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**SPRING TRAINING BLOCK STARTS:** The U.S. Women's National Team started its spring training block on April 26 and currently has a total of 19 players training at the USA National Team Center located within the American Sports Centers in Anaheim, Calif. Joining the team in the past week include Ashley Engle (Yorba Linda, Calif.), along with Penn State seniors-to-be Blair Brown (Purcellville, Va.) and Ariel Wilson (Broadview, Ill.). The team training sessions 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. Players currently training include middle blockers Foluke Akinradewo (Plantation, Fla.), Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.), Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.), Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) and Ariel Wilson (Broadview, Ill.). Outside hitters/opposite include Blair Brown (Purcellville, Va.), Jill Collymore (Bellevue, Wash.), Nicole Fawcett (Zanesfield, Ohio), Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.), Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.), Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah) and Julie Rubenstein (Camarillo, Calif.). The setters training include Ashley Engle (Yorba Linda, Calif.), Bryn Kehoe (North Bend, Ohio) and Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.). The libero position has Stacy Sykora (Burlleson, Texas) and Tamari Miyashiro (Kaneohe, Hawaii) training with the U.S. Women's National Team.



**A2 TEAM GEARS UP FOR TRAINING, COMPETITION:** The 2010 U.S. Women's National A2 program is scheduled to train May 24-28 in Tempe, Ariz., before being split into two 12-player rosters to compete in the Open Division of the 2010 USA Open National Championships held in nearby Phoenix. The Open Division flight takes place May 29-June 1 at the Phoenix Convention Center. Additional information on the tournament can be found at [www.usavolleyball.org/events/2245](http://www.usavolleyball.org/events/2245). Middle blockers selected for the A2 National program are Rachael Adams (University of Texas, Cincinnati, Ohio), Alyssa Davis (Auburn University, Oakland Park, Fla.), Jen Doris (University of Texas, Houston), Lindsay Fletmier (University of Dayton, Garden City, Mich.), Sabel Moffett (Northwestern University, Temecula, Calif.) and Dominique Olowolafe (Cal Poly, Lansing, Mich.). Setters selected for the A2 squad are Carli Lloyd (University of California-Berkeley, Bonsall, Calif.), Kelly Murphy (University of Florida, Wilmington, Ill.), Evan Sanders (Colorado State University, Lafayette, Colo.) and Paige Weber (University of Arizona, Indianapolis, Ind.). Liberos/Defensive specialists chosen for the A2 program are Ellie Blankenship (University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa), Laura Gonzalez (University of Albany, Carolina, Puerto Rico), Ashley Mass (Iowa State University, Muskego, Wis.) and Sydney Yogi (University of Texas, Honolulu). Outside hitters and opposites named to the A2 team are Kelsey Black (Texas A&M, Amarillo, Texas), Kanani Danielson (University of Hawaii, Ewa Beach, Hawaii), Laura DeBruler (University of Illinois, Downers Grove, Ill.), Whitney Dosty (University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.), Juliann Faucette (University of Texas, San Diego, Calif.), Nikki Fowler (University of Tennessee, Dallas, Texas), Monique Mead (Georgia Tech, Newnan, Ga.), Tarah Murrey (University of California-Berkeley, El Cerrito, Calif.), Juliane Piggot (UC Irvine, Newport Beach, Calif.) and Ali Troost (University of San Diego, Hemet, Calif.). For the full article, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/34657>.



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### TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 2)

1. Blair Brown and Arielle Wilson, now training with the U.S. Women's National Team, may become the first collegiate players since 1996 to accomplish this feat when they return to Penn State this fall?
2. How many annual FIVB World Grand Prix events has the U.S. qualified to compete?
3. When was the last time the U.S. Women's National Team won the FIVB World Grand Prix?

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**1964 AND 1968 OLYMPIANS TO BE HONORED AT BOYCE:** Fanny Hopeau, a member of the 1968 U.S. Women's Olympic Team, will be presented the Flo Hyman All-Time Great Player Award during the 65th Annual Dorothy C. Boyce Awards Ceremony held May 27 at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel. Meanwhile, Jane Ward of the 1964 and 1968 U.S. Women's Olympic Teams will be presented with the James E. Coleman National Team Award at the Boyce Banquet. For more information, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/35949>.



**BERG CLOSING IN ON ITALIAN FINALS BERTH:** 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. Villa Cortese is the No. 2 seed in the Italian Serie A playoffs and will face top-seed Scavolini Pesaro in the best-of-five final round starting May 13. Last week, Villa Cortese concluded its best-of-five semifinals series with Foppapedretti Bergamo with a 3-1 series win following a 25-22, 26-28, 22-25, 25-19, 15-12 come-from-behind victory on May 7. Berg set Villa Cortese to a 44 kill percent for the match and .276 hitting efficiency in the contest. She added a kill and ace for two individual points. Meanwhile, Scavolini Pesaro advanced to the finals with a 3-1 series win over Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi. The final round will have matches on May 13, May 15 and May 18. If necessary, matches four and five will be played May 20 and May 23. Last season, Villa Cortese competed in the Italian Serie A2 division but earned a spot in this year's upper division. To follow Berg throughout the season, check out her blog at <http://lindseyberg.blogspot.com/>.

**BOWN SEASON ENDS IN ITALY:** Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian with the U.S. Women's National Team, competed for Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi in the Italian Serie A professional league this past winter. Jesi, the No. 4 seed in the Italian Serie A Playoffs, lost its best-of-five semifinal series playoff with top-seed Scavolini Pesaro. In the fourth match of the series on May 6, Pesaro won 25-20, 25-20, 25-21 to clinch a spot in the final round. Bown turned in 10 points in the loss with seven kills on 18 swings and just one error to go with three blocks.



### TRIVIA ANSWERS (questions on page 1):

1. Brown and Wilson could become the first players since Washington University in St. Louis did it in 1996 to win NCAA titles in all four years of their collegiate careers
2. The U.S. will play in its 17th FIVB World Grand Prix this summer, missing just the 1999 event since its inception in 1993
3. The U.S. Women's National Team won its last FIVB World Grand Prix championship in 2001. Team USA's only other title in the event was in 1995.

### USA Volleyball VOLLEY-TWEETS

- Follow Kim Glass** at <http://www.twitter-athletes.com/index.cfm?athleteID=2602>  
**May 12:** "Time to workout then off to find outfits for the Preakness this weekend! Woo-Hoo .. HoLy Big Hat I'm Stoked!"  
**May 11:** "My family keeps me laughn I'm so blessed to have such a great fam--"
- Follow Lindsey Berg** at <http://www.twitter-athletes.com/index.cfm?athleteID=3997>  
**May 11:** "Only 1 more day to prepare for the finals...going for my 1st Italian Championship...no better way to end a long season...Buonanotte"  
**May 7:** "On to the finals...huge win tonight...great team win...beaming right now"

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### JOINES TAMAS, BUSSE VERSUS HOOKER AND COROZAL LEAD TOA BAJA'S JOINES TAMAS BUSSE IN PUERTO RICO FINALS:

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. Destinee Hooker (San Antonio, Texas) joined Corozal of the Puerto Rico Super League late in the regular season and has made a difference in Pinkin advancing in the playoffs. The two teams are currently squaring off against each other in the league's best-of-seven final round for the playoff title. Corozal rallied from a two-set deficit in the opening match on May 6 to win 19-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-19, 16-14 on the strength of Hooker's 41 kills and two aces for a post-season Puerto Rico League record 43 points. In the process, she had just three hitting errors and added 16 digs and 15 successful reception passes. Former U.S. Women's National Team player Shonda Cole added 21 points in the Corozal victory. Joines Tamas led Toa Baja with 17 points via 15 kills and two blocks, while Busse added seven points in the loss. Corozal went up 2-0 in the series with an 18-25, 25-17, 25-17, 25-21 victory on May 8. Hooker scored an eye-opening 39 points in the four-set victory, which included 35 kills, three blocks and an ace. For the second match in a row, Cole added 21 points thanks to 16 kills and a match-high five blocks. Busse produced 13 points in the loss, while American teammate Joines Tamas added eight kills. In the third match of the series held on May 10, Corozal captured a 27-25, 25-20, 25-20 victory to move within one victory of the tournament title. Hooker once again led Corozal with 26 points via 23 kills and three blocks, while Cole chipped in 18 points. Busse led Toa Baja with 13 points, all on kills, while Joines Tamas added 10 points. For the first three matches of the series, Hooker is averaging 9.0 points per set, including 8.25 kills per set. For photos of the series' third match, visit the Corozal Web site at [www.pinkin.com/2010v2/Images/Juego35/Juego35.htm](http://www.pinkin.com/2010v2/Images/Juego35/Juego35.htm). Corozal will attempt to close out the series on May 12. Toa Baja will hope to continue the series with matches also on May 14, May 16 and May 18.



# 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
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>14.55</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3.36</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>19.27</b>
<b>Opponent</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>10.73</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>.151</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>13.55</b>

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**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
<b>USOC Goodwill Tour in Egypt</b>					
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
<b>Eighth Women's Pan American Cup</b>					
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
<b>Final Ranking:</b> 1. Brazil; 2. Dominican Republic; 3. Puerto Rico; <b>4. USA</b> ; 5. Peru; 6. Argentina; 7. Canada; 8. Costa Rica; 9. Mexico; 10. Trinidad & Tobago; 11. Guatemala					
<b>FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – Third Round NORCECA Pool G</b>					
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
<b>Final Ranking:</b> <b>1. USA</b> ; 2. Costa Rica; 3. Netherlands Antilles; 4. Barbados					
<b>FIVB World Grand Prix Preliminary Rounds</b>					
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
<b>Final Preliminary Ranking:</b> 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); <b>9. USA (3-6)</b> ; 10. Puerto Rico (1-8); 11. Dominican Republic (1-8); 12. Korea (1-8).					
<b>Women's Final Four Intercontinental Cup</b>					
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
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<b>NORCECA Continental Championship</b>					
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
<b>Final Ranking:</b> 1. Dominican Republic, 2. Puerto Rico; 3. Cuba; <b>4. USA</b> ; 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
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>12.40</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>.262</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>16.37</b>
<b>Opponent</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>.192</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>14.24</b>

**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

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## 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)