

Women's Particip



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ATHENS 2004



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Olympic Records



Olympic Medals

Year	Organizer	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2000	Sydney (AUS)	CUB	RUS	BRA
1996	Atlanta (USA)	CUB	CHN	BRA
1992	Barcelona (ESP)	CUB	C.I.S.*	USA
1988	Seoul (KOR)	URS**	PER	CHN
1984	Los Angeles (USA)	CHN	USA	JPN
1980	Moscow (URS**)	URS**	DDR	BUL
1976	Montreal (CAN)	JPN	URS**	KOR
1972	Munich (GER)	URS**	JPN	PRK
1968	Mexico (MEX)	URS**	JPN	POL
1964	Tokyo (JPN)	JPN	URS	POL

* Ex-U.S.S.R (Commonwealth of Independent States)

** U.S.S.R.





Olympic Ranking

Countries	Nb. of part.	1964 Rank	1968 Rank	1972 Rank	1976 Rank	1980 Rank	1984 Rank	1988 Rank	1992 Rank	1996 Rank	2000 Rank
Australia	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9
Brazil	6	–	–	–	–	7	7	6	4	3	3
Bulgaria	1	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–
Canada	3	–	–	–	8	–	8	–	–	9	–
China	5	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	7	2	5
C.I.S.*	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–
Croatia	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7
Cuba	6	–	–	6	5	5	–	–	1	1	1
Czechoslovakia	2	–	6	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Germany (East)	3	–	–	–	6	2	–	5	–	–	–
Germany (West)	2	–	–	8	–	–	6	–	–	–	–
Germany	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	6
Hungary	3	–	–	5	4	4	–	–	–	–	–
Italy	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9
Japan	8	1	2	2	1	–	3	4	5	9	–
Kenya	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11
Korea (Nth)	1	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Korea (Sth)	6	6	5	4	3	–	5	8	–	–	–
Korea	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	8
Mexico	1	–	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Netherlands	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	5	–
Peru	7	–	4	–	7	6	4	2	–	11	11
Poland	2	3	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Romania	2	4	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	–	–
Russia	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	2
Spain	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	–	–
Ukraine	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	–
United States	7	5	8	–	–	–	2	7	3	7	4
USSR	6	2	1	1	2	1	–	1	–	–	–

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The Road to Athens



ATHENS 2004



The 12 teams participating in the Olympic Games were selected according to the following procedure:

- Team from the host NOC: **Greece.**
- The top three teams of the 2003 FIVB World Cup held in Japan.
- The team finishing first in each Continental Olympic Qualification Tournament:
 1. Europe: in Baku, Azerbaijan
 2. North and Central America: in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
 3. South America: in Caracas, Venezuela
 4. Africa: in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The winner, the best Asian team, followed by the next two best ranked teams after the winner from the World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Tokyo, Japan.

World Cup



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| 1 CHINA | 7 TURKEY |
| 2 BRAZIL | 8 POLAND |
| 3 U.S.A. | 9 KOREA |
| 4 ITALY | 10 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC |
| 5 JAPAN | 11 ARGENTINA |
| 6 CUBA | 12 EGYPT |



Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments

North and Central America (December 15-21, 2003, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)



Preliminary Round Robin

15-Dec	CUB-CAN	3-1	25-18	25-14	24-26	25-19
15-Dec	DOM-MEX	3-0	25-17	25-16	25-8	
16-Dec	PUR-CUB	0-3	18-25	18-25	20-25	
16-Dec	DOM-CAN	3-1	25-27	25-17	25-21	25-20
17-Dec	MEX-CAN	0-3	25-27	8-25	20-25	
17-Dec	DOM-PUR	3-0	25-22	25-21	25-20	
18-Dec	MEX-PUR	0-3	19-25	20-25	21-25	
18-Dec	DOM-CUB	0-3	17-25	16-25	14-25	
19-Dec	PUR-CAN	0-3	17-25	22-25	26-28	
19-Dec	MEX-CUB	0-3	11-25	13-25	9-25	

Semi-final

20-Dec	DOM-CAN	3-0	25-23	25-21	25-20	
20-Dec	CUB-PUR	3-1	20-25	25-17	25-20	25-11

Bronze Medal

21-Dec	CAN-PUR	3-0	25-15	25-20	25-15	
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Gold Medal

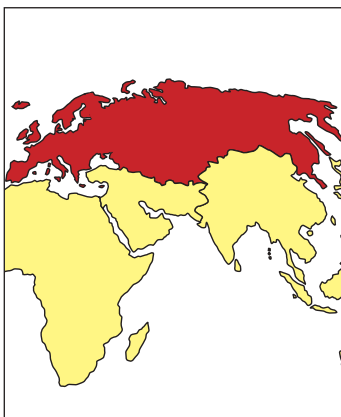
21-Dec	DOM-CUB	0-3	18-25	18-25	11-25	
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Final Ranking

- 1 Cuba
- 2 Dominican Republic.
- 3 Canada
- 4 Puerto Rico
- 5 Mexico



Europe (January 5-10, 2004, Baku, Azerbaijan)



Preliminary Round

Pool A

05-Jan	RUS-AZE	3-1	25-20	26-24	26-28	25-21
06-Jan	RUS-POL	1-3	22-25	17-25	25-22	20-25
06-Jan	AZE-GER	0-3	20-25	14-25	15-25	
07-Jan	POL-GER	3-2	25-21	29-27	22-25	17-25 16-14
08-Jan	GER-RUS	3-2	25-21	16-25	23-25	25-16 15-13
08-Jan	AZE-POL	3-0	25-18	25-21	25-23	

Pool B

05-Jan	NED-BUL	0-3	17-25	18-25	23-25	
05-Jan	ITA-TUR	1-3	25-23	21-25	23-25	19-25
06-Jan	BUL-ITA	1-3	25-21	21-25	24-26	21-25
07-Jan	ITA-NED	3-0	25-14	25-18	25-15	
07-Jan	TUR-BUL	3-1	25-19	18-25	25-16	25-19
08-Jan	TUR-NED	3-1	25-22	21-25	25-21	25-19

Semifinals

09-Jan	GER-ITA	3-2	15-25	19-2	25-21	25-23 17-15
09-Jan	TUR-POL	3-1	23-25	25-16	25-18	25-18

Final

10-Jan	GER-TUR	3-0	25-22	25-16	25-7	
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Final ranking

- 1 Germany
- 2 Turkey
- 3 Italy
- Poland
- 5 Bulgaria
- Russia
- 7 Azerbaijan
- The Netherlands



South America (January 9-11, 2004, Caracas, Venezuela)



Single Round Robin

09-Jan	ARG-DOM	0-3	19-25	22-25	17-25		
09-Jan	VEN-PER	3-2	25-20	24-26	25-17	19-25	18-16
10-Jan	PER-ARG	3-1	30-28	19-25	25-15	25-18	
10-Jan	DOM-VEN	3-0	25-18	25-22	29-27		
11-Jan	PER-DOM	0-3	20-25	18-25	21-25		
11-Jan	VEN-ARG	1-3	25-21	22-25	18-25	19-25	

Final Ranking

- 1 Dominican Republic
- 2 Peru
- 3 Argentina
- 4 Venezuela



Africa (January 8-10, 2004, Nairobi, Kenya)



Single Round Robin

08-Jan	SEY-KEN	0-3	19-25	14-25	12-25		
08-Jan	NIG-EGY	2-3	25-21	19-25	25-23	16-25	8-15
09-Jan	NIG-SEY	3-0	25-15	25-20	25-22		
09-Jan	EGY-KEN	1-3	21-25	25-23	17-25	20-25	
10-Jan	EGY-SEY	3-0	25-06	25-20	25-14		
10-Jan	KEN-NIG	3-1	25-19	25-21	21-25	25-10	

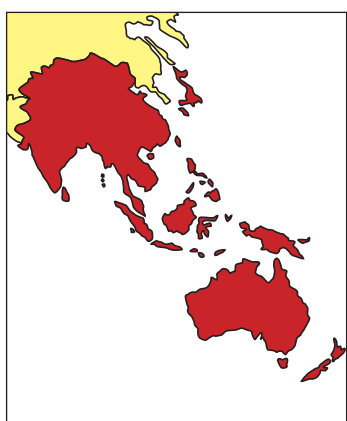
Final Ranking

- 1 Kenya
- 2 Egypt
- 3 Nigeria
- 4 Seychelles



FIVB World Olympic Qualification tournament

Combined with Asian Continental Qualification event (May 8-16, 2004, Tokyo, Japan)



08-May	TPE-PUR	1-3	23-25	21-25	25-21	21-25	
08-May	KOR-THA	3-1	24-26	25-14	25-16	25-8	
08-May	RUS-NGR	3-0	25-10	25-10	25-7		
08-May	ITA-JPN	2-3	18-25	25-23	18-25	25-20	13-15
09-May	KOR-TPE	3-0	25-20	26-24	25-11		
09-May	PUR-RUS	0-3	17-25	13-25	23-25		
09-May	NGR-ITA	0-3	18-25	13-25	7-25		
09-May	THA-JPN	0-3	10-25	14-25	20-25		
11-May	TPE-THA	0-3	21-25	23-25	20-25		
11-May	RUS-KOR	2-3	25-15	20-25	25-23	22-25	13-15
11-May	ITA-PUR	3-0	25-17	25-13	25-16		
11-May	JPN-NGR	3-0	25-10	25-9	25-19		
12-May	KOR-ITA	3-2	17-25	10-25	25-17	25-18	18-16
12-May	THA-NGR	3-0	25-16	25-10	25-13		
12-May	TPE-RUS	0-3	10-25	14-25	17-25		
12-May	PUR-JPN	0-3	23-25	11-25	23-25		
14-May	NGR-PUR	0-3	17-25	18-25	16-25		
14-May	RUS-THA	3-0	25-15	25-18	25-12		
14-May	ITA-TPE	3-0	25-15	25-19	25-16		
14-May	JPN-KOR	3-0	25-19	25-19	25-15		
15-May	THA-PUR	3-0	25-21	25-17	25-23		
15-May	RUS-ITA	2-3	25-18	25-22	15-25	17-25	14-16
15-May	KOR-NGR	3-0	25-17	25-14	25-13		
15-May	TPE-JPN	1-3	27-25	11-25	19-25	22-25	
16-May	PUR-KOR	0-3	19-25	15-25	15-25		
16-May	NGR-TPE	0-3	18-25	23-25	21-25		
16-May	ITA-THA	3-0	25-16	25-14	25-14		
16-May	JPN-RUS	0-3	20-25	18-25	19-25		

Final Ranking

- 1 Japan
- 2 Korea
- 3 Russia
- 4 Italy
- 5 Thailand
- 6 Puerto Rico
- 7 Chinese Taipei
- 8 Nigeria





AREA: 131,940 sq km
INHABITANTS: 10,647,529
CAPITAL: Athens
LANGUAGE: Greek





Greece

Pool A



As this is the first time in Olympic history that a Greek team will have taken part in the women's Volleyball tournament, it is guaranteed to be a landmark performance. But with this ground breaking venture into the top level of international women's Volleyball comes the pressure from within to perform in front of their home fans on their home court.

Ranked 22nd in the world, the Greek women's team has a big challenge ahead of them. Their best international performance to date is a 10th place finish at the 2002 World Championships. Although results have been slightly better in the four European Championships in which they have competed, (1985 – 12th, 1991 – 8th, 1993 – 9th and 2001 – 11th), this team is still lacking from regular high level international competition.

Failure to qualify for the Final Round of the 2003 European Championships illustrates the tough assignment ahead for Greece in 2004. In their European Championship qualifying pool, which included Serbia and Montenegro, the Netherlands and France, Greece finished tied with Serbia and Montenegro behind the Netherlands to watch the Dutch team progress to the next phase. Eight players have more than 100 caps to their name but it is the type of experience that has been centred principally on the European stage.

Two changes in technical direction hasn't helped Greece's preparation. Legendary coach Dimitiris Floros was replaced by Giannis Nikolakis – a former national coach, from 1994 to 1997 – in December, 2003. Following the sudden resignation of Nikolakis in July, Floros has returned but it is not the best way for a team to approach the Olympic Games.

However, Floros is very experienced having coached the side since 1999 and he is familiar with the set up. Key players Maria and Niki Gkaragouni, Eleni Memetzi, Charikleia Sakkoula, Sofia Iordanidou and Maria Chatzinikolaou will also be holding the team together on its difficult mission but if there is anything an Olympic Games can do to a team, it can unite and provide inspiration in the heat of the battle.

August is going to be a tough month for the Greek women's team but the spirit, flare and determination amongst this team will carry them far.

Match Schedule

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16 Aug.	16:00	GRE v KOR
18 Aug.	16:00	JPN v GRE
20 Aug.	16:00	GRE v BRA
22 Aug.	16:00	ITA v GRE

At the Peace and Friendship Stadium



Greece

Pool A



1 Proniadou

Zanna Proniadou
Age: 25 **Born in** Saratov, Russia – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Zarechie Odincovo (Russia) in 1993 – **Int. debut:**

Qualification European Tournament in 2002 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:10



2 Gkaragkouni

Maria Gkaragkouni
Age: 28 **Born in** Larissa, Greece – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** EA LARISAS (Larissa, Greece) in 1988 – **Honours:**

WCH 2002:10



3 Fragkiadaki

Eleni Fragkiadaki
Age: 22 **Born in** Heraklio Creta, Greece – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** GAS MESSARA (Creta) in 1996 – **Int. debut:** Spring

Cup (Croatia) in 2001



4 Gkaragkouni

Niki Gkaragkouni
Age: 27 **Born in** Larissa – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** EA LARISAS (Larissa, Greece) in 2384 – **Int. debut:** European

Championships in 1996 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:10



5 Saparefska

Fidanka Saparefska
Age: 34 **Born in** Sofia, BULGARIA – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Honours:** WCH 2002:10



6 Memetzi

Eleni Memetzi
Age: 29 **Born in** Orestiada Evrou, Greece – **Club debut:** A.O. Orestiados (Orestiada, Evros) in 1988 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:10



7 Paraskaki

Georgia Paraskaki
Age: 23 **Born in** Chania, Greece – **Club debut:** KENTAVROS CHANION (Chania, Greece) in 1996 – **Int. debut:** Mediterranean

Games (Tunis) in 2001



8 Sakkoula

Charikleia Sakkoula
Age: 30 **Born in** Athens, Greece – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Aris Nikaias (Nikaia, Greece) in 1984 – **Honours:** WCH

2002:10



9 Chatzinikou

Eleftheria Chatzinikou
Age: 26 **Born in** Larissa, Greece – **Club debut:** EA LARISAS (Larissa, Greece) in 1990 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:10



10 Vlachou

Ioanna Vlachou
Age: 23 **Born in** Panorama Thessalonikis, Greece – **Position:** Libero – **Club debut:** AIAS EVOSMOU (Evosmos, Greece) in 1994

– **Honours:** WCH 2002:10



11 Papazoglou

Vasiliki Papazoglou
Age: 24 **Born in** Athens, Greece – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** PANIONIOS (Athens, Greece) in 1992 – **Honours:**

WCH 2002:10



12 Chatzinikolaou

Maria Chatzinikolaou
Age: 25 **Born in** Alexandroupoli – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** PONTIAKOS (Alexandroupoli) in 1991

List of Honours



Olympics



World Championships



World Grand Prix



Grand Champion Cup



World Cup



Cont. Championships

2002 10

2001 11
1993 9
1991 8
1985 12

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.	
1 Proniadou / Zanna / Proniadou	13.12.78	190	82	305	300	8	42	50	Filathlitikos, Thessaloniki, GRE
2 Gkaragkouni / Maria / Gkaragkouni	21.12.75	181	79	307	290	8	181	189	F.O. Vrillissia, Athens, GRE
3 Fragkiadaki / Eleni / Fragkiadaki	23.06.82	187	76	304	290		53	53	Panathinaikos A.O., Athens, GRE
4 Gkaragkouni / Niki / Gkaragkouni	12.03.77	185	84	313	295	8	158	166	Panathinaikos A.O., Athens, GRE
5 Saparefska / Fidanka / Saparefska	04.05.70	180	70	300	290	6	54	60	F.O. Vrillissia, Athens, GRE
6 Memetzi / Eleni / Memetzi	12.01.75	182	70	293	287	6	115	121	F.O. Vrillissia, Athens, GRE
7 Paraskaki / Georgia / Paraskaki	26.06.81	181	68	280	265		34	34	A. E. Virona, Athens, GRE
8 Sakkoula / Charikleia / Sakkoula	18.12.73	180	65	293	287		154	162	Panathinaikos, Thessaloniki, GRE
9 Chatzinikou / Eleftheria / Chatzinikou	20.04.78	183	63	288	280	8	93	101	Ea Larisas, Larissa, GRE
10 Vlachou / Ioanna / Vlachou	14.05.81	167	63	278	270	8	103	111	Filathlitikos, Evosmos, GRE
11 Papazoglou / Vasiliki / Papazoglou	24.08.79	185	83	299	292	6	111	117	G.S. Panellinios, Athens, GRE
12 Chatziniolaou / Maria / Chatziniolaou	30.09.78	190	80	294	282		38	38	F.C. Vrillissia, Athens, GRE
13 Dirva / Vaia / Dirva	22.04.77	188	71	290	284	4	67	71	Ea Larisas, Larissa, GRE
14 Iordanidou / Sofia / Iordanidou	03.05.74	191	79	304	297		148	148	G.S. Panellinios, Athens, GRE
15 Tzanakaki / Georgia / Tzanakaki	01.12.80	189	85	280	278		23	23	G.S. Panellinios, Athens, GRE
16 Kiosi / Eleni / Kiosi	27.02.85	184	69	278	267	4		4	Alas Evosmos, Thessaloniki, GRE
17 Kafetzaki / Foteini / Kafetzaki	13.05.77	190	81	298	286		47	47	Filathlitikos, Thessaloniki, GRE
18 Ntoumitreskou / Rouxantra-Kon / Ntoumitreskou	20.04.77	186	70	298	287		5	5	Panathinaikos A.O., Athens, GRE



Head Coach

Dimitris Floros

Dimitris Floros, born in Thessaloniki in 1956, had his first contact with Volleyball at the age of 15 in the club of CHANTH (XANO).

Floros was a member of the national junior men's team from 1975 and the national team as a setter, playing 83 matches.

In 1984, Floros undertook the coaching of the development center for the national women's team in Thessaloniki and two months later succeeded Dionysis Merkatis as the head coach. He led the team to their first ever qualification for the European Championship finals in 1985. But his greatest successes were reaching the 1991 European Championship semifinals and capturing a place in the Mediterranean Games, in Greece in 1991. That same year he withdrew from the team to coach at club level for five years.

His return as coach of the national team in 1999 saw Greece reach the final phase of the 2001 European Championship and the finals of the 2002 World Championships in Germany for the first time ever, where they finished 10th amongst 24 teams. After being replaced by Giannis Nikolakis in December, 2003, Floros returned in July for his third time in charge.



13 Dirva

Vaia Dirva

Age: 27 **Born in** Larissa, Greece – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** EA LARISAS (Larissa, Greece) in 1990 – **Int. debut:** Spring

Cup (Czech Republic) in 1999 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:10



14 Iordanidou

Sofia Iordanidou

Age: 30 **Born in** Germany – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** AGE CHALKIDOS (Chalkida, Greece) in 1987



15 Tzanakaki

Georgia Tzanakaki

Age: 23 **Born in** Rodos, Greece – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** S.F.P. KENTAVROS (Chania, Greece) – **Int. debut:** Spring

Cup (Croatia)



16 Kiosi

Eleni Kiosi

Age: 19 **Born in** Evosmos Thessalonikis, Greece – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** AIAS EVOSMOU (Evosmos

Thessaloniki, Greece) in 2000 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:10



17 Kafetzaki

Foteini Kafetzaki

Age: 27 **Born in** Thessaloniki, Greece – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** GAS EDESSAS (Edessa, Greece) in 1990



18 Ntoumitreskou

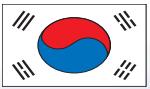
Rouxantra-Kon Ntoumitreskou

Age: 27 **Born in** Galatsi, ROM – **Position:** Universal



AREA: 98,480 sq km
INHABITANTS: 48,598,175
CAPITAL: Seoul
LANGUAGE: Korean





Korea

Pool A



This will be the ninth Olympic appearance for Korea who boast a squad of petite but fast and forceful players.

The best of the girls' eight most recent performances was a bronze medal finish at the Montreal Olympics in 1976. Other medals won, all bronzes, are two in the World Championships (1967, 1974) and two in the World Cup (1973, 1977).

But following a sixth place finish at the 2002 World Championship in Germany the Korean national women's Volleyball team underwent a massive shake up in their ranks with a concentration on youth for 2003 and the benefits were seen immediately with an impressive performance at the World Grand Prix tournament.

Their sixth place finish was encouraging, despite failing to win a match in the Final Round. It was in pool play where they showed some exciting potential, topping Pool B with four wins from five, including defeats over Russia and Brazil, with their only loss against eventual winners China.

They continued more of that exciting form when they finished third at the Asian Continental Championship to claim a World Cup qualifying spot with China due to World Cup hosts Japan finishing second.

Speed and fighting spirit are the traditionally qualities of Korea and although their much taller opponents take a psychological advantage into each match due to Korea's lack of height (their tallest player by 5 cm being Se-Young Kim at 190 cm), it's a spirited defense and a special determination which sees Korea compete at the highest level.

Although Korea, currently ranked eighth in the world, has scaled the heights of a bronze medal in Montreal, their more

recent results have tended to wane, especially at the 2003 World Cup where they finished ninth.

Coach Kim Cheol-Yong and playmakers such as Sa-Nee Kim and their most experienced player with over 200 caps Kwang-Hee Choi (the best scorer at the Asian Continental Championship) will be looked upon to lead Korea through the initial stages of the Olympic Games. Setter Sa-Nee has been inspirational in the past providing quality sets while Kwang-Hee is Korea's most potent weapon on attack.

Life will be tough for Korea but they have the history and pedigree to be a force in the Olympic Games.

Match Schedule

14 Aug.	19:30	KOR v ITA
16 Jun.	16:00	GRE v KOR
18 Aug.	11:00	KOR v KEN
20 Aug.	14:00	KOR v JPN
22 Aug.	19:30	BRA v KOR

At the Peace and Friendship Stadium



Korea

Pool A



1 J.O. Lee

Lee Jung-Ok
Age: 21 **Born in** Korea –
Position: Wing-spiker



2 Y.J. Lim

Lim Yu-Jin
Age: 20 **Born in** Korea –
Position: Wing-spiker –
Club debut: Korea Highway
 Corp. in 1997 – **Honours:**
 JWCH 2001:2 / WCUP

2003:9 / WGP 2003:6



3 H.M. Kang

Kang Hye-Mi
Age: 30 **Born in** Pusan, KOR
 – **Club debut:** Sunkyung
 Industry (KOR) in 1986 –
Honours: CCH 1997:2 / GCC
 1997:6 / OG 1996:6 2000:8 /

Others 1994:1 / WC 1999:4 / WCH 1993:3 1994:4
 1998:9 2002:6 / WCUP 2003:9 / WGP 1994:5
 1996:6 1997:3 1998:6 1999:6 2000:5 2001:7



4 M.J. Ku

Ku Min-Jung
Age: 30 **Born in** Jeonbuk,
 KOR – **Position:** Wing-spi-
 ker – **Club debut:** Hanil
 Synthetic Fiber (KOR) in
 1986 – **Honours:** CCH 1995:2

1997:2 / GCC 1997:6 / OG 2000:8 / WC 1999:4 /
 WCH 1993:3 1998:9 2002:6 / WCUP 1995:5 /
 WGP 1995:5 1996:6 1997:3 1998:6 1999:6 2000:5
 2001:7



5 S.N. Kim

Kim Sa-Nee
Age: 23 **Born in** Seoul, KOR
 – **Honours:** JWCH 1999:3 /
 WCH 2002:6 / WCUP 1999:4
 2003:9 / WGCC 2001:6 /
 WGP 2003:6



6 K.H. Choi

Choi Kwang-Hee
Age: 30 **Born in** Kyungki,
 KOR – **Position:** Wing-spi-
 ker – **Club debut:** Hanil
 Synthetic Fiber (KOR) in
 1986 – **Honours:** CCH 1995:2

/ OG 1996:6 2000:8 / WC 1995:5 1999:4 / WCH
 1993:3 2002:6 / WCUP 2003:9 / WCh 1991:1 /
 WGCC 2001:6 / WGP 1995:5 1996:6 1999:6
 2000:5 2001:7 2003:6



7 H.W. La

La Hea-Won
Age: 18 **Born in** Kyonggi,
 KOR – **Profession:** Student
 – **Position:** Wing-spiker



8 J.Y. Nam

Nam Jie-Youn
Age: 21 **Born in** Korea –
Position: Libero – **Honours:**
 JWCH 2001:2 / WCUP
 2003:9 / WGP 2003:6 (Best
 Digger)



9 S.Y. Chang

Chang So-Yun
Age: 29 **Born in** Kyungnam,
 KOR – **Position:** Middle-
 blocker – **Club debut:**
 Sunkyung Industry (KOR) in
 1987 – **Honours:** CCH 1995:2

1997:2 / GCC 1997:6 / OG 1996:6 2000:8 / Others
 1994:1 / WC 1999:4 / WCH 1991:1 1993:3 1994:4
 1998:9 2002:6 / WCUP 1995:5 2003:9 / WGP
 1994:5 1996:6 1997:3 1998:6 1999:6 2000:5 2001:7



10 S.K. Park

Park Su-Kouyng
Age: 20 **Born in** Gyeonggi-
 Do, KOR – **Position:**
 Middle-blocker



11 M.J. Kim

Kim Mi-Jin
Age: 25 **Born in** Kyonggi,
 KOR – **Position:** Middle-
 blocker – **Club debut:**
 Korea Highway Corp. (KOR)
 in 1992 – **Honours:** WCH

2002:6 / WGCC 2001:6 / WGP 2003:6



12 S.M. Pak

Pak Sun-Mi
Age: 22 **Born in** Korea –
Position: Wing-spiker –
Honours: JWCH 2001:2

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 8
1996 6
1988 8
1984 5
1976 3
1972 4
1968 5
1964 6



World Championships

2002 6
1998 9
1994 4
1990 5
1986 8
1982 7
1978 4
1974 3
1967 3



World Grand Prix

2003 6
2001 7
2000 5
1999 6
1998 6
1997 3
1996 6
1995 5
1994 5
1993 5



Grand Champion Cup

2001 6
1997 6



World Cup

2003 9
1999 4
1995 5
1991 6
1989 7
1985 7
1981 5
1977 3
1973 3



Cont. Championships

2003 3
2001 2
1999 2
1997 2
1995 2
1993 3
1991 3

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club	
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.		
1 Lee / Jung-Ok / J.O. Lee	19.07.83	179	72	280	272	4	11	15	LG-Caltex Oil Co., KOR	
2 Lim / Yu-Jin / Y.J. Lim	24.11.83	180	70	280	270	4	35	39	Korea Highway Corp., KOR	
3 Kang / Hye-Mi / H.M. Kang	27.04.74	173	62	300	285	13	16	158	187	Hyundai Construction Co., KOR
4 Ku / Min-Jung / M.J. Ku	25.08.73	181	73	315	300	6	8	119	133	Hyundai, KOR
5 Kim / Sa-Nee / S.N. Kim	21.06.81	180	72	302	292	11		95	106	Korea Highway Corp., KOR
6 Choi / Kwang-Hee / K.H. Choi	25.05.74	173	73	304	289	11	16	175	202	KT&G Corp., KOR
7 La / Hea-Won / H.W.La	28.06.86	181	62	280	270			0		Ilshin Girls' High School, KOR
8 Nam / Jie-Youn / J.Y. Nam	25.05.83	172	63	290	278	4	31	35		LG-Caltex Oil Co., KOR
9 Chang / So-Yun / S.Y. Chang	11.11.74	184	76	312	301	13	16	158	187	Hyundai Construction Co., KOR
10 Park / Su-Kouyng / S.K. Park	17.08.83	175	67	280	271			0		Heungkuk Life Insurance Co.
11 Kim / Mi-Jin / M.J. Kim	22.07.79	182	65	300	290	11		53	64	Korea Highway Corp., KOR
12 Pak / Sun-Mi / S.M.Pak	03.02.82	176	64	275	268		4	4		Hyundai, KOR
13 Jung / Dae-Young / D.Y. Jung	12.08.81	183	73	315	308	11		69	80	Hyundai Construction Co., KOR
14 Han / Song-Yi / S.Y.Han	05.09.84	185	67	304	291		14	14		Korea Highway Corp., KOR
15 Kim / Se-Young / S.Y. Kim	04.06.81	190	71	315	300		38	38		KT&G Corp., KOR
16 Koo / Ki-Lan / K.L. Koo	10.03.77	170	64	274	264	11		41	52	Heungkuk Life Insurance Co., KOR
17 Kim / So-Jeong / S.J. Kim	30.05.82	180	72	307	294			0		Korea Highway Corp., KOR
18 Yoon / Su-Hyun / S.H. Yoon	08.06.83	177	67	275	270	4	4	8		Heungkuk Life Insurance Co., KOR



Head Coach

Kim Cheol-Yong's

Kim Cheol-Yong's is in the middle of his third campaign as coach of the Korean national women's Volleyball team and will undertake his second Olympic Games

campaign, having previously been in charge from 1993 to 1996 and 1999 to 2000.

Having started at a period when the eighth-ranked team in the world was going through a rebuilding phase, Cheol-Yong, 50, is starting to work miracles with the young Korean side. He led them to the final round of the 2003 World Grand Prix, to ninth spot at the 2003 World Cup and a second place, and an Olympic qualification spot, at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in Japan earlier this year. At Athens it won't be an easy task, once again, having to shape a squad renowned for its tenacity and spirit but lacking in genuine height.

However, the stalwart of Korean Volleyball has the pedigree, particularly in the Korean domestic league where he led his club side LG Caltex-Oil to nine consecutive Super League titles and a run of 82 successive games undefeated.

In 2000 he took a young squad to the Sydney Olympics, where they finished eighth, and he was consequently replaced but his work with Korea's dominant club side was too good to ignore, hence another term at the helm.



13 D.Y. Jung

Jung Dae-Young
Age: 23 **Born in** Chungbuk, KOR – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Honours:** WCH 2002:6 / WCUP 2003:9 / WGCC 2001:6 / WGP 2001:7

2003:6



14 S.Y.Han

Han Song-Yi
Age: 19 **Born in** Kyonggi, KOR – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Sunggho Elementary School in 1994 – **Honours:** YWCH 2001:9



15 S.Y. Kim

Kim Se-Young
Age: 23 **Born in** Korea – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Tobacco&Ginseng – **Honours:** WCUP 2003:9 /

WGP 2003:6



16 K.L. Koo

Koo Ki-Lan
Age: 27 **Born in** Kyungnam, KOR – **Position:** Libero – **Honours:** OG 2000:8 / WCH 2002:6 (Best Digger and Best Receiver) / WCUP

2003:9 / WGCC 2001:6 / WGP 2000:5



17 S.J. Kim

Kim So-Jeong
Age: 22 **Born in** Jeonbuk, KOR – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Korea Highway Corp. (KOR) in 1995 – **Honours:** JWCH

2001:2 / WGP 2001:7



18 S.H. Yoon

Yoon Su-Hyun
Age: 21 **Born in** Korea – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Honours:** JWCH 2001:2



AREA: 377,835 sq km
INHABITANTS: 127,333,002
CAPITAL: Tokyo
LANGUAGE: Japanese





Japan

Pool A



It's been a long time between drinks for a Japanese side still trying to reclaim the glory days of the 1960's and 70's. Olympic Gold in 1964 and 1976, silver in 1968 and 1972 along with World Championship titles in 1962, 1967 and 1974 are a reflection of Japan's power and supremacy 30 years ago but now their national side is only hoping to relive those memories in the 2004 Olympic Games.

Something similar to their fifth place finish at the 2003 World Cup would do nicely for the Japanese at the Games.

Team officials believe the non-participation in the last Olympics was a big setback and this has resulted in the appointment by the Japan Volleyball Association of present coach Shoich Yanagimoto. Core players remain the same as in previous years but younger talents like the lanky 24-year-old Sachiko Sugiyama (184 cm) are expected to be key players in the future and will need to be on top form going into the Games.

A 13th-place finish at the 2002 World Championship and a ninth at the 2003 World Grand Prix means that Yanagimoto and his team are heading in the right direction following their stirring performance on home soil at the World Cup.

Speed and efficiency have always been traits of the Japanese women's team but trying to utilize these assets is still Yanagimoto's prime objective. Naturally lacking in height – Yuko Sano at 158 cm being the shortest player – Japan's liberos continue to be crucial to any substantial improvement but one thing can be guaranteed, that there will be nothing lacking in Japan's determination to see their name back on the podium.

Athens will see the Japanese team making its ninth Olympic appearance, after missing out on the Sydney Games. It will need to prove that its qualifying for the Olympics by winning the Asian Championships was not a flash in the pan but was due to deep skill. And due also to the good work of coach Yanagimoto, who will be hoping that his blend of the experience of Tomoko Yoshihara and the talents of Yoshie Takeshita, Miyuki Takahashi, and the baby of the team Sano (1.58 m) is a recipe for success.

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20 Aug.	14:00	KOR v JPN
22 Aug.	11:00	JPN v KEN

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Japan

Pool A



1 Yoshihara

Tomoko Yoshihara
Age: 34 **Born in** Hokkaido, JPN – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Moseushi Jr. H.S. (Hokkaido, JPN) in 1983 – **Int. debut:** Junior World Championship (Peru) in 1989 – **Honours:** WCUP 2003:5



2 Tsuji

Chie Tsuji
Age: 35 **Born in** Yamanashi, JPN – **Profession:** Office Worker – **Club debut:** Hokushin JVBC (Yamanashi, JPN) in 1978 – **Int. debut:** Goodwill Tournament (United States of America) in 1990 – **Honours:** WCUP 2003:5



3 Narita

Ikumi Narita
Age: 28 **Born in** Hokkaido, JPN – **Profession:** Employee of Hisamitsu Seiyaku – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Asahikawa Kamui Jr. (Hokkaido, Japan) in 1985 – **Int. debut:** Asian Olympic Qualification Tournament (Sydney, Australia) in 1996 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:3 / GCC 1997:5 / OG 1996:9 / WC 1999:6 / WCH 1998:8 / WGP 1996:8 1997:4 (Best Receiver) 1998:7 1999:7 2000:8



4 Sasaki

Miki Sasaki
Age: 27 **Born in** Hokkaido, JPN – **Profession:** Clerk – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Junior high school club (Noboribetu, Japan) in 1989 – **Int. debut:** Women's World Grand Prix in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:3 / GCC 1997:5 / WCH 1998:8 / WCUP 2003:5 / WGP 1997:4 1998:7 2001:6 2003:9



5 Omura

Kanako Omura
Age: 27 **Born in** Kyoto, JPN – **Profession:** Clerk – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Junior high school (Kyoto, Japan) in 1989 – **Int. debut:** Women's World Grand Prix (Various cities) in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:3 / GCC 1997:5 / WCUP 2003:5 / WGP 1997:4 2001:6 2003:9



6 Kano

Maiko Kano
Age: 16 **Born in** Tokyo, JPN – **Profession:** Student of Hachioji Jissen Jr. – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Osawa Sports Club (Tokyo, JPN) in 1998 – **Int. debut:** Friendship Match (Pejing, CHN) in 2002



7 Takeshita

Yoshie Takeshita
Age: 26 **Born in** Fukuoka, JPN – **Profession:** Clerk – **Club debut:** Hagigaoka VBC (Fukuoka, JPN) in 1987 – **Int. debut:** World Gradn Champions Cup in 1997 – **Honours:** WCUP 2003:5 / WGCC 2001:3 / WGP 2000:8 2001:6 2003:9



8 Suzuki

Hiromi Suzuki
Age: 25 **Born in** Saitama, JPN – **Profession:** Clerk – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Kumagaya Jr. (Kumagaya, Japan) in 1988 – **Int. debut:** Asian Youth Championship (Chiba, JPN) in 1994 – **Honours:** WC 1999:6 / WCH 1998:8 / WGP 1998:7 2000:8 2001:6 2003:9



9 Takahashi

Miyuki Takahashi
Age: 25 **Born in** Yamagata, JPN – **Profession:** Employee – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Yamagata Higashi VBC (Yamagata, JPN) in 1984 – **Int. debut:** Asian Junior Championship (Thailand) in 1997 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:13 / WCUP 2003:5 / WGCC 2001:3 (Best Server) / WGP 2000:8 2001:6 2002:5 2003:9



10 Horai

Makiko Horai
Age: 25 **Born in** Yamaguchi, JPN – **Profession:** Clerk – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Junior high school Club (JPN) in 1989 – **Int. debut:** World Grand Prix in 1999 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:13 / WCUP 2003:5 / WGCC 2001:3 / WGP 1999:4 2001:6 2002:5 2003:9



11 Sano

Yuko Sano
Age: 25 **Born in** Osaka, JPN – **Profession:** Employee of Toray – **Position:** Libero – **Club debut:** Takatsuki VBC (Osaka, JPN) in 1987 – **Int. debut:** World Championship (Germany) in 2002 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:13 / WCUP 2003:5 / WGP 2002:5 2003:9



12 Sugiyama

Sachiko Sugiyama
Age: 24 **Born in** Shizuoka, JPN – **Profession:** Employee – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Kitago Junior VBC (Shizuoka, JPN) in 1991 – **Int. debut:** Asian Championship (Thailand) in 1997 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:13 / WCUP 2003:5 / WGCC 2001:3 / WGP 2000:8 2001:6 2002:5 2003:9

List of Honours



Olympics

1996 9
1992 5
1988 4
1984 3
1976 1
1972 2
1968 2
1964 1



World Championships

2002 13
1998 8
1994 7
1990 8
1986 7
1982 4
1978 2
1974 1
1970 2
1967 1
1962 1
1960 2



World Grand Prix

2003 9
2002 5
2001 6
2000 8
1999 7
1998 7
1997 4
1996 8
1995 7
1994 4
1993 6



Grand Champion Cup

2001 3
1997 5
1993 4



World Cup

2003 5
1999 6
1995 6
1991 7
1989 4
1985 4
1981 2
1977 1
1973 2



Cont. Championships

2003 2
2001 4
1999 3
1997 3
1995 3
1993 2
1991 2

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club	
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.		
1 Yoshihara / Tomoko / Yoshihara	04.02.70	180	63	305	295	16	10	197	223	Pioneer Red Wings, Yamagata, JPN
2 Tsuji / Chie / Tsuji	09.08.69	177	68	298	285	16	114	130		Mobara Alukas, Chiba, JPN
3 Narita / Ikumi / Narita	01.01.76	173	67	299	276	8	5	133	146	Hisamitsu Seiyaku Springs, Saga, JPN
4 Sasaki / Miki / Sasaki	15.12.76	182	76	317	307	8		80	88	Pioneer Red Wings, Yamagata, JPN
5 Omura / Kanako / Omura	15.12.76	184	69	319	290			38	38	Hisamitsu Springs, Kobe, JPN
6 Kano / Maiko / Kano	15.07.88	184	68	303	284				0	Hachioji Jissen Jr. H. S., JPN
7 Takeshita / Yoshie / Takeshita	18.03.78	159	55	280	270			78	78	JT Marvelous, Osaka, JPN
8 Suzuki / Hiromi / Suzuki	14.11.78	185	72	302	293	8		75	83	Takefuji Bamboo, Saitama, JPN
9 Takahashi / Miyuki / Takahashi	25.12.78	170	68	285	280	5		78	83	NEC Red Rockets, Kanagawa, JPN
10 Horai / Makiko / Horai	06.01.79	187	68	312	300	5		57	62	JT Marvelous, Osaka, JPN
11 Sano / Yuko / Sano	26.07.79	158	53	260	250	5		51	56	JVA
12 Sugiyama / Sachiko / Sugiyama	19.10.79	184	69	310	305	5		78	83	NEC Red Rockets, Kanagawa, JPN
13 Otomo / Ai / Otomo	24.03.82	183	70	312	305			48	48	NEC Red Rockets, JPN
14 Oyama / Kana / Oyama	19.06.84	187	82	308	287			48	48	Toray Arrows, Shiga, JPN
15 Kawamura / Seiko / Kawamura	23.05.84	174	63	278	268				0	Mitajiri Joshi H.S., JPN
16 Kurihara / Megumi / Kurihara	31.07.84	186	68	305	285			33	33	NEC Red Rockets, Tokyo, JPN
17 Araki / Erika / Araki	03.08.84	186	81	307	302			7	7	Toray Arrows, Shiga, JPN
18 Kimura / Saori / Kimura	19.08.86	182	66	298	293			24	24	Shimokitazawa Seitoku H.S., JPN



Head Coach

Shoichi Yanagimoto

Shoichi Yanagimoto, born in Osaka in 1951, was a promising setter even in high school and won two national high school titles. Yanagimoto was selected for Japan's national squad and achieved remarkable success – 1st at the Asian Games in Iran in 1974, 3rd at the World Championship in Mexico in 1974 and 4th in the Olympics in Montreal in 1976. Furthermore, for four seasons from 1980 to 1984 Yanagimoto played two roles at New Nippon Steel as the head coach and as a key setter collecting the prize of Best Coach in 1982.

In 1985, Yanagimoto coached the Thai men's before he was asked to be involved with Nisshin Steel as coach of the women's team in the V. League in 1997. However, in 2002, due to the long-lasting economic depression their company owner decided to close its Volleyball team, despite being one of the top teams.

In spring in 2003, Yanagimoto was appointed as the head coach of the Japanese senior women's national squad by the JVA and his ultimate goal is to be ranked No.1 in the world.



13 Otomo

Ai Otomo

Age: 22 **Born in** Miyagi, JPN – **Profession:** Clerk – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Shokan Junor H.S. (Sendai, JPN) in 1994 –

Int. debut: Asian Youth Championship (China) in 1998 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:13 / WGCC 2001:3 / WGP 2001:6 2002:5



14 Oyama

Kana Oyama

Age: 20 **Born in** Tokyo, JPN – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Himawari VBC (Tokyo, JPN) in 1992 – **Int. debut:** Asian Youth

Championship (Thailand) in 2001 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:13 / WCUP 2003:5 / WGP 2003:9 / YWCH 2001:5



15 Kawamura

Seiko Kawamura

Age: 20 **Born in** Japan – **Honours:** YWCH 2001:5



16 Kurihara

Megumi Kurihara

Age: 20 **Born in** Hiroshima, JPN – **Profession:** Employee of NEC – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Shikagawa

Volleyball Club (Hiroshima, JPN) in 1994 – **Int. debut:** Asian Youth Championship (THAI) in 2001 – **Honours:** WCUP 2003:5 / WGP 2003:9 / YWCH 2001:5



17 Araki

Erika Araki

Age: 20 **Born in** Kurashiki, JPN – **Profession:** Employee of Toray – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Fukuda VBC

(Kurashiki, JPN) in 1995 – **Int. debut:** Asian Youth Championship (SIN) in 1999 – **Honours:** YWCH 2001:5



18 Kimura

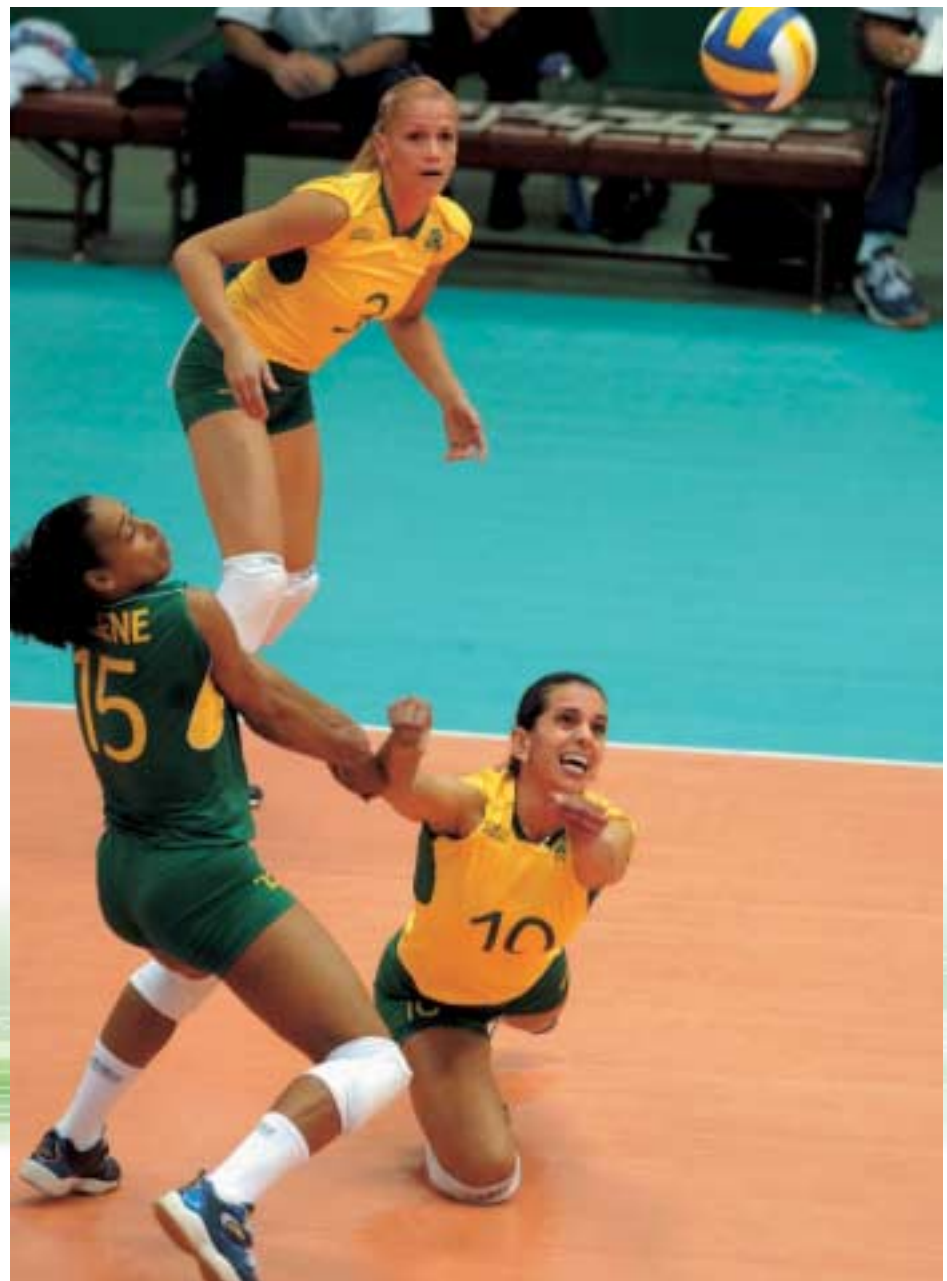
Saori Kimura

Age: 17 **Born in** Tokyo, JPN – **Profession:** Highschool Student – **Club debut:** Akikawa Jr. Volleyball Club (Tokyo, JPN) in 1994 – **Int. debut:** Korea-Japan Friendly Match (KOREA)

in 2001 – **Honours:** WCUP 2003:5



AREA: 8,511,965 sq km
INHABITANTS: 184,101,109
CAPITAL: Brasilia
LANGUAGE: Portuguese





Brazil

Pool A



Brazilian Volleyball, just like its culture and lifestyle, is full of passion and flavour and it is these qualities the women's national side will be counting on as they attack the 2004 Olympic Games.

Brazil, ranked third in the world, are currently easing through a rebuilding phase and with that, they have attracted a lot of off-court attention as the team looks to return to its glory days of the 1990s.

The turning point was in 2003. Following a seventh place finish at the annual World Grand Prix, coach Marco Motta was replaced by José Roberto Lages Guimarães, an Olympic champion in Barcelona 1992 with the men's national team.

The first move by Guimarães was to bring back many players who had been away from the courts for a long time. Erika Coimbra, Elisângela Oliveira, Fernanda Venturini, Fofão and Walewska Oliveira, who all helped Brazil claim bronze at the Sydney 2000 Olympics came to the rescue and led the team to the silver medal at the 2003 World Cup. That fantastic result came on the back of the Brazilians winning the South American Championship in Colombia all of which means Brazil have jumped to third on the FIVB world ranking list.

In his team reshuffle, Guimarães didn't forget the new generation. He is also working with some young talent in the way of middle blockers Valeskinha and Fabiana Claudino. Fabiana, for example, won the gold medal at the 2003 Junior World Championships in Thailand where she received the best attacker award.

The Brazilian women's team are determined to emulate the immense success their male counterparts are currently

enjoying and on the basis of the quick progress made thus far, their collective ambition may be fulfilled at the Olympic Games.

Any podium finish will add to a healthy trophy cabinet which stocks two Olympic bronze medals (Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000), a silver in the São Paulo World Cup (1994), six Grand Prix medals (three golds, in 1994, 1996, and 1998; two silvers, in 1995 and 1999, and a bronze, in 2000), three World Cup medals (silver in 1995 and 2003, bronze in 1999) and 24 championship medals, 13 of them gold.

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At the Peace and Friendship Stadium



Brazil

Pool A



1 Walewska

Walewska Oliveira
Age: 24 **Born in** Belo Horizonte/MG, BRA –
Position: Middle-blocker –
Club debut: E.C. Londrina (BRA) in 1994 – **Int. debut:**

South American Championship (Uruguay) in 1996 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:1 2001:1 2003:1 / JWC 1997:9 / OG 2000:3 / WC 1999:3 / WCUP 2003:2 / WGP 1999:2 2000:3 2001:5 / YCC 1996:2



2 Elisangela

Elisangela Oliveira
Age: 25 **Born in** Londrina/PR, BRA –
Position: Wing-spiker –
Club debut: E.C. Londrina (BRA) in 1994 – **Int. debut:**

Friendly Match for South American Championship (Belo Horizonte, BRA) in 1996 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:1 / OG 2000:3 / WC 1997:9 1999:3 / WGCC 2001:4 / WGP 1999:2 2000:3 2001:5



3 Erika

Erika Coimbra
Age: 24 **Born in** Belo Horizonte, BRA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Mackenzie E.C. (BRA) in 1993 – **Int. debut:** Youth

South American Championship (Uruguay) in 1996 – **Honours:** CCG 2003:1 / CCH 2001:1 / JCCH 1996:1 1999:1 / JWCH 1997:9 1999:2 / OG 2000:3 / WC 1999:3 / WCH 1997:1 1998:4 / WCUP 2003:2 / WGCC 2001:4 / WGP 1999:2 2000:3 (Best Server) 2001:5 / YCCH 1996:2



4 Raquel

Raquel Peluci Silva
Age: 26 **Born in** Rio de Janeiro, BRA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** CR Flamengo (Belo Horizonte/BRA) in 1990 –

Int. debut: Youth W.C. in 1995 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:1 / JWC 1995:2 1997:9 / OG 2000:3 / WC 1995:4 / WCH 1998:4 / WCUP 1999:2 2003:2 / WGCC 2001:4 / WGP 1998:1 1999:2 2000:3 2001:5 2003:7



5 Mari

Marianne Steinbrecher
Age: 20 **Born in** Sao Paulo, BRA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Maringa (Maringa, BRA) in 1999



6 Caroline

Caroline Gattaz
Age: 23 **Born in** Sao Jose do Rio Preto, BRA – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Automóvel Clube (Campos, BRA) in

1996 – **Int. debut:** Friendly match (BRA) in 1998 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:1 / JWCH 1999:2



7 Fofão

Helia Souza
Age: 34 **Born in** São Paulo, BRA – **Club debut:** SP Centro Olimpico in 1981 – **Int. debut:** Continental Championship in 1991 –

Honours: CCH 1991:1 1993:2 1995:1 1997:1 2003:1 / GCC 1997:3 / OG 1994:4 1996:3 2000:3 / WC 1999:3 / WCH 1994:2 1998:4 / WCUP 1991:8 1995:2 2003:2 / WGP 1993:4 1994:1 1995:2 1996:1 1998:1 1999:2 2000:3 2001:5



8 Valeskinha

Valeska Menezes
Age: 28 **Born in** Niteroi/RJ, BRA – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Botafogo (Rio de Janeiro, BRA) in 1989 – **Int. debut:**

Youth World Championship (Slovakia) in 1993 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:1 / JCCH 1994:1 / JWCH 1995:2 / WCH 2002:7 / WCUP 2003:2 (Best Blocker) / WGP 2002:4 (Best Blocker) 2003:7 / YWCH 1993:5



9 Sassá

Welissa Gonzaga
Age: 21 **Born in** Barbacena/MG, BRA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Int. debut:** Friendly Match (Quissama, BRA) in 2002 –

Honours: CCH 2003:1 / JWCH 2001:1 / WCH 2002:7 / WCUP 2003:2 / WGP 2002:4 2003:7



10 Virna

Virna Dias
Age: 32 **Born in** Natal / RN, BRA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** School (Natal / BRA) in 1984 – **Int. debut:** Youth South

American Championship (Peru) in 1986 – **Honours:** CCH 1993:2 1995:1 1997:1 2001:1 2003:1 / GCC 1997:3 / JCCH 1988:2 / OG 1996:3 2000:3 / WC 1999:3 / WCH 1994:2 1998:4 / WCUP 2003:2 / WGCC 2001:4 (Best Receiver) / WGP 1993:4 1994:1 1996:1 1998:1 1999:2 2000:3 2003:7 / YCCH 1986:1 1988:1



11 Bia

Ana Chagas
Age: 32 **Born in** Rio de Janeiro, BRA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** AABB Tijuca (Rio de Janeiro / BRA) in 1989 – **Int. debut:**

Continental Championship in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:1 2003:1 / WCUP 2003:2



12 Leila

Leila Barros
Age: 32 **Born in** Brasília – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** at school in 1986 – **Int. debut:** Junior World Championship

(Argentina) in 1990 – **Honours:** CCH 1991:1 1995:1 / OG 1992:4 1996:3 2000:3 / WC 1999:3 / WCH 1991:2 1998:4 / WCUP 1993:4 1995:2 / WGP 1993:4 1995:2 1998:1 1999:2 2000:3

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 3
1996 3
1992 4
1988 6
1984 7
1980 7



World Championships

2002 7
1998 4
1994 2
1990 7
1986 5
1982 8
1978 7
1974 15
1970 13
1962 8
1960 5
1956 11



World Grand Prix

2003 7
2002 4
2001 5
2000 3
1999 2
1998 1
1996 1
1995 2
1994 1
1993 4



Grand Champion Cup

2001 4
1997 3



World Cup

2003 2
1999 3
1995 2
1991 8
1985 6
1981 8
1973 9



Cont. Championships

2003 1
2001 1
1999 1
1997 1
1995 1
1993 2
1991 1
1989 2
1987 2
1985 2
1983 2
1981 1
1979 2
1977 2
1975 2

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club	
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.		
1 Oliveira / Walewska / Walewska	01.10.79	190	73	310	290	4	8	117	129	Sao Caetano, Sao Caetano, BRA
2 Oliveira / Elisangela / Elisangela	30.10.78	184	81	302	282	7	7	95	109	Parana Clube, Curitiba, BRA
3 Coimbra / Erika / Erika	23.03.80	180	64	301	280	11	8	145	164	Finasa/Osasco, Osasco, BRA
4 Silva / Raquel Peluci / Raquel	30.04.78	191	69	300	282	19	4	133	156	Minas Tenis Clube, Belo Horizonte
5 Steinbrecher / Marianne / Mari	23.08.83	188	70	310	290			0		Finasa / Osasco, Osasco, BRA
6 Gattaz / Caroline / Caroline	27.07.81	191	87	294	280	7		16	23	Sao Caetano, Sao Caetano, BRA
7 Souza / Helia / Fofão	10.03.70	173	63	283	264	6	14	234	254	Parana Clube, Curitiba, BRA
8 Menezes / Valeska / Valeskinha	23.04.76	180	62	302	290	10		38	48	Finasa/Osasco, Osasco, BRA
9 Gonzaga / Welissa / Sassá	09.09.82	179	76	300	287	17		28	45	Parana Volei Clube, Curitiba, BRA
10 Dias / Virna / Virna	31.08.71	184	70	306	294	12	16	231	259	Minas Tenis Clube, BRA
11 Chagas / Ana / Bia	18.10.71	179	59	296	286			5	5	Finasa/Osasco, Osasco, BRA
12 Barros / Leila / Leila	30.09.71	179	72	300	291	15	5	142	162	Força Olimpica, Brasilia, BRA
13 Oliveira / Fabiana Alvim de / Fabi	07.03.80	169	59	276	266	11		22	33	A.C. Campos, Campos, BRA
14 Venturini / Fernanda / Fernanda	24.10.70	180	69	292	280	37	19	286	342	Finasa/Osasco, Osasco, BRA
15 Xavier / Arlene / Arlene	20.12.69	177	74	299	290	8		18	26	Minas Tenis Clube, BRA
16 Claudino / Fabiana / Fabiana	24.01.85	193	76	314	293	14		11	25	Minas Tenis Clube, BRA
17 Florentino / Gisele / Gisele	01.08.73	180	71	282	278	5		83	88	Minas Tenis Clube, BRA
18 Castro / Sheilla / Sheilla	01.07.83	185	64	302	284	15		33	48	Minas Tenis Clube, BRA



Head Coach

José Roberto Guimarães

José Roberto Guimarães is the only Brazilian coach to win an Olympic gold medal (Brazil men in Barcelona 1992).

As a player, Guimarães was twice South America champion in 1973 and '75 and finished seventh at the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

He started coaching in 1988 and in 1989-90 he was the Brazilian men's assistant coach under Bebeto de Freitas.

In 1991 his teams were second at the Women's Youth and Girls Junior World Championships, followed by gold medal success with the senior men's team at the 1992 Olympics. He then won the World League in 1993 before finishing third at the 1994 World League and fifth at the World Championship in Greece.

In 1995 he finished second in the World League and third in the World Cup before finishing fifth at both the 1996 World League and the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Now, in 2004, he has been in charge of the women's national team for nearly a year, where he has taken the side to the silver medal and an Olympic qualification spot at the 2003 World Cup. Another Olympic gold will add the finishing touch.



13 Fabi

Fabiana Alvim de Oliveira
Age: 24 **Born in** Rio de Janeiro/RJ, BRA – **Position:** Libero – **Club debut:** at school (Rio de Janeiro) – **Int. debut:** South American

Championship (Argentina) in 2001 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:1 / WCH 2002:7 / WGCC 2001:4 / WGP 2002:4 (Best Libero) 2003:7



14 Fernanda

Fernanda Venturini
Age: 33 **Born in** Araraquara / SP, BRA – **Club debut:** JR Ribeirão Preto (Ribeirão Preto/BR) in 1981 – **Honours:** CCH 1991:1 1993:2

1995:1 1997:1 2003:1 / GCC 1997:3 / OG 1988:6 1992:4 1996:3 / WCH 1990:7 1994:2 1998:4 / WCUP 1991:8 1995:2 2003:2 / WGP 1993:4 1994:1 1995:2 1996:1



15 Arlene

Arlene Xavier
Age: 34 **Born in** Belo Horizonte, BRA – **Position:** Libero – **Int. debut:** World Grand Prix (Asia) in 2002 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:7 / WCUP 2003:2 (Best Libero) / WGP 2002:4



16 Fabiana

Fabiana Claudino
Age: 19 **Born in** Belo Horizonte, BRA – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Minas Tenis Clube (Belo Horizonte) in 1999 –

Int. debut: Youth World Championship in 2001 – **Honours:** CCH 2002:1 / CG 2003:4 / WCH 2003:1 (Best Attacker) / WCUP 2003:2 / WGP 2003:7 / YWCH 2001:2 (Best Spiker, Blocker)



17 Gisele

Gisele Florentino
Age: 31 **Born in** Santo André – SP, BRA – **Club debut:** Pirelli/SP (BRA) in 1984 – **Int. debut:** Youth World Championship –

Youth Games (Curitiba, BRA) in 1989 – **Honours:** JWC 1993:7 / WC 1991:2 1999:3 / WCH 1989:2 / WGCC 2001:4 / WGP 1998:1



18 Sheilla

Sheilla Castro
Age: 21 **Born in** Belo Horizonte, BRA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Mackenzie (Belo Horizonte – BRA) in 1997 – **Int. debut:**

Junior South American Championship (Colômbia) in 2000 – **Honours:** JCCH 2000:1 / JWCH 2001:1 / WCH 2002:7 / WGP 2002:4 2003:7



AREA: 301,230 sq km
INHABITANTS: 58,057,477
CAPITAL: Rome
LANGUAGE: Italian





Italy

Pool A



The Italian women's Volleyball team heads into the 2004 Olympic Games with aspirations of a podium finish.

Following their triumph at the 2002 World Championship, big things have been expected from this entertaining side, however they have yet to rediscover the amazing form that took them to their first ever World Championship title.

That is a fact that was highlighted by the team ending the 2003 European Championships in Turkey in a lowly sixth position. A jump to fourth at the World Cup in Japan was considered an improvement on the road to recovery but they still have an awkward assignment ahead of them at the Athens Olympic Games.

In Italy no sport is played by as many women as Volleyball. The Federation has over 100,000 registered women players but the women's national team has left a good deal to be desired, especially in its early days, when it rarely finished high in World Championships and even in the European Championship its best achievement was only a bronze in 1989.

At the turn of the millennium, however, things began to get better, as the team won bronze (1999) and silver (2001) in the European Championships, and hit the headlines by taking the World Championship title in Germany in 2002.

Despite the mixed fortunes immediately following their World Championship success, the Italians do have many qualities and are now ranked fourth in the world. Their most inspirational player Francesca Piccinini brings an air of solidarity and experience to the team, being one of five players with more than 200 international appearances to her name. The 26-year-

old's combination with Simona Rinieri and Nadia Centoni will be exciting to watch while libero Paola Cardullo, at 162 cm, is seen as one of the most courageous and widely followed players on the international circuit. The rest of the squad compliment each other with passion, drive and a sure-fire spirit. The Athens Games sees the Italian women making their second appearance at the Olympics after Sydney, where they finished ninth. Eight players return from that venture for what will be a fascinating journey in the heat of battle in Athens.

Match Schedule

14 Aug.	19:30	KOR v ITA
16 Aug.	14:00	ITA v JPN
18 Aug.	21:30	BRA v ITA
20 Aug.	19:30	KEN v ITA
22 Aug.	16:00	ITA v GRE

At the Peace and Friendship Stadium



Italy

Pool A



1 Rosso

Valeria Rosso
Age: 22 Born in Italy



2 Rinieri-Dennis

Simona Rinieri
Age: 26 Born in Ravenna, ITA – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: Portuali Ravenna (Ravenna) in 1990 – Int. debut: Continental

Championship (-) in 1997 – Honours: OG 2000:9 / WCH 1998:5 2002:1 / WCUP 1999:7 2003:4 / WGP 1997:7 1998:5 1999:4 2000:7



3 Togut

Elisa Togut
Age: 26 Born in Gorizia, ITA – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: V.S.Azzurra (Gorizia) in 1986 – Int. debut: - (-) in 1997 –

Honours: OG 2000:9 / WCH 1998:5 2002:1 (MVP) / WCUP 1999:7 / WGP 1998:5 1999:4 2000:7 2003:5



4 Leggeri

Manuela Leggeri
Age: 28 Born in Sezze (LT), ITA – Position: Middle-blocker – Club debut: Pall. Priverno (LT) (Priverno) in 1988 – Int. debut: - (-) in

1994 – Honours: OG 2000:9 / WCH 1998:5 2002:1 / WCUP 1999:7 2003:4 / WGP 1997:7 1998:5 1999:4 2000:7 2003:5



5 Anzanello

Sara Anzanello
Age: 24 Born in Venezia, ITA – Position: Middle-blocker – Club debut: Latisana (Udine) in 1995 – Int. debut: - (-) in 1999 –

Honours: WCH 2002:1 / WGP 2003:5



6 Gioli

Simona Gioli
Age: 26 Born in Rapallo (GE), ITA – Position: Middle-blocker – Int. debut: Italiy-Cuba (Arezzo (Italy)) in 1998 – Honours: WCH

1998:5 / WCUP 1999:7 2003:4 / WGP 1998:5 1999:4 2003:5



7 Cacciatori

Maurizia Cacciatori
Age: 31 Born in Carrara, ITA – Club debut: - (-) in 1982 – Int. debut: - (-) in 1991 – Honours: OG 2000:9 / WCH 1998:5 / WCUP 1999:7

/ WGP 1998:5 1999:4 2000:7



8 Barazza

Jenny Barazza
Age: 23 Born in Conegliano, ITA – Position: Middle-blocker – Club debut: Volley Codognè (Codognè) in 1993 – Int. debut: - (-) in

1996 – Honours: WCUP 2003:4



9 Centoni

Nadia Centoni
Age: 23 Born in Barga (LU), ITA – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: Olimpic Lucca (Lucca) in 1995 – Int. debut: Tournament of

Montreux (Montreux) in 2001 – Honours: WCUP 2003:4 / WGP 2003:5



10 Paggi

Paola Paggi
Age: 27 Born in Ivrea (TO), ITA – Position: Middle-blocker – Club debut: Ivrea Volley (Ivrea) in 1990 – Int. debut: - (-) in 1999 –

Honours: OG 2000:9 / WCH 2002:1 / WCUP 1999:7 2003:4 / WGP 2000:7



11 Mifkova

Darina Mifkova
Age: 30 Born in Praga, TCH – Position: Wing-spiker – Honours: OG 2000:9 / WCH 1994:13 1998:5 2002:1 / WCUP 2003:4 / WGP 1997:7

1998:5 2000:7



12 Piccinini

Francesca Piccinini
Age: 25 Born in Pietrasanta (LU), ITA – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: San Carlo Borromeo (-) in 1985 – Int. debut: - (-) in 1995 –

Honours: OG 2000:9 / WCH 1998:5 2002:1 / WCUP 1999:7 2003:4 / WGP 1998:5 1999:4 2000:7

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 9



World Championships

2002 1
1998 5
1994 13
1990 10
1986 9
1982 15
1978 20



World Grand Prix

2003 5
2000 7
1999 4
1998 5
1997 7
1994 8



Grand Champion Cup



World Cup

2003 4
1999 7



Cont. Championships

2003 6
2001 2
1999 3
1997 5
1995 6
1993 4
1991 4
1989 3
1987 6
1985 5
1983 7
1981 8
1977 11
1975 9
1971 8

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.	
1 Rosso / Valeria / Rosso	24.10.81	183	67	308	279			0	Scavolini, Pesaro, ITA
2 Rinieri / Simona / Rinieri-Dennis	01.09.77	188	85	307	281	19	5	252 276	Cannes, FRA
3 Togut / Elisa / Togut	14.05.78	192	70	320	295	19	5	207 231	Monte Schiavo, Jesi, ITA
4 Leggeri / Manuela / Leggeri	09.05.76	183	74	312	281	19	5	262 286	Monte Schiavo, Jesi, ITA
5 Anzanello / Sara / Anzanello	30.07.80	193	78	316	298	11		81 92	Asystel, Novara, ITA
6 Gioli / Simona / Gioli	17.09.77	185	72	307	283	8		105 113	Despar, Perugia, ITA
7 Cacciatori / Maurizia / Cacciatori	06.04.73	178	64	298	274	8	5	196 209	Tenerife, ESP
8 Barazza / Jenny / Barazza	24.07.81	188	77	300	285			75 75	Foppapedretti, Bergamo, ITA
9 Centoni / Nadia / Centoni	19.06.81	182	63	307	291			104 104	Scavolini, Pesaro, ITA
10 Paggi / Paola / Paggi	06.12.76	182	72	306	278	11	5	157 173	Foppapedretti, Bergamo, ITA
11 Mifkova / Darina / Mifkova	24.05.74	185	78	308	279	22	5	229 256	Icot, Forlì, ITA
12 Piccinini / Francesca / Piccinini	10.01.79	180	75	304	279	19	5	227 251	Foppapedretti, Bergamo, ITA
13 Secolo / Manuela / Secolo	22.02.77	180	70	302	279			14 14	Foppapedretti, Bergamo, ITA
14 Lo Bianco / Eleonora / Lo Bianco	22.12.79	172	70	287	273	19	5	217 241	Monte Schiavo, Jesi, ITA
15 Del Core / Antonella / Del Core	05.11.80	180	73	296	279			5 5	Scavolini, Pesaro, ITA
16 Ferretti / Francesca / Ferretti	15.02.84	180	70	296	280			14 14	Volley Modena, ITA
17 Cardullo / Paola / Cardullo	18.03.82	162	56	275	268	11		98 109	Asystel, Novara, ITA
18 Zilio / Isabella / Zilio	05.03.83	174	60	278	262			0	Minetti, Vicenza, ITA



Head Coach

Marco Bonitta

After an inaugural World Championship title in 2002, Italian women's Volleyball coach Marco Bonitta is eager to taste more success at the Olympics as part of his four-year plan.

In 2003, the 40-year-old Bonitta turned down a mountain of overseas offers to sign a four-year extension to his two-year Italian coaching contract and after leading the Italian women's team to their best international performance at the World Championships he is looking to make further space in the trophy cabinet.

"After winning the World Championship I want an Olympic medal," he said. "If we arrive at Athens in the same condition as we did at the World Championship we will definitely be on track."

It has been tough for Bonitta and his charges carrying the title of world champions, but having qualified for the Olympics by collecting the final ticket on offer at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in May, phase one of the ultimate goal is in place.

Some unconvincing results in 2003-2004 haven't installed a lot of believe amongst Italian fans of the chances of Bonitta's team but if anyone can rise to the challenge it is him.



13 Secolo

Manuela Secolo
Age: 27 Born in Italy



14 Lo Bianco

Eleonora Lo Bianco
Age: 24 Born in Borgomanero, ITA – Club debut: Brums Busto Arsizio (Busto Arsizio) in 1988 – Int. debut: – (-) in 1997 –

Honours: OG 2000:9 / WCH 1998:5 2002:1 / WCUP 1999:7 2003:4 / WGP 1998:5 1999:4 2000:7 2003:5



15 Del Core

Antonella Del Core
Age: 23 Born in Napoli, ITA



16 Ferretti

Francesca Ferretti
Age: 20 Born in Reggio Emilia, ITA – Club debut: Volley Reggio Emilia (Italy) – Honours: JWCH 2001:4 (Best Server)



17 Cardullo

Paola Cardullo
Age: 22 Born in Omegna (VB), ITA – Position: Libero – Club debut: Volley Omegna (Omegna) in 1993 – Int. debut: – (-) in 2001 –

Honours: WCH 2002:1 (Fair Play Award) / WCUP 2003:4 / WGP 2003:5 (Most Popular Player)

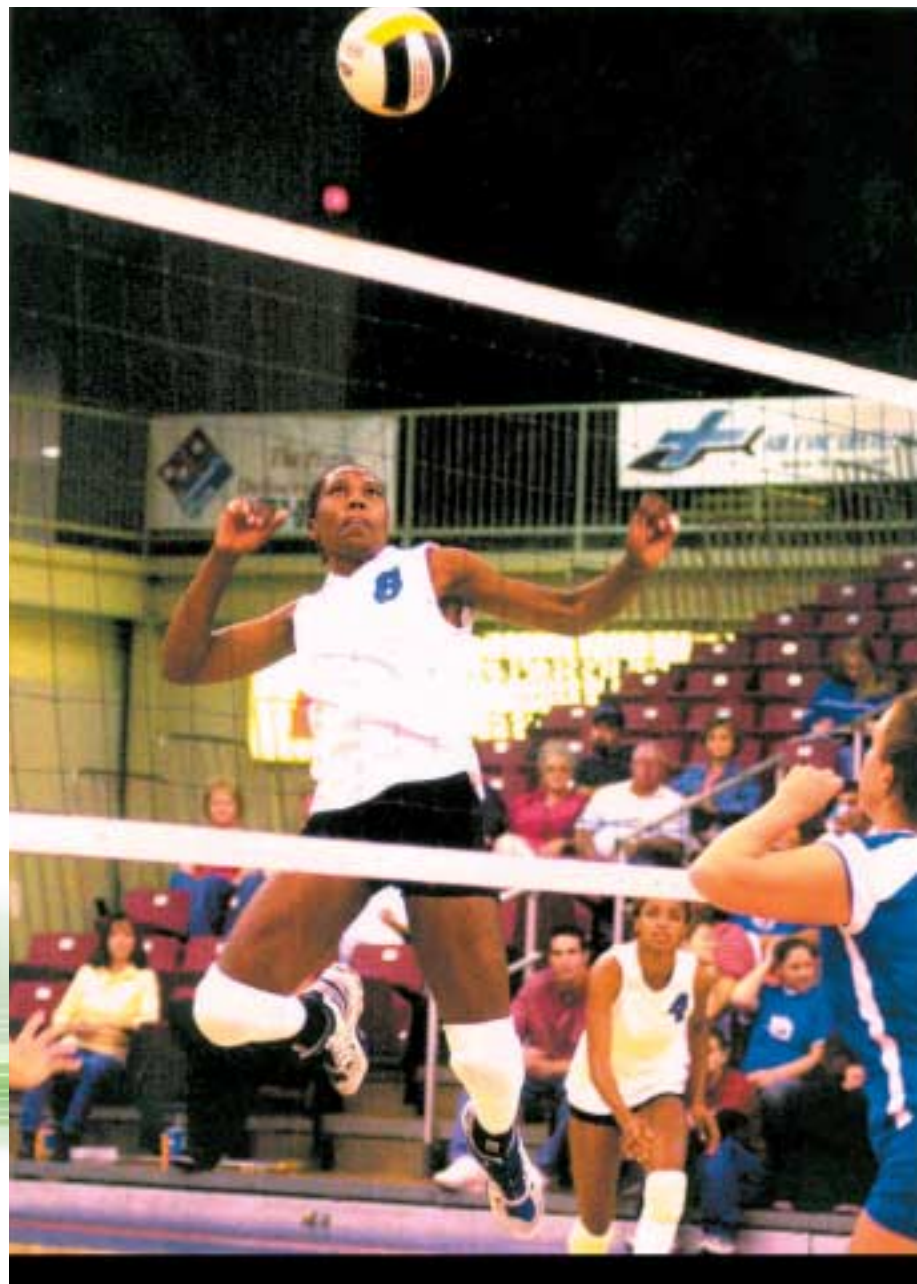


18 Zilio

Isabella Zilio
Age: 21 Born in Italy



AREA: 582,650 sq km
INHABITANTS: 32,021,856
CAPITAL: Nairobi
LANGUAGE: English and Kiswahili





Kenya

Pool A



Kenya is by far and away the leading women's Volleyball nation in Africa with a record of success that cannot be matched on the continent. With six African Nations Cup triumphs and having previously represented Africa at the Olympic Games and the World Championships, Kenya will undoubtedly do their continent proud again in Athens.

In reaching their second successive Olympics, Kenya – currently number 24 in the women's world Volleyball rankings – has shown excellent powers of recovery as the lead up to qualification for the competition did not prove quite so fruitful for this African nation. Losing out in the 2003 African Nations Championship final to Egypt was considered a big disappointment, especially as Kenya was hosting the tournament. That was followed by a third place finish at the All Africa Games in Nigeria two months later.

However, when Egypt and Nigeria were disposed of in the Olympic Qualification tournament, it was clear that Kenya had recovered from the previous slip-ups and had once again returned to their position as the best team in Africa.

The head coach of the Kenyan team, Abdul Muge has created a successful mixture of experienced, professional players and young emerging talent.

Violet Barasa (29) is considered the most influential player within the team as she has earned professional experience with the African Club Champions, Al-Ahly of Egypt and Vileo of Romania. Barasa is currently playing with Panellinios of Greece. She led her country at the last World Championships in Germany, 2002, where Kenya finished 21st and also to 11th position at the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

Another of Kenya's more experienced stars is 30-year-old Roselidah Obunaga who presently plies her trade with the Southwest Missouri State University team in USA. Obunaga has also represented her country at the Sydney Olympics.

The majority of the remainder of the squad play for Kenyan league champions Pipelines. The efficient libero Mercy Wesutilla and centre blocker Catherine Wanjiro along with Dorcas Ndasaba, 33, represent the backbone of the team.

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18 Aug.	11:00	KOR v KEN
20 Aug.	19:30	KEN v ITA
22 Aug.	11:00	JPN v KEN

At the Peace and Friendship Stadium



Kenya

Pool A



1 Jebet

Philister Sang
Age: 19 **Born in** Uansingishu, KEN –
Profession: Student –
Position: Wing-spiker –
Club debut: Kerotet Girls

High School (Eldoret – KEN) in 1999 – **Int. debut:** World Youth Championship (Zagreb – CRA) in 2001 – **Honours:** AWYCOT 2000:1 (Best Attacker) / ECAYC 2000:1 (Best Attacker) / OGQT 2004:1 / WCH 2001:13 2002:21



2 Mukoya

Margaret Mukoya
Age: 30 **Born in** Kakamega, KEN – **Profession:** Clerk –
Position: Middle-blocker –
Club debut: Namirama High School (Kakamega KEN) in

1991 – **Int. debut:** All Africa Games (Johannesburg – SA) in 1999 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:1 (Best receiver) 2003:2 / WCH 2002:21



3 Lyali

Rodah Lyali
Age: 27 **Born in** Kakamega, KEN – **Profession:** Clerk –
Club debut: Kenya Pipeline (Nairobi – KEN) in 1996 –
Int. debut: Africa Club

Championship (Cairo – Egypt) in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:1 1999:1 2000:2 2001:1 2002:1 / WCH 2002:21



4 Tarus

Abigael Tarus
Age: 22 **Born in** Kapsabet, KEN – **Profession:** Clerical Officer – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Itigo High School (Eldoret KEN)

in 1998 – **Int. debut:** Africa Club Championship (Algiers – ALG) in 2001 – **Honours:** CCH 1998:3 2001:1 2004:1 / WCH 2002:21



5 Nyongesa

Nancy Nyongesa
Age: 17 **Born in** Bungoma, KEN – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Lugulu Girls High School (Nairobi, KEN) in 2000 – **Int. debut:**

East & Central (Nairobi, KEN) in 2002 – **Honours:** CCH 2004:1 / YWCH 2001:13



6 Wanjiru

Catherine Wanjiru
Age: 26 **Born in** Nakuru, KEN – **Profession:** Clerck – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline (Nairobi – KEN) in 1997 –

Int. debut: World Junior Championship (Poland) in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 2001:1 2002:1 2004:1 / OGQT 2004:1 / WCH 1997:12 2002:21



7 Wanja

Janet Wanja
Age: 20 **Born in** Nairobi, KEN – **Club debut:** MUKUMU GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL (KAKAMEGA – KENYA) in 1997 – **Int. debut:** World

Girls Youth Championship (Zagreb, Croatia) in 2001 – **Honours:** CCH 2004:1 / WGYCH 2001:13



8 Odwako

Mildred Odwako
Age: 24 **Born in** Kitale, KEN – **Position:** Libero – **Club debut:** KABUYEFWE HIGH SCHOOL (KITALE) in 1999 – **Int. debut:** RWANDA

MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT (KIGALI – RWANDA) in 2004



9 Ndasaba

Dorcas Nakhomicha
Age: 33 **Born in** Bungoma, KEN – **Profession:** Clerical Officer – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Siumbua Primary School

(Nzoia KEN) in 1982 – **Int. debut:** World Championship (Brazil) in 1992 – **Honours:** CCH 1994:1 (Dependable player) 2001:1 (Best attacker) 2003:2 (Best scorer) / CG 1995:1 (Best attacker) 1999:1 (Best Scorer) / OG 2000:13 / OGQT 2004:1 / WCH 1992:13 1998:13 2002:21



10 Jepkosgei

Esther Jepkosgei
Age: 34 **Born in** Eldoret, KEN – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** KENYA PIPELINE (NAIROBI – KENYA) in 1991 – **Int. debut:**

AFRICA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (NAIROBI – KENYA) in 1992 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:2 2004:1 (Most valuable player) / OGQT 2004:1 / WC 1998:21 / WCH 1994:16



11 Obunaga

Roselidah Obunaga
Age: 30 **Born in** Kakamega, KEN – **Profession:** Clerical – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline (Nairobi) in 1993 –

Int. debut: World Championship (Tokyo – Japan) in 1998 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:1 (Best blocker) 2001:1 (Best overall) 2002:1 (Best player overall) / OG 2000:12 / OGQT 2004:1 / WCH 1998:12



12 Makokha

Jacqueline Makokha
Age: 29 **Born in** Bungoma, KEN – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** KENYA PIPELINE (NAIROBI – KENYA) in 1993 – **Int. debut:**

World Championship (Tokyo – Japan) in 1998 – **Honours:** OG 2000:12 / OGQT 2004:1 / WCH 1998:16

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 11



World Championships

2002 21
1998 13
1994 13



World Grand Prix



Grand Champion Cup



World Cup

1995 11
1991 12



Cont. Championships

2003 2
1997 1
1995 2
1993 1
1991 1

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club	
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.		
1 Sang / Philister / Jebet	12.09.84	185	70	280	276	1	4	5	Indian Hills University, USA	
2 Mukoya / Margaret / Mukoya	28.08.73	153	71	280	265	1	4	5	Telkom, Nairobi - KEN	
3 Lyali / Rodah / Lyali	22.11.76	166	67	260	253	1	6	7	Kenya Pipeline, Nairobi - KEN	
4 Tarus / Abigael / Tarus	26.08.81	176	67	282	261	1	3	4	Kenya Pipeline, Nairobi - KEN	
5 Nyongesa / Nancy / Nyongesa	18.06.87	170	63	280	260	1	5	6	Lugulu, KEN	
6 Wanjiru / Catherine / Wanjiru	07.08.78	178	80	285	265	1	5	6	Kenya Pipeline, Nairobi - KEN	
7 Wanja / Janet / Wanja	24.02.84	175	60	280	280	1	6	7	Kenya Pipeline, Nairobi - KEN	
8 Odwako / Mildred / Odwako	17.01.80	161	65	263	253	3	3	3	Telkom - Nairobi, Nairobi - KEN	
9 Nakhomicha / Dorcas / Ndasaba	31.03.71	173	70	295	285	1	1	9	11	Telkom, Nairobi - KEN
10 Jepkosgei / Esther / Jepkosgei	26.09.69	179	90	288	275	2	10	12	Kenya Pipeline, Nairobi - KEN	
11 Obunaga / Roselidah / Obunaga	23.12.73	180	72	284	272	1	1	15	17	Southwest Missouri College, USA
12 Makokha / Jacqueline / Makokha	15.11.74	175	62	288	274	4	1	16	21	Columbia College, USA
13 Kamende / Leonidas / Kamende	28.08.79	182	80	291	277	1	6	7	Kenya Pipeline, Nairobi - KEN	
14 Barasa / Violet / Barasa	21.06.75	175	68	308	295	2	1	10	13	Panellinios, Athens - GRE
15 Nasikanda / Gladys / Nasikanda	25.07.78	180	75	290	300	1	7	8	Union University, TN - USA	
16 Euppah / Rose / Euppah	10.09.87	182	63	286	272	1	1	2	Lugulu, KEN	
17 Wesutila / Mercy / Wesutila	08.03.76	153	60	270	250	2	1	15	18	Kenya Pipeline, Nairobi - KEN
18 Serenge / Judith / Serenge	21.01.76	153	60	256	245	1	1	16	18	Kenya Pipeline, Nairobi - KEN



Head Coach

Muge Abdulrahman Kibet

Kenya's women's coach Muge Abdulrahman Kibet is considered one of the most famous coaches in Kenya in the last few years.

After coaching domestic teams for seven years, Kibet, 39, started his job as head coach with the senior women's team in January 2003 after being the trainer of the team at the 2002 World Championship with the head coach at that time Ohania. Kenya finished 16th in that World Championship.

When Kibet started his job he called in experienced professional players playing abroad, like the Greece based Violet Barasa and Nsikanda who plays in USA and in his first competition, he led the team to a bronze medal at the All Africa Games in Abuja, Nigeria.

Now Kibet has some new emerging young players in the squad to make a promising combination of youth and experience.

In January 2004 he became a national hero when he saw Kenya qualify for their second successive Olympic games following big victories at the African Continental Olympic Qualification tournament in Nairobi against Egypt, the African champions, and Nigeria, the All Africa Games gold medalist.



13 Kamende

Leonidas Kamende
Age: 24 **Born in** Makueni, KEN – **Profession:** Student – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline (Darka Senegal) in 2002 –

Int. debut: International invitation (Sychellies) in 2001 – **Honours:** CCH 2002:1 2003:2 2004:1 / OGQT 2004:1 / WCH 2002:21



14 Barasa

Violet Barasa
Age: 29 **Born in** Trans Nzoia, KEN – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Kenya Commercial Bank (Nairobi KEN) in 1990 – **Int.**

debut: World Cup (BRA) in 1996 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:1 (Best Scorer) 2001:2 (Best attacker) 2003:2 (Best Attacker) / OG 2000:16 / OGQT 2004:1 (Most valuable player) / WC 1996:16 / WCH 1998:13 2002:21



15 Nasikanda

Gladys Nasikanda
Age: 26 **Born in** Kakamega, KEN – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Lugulu High School (Webuye) in 1996 – **Int.**

debut: World Youth Championship (Polska – Poland) in 1997 – **Honours:** WCH 1997:16



16 Euppah

Rose Euppah
Age: 16 **Born in** Bungoma, KEN – **Club debut:** Lugulu Girls High Scholl (Nairobi, KEN) in 2000 – **Int. debut:** East & Central (Nairobi,

KEN) in 2002 – **Honours:** YWCH 2001:13



17 Wesutila

Mercy Wesutila
Age: 28 **Born in** Nairobi, KEN – **Position:** Libero – **Honours:** CCH 2003:2 (Best Libero player) 2004:1 (Best Libero player) / OG 2000:21 /

OGQT 2004:1 (Best Libero player) / WCH 2002:21



18 Serenge

Judith Serenge
Age: 28 **Born in** Kakamega, KEN – **Profession:** Technician – **Club debut:** Kenya Pipeline (Nairobi KEN) in 1996 – **Int. debut:**

World Championship (Japan) in 1998 – **Honours:** CCH 1996:1 1999:2 2000:2 2001:1 (Best Setter) 2002:1 (Best Setter) 2003:2 2004:1 (Best Setter) / OG 2000:13 / OGQT 2004:1 (Best Setter) / WCH 1998:13



AREA: 9,596,960 sq km
INHABITANTS: 1,298,847,624
CAPITAL: Beijing
LANGUAGE: Chinese





China

Pool B



After its 2003 double of winning the World Cup and the World Grand Prix, China is not only a strong bet to make the top six but will settle for nothing less than first place at the Athens Olympics, to add to its three previous Olympic medals (gold in 1984, silver in 1996, bronze in 1988), its two World Championship titles (1982, 1986), and its three World Cup titles (1981, 1985, and 2003).

China is the team to fear in the world of women's Volleyball at the moment. Not only is the Asian superpower ranked as the best on the FIVB world ranking list, these tremendously talented ladies are also Asian Champions. Thus, having gained so many successes in top competitions over the past few years, there is little else but gold on the minds of the Chinese players ahead of the 2004 Olympic Games.

In an ominous sign for all opposing teams, the Chinese women's team is going through a rebuilding phase with a side composed of many young and talented players, who have brought a new and dynamic style to their play.

It worked wonderfully in 2003 at the World Grand Prix and World Cup and now they are hoping to do the same in 2004 at the Olympic Games.

Players like team captain Feng Kun, Chen Jing and 196 cm Zhao Ruirui are becoming more and more experienced and increasingly dominant on the international scene. Their combination in the 2003 World Cup and 2003 World Grand Prix was exhilarating and has laid the foundation for some of China's superb results.

Under coach Chen Zhonghe, China is currently trying to build a team with distinguished characteristics on the basis

of overall abilities for offence and defense and judging by current results he's doing an excellent job.

Feng is the conductor of the side, masterminding attacks from the setter position, and don't be surprised to see her play another leading role in China's efforts to win only their second Olympic gold medal. Having won at their first Games appearance in 1984, bronze in 1988 and silver in 1996 have made it a good return from five Olympic starts for China.

Match Schedule

14 Aug.	21:30	CHN v USA
16 Aug.	11:00	CHN v DOM
18 Aug.	14:00	CUB v CHN
20 Aug.	9:00	CHN v GER
22 Aug.	14:00	RUS v CHN

At the Peace and Friendship Stadium



China

Pool B



1 Y.M. Wang

Wang Yimei
Age: 16 **Born in** Liaoning, CHN – **Profession:** student
– **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Liaoning (China) in 2000 – **Int. debut:**

FIVB World Grand Prix (CHN Hongkong Italy) in 2004



2 K. Feng

Feng Kun
Age: 25 **Born in** Beijing, CHN – **Profession:** Student
– **Club debut:** Beijing (CHN) in 1994 – **Int. debut:** FIVB World Grand Prix (CHN) in

1997 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 / WGP 2002:2 2003:1 (Best Setter)



3 H. Yang

Yang Hao
Age: 24 **Born in** Liaoning, CHN – **Profession:** Student
– **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Liaoning (CHN) in 1994 – **Int. debut:** fivb

world grand prix (Tahiland Hongkong and Macao) in 2001 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 (MVP) / WGP 2001:2 (Most Popular Player) 2002:2 (Best Server) 2003:1 (Best Server)



4 Y.N. Liu

Liu Yanan
Age: 23 **Born in** Liaoning, CHN – **Profession:** Student
– **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Liaoning (CHN) – **Int. debut:** five

world grand prix (Tahiland Hongkong and Macao) in 2001 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 / WGP 2001:2 2002:2 2003:1



5 J.L.Chu

Chu Jinling
Age: 20 **Born in** Liaoning, CHN – **Profession:** student
– **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Liaoning (CHN) in 1996 – **Int. debut:**

Montreux Volley Master (Swiss) in 2002 – **Honours:** WGP 2003:1



6 S. Li

Li Shan
Age: 24 **Born in** Tianjin, CHN – **Profession:** Student
– **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Tianjin (CHN) in 1992 – **Int. debut:** Asian

Championship (Hong Kong) in 1999 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:1 / WC 1999:5 / WCH 2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 / WGP 1999:3 2000:4 2001:2 2002:2 2003:1



7 S.H. Zhou

Zhou Suhong
Age: 25 **Born in** Zhejiang, CHN – **Profession:** Student
– **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Zhejiang (CHN) in 1990 – **Int. debut:** Asian

Championship (Hong Kong) in 1999 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 / WGP 2001:2 2002:2 2003:1 (Best Receiver)



8 R.R. Zhao

Zhao Ruirui
Age: 22 **Born in** Jiangsu, CHN – **Profession:** Student
– **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Army club (CHN) in 1991 – **Int. debut:**

Asian Championship (Hong Kong) in 1999 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:1 / JWCH 1999:4 / WCH 2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 / WGP 2001:2 2002:2 (Pacific Century Insurance MVP) 2003:1



9 Y.H. Zhang

Zhang Yuehong
Age: 28 **Born in** Liaoning – **Profession:** Student – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Liaoning (CHN) in 1990 – **Honours:** WCH

2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 / WGP 2001:2 2002:2 2003:1



10 J. Chen

Chen Jing
Age: 28 **Born in** Sichuan, CHN – **Profession:** Student
– **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Sichuan Club (chendu china) in 1991 –

Int. debut: Asian Championship (Hong Kong) in 1999 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:1 / OG 2000:5 / WC 1999:5 / WCH 2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 / WGP 1999:3 2000:4 2002:2 2003:1



11 S. Yang

Yang Shuang
Age: 19 **Born in** Henan, CHN – **Profession:** student
– **Honours:** YWCH 2001:1



12 N. N.Song

Song Nana
Age: 24 **Born in** Liaoning, CHN – **Profession:** Soldier
– **Club debut:** Army (Beijing) in 1989 – **Int. debut:** 2001 Montreux

International Volleyball Tourna (Montreux Swiss) in 2001 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:4 / WGCC 2001:1 / WGP 2001:2 2002:2 2003:1

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 5
1996 2
1992 7
1988 3
1984 1



World Championships

2002 4
1998 2
1994 8
1990 2
1986 1
1982 1
1978 6
1974 14
1962 9
1956 6



World Grand Prix

2003 1
2002 2
2001 2
2000 4
1999 3
1998 4
1997 5
1996 4
1995 4
1994 3
1993 2



Grand Champion Cup

2001 1
1997 4
1993 2



World Cup

2003 1
1999 5
1995 3
1991 2
1989 3
1985 1
1981 1
1977 4



Cont. Championships

2003 1
2001 1
1999 1
1997 1
1995 1
1993 1
1991 1

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club	
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.		
1 Wang / Yimei / Y.M. Wang	11.01.88	190	80	310	300			0	Liaoning, CHN	
2 Feng / Kun / K. Feng	28.12.78	183	75	319	310		86	86	Beijing, CHN, Beijing, CHN	
3 Yang / Hao / H. Yang	21.03.80	183	75	319	314		39	39	Liaoning, CHN	
4 Liu / Yanan / Y.N. Liu	29.09.80	186	73	320	313		36	36	Liaoning, CHN	
5 Chu / Jinling / J.L.Chu	29.07.84	190	74	316	305			0	Liaoning, CHN	
6 Li / Shan / S. Li	21.05.80	185	72	317	300		8	65	73	Tianjin, CHN
7 Zhou / Suhong / S.H. Zhou	23.04.79	182	75	313	305		105	105	Zhejiang, CHN, Hangzhou CHN	
8 Zhao / Ruirui / R.R. Zhao	08.10.81	196	75	326	315		66	66	Army, CHN	
9 Zhang / Yuehong / Y.H. Zhang	09.11.75	182	73	324	322		8	45	53	Liaoning, CHN
10 Chen / Jing / J. Chen	03.09.75	182	75	312	306		8	42	50	Sichuan, CHN
11 Yang / Shuang / S. Yang	24.05.85	185	75	310	300				0	Henan, CHN
12 Song / Nina / N. N. Song	07.04.80	179	65	303	293		56	56	Army, CHN	
13 Wang / Ting / T. Wang	19.11.84	187	68	315	305				0	Henan, CHN
14 Zhao / Jing / J. Zhao	26.03.83	190	73	319	308		20	20	Sichuan, CHN	
15 Wang / Lina / L. N. Wang	05.02.78	181	75	319	300	8	65	73	Army, CHN	
16 Zhang / Na / N. Zhang	19.04.80	180	72	302	292		23	23	Tianjin, CHN	
17 Li / Yan / Y. Li	01.05.76	178	75	305	300	8	15	235	258	Fujian, CHN
18 Zhang / Ping / P. Zhang	23.03.82	187	73	312	301				0	Tianjin, CHN



Head Coach

Chen Zhonghe

Chen Zhonghe, 47, has been in charge of the Chinese national women's Volleyball team since 2001, the same year as the side won the World Grand Champion title, but his involvement with the team goes well beyond the last three years. In 1979 he joined the team as a trainer before moving into the assistant coach's position in 1989, a role he maintained until moving into the role he holds today. A coach with strong principles and high values Zhonghe's experience in the coaching arena is proving invaluable as he works with a young Chinese team that is focused on the Olympic Games. He has already worked wonders with the team. After a fourth-place finish at the 2002 World Championship in Germany, he has led China through an all-conquering 2003 season where they won the World Grand Prix title and the World Cup, where they claimed their Olympic qualification spot. "In serving, attacking and defending, our team stands shoulder to shoulder with European teams," he said. But he cautions against too much optimism by quoting a Chinese proverb: "It's easy to climb to the top, but not easy to stay there."



13 T. Wang

Wang Ting
Age: 19 Born in Henan, CHN – Profession: student – Position: Middle-blocker – Club debut: Henan (CHN) in 1996 – Int. debut: FIVB

World Grand Prix (CHN) in 2004 – Honours: YWCH 2001:1



14 J. Zhao

Zhao Jing
Age: 21 Born in China – Honours: JWCH 2001:3



15 L. N. Wang

Wang Lina
Age: 26 Born in Liaoning, CHN – Profession: Armywomen – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: Army (Beijing) in 1990 – Int.

debut: Asian Champ. in 1995 – Honours: CCH 1995:1 1997:1 1999:1 / OG 1996:2 2000:5 / WC 1999:5 / WCH 1998:2 / WGP 1999:3 2000:4 2003:1



16 N. Zhang

Zhang Na
Age: 24 Born in Tianjin, CHN – Profession: Student – Club debut: Tianjin (CHN) – Honours: WGP 2001:2 2003:1



17 Y. Li

Li Yan
Age: 28 Born in Fujian, CHN – Profession: Student – Position: Universal – Club debut: Fujian (Fuzhou) in 1989 – Int. debut: Asian

Champ. in 1994 – Honours: CCH 1999:1 / OG 1996:2 2000:5 / WCH 1998:2 / WCUP 1995:3 / WGP 1999:3 2000:4 (Best Libero)



18 P. Zhang

Zhang Ping
Age: 22 Born in Tianjin, CHN – Profession: Student – Position: Middle-blocker – Honours: JWCH 2001:3 (Best Spiker)



AREA: 48,730 sq km
INHABITANTS: 8,833,634
CAPITAL: Santo Domingo
LANGUAGE: Spanish





Dominican Republic

Pool B



The Dominican Republic makes its Olympic Volleyball debut at Athens. Not that this is the first time the Dominican girls have come to Athens. Two years ago, they chose Greece as a venue to train in, hoping they would be back for the Olympics!

Volleyball has been an established sport in the Dominican Republic since 1916, but it took the national women's team 58 years to get into a major international event – the 1974 World Championships in Mexico, where they finished 21st.

The major status of Volleyball in this Caribbean country was a fact by the end of the 1990s. In 1997 the Dominican Republic won the bronze medal at the North America Championships. In 1998 it finished 11th at the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan. In 1999 it hosted the Pan-American Games in the capital of Santo Domingo, and the team was only just beaten for the gold medal (2-3) by the mighty Cuba.

The first decade of the new century began with a bronze medal in the North America Championships (2001), and a silver medal in the Mexico Pan-American Cup (2002). When the same event took place a year later, again in Mexico, the Dominican Republic had its biggest triumph to date, defeating Cuba 3-2 in the semi-finals to finish in second place.

The team, including stars such as Annerys Vargas Valdez, Evelyn Carrera Pichardo, Yudelkys Bautista, Cosiri Rodriguez, Milagros Cabral de la Cruz and Francia Jackson, is currently 14th in the world, and will be trying to stamp its mark on the Athens Olympics.

There is plenty of experience in the line-up with five players having played more than 200 games and with the astute coaching of Jorge Garbey at the helm there is a well blended mix of youth, enthusiasm, experience and tactical awareness to make the Dominican Republic one team never to underestimate.

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20 Aug.	11:00	DOM v CUB
22 Aug.	9:00	GER v DOM

At the Peace and Friendship Stadium



Dominican Republic

Pool B



1 Vargas

Annerys Vargas Valdez
Age: 22 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Simon Bolivar (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1996 –

Int. debut: World Cup (JAPAN) in 1998 – **Honours:** CAC 2002:1 / CCH 2002:2 2003:2 / CON 2003:3 / HOK 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:1 / OQT 2003:2 / PAN 2003:1 (Best Service and Best Blocker) / WCUP 2003:10 / WWC 2002:11



2 Angeles

Rosalin Angeles Rojas
Age: 17 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Profession:** Student – **Club debut:** Deportivo Nacional (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1999 –

Int. debut: Continental Girls Youth Championship (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA) in 2001 – **Honours:** CON 2003:3 / GYCC 2001:8 / HOK 2003:2 / JWC 2001:9 / PAN 2003:1 / WPC 2003:2 / WWC 2003:10



3 Bautista

Yudelkys Bautista
Age: 29 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Mirador (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1992 –

Int. debut: Continental Girl's Youth Championship in 1993 – **Honours:** CAC 1998:2 2002:1 / CCH 2001:2 2002:2 2003:2 / HKO 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:1 / MVM 2003:7 / OQT 2000:3 2003:2 / PAN 1999:4 2003:1 (MVP) / USPV 2002:1 / WCUP 2003:10 / WWC 2002:11



4 Rondon

Cindy Rondon Martinez
Age: 15 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Modeca (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1998 –

Int. debut: Girl Youth Continental Championship (Utah, USA) in 2002 – **Honours:** GYCC 2001:8



5 Carrera

Evelyn Carrera Pichardo
Age: 32 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Libero – **Club debut:** Los Trinitarios (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1986 – **Int. debut:**

Continental Junior Championship in 1990 – **Honours:** CAC 1998:2 2002:1 / CCH 2001:2 2003:3 / HKO 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:1 / MVM 2003:7 / OQT 2000:3 2003:2 / PAN 1999:4 2003:1 (Best Libero) / USPV 2002:1 / WCUP 2003:10 / WWC 2002:11



6 Caso

Alexandra Caso Sierra
Age: 17 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Libero – **Club debut:** Arlenis Cordero (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1999 – **Int. debut:**

Continental Girl's Youth Championship (Salt Lake city, Utah, USA) in 2001 – **Honours:** CAC 2002:1 / CCH 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:1 / JWCH 2001:9 / OQT 2003:2 / PAN 2003:1 / YWCH 2001:8



7 Mercedes

Sofia Esmeralda Mercedes Heredia
Age: 28 **Born in** Duverge – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Independencia (Independencia, DOM) in

1992 – **Int. debut:** World Cup (JAPAN) in 1998 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:3 / HKO 2003:0 / IOQT 2004:1 / OQT 2003:2 / PAN 1999:4 2003:1 / WCUP 2003:10



8 Saviñon

Juana Saviñon Perez
Age: 23 **Born in** San Cristobal – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Evosancris (San Cristobal, DOM) in 1997 – **Int. debut:**

Central American and Caribbean Sport Games (Maracaibo, Venezuela) in 1998 – **Honours:** CAC 1998:2 2002:1 / HKO 2003:2 / JWCH 2001:9 / NORCECA 2003:3 / OQT 2003:2



9 De La Cruz

Bethania De La Cruz de Peña
Age: 15 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Deportivo Nacional

(Santo Domingo, DOM) in 2001



10 Cabral

Milagros Cabral de la Cruz
Age: 25 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Los Cachorros (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1993 – **Int. debut:**

Continental Championship in 1994 – **Honours:** CAC 1998:2 2002:1 / CCH 2001:2 2003:3 / HKO 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:1 / MVM 2003:7 / OQT 2000:3 2003:2 / PAN 1999:4 2003:1 / USPV 2002:1 / WCUP 2003:10 / WWC 2002:11



11 Gonzalez

Juana Miguelina Gonzalez Sanchez
Age: 25 **Born in** Laguna Salada – **Club debut:** Simon Bolivar (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1995 – **Int. debut:**

Continental Event (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1996 – **Honours:** IOQT 2004:1 / MVM 2003:7 / OQT 2003:2 / WCUP 2003:10



12 Jackson

Francia Jackson Cabrera
Age: 28 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Club debut:** Mirador (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1992 – **Int. debut:** Continental Championship

in 1993 – **Honours:** CAC 1998:2 2002:1 / CCH 2001:2 2003:3 / HKO 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:1 / MVM 2003:7 / OQT 2000:3 2003:2 / PAN 1999:4 2003:1 / USPV 2002:1 / WCUP 2003:10 / WWC 2002:11

List of Honours



Olympics



World Championships



World Grand Prix



Grand Champion Cup



World Cup



Cont. Championships

2002 13
1998 11
1978 19
1974 21

2003 10

2003 3
2001 3
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

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.	
1 Vargas Valdez / Annerys / Vargas	07.08.82	191	70	303	298	14	97	111	Modeca, DOM
2 Angeles Rojas / Rosalin / Angeles	23.07.87	189	61	310	300		147	147	Deportivo Nacional, DOM
3 Bautista / Yudelkys / Bautista	05.12.74	193	68	312	308	18	194	212	Mirador, DOM
4 Rondon Martinez / Cindy / Rondon	12.11.88	183	61	312	305		34	34	Modeca, DOM
5 Carrera Pichardo / Evelyn / Carrera	05.10.71	182	70	301	297	14	201	215	Los Prados, DOM
6 Caso Sierra / Alexandra / Caso	25.04.87	168	59	243	241		71	71	Arlenis Cordero, DOM
7 Mercedes Heredia / Sofia Esmeralda / Mercedes	25.05.76	185	70	306	298		105	105	Independencia, DOM
8 Saviñon Perez / Juana / Saviñon	13.09.80	181	75	303	300	11	99	110	Evosancris, DOM
9 De La Cruz de Peña / Bethania / De La Cruz	13.05.89	189	58	322	305		33	33	Deportivo Nacional, DOM
10 Cabral de la Cruz / Milagros / Cabral	17.10.78	185	63	308	305	11	236	247	Los Cachorros, DOM
11 Gonzalez Sanchez / Juana Miguelina / Gonzalez	03.01.79	185	70	295	290		70	70	Modeca, DOM
12 Jackson Cabrera / Francia / Jackson	08.11.75	168	71	280	275	11	248	259	Mirador, DOM
13 Reyes Reyes / Laritza / Reyes	30.09.82	182	61	305	300	11	60	71	Mirador, DOM
14 Rivera Brens / Prisilla / Rivera	29.12.86	183	67	309	305	11	121	132	Mirador, DOM
15 Rodriguez Andino de Dionicio / Cosiri / Rodriguez	30.08.77	191	72	313	305	11	234	245	Doña Ana, DOM
16 Moreta Perez / Kenia / Moreta	07.04.81	191	76	310	305	8	176	184	Mirador, DOM
17 Burgos Herrera / Dahiana / Burgos	07.04.88	183	58	312	302		34	34	Modeca, DOM
18 Luna Salas / Johanna / Luna	16.04.85	188	60	305	302	11	69	80	Modeca, DOM



Head Coach

Jorge Garbey

Cuban Jorge Garbey took the coaching position of the Dominican Republic in January 2003 with instant success and the national women's

team has been improving ever since.

In the Pan American Cup in the first month of last year in Saltillo, Mexico he led his side to the silver medal after the Dominicans had defeated Cuba for the first time in 35 years in a superb come-from-behind 3-2 victory.

Garbey improved that feat with another five set victory over Cuba, this time for the gold medal in the Pan Am Games in Santo Domingo later in the year.

During the 2003 Norceca Continental Championship, also on Dominican soil, Garbey guided the Dominican Republic to the bronze medal after losing to Cuba in a five-setter during the semi-finals.

After a 10th place finish at the 2003 World Cup and a solid performance in the recently completed 2004 World Grand Prix, Garbey will be looking to exploit more of the Dominican Republic flair in what he sees as one of his dreams: Coaching a team through an Olympic Games campaign.



13 Reyes

Laritza Reyes Reyes
Age: 21 **Born in** Haina –
Position: Middle-blocker –
Club debut: Deportivo Nacional (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1999 – **Int. debut:**

Continental Girl's Youth Championship (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA) in 2001 – **Honours:** IOQT 2004:1 / JWCH 2001:9 / OQT 2003:2 / YWCH 2001:8



14 Rivera

Prisilla Rivera Brens
Age: 17 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** San Pedro (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1999 –

Int. debut: Continental Youth Volleyball Championship (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA) in 2001 – **Honours:** CAC 2002:1 / CCH 2003:3 / HOK 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:1 / JWCH 2001:9 / OQT 2003:2 / PAN 2003:1 / WCUP 2003:10 / WWCH 2002:11 / YWCH 2001:8



15 Rodriguez

Cosiri Rodriguez Andino de Dionio
Age: 26 **Born in** San Cristobal – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** Doña Ana (San Cristobal,

DOM) in 1990 – **Int. debut:** Continental Championship (Colorado Spring, USA) in 1993 – **Honours:** CAC 1998:2 / CCH 2001:2 2003:3 / HKO 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:1 / MVM 2003:7 / OQT 2000:3 2003:2 / PAN 1999:4 2003:1 (Best Reception) / USPV 2002:1 / WCUP 2003:10 / WWC 2002:11



16 Moreta

Kenia Moreta Perez
Age: 23 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Mirador (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1998 –

Int. debut: Continental Girl's Youth Championship (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA) in 2001 – **Honours:** CAC 2002:1 / CCH 2003:3 / HKO 2003:2 / IOQT 2004:0 / JWCH 2001:9 / OQT 2003:2 / PAN 2003:1 / WCUP 2003:10 / WWC 2002:11 / YWCH 2001:8



17 Burgos

Dahiana Burgos Herrera
Age: 16 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Modeca (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 2000 – **Int. debut:**

Continental Girls Youth Championship (Salt Lake city, Utah, USA) in 2002 – **Honours:** CCH 2002:4



18 Luna

Johanna Luna Salas
Age: 19 **Born in** Santo Domingo – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Brisas del Mar (Santo Domingo, DOM) in 1997 – **Int. debut:**

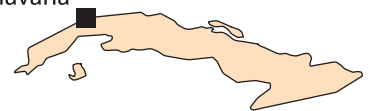
Girls World Youth Championship (Croatia) in 2001 – **Honours:** YWCH 2001:8



AREA: 110,860 sq km
INHABITANTS: 11,308,764
CAPITAL: Havana
LANGUAGE: Spanish



Havana





Cuba

Pool B



These are trying times for the Cuban women's Volleyball team with the ghosts of the glory days of the recent past haunting their slow progress. Indeed, those fantastic days of the 90s, when Cuba won the Olympic Gold three times in succession are still constantly talked about among Volleyball aficionados around the world.

Coming off a sub-standard fifth-place finish at the 2002 World Championship in Germany, a far from satisfactory 11th-place finish at the 2003 World Grand Prix and a sixth at the 2003 World Cup a few months later, people in Cuba have been praying for rapid improvement in order to have some more medals to cheer.

The three time world champions play a hard, Russian-style power game and are traditionally exceptional jumpers and strong hitters. Indeed a former U.S. coach said of them "They are the best. You love to watch them, but you don't like to play against them!"

The national team has included some of the world's great players but some of the side that won the gold medal in Sydney 2000 have now retired. Younger players are being drafted into the team to lay the foundation for a solid performance in Athens 2004.

Finishing second at the 2003 Norceca Championships did a lot to lift morale, as it booked their Olympic ticket and helped Cuba to maintain sixth place on the FIVB world ranking list.

But after dominating women's Volleyball in the 1990s it is now in the hands of the likes of Yumilka Ruiz, Barros Fernandez and Mesa Luaces to lead a relatively inexperien-

ced side in to the winner's circle, where their predecessors have been so many times before.

Cuba has been three-times World Champion in 1978 – Sankt Petersburg, 1994 – São Paulo, 1998 – Tokyo and four-times World Cup winner (1989, 1991, 1995, and 1999).

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Cuba

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1 Ruiz

Yumilka Ruiz Luaces
Age: 26 **Born in** Camaguey
– **Profession:** Student –
Club debut: Camaguey
(Camaguey, Cuba) in 1986 –
Honours: OG 2000:1 / WC

1999:1 / WCH 1998:1 2002:5 (Best Scorer) /
WCUP 2003:6 / WGP 1999:5 2000:1 2001:4
2002:7 2003:11



2 Santos

Yanelis Santos Allegne
Age: 18 **Born in** Camaguez
– **Profession:** student –
Honours: WCH 2002:5 /
WCUP 2003:6 / WGP 2002:7
2003:11



3 Carrillo

Nancy Carrillo de la Paz
Age: 18 **Born in** C. Habana
– **Profession:** student –
Honours: JWCH 2001:13 /
WCH 2002:5 (Best Server) /
WCUP 2003:6 / WGP 2002:7



4 Herrera

Yusleinis Herrera Alvarez
Age: 20 **Born in** Cuba –
Honours: JWCH 2001:13 /
WGP 2003:11



5 Martinez

Maisbelis Martinez Adlum
Age: 27 **Born in** C. Habana
– **Profession:** student –
Club debut: Ciudad Habana
in 1991 – **Honours:** WCUP
2003:6 / WGP 2001:4



6 Ramirez

Daimi Ramirez Echevarria
Age: 20 **Born in** Cuba –
Honours: WCUP 2003:6



7 Silie

Yusedey Silie Frometa
Age: 19 **Born in** Cuba



8 Ortiz Charro

Yaima Ortiz Charro
Age: 22 **Born in** C. Habana
– **Profession:** Student –
Honours: WCH 2002:5 /
WCUP 2003:6 / WGP 2001:4
2002:7



9 Mestre

Indira Mestre Baro
Age: 25 **Born in** Ciudad
Habana – **Profession:**
Student – **Club debut:**
Ciudad Habana (Habana,
Cuba) in 1991 – **Honours:**

WCH 1998:1 2002:5 / WGP 2000:1 2001:4 2002:7
2003:11



10 Fernandez

Ana I. Fernandez Valle
Age: 31 **Born in** Santic
Spiritus – **Profession:**
Student – **Honours:** OG
1992:1 1996:1 2000:1 / WCH
1998:1 (World Best Spiker) /

WCUP 1995:1 1999:1 / WGP 1993:1 1994:2
1995:3 1996:1 1998:3 1999:5 2000:1 (Best
Spiker) 2001:4



11 Mesa

Liana Mesa Luaces
Age: 26 **Born in** Camaguey
– **Profession:** Student –
Club debut: Camaquay
(Cuba) in 1991 – **Honours:**
WCH 1998:1 2002:5 / WCUP

1999:1 2003:6 / WGP 1998:3 2001:4 2002:7



12 Calderon

Rosir Calderon Diaz
Age: 19 **Born in** Cuba –
Honours: JWCH 2001:13 /
WCH 2002:5 / WCUP 2003:6
/ WGP 2002:7 2003:11

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 1
1996 1
1992 1
1980 5
1976 5
1972 6



World Championships

2002 5
1998 1
1994 1
1990 4
1986 2
1982 5
1978 1
1974 7
1970 8



World Grand Prix

2003 11
2002 7
2001 4
2000 1
1999 5
1998 3
1997 2
1996 2
1995 3
1994 2
1993 1



Grand Champion Cup

1997 2
1993 1



World Cup

2003 6
1999 1
1995 1
1991 1
1989 1
1985 2
1981 6
1977 2
1973 5



Cont. Championships

2003 2
2001 2
1999 1
1997 1
1995 1
1993 1
1991 1
1989 1
1987 1
1985 1
1983 2
1981 2
1979 1
1977 1
1975 1

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club	
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.		
1 Ruiz Luaces / Yumilka / Ruiz	08.05.78	179	62	329	315	11	14	85	110	Camaguey, CUB
2 Santos Allegre / Yanelis / Santos	30.03.86	183	71	315	312	1	40	41		Ciego de Avilas, CUB
3 Carrillo de la Paz / Nancy / Carrillo	11.01.86	190	74	318	315	3	60	63		Ciudad Habana, CUB
4 Herrera Alvarez / Yusleinis / Herrera	12.03.84	180	67	312	310		10	10		Ciudad Habana, CUB
5 Martinez Adlum / Maisbelis / Martinez	13.06.77	182	79	322	306		50	50		Ciudad Habana, CUB
6 Ramirez Echevarria / Daimi / Ramirez	08.10.83	176	67	305	290		33	33		Ciudad Habana, CUB
7 Silie Frometa / Yusedey / Silie	11.11.84	183	80	316	300		5	5		Ciudad Habana, CUB
8 Ortiz Charro / Yaima / Ortiz Charro	09.11.81	179	70	325	313		20	20		Ciudad Habana, CUB
9 Mestre Baro / Indira / Mestre	21.04.79	183	73	322	311	21	120	141		Ciudad Habana, CUB
10 Fernandez Valle / Ana I. / Fernandez	03.08.73	185	78	325	316	15	20	140	175	Matanzas, CUB
11 Mesa Luaces / Liana / Mesa	26.12.77	179	70	318	307	11		70	81	Camaguey, CUB
12 Calderon Diaz / Rosir / Calderon	28.12.84	191	66	330	325		6	6		Ciudad Habana, CUB
13 Munoz Carrazana / Anniara / Munoz	24.01.80	180	69	320	312		30	30		Cienfuegos, CUB
14 Carcases Opon / Kenta / Carcases	22.01.86	188	69	308	306		20	20		Holguin, CUB
15 Zamora Gil / Marhta / Zamora	15.10.83	187	67	319	318		0			Las Tunas, CUB
16 Tellez Palacio Dulce / Ma / Tellez	12.09.83	186	69	320	316					Santiago, CUB
17 Sanchez Salfran / Marta / Sanchez	17.05.73	182	75	324	310	11		85	96	Holguin, CUB
18 Barros Fernandez / Zoila / Barros	06.08.76	188	76	325	312	11		75	86	Ciudad Habana, CUB



Head Coach

Luis Felipe Calderon

Former assistant coach Luis Felipe Calderon made his debut as head coach of the

Cuban women's team at the 2002 World Championship where he took the team to a credible fifth place. But ever since the glory days of the 1990's, Cuba continues to struggle to get back on to the podium and heads to Athens with a faint hope of collecting their fourth successive Olympic gold medal.

The 1994 and 1998 world champions and three-time Olympic champions are still rebuilding with players like Yanelia Santos and Nancy Carrillo de la Paz just 18 year's old and it's up to Calderon, who took Cuba to the silver medal at the 2003 NORCECA Continental Championship and a sixth place finish at the 2003 World Cup, and the renowned Eugenio George Lafita, 70, who is accredited with the status of assistant coach, to put Cuba back on track.

Lafita was in charge when Cuba finished 11th out of 12 teams at the 2003 World Grand Prix, registering just one win (over Italy) from five matches and will be Calderon's right hand man in Athens.



13 Munoz

Anniara Munoz Carrazana
Age: 24 Born in Cienfuegos
– Profession: Student –
Honours: WCH 2002:5 /
WCUP 2003:6 / WGP 2001:4
2002:7



14 Carcases

Kenta Carcases Opon
Age: 18 Born in Cuba –
Honours: JWCH 2001:13 /
WGP 2003:11



15 Zamora

Marhta Zamora Gil
Age: 20 Born in Las Tunas –
Profession: Student –
Honours: WGP 2003:11



16 Tellez

Ma Tellez Palacio Dulce
Age: 20 Born in Cuba –
Honours: JWCH 2001:13 /
WCUP 2003:6



17 Sanchez

Marta Sanchez Salfran
Age: 31 Born in Holguin –
Profession: Student – Club
debut: Holguin (Cuba) in
1985 – Honours: OG 2000:1 /
WCH 1998:1 2002:5 / WCUP

1995:1 1999:1 2003:6 / WGP 1996:2 1997:2
1998:3 1999:5 2000:1 2001:4 2002:7



18 Barros

Zoila Barros Fernandez
Age: 28 Born in La Habana
– Profession: Student –
Club debut: Ciudad Habana
(Cuba) in 1990 – Honours:
OG 2000:1 / WCH 2002:5 /

WCUP 2003:6 (Best Server) / WGP 1996:2
1998:3 2000:1 2001:4 (Best Server) 2002:7



AREA: 357,021 sq km
INHABITANTS: 82,424,609
CAPITAL: Berlin
LANGUAGE: German





Germany

Pool B



Germany may not be everybody's idea of a gold medalist but they are still a team to be reckoned with.

Occupying 11th position on the FIVB official world rankings list, an ever improving German women's Volleyball team will be one of the toughest teams to beat in Athens.

Winning the bronze medal at the 2003 European Championships in Turkey installed a lot of belief, which was evident when they claimed an Olympic ticket in January at the European Continental Olympic qualification tournament.

After a successful era in the early to mid nineties, when the strong players of the former German Democratic Republic had a positive influence on the national team, then head coach Siegfried Köhler began preparing junior players with a view to being competitive in the Olympic year 2000. This campaign, however, did not bring the required results as was obvious during the European Championships in the Czech Republic in 1997 where Germany made an early exit in the preliminary round.

In January 1998, when the "Bremen Cup" was a qualification tournament for the World Championship in Japan, Germany qualified but up against the best teams in the world, they failed to register a victory, losing to the Dominican Republic, Russia and Brazil.

Following this disappointment, Korean-born Hee Wan Lee replaced Köhler and immediately had success with unexpected victories against Poland and Croatia to send Germany into the semifinals of the 1999 European Championship in Italy. Three months later, Germany fended off Romania, the Ukraine, the Netherlands, Italy and Croatia in European Olympic quali-

fication to be assured of a start at the Sydney Olympics. Lee's aim was to finish in the top eight in Sydney and his line-up defeated Peru and Italy and qualified for the quarterfinals. However, defeats to Brazil and China resigned them to sixth place.

Following that great start Lee had further success taking his side to the bronze medal at the 2002 World Grand Prix in Asia, where a new star in the powerful Angelina Grün was unveiled. But regrettably, Germany was unable to repeat that form as hosts of the 2002 World Championship, finishing 10th, and at the 2003 World Grand Prix, where they finished 7th.

They were only seventh in the World Cup in 2003, but with Grün and Judith Sylvester in attack, they have the potential to ride high again.

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Germany

Pool B



1 Berg

Andrea Berg
Age: 23 **Born in** Nordhorn, GER – **Profession:** Student
– **Position:** Middle-blocker
– **Club debut:** SC Union Emlichheim (GER) in 1991 –

Honours: WGP 2001:8



2 Weiss

Kathleen Weiß
Age: 20 **Born in** Schwerin, GER – **Profession:** student
– **Club debut:** Schweriner SC (Schwerin, Germany) in 1994 – **Honours:** JWCH

2001:9 / WGP 2003:7



3 Hart

Tanja Hart
Age: 30 **Born in** Marktheidenfeld, GER – **Profession:** Student – **Club debut:** DJK Karbach (GER) in 1985 – **Honours:** CCH

1995:4 1999:4 / ECH 2003:3 / NAT 1998:4 / OG 1996:8 2000:6 / WCH 1998:13 2002:10 / WGP 1995:8 2003:7



4 Tzschlerlich

Kerstin Tzschlerlich
Age: 26 **Born in** Freital, GER – **Profession:** Student – **Position:** Libero – **Club debut:** TZ Freital (Freital, GER) in 1988 – **Honours:**

CCH 1999:4 / ECH 2003:3 / NAT 1999:1 2000:4 / OG 2000:6 / WCH 1998:13 2002:10 / WGP 2002:3



5 Stumpf

Bettina Stumpf
Age: 20 **Born in** Hof, GER – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Honours:** JWCH 2003:5



6 Schlecht

Julia Schlecht
Age: 24 **Born in** Herdecke, GER – **Profession:** Student – **Club debut:** RC Sorpesee (Sundern/GER) – **Int. debut:** Junior World Championship

(Poland) in 1997 – **Honours:** ECH 2003:3 / WGP 2002:3 2003:7



7 Knaus

Galina Knaus
Age: 23 **Born in** Kirgistan – **Position:** Libero



8 Dumler

Cornelia Dumler
Age: 22 **Born in** Feuchtwangen, GER – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** TSV Ansbach (Ansbach/GER) – **Honours:**

ECH 2003:3 / JWCH 2001:9 / WGP 2003:7



9 Benecke

Christina Benecke
Age: 29 **Born in** Hamburg, GER – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** SC Poppenbüttel (Poppenbüttel, GER) in 1990

– **Int. debut:** European Championship (Brno/CZE) in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:9 1999:4 / ECH 2003:3 / OG 2000:6 / WCH 1998:13 / WGP 2001:8 2003:7



10 Gollan

Tina Gollan
Age: 19 **Born in** Potsdam, GER – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** SV Sinsheim



11 Fürst

Christiane Fürst
Age: 19 **Born in** Dresden, GER – **Profession:** student – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Dresdner SC (Dresden Germany) in 1995

– **Honours:** ECH 2003:3 / JWCH 2001:9



12 Kulakova

Olessya Kulakova
Age: 27 **Born in** Kazakhstan (former USSR) – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Almaty (Kazakstan (former USSR)) in 1988 –

Honours: ECH 2003:3 / WCH 2002:10 / WGP 2002:3 2003:7

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 6
1996 8
1988 5 E
1984 6 W
1980 2 E
1976 6 E
1972 8 W



World Championships

2002 10 1960 10 W
1998 13 1956 7 E
1994 5 1956 16 W
1990 12 E
1990 13 W
1986 4 E
1986 13 W
1982 14 W
1978 8 E
1978 18 W
1974 4 E
1974 19 W
1970 10 E
1962 7 E
1962 13 W



World Grand Prix

2003 7
2002 3
2001 8
1995 8
1994 10
1993 8



Grand Champion Cup



World Cup

1991 9
1989 6 E



Cont. Championships

2003 3 1981 10 W
2001 11 1979 2 E
1999 4 1979 9 W
1997 10 1977 2 E
1995 4 1977 8 W
1993 5 1975 3 E
1991 3 1975 10 W
1989 2 E 1971 6 E
1989 6 W 1971 10 W
1987 1 E 1967 4 E
1987 9 W 1967 10 W
1985 2 E 1963 4 E
1985 6 W 1963 11 W
1983 1 E 1958 8 E
1983 5 W 1958 11 W
1981 4 E

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1 Berg / Andrea / Berg	19.01.81	188	71	306	299		9	9	USC Münster, GER	
2 Weiß / Kathleen / Weiss	02.02.84	171	55	286	266		14	14	Schweriner SC, GER	
3 Hart / Tanja / Hart	24.01.74	176	70	291	275	8	13	135	156	SSV Ulm Aliud Pharma, GER
4 Tzschlerich / Kerstin / Tzschlerich	15.02.78	179	75	295	282	11	8	101	120	Dresdner SC, GER
5 Stumpf / Bettina / Stumpf	09.06.84	184	85	298	284				0	SSV Ulm Aliud Pharma, GER
6 Schlecht / Julia / Schlecht	16.03.80	182	67	298	277		47	47		Bayer Leverkusen, GER
7 Knaus / Galina / Knaus	14.03.81	178	66	293	271		2	2		VC Kanti Schaffhausen, SUI
8 Dumler / Cornelia / Dumler	22.01.82	181	69	309	285		49	49		USC Münster, GER
9 Benecke / Christina / Benecke	14.10.74	190	80	314	291	1	7	123	131	TV Fischbek Hamburg, GER
10 Gollan / Tina / Gollan	09.10.84	197	83	315	299		2	2		Schweriner SC, GER
11 Fürst / Christiane / Fürst	29.03.85	192	74	305	291		16	16		Dresdner SC, GER
12 Kulakova / Olessya / Kulakova	31.01.77	190	70	315	298	8	58	66		RC Cannes, FRA
13 Bouagaa / Atika / Bouagaa	22.05.82	184	69	306	289	6	52	58		USC Münster, GER
14 Radzuweit / Kathy / Radzuweit	02.03.82	196	72	319	300	3	72	75		Bayer Leverkusen, GER
15 Grün / Angelina / Grün	02.12.79	185	67	309	287	11	7	143	161	Foppapedretti Bergamo, ITA
16 Sylvester / Judith / Sylvester	13.10.77	193	85	312	296	8	8	124	140	Bayer Leverkusen, GER
17 Thumm / Birgit / Thumm	03.07.80	184	70	310	289	8	66	74		Rote Raben Vilsbiburg, GER
18 Roß / Sabrina / Ross	11.04.80	185	68	300	288		6	6		SSV Ulm Aliud Pharma, GER



Head Coach

Hee Wan Lee

Born in Seoul, South Korea in 1956, Lee came to Germany first as a player in 1985. Lee was South Korea's best middle blocker, but when there was no setter available at his new club he stepped into this role. This and his later success as a coach caused him to be christened "Karajan of Volleyball" by the German Volleyball Magazine. Lee graduated with a coaching diploma at the Cologne Sports Academy in 1995 while having early success in his coaching career with a German Championship title in 1994 and 1997, a European Cup Winners' Cup silver medal in 1996 and then in 1999, he took the national team to fourth place at the European Championship. Germany's sixth place at the Sydney 2000 Olympics meant they finished the second most successful European team behind Russia. Since then Lee has maintained a good return with a 10th place finish at the 2002 World Championship and a seventh place finish at the 2003 World Grand Prix. Now after another excellent World Grand Prix campaign in 2004, Lee is hoping his German women's team shows further improvement in Athens.



13 Bouagaa

Atika Bouagaa
Age: 22 Born in Offenburg, GER – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: VC Offenburg (GER) – Honours: ECH 2003:3 / JWCH 2001:9 /

WCH 2002:10 / WGP 2002:3 2003:7



14 Radzuweit

Kathy Radzuweit
Age: 22 Born in Berlin, GER – Profession: Pupil – Position: Middle-blocker – Club debut: CJD Berlin (GER) – Honours: ECH

2003:3 / JWCH 2001:9 / WCH 2002:10 / WGP 2001:8 2002:3 2003:7



15 Grün

Angelina Grün
Age: 24 Born in Duschambe, GER – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: VC Borbeck (Borbeck, GER) in 1991 –

Honours: CCH 1999:4 / ECH 2003:3 / NAT 1998:2 2001:2 / OG 2000:6 / WCH 1997:7 1998:13 2002:10 / WGP 2001:8 2002:3 2003:7



16 Sylvester

Judith Sylvester
Age: 26 Born in Berlin, GER – Position: Universal – Club debut: USV Berlin (Berlin, GER) in 1985 – Honours: CCH 1999:4 / ECH 2003:3 /

NAT 1997:1 1998:2 2001:2 / OG 2000:6 / WCH 2002:10 / WGP 2001:8 2002:3 2003:7



17 Thumm

Birgit Thumm
Age: 24 Born in Heidenheim, GER – Profession: Soldier – Position: Middle-blocker – Club debut: TSV

Herbrechtingen (GER) – Honours: CCH 1999:4 / NAT 2000:3 / WCH 2002:10 / WGP 2001:8 2002:3



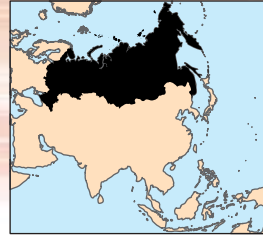
18 Ross

Sabrina Roß
Age: 24 Born in Rostock, GER – Profession: student – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: SC Schwerin (Schwerin, Germany) in

1992



AREA: 17,075,200 sq km
INHABITANTS: 143,782,338
CAPITAL: Moscow
LANGUAGE: Russian





Russia

Pool B



If statistics are any guide to women's Volleyball, Russia – once known as the Soviet Union – has to be the greatest team ever. Just look at their four gold (1968, 1972, 1980, 1988) and four silver (1964, 1976, 1992, 2000) Olympic medals, their five World Championship titles (1952, 1956, 1960, 1970, 1990), their three Grand Prix titles, plus one World Cup and 17 gold medals in the European Championships (1949, 1950, 1951, 1958, 1963, 1967, 1971, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1985, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2001). And the remarkable thing is that after so long at the top, they're not dizzy!

Since the inception of Russian women's Volleyball in 1949 (at the time called USSR) there has been no other country, which has matched them for results. Tall, lean and formidable have been the characteristics which have dominated this country over the years and in 2004 it is no different.

They have a formidable quartet in attack, able to deal with anything that comes their way – Evgenia Artamonova, Elizaveta Tichchenko, Anastasia Belikova, and the lethal Ekaterina Gamova. Twenty-three-year-old Gamova stands at an incredible 204cm and is the best illustration of Russia's potency and demonstrates the hurdle, both physical and psychological, that other teams must overcome when opposing this Russian team. Their third-place finish at the 2002 World Championship was a surprise for not only Russia but the rest of the Volleyball community after heading into the tournament as favourites on the back of the 2002 World Grand Prix success. Add to that a fifth place finish at the 2003 European Championships and their failure to qualify for the 2003 World Cup and some may feel this team has entered something of a rut.

Having lost in the Sydney Olympic Games final 3-2 to Cuba, Russia extended their 'losing sequence' without an Olympic gold medal to 16 years. But there is no doubting that in 2004, with such a powerful lineup and rich history in the sport, Russia are one of the favourites to add to their Olympic medal collection in Athens.

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Russia

Pool B



1 Gorchkova

Tatiana Gorchkova
Age: 23 **Born in** Simferopol, RUS – **Club debut:** URALOCHKA (Russia) in 1996 – **Honours:** WCH 2002:3 / WGP 2002:1 2003:2



2 Tebenikhina

Irina Tebenikhina
Age: 25 **Born in** Fergana, RUS – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** Uralochka (Ekaterinburg, Russia) in 1990 – **Int. debut:** WCUP

(Various countries) in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:1 / ECH 1999:1 / WC 1999:2 / WCH 1998:3 / WCUP 1997:1 / WGP 1997:1 1998:2 1999:1 2003:2



3 Belikova

Anastasia Belikova
Age: 25 **Born in** Cheliabinsk, RUS – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** Metar Cheliabinsk (Russia) in 1987 – **Int.**

debut: WCUP (Various countries) in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:1 / OG 2000:2 / WC 1999:2 / WCH 1998:3 2002:3 / WCUP 1997:1 / WGCC 2001:2 / WGP 1997:1 1998:2 1999:1 2000:2 2001:3 2002:1 2003:2 (Best Blocker)



4 Tyurina

Elena Tyurina
Age: 33 **Born in** Sverdlovsk, RUS – **Club debut:** Uralochka (RUS) in 1980 – **Honours:** OG 2000:2 / WCH 2002:3 / WGCC 2001:2 /

WGP 2000:2 2001:3



5 Sokolova

Liubov Shashkova
Age: 26 **Born in** Moscow, RUS – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** CSKA (Moscow, Russia) in 1993 – **Int. debut:** Olympic Games

(Atlanta, USA) in 1996 – **Honours:** OG 1996:4 2000:2 / WC 1999:2 / WCH 1998:3 / WGP 1999:1 2000:2 (Most Valuable Player) 2001:3



6 Vdovina

Natalia Vdovina
Age: 27 **Born in** Moscow, RUS – **Club debut:** CSKA (Moscow) in 1984



7 Safronova

Natalia Safronova
Age: 25 **Born in** Krasnoyarsk, RUS – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** Uralochka (Ekaterinburg, Russia) in

1988 – **Int. debut:** European Tournament (Various Country) in 1994 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:1 / WC 1999:2 / WCH 1998:3 2002:3 / WCUP 1997:1 / WGCC 2001:2 / WGP 1997:1 1998:2 1999:1 2002:1 2003:2



8 Artamonova

Evguenia Artamonova
Age: 29 **Born in** Sverdlovsk, RUS – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Uralochka (Ekaterinburg, Russia) in 1982 – **Int. debut:**

International Tournament (Sverdlovsk, Russia) in 1991 – **Honours:** CCH 1993:1 1995:3 1997:1 / OG 1992:2 1996:4 2000:2 / WC 1999:2 / WCH 1994:3 1998:3 2002:3 / WCUP 1997:1 / WGCC 2001:2 / WGP 1997:1 1998:2 1999:1 2000:2 2001:3 2002:1 (MVP) 2003:2



9 Tichtchenko

Elizaveta Tichtchenko
Age: 29 **Born in** Kiev, RUS – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Uralochka (Ekaterinburg, Russia) in 1985 – **Int. debut:**

International tournament (Ekaterinburg) in 1992 – **Honours:** CCH 1993:1 1995:3 1997:1 / OG 1996:4 2000:2 / WC 1999:2 / WCH 1994:3 1998:3 2002:3 (Best Spiker) / WCUP 1997:1 / WGCC 2001:2 (Best Spiker) / WGP 1997:1 1998:2 1999:1 2000:2 2001:3 (Best Spiker) 2002:1 (Best Spiker) 2003:2 (Best Spiker)



10 Chukanova

Olga Chukanova
Age: 24 **Born in** Temirtau, RUS – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** Uralochka (Ekaterinburg, Russia) in 1988 – **Int. debut:** WGP

(Various countries) in 1997 – **Honours:** CCH 1997:1 / WCH 1998:3 2002:3 / WCUP 1997:1 / WGCC 2001:2 / WGP 1997:1 1998:2 2002:1 2003:2



11 Gamova

Ekaterina Gamova
Age: 23 **Born in** Cheliabinsk, RUS – **Position:** Universal – **Club debut:** Metar (Russia) in 1991 – **Int. debut:** CCH

Junior (-) in 1999 – **Honours:** OG 2000:2 / WC 1999:2 / WCH 1996:2 1997:1 2002:3 / WGCC 2001:2 (Best Scorer, Blocker) / WGP 1999:1 2000:2 (Best Blocker) 2001:3 2002:1 2003:2 (Best Scorer)



12 Sheshenina

Marina Sheshenina
Age: 19 **Born in** Ekaterinburg, RUS – **Club debut:** Uralochka (Russia) in 1994 – **Honours:** WGP 2003:2 / YWCH 2001:6

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 2
1996 4
1992 2
1988 1
1980 1
1976 2
1972 1
1968 1
1964 2



World Championships

2002 3
1998 3
1994 3
1990 1
1986 6
1982 6
1978 3
1974 2
1970 1
1962 2
1960 1
1956 1
1952 1



World Grand Prix

2003 2
2002 1
2001 3
2000 2
1999 1
1998 2
1997 1
1996 3
1995 6
1994 7
1993 3



Grand Champion Cup

2001 2
1997 1
1993 3



World Cup

1999 2
1991 3
1989 2
1985 3
1981 3
1977 8
1973 1



Cont. Championships

2003 5
2001 1
1999 1
1997 1
1995 3
1993 1
1991 1
1989 1
1987 2
1985 1
1983 2
1981 2
1979 1
1977 1
1975 1

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps			Club		
						WC	OG	Oth. Tot.			
1 Gorchkova / Tatiana / Gorchkova	08.03.81	198	75	314	305	1	42	43	Uralochka, RUS		
2 Tebenikhina / Irina / Tebenikhina	05.12.78	189	76	308	299		94	94	Uralochka, RUS		
3 Belikova / Anastasia / Belikova	22.07.79	190	78	306	300	13	6	205	224	Uralochka, RUS	
4 Tyurina / Elena / Tyurina	12.04.71	184	80	297	286	17	19	458	494	Uralochka, RUS	
5 Shashkova / Liubov / Sokolova	04.12.77	194	76	308	304	8	11	152	171	Bergamo, ITA	
6 Vdovina / Natalia / Vdovina	23.10.76	190	76	298	292				0	Uralochka, RUS	
7 Safronova / Natalia / Safronova	06.02.79	185	68	300	293	11		146	157	Uralochka, RUS	
8 Artamonova / Evguenia / Artamonova	17.07.75	191	75	315	306	17	19	421	457	Uralochka, RUS	
9 Tichtchenko / Elizaveta / Tichtchenko	07.02.75	190	75	309	302	26	16	425	467	Uralochka, RUS	
10 Chukanova / Olga / Chukanova	09.06.80	182	69	305	294	18		141	159	Uralochka, RUS	
11 Gamova / Ekaterina / Gamova	17.10.80	204	80	321	310	11	8	167	186	Uralochka, RUS	
12 Sheshenina / Marina / Sheshenina	26.06.85	180	62	289	277		28	28		Uralochka, RUS	
13 Korukovets / Alexandra / Korukovets	01.10.76	186	74	305	302		29	29		Universitet, RUS	
14 Plotnikova / Elena / Plotnikova	26.07.78	186	73	306	298	13		131	144	Uralochka, RUS	
15 Godina / Elena / Godina	17.09.77	192	72	317	310	18	14	203	235	Tenerife Marichal, ESP	
16 Nikolaeva / Olga / Nikolaeva	14.05.72	191	72	306	302				0	Leningradka, RUS	
17 Akoulova / Svetlana / Akoulova	10.04.84	180	68	297	287				0	Balakovskaya AES, RUS	
18 Sennikova / Elena / Sennikova	20.03.79	178	72	294	286				72	72	Uralochka, RUS



Head Coach

Nikolai Karpol

At 66-years-old Russian coach Nikolai Karpol is one of the most experienced international coaches in Volleyball.

Following a four-year stint from 1979-82 Karpol, who took over as head coach of the national Russian women's team for a second time in 1988, has kept Russia at the top of women's Volleyball for the best part of the last two decades with astonishing success.

His dedication and determination to expect nothing less than the best from his players has seen Russia claim gold medals at the 1980 and 1988 Olympics, another gold at the 1990 World Championship, World Grand Prix titles in 1997, 1999 and 2002, the World Grand Champion Cup in 1997 and 1999 and European Championship titles in 1979, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2001.

This stunning record of achievement has been recognised by the FIVB on a number of occasions with his naming as the FIVB Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991 and the best coach of the 1990 World Championship.



13 Korukovets

Alexandra Korukovets
Age: 27 Born in Saratov, RUS – Club debut: Uralochka (Ekaterinburg, Russia) in 1990 – Honours: ECH 1995:1 / WGP 2002:1



14 Plotnikova

Elena Plotnikova
Age: 26 Born in Moscow, RUS – Position: Universal – Club debut: Rossi (Moscow, Russia) in 1986 – Int. debut: EuroLeague

(Various countries) in 1998 – Honours: WCH 1998:3 2002:3 / WGCC 2001:2 / WGP 1999:1 2001:3 2002:1 2003:2



15 Godina

Elena Godina
Age: 26 Born in Sverdlovsk, RUS – Position: Wing-spiker – Club debut: Uralochka (Ekaterinburg, Russia) in 1986 – Int. debut:

European Cup (Various cities) in 1995 – Honours: CCH 1997:1 / OG 1996:4 2000:2 / WC 1999:2 / WCH 1998:3 2002:3 / WCUP 1997:1 / WGCC 2001:2 / WGP 1997:1 1998:2 1999:1 2000:2 2001:3 2002:1



16 Nikolaeva

Olga Nikolaeva
Age: 32 Born in Leningrad, RUS – Club debut: Leningradka (RUS) in 1989



17 Akoulova

Svetlana Akoulova
Age: 20 Born in Cheliabinsk, RUS – Club debut: METAR (RUS) in 1998 – Int. debut: ECM in 2000 – Honours: ECM 2000:5 /

WCH 2002:6 / YWCH 2001:6



18 Sennikova

Elena Sennikova
Age: 25 Born in Sverdlovsk, RUS – Position: Universal – Club debut: Uralochka (Ekaterinburg, Russia) in 1996 – Int. debut: CCH (unk-

nown) in 1997 – Honours: CCH 1996:2 / WC 1999:2 / WGP 1999:1 2003:2



AREA: 9,631,418 sq km
INHABITANTS: 293,027,571
CAPITAL: Washington, DC
LANGUAGE: English





USA

Pool B



The United States women's Volleyball team is on a mission. With a ranking of second on the FIVB's official rankings and their place in the 2004 Olympic Games having been assured since finishing third at the World Cup in November 2003, USA is seeking now to swipe the top ranking away from their Chinese rivals.

Gold at Athens would go along way to USA achieving their goal.

In 2001 the United States captured the gold medal at the World Grand Prix, followed in 2002 by the silver medal at the World Championship. Add bronze medal finishes at the 2003 World Grand Prix and at the Pan Am Games and a gold medal at the 2003 NORCECA Continental Championships and USA are definitely shaping up as one of the favourites for Athens. Despite the recent success, USA coach Toshi Yoshida insists that the players must maintain their focus on the ultimate goal – winning a gold medal in Greece. "Our goal is to go for the gold, but you have to be good enough and I have high expectations of them," he said. "But we have to keep working hard". "I think during the last year it looks like we did a really good job, but we did not peak," he continued. "We can be better but you have to be careful. Anything can happen".

Yoshida, besides tactics and system, is begging his players, which include outside hitter Logan Tom, explosive Keba Phipps, amazing receiver Stacy Sykora and net wizard Heather Bown, to give it all they're worth and contest every match as if it was their last.

Achieving success at the Athens Olympics will not be easy. But if the players perform in this, the USA's eighth appearance in

the Olympic Games (silver in 1984, bronze in 1992), with the same heart and soul that they poured into every match of the most important tournaments of the last four seasons, then they will be favoured to add to their already impressive medal collection.

Match Schedule

14 Aug.	21:30	CHN v USA
16 Aug.	19:30	USA v GER
18 Aug.	9:00	DOM v USA
20 Aug.	21:30	USA v RUS
22 Aug.	21:30	CUB v USA

At the Peace and Friendship Stadium



USA

Pool B



1 Phipps

Prikeba Phipps
Age: 35 **Born in** California, USA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Palomar High School (California) in 1983 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:1

(Best Attacker) / WCH 2002:2 / WCUP 2003:3 / WGP 2002:6 2003:3



2 Scott

Danielle Scott
Age: 31 **Born in** Louisiana, USA – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Louisiana Juniors (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) in 1987 –

Honours: CCH 2001:1 2003:1 / GCC 2001:5 / OG 1996:7 2000:4 / WCH 1994:5 2002:2 (Best Blocker) / WCUP 1995:7 1999:9 2003:3 / WGP 1994:6 1995:1 1996:5 2000:6 2001:1 2002:6 2003:3



3 Haneef

Tayyiba Haneef
Age: 25 **Born in** California, USA – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Yorba Linda (Yorba Linda, California) in 1995 –

Honours: CCH 2003:1 / WCH 2002:2 / WCUP 2003:3 / WGP 2002:6 2003:3



4 Berg

Lindsey Berg
Age: 24 **Born in** Hawaii, USA – **Club debut:** Asics Rainbows (Honolulu, Hawaii USA) in 1988 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:1 /

WCUP 2003:3 / WGP 2003:3



5 Sykora

Stacy Sykora
Age: 27 **Born in** Texas, USA – **Position:** Libero – **Club debut:** TNT (Grapevine, Texas) in 1989 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:2 2001:1 2003:1 /

GCC 2001:5 / OG 2000:4 / WCH 2002:2 / WCUP 1999:9 2003:3 / WGP 2000:6 2001:1 2002:6 2003:3



6 Bachman

Elisabeth Bachman
Age: 25 **Born in** Minnesota, USA – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Mosquito Coast/Northern Lights (Burnsville,

Minnesota) in 1990 – **Int. debut:** Youth National Team (Colorado Springs, Colorado) in 1995 – **Honours:** CCH 2001:1 2003:1 / GCC 2001:5 / PANAM 2003:3 / WCH 2002:2 / WCUP 2003:3 / WGP 2001:1



7 Bown

Heather Bown
Age: 25 **Born in** California, USA – **Position:** Middle-blocker – **Club debut:** Magnum, Ichiban (Anaheim/Long Beach,

California) in 1994 – **Honours:** CCH 2001:1 2003:1 / GCC 2001:5 / OG 2000:4 / WCH 2002:2 / WCUP 2003:3 / WGP 2000:6 2001:1 2002:6 2003:3



8 Cepero

Greichaly Cepero Febres
Age: 23 **Born in** Puerto Rico, USA – **Honours:** WGP 2003:3 / WPG 2003:3



9 Nnamani

Ogonna Nnamani
Age: 21 **Born in** Illinois, USA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** Ellini Elite (Bloomington, IL USA) in 1997



10 Hochevar

Brittany Hochevar
Age: 23 **Born in** Colorado, USA – **Club debut:** Match Point Colorado Juniors (Colorado Springs, Colorado USA) in 1994 –

Honours: CCH 2003:1 / PANAM 2003:3



11 Ah Mow-Santos

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos
Age: 28 **Born in** Hawaii, USA – **Club debut:** Kamalii (Honolulu, Hawaii) in 1987 – **Honours:** CCH 1999:2 2001:1 2003:1 (Best Setter) / GCC 2001:5 / OG

2000:4 / WCUP 1999:9 2003:3 / WGP 2000:6 2001:1 2002:6



12 Metcalf

Nancy Metcalf
Age: 25 **Born in** Sioux Center, IA, USA – **Position:** Wing-spiker – **Club debut:** University of Okoboji (Spencer, Iowa USA) in

1995 – **Int. debut:** World University Games in 1999 – **Honours:** CCH 2003:1 / WCH 2002:2 / WCUP 2003:3 / WGP 2002:6 2003:3

List of Honours



Olympics

2000 4
1996 7
1992 3
1988 7
1984 2
1968 8
1964 5



World Championships

2002 2
1998 13
1994 6
1990 3
1986 10
1982 3
1978 5
1974 12
1970 11
1967 2
1960 6
1956 9



World Grand Prix

2003 3
2002 6
2001 1
2000 6
1998 8
1997 8
1996 5
1995 1
1994 6
1993 7



Grand Champion Cup

2001 5
1993 5



World Cup

2003 3
1999 9
1995 7
1991 4
1981 4
1977 7
1973 6



Cont. Championships

2003 1
2001 1
1999 2
1997 2
1995 2
1993 2
1991 2
1989 3
1987 2
1985 2
1983 1
1981 1
1979 2
1977 2
1975 2

Players Roster

Lastname / Firstname / Shirtname	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Spike	Block	Caps				Club
						WC	OG	Oth.	Tot.	
1 Phipps / Prikeba / Phipps	30.06.69	108	77	319	303	11	5	100	116	Minas Tennis Clube, BRA
2 Scott / Danielle / Scott	01.10.72	188	84	325	302	18	16	238	272	Pallavolo Chieri, ITA
3 Haneef / Tayyiba / Haneef	23.03.79	201	80	318	299	11		83	94	USA National Team, USA
4 Berg / Lindsey / Berg	16.07.80	173	81	285	270			54	54	USA National Team, USA
5 Sykora / Stacy / Sykora	24.06.77	176	61	305	295	11	8	163	182	Olympia Teodora, ITA
6 Bachman / Elisabeth / Bachman	07.11.78	193	88	319	299	11		92	103	USA National Team, USA
7 Bown / Heather / Bown	29.11.78	188	90	301	290	11	8	129	148	Modena, ITA
8 Cepero Febres / Greichaly / Cepero	11.08.81	188	70	309	300			22	22	USA National Team, USA
9 Nnamani / Ogonna / Nnamani	29.07.83	62	79					11	11	Stanford University, USA
10 Hochevar / Brittany / Hochevar	26.05.81	183	76	301	290			34	34	USA National Team, USA
11 Ah Mow-Santos / Robyn / Ah Mow-Santos	15.09.75	170	66	291	281		8	131	139	USA National Team, USA
12 Metcalf / Nancy / Metcalf	12.11.78	186	73	314	292	11		85	96	Despar Perugia, ITA
13 Cross-Battle / Tara / Cross-Battle	16.09.68	180	71	302	301	25	22	340	387	USA National Team, USA
14 Thomas / Elisha / Thomas	20.07.81	191	75	321	299			35	35	USA National Team, USA
15 Tom / Logan / Tom	25.05.81	186	80	306	297	11	8	98	117	Gianni Pierallsi, ITA
16 Noriega / Sarah / Noriega	24.04.76	187	70	302	301	14	8	223	245	USA National Team, USA
17 Drury / Sarah / Drury	17.06.81	165	59	285	268			20	20	USA National Team, USA
18 Barboza / Cynthia / Barboza	07.02.87	183	68	310	287	3		25	28	Long Beach Wilson High School,



Head Coach

Toshi Yoshida

In November 2000, Toshi Yoshida became head coach of the USA women's team, replacing Mick Haley and he already has to his credit a 2002 World Championship silver medal, gold and bronze World Grand Prix medals and a 2003 World Cup bronze medal. Yoshida served as the assistant coach of the USA team from 1979-83 and again from 1998-2000. During his head coach tenure, Yoshida has taken the US to number one in the world rankings following their great success in the World Grand Prix and World Cup. They currently sit second behind China. Yoshida was a star player in Japan before becoming the trainer for the Hitachi Ltd Club in 1976. He joined the USA national team in 1979 as an assistant coach before returning to Japan in 1983 to coach the Hitachi Ltd Club. From 1983-97, he was head coach at Tokyo Gukugei University. He also served as the head coach of the Japanese World University Games teams in 1985 (gold) and 1995 (silver). Yoshida spent two years as the head coach of the Tierp Volleyball Club of Sweden before rejoining the USA team in 1998.



13 Cross-Battle

Tara Cross-Battle
Age: 35 **Born in** Texas, USA
Position: Wing-spiker –
Club debut: Ichiban (USA)
in 1979 – **Honours:** CCH
1991:2 1993:2 2001:1 / GCC
2001:5 / OG 1992:3 1996:7 2000:4 / WCH 1990:3
1994:5 2002:2 / WCUP 1995:7 2003:3 / WGP
1993:7 1994:6 1995:1 2000:6 2001:1 2002:6 2003:3



14 Thomas

Elisha Thomas
Age: 23 **Born in** California,
USA – **Position:** Middle-
blocker – **Club debut:** Gold
Trail (Eldorado, California
USA) in 1995 – **Honours:**
WGP 2003:3



15 Tom

Logan Tom
Age: 23 **Born in** California,
USA – **Position:** Wing-spi-
ker – **Club debut:** Klub
Boom (Salt Lake City, Utah)
in 1995 – **Honours:** CCH
2003:1 / OG 2000:4 / WCH 2002:2 / WCUP
2003:3 / WGP 2000:6 2001:1 2002:6 2003:3



16 Noriega

Sarah Noriega
Age: 28 **Born in** Minnesota,
USA – **Position:** Wing-spi-
ker – **Club debut:**
Goldenbelt Juniors (Great
Bend, Kansas) in 1992 –
Honours: CCH 1999:2 2001:1 2003:1 / GCC
2001:5 / OG 2000:4 / WCH 1998:13 2002:2 /
WCUP 1999:9 2003:3 / WGP 2000:6 2001:1
2002:6 2003:3



17 Drury

Sarah Drury
Age: 23 **Born in** Kentucky,
USA – **Position:** Libero –
Club debut: Derby City
(Louisville, Kentucky USA)
in 1995 – **Honours:** PANAM
2003:3



18 Barboza

Cynthia Barboza
Age: 17 **Born in** USA –
Position: Wing-spiker –
Club debut: Seal Beach
Volleyball Club (Seal
Beach, California USA) in
1998 – **Int. debut:** Junior World Championship
in 2001 – **Honours:** JWCH 2001:13 / PANAM
2003:3

Women's Star Pr



Feng Kun
China

Born in 1979 in the Chinese capital of Beijing, Feng Kun began to play Volleyball when she was 10 and fell in love with it soon after. She joined the local club in Beijing in 1994 and was selected in the national side for the first time one year later.

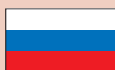
It was in 2001 that Feng began to make herself known internationally. Chinese head coach Chen Zhonghe made Feng a starter for the first time at the World Grand Prix competition in Harbin, China and rewarded him with a sound performance at the tournament. Then the 1.82-meter setter captained China to win their first major title in 15 years at the World Grand Champions Cup.

Feng and her teammates finished runners-up to Russia in the 2002 Grand Prix finals in Hong Kong,



China and clinched the title at the Busan Asian Games. She went a step further in 2003 by winning the Best Setter honor at the Swiss Volleyball tournament and the Russian President Cup before leading her side to the 2003 World Grand Prix and World Cup titles.

Seen as the conductor of the Chinese attack, Feng is a joy to watch as she controls China's play as setter and captain.



Ekaterina Gamova
Russia

Standing at 204 cm, 23-year-old Ekaterina Gamova is a giant in the world of women's Volleyball and in the Russia team.

The youngster from the Uralochka club in Russia is a pillar in attack and defence, using her immense height to great effect. Her height alone has her standing clear of any of her team mates by six centimetres and she makes full use of it

Some describe her as a pillar on poles. Her frame might not be the most robust but underestimate the innocent looking Gamova at your own peril.

Russian coach Nikolai Karpol has already put her to good use, having given her a taste of the Olympic Games in 2000 while she has also recorded over 50 World Grand Prix matches.



Her partnership with skipper Evguenia Artamonova is becoming one of the strongest in women's Volleyball. Don't be surprised to see these two Russian stars topping their points scoring lists in Athens.



Yumilka Ruiz
Cuba

Despite her relative young years, 26-year-old Ruiz has been a dominant player for the Cuban national team, having twice been in the gold medal-winning side at the Olympics (Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000). She is one of the remaining members of the so-called Dream Team.

Ruiz already has her eyes on a third gold medal at the Athens 2004 Olympics and played a central role for Cuba at the 2002 World Championship in Germany, where she was the top scorer of the tournament with 217 points from 195 attacks, 16 blocks and six service points.

"I enjoy the leadership role and taking care of the concerns of the players," she said. "These can cover a range of things, so I am able to use my positive per-



sonality to motivate the team, and this helps to lift our performances."

Ruiz was named in the FIVB awards for player excellence in 2002, which carried \$100,000 prize money and continues to be a leader in a young side which is hoping to win Cuba's fourth successive Olympic gold medal.



Prikeba (Keba) Phipps USA

There is no doubt that Prikeba (Keba) Phipps would love nothing better than walk away with gold from the 2004 Olympic Games.

The 35-year-old has been a central figure in the USA team in recent years and her huge hitting and instinctive ability to find the gap in the opposite court make her invaluable to her national team.

Indeed Phipps packs a wallop that indicates she retains the same energy that made her a member of the USA Olympic team that competed at Seoul, Korea back in 1988 when just 19 years-old. Fifteen years later and a long pause notwithstanding, she is still a pivotal member of the lineup, in itself an amazing sporting feat.

Phipps rejoined the World Grand Prix team in 2002, when they finished sixth and was part of the 2002 silver



medal winning team at the World Championship in Germany and the bronze medal winning sides at the 2003 World Grand Prix and World Cup.

At 190 cm Phipps is one of the tallest on court and her trademark flying Rasta locks make her a fearsome opponent. It is a characteristic that she enjoys exploiting, bearing down on her opponents when she is in full flight. But clearly Phipps has a soft side, and like the leader that she is, she is quick to comfort, encourage and inspire her teammates whenever the occasion presents itself.



Virna Dias Brazil

Virna Cristine Dantas Dias, first started playing Volleyball at 13-years-of-age in Maria Auxiliadora School and since then she has never looked back. Two years later she was included in the Brazilian national youth team before she was called into the Brazilian national team by coach Wadson Lima for the first time.

In 1993 coach Bernardo Rezende took over the responsibility of the women's national team and gave Virna more confidence, making her into one of Brazil's leading players as the green and gold machine collected bronze at the Atlanta Games in 1996.

Since then Virna has continued to be one of Brazil's top players having collected awards for the Best Scorer at the 1996 World Grand Prix, the Best Player award at the 1997 South American Championship in Lima and more recently the Best Attacker and Best



Player awards at the 1999 World Grand Prix. Her inspirational play has seen her be a part of a number of Brazilian triumphs including the South American Youth Championships in 1986 and 1988, the Junior World Championships in 1989, World Grand Prix in 1994, 1996, 1998, the South American Championship in 1995 and 1997, PanAmerican Cup in 1999, silver medals at the 1994 World Championship and the 1995 and 2003 World Cup, Olympic bronze in Atlanta 96 and Sydney 2000 and fourth place at the 1998 World Championship in Japan,

Now all waits her is to realize her dream – to become an Olympic champion.



Paola Cardullo Italy

Paola Cardullo "la Piccola" may just be 162 cm tall, but in her role as Italian team libero she is the exception to the rule that superb Volleyball players must be tall.

Born in Omegna in 1982, the 22-year-old already has a rich career behind her. She stated to play mini-volley at just 11 years-of-age.

She played her first season with Omegna in the 1997/98 season in the B1 league and from then on, the only way was up. She fast became a favorite with the fans, who christened her "Pally" and in the season 1999-2000 she was part of the team that took the silver medal at the European Junior Championship. She was drafted into the national squad in December 2000 and in June of the following year, played with Italy at the VolleyMasters in Montreux, Switzerland. In this



same year, Cardullo was part of the Italian squad that won the European championship silver medal in Bulgaria.

By the time the Italian team was ready to compete in the 2002 World Championship in Germany, the mini-power pack from the Italian "Blues" had become the benchmark of the team's defense. She played a vital part in the team's victory to take the world title from the U.S.

Cadullo, who confesses to a weakness for pizzas, was also honored by the European Volleyball Confederation (CEV) as the Best Women Volleyball Player on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary, held in Milan in 2003.

Women's Compet

Preliminary Round

All matches played in the Peace and Friendship Stadium, Athens

Pool A				Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5	Final Ranking	
3	JPN-BRA	14 Aug	14:00							1	A1
4	GRE-KEN	14 Aug	16:00							2	A2
5	KOR-ITA	14 Aug	19:30							3	A3
7	KEN-BRA	16 Aug	9:00							4	A4
9	ITA-JPN	16 Aug	14:00							5	
10	GRE-KOR	16 Jun	16:00							6	
14	KOR-KEN	18 Aug	11:00								
16	JPN-GRE	18 Aug	16:00								
18	BRA-ITA	18 Aug	21:30								
21	KOR-JPN	20 Aug	14:00								
22	GRE-BRA	20 Aug	16:00								
23	KEN-ITA	20 Aug	19:30								
26	JPN-KEN	22 Aug	11:00								
28	ITA-GRE	22 Aug	16:00								
29	BRA-KOR	22 Aug	19:30								

Pool B				Result	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5	Final Ranking	
1	CUB-GER	14 Aug	9:00							1	B1
2	DOM-RUS	14 Aug	11:00							2	B2
6	CHN-USA	14 Aug	21:30							3	B3
8	CHN-DOM	16 Aug	11:00							4	B4
11	USA-GER	16 Aug	19:30							5	
12	RUS-CUB	16 Aug	21:30							6	
13	DOM-USA	18 Aug	9:00								
15	CUB-CHN	18 Aug	14:00								
17	GER-RUS	18 Aug	19:30								
19	CHN-GER	20 Aug	9:00								
20	DOM-CUB	20 Aug	11:00								
24	USA-RUS	20 Aug	21:30								
25	GER-DOM	22 Aug	9:00								
27	RUS-CHN	22 Aug	14:00								
30	CUB-USA	22 Aug	21:30								

Competition Schedule

Quarter-Finals

24 August

	Teams	Time	Result		Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
31.	A1-B4	_____ - _____	_____ - _____	QF1					
32.	A3-B2	_____ - _____	_____ - _____	QF2					
33.	A2-B3	_____ - _____	_____ - _____	QF3					
34.	A4-B1	_____ - _____	_____ - _____	QF4					

Semi-Finals

26 August

	Teams	Time	Result		Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
35.	WQF1-WQF2	_____ - _____	_____ - _____	SF1					
36.	WQF3-WQF4	_____ - _____	_____ - _____	SF2					

Finals

28 August

	Teams	Time	Result		Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
Bronze Medal									
37.	LSF1-LSF2	18:00	_____ - _____						
Gold Medal									
38.	WSF1-WSF2	20:00	_____ - _____						

