6th place: an appropriate result for a young team. Many changes were carried out after the Olympic Games in 2000 and Cuba knew that they had to wait to achieve new high results.

2007 has already been a very good year for the team: they played again the Pan-American Games, with a masterful performance and a historical victory against Brazil in their own game scenario. They also won the Tournament NORCECA in Canada, getting the entry to the World Cup, the next goal to achieve the Olympic classification.

The Cuban team has already created a good group of young players with the aim to arrive at the top, such as Yumilka Ruiz, Zoila Acne, Rosir Calderón, Daimi Ramírez, Yanelis Santos, Nancy Cheeks coached by two men that have made history in Cuban sport: Eugenio George Lafita and Antonio Perdomo Shatters.

The team is really focused on the FIVB World Cup, to get the Olympics entry and target their fifth medal in a row.

Area: 110,860 sq km
Inhabitants: 11,380,000
Capital: Havana





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Luis Hernandez, Mireya
Head coach	Perdomo Estrella, Antonio
Assistant coach	George Lafita, Eugenio
Doctor	Gonzalez Niebla, Jorge Luis
Trainer/Therapist	Oviedo Bonilla, Luis

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07.11	15:05	Sendai	CUB - PER
09.11	18:05	Kumamoto	CUB - KOR
10.11	12:35	Kumamoto	CUB - DOM
11.11	12:35	Kumamoto	CUB - THA
14.11	19:30	Nagoya (NGH)	JPN - CUB
15.11	15:05	Nagoya (NGH)	CUB - ITA
16.11	12:35	Nagoya (NGH)	CUB - SRB





1 RUIZ

Name: Yumilka Ruiz Luaces - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Camaguey - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Camaguey (Camaguey) in 1986 - **Intl. debut:** Grand Prix (Asia) in 1993 - **Hobby:** Dance - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Terror, Food: Italian, Movie: Terror, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Athletics



2 SANTOS

Name: Yanelis Santos Allegne - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Ciego de Avila - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Ciego de Avila (Ciego de Avila) in 1994 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (Germany) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Terror, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Judo



3 CARRILLO

Name: Nancy Carrillo de la Paz - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Ciudad de la Habana - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Ciudad de la Habana (Ciudad de la Habana) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (Germany) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Sports, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Hip Hop, Other sports: Basketball



4 GONZALEZ

Name: Yenisei Gonzalez Dias - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** La Habana - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** La Habana (La Habana) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (Japan) in 2006 - **Hobby:** Walk - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Love Stories, Food: Creole, Movie: Comedies, Music: Romantic, Other sports: Volleyball



5 MASO

Name: Dayesi Maso Casales - **Age:** 17 - **Born in:** Camaguey - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Camaguey (Camaguey) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** Young Norceca (MEX) in 2006



6 RAMIREZ

Name: Daimi Ramirez Echevarria - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Camaguey - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Camaguey (CUB) in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** Olympic Games (Athens) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Dance - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Adventures, Music: Pop, Other sports: Volleyball



7 ARREDONDO

Name: Lisbet Arredondo Reyes - **Age:** 19 - **Born in:** Villa Clara - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Villa Clara (CUB) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship Junior (Asia) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Volleyball



8 ORTIZ

Name: Yaima Ortiz Charro - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Ciudad de la Habana - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Ciudad de la Habana (CUB) in 1994 - **Intl. debut:** World Cup (Japan) in 1999 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Sports, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Basketball



9 SANCHEZ

Name: Rachel Sanchez Perez - **Age:** 18 - **Born in:** Pinar del Rio - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Pinar del Rio (CUB) in 2000 - **Intl. debut:** Olympic Games (CUB) in 2004 - **Hobby:** Dance - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Volleyball



10 HERRERA

Name: Yusleidys Herera Alvarez - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Ciudad de la Habana - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Ciudad de la Habana (CUB) in 2000 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship Jounior (Asia) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Dance - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Fiction, Food: Italian, Movie: Action, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Basketball



11 MESA

Name: Liana Mesa Luaces - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Camaguey - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Camaguey (CUB) in 1988 - **Intl. debut:** Olympic Games (Athens) in 1996 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Sports, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Basketball



12 CALDERÓN

Name: Rosir Calderón Diaz - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Ciudad de la Habana - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Ciudad de la Habana (CUB) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship Jounior (Rep. Dominicana) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Basketball



13 CASTAÑEDA

Name: Leanny Castañeda Simon - **Age:** 21



14 CARCACES

Name: Kenia Carcaces Opón - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Holguín - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Holguín (CUB) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship Jounior (Rep. Dominicana) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Beach - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Baseball



15 SILIE

Name: Yusidey Silie Frómeta - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Ciudad de la Habana - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Ciudad de la Habana (CUB) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship Junior (Rep. Dominicana) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Dance - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Drama, Music: Rap, Other sports: Basketball

**16 CLEGER**

Name: Ana Lidia Cleger Abel - **Age:** 17 - **Born in:** Santiago de Cuba - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Santiago de Cuba (CUB) in 2002 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (Japan) in 2006 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Stories, Food: Creole, Movie: Police, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Volleyball

**17 SILVA**

Name: Gyselle de la Caridad Silva Franco - **Age:** 16 - **Born in:** Santiago de Cuba - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Santiago de Cuba (CUB) in 2002 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (Japan) in 2006 - **Hobby:** Dance - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Volleyball

**PERDOMO ESTRELLA, ANTONIO (CUB)**

The Head Coach team of the Cuban Women's team is Antonio Perdomo Estrella. In the last 30 years he has been working with all the teams of Cuba in competitions of the highest level, participating in Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, World Grand Prix among others. Since one year he has been back to the Women's team, having as Assistant Coach the famous Eugenio George Lafita. A golden coaches' pair to lead the new team towards the Olympic season.

HEAD COACH

**18 BARROS**

Name: Zoila Barros Fernández - **Age:** 31 - **Born in:** Ciudad de la Habana - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Ciudad de la Habana (CUB) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** Olympic Games (Atlanta) in 1996 - **Hobby:** Dance - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Creole, Movie: Action, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Volleyball

**19 BOCOUR**

Name: Dalina Bocour Diaz - **Age:** 23

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Ruiz Luaces Yumilka	Ruiz	C 08/05/1978	180	63	326	305	23	25	125	173	Camaguey
2	Santos Allegre Yanelis	Santos	30/03/1986	181	69	324	304			30	30	Ciego de Avila
3	Carrillo de la Paz Nancy	Carrillo	11/01/1986	190	74	320	315	7	3	95	105	Ciudad de la Habana
4	Gonzalez Dias Yenisei	Gonzalez	22/08/1983	193	70	320	305			30	30	La Habana
5	Maso Casales Dayesi	Maso	04/04/1990	184	69	314	280			12	12	Camaguey
6	Ramirez Echevarria Daimi	Ramirez	08/10/1983	176	67	305	290		7	85	92	Camaguey
7	Arredondo Reyes Lisbet	Arredondo	L 22/11/1987	182	67	310	303		3	30	33	Villa Clara
8	Ortiz Charro Yaima	Ortiz	L 09/11/1981	181	72	326	303	7	7	57	71	Ciudad de la Habana
9	Sanchez Perez Rachel	Sanchez	09/01/1989	188	75	315	305			20	20	Pinar del Rio
10	Herera Alvarez Yusleidys	Herrera	12/03/1984	178	63	325	305			20	20	Ciudad de la Habana
11	Mesa Luaces Liana	Mesa	26/12/1977	182	73	316	300	7	10	95	112	Camaguey
12	Calderón Diaz Rosir	Calderón	28/12/1984	191	70	330	307	7	10	50	67	Ciudad de la Habana
13	Castañeda Simon Leanny	Castañeda	18/10/1986	188	70	325	320					Guantanamo
14	Carcaces Opón Kenia	Carcaces	22/01/1986	189	69	306	289			50	50	Holguín
15	Silie Frómata Yusidey	Silie	11/11/1984	184	77	316	300			20	20	Ciudad de la Habana
16	Cleger Abel Ana Lidia	Cleger	27/11/1989	183	69	300	285			10	10	Santiago de Cuba
17	Silva Franco Gyselle de la Caridad	Silva	29/10/1991	184	70	302	295			10	10	Santiago de Cuba
18	Barros Fernández Zoila	Barros	16/08/1976	188	72	328	307	15	20	100	135	Ciudad de la Habana
19	Bocour Diaz Dalina	Bocour	22/07/1984	190	65	316	312					P. Rio

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LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships
2004 3	2006 7	2007 7	1997 2	2003 6	2007 1
2000 1	2002 5	2006 4	1993 1	1999 1	2005 2
1996 1	1998 1	2005 4		1995 1	2003 2
1992 1	1994 1	2004 4		1991 1	2001 2
1980 5	1990 4	2003 11		1989 1	1999 1
1976 5	1986 2	2002 7		1985 2	1997 1
1972 6	1982 5	2001 4		1981 6	1995 1
	1978 1	2000 1		1977 2	1993 1
	1974 7	1999 5		1973 5	1991 1
	1970 8	1998 3			1989 1
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		1993 1			

Dominican Republic



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

2006 became the most extraordinary year for the Dominican Republic Women's National Volleyball Team. At the V Pan American Women's Volleyball Cup the Dominican Girls finished with a strong 3rd place overcoming the USA National Team for the Bronze Medal with a convincing 3-0 result and qualifying to the 2007 FIVB World Grand Prix. In their 3rd consecutive participation in the FIVB World Grand Prix the team finished with a strong 8th place after obtaining a 2nd place on the Polish stage finishing ahead of USA and Poland. Their best performance was reached at the XX Central American and Caribbean Game in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia with an unbeaten record taking home the Gold Medal with an exciting match against Cuba and a 3-0 result, ratifying their condition of Central American and Caribbean Champion for the second consecutive time. Also, the Dominican National Team took home the Gold Medal at the I TV Azteca Cup held in Mexico overcoming their rivals from Peru, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, USA and Canada.

2007 has become a challenging year for the Dominican Republic Women's National Volleyball team. Several injuries affected our top players that were not able to perform in the XV Edition of the Pan American Games Rio 2007 held in Brazil. Nevertheless, the Junior players were able to perform at their best during this important Intercontinental event where the Dominican National team finished 5th. During the FIVB 2007 World Grand Prix the team finished 11th place, coming back with key players at their best to take home the Bronze Medal during the VI Pan American Women's Volleyball Cup held in Colima, Mexico, after an exciting match in the final against USA for the Bronze Medal with a victory for the Dominican girls over USA 3-1. During the 2007 Norceca Continental Women's Volleyball Championship, the Dominican Republic Women's National Volleyball Team confirmed once again their Continental Ranking with a 3rd Place, Bronze Medal and a victory over Canada 3-2.

Area: 48,442 sq km
Inhabitants: 9,184,000
Capital: Santo Domingo





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Victor Valdez Gil
Head coach	Beato Miguel Cruz
Assistant coach	Wilson Sanchez Duran
Doctor	Milciades Camilo Albert Fiorinelli
Trainer/Therapist	Hugo Cesar Marte Hernandez

MATCH SCHEDULE

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04.11	12:35	Tokyo (TMG)	DOM - THA
06.11	15:05	Osaka	DOM - KOR
07.11	15:05	Osaka	DOM - SRB
09.11	15:05	Kumamoto	DOM - USA
10.11	12:35	Kumamoto	CUB - DOM
11.11	18:05	Kumamoto	BRA - DOM
14.11	15:05	Nagoya (PAK)	DOM - POL
15.11	12:35	Nagoya (PAK)	DOM - KEN
16.11	12:05	Nagoya (PAK)	DOM - PER





Dominican Republic



1 VARGAS

Name: Annerys Vargas Valdez - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Simon Bolivar (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (JAPAN) in 1998 - **Hobby:** Dancing - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Literature, Food: Dominican, Movie: Action, Music: Tito Rojas, Other sports: Basketball



2 SANTOS

Name: Iris Santos Hernandez - **Age:** 25



3 EVE

Name: Lisvel Elisa Eve Mejia - **Age:** 16 - **Born in:** Puerto Plata - **Lang.:** Spanish



4 NUÑEZ

Name: Sidarka de los Milagros Nuñez - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Liga Juan Guzman (Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** Mexicali Centennial Cup (Mexicali, Mexico) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Beach & Dancing - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Social Studies, Food: Rice & Meat, Movie: Kids, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Basketball



5 CASTILLO

Name: Brenda Castillo - **Age:** 15 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Club debut:** San Cristobal (San Cristobal, Dom. Rep.) in 2003 - **Intl. debut:** China Int. Women's VB Tournament (China) in 2007 - **Hobby:** Singing - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Harry Potter, Food: Dominican, Movie: Comic, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Basketball



6 CASO

Name: Carmen Rosa Caso Sierra - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Arlenis Cordero (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** Junior World Championship (Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: History, Food: Dominican, Movie: Mystery, Music: Mana, Other sports: Baseball



7 DEL ROSARIO

Name: Ginnette Del Rosario Selmo - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Deportivo Nacional (Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.) in 2002 - **Intl. debut:** NORCECA Junior Continental Championship (Winnipeg, Canada) in 2004 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Stories, Food: Criolla, Movie: Action, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Baseball



8 DEL ROSARIO

Name: Gina Del Rosario Selmo - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Deportivo Nacional (Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.) in 2002 - **Intl. debut:** NORCECA Junior Continental Championship (Winnipeg, Canada) in 2004 - **Hobby:** Singing - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: El Principito, Food: Dominican, Movie: Comic, Music: Universal, Other sports: Basketball



9 ARIAS

Name: Nuris Arias Doñe - **Age:** 34 - **Born in:** San Cristobal - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Mirador (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1993 - **Intl. debut:** NORCECA Continental Championship (Santo Domingo, Dom. Republic) in 1995 - **Hobby:** Dancing - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Cooking, Food: Dominican, Movie: Drama



10 CABRAL

Name: Milagros Cabral de la Cruz - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Los Cachorros (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1993 - **Intl. debut:** NORCECA Youth Continental Champ. (Arecibo, Puerto Rico) in 1994 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: History, Food: Italian, Movie: Action, Music: Juan Luis Guerra & 440, Other sports: Baseball



11 RODRIGUEZ

Name: Jeoselyna Rodriguez Santos - **Age:** 15 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo, Rep. Dom. - **Lang.:** Spanish



12 ECHENIQUE

Name: Karla Echenique Quiñones - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Deportivo Nacional (Santo Domingo, Dom Rep) in 2000 - **Intl. debut:** 2002 Norceca Girls Youth Continental Championship (Salt Lakes City, Utah, Usa) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Basketball - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Italian Food, Movie: Romantics, Music: The Beatles, Other sports: Basketball



13 RONDON

Name: Cindy Rondon Martinez - **Age:** 18 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Modeca (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** Girl Youth Continental Championship (Utah, USA) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Italian, Movie: Science Fiction, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Basketball



14 RIVERA

Name: Prisilla Rivera Brens - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** San Pedro (Dominican Republic) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** NORCECA Continental Youth Championship (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Movies - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: History, Food: Dominican, Movie: Funny/Comic, Music: Salsa, Other sports: Basketball



15 RODRIGUEZ

Name: Cosiri Rodriguez Andino - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** San Cristobal - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** San Cristobal (San Cristobal, DOM) in 1990 - **Intl. debut:** NORCECA Continental Championship (Colorado Spring, USA) in 1993 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Liric, Food: Dominican, Movie: Funny, Music: Gilberto Santa Rosa, Other sports: Tennis

**16 MORETA**

Name: Kenia Moreta Perez - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Mirador (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** Continental Girl's Youth Championship (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Dancing - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Food: Dominican, Movie: Funny, Music: Toño Rosario, Other sports: Swimming

**17 MAMBRU**

Name: Altagracia Mambru Santana - **Age:** 18 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Club debut:** Cachorros (Santo Domingo) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** NORCECA Youth Continental Champ. (Utah, USA) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Dancing, Singing and being with friends - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Dominican, Movie: Romantic, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Basketball

**PROF. BEATO MIGUEL CRUZ (DOM)**

Miguel Beato Cruz, is entering with an optimistic approach his second full season as head coach of the Dominican Women's National Team, following a productive 2006 season. After coaching in the men's ranks for about 25 years in Dominican Republic and Honduras, Cruz took charge of the women's side in September 2005. Since then, he has led the team to the gold medal at the Central American and Caribbean Games in Colombia, an 8th place finished at the 2006 FIVB World Grand Prix, 3rd place at the 2006 and 2007 Pan American Women's Volleyball cup, as well as the Bronze Medal at Norceca's Continental Women's Championship. Cruz, 58, is a graduated from University of Santo Domingo with a Master Degree in Physical Education. Last year he led the Dominican Team to its best result in three WGP participations. They got victories against USA and Poland in Bydgoszcz and extended Brazil and Japan to five sets in Macau and Okayama respectively. "Our goal at the 2007 World Cup will be to finish among the top six teams", says Cruz.

HEAD COACH

**18 DE LA CRUZ**

Name: Bethania De La Cruz de Peña - **Age:** 18 - **Born in:** Santo Domingo - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Deportivo Nacional (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** USA Junior Classic Tournament (Chicago, Illinois, USA) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Writing - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Novels, Food: Dominican, Movie: Comedy, Music: Universal, Other sports: Basketball

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Vargas Valdez Annerys	Vargas	07/08/1981	194	70	325	315	5	19	136	160	Seleccion Nacional
2	Santos Hernandez Iris	Santos	29/01/1982	175	65	307	300		8	64	72	Mirador
3	Eve Mejia Lisvel Elisa	Eve	10/09/1991	189	70	250	287		8	11	19	Deportivo Nacional
4	Núñez Sidarka de los Milagros	Núñez	25/06/1987	188	58	312	308	5	18	150	173	Liga Juan Guzman
5	Castillo Brenda	Castillo	05/06/1992	167	55	220	270			34	34	San Cristobal
6	Caso Sierra Carmen Rosa	Caso	L 29/11/1981	168	59	243	241	5	17	137	159	Arlenis Cordero
7	Del Rosario Selmo Ginnette	Del Rosario	12/05/1986	191	59	316	308			27	27	Deportivo Nacional
8	Del Rosario Selmo Gina	Del Rosario	12/05/1986	189	61	310	300			50	50	Deportivo Nacional
9	Arias Doñe Nuris	Arias	20/05/1973	190	78	315	306		16	207	223	Mirador
10	Cabral de la Cruz Milagros	Cabral	17/10/1978	181	63	308	305	5	16	279	300	Los Cachorros
11	Rodriguez Santos Jeoselyna	Rodriguez	09/12/1991	184	63	242	288		8	31	39	Mirador
12	Echenique Quiñones Karla	Echenique	16/05/1987	181	62	279	273		17	101	118	Deportivo Nacional
13	Rondon Martinez Cindy	Rondon	12/11/1988	189	61	312	305		5	106	111	Seleccion Nacional
14	Rivera Brens Prisilla	Rivera	29/12/1984	186	70	312	308	5	18	154	177	San Pedro
15	Rodriguez Andino Cosiri	Rodriguez	C 30/08/1977	191	72	313	305	5	23	262	290	San Cristobal
16	Moreta Perez Kenia	Moreta	07/04/1981	191	76	310	305		18	196	214	Mirador
17	Mambru Santana Altagracia	Mambru	21/01/1989	180	55	312	302			75	75	Los Cachorros
18	De La Cruz de Peña Bethania	De La Cruz	13/05/1989	188	58	322	305		5	94	99	Deportivo Nacional

H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm), WC=World Championship, OG=Olympic Games, OTH=Other, C=Captain, L=Libero

LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships
2004 11	2006 17	2007 11		2003 10	2007 3
	2002 13	2006 8			2005 3
	1998 11	2005 11			2003 3
	1978 19	2004 12			2001 3
	1974 21				1999 4
					1997 3
					1995 4
					1993 6
					1991 5
					1989 5
					1985 5
					1983 6
					1981 5
					1979 5
					1977 4
					1975 5
					1973 5

Italy



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

In the past, the best performances at international level for the Italian Women's team are the third position at the 1989 European Championships (Germany) and the fifth place at the 1998 World Championships (Japan). The blue girls were also ranked in 4th position in the 1991 and 1993 editions of the European Championships.

Other important achievements were the victories at the Mediterranean Games and University Games in 1991 and 1997.

In the last seasons the Italian Women's Volleyball has been steadily growing, especially at youth level. In 1995 the National Youth Team won the European Championships and reached the third position at the World Championships; in 1996 the Junior Italian Team conquered the continental title for the first time.

Italy took also part in the FIVB Grand Prix in its 1994 edition, reaching a respectable 8th position, in its 1997 edition 5th place, in its 1998 edition 5th place, in its 1999 edition 4th place and in its 2003 edition

5th place. In 1999 the Italian Team reached also the 5th place in the World Cup.

In 2000 the "Azzurre" reached, for the first time, the Olympic qualification: they conquered the 9th place.

In 2001 Italy won the silver medal in the European Championship, in Varna, Bulgaria.

In 2002 the Italian Team "Azzurre" conquered the second place in BVC Masters Montreux, but the big clash was the World Championship in Germany.

The 2004 was opened by the qualification for the Olympic Games, the gold medal in the BCV Volley Master in Montreux, the second place at the World Grand Prix and the 5th place at the Olympic Games.

In 2005 they won the silver medal in the World Grand Prix and the silver medal in the European Championship.

In 2006 they got a bronze medal in the World Grand Prix.

In 2007 the Italian Team won the bronze medal in the World Grand Prix and the Gold Medal in the European Championship.

Area: 301,308 sq km
Inhabitants: 59,131,000
Capital: Rome





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Sciascia Stefano
Head coach	Barbolini Massimo
Assistant coach	Bracci Marco
Doctor	Ferrazza Fabrizio
Trainer/Therapist	Nocentini Luca

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07.11	18:00	Osaka	JPN - ITA
09.11	14:05	Sapporo	ITA - POL
10.11	14:05	Sapporo	ITA - KEN
11.11	12:35	Sapporo	ITA - PER
14.11	14:05	Nagoya (NGH)	BRA - ITA
15.11	15:05	Nagoya (NGH)	CUB - ITA
16.11	15:05	Nagoya (NGH)	ITA - USA



Italy



1 ANZANELLO

Name: Sara Anzanello - **Age:** 27
- **Born in:** Venezia, ITA - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Latisana (Udine) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** in 1999 - **Hobby:** Dance
- **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Ken Follet, Food: Patatine/pizza, Movie: Le Fate Ignoranti, Music: All, Other sports: Soccer



2 ARRIGHETTI

Name: Valentina Arrighetti - **Age:** 22 - **Position:** Middle blocker



3 CROCE

Name: Paola Croce - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Roma - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** - (Roma) in 1988 - **Intl. debut:** Torneo in China (Shangai) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Movie - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Ivanhoe, Food: Pasta, Movie: Armageddon, Music: Disco Rock, Other sports: Basketball



4 VITEZ

Name: Sandra Vitez - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Trieste - **Position:** Wing spiker



5 PICCININI

Name: Francesca Piccinini - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Pietrasanta (LU), ITA - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** San Carlo Borromeo (-) in 1985 - **Intl. debut:** in 1995 - **Hobby:** Shopping - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Paolo Coelho, Food: Sushi, Movie: Sean Connery, Music: Tracy Chapman



6 FIORIN

Name: Valentina Fiorin - **Age:** 23 - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Lang.:** English



7 GUIGGI

Name: Martina Guiggi - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Pisa - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Volley Pecciolese (Peccioli (PI)) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** in 2002 - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Food: Pizza, Movie: Scary Movie, Music: All



8 BARAZZA

Name: Jenny Barazza - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Conegliano, ITA - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Volley Codognè (Codognè) in 1993 - **Intl. debut:** in 1996 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: L'Archimista, Food: Pizza, Movie: Last Beautiful Mind, Music: R & B and Pop, Other sports: Basketball



9 SECOLO

Name: Manuela Secolo - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** Treviso - **Position:** Wing spiker



10 CARDULLO

Name: Paola Cardullo - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Omegna (VB), ITA - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Volley Omegna (Omegna) in 1993 - **Intl. debut:** in 2001 - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Food: Pizza, Movie: The Others, Music: All, Other sports: Soccer



11 ORTOLANI

Name: Serena Ortolani - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Ravenna - **Position:** Wing spiker



12 AGUERO

Name: Taismary Aguero - **Age:** 30



13 FERRETTI

Name: Francesca Ferretti - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Reggio Emilia, ITA - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Volley Reggio Emilia (Italy) - **Hobby:** Movie - shopping - music - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: adventure, Food: pizza, Movie: comedy, Music: rock, Other sports: Football, basketball



14 LO BIANCO

Name: Eleonora Lo Bianco - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** Borgomanero, ITA - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Brums Busto Arsizio (Busto Arsizio) in 1988 - **Intl. debut:** in 1997 - **Hobby:** Books - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Ken Follet, Food: pizza, Movie: Brad Pitt, Music: Celine Dion, Other sports: Tennis



15 DEL CORE

Name: Antonella Del Core - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Napoli, ITA - **Position:** Wing spiker

**16 CICOLARI**

Name: Greta Cicolari - **Age:** 25 -
Position: Wing spiker

**17 GIOLI**

Name: Simona Gioli - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** Rapallo (GE), ITA -
Position: Middle blocker - **Intl. debut:** Italy-Cuba (Arezzo (Italy)) in 1998 - **Lang.:** English

**BARBOLINI MASSIMO (ITA)**

Massimo Barbolini was born in 1964 on the 29th of August. He was appointed as coach of the Women's Italian National Team on September 21, 2006. His experience as a Volleyball coach is long and successful. He began in the '80s with the Men team of Modena, as assistant coach of Julio Velasco. As coach of Men's teams he guided Agrigento (Serie A2), Modena and Spoleto in Serie A1. Then he moved to Women's club of Matera, where he won two Italian Championships and one Champions League. He also guided the team of Rome for one season. Since 1997 he has been coaching Perugia, winning two other Italian Championship titles and one Champions League. He won 4 titles as Italian Champion, 5 Italian Cup, 2 Champions League, and other 4 continental cups. He is married with Roberta and he has two daughters, Valentina (13) and Annalisa (3). With the Women National Team he won the Gold medal in the 2007 European Championship.

HEAD COACH

**18 RONDON**

Name: Giulia Rondon - **Age:** 20 -
Born in: Pisa - **Position:** Setter

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Anzanello Sara	Anzanello	30/07/1980	193	78	316	298		21	180	201	Agil srl
2	Arrighetti Valentina	Arrighetti	26/01/1985	185	62	294	280			2	2	Foppapedretti Bergamo
3	Croce Paola	Croce	06/03/1978	167	52	290	265			5	5	Foppapedretti Bergamo
4	Vitez Sandra	Vitez	09/05/1987	188	72	300	286			1	1	Unikom Starker Sassuolo
5	Piccinini Francesca	Piccinini	10/01/1979	180	75	304	279	5	19	227	251	Foppapedretti Bergamo
6	Fiorin Valentina	Fiorin	09/10/1984	187	69	305	287		10	102	112	Foppapedretti Bergamo
7	Guiggi Martina	Guiggi	01/05/1984	183	69	315	290		10	90	100	Scavolini Pesaro
8	Barazza Jenny	Barazza	24/07/1981	188	77	300	285	5		70	75	Foppapedretti Bergamo
9	Secolo Manuela	Secolo	22/02/1977	180	70	302	279	5		21	26	Chieri Volley
10	Cardullo Paola	Cardullo	L 18/03/1982	162	56	275	268		11	98	109	Agil srl
11	Ortolani Serena	Ortolani	07/01/1987	187	63	308	288		10	38	48	Futura Volley Varese
12	Aguero Taismary	Aguero	05/03/1977	177	69	322	300					Asystel Novara
13	Ferretti Francesca	Ferretti	15/02/1984	180	70	296	280			14	14	Scavolini Pesaro
14	Lo Bianco Eleonora	Lo Bianco	C 22/12/1979	172	70	287	273	5	29	233	267	Foppapedretti Bergamo
15	Del Core Antonella	Del Core	05/11/1980	180	73	296	279	5		37	42	Despar Sirio Perugia
16	Cicolari Greta	Cicolari	23/08/1982	180	68	307	282					Chieri Volley
17	Gioli Simona	Gioli	17/09/1977	185	72	307	283		8	105	113	Despar Sirio Perugia
18	Rondon Giulia	Rondon	16/10/1987	189	77	304	280			8	8	Magic Pack Cremona

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	1998 5	2005 2			2005 2
	1994 13	2004 2			2003 6
	1990 10	2003 5			1983 7
	1986 9	2000 7			2001 2
	1982 15	1999 4			1981 8
	1978 20	1998 5			1999 3
		1997 7			1977 11
		1994 8			1997 5
					1975 9
					1995 6
					1971 8
					1993 4
					1967 11
					1991 4
					1951 6
					1989 3

Japan



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

In 2004, for the first time in eight years, Japan qualified for the Olympics in Athens. Although there has been a big turnover in players since then, Yanagimoto's squad has been rapidly improving.

In 2005, despite the withdrawal of some Olympians from the national team due to injury, the team, which consisted of experienced defensive players, gave an outstanding performance in the 2005 World Grand Prix. With six wins and three losses in the preliminary rounds, Japan qualified for the final round in Sendai, Japan. Eventually, the team finished fifth out of six teams in the final round. Nevertheless, the 2005 World Grand Prix aroused a new enthusiasm for the national Volleyball team not only in Volleyball fans but also in people not previously interested in the sport.

Japan's 2006 squad was made up mainly of the players of 2005. However, Ai Otomo, who was a key player in 2005, was absent from the squad. Nevertheless, in order to be competitive with the physically superior teams, inexperienced but very promising

players like Shuka Oyama, Yuki Ishikawa and Akiko Ino (Libero) were introduced. In addition, Miyuki Takahashi, who spent the previous season in Italy, contributed with her valuable European experience to the team.

As a result, 2006 was a fruitful year overall for Yamagimoto's squad. Japan proceeded to the final round of the World Grand Prix in Italy – in 2005 Japan had hosted the final round in Sendai. Japan finished 6th in the World Championship. And the beating of Serbia & Montenegro gave enormous confidence to the team.

In 2007, all the preparations of Yanagimoto's squad were planned aiming for a qualification to the Olympics at the World Cup 2007. Japan's squad of 2007 is almost the same as 2006. In addition to the members of 2006, some experienced players, i.e. Asako Tajimi and Kanako Omura, made their comebacks. Furthermore, recovering from a foot injury, Megumi Kurihara rejoined the team. Japan closed the World Grand Prix 2007 experience with a ninth place.

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Inhabitants: 127,433,000
Capital: Tokyo





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Narita, Akihiko
Head coach	Yanagimoto, Shoichi
Assistant coach	Bandaira, Mamoru
Doctor	Yamaguchi, Hiroshi
Trainer/Therapist	Yasuhara, Takayuki

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11.11	18:00	Sapporo	JPN - KEN
14.11	19:30	Nagoya (NGH)	JPN - CUB
15.11	18:00	Nagoya (NGH)	JPN - USA
16.11	18:00	Nagoya (NGH)	JPN - BRA



Japan



1 KURIHARA

Name: Megumi Kurihara - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Hiroshima, JPN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Shikagawa Volleyball Club (Hiroshima, JPN) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** Asian Youth Championship (THAI) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Shopping, travelling - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Poems. Non-fiction, Music: HY, Kumi Koda, Other sports: Hockey



2 KANA

Name: Kana Oyama - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Tokyo, JPN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Himawari VBC (Tokyo, JPN) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** in 2002 - **Hobby:** Emailing, Listening to music - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Fiction, Poems, Food: Japanese, Movie: "Beauty & The Beast", Music: Japanese Pops, Other sports: Soccer



3 TAKESHITA

Name: Yoshie Takeshita - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Fukuoka, JPN - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Hagigaoka VBC (Fukuoka, JPN) in 1986 - **Intl. debut:** World Grand Champions Cup (JPN) in 1997 - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Food: Japanese



4 ITABASHI

Name: Megumi Itabashi - **Age:** 34 - **Born in:** Miyagi, JPN - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Ochiai Jr. (Miyagi) in 1982 - **Intl. debut:** in 1999 - **Hobby:** Driving, Reading books - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Japanese Novels, Food: Japanese, Other sports: Ice Hockey



5 SHIN

Name: Miyuki Takahashi - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Yamagata, JPN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Yamagata Higashi Jr. (Yamagata, JPN) in 1985 - **Intl. debut:** Asian Junior Championship (Thailand) in 1997 - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Food: Japanese food, Music: Western-style music, Other sports: NBA



6 KAORU

Name: Kaoru Sugayama - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Miyagi, Japan - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Iwanuma-nishi Jr. (Miyagi, Japan) in 1988 - **Intl. debut:** in 2005 - **Lang.:** Japanese



7 HORAI

Name: Makiko Horai - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Yamaguchi, JPN - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Junior high school Club (JPN) in 1989 - **Intl. debut:** World Grand Prix in 1999 - **Hobby:** Shopping - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Non-fiction, Food: Beans, Movie: Action movies, Other sports: Martial art



8 TAJIMI

Name: Asako Tajimi - **Age:** 35 - **Born in:** Tokyo - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Tokyo in 1983 - **Intl. debut:** in 1990 - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Fiction, Food: Japanese, Music: Exile



9 SUGIYAMA

Name: Sachiko Sugiyama - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Shizuoka, JPN - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Kitazato JVC (Shizuoka, JPN) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** in 2000 - **Hobby:** Cooking - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Information Magazine, Food: Cakes, Movie: "Oceans Eleven", Music: Popular, Other sports: Rugby, Swimming



10 SAKINO

Name: Kumiko Sakino - **Age:** 32 - **Born in:** Yamaguchi - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Daiei Orange Attackers (Hyogo) in 1984 - **Intl. debut:** in 1997 - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Fiction, Food: Japanese, Other sports: Baseball



11 ERICA

Name: Erika Araki - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Okayama, JPN - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Kurashiki-II-fukuda VBC (Kurashiki, JPN) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** in 2004 - **Hobby:** Reading, Watching DVDs - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Food: Western, Music: Japanese Pops, Other sports: Soccer, Basketball



12 SAORI

Name: Saori Kimura - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Saitama, JPN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Aikawa JVC (Tokyo, JPN) in 1994 - **Intl. debut:** in 2003 - **Hobby:** Shopping - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Japanese Novels, Food: Cheese cakes, Movie: Japanese movie "NANA", Music: Japanese Pops, Other sports: Soccer



13 SAKASHITA

Name: Maiko Sakashita - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Hyogo pref. Japan - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Narukita Clubl (Hyogo pref., Japan) in 1993 - **Intl. debut:** 24th Universiade Bangkok 2007 (Bangkok, Thailand) in 2007 - **Hobby:** Internet games, actions - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: novels, magazines, Food: Western foods, Movie: Comedies, Music: Japanese singer - Seamo, Kimura Kaera, Other sports: Volleyball, Basketball



14 SHUKA

Name: Shuka Oyama - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** CHINA - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Sumanoura (Hyogo) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** in 2006 - **Hobby:** Shopping - **Lang.:** Japanese, Chinese - **Favourites:** Food: Fruits, Movie: Movies acted by Jackie Chan, Music: Japanese Pops, Other sports: Track & Field



15 KAWAI

Name: Yuki Kawai - **Age:** 17 - **Born in:** Oita pref., Japan - **Position:** Unknown - **Club debut:** Fujiwara Fairies (Oita pref., Japan) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** Asian Youth Championship (Cebu, Philippines) in 2005 - **Hobby:** Listening to music - **Favourites:** Book: Magazines about any information, Food: Western foods, pasta, meats, fruits, Movie: Comedies, Music: Japanese musical group - Exile, Other sports: Volleyball - Japanese player Takeshita as a setter

**16 OMURA**

Name: Kanako Omura - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** Kyoto, JPN - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Junior high school (Kyouto, Japan) in 1989 - **Intl. debut:** Women's World Grand Prix (Various cities) in 1997 - **Hobby:** Watching movies - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Fiction, Food: Japanese, Other sports: Baseball

**17 SANO**

Name: Yuko Sano - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Osaka, JPN - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Unichika (Osaka) in 1989 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (Germany) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Shopping - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Information Magazine, Food: Japanese, Movie: Animation, Music: Japanese Pops, Other sports: Soccer

**YANAGIMOTO, SHOICHI (JPN)**

Since Shoichi Yanagimoto was appointed as head coach in 2003, the Japanese senior women's national team has been developing if not rapidly, then steadily.

Yanagimoto's squad has made steady progress so far and now they are aiming to fulfil their long-cherished desire to win a medal in the Olympics in Beijing next year. Many believe that Japan's dream cannot be realized without Yanagimoto.

In spring 2003, Yanagimoto was appointed as head coach of the Japanese senior women's national squad by the JVA. Within 8 months his squad had made a remarkable improvement and ended up 5th at the women's World Cup in November. At the OQT in the following year, Japan finished 1st and eventually qualified for the Olympics. Since the Olympics in 2004, however, all has not been smooth sailing for his squad. Whenever key players left the squad due to injuries, Yanagimoto always tried to make his team strong by making the most of his remaining players' ability. He can show his abilities as head coach in the face of adversity. The final goal of 2007 is, needless to say, the qualification for the Beijing Olympics.

HEAD COACH

**18 SHOJI**

Name: Yuki Shoji - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Hokkaido - **Position:** Unknown - **Club debut:** in 1994 - **Hobby:** Reading, Watching movies - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Fiction, History, Fashion Magazines, Music: Japanese Pops, Other sports: Baseball, Figure-skating, Gymnastics

**19 SAKURAI**

Name: Yuka Sakurai - **Age:** 33 - **Born in:** Mie, JAPAN - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Ishitsu Sports Shounendan (Gifu) in 1985 - **Intl. debut:** Grand Champions Cups (Japan) in 1999 - **Hobby:** Bathing - **Lang.:** Japanese - **Favourites:** Book: Fiction, Food: Japanese Cuisine, Movie: Impressed Movie, Music: Popular Music, Other sports: Jogging

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Kurihara Megumi	Kurihara	31/07/1984	186	68	305	285	11	11	90	112	Pioneer Red Wings
2	Oyama Kana	Kana	19/06/1984	187	84	308	294	11	22	85	118	Toray Arrows
3	Takeshita Yoshie	Takeshita	C 18/03/1978	159	52	280	270	11	11	168	190	JT Marvelous
4	Itabashi Megumi	Itabashi	07/06/1973	166	60	281	272			83	83	Hitachi Sawa Rivale
5	Takahashi Miyuki	Shin	25/12/1978	170	68	290	280	11	22	178	211	NEC Red Rockets
6	Sugayama Kaoru	Kaoru	26/12/1978	169	57	293	269		11	55	66	JT Marvelous
7	Horai Makiko	Horai	06/01/1979	187	68	312	300		22	145	167	JT Marvelous
8	Tajimi Asako	Tajimi	26/06/1972	180	72	309	300	22	22	218	262	Pioneer Red Wings
9	Sugiyama Sachiko	Sugiyama	19/10/1979	184	66	310	305	11	22	168	201	NEC Red Rockets
10	Sakino Kumiko	Sakino	23/09/1975	180	66	315	308			13	13	Hisamitsu Springs
11	Araki Erika	Erica	03/08/1984	186	75	307	302		11	68	79	Toray Arrows
12	Kimura Saori	Saori	19/08/1986	184	67	298	293	11	11	103	125	Toray Arrows
13	Sakashita Maiko	Sakashita	25/02/1985	179	74	300	283			11	11	JT Marvelous
14	Oyama Shuka	Shuka	25/09/1980	182	68	315	309		11	20	31	Hisamitsu Springs
15	Kawai Yuki	Kawai	22/01/1990	168	62	280	275			15	15	Higashi-Kyushu Ryukoku HS
16	Omura Kanako	Omura	15/12/1976	184	70	319	310	11		98	109	Hisamitsu Springs
17	Sano Yuko	Sano	L 26/07/1979	159	54	260	250		11	46	57	Hisamitsu Springs
18	Shoji Yuki	Shoji	19/11/1981	182	67	311	303			18	18	Pioneer Red Wings
19	Sakurai Yuka	Sakurai	L 02/09/1974	167	63	290	270			60	60	Denso Airybees

H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm), WC=World Championship, OG=Olympic Games, OTH=Other, C=Captain, L=Libero

LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships
2004 5	2006 6	2007 9	2005 5	2003 5	2007 1
1996 9	2002 13	2006 6	2001 3	1999 6	2005 3
1992 5	1998 8	2005 5	1997 5	1995 6	2003 2
1988 4	1994 7	2004 9	1993 4	1991 7	2001 4
1984 3	1990 8	2003 9		1989 4	1999 3
1976 1	1986 7	2002 5		1985 4	1997 3
1972 2	1982 4	2001 6		1981 2	1995 3
1968 2	1978 2	2000 8		1977 1	1993 2
1964 1	1974 1	1999 7		1973 2	1991 2
	1970 2	1998 7			
	1967 1	1997 4			
	1962 1	1996 8			
	1960 2	1995 7			
		1994 4			
		1993 6			

Kenya



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

Arguably the most successful Women's Volleyball team from Africa, Kenya which is ranked 17 in the world, is participating in the competition after a 12-year lapse. The team has participated in two Olympics (Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004) as well as two World Championships: Germany 2002 and Japan 2006.

Kenya qualified for the World Cup after winning the 16 Africa Nations Championship for Senior Women held in Nairobi, Kenya last September. They beat Algeria, the reigning All Africa Games Champions, in the final after overcoming Egypt, which represented Africa in the previous edition of the World Cup, in the semi-finals.

The Team combines experience with youth and centres on its prolific captain, 36-year old Dorcas Ndasaba, a double Olympian and a veteran of two World Championships. She was the Best Scorer during the 16th Africa Nations Championships.

It has a number of talented youngsters like Lydia Maiyo (Wing Spiker), Mercy Moim (Middle Blocker), Jane Wacu (Setter), Diana Khisa (Middle Blocker), and Janet Wanja (Setter).

Other important players include Brackcides Agala (Middle Blocker), Catherine Wanjiru (Wing Spiker), Doris Palanga (Universal Player), Mildred Odwako (Libero), Edna Rotich (Wing Spiker), Asha Makuto (Universal Player) and Jackline Barasa (Middle Blocker).

Kenya targets winning its first match on the world stage, after having come close a number of times during its previous attempts.

Area: 582,647 sq km
Inhabitants: 34,708,000
Capital: Nairobi





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Wanyonyi Martin
Head coach	Kirongo Sammy
Assistant coach	Lungaho David
Doctor	Kenyanito Alfred
Trainer/Therapist	Kibet Abdulrahman

MATCH SCHEDULE

02.11	13:35	Hamamatsu	CUB - KEN
03.11	18:05	Hamamatsu	BRA - KEN
04.11	12:35	Hamamatsu	KEN - PER
06.11	12:35	Sendai	KEN - USA
07.11	12:35	Sendai	KEN - POL
09.11	16:35	Sapporo	KEN - SRB
10.11	14:05	Sapporo	ITA - KEN
11.11	18:00	Sapporo	JPN - KEN
14.11	12:35	Nagoya (PAK)	KEN - THA
15.11	12:35	Nagoya (PAK)	DOM - KEN
16.11	17:05	Nagoya (PAK)	KEN - KOR



Kenya



1 WACU

Name: Jane WACU - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Nyeri - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Tetu High School (Kenya) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** Africa Club Championship (MAURITIUS) in 2006 - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili



2 LYALI

Name: Rodah LYALI - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** Kakamega, KEN - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline (Nairobi - KEN) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** Africa Club Championship (Cairo - Egypt) in 1997 - **Hobby:** Dancing, singing - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Things fall apart, Food: African ugali, chicken, Movie: Thriller, Music: Americans, Other sports: Athletics



3 DIANA

Name: Diana KHISA - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Bungoma, KEN - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Lugulu (Nairobi - KEN) in 2002 - **Intl. debut:** Junior World Championship (Poland) in 2004 - **Hobby:** Making friends - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Think Big, Food: Chicken and Ugali, Movie: Timeless, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Football and Swimming



4 NAFULA

Name: Doris PALANG'A - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Bungoma - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Kenya Commercial Bank (Kenya) in 2000 - **Intl. debut:** Africa Club Championship (Kenya) in 2003 - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Bible, Food: Murere, Movie: Religious, Music: Gospel, Other sports: Football



5 MAKUTO

Name: Asha MAKUTO - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** KAKAMEGA - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Mukumu Girls High School (Kakamega - Kenya) in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** World Girls Youth Championship (Croatia) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Movies, Swimming - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Aminata, Food: Rice / Chicken, Movie: The Bold, Music: Koffi olomide, Other sports: Football and Athletics



6 WANJIRU

Name: Catherine WANJIRU - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Nakuru, KEN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline Company (Nairobi - KEN) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** World Junior Championship (Poland) in 1997 - **Hobby:** Dancing, Swimming - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Parents, Food: African, Movie: Comedies, Music: Virunga, Other sports: Football



7 WANJA

Name: Janet WANJA - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Nairobi, KEN - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** MUKUMU GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL (KAKAMEGA - KENYA) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** World Girls Youth Championship (Zagreb, Croatia) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Movies, Dancing - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Aminata, Food: Rice / Beef, Movie: Die Another Day, Music: Mr. Nice, Other sports: Baseball, Softball



8 ODWAKO

Name: Mildred AMOYI - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** Kitale - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Kenya Commercial Bank (Nairobi, Kenya) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** Military Games (Nairobi, Kenya) in 2003 - **Hobby:** Dancing and swimming - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Mine Boy, Food: Ugali, Movie: Titanic, Music: Blues, Other sports: Football



9 NDASABA

Name: Dorcas NDASABA - **Age:** 36 - **Born in:** Bungoma, KEN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Siumbua Primary School (Nzoia KEN) in 1982 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (Brazil) in 1992 - **Hobby:** Singing Gospel songs - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Things Fall Apart, Food: African Githeri and Matoke, Movie: Next of Kin, Music: Gospel, Other sports: Football



10 CHEGE

Name: Lucy CHEGE - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** Thika, KEN - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline Company (Nairobi - KEN) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** Africa Club Championship (Cairo - Egypt) in 1998 - **Hobby:** Swimming - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Double Cross, Food: African, Movie: Thriller, Music: Gospel, Other sports: Swimming



11 JACKY

Name: Jackline BARASA - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** Bungoma, KEN - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Ulinzi (Nairobi - KEN) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** Africa Military Games (Nairobi - KEN) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Travelling and Swimming - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Think Big, Food: African, Movie: Titanic, Music: Lingala, Other sports: Football



12 MAIYO

Name: Lydia MAIYO - **Age:** 18 - **Born in:** Uasin Gishu, KEN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Itigo School (Eldoret KEN) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** East and Central (Nairobi, KEN) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Listening to Music - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Think big, Food: Rice, Chicken, Movie: Inspector Mwala, Music: Reggae, Other sports: Basketball, Netball



13 KAMENDE

Name: Leonidas KAMENDE - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Makueni, KEN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline Company (Dakar, Senegal) in 2002 - **Intl. debut:** International invitation (Sychellies) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Dancing, Outing - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: David Mailu, Food: African - Muthoko, Movie: Spiderman III, Music: Blues, Other sports: Pool game



14 MOIM

Name: Mercy MOIM - **Age:** 18 - **Born in:** Tranzaoia - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Kaboywo School (Kitale, KEN) in 2000 - **Intl. debut:** East and Central (Nairobi KEN) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Swimming, Reading - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: A Man of the People, Food: Ugali, Rice, Chicken, Movie: Nigerian Movies, Music: Gospel, Other sports: Football



15 KHADAMBI

Name: Brackcides KHADAMBI - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Kakamega - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Lugulu (Kenya) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** World Championship (Japan) in 2006 - **Hobby:** Swimming - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: The River and Source, Food: Ugali, Movie: Action Packed Movies, Music: R & B, Other sports: Football and Swimming

**16 TARUS**

Name: Judith TARUS - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Uasin Gishu - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Itigo High School (ELDORET,KEN) in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** World Youth Qualification (Nairobi, KEN) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Singing, Swimming - **Lang.:** English, Kiwahili - **Favourites:** Book: The Soldiers Wife, Food: Rice, Chicken, Movie: Papa Shirandula, Music: Country, Other sports: Football

**17 ROTICH**

Name: Edna ROTICH - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Nandi, KEN - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline Company (Nairobi - KEN) in 2002 - **Intl. debut:** Africa Club Championship (Nairobi -KEN) in 2005 - **Hobby:** Dancing and Movies - **Lang.:** English, Kiswahili - **Favourites:** Book: Think big, Food: Ugali , Mursik, Movie: Secreto D Amor, Music: Angela Chipalanza, Other sports: Football

**KIRONGO SAMMY (KEN)**

The 41-year old Sammy Kirongo started playing Volleyball in 1980. He played for the Kenya National Team for 13 years (1987 to 1999). He then started coaching in 1998 and was the trainer for the National Team to the Athens Olympic Games in 2004. He was the head coach for the Kenya Women's National Team to the 9 All Africa Games, 2007 held in Algiers, Algeria in which Kenya won a Bronze Medal. He was also the Head Coach for the National Team for the 16 Africa Nations Championship for Women held in Nairobi 2007, in which Kenya won the Gold Medal. He expects Kenya to play well and win some matches during the World Cup.

HEAD COACH

**18 SERENGE**

Name: Judith SERENGE - **Age:** 31 - **Born in:** Kakamega, KEN - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline (Nairobi KEN) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** Africa Club Championship (Kenya) in 1996 - **Hobby:** Playing Volleyball,making friends - **Lang.:** English, Germany - **Favourites:** Book: Bible, Food: Spaghetti, Music: Maranatha, Other sports: Football

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Wacu Jane	Wacu	24/03/1985	174	59	300	290		5	28	33	Kenya Prisons
2	Lyali Rodah	Lyali	22/11/1976	169	72	275	250		5	26	31	Kenya Pipeline Company
3	Khisa Diana	Diana	26/05/1987	179	73	305	297		5	30	35	Kenya Pipeline Company
4	Palang'a Doris	Nafula	02/01/1982	170	76	303	284		5	43	48	Kenya Commercial Bank
5	Makuto Asha	Makuto	02/05/1986	173	70	300	283		1	10	11	Kenya Pipeline Company
6	Wanjiru Catherine	Wanjiru	07/08/1978	180	87	300	292	5	8	36	49	Kenya Pipeline Company
7	Wanja Janet	Wanja	24/02/1984	174	58	292	287	5	10	32	47	Kenya Pipeline Company
8	Amoyi Mildred	Odwako	L 17/01/1980	172	69	280	270		5	35	40	Kenya Commercial Bank
9	Ndasaba Dorcas	Ndasaba	C 31/03/1971	174	73	310	306	10	15	79	104	Kenya Commercial Bank
10	Chege Lucy	Chege	15/11/1976	171	63	300	282		10	37	47	Kenya Pipeline Company
11	Barasa Jackline	Jacky	25/12/1979	180	79	280	277		5	39	44	Kenya Commercial Bank
12	Maiyo Lydia	Maiyo	03/11/1988	185	74	315	308		10	33	43	Kenya Pipeline Company
13	Kamende Leonidas	Kamende	28/08/1979	181	78	305	290	5	10	36	51	Kenya Pipeline Company
14	Moim Mercy	Moim	01/01/1989	178	74	298	286		5	21	26	Kenya Prisons
15	Khadambi Brackcides	Khadambi	14/05/1984	180	71	310	299		5	30	35	Kenya Prisons
16	Tarus Judith	Tarus	26/06/1986	170	59	280	271		5	30	35	Kenya Prisons
17	Rotich Edna	Rotich	27/03/1981	179	73	307	300			30	30	Kenya Commercial Bank
18	Serenge Judith	Serenge	21/01/1976	153	62	263	260	10	5	61	76	Kenya Pipeline

H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm), WC=World Championship, OG=Olympic Games, OTH=Other, C=Captain, L=Liberio

LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships
2004 11	2006 21			1995 11	2007 1
2000 11	2002 21			1991 12	2005 1
	1998 13				2003 2
	1994 13				1997 1
					1995 2
					1993 1
					1991 1

Korea, Republic of



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

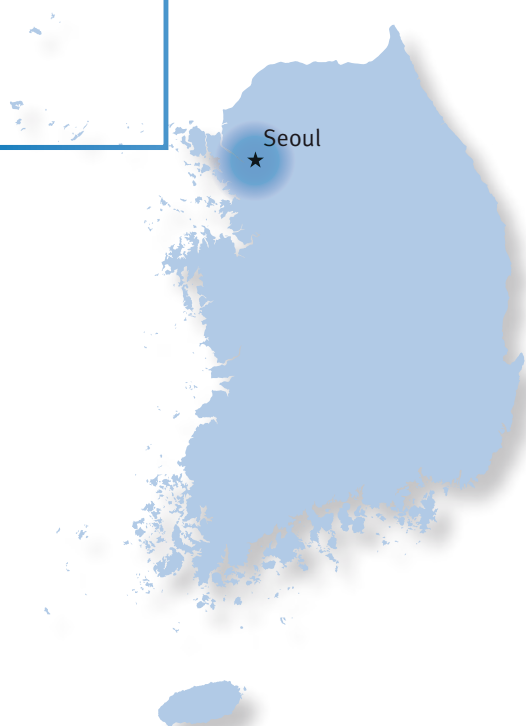
Korea Women's Team traditionally depends on the quick combination play and mental power. The players are not so tall, but feature the most excellent defence among the world best teams.

The best ranking in the Olympic Games was 3rd place in Montreal in 1976, while in the Asian games they were champions in Hiroshima 1994.

This year, the most critical international season on the road to Beijing, Korea Women's Team is joined by new younger players, who are expected to give an impulse to the team for better results in international matches. In the long term view, Korea will maintain this team to the 2008 Olympic.

Additionally, Ms. Kim recovered from a long injury and she's ready to show the powerful Volleyball to the fans.

Area: 99,313 sq km
Inhabitants: 49,025,000
Capital: Seoul





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Ko, Kwang-Sam
Head coach	Lee, Jung-Chul
Assistant coach	Shin, Dong-Yeoun
Doctor	Shin, Hyun-Taeg
Trainer/Therapist	To be informed later

MATCH SCHEDULE

02.11	13:35	Tokyo (TMG)	KOR - SRB
03.11	18:00	Tokyo (TMG)	JPN - KOR
04.11	15:05	Tokyo (TMG)	ITA - KOR
06.11	15:05	Osaka	DOM - KOR
07.11	12:35	Osaka	KOR - THA
09.11	18:05	Kumamoto	CUB - KOR
10.11	18:05	Kumamoto	BRA - KOR
11.11	15:05	Kumamoto	KOR - USA
14.11	18:05	Nagoya (PAK)	KOR - PER
15.11	18:05	Nagoya (PAK)	KOR - POL
16.11	17:05	Nagoya (PAK)	KEN - KOR





Korea, Republic of



1 M.J. KIM

Name: Min-Ji KIM - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Seoul - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** in 1996 - **Lang.:** Korean



2 Y.N.BAE

Name: Yoo-Na BAE - **Age:** 17 - **Position:** Wing spiker



3 J.H.JI

Name: Jung-Hee JI - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Seoul - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Lang.:** Korean



4 S.N. KIM

Name: Sa-Nee KIM - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Seoul, KOR - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** KOR in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** in 1996 - **Hobby:** Listening to Music - **Lang.:** Korean - **Favourites:** Book: Novel, Food: Korean Food, Movie: Promise, Music: Dance Music



5 H.R. KIM

Name: Hae-Ran KIM - **Age:** 23 - **Position:** Libero



6 S.J.KIM

Name: Su-Ji KIM - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Kyonggi - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Lang.:** Korean



7 Y.J.HWANG

Name: Youn-Joo HWANG - **Age:** 21 - **Position:** Wing spiker



8 J.Y. NAM

Name: Jie-Youn NAM - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Korea - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** in 1993 - **Lang.:** Korean



9 H.W.LA

Name: Hea-Won LA - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Kyonggi - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Lang.:** Korean



10 Y.K.KIM

Name: Yeon-Koung KIM - **Age:** 19 - **Position:** Wing spiker



11 Y.M. HAN

Name: Yoo-Mi HAN - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Kyunggi - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Hyundai (KOR) in 1992 - **Lang.:** Korean - **Favourites:** Food: Korean Food



12 S.Y.HAN

Name: Song-Yi HAN - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Kyonggi - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Sungho Elementary School in 1994 - **Lang.:** Korean



13 D.Y. JUNG

Name: Dae-Young JUNG - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Chungbuk, KOR - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** in 1993 - **Intl. debut:** in 2001 - **Lang.:** Korean



14 J.H.KIM

Name: Ji-Hyun KIM - **Age:** 23 - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Lang.:** Korean



15 S.Y. KIM

Name: Se-Young KIM - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Korea - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Tobacco and Ginseng - **Lang.:** Korean

**16 S.J.HAN**

Name: Soo-Ji HAN - **Age:** 18 -
Position: Setter

**17 M.R.KWAK**

Name: Mi-Ran KWAK - **Age:** 26 -
Position: Middle blocker

**LEE, JUNG-CHUL (KOR)**

LEE, Jung-Chul was born in 1960, he graduated in Physical Education and he is married with 2 sons.

Coaching Career:
1994 - 1997: Assistant Coach of GS Caltex Women's VB Team.

- 1st place at 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 season Korea Super League.

1999 - 2001: Assistant Coach of Hyundai Construction Women's VB Team.

- 1st place at 1999-2000, 2000-01 season Korea Super League.

2001 - 2003: Head Coach of Heungkuk Insurance Women's VB Team.

2004: Head Coach of Korea Jr. Women's VB Team.

- 3rd place at 2004 Asian Jr. Women's Championship.

1998, 2005: Assistant Coach of Korea Sr. Women's VB Team.

- 9th place at 1998 Women's World Championship.

- 2nd place at 1998 Bangkok Asian Games.

- 4th place at Asian Women's Championship.

2007: Head Coach of Korea Women's National Team.

- 4th place at 2007 Asian Sr. Championship.

Mr Lee declared that the Korean team was not in very good condition at the 2007 Asian Women's Championship as many players who participated in the 2006 Women's World Championship were absent due to injuries. However, for the 2007 World Cup, they recovered and came back to the National team to show their best performance and head to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

HEAD COACH

**18 M.C.CHUN**

Name: Min-Chong CHUN - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Seoul - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Lang.:** Korean

**19 H.S.YEOM**

Name: Hye-Seon YEOM - **Age:** 16 -
Position: Setter

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Kim Min-Ji	M.J. Kim	25/05/1985	185	68	304	296			7	7	GS Caltex
2	Bae Yoo-Na	Y.N.Bae	30/11/1989	180	68	303	294		9	15	24	Hanil Women's High School
3	Ji Jung-Hee	J.H.Ji	18/03/1985	180	67	305	296					KT & G
4	Kim Sa-Nee	S.N. Kim	C 21/06/1981	180	72	302	292		20	101	121	KT & G
5	Kim Hae-Ran	H.R. Kim	L 16/03/1984	168	60	280	270		9	21	30	Korea Highway corp.
6	Kim Su-Ji	S.J.Kim	11/07/1987	185	65	303	294					Hyundai
7	Hwang Youn-Joo	Y.J.Hwang	13/08/1986	177	68	303	294		9	6	15	Hungkuk Life Insurance Co.
8	Nam Jie-Youn	J.Y. Nam	L 25/05/1983	172	63	285	273		13	40	53	GS Caltex
9	La Hea-Won	H.W.La	28/06/1986	181	62	302	294			9	9	GS Caltex Team
10	Kim Yeon-Koung	Y.K.Kim	26/02/1988	188	62	307	299		9	6	15	Hungkuk Life Insurance Co.
11	Han Yoo-Mi	Y.M. Han	05/02/1982	179	65	307	297		20	37	57	Hyundai
12	Han Song-Yi	S.Y.Han	05/09/1984	185	67	305	298	8	9	20	37	Korea Highway Corp.
13	Jung Dae-Young	D.Y. Jung	12/08/1981	183	73	303	292		20	84	104	GS Caltex
14	Kim Ji-Hyun	J.H.Kim	10/10/1984	185	74	305	295		9	6	15	Korea Highway corp.
15	Kim Se-Young	S.Y. Kim	04/06/1981	190	71	309	300	8	9	44	61	KT & G
16	Han Soo-Ji	S.J.Han	01/02/1989	182	76	305	296		9	15	24	Hyundai Construction Co.
17	Kwak Mi-Ran	M.R.Kwak	15/07/1981	174	57	291	282					Korea Highway Corp
18	Chun Min-Chong	M.C.Chun	12/08/1985	180	65	300	287			16	16	Joongang Girls' High School
19	Yeom Hye-Seon	H.S.Yeom	03/02/1991	177	52	302	291					Mokpo Girl's High School

H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm), WC=World Championship, OG=Olympic Games, OTH=Other, C=Captain, L=Libero

LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships
2004 5	2006 13	2006 9	2005 6	2003 9	2007 4
2000 8	2002 6	2005 9	2001 6	1999 4	2005 4
1996 6	1998 9	2004 11	1997 6	1995 5	2003 3
1988 8	1994 4	2003 6		1991 6	2001 2
1984 5	1990 5	2001 7		1989 7	1999 2
1976 3	1986 8	2000 5		1985 7	1997 2
1972 4	1982 7	1999 6		1981 5	1995 2
1968 5	1978 4	1998 6		1977 3	1993 3
1964 6	1974 3	1997 3		1973 3	1991 3
	1967 3	1996 6			
		1995 5			
		1994 5			
		1993 5			

Peru



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

The Peruvian Volleyball National Federation (FPV) was founded on May 12, 1942 being our first president Dr. Marcial Ayaipoma Alvarado. The above mentioned institution participated on its first South American Competition in Buenos Aires – Argentina in 1964. The Women delegation was headed by Dr. Jose Pezet Miro Quesada, who achieved, besides other things, during his permanency, the inscription of the Federation to South American Volleyball Confederation (CSV) and the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB).

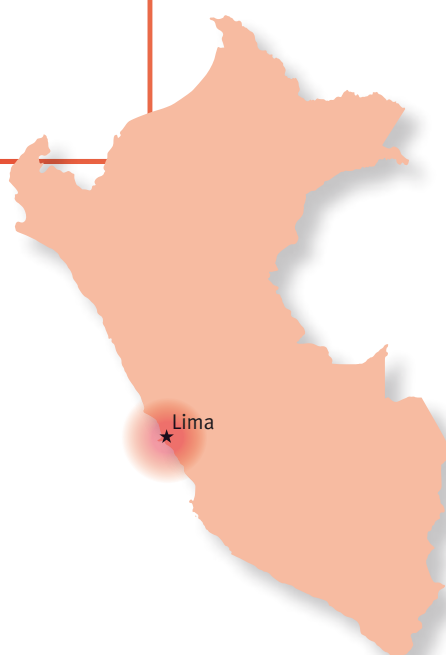
It was all achieved in the decade of the sixties, which marked the beginning of a constant and arduous effort by Peruvian Volleyball National Teams not only in a national level but also in a world level. For this, Pezet Miro Quesada is considered the Patriarch of Volleyball in Peru.

During his management as President of the FPV, he brought as trainer the brilliant and remembered Japanese Akira Kato, who with the Peruvian sportswomen achieved that Peru were considered as one of the favourites teams in Latin America.

Some years later, more successes were achieved by our teams in South American Competitions, World Cups and Olympic Games that we detail here:

- 11 times, South America Champion (Adults) (1964, 1967, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1993).
- 4 times, South America Youth Champion (1980, 1982, 1986 and 1988).
- 2 times, South America Junior Champion (1978 and 1980).
- 1 time, World Sub Champion (Youth) (1981).
- 1 time, World Sub Champion (Adults) (1982).
- 1 time, Olympic Sub Champion (Adults) (1988).

Area: 1,285,216 sq km
Inhabitants: 28,675,000
Capital: Lima





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Cesar Vertiz
Head coach	Enio de Figueiredo
Assistant coach	Edwin Jimenez
Doctor	Carlos Tay Lazo
Trainer/Therapist	Antonio Falcon

MATCH SCHEDULE

02.11	16:05	Hamamatsu	PER - USA
03.11	15:05	Hamamatsu	PER - POL
04.11	12:35	Hamamatsu	KEN - PER
06.11	18:05	Sendai	BRA - PER
07.11	15:05	Sendai	CUB - PER
09.11	19:30	Sapporo	JPN - PER
10.11	16:35	Sapporo	PER - SRB
11.11	12:35	Sapporo	ITA - PER
14.11	18:05	Nagoya (PAK)	KOR - PER
15.11	15:05	Nagoya (PAK)	PER - THA
16.11	12:05	Nagoya (PAK)	DOM - PER



Peru



1 JOYA

Name: Sara JOYA LOBATON - **Age:** 31 - **Born in:** Lima - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Alianza Lima (Lima - Perú) in 1991 - **Intl. debut:** South American Youth Championship (Chile) in 1992 - **Lang.:** Spanish, English



2 URIBE

Name: Mirtha URIBE - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Lima - **Club debut:** ALIANZA LIMA (Lima - Peru) in 1996



3 VERONICA

Name: Veronica CONTRERAS - **Age:** 30



4 SOTO

Name: Patricia SOTO - **Age:** 27 - **Club debut:** ALIANZA LIMA (Lima - Perú) in 1994



5 PALACIOS

Name: Vanessa PALACIOS - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** HUANUCO - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Divino Maestro (Lima - Perú) in 2000 - **Intl. debut:** South American Junior Championship (La Paz - Bolivia) in 2002 - **Lang.:** Spanish, English



6 JESSENIA

Name: Jessenia UCEDA - **Age:** 26



7 ZAMUDIO

Name: Yulissa ZAMUDIO ORE - **Age:** 31 - **Born in:** Lima - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** peru (Lima - Perú) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** South American Youth Championship (Chile) in 1992 - **Lang.:** Spanish, English



8 MOY

Name: Milagros MOY - **Age:** 32 - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Bancoper (Lima - Perú) in 1990 - **Intl. debut:** South American Youth Championship (Chile) in 1992 - **Lang.:** Spanish, English, Italian



9 TRISTAN

Name: Carla TRISTAN - **Age:** 19 - **Born in:** Lima - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Divijno Maestro (Lima - Perú) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** South American Youth Championship (Barquisimeto - Venezuela) in 2002 - **Lang.:** Spanish



10 CHIHUAN

Name: Leyla CHIHUAN - **Age:** 32 - **Born in:** Lima - **Club debut:** ALIANZA LIMA (Lima - Perú) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** South American Junior Championship in 1994 - **Lang.:** Spanish, English, Italian



11 BAYLON

Name: Luren BAYLON FRANCIS - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** Lima - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Dapello (Lima - Perú) in 1991 - **Intl. debut:** South American Youth Championship (Chile) in 1993 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish, English



12 RUEDA

Name: Carla RUEDA - **Age:** 17 - **Born in:** Chinchana - **Club debut:** SPORTING CRISTAL (Lima Peru) in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** Sudamericano Menores (Ecuador) in 2004 - **Hobby:** Dance, singing, movies - **Lang.:** Spanish, English - **Favourites:** Book: Crónica de una Muerte Anunciada, Food: Carapulcra con Sopa Seca Chinchana, Movie: Chicas Rubias con trasero negro - Titanic, Music: Sin Banderas, Other sports: Football, athletics



13 LA ROSA

Name: Zoyla LA ROSA - **Age:** 17 - **Born in:** Pisco - **Club debut:** Divino Maestro (Lima Peru) in 2003 - **Intl. debut:** Sudamericano Menores (Lima Peru) in 2006 - **Hobby:** Music - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Harry Potter, Food: Carapulcra, Movie: Quisiera ser como Beckham, Music: Sin Banderas, Other sports: Basketball



14 BARRERA

Name: Pamela BARRERA - **Age:** 16 - **Born in:** Bellavista - Callao - **Club debut:** Alianza Lima (Lima Peru) in 2003 - **Intl. debut:** Sudamericano Menores (Lima Peru) in 2006 - **Hobby:** Music, books - **Lang.:** Spanish, English - **Favourites:** Book: Harry Potter, La Noche es Virgen, Food: Ceviche, Movie: Juego Macabro 1, 2, 3, Music: Eminem - Ni Voz Ni Voto



15 ORTIZ

Name: Karla ORTIZ - **Age:** 16 - **Born in:** LIMA - **Club debut:** Divino Maestro (Lima Peru) in 2004 - **Intl. debut:** Sudamericano Menores (Lima Peru) in 2006 - **Hobby:** Internet - **Lang.:** Spanish - **Favourites:** Book: Las Crónicas de Narnia, Food: Tallarines Verdes con Bistek y Papa a la Huancaína, Movie: Chicas Rubias con trasero negro, Music: Victor Manuel, Other sports: Basketball

**16 VENTURA****Name:** Yurico VENTURA - **Age:** 16**17 CAMET****Name:** Raffaella CAMET - **Age:** 15 - **Born in:** Lima, Peru - **Lang.:** Spanish, English**ENIO DE FIGUEIREDO (PER)**

Enio de Figueiredo Silva, a former player, started his career as coach in 1964. He trained several teams and achieved lots of prizes in the last 16 years.

Enio started as Coach Assistant of the Brazilian National Team (Adults) during the Pan American Games of Mexico 1975. In 1978 he achieved the management of the Women's Brazilian National Team (Adults) and they got the 15th place in the World Ranking. During this time he participated in many Tournaments, including Brazil's first Olympic Games (Moscow 1980), Los Angeles 1984, two Pan American Games in Puerto Rico 1979 and Venezuela 1983.

He was also Television Sportscaster during the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988, Barcelona 1992 and Atlanta 1996.

Coach Enio developed the RUMO CERTO Project in the Latin American slums, receiving about 1500 children in Volleyball, basketball and soccer courses.

In May 2007, Enio was hired by the Peruvian Volleyball National Federation as Head Coach of the Adults National Team (Women), participating in the Pan American Cup in Mexico, the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro and the South American Cup in Chile getting the 2nd place and classifying to the World Cup in Tokyo, Japan.

HEAD COACH**18 BAELLA****Name:** Vivian BAELLA - **Age:** 15**19 EGOAVIL****Name:** Susan EGOAVIL - **Age:** 19**PLAYERS ROSTER**

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Joya Lobaton Sara	Joya	22/02/1976	182	70	298	295	5	30	82	117	DEGIRMENDERE
2	Uribe Mirtha	Uribe	12/03/1985	182	67	297	286		5	51	56	A. PINGUELA
3	Contreras Veronica	Veronica	08/06/1977	174	63	280	282	5	30	195	230	A. PINGUELA
4	Soto Patricia	Soto	10/02/1980	179	67	300	295	5	10	117	132	GALATAZARAY
5	Palacios Vanessa	Palacios	L 03/07/1984	167	66	255	250		5	67	72	BENIDORM
6	Uceda Jessenia	Jessenia	14/08/1981	178	69	304	300	5		45	50	ALIANZA LIMA
7	Zamudio Ore Yulissa	Zamudio	24/03/1976	184	61	320	300	10	20	81	111	DEGIRMENDERE
8	Moy Milagros	Moy	17/10/1975	176	72	296	282	10	20	112	142	ALBACETE
9	Tristan Carla	Tristan	29/01/1988	180	67	297	295		5	41	46	ALIANZA LIMA
10	Chihuan Leyla	Chihuan	C 04/09/1975	180	67	297	306	10	15	114	139	BENIDORM
11	Baylon Francis Luren	Baylon	14/08/1977	180	68	310	305	5	25	71	101	CV CIUDADELLA
12	Rueda Carla	Rueda	19/04/1990	180	65	284	280		7	32	39	SPORTING CRISTALI
13	La Rosa Zoila	La Rosa	31/05/1990	171	57	285	280		7	20	27	DIVINO MAESTRO
14	Barrera Pamela	Barrera	09/09/1991	178	63	282	280		7	15	22	ALIANZA LIMA
15	Ortiz Karla	Ortiz	20/10/1991	178	60	296	290		7	15	22	DIVINO MAESTRO
16	Ventura Yurico	Ventura	27/12/1990	173	70	280	275		7	10	17	FPV
17	Camet Raffaella	Camet	14/09/1992	177	67	275	275		7	10	17	SPORTING CRISTALI
18	Baella Vivian	Baella	03/08/1992	173	63	285	280		7	7	14	CESAR VALLEJO
19	Egoavil Susan	Egoavil	L 16/01/1988	162	52	265	251			25	25	LATINO AMISA

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LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships	
2000 11	2006 17	1994 11	1993 6	1999 10	2007 2	1979 1
1996 11	1998 9			1995 10	2005 3	1977 1
1988 2	1994 13			1991 5	2003 3	1975 1
1984 4	1990 6			1989 5	1999 3	1973 1
1980 6	1986 3			1985 5	1997 2	1971 1
1976 7	1982 2			1977 5	1995 2	1969 2
1968 4	1978 10			1973 4	1993 1	1967 1
	1974 8				1991 2	1964 1
	1970 14				1989 1	1962 2
	1967 4				1987 1	1961 2
	1960 7				1985 1	1958 2
					1983 1	1956 3
					1981 2	

Poland



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

The Polish Women's National Team was founded in 1947. In their first official international appearance the White and Reds lost to Czechoslovakia 1-3, nevertheless Poland soon joined the group of World's top teams and recorded significant achievements throughout the 1950's and 1960's, including two Olympic bronze medals in Tokyo 1964 and Mexico 1968.

Since then, however, the last three decades were not so successful. A sudden and very enjoyable change came in 2003 with Head Coach Ryszard Andrzej Niemczyk. Poles pulled off a huge surprise during 2003 European Championships in Turkey, knocking over the hosts in straight sets in the final to claim gold.

Malgorzata Glinka was honoured as the Best Scorer – and unofficially the MVP – of the tournament, while the team's captain Magdalena Sliwa received the award for the Best Setter.

The debut of the Polish Team in the World Cup gave it the 8th place with Glinka again receiving the MVP honour of the tournament and 100.000 USD money award from FIVB.

In 2005 the National Team proved its superiority by defending the European Championship. Now it is preparing hard to continue its stream of success on the road to World Cup in Japan where it hopes for a medal position.

After a line of success a stagnation period came in 2006. Despite a vast preparation plans the National Team was not able to reach the level it peaked in former years. After tremendous losses in Montreux and World Grand Prix it ended up only 15 in the World Championships in Japan.

Head Coach Niemczyk due to health problems resigned from his function even before the Championships. The new Head Coach Marco Bonitta was chosen on March 2007. The team was 6th in 2007 World Grand Prix.

Olympic Games: Bronze Medals in 1964 and 1968.

World Championships: Silver Medal in 1952, Bronze Medals in 1956 and 1962.

European Championships: Gold Medal in 2003, Silver Medals in 1950, 1951, 1963, 1967, Bronze Medals in 1949, 1955, 1958, 1971.

Area: 312,685 sq km
Inhabitants: 38,518,000
Capital: Warsaw





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Brandt Marek
Head coach	Bonitta Marco
Assistant coach	Masacci Mauro
Doctor	Rekawek Krzysztof
Trainer/Therapist	Karakula Tomasz

MATCH SCHEDULE

02.11	19:35	Hamamatsu	BRA - POL
03.11	15:05	Hamamatsu	PER - POL
04.11	18:05	Hamamatsu	POL - USA
06.11	15:05	Sendai	CUB - POL
07.11	12:35	Sendai	KEN - POL
09.11	14:05	Sapporo	ITA - POL
10.11	19:30	Sapporo	JPN - POL
11.11	15:05	Sapporo	POL - SRB
14.11	15:05	Nagoya (PAK)	DOM - POL
15.11	18:05	Nagoya (PAK)	KOR - POL
16.11	14:35	Nagoya (PAK)	POL - THA



Poland



1 SKOWRONSKA

Name: Katarzyna Skowronska-Dolata - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Warszawa, POL - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Skra (Warszawa, POL) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** YECG 1999 (Gdańsk, POL) in 1999 - **Hobby:** music, movie - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: historical, Food: Polish, Italians, Movie: action, Music: pop, rock, rap, Other sports: tennis



2 ZENIK

Name: Mariola Zenik - **Age:** 25



3 DZIEKIEWICZ

Name: Eleonora Dziekiewicz - **Age:** 29



4 BELCIK

Name: Izabela Belcik - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** Malbork - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** MKS Jurand (Malbork, Poland) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** European Championships (Italy) in 1999 - **Hobby:** Pets - **Lang.:** Polish, English - **Favourites:** Book: Adventure, Food: Ice cream, Movie: Of action, Music: All kinds, Other sports: Football, athletics



5 SLIWA

Name: Magdalena Sliwa - **Age:** 37 - **Born in:** Makow Podhalanski, Poland - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Wisla (Wisla, Poland) in 1979 - **Intl. debut:** E Ch Q (Poland) in 1991 - **Hobby:** sports - **Lang.:** Polish, Italian - **Favourites:** Book: adventure, Food: Italian, Movie: romantic, Music: rock, Other sports: football, athletics



6 PODOLEC

Name: Anna Podolec - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Lancut - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** MKS (Lancut, POL) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** WWCH (Leipzig, GER) in 2002 - **Hobby:** books - **Lang.:** English, German - **Favourites:** Book: Action, Food: Polish kitchen, Movie: Adventure, comedy, Music: pop, Other sports: basketball



7 GLINKA

Name: Malgorzata Glinka-Mogentale - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Warszawa, Poland - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Skra Warszawa (Warszawa, Poland) in 1990 - **Intl. debut:** European Ch Q (Poland) in 1996 - **Hobby:** movie, pc - **Lang.:** Polish, Italian - **Favourites:** Book: "The green mile", adventure, Food: pasta, Movie: "Pretty Woman", romantic, Music: rock, Other sports: Tennis, swimming



8 SWIENIEWICZ

Name: Dorota Swieniewicz - **Age:** 35 - **Born in:** Gluszyca - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Polonia (Swidnica, POL) in 1985 - **Intl. debut:** JEC (Salzburg, AUT) in 1988 - **Hobby:** books, driving car - **Lang.:** Polish, Italian - **Favourites:** Book: spy, Food: italian, Movie: action, Music: polish rock, Other sports: basketball



9 BEDNAREK

Name: Agnieszka Bednarek - **Age:** 21



10 MIREK

Name: Joanna Mirek - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** Myslenice - **Position:** Universal - **Lang.:** English



11 PYCIA

Name: Sylwia Pycia - **Age:** 26



12 SADUREK

Name: Milena Sadurek - **Age:** 23



13 ROSNER

Name: Milena Rosner - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** Slupsk - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Czarni Slupsk (Slupsk, Poland) in 1990 - **Intl. debut:** European Championships Qualifications (Poland) in 1997 - **Hobby:** Pets - **Lang.:** Polish, English - **Favourites:** Book: Adventure, Food: Salads, Movie: Psychological, Music: Blue Caffé, Poland, Other sports: Ski Jumping



14 LIKTORAS

Name: Maria Liktoras - **Age:** 32 - **Born in:** Aszchabad, Turkmenistan - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** High School (Odessa, UKR) in 1990 - **Intl. debut:** EC 2003 (Antalya, Ankara, TUR) in 2003 - **Hobby:** sports - **Lang.:** Polish, Russian - **Favourites:** Book: adventure, Food: all kinds, Movie: of action, romantic, Music: rock, Other sports: basketball, football



15 SAWICKA

Name: Agata Sawicka - **Age:** 22

**16 KACZOROWSKA**

Name: Klaudia Kaczorowska -
Age: 18

**17 FRATCZAK**

Name: Kamila Fratzczak - **Age:** 27
- **Born in:** turek - **Position:** Wing spiker

**BONITTA MARCO (ITA)**

Marco Bonitta was born in Ravenna, Italy, on 5th September 1963. He is married with two children.

After a successful career in Italian Serie A, he was appointed as Italy Head Coach in the spring of 2001. Together with the Women's teams, he won the gold medal in the Mediterranean Games in Tunis in September 2001 and the silver medal in the European Championship in Varna - Bulgaria. In 2002, after the 2nd place in the classic Montreux Tournament, he led Italy to the historical win in the World Championship achieved with the final match against the United States in Berlin on 15th September 2002.

In Athens, Italy ranked 5th. In the same season he led the women's team to their 1st success in the traditional Montreux Volley Masters and to the 2nd place in the FIVB World Grand Prix.

In 2005 the team got the silver medal in European Championship; silver medal in the FIVB World Grand Prix, 2nd place in the Trophy of Valle D'Aosta in Courmayeur and 3rd place in the Montreux Volley Masters. Just before the 2006 World Championship he left the Italian team. He's coaching Poland since March 2007 and he was 6th in 2007 World Grand Prix.

HEAD COACH

**18 STANIUCHA**

Name: Joanna Staniucha -
Szczurek - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:**
Goleniow - **Position:** Wing spiker -
Club debut: MKS Barnin Goleniow
(Goleniow, Poland) in 1995 - **Intl.**

debut: European Championships Qualifications (Poland) in 1997 - **Hobby:** Sports - **Lang.:** Polish, English, Deutsch - **Favourites:** Book: Adventure, Food: Pizza, Movie: Of action, Music: Disco, Pop, Other sports: Volleyball, Tennis, Ski Jumping

**19 KOCZOROWSKA**

Name: Dominika Koczorowska -
Age: 24

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Skowronska-Dolata Katarzyna	Skowronska	30/06/1983	187	73	305	288		8	43	51	Asistel
2	Zenik Mariola	Zenik	L 03/07/1982	175	65	300	290					Muszynianka
3	Dziekiewicz Eleonora	Dziekiewicz	15/10/1978	185	70	307	295					Winiary
4	Belcik Izabela	Belcik	29/11/1980	185	65	304	292	5		60	65	Muszynianka
5	Sliwa Magdalena	Sliwa	17/11/1969	173	66	277	268		5	231	236	Wisla
6	Podolec Anna	Podolec	30/10/1985	193	71	318	305		5	25	30	Balakovska
7	Glinka-Mogentale Malgorzata	Glinka	30/09/1978	190	84	314	303		5	160	165	Murcia
8	Swieniewicz Dorota	Swieniewicz	C 27/07/1972	180	64	315	305		5	82	87	ICARO Alaro
9	Bednarek Agnieszka	Bednarek	20/02/1986	185	66	309	292					Farmutil
10	Mirek Joanna	Mirek	17/02/1977	187	69	314	306			70	70	Muszynianka
11	Pycia Sylwia	Pycia	20/04/1981	190	75	309	302					Pronar Zeta
12	Sadurek Milena	Sadurek	18/10/1984	178	61	302	295			6	6	BKS Aluprof
13	Rosner Milena	Rosner	04/01/1980	179	65	307	292		5	70	75	Foppapedretti
14	Liktoras Maria	Liktoras	20/02/1975	191	73	312	302			7	7	Dinamo
15	Sawicka Agata	Sawicka	L 17/01/1985	180	64	295	277			5	5	Winiary
16	Kaczorowska Klaudia	Kaczorowska	20/12/1988	183	66	301	292					Farmutil
17	Fratczak Kamila	Fratczak	25/11/1979	191	73	307	301			25	25	Muszynianka
18	Staniucha - Szczurek Joanna	Staniucha	05/12/1981	184	76	303	290		5	53	58	BKS Aluprof
19	Koczorowska Dominika	Koczorowska	05/02/1983	187	69	312	296					AZS

H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm), WC=World Championship, OG=Olympic Games, OTH=Other, C=Captain, L=Liberio

LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships	
1968 3	2006 15	2007 6	2005 4	2003 8	2007 4	1981 5
1964 3	2002 13	2006 12			2005 1	1979 8
	1978 11	2005 7			2003 1	1977 4
	1974 9	2004 8			2001 6	1975 6
	1970 9				1999 8	1971 3
	1962 3				1997 6	1967 2
	1960 4				1995 10	1963 2
	1956 3				1991 9	1958 3
	1952 2				1989 9	1955 3
					1987 11	1951 2
					1985 7	1950 2
					1983 9	1949 3

Serbia



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

The Women's National Team of Serbia is again in Japan, the place of their greatest success. Last December in Osaka, the "Blue" girls got hold of their first World medal, and according to all, they were the most pleasant surprise of the whole Championships.

Before the World Championships in Japan, Serbia and Montenegro at the time, participated only once in World Championships in 1978, under the name of Yugoslavia, and was ranked 16.

Even though the Volleyball Federation of Serbia set up a goal for medals in 2007, the elected Team of Zoran Terzic, with their brilliant game won against the Teams of Italy, Cuba, Peru, Egypt, Turkey, Korea, Poland, Chinese Taipei and then Italy again in the match for the third place. The slogan taken from a song for children "There is an empire in this world, where friendship rule", and a "smiley" drawn on their hands, was their main trademark in Japan.

In a grand celebration more than 10,000 supporters welcomed their sports heroines

in front of the City Hall of Belgrade, heroines who became the champions of the whole nation.

That's how this new beautiful Volleyball story came to pass in Serbia. Certainly, due to many injuries in the Team, Serbian Senior Girls did not qualify for the World Grand Prix 2008, but they will try it next year.

At the recently finished European Championships in Belgium and Luxemburg, the "Blue" girls, ranked 2nd, won the silver medal and thus qualified for their first World Cup in the history of Women's Volleyball in Serbia. Also, that was by far the best result achieved in the Championships of Europe. For the very first time, Serbia is now in a position to qualify for the Olympic Games in Beijing, 2008.

Incredibly aware of the difficult task that awaits them in Tokyo, Osaka, Sapporo and Nagoya, the "Blue" girls are ready to put everything to the test and for the first time ever in all known history, qualify for the Olympic Games 2008.

Area: 88,361 sq km
Inhabitants: 10,150,000
Capital: Belgrade





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Mr. Djurickovic Darko
Head coach	Mr. Terzic Zoran
Assistant coach	Mr. Protic Nebojsa
Doctor	Dr. Stefanovic Zoran
Trainer/Therapist	Mr. Cvetkovic Aleksandar

MATCH SCHEDULE

02.11	13:35	Tokyo (TMG)	KOR - SRB
03.11	12:35	Tokyo (TMG)	SRB - THA
04.11	18:00	Tokyo (TMG)	JPN - SRB
06.11	12:35	Osaka	ITA - SRB
07.11	15:05	Osaka	DOM - SRB
09.11	16:35	Sapporo	KEN - SRB
10.11	16:35	Sapporo	PER - SRB
11.11	15:05	Sapporo	POL - SRB
14.11	16:35	Nagoya (NGH)	SRB - USA
15.11	12:35	Nagoya (NGH)	BRA - SRB
16.11	12:35	Nagoya (NGH)	CUB - SRB



Serbia



1 NIKOLIC

Name: Jelena Nikolic - **Age:** 25
- **Born in:** Beograd - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** OK Obilic (Beograd (SCG)) in 1995
- **Intl. debut:** Junior European Championship QT in 1999 - **Hobby:** Internet - **Lang.:** English, Italian, French - **Favourites:** Book: Toni Parsons: Man & Boy, Food: Domestic, Movie: Godfather, Music: Everything, Other sports: Everything



2 MAJSTOROVIC

Name: Jasna Majstorovic - **Age:** 23
- **Born in:** Cacak - **Lang.:** English



3 DJERISILO

Name: Ivana Djerisilo - **Age:** 24
- **Born in:** Beograd - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** OK Crvena Zvezda (Beograd (SCG)) in 1995
- **Intl. debut:** Junior European Championship QT in 2001 - **Hobby:** Personal Computer - **Lang.:** English, Italian - **Favourites:** Book: Dan Brown: Sidney Sheldon, Food: Domestic, Movie: Cartoon, Music: Everything, Other sports: Tennis



4 MARINKOVIC

Name: Dragana Marinkovic - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Pula - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Pula Istarska banka (Pula (CRO)) in 1997 - **Lang.:** English, Italian, Spain - **Favourites:** Book: The Four Agreements Companion Book by Don Miguel Ruiz, Food: Domestic, Music: Domestic, Other sports: Basketball



5 KRSMANOVIC

Name: Natasa Krsmanovic - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Uzice - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** OK Jedinstvo (Uzice (SCG)) in 1997
- **Intl. debut:** Junior European Championship QT in 2001 - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Food: Domestic, Movie: Domestic: Noz, Music: Domestic Pop & Country, Other sports: Basketball, Water polo



6 BRAKOCEVIC

Name: Jovana Brakocevic - **Age:** 19 - **Born in:** Zrenjanin - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Postar064 Beograd (SCG) (Beograd (SCG)) in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** European Championships Qual. Tournament (Liberec (CZE)) in 2003 - **Hobby:** Painting - **Lang.:** English, Italian - **Favourites:** Book: Don't say anything to anybody, Food: Italian, Movie: Godfather, Music: Robbie Williams, Other sports: Tennis, Skating



7 MOLNAR

Name: Brizitka Molnar - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Begejci - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** OK Klek (Klek (SCG)) in 2000 - **Intl. debut:** WCH QT (Zagreb (CRO)) in 2005 - **Hobby:** Hearing the music - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Zahir, Food: Everything, Movie: Braveheart, Music: Domestic Pop & Country, Other sports: Basketball, Tennis, Football



8 ANTONIJEVIC

Name: Ana Antonijevic - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Uzice - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Jedinstvo Uzice (SCG) (Uzice (SCG)) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** Youth Balkanian Championships (NoviPazar(SCG)) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Mountaineering, PC games - **Lang.:** Serbian - **Favourites:** Book: Troia, Food: Domestic food "sarma" and "musaka", Movie: We are not Angels, Other sports: Tennis, Football, Marat Safin, Shevchenko



9 VESOVIC

Name: Jovana Vesovic - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Uzice - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Jedinstvo Uzice (SRB) (Uzice (SRB)) in 1998
- **Intl. debut:** Youth Balkanian Championship (Novi Pazar (SCG)) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Painting - **Lang.:** Serbian - **Favourites:** Book: Various, Food: Everything, Movie: Troia, The King of Lord, Other sports: Tennis, Football, Marat Safin, Shevchenko



10 OGNJENOVIC

Name: Maja Ognjenovic - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Zrenjanin - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** OK Postar (Zrenjanin (SCG)) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** Junior European Championship QT in 2001 - **Hobby:** None - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Marija Jovanovic: Spletkarenje sa sopstvenom dusom, Food: Chicken, Vegetables, Movie: Domestic: Kad porastem bicu kengur, Music: All, Other sports: Water polo



11 CITAKOVIC

Name: Vesna Citakovic - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Uzice - **Club debut:** OK Tarateks (Bajina Basta (SCG)) in 1988 - **Intl. debut:** Junior European Championship QT in 1995 - **Hobby:** Reading bookd - **Lang.:** English, Russian, Italian - **Favourites:** Book: Neale Donald Walsch: Conversation with God, Food: Domestic, Movie: Once Upon a Time in America, Music: All, Other sports: Snooker, Bulling



12 ISAILOVIC

Name: Ivana Isailovic - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Sabac - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** OK Tamnava (Koceljewa (SCG)) in 1998 - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Go where your heart lead you, Food: Fish, Movie: Dossier X, Music: Pop, Rock, Other sports: Swimming, Tennis



13 SIMANIC

Name: Maja Simanic - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** Zabok - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** OK Crvena Zvezda (Beograd (SCG)) in 1992
- **Intl. debut:** Junior European Championship QT in 1997 - **Hobby:** Internet - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Honestly Illusions, Food: Fruit, Movie: The Godfather, Avengers, Music: All, Other sports: Water polo, Basketball



14 AVRAMOVIC

Name: Aleksandra Avramovic - **Age:** 25 - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** OK Jedinstvo (Uzice (SCG)) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** Junior European Championship QT in 2001 - **Hobby:** None - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Domestic Novels, Food: Domestic, Movie: Comedies, Music: All, Other sports: Basketball, Water polo



15 SPASOJEVIC

Name: Anja Spasojevic - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Beograd - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** OK Crvena Zvezda (Beograd (SCG)) in 1996
- **Intl. debut:** Junior European Championships QT in 2001 - **Hobby:** None - **Lang.:** English, Italian - **Favourites:** Book: Writers Sidney Sheldon & David Morell, Food: Chinese & Domestic, Movie: The Skeleton Key, Music: Pop-Rock, R&B, Other sports: Basketball, Tennis

**16 NESOVIC**

Name: Ivana Nesovic - **Age:** 19
Born in: Beograd - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** VC Obilic (Beograd (SCG)) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** Youth Balkanian Championship (Tirana (ALB)) in 2003 - **Hobby:** Swimming - **Lang.:** Serbian, English, French - **Favourites:** Book: The Resuscitation, Food: Chicken, Movie: Othello, Music: Zdravko Colic, Vlado Georgiev, Other sports: Skiing & Basketball

**18 CEBIC**

Name: Suzana Cebic - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Pozega - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** OK Crnokosa (Kosjeric (SCG)) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** WCH QT (Zagreb (CRO)) in 2005 - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Mark Jason Dominus: The Zahir, Food: Vegetables, Movie: The Bone Collector, Music: All, Other sports: Tennis

**17 VELJKOVIC**

Name: Stefana Veljkovic - **Age:** 17 - **Born in:** Jagodina - **Club debut:** Jagodina (Jagodina, SRB) in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** Balkan Championship (Sarkoy, Turkey) in 2004 - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Ana Karenjina, Food: pizza, Other sports: Tennis, Nikola Grbic

**19 RADOVIC**

Name: Silvija Radovic - **Age:** 21 - **Born in:** Niksic - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Luka Bar (Bar (SCG)) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** European Championships Qualification Tournament (Tokat (TUR)) in 2001 - **Lang.:** Serbian, English - **Favourites:** Food: Fast food, Other sports: Tennis

**MR. TERZIC ZORAN (SRB)**

Two medals in two years, a bronze from the World Championships 2006 and a silver one from the European Championships 2007, launched young Zoran Terzic to the very top of the list of the most successful women's Volleyball coaches.

He was born on July 9, 1966, in Belgrade, where he played in the Red Star Club from 1979 until 1986. The beginning of his coaching career is tied to Drago Tomic, former National Team Head Coach of Yugoslavia, who won bronze with the Senior Men's Team at the European Championship in 1979, in Paris.

As a coach of Red Star girls, he stopped the winning series of VC "Jedinstvo" from Uzice in the National Championships, and replaced Darko Zakoc on the bench of the National Team, in 2002. Judging after the matches in the last major competitions Serbia took part in, it is certain that Zoran Terzic and his elected girls will be willing to tackle yet another of many challenges and trials in Japan.

HEAD COACH

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Nikolic Jelena	Nikolic	13/04/1982	194	75	315	300		21	145	166	VC Takefuji Bamboo (JPN)
2	Majstorovic Jasna	Majstorovic	23/04/1984	180	62	300	293			67	67	Postar064 Beograd (SRB)
3	Djerisilo Ivana	Djerisilo	08/08/1983	185	72	306	291		11	53	64	VBC Volero Zurich (SUI)
4	Marinkovic Dragana	Marinkovic	19/10/1982	197	75	325	310					SCU Metal Galati (ROM)
5	Krsmanovic Natasa	Krsmanovic	19/06/1985	186	70	294	273		11	60	71	VBC Volero Zurich (SUI)
6	Brakocevic Jovana	Brakocevic	05/03/1988	196	77	309	295		11	81	92	Spess Volley Conegliano (ITA)
7	Molnar Brizitka	Molnar	28/07/1985	182	66	304	290		11	63	74	SCU Metal Galati (ROM)
8	Antonijevic Ana	Antonijevic	26/08/1987	185	71	282	269		11	54	65	Jedinstvo Uzice (SRB)
9	Vesovic Jovana	Vesovic	21/06/1987	182	68	283	268		22	64	86	Jedinstvo Uzice (SCG)
10	Ognjenovic Maja	Ognjenovic	06/08/1984	183	68	290	270		11	83	94	SCU Metal Galati (ROM)
11	Citakovic Vesna	Citakovic	C 03/02/1979	187	75	305	300		16	139	155	Eczacibasi SK Istanbul (TUR)
12	Isailovic Ivana	Isailovic	01/01/1986	66	185	305	290			28	28	Crvena Zvezda Beograd (SRB)
13	Simanic Maja	Simanic	08/02/1980	180	70	280	270		11	120	131	ZOK Rijeka KSWO (CRO)
14	Avramovic Aleksandra	Avramovic	03/07/1982	189	80	309	295			35	35	ASD Volley San Vito (ITA)
15	Spasojevic Anja	Spasojevic	04/07/1983	187	75	308	300		11	115	126	VBC Volero Zurich (SUI)
16	Nesovic Ivana	Nesovic	23/07/1988	190	75	296	281		7	30	37	Crvena Zvezda Beograd (SRB)
17	Veljkovic Stefana	Veljkovic	09/01/1990	190	76	320	305		8	37	45	Postar 064 Beograd (SRB)
18	Cebic Suzana	Cebic	L 09/11/1984	167	60	279	255		11	47	58	Jedinstvo Uzice (SRB)
19	Radovic Silvija	Radovic	L 15/03/1986	175	60	228	226		5	26	31	Postar064 Beograd (SRB)

H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm), WC=World Championship, OG=Olympic Games, OTH=Other, C=Captain, L=Libero

LIST OF HONOURS

Olympic Games	World Championships	World Grand Prix	Grand Champions Cup	World Cup	Continental Championships
	2006 3				2007 2
	1978 16				2005 7
					1991 9
					1989 8
					1981 11
					1979 10
					1977 9
					1975 8
					1971 14
					1963 8
					1958 7
					1951 3

Thailand



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

The Thailand Women's Team was founded in 1979 under the FIVB Development Plan named "2001 National Team Project". The team was supported by Petroleum Authority of Thailand for many years.

In 2002 they participated in the World Grand Prix after a beautiful third place of Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championship 2001 in Nakhonratchasima, Thailand. From 5 to 13 September 2007, the Thai women participated in 14th Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championship 2007 and surprised everybody by defeating Korea, Kazakhstan, and Chinese Taipei. Ending these tournament Thai Women's yellow shirt were on 3rd place, China 2nd place and Japan 1st place.

Best achievements:

Asian Games: 4th place in 2006, Doha, Qatar.

Asian Championships: 3rd place in 2001, 2007.

Area: 513,115 sq km
Inhabitants: 62,829,000
Capital: Bangkok





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Rattanapian, Pravech
Head coach	Srisamutnak, Nataphon
Assistant coach	Jamjang, Nipon
Doctor	Pongurgsorn, Chakarg
Trainer/Therapist	Sriwacharamaytakul, Danai

MATCH SCHEDULE

02.11	16:05	Tokyo (TMG)	ITA - THA
03.11	12:35	Tokyo (TMG)	SRB - THA
04.11	12:35	Tokyo (TMG)	DOM - THA
06.11	18:00	Osaka	JPN - THA
07.11	12:35	Osaka	KOR - THA
09.11	12:35	Kumamoto	BRA - THA
10.11	15:05	Kumamoto	THA - USA
11.11	12:35	Kumamoto	CUB - THA
14.11	12:35	Nagoya (PAK)	KEN - THA
15.11	15:05	Nagoya (PAK)	PER - THA
16.11	14:35	Nagoya (PAK)	POL - THA



Thailand



1 S.RATTANAPORN

Name: Rattana PORN Sanuanram
- **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** Chaiyaphum
- **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Khonkaen, Thailand in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** 13th Asian Games (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1998 - **Hobby:** Watch Movie - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Magazing, Food: Thai Food, Movie: Comedy, Music: Linkinpark, Other sports: Tennis



2 A.KONWIKI

Name: Konwika Apinyapong
- **Age:** 19 - **Born in:** Nakhonratchasima - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Nonghufan (Nakhonratchasima, Thailand) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** Asian Women's Cup 2006 (Malila, Philipian) in 2006 - **Hobby:** Play Volleyball - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Comic, Food: Thai, Movie: Drama, Music: Britney Spear



3 P.SAYMAI

Name: Saymai Paladsrichuay
- **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Khonkaen
- **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Khonkaen, Thailand in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** 12th Asian Sr. Women's Volleyball Championship (Ho Ji Minh, Vintnam) in 2003 - **Hobby:** Read Cartoon - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: comedy, Food: Thai Food, Movie: Action, Music: Pop, Other sports: Basketball



4 S.SIRIPORN

Name: Siriporn Sooksan - **Age:** 19
- **Born in:** Sakonnakhon - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Nongruengvithaya (khonkaen, Thailand) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Read Book - **Favourites:** Book: magazing, Food: thai, Movie: action, Music: Pop, Other sports: Football



5 T.PLEUMJIT

Name: Pleumjit Thinkaow - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Ang-Thong - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Pepsi (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** 21th South-East Asian Games (Malaysia) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Watch Movie - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Cartoon, Food: Thaifood, Movie: Comedy, Music: Thai Pop, Other sports: Volleyball



6 S.ONUMA

Name: Onuma Sittirak - **Age:** 21
- **Born in:** Suratthani - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Bangkok Bank (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1996 - **Intl. debut:** Asian Women's Cup (malila, Philipian) in 2005 - **Hobby:** Reading - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Comic, Food: Thaifood, Movie: Comedy, Music: Kala, Other sports: Volleyball



7 K.NARUMON

Name: Narumon Khanan - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Maha sarakham - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Pepsi (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** Wrold Grand Prix (Macao, China) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Read Cartoon, Watch Movie - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Discomvery, Food: Thaifood, Movie: Comedy, Music: Pop, Boy Zone, Other sports: Volleyball



8 K.UTAIWAN

Name: Utaiwan Kensing - **Age:** 19 - **Born in:** Khonkaen - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** khonkaen, Thailand in 2001 - **Intl. debut:** 24th World Universiade 2007 (Bangkok, Thailand) in 2007 - **Hobby:** Read Book - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: magazing, Food: thai, Movie: Drama, Music: Pop, Other sports: Football



9 K.PIYAMAS

Name: Piyamas Koijapo - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Nakhonratchasima - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Pepsi (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1994 - **Intl. debut:** 13th Asian Game (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1997 - **Hobby:** Read Book, Shopping - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Discomvery, Food: Thai, Movie: Comedy, Music: Rock, Other sports: Gymnastic



10 A.WILAVAN

Name: Wilavan Apinyapong - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Nakhonratchasima - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Chumchononghurean (Nakhonratchasima) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** World Grand Prix (Matera, Italy) in 2003 - **Hobby:** Shopping - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Cartoon, Food: Thai Food, Movie: Action, Music: Pop, Rock, Other sports: Swimming



11 H.AMPORN

Name: Amporn Hyapha - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Nakhonsawan - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Tfb (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** Princess Cup Volleyball Tournaments (Suphanburi, Thailand) in 2002 - **Hobby:** Shopping - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Cartoon, Food: Thai, Movie: Drama, Music: M 2 M, Other sports: Swimming



12 K.KARINA

Name: Karina Krause - **Age:** 18 - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Nonthaburi, Thailand - **Hobby:** Read Book - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: magazing, Food: thai, Movie: action, Music: Pop, Other sports: Volleyball



13 T.NOOTSARA

Name: Nootsara Tomkom - **Age:** 22 - **Born in:** Ratchaburi - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Watbangkhongnoi (Ratchaburi, Thailand) in 1992 - **Intl. debut:** World Grand Prix (Matera, Italy) in 2003 - **Hobby:** Shopping - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Cartoon, Food: Thai Food, Movie: Action, Music: Poprock, Other sports: Swimming



14 S.PATCHAREE

Name: Patcharee Saengmuang - **Age:** 29 - **Born in:** Nakhonratchasima - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Thai Farmer Bank (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** 13th Asian Games (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1997 - **Hobby:** Read Cartoon, Shopping - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Cartoon, Food: Thai Food, Movie: Comedy, Music: Pop. M2m, Other sports: Football



15 K.MALIKA

Name: Malika Kanthong - **Age:** 20 - **Born in:** Angthong - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** BEC-World (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1998 - **Intl. debut:** SEA Games 23th (Philipino) in 2005 - **Hobby:** Reading - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Comic, Food: Thai, Movie: Comedy, Other sports: Football

**16 P.WARAPORN**

Name: Waraporn Poomjaroen
- Age: 22 - **Born in:** Bangkok -
Position: Setter - **Club debut:** bangkok, thailand - **Hobby:** Read Newspaper - **Lang.:** Thai -
Favourites: Book: Newspaper, Food: thai, Movie: Action, Music: Rock, Other sports: Football

**17 B.WANNA**

Name: Wanna Buakaew - **Age:** 26
- Born in: Prachinburi - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** Pepsi (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1994 - **Intl. debut:** 21st South-East Asian Games (Malaysia) in 2001 - **Hobby:** Watch Movie - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Magazine, Food: Thai, Movie: Comedy, Music: Back Street Boy, Other sports: Football

**SRISAMUTNAK, NATAPHON (THA)**

Former national player Nataphon Srisamutnak took on the role of national coach for Thailand's teams in 1995, just two years after he retired as a player. He coached the Men's team until 1999, when he started coaching women's Volleyball. His first result included a fourth place finish at the 8th Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championship, Hong Kong. In 2000, the team was fifth in the 2nd AVC Cup Women's Club Volleyball Tournament, China and won the gold medal at the South East Asia Senior Women's Club Volleyball Tournament, Vietnam. This was capped by another gold medal in the South East Asia Games, Malaysia in 2001. In 2007 he coaches the men's Volleyball team of the Royal Thai Air Force Club and celebrates as champion of the Thailand Volleyball Championship - Division 1 and Royal Thai Military Championship. Then he returned to coach Women's Volleyball in Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championship 2007, in Nakhonratchasima, Thailand, where he led the Thai Women Team to defeat Korea, Kazakhstan and Chinese Taipei to catch the 3rd place. Srisamutnak, 46 years, is married and is a flight Lieutenant in the Royal Thai Air Force.

HEAD COACH

**18 P.EM-ORN**

Name: Em-orn Phanusit - **Age:** 19 - **Born in:** khonkean - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** khonkaen ,Thailand - **Hobby:** Read Book - **Lang.:** thai - **Favourites:** Book: Magazing, Food: thai, Movie: action, Music: Pop, Other sports: Football

**19 B.SUWIPRIEW**

Name: Suwipriew Bumroong - **Age:** 19 - **Born in:** Mahasarakham - **Club debut:** Bodidecha (Bangkok, Thailand) in 1997 - **Intl. debut:** Poland in 2003 - **Hobby:** Read a book - **Lang.:** Thai - **Favourites:** Book: Comic, Food: Thai, Movie: Drama, Music: Britney Spears

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Sanuanram Rattanaporn	S.Rattanaporn	09/04/1980	180	65	296	282			15	15	Lobhuri
2	Apinyapong Konwika	A.Konwika	24/11/1987	167	55	275	250			5	5	Nakhonratchasima
3	Paladsrichuay Saymai	P.Saymai	04/08/1987	179	70	295	278			13	13	Khonkaen
4	Sooksen Siriporn	S.Siriporn	09/02/1988	180	70	280	270					Khonkaen
5	Thinkaow Pleumjit	T.Pleumjit	09/11/1983	180	63	298	281		1	30	31	Bangkok
6	Sittirak Onuma	S.Onuma	13/06/1986	174	64	300	278			7	7	Phuket
7	Khanan Narumon	K.Narumon	26/01/1983	179	64	298	278			20	20	RBAC
8	Kensing Utaiwan	K.Utaiwan	07/09/1988	186	70	245	235			1	1	Khonkaen
9	Kojapo Piyamas	K.Piyamas	23/10/1978	178	67	298	282		2	32	34	Samutprakan
10	Apinyapong Wilavan	A.Wilavan	C 06/06/1984	174	64	282	268			20	20	Nakhonratchasima
11	Hyapha Amporn	H.Amporn	19/05/1985	180	65	296	285		1	24	25	Phuket
12	Krause Karina	K.Karina	11/02/1989	178	67	295	285					Nonthaburi
13	Tomkom Nootsara	T.Nootsara	07/07/1985	169	51	283	268			20	20	Bangkok
14	Saengmuang Patcharee	S.Patcharee	20/03/1978	181	66	294	279		2	35	37	Sangsom
15	Kanthong Malika	K.Malika	08/01/1987	177	63	292	278			6	6	Nonthaburi
16	Poomjaroen Waraporn	P.Waraporn	11/08/1985	167	61	275	262					Phuket
17	Buakaew Wanna	B.Wanna	L 02/01/1981	171	52	283	275		1	30	31	Samutprakan
18	Phanusit Em-orn	P.Em-orn	25/03/1988	177	68	280	275					Khonkaen
19	Bumroong Suwipriew	B.Suwipriew	L 20/06/1988	171	59	281	266					Bangkok

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		2004 10			2003 4
		2003 9			2001 3
		2002 8			1999 4
					1997 5
					1995 5
					1993 7
					1991 7

United States



TEAM BIOGRAPHY

Summer 2007 started with the big picture for the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team and worked itself toward the fine details and brush strokes that will be needed for 2008 Olympics qualification. The summer canvas, or results sheet, painted a picture of a team laying the groundwork toward Beijing, as well as a glimpse into the team's future beyond 2008.

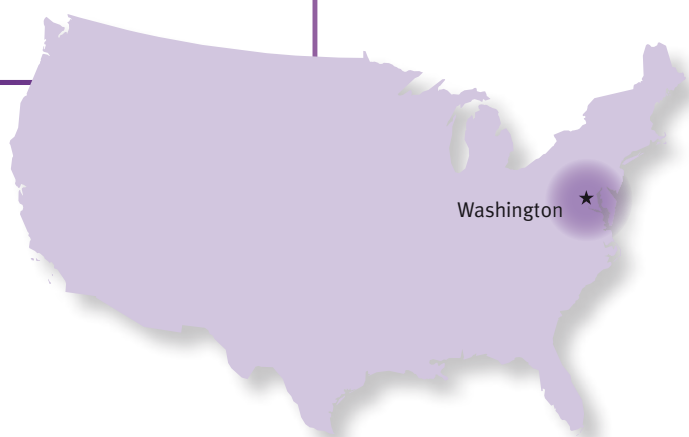
The U.S. claimed the silver medal at the NORCECA Continental Championship to earn a berth into the 2007 FIVB World Cup. Team USA swept Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico and Dominican Republic during pool play, then handled host Canada in three sets during the semifinals. Cuba outlasted the U.S. to win the gold medal. To reach this point in the season, U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach 'Jenny' Lang Ping elected to use a combination of veteran and young players at the season's first two events, the Pan American Cup held June 21-29 at Colima, Mexico, and the Pan American Games held July 14-19 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

After going undefeated during the Pan American Cup pool play, the U.S. finished the tournament in fourth place. However, Team USA reached most of its goals by qualifying for the 2008 FIVB World Grand Prix while playing a young roster against predominantly veteran opponents.

Half the Pan American Cup roster carried over to the Pan American Games at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Haneef-Park and Scott-Arruda, the U.S. delegation flag bearer for the Pan American Games Opening Ceremony, provided a key balance of veteran leadership to a young squad.

Team USA collected victories over Costa Rica and Puerto Rico in pool play, but was overmatched by Cuba's top team in the final preliminary match. After a rough start against host Brazil in the semifinals, the U.S. stayed close the final two periods of a three-set loss. The Americans rebounded with a sweep of Peru to claim the bronze medal.

Area: 9,826,630 sq km
Inhabitants: 302,558,000
Capital: Washington





TEAM OFFICIALS

Manager	Klostermann, Kerry
Head coach	Lang, Ping
Assistant coach	Woodstra, Susan
Doctor	Ho, Sherwin
Trainer/Therapist	Hogan, Thomas

MATCH SCHEDULE

02.11	16:05	Hamamatsu	PER - USA
03.11	12:35	Hamamatsu	CUB - USA
04.11	18:05	Hamamatsu	POL - USA
06.11	12:35	Sendai	KEN - USA
07.11	18:05	Sendai	BRA - USA
09.11	15:05	Kumamoto	DOM - USA
10.11	15:05	Kumamoto	THA - USA
11.11	15:05	Kumamoto	KOR - USA
14.11	16:35	Nagoya (NGH)	SRB - USA
15.11	18:00	Nagoya (NGH)	JPN - USA
16.11	15:05	Nagoya (NGH)	ITA - USA





United States



1 NNAMANI

Name: Ogonna Nnamani - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** Illinois, USA - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Illini Elite (Bloomington, IL USA) in 1997 - **Hobby:** Dancing, reading, spending time with family and friends - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Bible, Food: Fried Chicken, Movie: Life is Beautiful, Music: Michael Jackson, Other sports: Basketball, baseball



2 SCOTT-ARRUDA

Name: Danielle Scott-Arruda - **Age:** 35 - **Born in:** Louisiana, USA - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Louisiana Juniors (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) in 1987 - **Intl. debut:** in 1994 - **Hobby:** Drawing, singing, writing, surfing the internet - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Sydney Sheldon, Food: Shrimp, french fries, Mom's cooking, Movie: The Color Purple



3 HANEEF-PARK

Name: Tayyiba Haneef-Park - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** California, USA - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** Yorba Linda (Yorba Linda, California) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** in 2001 - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Food: My Dad's Pasta, Movie: Men of Honor



4 BERG

Name: Lindsey Berg - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** Hawaii - **Position:** Setter - **Lang.:** English



5 SYKORA

Name: Stacy Sykora - **Age:** 30 - **Born in:** Texas, USA - **Position:** Libero - **Club debut:** TNT (Grapevine, Texas) in 1989 - **Intl. debut:** in 1999 - **Hobby:** Poetry and any form of art - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Bad As I Wanna Be, Food: Mexican, Movie: Ace Ventura, Music: Rap and R&B



6 TOM

Name: Logan Tom - **Age:** 26 - **Born in:** California, USA - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Klub Boom (Salt Lake City, Utah) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** in 1996 - **Hobby:** Hiking, swimming, biking, shopping - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Angela's Ashes, Food: Japanese, Italian, Movie: Brave Heart



7 BOWN

Name: Heather Bown - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** California, USA - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Magnum, Ichiban (Anaheim/Long Beach, California) in 1994 - **Intl. debut:** in 1998 - **Hobby:** People watching, surfing, listening to music - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Food: Italian, Movie: Top Gun, Music: Aerosmith, Sarah McLachlan



8 WILKINS

Name: Katherine Wilkins - **Age:** 25 - **Lang.:** English



9 JOINES

Name: Jennifer Joines - **Age:** 24 - **Born in:** California, USA - **Position:** Middle blocker - **Club debut:** Milpitas Volleyball Club (Milpitas, CA) - **Hobby:** Music, singing, dance - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Great Gatsby, Food: Sushi, Movie: Best of Show, Music: Dave Mathews Band, Other sports: Michael Jordan



10 GLASS

Name: Kimberly Glass - **Age:** 23 - **Born in:** Los Angeles, California - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Synergy (Philadelphia, PA) in 1999 - **Intl. debut:** NORCECA (Dominican Republic) in 2000 - **Hobby:** Poetry, bowling, shopping - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: The Magic of Thinking Big, Food: Ribs and pancakes, Movie: Coming to America, Music: Everything except heavy metal, Other sports: Basketball



11 AH MOW-SANTOS

Name: Robyn Ah Mow-Santos - **Age:** 32 - **Born in:** Hawaii, USA - **Position:** Setter - **Club debut:** Kamalii (Honolulu, Hawaii) in 1987 - **Intl. debut:** in 1997 - **Hobby:** Spending time with family and friends at the beach - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Food: Hawaiian, L&L drive-in, Movie: Pretty Woman, Other sports: My Dad



12 METCALF

Name: Nancy Metcalf - **Age:** 28 - **Born in:** Sioux Center, IA, USA - **Position:** Universal - **Club debut:** University of Okoboji (Spencer, Iowa USA) in 1995 - **Intl. debut:** World University Games in 1999 - **Hobby:** Playing sports, reading, watching movies - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Any mystery or suspense novel, Food: Pepperoni Pizza, Movie: John Q, ET, Save the Last Dance, Music: Janet Jackson, Other sports: Michael Jordan



13 OLSOVSKY

Name: Kathleen Olsovsky - **Age:** 25 - **Lang.:** English



14 CAMPBELL

Name: Norisha Campbell - **Age:** 27 - **Born in:** California, USA - **Lang.:** English



15 DAVIS

Name: Nicole Davis - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** California, USA - **Position:** Libero - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Food: Sweets, Movie: Dirty Dancing, Music: Everything

**16 RICHARDS**

Name: Kristin Richards - **Age:** 22
- Born in: Provo, Utah - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Players VBC (Orem, Utah) in 1994 - **Hobby:** Traveling, photography, dancing, sleeping - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: The Hiding Place, Food: Italian, Movie: Finding Neverland, Music: Tim McGraw, Other sports: Soccer

**17 THOMPSON**

Name: Courtney Thompson - **Age:** 22 - **Hobby:** Hiking, board games, reading, guitar - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Tuesdays with Morrie, Food: Sushi, Movie: Braveheart, Notting Hill, The Little Mermaid, Music: U2

**LANG, PING (CHN)**

"Jenny" Lang Ping of China, one of the most famous and respected individuals in the history of Volleyball, begins her third year leading the U.S. Women's National Team.

Lang Ping led the U.S. to a 16-12 record in 2006 when using a full U.S. senior national team in international competition. The U.S. finished fourth at the 2006 Pan American Cup, which qualified the Americans for the 2007 World Grand Prix. Team USA finished seventh at the 2006 World Grand Prix and was in contention for the final round up to the last match of the preliminaries. The U.S., ranked seventh in the latest FIVB world rankings, finished ninth at the 2006 World Championships after competing in the strongest first two round groups based on world rankings.

In 2007, Team USA has a 17-9 record after the first four tournaments of the season. The U.S. qualified for the 2008 FIVB World Grand Prix with a fourth-place finish at the Pan American Cup using a youthful roster. Team USA won a bronze medal at the Pan American Games. Then the Americans finished seventh at the FIVB World Grand Prix after the preliminary round and eighth place overall.

HEAD COACH

**18 BUSSE**

Name: Cassandra Busse - **Age:** 25 - **Born in:** Minnesota - **Lang.:** English

**19 CRAWFORD**

Name: Therese Crawford - **Age:** 31 - **Born in:** Michigan, USA - **Position:** Wing spiker - **Club debut:** Dead Frog (Kalamazoo, Michigan USA) in 1989 - **Intl. debut:** in 2001 - **Hobby:** Dancing, singing, shopping and eating - **Lang.:** English - **Favourites:** Book: Bible, Food: Pizza Margarita, Music: Lauren Hill, Other sports: Allen Iverson

PLAYERS ROSTER

Nr	Name/First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	OG	WC	OTH	Total	Club
1	Nnamani Ogonna	Nnamani	29/07/1983	185	80	315	305	6		35	41	USA National Team
2	Scott-Arruda Danielle	Scott-Arruda	01/10/1972	188	84	325	302	22	29	288	339	Club Desportivo Macae
3	Haneef-Park Tayyiba	Haneef-Park	23/03/1979	200	82	328	312	6	22	162	190	Eczacibasi Istanbul
4	Berg Lindsey	Berg	16/07/1980	173	75	287	274	6		111	117	Asystel Volley
5	Sykora Stacy	Sykora	L 24/06/1977	176	61	305	295	8	11	163	182	USA National Team
6	Tom Logan	Tom	25/05/1981	186	80	306	297	8	11	98	117	Club Dinamo Moscow
7	Bown Heather	Bown	29/11/1978	188	90	301	290	8	22	161	191	Pieralisi Volley
8	Wilkins Katherine	Wilkins	10/05/1982	193	81	309	299		11	47	58	USA National Team
9	Joines Jennifer	Joines	23/11/1982	191	82	315	301		11	91	102	USA National Team
10	Glass Kimberly	Glass	18/08/1984	190	75	314	299			14	14	USA National Team
11	Ah Mow-Santos Robyn	Ah Mow-Santos	C 15/09/1975	172	67	291	281	14	11	200	225	VBC Volero Zurich
12	Metcalfe Nancy	Metcalfe	12/11/1978	186	73	314	292	6	22	145	173	Club Atletico Voleibol Murcia
13	Olsovsky Kathleen	Olsovsky	03/01/1982	188	75	309	295			18	18	USA National Team
14	Campbell Norisha	Campbell	21/09/1980	190	77	315	302					USA National Team
15	Davis Nicole	Davis	L 24/04/1982	167	73	284	266		11	60	71	USA National Team
16	Richards Kristin	Richards	30/06/1985	182	61	300	284			5	5	Stanford University
17	Thompson Courtney	Thompson	04/11/1984	173	65	276	263			21	21	USA National Team
18	Busse Cassandra	Busse	15/01/1982	190	82	310	298		11	49	60	USA National Team
19	Crawford Therese	Crawford	26/08/1976	178	64	312	304		11	57	68	USA National Team

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2000 4	2002 2	2006 7	2001 5	1999 9	2005 1	1985 2
1996 7	1998 13	2005 8	1993 5	1995 7	2003 1	1983 1
1992 3	1994 6	2004 3		1991 4	2001 1	1981 1
1988 7	1990 3	2003 3		1981 4	1999 2	1979 2
1984 2	1986 10	2002 6		1977 7	1997 2	1977 2
1968 8	1982 3	2001 1		1973 6	1995 2	1975 2
1964 5	1978 5	2000 6			1993 2	1973 3
	1974 12	1998 8			1991 2	1969 3
	1970 11	1997 8			1989 3	
	1967 2	1996 5				
	1960 6	1995 1				
	1956 9	1994 6				
		1993 7				

Women's World Cup Honours

Medals

Year	Location	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2007	Nagoya (Japan)			
2003	Osaka (Japan)	China	Brazil	USA
1999	Osaka (Japan)	Cuba	Russia	Brazil
1995	Osaka (Japan)	Cuba	Brazil	China
1991	Osaka (Japan)	Cuba	China	U.S.S.R.
1989	Nagoya (Japan)	Cuba	U.S.S.R.	China
1985	Tokyo (Japan)	China	Cuba	U.S.S.R.
1981	Osaka (Japan)	China	Japan	U.S.S.R.
1977	Tokyo (Japan)	Japan	Cuba	Korea
1973	Montevideo (URU)	U.S.S.R.	Japan	Korea

Overall Standings for the Women's World Cup 1973-2003

Teams	Part	'73	'77	'81	'85	'89	'91	'95	'99	'03
Argentina	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
Brazil	7	9	-	8	6	-	8	2	3	2
Bulgaria	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	4	7	-	-	-	8	10	9	-	-
China	8	-	4	1	1	3	2	3	5	1
Croatia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-
Cuba	9	5	2	6	2	1	1	1	1	6
Dominican Rep.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Egypt	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	12
Germany (East)	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-
Germany	1	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
Hungary	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4
Japan	9	2	1	2	4	4	7	6	6	5
Kenya	2	-	-	-	-	-	12	11	-	-
Korea (South)	9	3	3	5	7	7	6	5	4	9
Netherlands	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
Peru	7	4	5	-	5	5	5	10	10	-
Poland	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Spain	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
Tunisia	2	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	12	-
Turkey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
USSR/Russia	7	1	8	3	3	2	3	-	2	-
Uruguay	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	7	6	7	4	-	-	4	7	9	3



2003 History

4 years ago

2003 Women's World Cup in Japan

The Chinese wall



Osaka, Japan, November 15, 2003: USA soaked up the final Olympic berth at the World Cup of Women's Volleyball, the first Olympic qualification tournament for Athens 2004, when Italy lost their first set in the match against Brazil thus putting themselves out of contention. For the U.S.A. it's the bronze medal. Brazil looked stunning and delivered the classic highly technical Volleyball that earmarks their national style and exit the tournament with only one loss, having gone down to all-powerful China. Brazil got the silver medal, but the queens after the round robin 11-match series were the Chinese. They left Japan as giant killers, defeating the home-team in straight sets to exit the World Cup with a perfect scorecard: 11 consecutive wins to their credit.

The Japanese team was their last victim: they were outgunned by the Red Titans but they fought back with the tenacity that has earned them respect during the entire event.

Malgorzata Glinka of Poland was the best player of the whole tournament, not only Most Valuable Player but also top scorer.

Final Standings (win-loss ratio):

1. China 11-0
2. Brazil 10-1
3. USA 8-3
4. Italy 7-4
5. Japan 7-4
6. Cuba 6-5
7. Turkey 5-6
8. Poland 4-7
9. Korea 3-8
10. Dominican Republic 3-8
11. Argentina 1-10
12. Egypt 0-10

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