

# Final Round Awards Ceremony



*Best Blocker Dziekiewicz of Poland*



*Best Setter Wei of China*



*Best Receiver, Digger, Libero Zhang of China*

## Final Ranking

Rk	Country	Points		Matches		Points			Sets		
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio		
1	NETHERLANDS	10	5	0	503	454	1.108	15	7	2.143	
2	CHINA	9	4	1	476	438	1.087	14	7	2.000	
3	ITALY	7	2	3	448	446	1.004	9	11	0.818	
4	RUSSIA	7	2	3	411	434	0.947	9	11	0.818	
5	BRAZIL	6	1	4	412	434	0.949	8	12	0.667	
6	POLAND	6	1	4	348	392	0.888	5	12	0.417	







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Best Players

# Most Valuable Player Manon Flier



Manon Flier of the Netherlands was named Most Valuable Player at the World Grand Prix 2007. She led her country to a 3-2 victory over world champions Russia in their final match, scoring 20 points, as the Dutch put the finishing touches

to a perfect record in the final round. "The Flying Dutchwoman" Flier was airborne throughout the tournament. She finished in second place in the scoring charts with 101 points. She claimed joint-second place in serves and second place in successful spikes. The 23-year-old had the crowd enthralled during the tournament as she led her team to their first-ever



major trophy in international competition. Flier, who speaks English, German and, of course, Dutch, gave Italy (she also speaks Italian) a lesson in attacking Volleyball when she scored a game-high 30 points in the Netherlands' victory between the two sides in the final round. But it was her consistent play throughout that made the 191-cm Flier a popular choice for MVP.

*Flier was consistent throughout*



## Best Scorer & Best Spiker Taismary Agüero



Taismary Agüero picked up the award for best scorer at the World Grand Prix 2007 with 113 points. The 177-cm wonder-woman smacked down a stunning 101 spikes and was solid in serving with six aces and blocking (13) to finish top of the pile. Her dazzling display inspired the Italians to a third-place finish. The 30-year-old Italian-Cuban, who can spike at 322 cm, added the well-deserved award to her list of achievements earned in a glittering career. The astonishing 101 successful



### Best scorers

Rk.	Shirt	Name	Team	Spike	Block	Serve	Total Attempts
<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Agüero Taismary</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>113</b>
2	12	Flier Manon	NED	88	7	6	101
3	3	Yang Hao	CHN	69	6	8	83
4	13	Castro Sheilla	BRA	68	12	1	81
5	11	Gamova Ekaterina	RUS	60	9	4	73
6	15	Visser Ingrid	NED	57	12	2	71
7	4	Staelens Chane	NED	63	4	1	68
8	4	Pequeno Paula	BRA	59	2	1	62
	11	Wensink Caroline	NED	36	23	3	62
	16	Stam Debby	NED	54	5	3	62
11	7	Guiggi Martina	ITA	40	13	4	57

### Best spikers

Rk.	Shirt	Name	Team	Spikes	Faults	Shots	Total Atts.	Succ. %
<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Agüero Taismary</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>43.72</b>
2	12	Flier Manon	NED	88	28	94	210	41.90
3	6	Podolec Anna	POL	52	23	50	125	41.60
4	3	Yang Hao	CHN	69	21	87	177	38.98
5	16	Stam Debby	NED	54	15	75	144	37.50
6	13	Castro Sheilla	BRA	68	28	88	184	36.96
7	5	Shashkova Liubov	RUS	53	22	69	144	36.81
8	11	Ortolani Serena	ITA	38	15	54	107	35.51
9	11	Gamova Ekaterina	RUS	60	24	87	171	35.09
10	4	Staelens Chane	NED	63	18	100	181	34.81



Italy's Agüero was in devastating form



spikes that went a long way to earning Agüero the Best Scorer award also meant the Italian attacking demon was crowned Best Spiker at the World Grand Prix 2007. She finished way ahead of Most Valuable Player Manon Flier of the Netherlands and Poland's Ana Podolec in the spiking stakes. Agüero's success rate was 43.72 percent, hitting 13 more spikes than Flier and a whopping 49 more than Podolec.



# Best Blocker

## Eleonora Dziekiewicz



Eleonora Dziekiewicz was a formidable presence at the net for Poland and won the award ahead of the Netherlands' Caroline Wensink and Brazil's Fabiana Claudino. Dziekiewicz, who turned 29 in October 2007, claimed 21 blocks and 25 rebounds in the World Grand Prix 2007 in August.



*Dziekiewicz was imperious in blocking*

### Best blockers

Rk.	Shirt	Name	Team	Stuff Blocks	Faults	Rebounds	Total Atts.	Avg. by set
1	3	Dziekiewicz Eleonora	POL	21	19	25	65	1.24
2	11	Wensink Caroline	NED	23	25	25	73	1.05
3	9	Claudino Fabiana	BRA	15	18	34	67	0.75
4	3	Alimova Natalia	RUS	15	20	25	60	0.75
5	8	Xue Ming	CHN	15	30	30	75	0.71
6	8	Barazza Jenny	ITA	13	13	32	58	0.65
7	7	Guiggi Martina	ITA	13	15	27	55	0.65
8	16	Merkulova Yulia	RUS	13	24	20	57	0.65
9	13	Castro Sheilla	BRA	12	9	24	45	0.60
10	15	Visser Ingrid	NED	12	26	33	71	0.55

The 185-cm player can block at a height of 295 cm and it was this wall that gave the Polish a fighting chance in the final round. Unfortunately for them, it wasn't enough as they finished in sixth place out of six.

# Best Server

## Hao Yang



Hao Yang was a strong part of the China team who surged to finish second in the final standings in the World Grand Prix 2007 in their hometown of Ningbo and her powerful serves made a huge difference along the way. She smacked in eight aces but kept the faults to a minimum with just five conceded.



*Yang's serves made a difference*

### Best servers

Rk.	Shirt	Name	Team	Aces	Faults	Serve Hits	Total Atts.	Avg. by set
1	3	Yang Hao	CHN	8	5	69	82	0.38
2	12	Aguero Taismary	ITA	6	18	45	69	0.30
3	12	Flier Manon	NED	6	20	75	101	0.27
4	16	Merkulova Yulia	RUS	5	2	56	63	0.25
5	2	Albuquerque Carolina	BRA	5	3	61	69	0.25
6	11	Gamova Ekaterina	RUS	4	6	47	57	0.20
7	7	Guiggi Martina	ITA	4	9	58	71	0.20
8	17	Ma Yunwen	CHN	4	10	43	57	0.19
9	14	Liktoras Maria	POL	3	4	42	49	0.18
10	3	Alimova Natalia	RUS	3	3	55	61	0.15

She kept out big-name players Taismary Aguero and Most Valuable Player Manon Flier from the top spot and the 27-year-old from Beijing more than deserved the accolade.



## Best Setter Wei Qiuyue



Wei Qiuyue finished top of pile when it came to best setter at the World Grand Prix 2007. Wei, who turned 19 around the time of the tournament in August, showed she had an old head on young shoulders as she completed 378 running sets and 201 still sets with just a solitary fault.



### Best setters

Rk.	Shirt	Name	Team	Running Sets	Faults	Still Sets	Total Atts.	Avg. by set
<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Wei Qiuyue</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>18.00</b>
2	1	Staelens Kim	NED	295	5	304	604	13.41
3	14	Lo Bianco Eleonora	ITA	258	3	295	556	12.90
4	18	Akulova Marina	RUS	208	5	239	452	10.40
5	2	Albuquerque Carolina	BRA	176		210	386	8.80
6	12	Sadurek Milena	POL	99	5	242	346	5.82
7	8	de Souza Josefa Fabiola	BRA	36	1	112	149	1.80
8	13	Akulova Svetlana	RUS	28	1	44	73	1.40
9	4	Belcik Izabela	POL	18	1	70	89	1.06
10	7	Zhou Suhong	CHN	10		28	38	0.48

On the way to helping her country finish second, Wei finished ahead of Kim Staelens of the Netherlands and Eleonora Lo Bianco, the Italian who won the award in 2006.

*Wei was in control for China with her setting*







# Best Digger Best Receiver Best Libero **Zhang Xian**



Zhang Xian showed incredible agility around the court to earn the Best Digger award on the way to China finally finishing in second place in the World Grand Prix 2007 on home soil in Ningbo.

With 49 digs, 42 faults and 39 receptions, the 22-year-old Zhang beat out Italy's Taismary Aguero into second place and the Netherlands' Janneke van Tienen into the third. It was no more than the young woman from the southern Chinese city of Yunnan deserved.

## Best diggers

Rk.	Shirt	Name	Team	Digs	Faults	Receptions	Total Atts.	Avg. by set
1	15	<b>Zhang Xian</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2.33</b>
2	12	Aguero Taismary	ITA	33	25	49	107	1.65
3	10	van Tienen Janneke	NED	35	58	59	152	1.59
4	7	Zhou Suhong	CHN	31	27	28	86	1.48
5	3	Croce Paola	ITA	29	55	48	132	1.45
6	16	Stam Debby	NED	29	31	36	96	1.32
7	11	Li Juan	CHN	27	23	12	62	1.29
8	19	Xavier Arlene	BRA	22	56	65	143	1.10
9	6	Godina Elena	RUS	20	30	23	73	1.00
10	3	Yang Hao	CHN	21	35	21	77	1.00



Zhang was right behind her team-mates



Zhang kept her eye on the ball

The Best Digger of the tournament also claimed the award of Best Receiver. Zhang posted the top numbers in the two categories in the World Grand Prix 2007, helping her country claim second place in front of their fans in Ningbo. Zhang finished ahead of teammate and captain Zhou Suhong in the Best Receiver category, with Janneke van Tienen of the Netherlands finishing in third place. Zhang's efficiency rating of 73.98 percent easily beat Zhou's 65.12 percent.

## Best receivers

Rk.	Shirt	Name	Team	Excell.	Faults	Serve	Total Atts.	Eff. %
1	15	<b>Zhang Xian</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>73.98</b>
2	7	Zhou Suhong	CHN	85	1	43	129	65.12
3	10	van Tienen Janneke	NED	70	6	39	115	55.65
4	4	Staelens Chane	NED	63	4	40	107	55.14
5	16	Stam Debby	NED	82	5	58	145	53.10
6	9	Kryuchkova Svetlana	RUS	76	5	56	137	51.82
7	4	Pequeno Paula	BRA	63	5	50	118	49.15
8	3	Croce Paola	ITA	50	2	53	105	45.71
9	6	Godina Elena	RUS	64	6	60	130	44.62
10	19	Xavier Arlene	BRA	45	5	51	101	39.60





*Zhang's spirit inspired the Chinese team*

Zhang Xian's third award of the World Grand Prix 2007 tournament was in being named Best Libero after also finishing top of the pile in the awards for Best Digger and Best Receiver. The Chinese 22-year-old's amazing effort delighted the local fans in the Chinese city of Ningbo and it was her non-stop approach to the game of Volleyball that went a long way to securing the silver medal for her national team, as well as three precious awards for the up-and-coming youngster from Yunnan.

## Best liberos

Rk.	Shirt	Name	Team	Excell.	Faults	In play	Total Atts.	Succ. %
<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Zhang Xian</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>57.31</b>
2	9	Kryuchkova Svetlana	RUS	93	54	87	234	39.74
3	10	van Tienen Janneke	NED	105	64	98	267	39.33
4	3	Croce Paola	ITA	79	57	101	237	33.33
5	19	Xavier Arlene	BRA	67	61	116	244	27.46
6	2	Zenik Mariola	POL	46	52	123	221	20.81





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*Fans pack out Tokyo's Ariake Coliseum*



# Team by team

## Final Ranking

- 1  Netherlands
- 2  China
- 3  Italy
- 4  Russia
- 5  Brazil
- 6  Poland
- 7  Cuba
- 8  USA
- 9  Japan
- 10  Kazakhstan
- 11  Dominican Republic
- 12  Chinese Taipei





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# Netherlands

## The future's orange

The Netherlands won their first trophy in major international competitions with a perfect record in the final round.

### How they qualified

By finishing second in the European qualification tournament in Varna, Bulgaria, from 26 September to 1 October, 2006.

### Most impressive win

The Netherlands appeared to be at the peak of their game against Brazil in the final round, beating the top-ranked team 19-25, 25-19, 25-23, 23-25, 15-8 and knocking the wind out of the sails of their title challenge.

### Most disappointing defeat

Against Brazil again, but in the opening pool game in Verona. It was too easy for the South Americans in a 25-20, 25-12, 25-12 romp.

### Coach

A former setter of the National Team, Avital Selinger was hired as coach of the Dutch Women's team in May 2004. In 2005, he led them to sixth place in the World Grand Prix and fifth in the European Championships. Selinger then led the blossoming Dutch to eighth place at the 2006 World Championships in Japan before the epic World Grand Prix triumph of 2007.



Dutch coach Avital Selinger

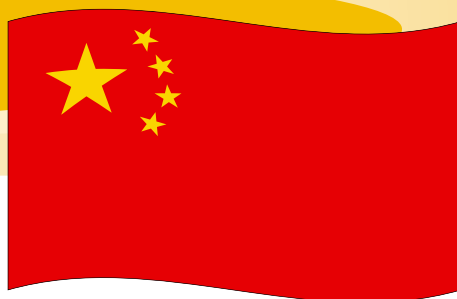


Stam greets another Dutch victory



Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS			Club	
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.		Total
1	Staelens / Kim / K. Staelens	07/01/1982	182	78	305	301	0	19	185	204	DELA Martinus
3	Huurman / Francien / Huurman	18/04/1975	192	76	320	292	0	16	254	270	DELA Martinus
4	Staelens / Chane / C. Staelens	07/11/1980	194	77	316	299	0	19	214	233	DELA Martinus
6	Orsel / Mirjam / Orsel	01/04/1978	192	74	306	292	0	11	114	125	ARKE/Pollux Oldenzaal
8	Blom / Alice / Blom	07/04/1980	178	64	305	270	0	19	127	146	DELA Martinus
9	Meijners / Floortje / Meijners	16/01/1987	189	77	313	283	0	11	76	87	DELA Martinus
10	van Tienen / Janneke / v. Tienen	29/05/1979	176	73	293	273	0	18	156	174	DELA Martinus
11	Wensink / Caroline / Wensink	04/08/1984	186	76	309	281	0	11	112	123	DELA Martinus
12	Flier / Manon / Flier	08/02/1984	191	73	311	301	0	15	168	183	DELA Martinus
14	Fledderus / Riette / Fledderus	18/10/1977	171	75	288	268	8	27	328	363	DELA Martinus
15	Visser / Ingrid / I. Visser	04/06/1977	191	74	312	292	8	31	352	391	Tenerife
16	Stam / Debby / Stam	24/07/1984	184	70	303	281	0	11	110	121	DELA Martinus





# China

## Silver-lining in Ningbo

The Chinese stormed to the silver medal on the back of some brilliant victories in their best performance in the World Grand Prix since winning it in 2003.

### How they qualified

As host organizer of the World Grand Prix 2007 final round and one of the four Asian teams.

### Most impressive win

After losing to the Netherlands in the final round, China beat Italy before continuing their recovery by stunning the world champion Russians in straight sets 25-23, 27-25, 25-22.

### Most disappointing defeat

Losing to the Netherlands in the opening match of the final round was a hammer-blow. China clawed their way back into the game from two sets down only to lose the tie-break.

### Coach

Chen Zhonghe took over as coach of China's national team in 2001. He led his team to gold at the World Grand Prix and World Cup in 2003, and retained his Midas-touch in 2004 by winning Olympic gold at the Athens Games. China's silver medal at the 2007 World Grand Prix was an improvement on their bronze in 2005.



China coach Chen Zhonghe



Chinese players follow instructions



Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
2	Han / Xu / X. Han	28/10/1987	180	60	305	296	0	0	14	14	Beijing
3	Yang / Hao / H. Yang	21/03/1980	183	75	319	314	0	0	53	53	Liaoning
4	Liu / Yanan / Y.N. Liu	29/09/1980	186	73	320	313	0	0	50	50	Liaoning
5	Wei / Qiuyue / Q.Y. Wei	26/09/1988	183	72	305	295	0	0	14	14	Tianjin
6	Xu / Yunli / Y.L. Xu	02/08/1987	196	75	313	306	0	0	25	25	Fujianj
7	Zhou / Suhong / S.H. Zhou	23/04/1979	182	75	313	305	0	0	119	119	Zhejiang,CHN
8	Xue / Ming / M. Xue	23/02/1987	193	68	322	310	0	0	14	14	Beijing
9	Zhang / Yuehong / Y.H. Zhang	09/11/1975	182	73	324	322	8	0	59	67	Liaoning
10	Sun / Xiaoqing / X.Q. Sun	28/01/1985	187	70	310	305	0	0	14	14	Army
11	Li / Juan / J. Li	10/04/1982	187	72	315	305	0	0	14	14	Tianjin
15	Zhang / Xian / X. Zhang	16/03/1985	180	57	290	286	0	0	14	14	Yunnan
17	Ma / Yunwen / Y.W. Ma	19/10/1986	189	68	308	285	0	0	14	14	Shanghai

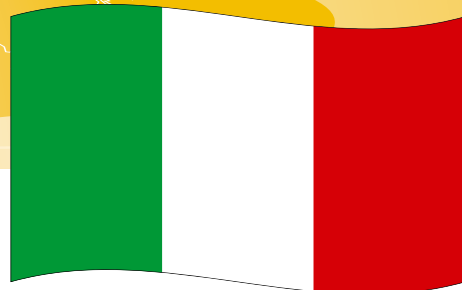




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**Italy**



# Bronze once more

The Italians claimed the bronze medal for the second year running at the World Grand Prix after winning the silver medal in successive years in 2004 and 2005.

### How they qualified

By finishing third in the European qualification tournament in Varna, Bulgaria, from 26 September to 1 October, 2006.

### Most impressive win

Russia's hopes of landing their fourth title at the World Grand Prix suffered a major dent when they surrendered to Italy 25-18, 25-17, 23-25, 25-17 in the final round.

### Most disappointing defeat

Italy went down in five sets to China in the final round for their second straight defeat after losing to the Netherlands. China won 25-23, 19-25, 25-22, 24-26, 15-12.

### Coach

Massimo Barbolini replaced Marco Bonitta at the helm of the Italian national team in 2006 after a successful domestic coaching career and led the Azzurre to a fourth-place finish at the 2006 World Championships in Japan in his first major competition after taking the job.



*The Italians come together*



*Italy coach Massimo Barbolini*

Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
1	Gioli / Simona / Gioli	17/09/1977	185	72	307	283	0	8	111	119	Despar Sirio Perugia
2	Arrighetti / Valentina / Arrighetti	26/01/1985	185	62	294	280	0	0	13	13	Minetti Vicenza
3	Croce / Paola / Croce	06/03/1978	167	52	290	265	0	0	19	19	Despar Sirio Perugia
4	Vitez / Sandra / Vitez	09/05/1987	188	72	300	286	0	0	15	15	Unikom Starker Sassuolo
6	Fiorin / Valentina / Fiorin	09/10/1984	187	69	305	287	0	10	116	126	BigMat Chieri
7	Guiggi / Martina / Guiggi	01/05/1984	183	69	315	290	0	10	104	114	Scavolini Pesaro
8	Barazza / Jenny / Barazza	24/07/1981	188	77	300	285	5	0	84	89	Foppapedretti Bergamo
9	Secolo / Manuela / Secolo	22/02/1977	180	70	302	279	5	0	35	40	Foppapedretti Bergamo
10	Dall'Igna / Stefania / Dall'Igna	22/11/1984	175	65	298	280	0	10	57	67	Minetti Vicenza
11	Ortolani / Serena / Ortolani	07/01/1987	187	63	308	288	0	10	52	62	Rebecchi Rivergaro
12	Agüero / Taismary / Agüero	05/03/1977	177	69	322	300	0	0	14	14	Asystel Novara
14	Lo Bianco / Eleonora / Lo Bianco	22/12/1979	172	70	287	273	5	29	247	281	Foppapedretti Bergamo
15	Del Core / Antonella / Del Core	05/11/1980	180	73	296	279	5	0	40	45	Despar Sirio Perugia
16	Stufi / Federica / Stufi	22/03/1988	186	70	305	278	0	0	9	9	Magic Pack Cremona



# Russia



## So near, yet so far

The Russians, who looked so awe-inspiring in winning gold at the 2006 World Championships in Tokyo, surprisingly missed out on the medals after finishing in second place in 2006.

### How they qualified

By finishing as the winner of the European qualification tournament in Varna, Bulgaria, from 26 September to 1 October, 2006.

### Most impressive win

It was déjà vu all over again as Russia downed Brazil in an epic five-setter that was a repeat of the World Championship final in 2006. Russia won 25-16, 15-25, 19-25, 25-17, 15-13.

### Most disappointing defeat

Russia capitulated at the hands of China in straight sets in Ningbo, the host team winning 25-23, 27-25, 25-22.

### Coach

Giovanni Caprara from Italy took over as the Russian national team coach after a long and distinguished career in Italian Volleyball. He led the powerhouse Russians to a silver-medal finish in the 2006 World Grand Prix in Reggio Calabria in Italy before going one better at the 2006 World Championships in Japan.



The Russian team talks tactics



Russia coach Giovanni Caprara

Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
1	Sedova / Yulia / Sedova	08/01/1985	192	75	308	300	0	0	14	14	Avtodor-Metar
3	Alimova / Natalia / Alimova	09/12/1978	192	78	315	308	0	0	34	34	Leningradka
4	Fateeva / Olga / Fateeva	04/05/1984	188	72	310	303	0	0	24	24	Zarechie-Odintsovo
5	Shashkova / Liubov / Sokolova	04/12/1977	193	72	315	307	15	17	169	201	Murcia
6	Godina / Elena / Godina	17/09/1977	192	72	317	310	14	27	228	269	Dinamo
7	Safronova / Natalia / Safronova	06/02/1979	192	68	312	305	7	16	175	198	Zarechie-Odintsovo
9	Kryuchkova / Svetlana / Kryuchkova	21/02/1985	170	63	290	286	0	9	41	50	Zarechie-Odintsovo
11	Gamova / Ekaterina / Gamova	17/10/1980	202	80	321	310	15	20	186	221	Dinamo
13	Akulova / Svetlana / Akulova S.	10/04/1984	180	68	297	287	0	0	14	14	Balakovskaya AES
15	Kosheleva / Tatiana / Kosheleva	23/12/1988	191	67	315	305	0	0	11	11	Dinamo Moscow
16	Merkulova / Yulia / Merkulova	17/02/1984	202	75	317	308	0	9	44	53	Zarechie-Odintsovo
18	Akulova / Marina / Akulova	13/12/1985	184	70	303	290	0	9	31	40	Samorodok
19	Ivanova / Anna / Ivanova	20/11/1987	191	75	310	305	0	0	9	9	Tulitsa





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Brazil



## No four in a row

Brazil were chasing their fourth straight World Grand Prix title and no one would have bet against them achieving this. But they reckoned without the performances of the likes of the Netherlands and had to settle for fifth place.

### How they qualified

By finishing as the winner of the Pan-American Cup 2006 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 27 June to 8 July.

### Most impressive win

Brazil downed Italy in the Azzurre's hometown of Verona in a sensational five-setter, looking every bit the champions-in-waiting. But it wasn't to be.

### Most disappointing defeat

The South Americans couldn't even claim a set against hosts China in the final match.

### Coach

José Roberto Guimaraes led the Brazilians to three straight World Grand Prix titles from 2004-2006 after becoming national team coach in 2003. He also has led the team to second place in the 2006 World Championships and fourth place in the 2004 Athens Olympics in what has been a hugely successful spell in charge.



Brazilian players are all ears



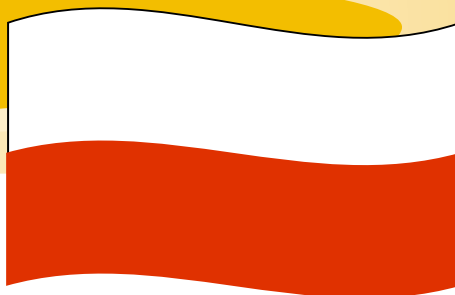
Brazil coach  
José Roberto  
Guimaraes



Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
2	Albuquerque / Carolina / Carol	25/07/1977	182	76	289	279	0	8	54	62	Maca'
4	Pequeno / Paula / Paula	22/01/1982	184	74	302	285	0	24	92	116	Finasa
5	Gattaz / Caroline / Caroline	27/07/1981	191	87	304	280	0	7	42	49	Finasa
6	Menezes / Thaisa / Thaisa	15/05/1987	196	79	316	301	0	14	60	74	Rexona/Ades
8	de Souza / Josefa Fabiola / Fabiola	03/02/1983	184	70	300	285	0	0	14	14	Brasil Telecom
9	Claudino / Fabiana / Fabiana	24/01/1985	193	76	314	293	6	14	64	84	Rexona Ades
10	Gonzaga / Welissa / Sassá	09/09/1982	179	76	300	287	6	17	77	100	Rexona Ades
11	Coimbra / Erika Kelly Pereira / Erika	23/03/1980	180	64	301	280	8	11	110	129	BCN/Osasco
13	Castro / Sheilla / Sheilla	01/07/1983	185	64	302	284	0	16	58	74	Scavolini Pesaro
14	de Oliveira / Fabiana / Fabi	07/03/1980	169	59	276	266	0	11	44	55	Rexona/Ades
15	Bidias / Regiane / Regiane	02/10/1986	189	74	304	286	0	7	43	50	Rexona Ades
17	Colombo / Renata / Renata	25/02/1981	181	78	305	293	0	0	12	12	Rexona/Ades
18	Silva / Joyce / Joyce	13/06/1984	190	67	311	294	0	6	21	27	Minas T.C.
19	Xavier / Arlene / Arlene	20/12/1969	177	74	299	290	0	8	23	31	Finasa



# Poland



## The comeback queens

Poland lost their first three preliminary matches in the World Grand Prix but then strung together six straight victories, beating the likes of Italy, China and Russia, to qualify for the final round.

### How they qualified

By finishing fourth in the European qualification tournament in Varna, Bulgaria, from 26 September to 1 October, 2006.

### Most impressive win

Poland caused a huge upset in Osaka in the preliminary rounds with a resounding straight sets victory over Russia. The Poles ran out 25-21, 25-19, 28-26 winners in the match.

### Most disappointing defeat

Poland got off to a poor start in the final round by losing in straight sets to Brazil.

### Coach

Marco Bonitta took over as Poland national team coach in March 2007. Before that he was the Italian national team coach, leading them to gold-medal glory in the World Championships in 2002, fifth place at the 2004 Athens Games, two silver medals in the World Grand Prix in 2004 and 2005 and bronze in 2006.



Poland plans



Poland coach Marco Bonitta

Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
1	Skowronska-Dolata / Katarzyna / Skowronska	30/06/1983	187	73	305	288	0	8	57	65	Asistel
2	Zenik / Mariola / Zenik	03/07/1982	175	65	300	290	0	0	14	14	Zariace
3	Dziekiewicz / Eleonora / Dziekiewicz	15/10/1978	185	70	307	295	0	0	14	14	Winiary
4	Belcik / Izabela / Belcik	29/11/1980	185	65	304	292	5	0	74	79	Muszynianka
6	Podolec / Anna / Podolec	30/10/1985	193	71	318	305	0	5	39	44	BKS Aluprof
7	Frackowiak / Joanna / Frackowiak	04/07/1986	185	67	307	293	0	0	3	3	AWF AZS
8	Swieniewicz / Dorota / Swieniewicz	27/07/1972	180	64	315	305	0	5	96	101	ICARO Alaro
9	Bednarek / Agnieszka / Bednarek	20/02/1986	185	66	309	292	0	0	14	14	Farmutil
10	Kosmatka / Agnieszka / Kosmatka	17/08/1978	188	75	312	305	0	0	11	11	Farmutil
12	Sadurek / Milena / Sadurek	18/10/1984	178	61	302	295	0	0	20	20	BKS Aluprof
13	Rosner / Milena / Rosner	04/01/1980	179	65	307	292	0	5	84	89	Marichal
14	Liktoras / Maria / Liktoras	20/02/1975	191	73	312	302	0	0	21	21	Balakowska
17	Lesniewicz / Dominika / Lesniewicz	13/01/1974	174	65	277	268	0	5	82	87	Centrostal
19	Kaczorowska / Klaudia / Kaczorowska	20/12/1988	183	66	301	292	0	0	8	8	SMS





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Cuba



## Not at the party

Cuba finished fourth at the World Grand Prix in 2006 but missed out on the final round this time, managing only seventh position, the same place they finished at the 2006 World Championships in Japan.

### How they qualified

By finishing second in the Pan-American Cup 2006 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 27 June to 8 July.

### Most impressive win

The Cubans recovered from 1-0 and 2-1 down to beat Japan in a roller-coaster five-setter in front of the Asian team's adoring fans in Tokyo in the first round of action.

### Most disappointing defeat

The USA took control from the beginning in the opening match in Khabarovsk, with Cuba littering the first set with attacking mistakes and going down in four sets for their first loss.

### Coach

Antonio Perdomo Estrella has been considered for the past 20 years one of the foremost coaches in world Volleyball. He was assistant coach of the Cuba Men's Volleyball team for four years before taking the reins of the women's national team in 2007.



Cubans show togetherness



Cuba coach  
Antonio Perdomo Estrella



Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
1	Ruiz Luaces / Yumillka / Ruiz	08/05/1978	180	63	326	305	23	25	89	137	Camaguey
2	Santos Allegre / Yanelis / Santos	30/03/1986	181	69	324	304	0	0	14	14	Ciego de Avilias
3	Carrillo de la Paz / Nancy / Carrillo	11/01/1986	190	74	320	315	7	3	79	89	Ciudad de la Habana
4	Gonzalez Diaz / Yenisei / Gonzalez	22/08/1983	193	70	320	305	0	0	19	19	Prov. Habana
6	Ramirez Echevarria / Daimi / Ramirez	08/10/1983	176	67	305	290	0	0	42	42	Camaguey
8	Ortiz Charro / Yaima / Ortiz	07/11/1981	181	72	326	303	0	0	24	24	Ciudad de la Habana
10	Herrera Alvarez / Yusleini / Herrera	12/03/1984	178	70	309	279	0	0	19	19	Ciudad de la Habana
12	Calder-n Diaz / Rosir / Calderón	28/12/1984	191	70	330	307	0	0	15	15	Ciudad de la Habana
14	Carcaces Op-n / Kenia / Carcaces	22/01/1986	189	69	310	306	0	0	29	29	Holgufn
15	Silie Fr-meta / Yusidey / Silie	11/11/1984	188	75	315	307	0	0	19	19	Ciudad de la Habana
17	Silva Franco / Yisei de la Caridad / Silva	29/08/1976	184	72	302	298	0	0	19	19	Santiago de Cuba
18	Barros Fernandez / Zoila / Barros	16/08/1976	188	72	328	307	15	20	109	144	Ciudad de la Habana





## USA

# Consistently average

After finishing seventh in 2006 and eighth in 2005, the USA were back to finishing eighth in 2007, but along the way they enjoyed good wins over Poland, Russia and Cuba.

### How they qualified

By finishing fourth in the Pan-American Cup 2006 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 27 June to 8 July.

### Most impressive win

USA surprised everybody with a 25-23, 25-22, 25-13 victory over Russia in Rzeszow in the opening stages of the World Grand Prix, following on from a mammoth five-set win over Poland.

### Most disappointing defeat

The wins over Russia and Poland gave hope but the USA followed this up with a straight-sets capitulation against the Chinese.

### Coach

Lang Ping of China, one of the most well known and respected individuals in the history of Volleyball from her days as the "Iron Hammer" of the Chinese national team, took over as USA national team coach in 2005. They finished seventh at the World Grand Prix in 2006 before claiming a respectable ninth at the 2006 World Championships.



USA coach Lang Ping



USA players motivate each other



Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
1	Nnamani / Ogonna / Nnamani	29/07/1983	185	80	315	305	6	0	30	36	VBC Volero Zurich
2	Scott-Arruda / Danielle / Scott-Arruda	01/10/1972	188	84	325	302	22	29	278	329	Club Desportivo Macae
3	Haneef-Park / Tayyiba / Haneef-Park	23/03/1979	200	82	328	312	6	22	152	180	Kazanuchka Kazan
7	Bown / Heather / Bown	29/11/1978	188	90	301	290	8	22	156	186	Pieralisi Volley
8	Wilkins / Katherine / Wilkins	10/05/1982	193	81	309	299	0	11	35	46	Hungkuk Life Volleyball Team
9	Joines / Jennifer / Joines	23/11/1982	191	82	315	301	0	11	79	90	Volley Chieri
10	Glass / Kimberly / Glass	18/08/1984	190	75	314	299	0	0	14	14	Corozal
11	Ah Mow-Santos / Robyn / Ah Mow-Santos	15/09/1975	172	67	291	281	14	11	188	213	VBC Volero Zurich
14	Lee / Candace / Lee	12/07/1984	170	64	290	270	0	0	26	26	USA National Team
15	Davis / Nicole / Davis	24/04/1982	167	73	284	266	0	11	55	66	Fenerbahce Spor Kulubu
17	Thompson / Courtney / Thompson	04/11/1984	173	65	276	263	0	0	9	9	USA National Team
18	Busse / Cassandra / Busse	15/01/1982	190	82	310	298	0	11	32	43	USA National Team

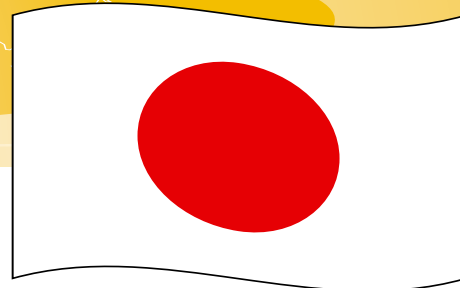




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Japan



## Excitement as always

Japan finished with a losing record in the preliminary rounds with four wins and five losses, which was disappointing after claiming a winning record the previous year. But, as always, their style of play and fanatical support brought a lot of excitement to the tournament.

### How they qualified

As one of the four Asian teams.

### Most impressive win

Japan were pretty slick in their dismantling of Dominican Republic in straight sets in their second match.

### Most disappointing defeat

Japan were edged out by the Cubans in five sets early on in the preliminary rounds after twice leading in sets.

### Coach

Shoichi Yanagimoto was named as Japan's national team coach in 2003 and almost immediately impressed when he led Japan to first place at the Olympic qualification tournament for the 2004 Athens Games. Yanagimoto guided Japan to fifth- and sixth-placed finishes at the World Grand Prix in 2005 and 2006 and the Japan Volleyball Association is confident he is the man to take the team forward.



Japanese players react with joy

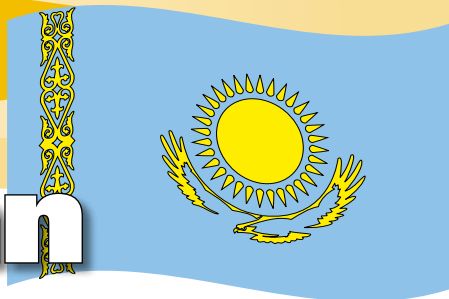


Japan coach Shoichi Yanagimoto

Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
1	Kurihara / Megumi / KURIHARA	31/07/1984	186	68	305	285	1	0	10	11	Pioneer Red Wings
3	Takeshita / Yoshie / TAKESHITA	18/03/1978	159	52	280	270	0	0	92	92	JT Marvelous
4	Itabashi / Megumi / ITABASHI	07/06/1973	166	60	281	272	0	0	12	12	Hitachi Sawa Rivale
5	Takahashi / Miyuki / SHIN	25/12/1978	170	68	290	280	0	5	90	95	NEC Red Rockets
8	Tajimi / Asako / TAJIMI	26/06/1972	180	72	309	300	2	2	19	23	Pioneer Red Wings
9	Sugiyama / Sachiko / SUGIYAMA	19/10/1979	184	66	310	305	1	1	6	8	NEC Red Rockets
10	Sakino / Kumiko / SAKINO	23/09/1975	180	66	315	308	0	0	6	6	Hisamitsu Springs
11	Araki / Erika / ERICA	03/08/1984	186	75	307	302	0	1	12	13	Toray Arrows
12	Kimura / Saori / SAORI	19/08/1986	184	67	298	293	0	0	9	9	Toray Arrows
14	Oyama / Shuka / SHUKA	25/09/1980	182	68	315	309	0	1	10	11	Hisamitsu Springs
16	Omura / Kanako / OMURA	15/12/1976	184	70	319	290	1	0	9	10	Hisamitsu Springs
17	Sano / Yuku / SANO	26/07/1979	159	54	260	250	0	1	12	13	Hisamitsu Springs
18	Shoji / Yuki / SHOJI	19/11/1981	182	67	311	303	0	0	9	9	Pioneer Red Wings



10<sup>th</sup>



FIVB

# Kazakhstan

## Commendable debut

The Kazakhstan team may have only won one match in their World Grand Prix debut but they impressed with their play, not least when they pushed the world champion Russians to five sets.

### How they qualified

As one of the four Asian teams.

### Most impressive win

Their sole victory was against the Dominican Republic in Tokyo, and it was a scintillating five-setter affair. Kazakhstan let go of a two-set lead before prevailing in the tie-break to win 25-19, 25-23, 21-25, 21-25, 15-13.

### Most disappointing defeat

Not so disappointing, but the fact they were so near yet so far from beating Russia gave Kazakhstan hope. In a gutsy five-set performance in Osaka, the Asian minnows twice battled back to level the match before the world champions won 25-14, 14-25, 25-23, 23-25, 15-10.

### Coach

Yevgeniy Sivkov used his experience as a coach of more than 40 years to help lead Kazakhstan to a respectable finish in their debut in the 2007 World Grand Prix in Ningbo.



Kazakhstan players keep smiling



Kazakhstan coach Yevgeniy Sivkov

Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
1	Rykova / Natalya / Rykova	29/03/1980	184	70	305	285	0	0	19	19	Rahat
4	Karpova / Olga / Karpova	10/06/1980	185	64	300	290	0	1	13	14	Rahat
5	Kutsko / Yuliya / Kutsko	18/04/1980	191	74	305	295	0	1	13	14	Rahat
6	Nassedkina / Olga / Nassedkina	28/12/1982	191	75	305	295	0	1	14	15	Rahat
8	Ishitseva / Korinna / Ishitseva	08/02/1984	184	73	280	275	0	1	17	18	Rahat
9	Ilyuchshenko / Xeniya / Ilyuchshenko	29/05/1979	180	70	300	250	0	1	15	16	Rahat
10	Ezau / Yelena / Ezau	09/03/1983	175	55	285	275	0	1	12	13	Rahat
11	Grushko / Olga / Grushko	07/04/1976	180	70	305	295	0	1	20	21	Rahat
12	Zaitseva / Irina / Zaitseva	25/09/1982	185	66	305	290	0	0	12	12	Rahat
13	Pavlova / Yelena / Pavlova	12/12/1978	184	70	315	290	0	1	22	23	Rahat
15	Ryabova / Alyona / Ryabova	13/08/1988	198	67	305	300	0	0	9	9	Rahat







# Salvation at last

After losing their first eight matches, things didn't look good for the Dominican Republic but they got off the mark in the final match when they beat Chinese Taipei in straight sets.

### How they qualified

By finishing third in the Pan-American Cup 2006 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 27 June to 8 July.

### Most impressive win

It was against Chinese Taipei in their final match. They proved too strong for the hosts with a superior attacking game and won 25-16, 25-20, 25-22.

### Most disappointing defeat

The Dominicans lost a devastating five-set match to Asian minnows Kazakhstan in the Tokyo round. They clawed their way back from two sets down to level the match, only for the Kazakhs to prevail 25-19, 25-23, 21-25, 21-25, 15-13.

### Coach

Miguel Beato Cruz took charge of the Women's national team in September 2005 after many years coaching men's Volleyball. In 2006, he led his native Dominicans to eighth place in the World Grand Prix in Reggio Calabria in Italy.



Dominican Republic players motivate themselves



Dominican Republic coach Miguel Beato Cruz



Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
1	Vargas Valdez / Annerys / Vargas	07/08/1981	194	70	325	315	5	14	151	170	Seleccion Nacional
2	Angeles Rojas / Rosalin / Angeles	23/07/1985	189	61	310	300	0	0	174	174	Deportivo Nacional
4	Núñez / Sidarka de Los Milagros / Nuñez	25/06/1987	188	58	312	308	5	18	143	166	Liga Juan Guzman
5	Castillo / Brenda / Castillo	05/06/1992	167	55	220	270	0	0	27	27	San Cristobal
6	Caso Sierra / Carmen Rosa / Caso	29/11/1981	168	59	243	241	5	17	130	152	Arlenis Cordero
7	Mercedes H. / Sofia Esmeralda / Mercedes	25/05/1976	185	70	306	298	5	12	130	147	Independencia
8	Del Rosario Selmo / Gina / Del Rosario	12/05/1986	189	61	310	300	0	0	43	43	Deportivo Nacional
9	Arias Dooe / Nuris / Arias	20/05/1973	190	78	315	306	0	16	210	226	Mirador
10	Cabral de la Cruz / Milagros / Cabral	17/10/1978	181	63	308	305	5	16	288	309	Los Cachorros
13	Rondon Martinez / Cindy / Rondon	12/11/1988	189	61	312	305	0	5	115	120	Seleccion Nacional
15	Rodriguez Andino / Cosiri / Rodriguez	30/08/1977	191	72	313	305	5	23	260	288	San Cristobal
16	Moreta Perez / Kenia / Moreta	07/04/1981	191	76	310	305	5	18	192	215	Mirador
18	De La Cruz de Peña / Bethania / De La Cruz	13/05/1989	188	58	322	305	0	5	92	97	Deportivo Nacional



# Chinese Taipei

## A learning process

It was indeed a tough time for Chinese Taipei at the World Grand Prix as they lost all nine games in the preliminary rounds, without even winning a set. The positives are that they are sure to learn from this experience.

### How they qualified

As one of the four Asian teams.

### Most impressive win

There were no victories for Chinese Taipei but they battled well against Brazil in front of their home fans, but still lost in straight sets.

### Most disappointing defeat

Japan made no mistake in a rematch of their 2006 World Championship game, which Chinese Taipei surprisingly won 3-1. Japan crushed their Asian rivals at Ariake Coliseum 25-19, 25-17, 25-5.

### Coach

Jeng Fang Fann led the women's national team of Chinese Taipei to 12th place in the World Grand Prix in 2007 just under a year after the Asian team surprised many at the 2006 World Championships in Japan, when they also finished in 12th place, along the way beating continental cousins Korea and hosts Japan.



Chinese Taipei players gather round



Chinese Taipei coach Jeng Fang Fann

Players		Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	SELECTION CAPS				Club
No.	Last / First / Shirt name						OG	WC	Oth.	Total	
2	Lin / Chun Yi / LIN C.Y.	26/09/1983	183	65	298	288	0	1	21	22	TPEC
3	Chen / Hui Chen / CHEN H.C.	23/04/1988	173	65	280	270	0	1	11	12	NKNU
4	Lin / Wen Yu / LIN W.Y.	21/11/1982	169	55	280	270	0	0	19	19	TPEC
5	Wu / Ya Chieh / WU Y.C.	03/10/1982	170	67	281	272	0	0	24	24	
7	Kou / Nai Han / KOU N.H.	21/03/1982	173	60	295	280	0	1	23	24	TPEC
8	Chang / Yi Chieh / CHANG Y.C.	11/06/1979	177	64	298	288	0	0	14	14	TPEC
10	Szu / Hui Fang / SZU H.F.	29/01/1984	168	60	280	270	0	1	21	22	NTNU
11	Chang / Hui Min / CHANG H.M.	08/10/1979	174	58	295	285	0	0	14	14	
12	Tsai / Yin Feng / TSAI Y.F.	06/11/1984	181	69	290	280	0	0	12	12	Taiwan Power
13	Tseng / Hua Yu / TSENG H.Y.	06/10/1986	177	63	292	284	0	1	11	12	NTNU
16	Chen / Wan Ting / CHEN W.T.	25/11/1990	178	64	288	276	0	0	11	11	Hua Chiao
18	Lin / Ching I / LIN C.I.	20/11/1985	180	66	295	283	0	1	15	16	NTNU





# World Grand Prix

# History at a Glance Statistics

## Overall standings 1993-2007

Country	WGP played	Rank															Matches			% wins	Sets			Results					
		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	pl.	win	lost		pl.	win	lost	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3
BRAZIL	14	4	1	2	1	-	1	2	3	5	4	7	1	1	1	5	169	126	43	74.56%	639	424	215	62	42	22	18	10	15
CUBA	15	1	2	3	2	2	3	5	1	4	7	11	4	4	4	7	171	120	51	70.18%	644	412	232	62	37	21	15	22	14
RUSSIA	14	3	7	6	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	7	-	2	4	163	110	53	67.48%	637	389	248	48	35	27	19	21	13
CHINA	15	2	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	2	2	1	5	3	5	2	179	114	65	63.69%	665	404	261	63	36	15	15	32	18
USA	14	7	6	1	5	8	8	-	6	1	6	3	3	8	7	8	147	77	70	52.38%	579	297	282	27	28	22	22	22	26
ITALY	10	-	8	-	-	7	5	4	7	-	-	5	2	2	3	3	107	52	55	48.60%	409	202	207	21	20	11	13	20	22
POLAND	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	7	12	6	41	17	24	41.46%	152	67	85	8	5	4	6	4	14
NETHERLANDS	7	-	9	-	7	6	-	8	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	1	71	29	42	40.85%	263	107	156	12	4	13	3	14	25
KOREA	13	5	5	5	6	3	6	6	5	7	-	6	11	9	9	-	129	46	83	35.66%	479	197	282	22	15	9	18	23	42
JAPAN	15	6	4	7	8	4	7	7	8	6	5	9	9	5	6	9	156	51	105	32.69%	585	230	355	24	14	13	19	39	47
GERMANY	8	8	10	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	7	6	10	-	-	82	18	64	21.95%	293	83	210	6	6	6	6	17	41
DOMINICAN REP.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	11	8	11	36	5	31	13.89%	129	30	99	1	2	2	5	5	21
PERU	1	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	8	11.11%	29	4	25	0	1	0	0	1	7
AZERBAIJAN	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	9	1	8	11.11%	42	16	26	0	0	1	6	1	1
KAZAKHSTAN	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	9	1	8	11.11%	33	7	26	0	0	1	1	2	5
THAILAND	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	9	10	12	11	-	41	3	38	7.32%	143	24	119	0	1	2	3	9	26
CANADA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	5	0	5	0.00%	17	2	15	0	0	0	0	2	3
CHINESE TAIPEI	2	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	18	0	18	0.00%	56	2	54	0	0	0	0	2	16



Giovanni Caprara surveys the scene



Marco Bonitta sees the funny side



# Coaches 1993-2007

Code Name	Editions	Code Name	Editions	Code Name	Editions
<b>AZE</b> GARYEV Faig	1	<b>DOM</b> GARBEY Jorge	1	<b>NED</b> FRIGONI Angelo (ITA)	1
<b>BRA</b> GUIMARAES Jose	4	CRUZ Francisco	1	GOEDKOOP Bert	3
LIMA Wadson	1	BEATO Miguel Cruz	2	MATHIEU Pierre	1
MOTTA Marco	3	<b>GER</b> KOHLER Siegfried	3	SELINGER Avital	2
REZENDE Bernardo	6	LEE Hee Wan (KOR)	5	<b>PER</b> PARK Jong Dug (KOR)	1
<b>CAN</b> SAWULA Lorne	1	<b>ITA</b> BARBOLINI Massimo	1	<b>POL</b> BONITTA Marco (ITA)	5
<b>CHN</b> CHEN Zhonghe	7	FRIGONI Angiolino	3	NIEMCZYK Andrzej	3
HU Jin	2	MOTTA Marco Aurelio	1	<b>RUS</b> KARPOL Nikolai	11
LANG Ping	4	VELASCO Julio	1	OMELCHENKO Mikhail	2
LI Xiaofeng	2	<b>JPN</b> KOJIMA Koji	1	CAPRARA Giovanni (ITA)	2
<b>CUB</b> CALDERON Luis Felipe	6	KUZUWA Nobuchika	4	<b>THA</b> RADCHATAGRIENGKAI K.	1
GEORGE LAFFITA Eider	1	YANAGIMOTO Shoichi	5	CHANBUNCHEE Sutichai	2
GEORGE LAFFITA Eugenio	3	YOKOTA Tadayoshi	1	SRISAMUTNAK Nataphon	2
PERDOMO Antonio	5	YONEDA Kazunori	1	<b>TPE</b> LIN Wen Sheng	1
		YOSHIDA Nobuyuki	1	JENG Fang Fann	1
		YOSHIKAWA Masahiro	2	<b>USA</b> HALEY Mick	3
		<b>KAZ</b> SIVKOV Evgeny	1	LANG Ping (CHN)	3
		<b>KOR</b> KIM Cheol-Yong	8	LISKEYVCH Taras	4
		KIM Hyung-Sil	3	YOSHIDA Toshiaki	4
		KIM Myeong-Soo	1		
		RYU Hoa-Suk	1		

Total: 54 coaches - 18 teams



*Evgeny Sivkov*



*Jeng Fang Fann motivates*



*Antonio Perdomo gesticulates*

*Massimo Barbolini ponders at the press conference*





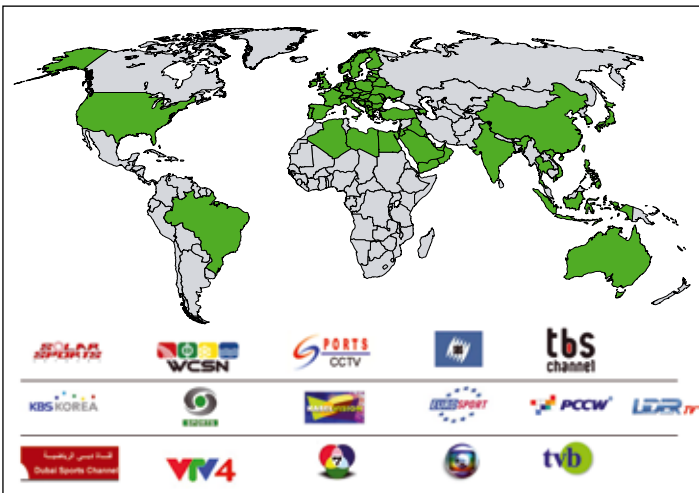


# World Grand Prix

# 2007 Media Report



## Live TV distribution



## Delayed TV distribution



## News distribution

**International coverage of the FIVB World Grand Prix just keeps getting better and better. For the sixth year in a row, TV viewer-ship, distribution and number of hours dedicated by broadcasters to FIVB's premier annual women's national team competition increased.**

In 2007, 205 countries and territories in five continents received footage through live TV and news, putting a smile on the face of Volleyball fans on every corner of the globe.

In total, there were exactly 500 hours of first-run television coverage. Primary distribution was targeted to a potential audience of 498,650,000 TV households, equivalent to 1 in 13 of the world's population.

There was significant exposure of each leg of the event through international distribution, be it live coverage, live delayed coverage or highlights. And the strength

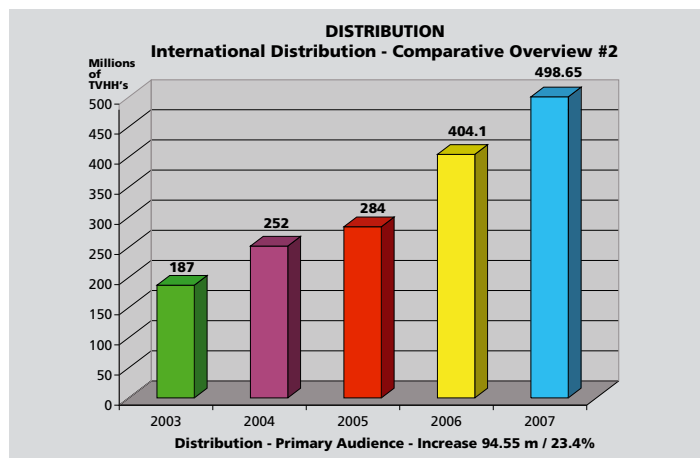
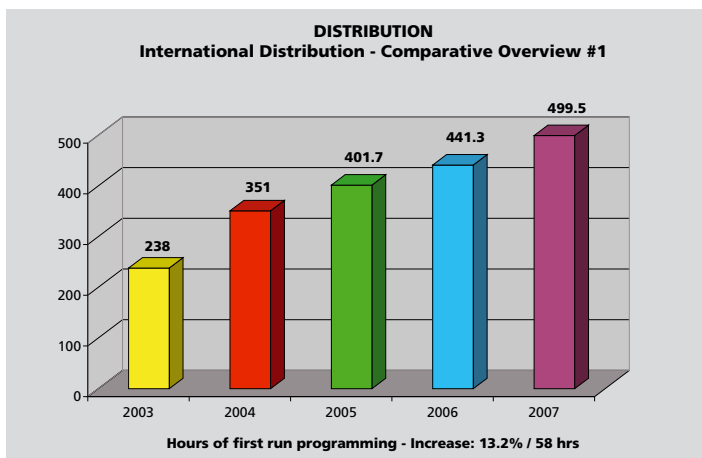
and popularity of the FIVB event meant more broadcasters chose to supplement their coverage by being on-site at the event.

A solid series of Host Broadcaster Partnerships helped FIVB achieve extensive live coverage during the preliminary rounds. All Host Broadcasters aired matches live for the second year in a row: TBS beamed live coverage around Japan during the round in Tokyo, RAI did the same for Italy in Verona, Polsat for the Rzeszow round in Poland, TVB in Hong Kong, RTR/Planeta Sport from Khabarovsk in Russia, TTV from Taipei in Taiwan and TDM in Macau.





**Brazil's Erika talks to TV**



CCTV then provided the icing on the cake with brilliant live coverage from Ningbo, China, during the Final Round.

FIVB's strong international broadcast partnerships were complemented by extensive news coverage during all stages of the competition.

There were news agreements with the European Broadcasting Union, which has 77 members in Europe and 50 associate members in 54 countries, SNTV, which accesses 195 countries with more than 1.17 billion TV households and Reuters, which links to 94 countries and 349 affiliates

worldwide and 681 million TV house holds.

Additional news initiatives included dedicated news feeds from the Final Round in Ningbo, a tailor-made news service to rights-holders, while there were unilateral requests for coverage from China, Brazil, Italy and Japan and regular features and reviews planned on Trans World Sport and Gillette World Sport.

This is all great news because TV is vitally important. Seventy percent of Olympic revenue comes from TV and TV sports rights revenues globally are in the tens of billions of U.S.

dollars. As New Media and channel proliferation continues to grow, the importance of differentiating and improving Volleyball's television offering becomes paramount.

Helping FIVB to do so is IEC in Sports, the renowned international sports marketing company and long-standing coordinator for the world's largest sports federation, which again partnered FIVB to help achieve an impressive international distribution of this outstanding edition of the World Grand Prix.







# World Grand Prix

# 2007 Ambience & Supporters



*Flag comes out for Japan vs. Chinese Taipei*



*A young Polish fan smiles*



*Italians support their team*



*Japanese fans pack out the arena*



*Netherlands fans look pensive*



*Russian fans wave flags*



*Brazil, Japan fans party*





*Chinese fans give support*



*Polish fans give support*



*Japanese fans celebrate*



*Polish supporters get behind team*





# World Grand Prix

# 2007

# Animation & Halls

*Pre-match hype in Japan*



*Cuba vs. USA: The cat's whiskers*



*Cuba's Herrera is introduced*



*Colorful characters*



*Brass band plays*



*Kazakhstan receive gift*



# Looking ahead to 2008...



*A girls' chorus*



*The Japan mascot*



*Children dance*

**The 2008 World Grand Prix final round will be held in Yokohama and 12 teams are soon to do battle in the preliminary rounds for five of the six places in Japan up for grabs in FIVB's annual international women's competition.**

Germany won the European qualification tournament for the 2008 World Grand Prix in Ankara, Turkey, in September 2007 to go through with runners-up Italy and third-place Turkey. Poland round out the European contingent of teams for the preliminary rounds.

Two-time Grand Prix champion Cuba won the sixth Pan-American Cup in June 2007 in Colima, Mexico, to advance along with six-time winners Brazil, Dominican Republic and USA, who won in 1995 and 2001.

China, winner in 2003, and fellow Asian teams Thailand and Kazakhstan also will take part in the preliminaries, as will Japan who qualify for the final round as hosts.

The World Grand Prix preliminary rounds will be held 20 June to 6 July in China, Japan, Poland, Italy, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Macau and Vietnam. The Yokohama finals run through 9-13 July.





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