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

China Tour

Site: Guangzhou, China

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

Montreux VolleyMasters

Site: Montreux, Switzerland

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

Pan American Cup

Site: Mexico

June 10-20: Opponents TBA

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1

Site: Gdynia, Poland

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2

Site: Taiwan, Chinese Taipei

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3

Site: Hong Kong

Aug. 20-22: China, Germany, Thailand

FIVB World Grand Prix Final Round

Site: Ningbo, China

Aug. 25-29: Top 5 Teams plus China

Final Four Intercontinental Cup

Site: TBA

Sept. 19-27: TBA

FIVB World Championship First Round

Site: Matsumoto, Japan

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

UPDATE TO SECOND TRAINING SESSION ROSTER: A total of 16 players are currently training with the U.S. Women's National Team during its second winter training block that ends April 9. Julie Rubenstein (Camarillo, Calif.) has resumed training with the team as an outside hitter this past week. The team training sessions, held at the USA National Team Center located within the American Sports Centers in Anaheim, Calif., are open to the public. Training times are generally Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while Fridays often vary on times. Middle blockers include Foluke Akinradewo (Plantation, Fla.), Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.), Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.), Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Mekana Barnes (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) and Brittnee Cooper (Houston). Outside hitters/opposite include Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.), Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.), Jill Collymore (Bellevue, Wash.) and Aneli Otineru (Hale'iwa, Hawaii). The setters training include Bryn Kehoe (North Bend, Ohio) and Nicole Vargas (Seal Beach, Calif.). The libero position has Jessica Fine (Tarzana, Calif.) and Tamari Miyashiro (Kaneohe, Hawaii) training with the U.S. Women's National Team. Some players could leave for pro opportunities or other circumstances.



INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS: Megan Hodge (Durham, N.C.), the AVCA Division I National Player of the Year who led Penn State to three consecutive NCAA Division I titles (2007, 2008, 2009), has begun her professional career by signing with Criollas de Caguas of the Puerto Rico Superliga. Other recent athletes who have completed the international transfer process include Kylie Atherstone with Vaqueras de Bayamon of the Puerto Rico Superliga, Christal Morrison switching from Vaqueras de Bayamon to Pinkin de Corozal of the Puerto Rico Superliga and Kaitlin Sather switching from Corozal to Gigantes de Carolina of the Puerto Rico Superliga. For a full listing of the 157 international transfers for American female players to other countries to play professional volleyball, visit the full PDF version of the U.S. Women's National Team Weekly Update.

HODGE SEMIFINALIST FOR AAU SULLIVAN AWARD: Megan Hodge (Durham, N.C.), who was a member of the U.S. Women's National Team which competed in China earlier this year, is one of 14 semifinalists for the 80th Annual AAU Sullivan Award as the top amateur of 2009. A part of the award process includes online voting through USA Today. To vote, visit <http://www.usatoday.com/sports/2009-sullivan-award.htm>. The AAU Sullivan Award is based on leadership, character, sportsmanship and the ideals of amateurism. Hodge has already earned the prestigious Honda Award for volleyball and the Female Athlete of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus. She helped Penn State to an unprecedented third straight NCAA Division I national title in 2009 with a 102-match win streak intact. Hodge averaged 4.67 kills per set during her senior campaign to lead the Big Ten and ranked eighth in the nation. She finished her career with 2,142 kills, second-most in school history. Hodge, a four-time AVCA All-America First-Team selection, was the Big Ten Player of the Year in 2009 for the second time in her career.



BERG PUSHING ITALIAN TEAM TO TOP: Lindsey Berg (Honolulu), a setter on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team which won the silver medal in Beijing, is playing for MC-Carnaghi Villa Cortese of the Italian Serie A professional league this winter. In the final regular season match of the Italian Serie A, Villa Cortese still had a chance to win the league regular season. It did its part by sweeping Yamamay Busto Arsizio 25-15, 25-15, 25-21 on March 28. Berg set Villa Cortese to a 45 kill percent (.357 hitting efficiency) and served an ace in the victory. However, Scavolini Pesaro ended up winning in four sets over Rio Scotti Pavia. Both Villa Cortese and Pesaro ended the regular season with a 17-5 record, but Pesaro earned 53 points to Villa Cortese's 51 points (three points for a three- or four-set victory, two points for a five-set victory and one point for a five-set loss). Last season, Villa Cortese competed in the Italian Serie A2 division but earned a spot in this year's upper division. Villa Cortese will face the playoff knockout winner between CFG Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte and Asystel Volley Novara in the quarterfinal round scheduled between April 21-27. To follow Berg throughout the season, check out her blog at <http://lindseyberg.blogspot.com/>.



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TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 3)

1. Which former U.S. Women's National Team player earned most valuable player honors at the inaugural USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships held in 1980?
2. Which former U.S. Women's National Team player was inducted into the Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1983 and later the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1990?
3. Since 1983, the U.S. Women's National Team has faced which country the most times?

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Players Training at USA National Team Center

Players actively training at the USA National Team Center within the American Sports Centers in Anaheim as part of the U.S. Women's National Team program.

Foluke Akinradewo (MB, Plantation, Fla.)
Mekana Barnes (MB, Highlands Ranch, Colo.)
Jill Collymore (OH, Bellevue, Wash.)
Brittnee Cooper (MB, Houston)
Alexis Crimes (MB, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)
Jessica Fine (L, Tarzana, Calif.)
Christa Harmotto (MB, Aliquippa, Pa.)
Bryn Kehoe (S, North Bend, Ohio)
Tamar Miyashiro (L, Kaneohe, Hawaii)
Brittany Moore (OH, Orange, Calif.)
Aneli Otineru (Hale'iwa, Hawaii)
Lauren Paolini (MB, Ann Arbor, Mich.)
Angie Pressey (OH, Lake Mary, Fla.)
Julie Rubenstein (OH, Camarillo, Calif.)
Tracy Stalls (MB, Denver, Colo.)
Nicole Vargas (S, Seal Beach, Calif.)
Head Coach: Hugh McCutcheon
Asst Coach: Karch Kiraly
Asst Coach/Tech Coordinator: Jamie Morrison
Athletic Trainer: Jill Wosmek

International Transfers for USA Players

Abrahamson, Laurel (C.V. Cuesta Piedra, Spain)
Adams, Kimberly (Voley Murcia, Spain)
Ammerman, Sarah (Ponce Leones, Puerto Rico)
Andreyko, Diana (Hainaut Volley, France)
Anglin, Keri (VBC Glaronia, Switzerland)
Arrington, Patrice (VC Igtisadchi Baku, Azerbaijan)
Barboza, Cynthia (Toray Volleyball Team, Japan)
Barrera, Jessica (OK Koper, Slovenia)
Baumstark, Jamie (VBC Biel - Bienne, Switzerland)
Bayley, Jacqueline (OK Galeb, Bar, Montenegro)
Beck, Morgan (Anorthosis Famagustus, Cyprus)
Berg, Lindsey (Villa Cortese, Italy)
Bible, Amanda (OK Koper Volleyball, Slovenia)
Blum, Tiffany (Zok Matija Mesic Club, Croatia)
Bown, Heather (Giannino Pieralisi Volley, Italy)
Brown, Emily (Nantes Atlantique, France)
Brown, Victoria (Club Voleibol Haru, Spain)
Burkhardt, Justine (UVF Haebau Schubert Melk, Austria)
Busse, Cassie (Llaneras Toa Baja, Puerto Rico)
Buteyn, Lindsey (VC Tirol, Austria)
Cahill, Stephanie (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Campbell, Norisha (TSV Sonthafen, Germany)
Carter-Knudsen, Caley (Kuusamon Pallokarhut, Finland)
Cepero, Greichaly (Indias de Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
Clark, Nichole (VBC Fribourg, Switzerland)
Cmaylo, Anna (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)
Cole, Shonda (Caguas, Puerto Rico)
Copenhagen, Diane (Heutink Pollux, Netherlands)
Crawford, Therese (VBC Volero Zurich, Switzerland)
Cubi-Otineru, Aneli (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico)
Daley, Allison (Club Voleibol R.H. Las Palmas, Spain)
Davis, Nicole (Evergrande Volleyball Club, China) **OVER**
Davis, Nicole (Locomotiv Baku, Azerbaijan)
Day, Emily (Franches - Montagnes, Switzerland)
Deesing, Alesha (Xacobeo Zolo Ribeira Sacra, Spain) **OVER**
Deesing, Alesha (Club Voleibol Ciudadella, Spain)
DeKiewiet, Jamie (HPK Naiset, Finland)
DeTurk, Lauren (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Dyer, Alexandra (VC Tirol Innsbruck, Austria)
Eddins, Stefani (A.D. Algar Surmenor, Spain)
Ford, Lauren (Finestrat, Spain)
Evers, Whitney (Volley Dudingen, CH, Switzerland)
Fairchild, Jeanne (ZOK Split 1700, Croatia)
Fawcett, Nicole (VC Dinamo-Yantar Kaliningrad, Russia)
Genslak, Ashley (UVC Graz AG, Austria)
Gerling, Rachel (VC Tirol Innsbruck, Austria)
Glass, Kim (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)
Gregory, Kari Ann (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Griffin, Allie (Fabasoft Linz, Austria)
Griffin, Maggie (Heutink Pollux, Netherlands)
Haas, Emily (Zenski Odbojkaski Klub Dubrovnik, Croatia)
Hall, Kiley (Cossonay Volleyball Club, Switzerland)
Hampton, Maurelle (Lindesberg Volley BK, Sweden) **OVER**
Hampton, Maurelle (Mets de Guaynabo, Puerto Rico)
Harmotto, Christa (Evergrande Volleyball Club, China)
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TOM, ASYSTELE VOLLEY NOVARA: Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah), a three-time Olympian and member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Games silver medal roster, is competing for Asystel Volley Novara in the Italian Serie A professional league this winter. Novara let slip away its final Italian Serie A regular season match to Fappapedretti Bergamo in a 25-22, 20-25, 16-25, 25-20, 15-11 loss. Tom notched 12 kills on 38 swings with only three errors to go with three blocks for 15 points in the loss. Novara concludes the Italian Serie A regular season with a 9-13 record and 26 points, good for eighth place. It will face ninth-place Cfg Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte in a best-of-three series to settle the eight-team Italian Serie A playoff quarterfinal bracket. The first knockout match is scheduled for April 11, followed by matches on April 13 and April 16. Novara will play Bergamo once again on April 3 in the CEV Indesit Champions League Final Four semifinal. The other semifinal will have host RC Cannes playing Turkey's Fenerbahce Acibadem.



BOWN COMPETING FOR JESI: Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian with the U.S. Women's National Team, is competing for Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi in the Italian Serie A professional league. In its final regular season Italian Serie A match, Jesi started strong by winning the first two sets 25-22 and 25-17 over Despar Perugia on March 28. However, Perugia bounced back to win the final three sets 25-20, 25-20, 15-13 to win the match. Bown, who started the first two sets and came off the bench in the fourth set and started the fifth set, tallied 12 kills on 18 attacks with just one error to go with two blocks and an ace for 15 points in her limited action. With the loss, Jesi finished the regular season in fourth place with a 13-9 record and 39 points. During the best-of-three quarterfinal playoff round, Jesi will play fifth-place Chateau d'Ax Urbino Volleyball between April 21 and April 27.

RICHARDS, SYKORA HELPING OMICHKA TO RUSSIAN FOREFRONT: Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah), an outside hitter and 2008 U.S. Olympic Team alternate, and three-time U.S. Olympian Stacy Sykora (Burleson, Texas) are playing in the Russia Super League with Omichka in Omsk. Omichka finished the Russia Super League with an impressive 25-19, 25-19, 25-15 victory over Dinamo-Yantar to conclude the regular season in third place with a 15-7 overall record and 37 points. Richards notched 15 kills and two blocks in the victory, while Sykora averaged 7.33 digs per set with 22 digs in the sweep. Omichka begins the best-of-three quarterfinal playoff round against the sixth-place team Dinamo-Krasnodar on April 4.



LARSON PUSHING DINAMO KAZAN TO NEW HEIGHTS: Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.) is playing in her first professional season of her career in the Russia Superliga with Dinamo Kazan. She tallied 11 kills on 29 swings with a block for 12 points on March 25, but Dinamo Kazan lost its contest to Dinamo-Yantar 18-25, 25-21, 25-13, 25-19. On March 29, Dinamo Kazan concluded the Russian Superliga regular season against Indesit with a 22-25, 25-17, 23-25, 25-16, 15-11 come-from-behind victory. Larson scorched Indesit for 24 points with 22 kills on 49 swings, an ace and a block. She also accepted 33 of the team's 87 service receptions. Dinamo-Kazan finishes the Russia Super League regular season with an 11-11 overall record and 33 points for seventh place. In the best-of-three quarterfinal playoff round, Dinamo-Kazan will face second-place Zarechie-Odintsovo starting on April 4.

USA Volleyball VOLLEY-TWEETS

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

March 28: "left the movies - saw dear John. Cried the whole movie - got a lil shohn done- now kfc. w/ the homie :0)"

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

March 28: "Big win tonight...out with my people...missing the fam at home"

Kristin Richards and Stacy Sykora (March 29): "Just finished league play with a 3-0 win over Dinamo kalingrad at home... got to see our buddy Nicole Fawcett which was great.. we have a few days off and then we start up playoffs on the 4th of April... we're heading in as no. 3 seed, will play no. 6 and if we win first round (2/3 series) we advance to the final four... can't believe it's playoff time already!"

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

FAWCETT SCORING IN RUSSIA: Nicole Fawcett (Zanesfield, Ohio), a U.S. Women's National Team player, continues to pay dividends for Dinamo-Yantar after joining the team in mid-season. Fawcett scored eight points in an 18-25, 25-21, 25-13, 25-19 victory over Dinamo-Kazan on March 25. She played just the first two sets of the match, recording six kills on 12 swings and two blocks. On March 29, Dinamo-Yantar faced off against Omichka and Fawcett's U.S. Women's National Team teammates Kristin Richards and Stacy Sykora. Omichka came away with a 25-19, 25-19, 25-15 victory, dropping Dinamo-Yantar to 10-12 on the season and in eighth place. Dinamo-Yantar, as the eighth-seed in the best-of-three quarterfinal playoff round, will face top-seed Dinamo Moscow starting on April 4.



NNAMANI, GLASS PACING PROSTEJOV IN CZECH REPUBLIC: Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.) and Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) continue to lead their Czech Republic professional team Prostějov. The squad concluded its regular season with a 20-0 record, while also winning the Czech Cup and Czech-Slovakian Cup. Glass contributed six kills on 14 swings with only one attack error to go with a block and ace for eight points in Prostějov's 25-16, 25-18, 25-19 victory over PVK Olymp Praha on March 25. Nnamani did not play in the contest. Prostějov concluded the round of Extraliga on March 27 with a 25-22, 25-22, 25-22 victory over Olomouc to improve to 28-0 on the season. Nnamani returned to the lineup and scored a match-high 22 points with 21 kills on 37 swings and a block. In this match, Glass rested and did not play. Prostějov begins the league's quarterfinal playoff round against TJ Sokol Sternberk. The best-of-five series has matches on April 2, April 3 and April 7. If necessary, the series will continue on April 8 and April 10. Other quarterfinal series include KP Brno versus Ostrava, Frydek-Mistek versus Slavia Prague and Olymp Praha versus Olomouc. The semifinals take place from April 14 to April 21, followed by the finals from April 24 to May 1.

JOINES TAMAS, BUSSE WITH TOA BAJA: Jen Joines Tamas (Milpitas, Calif.) and Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.), both members of the U.S. Women's National Team, are playing for 2009 Puerto Rico League champion Toa Baja in 2010. Joines Tamas rattled off 17 points with 12 kills and only one error, three aces and two blocks in leading the Llaneras to a 25-23, 25-20, 28-30, 25-20 victory over Caguas on March 27. Busse chipped in 14 points, all on kills, in the victory. Toa Baja met up with Corozal on March 28, and the Llaneras continued its win streak with a 25-23, 25-15, 26-28, 25-14 victory. Joines Tamas powered down a season-high 25 points with 15 kills and no attack errors, six blocks and four aces to lead Toa Baja in the victory. Busse added 14 points with 11 kills and three blocks. On March 30, Toa Baja edged second-place Catano 22-25, 25-15, 26-24, 22-25, 15-12. Busse charted a team-high 21 points with 18 kills and three blocks to go with 10 digs. Joines Tamas added 12 points with eight kills, two blocks and two aces. Toa Baja is now 18-1 on the season and on a 18-match winning streak after falling in the season opener to Catano. The Llaneras face Guaynabo on April 3 and sixth-place Carolina on April 5.



THOMPSON, SALVO WITH CATANO: Setter Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) and outside hitter Aerial Salvo (Farmington, Utah), both members of the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team and products of University of Washington, are playing for Catano de Lancheras of the Puerto Rico Superliga. Catano topped Carolina 25-21, 25-23, 25-23 on March 23. Salvo provided 12 points and 13 digs in the victory, while Thompson charted nine assists and eight digs. Catano returned to the court two days later and rallied to defeat Guaynabo 26-28, 23-25, 25-19, 25-14, 15-5 in a close five-set match. Salvo scored 17 kills and five aces for 22 points to go with 14 digs. Thompson, who set three teammates to at least 22 points in the victory, tallied nine assists, four aces and seven digs in the victory. The Lancheras faced Corozal on March 27, and again rallied for a five-set victory with scores of 25-23, 17-25, 23-25, 25-17, 25-12. Thompson tallied 17 assists, 10 digs, two aces and a kill in the victory. Salvo added 10 kills and 16 digs in the victory. Catano shut down Juncos 25-10, 25-23, 25-17 on March 28 as Salvo scored 17 points in the victory. Thompson set the Lancheras with six assists, 13 digs, an ace and a kill. Catano battled league-leader Toa Baja on March 30 and extended the Llaneras to five sets before falling 22-25, 25-15, 26-24, 22-25, 15-12. Thompson tallied 18 assists, 16 digs, two aces and a block in the loss. Salvo was credited with 13 points on nine kills, two blocks and two aces to go with 23 digs. Catano is currently in second place with a 13-5 record. The Lancheras will battle sixth-place Carolina on April 1 and Bayamon on April 5.

TRIVIA ANSWERS (questions on page 1)

1. Paula Weishoff; 2. Mary Jo Peppler; 3. The U.S. Women's National Team has faced Japan 205 times

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**2009 U.S. Women's National
 Volleyball Team Schedule**
Egypt Tour**Site: Cairo, Egypt**

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

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

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

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

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1
Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2
Site: Miao Li, Chinese Taipei

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3
Site: Bangkok, Thailand

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

Final Four Intercontinental Cup
Site: Lima, Peru

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

NORCECA Continental Championship
Site: Bayamon, Puerto Rico

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



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SPICER WITH PONCE: Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.), a setter with the U.S. Women's National Team, is competing for Ponce of the Puerto Rico Superliga in 2010. Spicer notched eight assists, 11 digs, three kills and an ace as Ponce lost to Juncos 21-25, 25-23, 25-12, 25-22 on March 27. Spicer produced an all-around performance in leading the Leonas to a 25-20, 25-23, 25-17 victory over Mayaguez on March 28. She notched six assists, 12 digs, five aces, a block and a kill for seven individual points. Spicer delivered 14 assists, seven digs and two aces in a 21-25, 25-16, 25-21, 25-21 loss to Carolina on March 30. Ponce, 8-10 on the season and tied for fourth place, resumes its schedule on April 1 against sixth-place Corozal, followed by an April 4 contest versus Juncos.



HODGE STARTS PRO CAREER WITH CAGUAS: Megan Hodge (Durham, N.C.), who competed with the U.S. Women's National Team on a trip to China earlier this year, has signed mid-season with Caguas of the Puerto Rico Superliga. She will compete with the Las Criollas part-time as she finishes her education at Penn State University. In her professional league debut, Hodge scored a match-high 21 points with 20 kills and a block as Caguas fell to league-leader Toa Baja 25-23, 25-20, 28-30, 25-20 on March 27. Caguas, ranked eighth in the league with a 6-12 record, takes on third-place Mayaguez on April 1 and fourth-place Juncos on April 3.

HUGHES WITH COROZAL: Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), an opposite with the U.S. Women's National Team, was picked up in mid-season by Corozal of the Puerto Rico Super League. She notched 12 kills and two aces in helping the Pinkin to a 25-21, 25-18, 17-25, 19-25, 15-7 victory over Carolina on March 25. Hughes provided 15 kills and two blocks for 17 points as Corozal lost a heart-breaking 25-13, 17-25, 23-25, 25-17, 15-12 match to second-place Catano on March 27. One day later, Corozal met up with the league-leader and was able to take a set from Toa Baja before falling 25-23, 25-15, 26-28, 25-14. Hughes scored a team-high 17 points, all on kills, in the loss. She pounded out 10 kills and a block in helping the Pinkin to a 25-16, 25-18, 25-22 victory over Juncos on March 30. Corozal, tied for fourth place with an 8-10 record, challenges fourth-place Ponce on April 1 and third-place Mayaguez on April 4.



KIMMICH, HAMPTON WITH GUAYNABO: Katie Wilkins Kimmich (Lakeside, Calif.), an outside hitter with the U.S. Women's National Team, is competing for the Mets of Guaynabo in the Puerto Rico Superliga. Former U.S. National Team player Marcie Hampton was picked up by the team in mid-season. Kimmich was credited with 17 points via 13 kills, two blocks and two aces in Guaynabo's heartbreaking 26-28, 23-25, 25-19, 25-14, 15-5 loss to Catano on March 25. Hampton added eight points in the loss. Kimmich held a team-high 10 points in a 25-16, 25-22, 25-18 loss to Mayaguez on March 26. She provided Guaynabo with a team-high 15 points in the Mets' 26-24, 25-14, 25-19 loss to Bayamon on March 28. Guaynabo, now 4-14 on the season, takes on ninth-place Bayamon on March 31 and league-leader Toa Baja on April 3.



OTHER AMERICAN HIGHLIGHTS IN PUERTO RICO: Jessica Jones scored 13 points for Carolina in its three-set loss to Catano on March 23...Juncos' Kelly Wing notched a match-high 24 points in leading the Valencianas to a four-set victory over Bayamon on March 25. Erica Lott added 10 points in the victory, and both tallied 10 digs. On the opposite side of the net, Erin Moore collected a Bayamon-high 17 points and Kylie Atherstone picked up 13 points in the loss...Jessica Jones charted 14 points and teammate Kaitlin Sather added 12 in Carolina's five-set loss to Catano on March 25...Carolina got back in the win column with a three-set victory over Bayamon on March 26 as Jessica Jones was credited with 10 points and Kaitlin Sather and additional nine points. Erin Moore led Bayamon with 23 points all on kills in the loss to Carolina...Kelly Wing scored a match-high 22 points in leading Juncos to a four-set victory over Ponce on March 27. In the loss, Ponce's Sonja Newcombe contributed a team-high 16 points and Sarah Ammerman added seven points...Carolina's Jessica Jones provided 10 points in helping the Las Gigantes to a three-set victory over Bayamon on March 26. Erin Moore hammered down 23 kills for Bayamon in the loss for a 7.67 kills per set average...Bayamon topped Guaynabo in three sets on March 28 as Erin Moore logged 12 points in the victory...Sonja Newcombe collected a team-high 15 points with 13 kills and two blocks in helping Ponce to a three-set victory over Mayaguez on March 28. Teammate Sarah Ammerman added 12 kills in the victory...Christal Morrison contributed nine points for Corozal in Las Pinkin's four-set loss to league-leader Toa Baja on March 28...Erin Moore turned in 13 points for Bayamon as it beat Mayaguez in three sets on March 30...Jessica Jones totaled 24 points and teammate Kaitlin Sather added 10 points in leading Carolina to a four-set victory over Ponce on March 30. Sonja Newcombe chipped in 18 points for Ponce...Juncos' Kelly Wing scored 19 points in a three-set loss to Corozal on March 30.

Quick Team Information

Current World Ranking: 4th
Head Coach: Hugh McCutcheon
2009 Record: 18-14
2008 Record: 22-11
Assistant Coach: Karch Kiraly
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USA Volleyball and the City of Anaheim are pleased to announce the agreement to bring the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team to Anaheim from Colorado Springs was finalized in April 2009. The agreement also designates Anaheim as the Exclusive Official Host City for the USA Men's and Women's National Volleyball Teams through 2016. The team trains at the USA National Team Center within the American Sports Centers in Anaheim. The City of Anaheim and USA Volleyball are grateful for the support of these local sponsors who have contributed to the success of the U.S. Men's and Women's National Teams in Anaheim: American Sports Centers; Anaheim White House; JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery; PepZ Pizza & Eatery; OC Sports Grill; Ruth's Chris Steak House; CIM/Anaheim; Anaheim Marriott Suites; Anaheim Marriott Hotel; B.W. Stovals Hotels; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Disneyland Resort Hotels; Doubletree Guest Suites; Embassy Suites Anaheim South; Hilton Anaheim Hotel; Red Lion Hotel Anaheim; Sheraton Anaheim; and numerous Anaheim/OC Visitor and Convention Bureau member hotels.



BARBOZA WITH TORAY IN JAPAN: Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.), an outside hitter with the U.S. Women's National Team and alternate on both the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games rosters, is playing in her first professional volleyball season in Japan V-League with Toray. Barboza's squad finished second in the V-League regular season with a 21-7 record. Toray will compete in the semifinal round held April 2-4 in Aichi. Toray plays Hisamitsu on April 2, followed by JT on April 3 and Denson on April 4.



METCALF PROVIDING OFFENSE IN BRAZIL: Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa), a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Games roster, is in Brazil playing for Usiminas/Minas of the Brazilian Superliga. Usiminas, which was idle last week, ended the regular season in fifth place in the league standings with a 17-7 overall record (10-2 in the second half). Usiminas started its quarterfinal best-of-three playoff series with Blausiegel/Sao Caetano on March 26. Blausiegel rallied from a first-set loss to win 20-25, 25-18, 25-16, 25-19. Metcalf scored a team-high 14 points, all on kills via 46 attacks. Blausiegel had all five of its starting hitters reach double-figure scoring. The two teams met again on March 29 with Blausiegel coming away with a 25-14, 25-23, 25-18 victory to end Usiminas' playoff run. Metcalf scored a team-high 14 points with 11 kills on a match-high 34 attacks and three blocks.



DAVIS PICKS UP AZERBAIJAN: Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.), the U.S. Women's National Team libero during the 2008 Olympic Games, has shifted her professional season from China to Azerbaijan. After helping the Evergrande Volleyball Club to a perfect 12-0 season in the Chinese club season, she is now part of Lokomotiv of the Azerbaijan Super League. Her team is 1-2 in the second phase of the Azerbaijan Super League. The federation has decided to postpone the second round of the second phase until the start of April. The For an azerisport.com article translated into English on Davis, visit <http://translate.google.com/translate?u=http%3A%2F%2Fazerisport.com%2F&sl=ru&tl=en&hl=&ie=UTF-8>.



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2010 USA Women's National Team Stats

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Kill PCT	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting Eff.	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points	Points Set
Bryn Kehoe	4	4	1.00	57.1	0	7	.571	2	0.50	0	0.00	6	1.50
Cheryl Weaver	9	22	2.44	56.4	5	39	.436	0	0.00	8	0.89	30	3.33
Angie Pressey	7	8	1.14	23.5	8	34	.000	1	0.14	4	0.57	13	1.86
Jessica Fine	6	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Alisha Glass	7	4	0.57	66.7	1	6	.500	1	0.14	3	0.43	8	1.14
Tamari Miyashiro	7	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Katie Kimmich	5	10	2.00	31.3	4	32	.188	1	0.20	0	0.00	11	2.20
Mekana Barnes	6	6	1.00	50.0	3	12	.250	3	0.50	5	0.83	14	2.33
Megan Hodge	7	33	4.71	48.5	7	68	.382	0	0.00	4	0.57	37	5.29
Ellen Herman	4	9	2.25	36.0	6	25	.120	1	0.25	2	0.50	12	3.00
Heather Hughes	6	23	3.83	42.6	13	54	.185	0	0.00	1	0.17	24	4.00
Tracy Stalls	9	12	1.33	54.5	2	22	.455	4	0.44	5	0.56	21	2.33
Jill Collymore	9	28	3.11	53.8	10	52	.346	2	0.22	5	0.56	35	3.89
TEAM	11	160	14.55	45.1	49	355	.313	15	1.36	37	3.36	212	19.27
Opponent	11	118	10.73	32.4	63	364	.151	9	0.82	22	2.00	149	13.55

2010 Schedule/Quick Results

China Tour

Site: Guangzhou, China

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

Montreux VolleyMasters

Site: Montreux, Switzerland

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

Pan American Cup

Site: Mexico

June 10-20: Opponents TBA

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1

Site: Gdynia, Poland

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2

Site: Taiwan, Chinese Taipei

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3

Site: Hong Kong

Aug. 20-22: China, Germany, Thailand

FIVB World Grand Prix Final Round

Site: Ningbo, China

Aug. 25-29: Top 5 Teams plus China

Final Four Intercontinental Cup

Site: TBA

Sept. 19-27: TBA

FIVB World Championship First Round

Site: Matsumoto, Japan

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

Extra Stats

Digs on China Tour: Miyashiro 28 (4.00); Hodge 21 (3.00); Pressey 21 (3.00); Hughes 14 (2.33); Herman 9 (2.25); A. Glass 13 (1.86); Fine 11 (1.83); Kehoe 7 (1.75); Kimmich 3 (0.60); Barnes 3 (0.50); Stalls 4 (0.44); Weaver 3 (0.33). USA Totals: 119 (10.82). China Opponent Totals: 92 (8.36).

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

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

2009 USA Women's National Team Stats

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Kill PCT	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting Eff.	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points Points	Points Set
Foluke Akinradewo	36	66	1.83	48.5	11	136	.404	2	0.06	31	0.86	99	2.75
Cynthia Barboza	94	197	2.10	37.9	51	520	.281	21	0.22	16	0.17	234	2.49
Mekana Barnes	3	7	2.33	41.2	5	17	.118	1	0.33	0	0.00	8	2.67
Morgan Beck	2	3	1.50	23.1	5	13	-.154	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1.50
Lindsey Berg	39	5	0.13	27.8	1	18	.222	8	0.21	9	0.23	22	0.56
Heather Bown	51	69	1.35	48.9	9	141	.426	12	0.24	31	0.61	112	2.20
Jane Collymore	12	33	2.75	55.0	6	60	.450	6	0.50	4	0.33	43	3.58
Therese Crawford	7	19	2.71	40.4	4	47	.319	0	0.00	1	0.14	20	2.86
Alexis Crimes	33	33	1.00	36.3	12	91	.231	9	0.27	20	0.61	62	1.88
Nicole Davis	86	1	0.01	1.00	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
Nicole Fawcett	74	136	1.84	37.5	48	363	.242	5	0.07	16	0.22	157	2.12
Tayyiba Haneef-Park	26	28	1.08	52.8	5	53	.434	4	0.15	7	0.27	39	1.50
Christa Harmotto	69	101	1.46	52.3	26	193	.389	8	0.12	47	0.68	156	2.26
Heather Hughes	0	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Jordan Larson	79	181	2.29	30.6	81	591	.169	15	0.19	20	0.25	216	2.73
Angie McGinnis	17	2	0.12	28.6	2	7	.000	2	0.12	2	0.12	6	0.35
Nancy Metcalf	79	268	3.39	39.3	92	682	.258	7	0.09	26	0.33	301	3.81
Brittany Moore	6	23	3.83	48.9	2	47	.447	2	0.33	2	0.33	27	4.50
Lauren Paolini	9	19	2.11	61.3	3	31	.516	4	0.44	1	0.11	24	2.67
Angie Pressey	34	79	2.32	38.2	31	207	.232	3	0.09	20	0.59	102	3.00
Kristin Richards	48	122	2.54	36.2	60	337	.184	5	0.10	14	0.29	141	2.94
Julie Rubenstein	7	17	2.43	35.4	7	48	.208	6	0.86	1	0.14	24	3.43
Danielle Scott-Arruda	48	62	1.29	44.9	18	138	.319	10	0.21	35	0.73	107	2.23
Nellie Spicer	39	17	0.44	53.1	4	32	.406	5	0.13	3	0.08	25	0.64
Tracy Stalls	3	4	1.33	80.0	0	5	.800	0	0.00	1	0.33	5	1.67
Stacy Sykora	88	2	0.02	100.0	0	2	1.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
Elisha Thomas	8	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	NA	0	0.00	3	0.38	3	0.38
Courtney Thompson	82	3	0.04	8.3	3	36	.000	23	0.28	5	0.06	31	0.38
Emillie Toone	4	2	0.50	40.0	1	5	.200	1	0.25	2	0.50	5	1.25
Nicole Vargas	4	2	0.50	28.6	2	7	.000	2	0.50	0	0.00	4	1.00
TEAM	121	1,501	12.40	38.9	491	3,858	.262	163	1.35	317	2.62	1,981	16.37
Opponent	121	1,361	11.25	34.5	605	3,946	.192	105	0.87	257	2.12	1,723	14.24

Digs on Egypt Tour: Nicole Davis 34 (4.86 digs/set); Nellie Spicer 11 (2.75); Nicole Vargas 10 (2.50); Morgan Beck 5 (2.50); Therese Crawford 15 (2.14); Julie Rubenstein 13 (1.86); Brittany Moore 9 (1.50); Mekana Barnes 4 (1.33); Stacy Sykora 6 (1.00); Lauren Paolini 6 (1.00); Christa Harmotto 1 (0.25). Team 114 (16.29 digs/set).

Digs at Pan American Cup: Nicole Davis 82 (3.90 digs/set); Stacy Sykora 9 (2.25); Nancy Metcalf 32 (1.60); Kristin Richards 27 (1.35); Jordan Larson 17 (0.81); Cynthia Barboza 10 (0.53); Danielle Scott-Arruda 10 (0.45); Nellie Spicer 9 (0.45); Christa Harmotto 7 (0.33); Angie Pressey 1 (0.33); Courtney Thompson 5 (0.29); Tayyiba Haneef-Park 4 (0.21). Team 213 (8.88 digs/set).

Digs at FIVB Women's World Championship Qualification Tournament: Stacy Sykora 45 (5.00 digs/set); Courtney Thompson 13 (2.17); Jane Collymore 16 (1.78); Kristin Richards 5 (1.67); Cynthia Barboza 13 (1.63); Tayyiba Haneef-Park 9 (1.29); Angie Pressey 5 (1.25); Danielle Scott-Arruda 7 (1.00); Heather Bown 2 (1.00); Christa Harmotto 1 (0.11). Team 117 (13.00 digs/set).

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

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

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

All-Time USA Women's Indoor Volleyball Olympians

1964 (Tokyo)

5th Place

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

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

1968 (Mexico City)

8th Place

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

Head Coach: Harlan Cohen

1980 (Moscow)

Did Not Compete (USA Boycott)

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

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

1984 (Los Angeles)

Silver Medal

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

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

1988 (Seoul)

7th Place

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

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

1992 (Barcelona)

Bronze Medal

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

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

1996 (Atlanta)

7th Place

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

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

2000 (Sydney)

4th Place

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

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

2004 (Athens)

5th Place

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

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

2008 (Beijing)

Silver Medal

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

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

International Volleyball Fact Sheet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Women (Points)

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

Men (Points)

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

Olympic Games: Volleyball made its debut in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. Twelve teams in both the men's and women's draw earn the right to compete:

Past Olympic Champions (Men)

1964: Soviet Union (USA, ninth)
1968: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1972: Japan, (USA, DNQ)
1976: Poland (USA, DNQ)
1980: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1984: USA
1988: USA
1992: Brazil (USA, third)
1996: Netherlands (USA, ninth)
2000: Yugoslavia (USA, 11th)
2004: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2008: USA

Past Olympic Champions (Women)

1964: Japan (USA, fifth)
1968: Soviet Union (USA, eighth)
1972: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1976: Japan (USA, DNQ)
1980: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1984: China (USA, second)
1988: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1992: Cuba (USA, third)
1996: Cuba (USA, seventh)
2000: Cuba (USA, fourth)
2004: China (USA, fifth)
2008: Brazil (USA, second)

World Championships: The World Championships are held every four years in the second year after the Olympics. The site, usually separate for the men's and women's competitions, is determined by the FIVB based on bids received from interested cities. The 24 berths for the men and women are gained in the following manner (2006 information is provided in parenthesis where available):

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

Past World Champions (Men)

1949: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1952: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1956: Czechoslovakia (USA, sixth)
1960: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1962: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1966: Czechoslovakia (USA, 11th)
1970: East Germany (USA, 18th)
1974: Not held
1978: Soviet Union (USA, 19th)
1982: Soviet Union (USA, 13th)
1986: USA
1990: Italy (USA, 13th)
1994: Italy (USA, third)
1998: Italy (USA, ninth)
2002: Brazil (USA, ninth)
2006: Brazil (USA, 10th)

Past World Champions (Women)

1952: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1956: Soviet Union (USA, ninth)
1960: Soviet Union (USA, sixth)
1962: Japan (USA, DNP)
1966: Japan (USA, second)
1970: Soviet Union (USA, 11th)
1974: Japan (USA, 12th)
1978: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1982: China (USA, third)
1986: China (USA, 10th)
1990: Soviet Union (USA, third)
1994: Cuba (USA, sixth)
1998: Cuba (USA, 13th)
2002: Italy (USA, second)
2006: Russia (USA, ninth)

World Cup: The World Cup is held every four years, in the year prior to the Olympic Games. Though originally held at various sites, it has been hosted by Japan since 1977. Prior to 1991, the World Cup took place in the year immediately following the Olympics. The 12 berths in the World Cup for men and women are gained in the following manner:

- Host country (Japan- Men and Women)
- Defending World Cup champion
- Winners of the five zone championships
- The highest-placed team (of each zone) not qualified for the Olympic Games in accordance with the ranking of the zone championships.

Past World Cup Champions (Men)

1965: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1969: East Germany (USA, DNP)
1973: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1977: Soviet Union (USA, 10th)
1981: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1985: USA
1989: Cuba (USA, fourth)
1991: Soviet Union (USA, third)
1995: Italy (USA, fourth)
1999: Russia (USA, fourth)
2003: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2007: Brazil (USA, fourth)

Past World Cup Champions (Women)

1973: Soviet Union (USA, sixth)
1977: Japan (USA, seventh)
1981: China (USA, fourth)
1985: China (USA, DNQ)
1989: Cuba (USA, DNQ)
1991: Cuba (USA, fourth)
1995: Cuba (USA, seventh)
1999: Cuba (USA, ninth)
2003: China (USA, third)
2007: Italy (USA, third)

Zone Championships: The volleyball world is divided into five international zones. The United States is in the NORCECA (North America Central America Caribbean) Zone, with championships held every other year at various sites. The other zones are Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. The frequency of zone championships competition varies in each of the five sections. Any nation in a particular zone may participate in its zone championships whenever such a competition is conducted.

Past NORCECA Champions (Men)

1969: Cuba (USA, third)
1971: Cuba (USA, second)
1973: USA
1975: Cuba (USA, third)
1977: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1979: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1981: Cuba (USA, second)
1983: USA
1985: USA
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)
1991: Cuba (USA, second)
1993: Cuba (USA, second)
1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: USA
2001: Cuba (USA, second)
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: USA

Past NORCECA Champions (Women)

1969: Mexico (USA, bronze)
1971: Mexico (USA, DNP)
1973: Cuba (USA, third)
1975: Cuba (USA, second)
1977: Cuba (USA, third)
1979: Cuba (USA, second)
1981: USA
1983: USA
1985: Cuba (USA, second)
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)
1991: Cuba (USA, second)
1993: Cuba (USA, second)
1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: Cuba (USA, second)
2001: USA
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: Cuba (USA, second)
2009: Dominican Republic (USA, fourth)

World League and World Grand Prix: The World League features the top 12 men's volleyball teams in the world in competition for a total purse that has grown to \$15 million since the inaugural season in 1990. Teams are divided into three, four-team pools and each country playing the other teams in their pool four times (twice at home, twice on the road). The winner and runner-up in each pool advance to a seeded playoff round. The regular season is usually played in May and June with playoffs in early July.

The World Grand Prix is the women's counterpart to the World League, and offers a total purse of \$2 million to its 12-team field. Teams play in different four-team pools each weekend, at round-robin tournaments hosted by cities throughout Asia. The three teams with the best records join the host country for the Grand Prix Finals. The regular season is played in August and early-September with playoffs in mid-September.

World League Champions

1990: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1991: Italy (USA, third in pool)
1992: Italy (USA, first in pool, third overall)
1993: Brazil (USA, fifth in pool)
1994: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1995: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1996: Netherlands (USA, DNP)
1997: Italy (USA, DNP)
1998: Cuba (USA, DNP)
1999: Italy (USA, DNP)
2000: Italy (USA, first in pool, sixth overall)
2001: Brazil (USA, third in pool, tied-ninth overall)
2002: Russia (USA, DNP)
2003: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2004: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2005: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2006: Brazil (USA, third in pool)
2007: Brazil (USA, third in finals)
2008: USA
2009: Brazil (USA, sixth)

World Grand Prix Champions

1993: Cuba (USA, seventh regular season)
1994: Brazil (USA, fifth regular season)
1995: USA
1996: Brazil (USA, fifth)
1997: Russia (USA, eighth)
1998: Brazil (USA, eighth)
1999: Russia (USA, DNP)
2000: Cuba (USA, sixth)
2001: USA
2002: Russia (USA, sixth)
2003: China (USA, third)
2004: Brazil (USA, third)
2005: Brazil (USA, eighth)
2006: Brazil (USA, seventh)
2007: Netherlands (USA, eighth final, seventh preliminary)
2008: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2009: Brazil (USA, ninth)