

Quick Team Information

Current World Ranking: 8th
Head Coach: "Jenny" Lang Ping
Record: 67-36 (3rd year)
2007 Record: 25-9
Assistant Coaches: Sue Woodstra, Li Yong, Tom Hogan
Technical Coordinator: Diane French

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Additional Team USA Facts

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Confederation: NORCECA

2007 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Schedule

Pan American Cup (Colima, Mexico)

6/21: def. Argentina 3-1
6/22: def. Costa Rica 3-0
6/23: def. Dominican Republic 3-2
6/24: def. Trinidad & Tobago 3-0
6/25: def. Mexico 3-0
6/28: lost to Brazil 0-3 (semifinal match)
6/29: lost to Dominican Republic 1-3 (bronze medal match)

Pan American Games (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

7/14: def. Costa Rica 3-0
7/15: def. Puerto Rico 3-1
7/16: lost to Cuba 0-3
7/18: lost to Brazil 0-3 (semifinal match)
7/19: def. Peru 3-0 (bronze medal match)

FIVB World Grand Prix

8/3: def. Poland 3-2
8/4: def. Russia 3-0
8/5: lost to China 0-3
8/10: def. Cuba 3-1
8/11: lost to Russia 2-3
8/12: def. Kazakhstan 3-1
8/17: lost to China 0-3
8/18: def. Cuba 3-2
8/19: lost to Netherlands 1-3

NORCECA Championships (Winnipeg, Canada)

9/17: def. Trinidad & Tobago 3-0
9/18: def. Mexico 3-0
9/19: def. Dominican Republic 3-0
9/21: def. Canada 3-0 (semifinal match)
9/22: lost to Cuba 2-3 (gold medal match)

FIVB World Cup (Japan)

At Hamamatsu, Japan

11/2: def. Peru 3-0
11/3: def. Cuba 3-2
11/4: def. Poland 3-1

At Sendai, Japan

11/6: def. Kenya 3-0
11/7: def. Brazil 3-2

At Kumamoto, Japan

11/9: def. Dominican Republic 3-1
11/10: def. Thailand 3-1
11/11: def. Korea 3-0

At Nagoya, Japan

11/14: vs. Serbia, 4:35 p.m.
11/15: vs. Japan, 6 p.m.
11/16: vs. Italy, 3:05 p.m.



TEAM USA RUMBLING THROUGH WORLD CUP: The U.S. Women's National Team, one of two undefeated teams in the 12-country FIVB World Cup, is inching closer to receiving a ticket to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Last week, Team USA improved to 8-0 in the tournament with five victories including an upset of Brazil.

ABOUT WORLD CUP: The FIVB Volleyball World Cup 2007, held every four years in the preceding year to the Olympics, is the first of three Olympic qualification steps for Beijing 2008. The top three teams at the World Cup qualify for the 2008 Olympics. Teams not making the World Cup medal stand will have two other opportunities to qualify for the Olympics with continental qualification tournaments in December 2007 and the World Olympic Qualification Tournament in May 2008 at Japan. The 12-team World Cup field includes the five continental champions, the four best Continental vice-champions based on the 2007 FIVB World Ranking as of Jan. 15, 2007, host country Japan and the two wild cards (Poland and Dominican Republic) as chosen by the FIVB and Japan Volleyball Association. The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team earned its spot into the FIVB World Cup as the NORCECA Continental Championship silver medalist.



WORLD CUP FOURTH STAGE: All FIVB World Cup teams travel to Nagoya for the fourth and final World Cup stage. Two different venues will be in place with six teams at each site. USA, Brazil and Cuba will play a mini-round robin against Italy, Serbia and Japan at the Nagoya Nippongaishi Hall starting on Nov. 14. The U.S. faces Serbia on Nov. 14 at 4:35 p.m. local time (12:35 a.m. MT) to open the fourth round. Team USA challenges the host country Japan on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. local time (2 a.m. MT) and concludes the event against Italy on Nov. 16 at 3:05 p.m. local time (11:05 p.m. MT on Nov. 15).

FIVB WORLD CUP STANDINGS: After the third stage of the FIVB World Cup held in Japan, six teams remain in the hunt for the three available 2008 Olympic Games berths awarded at the conclusion of the event. Italy and USA are atop the standings with 8-0 records, while Brazil sits third with a 7-1 mark. Serbia, Japan and Cuba all hold 6-2 records. The nine matches played among the six medal contending teams in Nagoya will determine the three countries receiving the tickets to Beijing in 2008.

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Italy
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Kenya

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**U.S. Women's National Volleyball
Program At a Glance**

**2007 U.S. Women's National Team
NORCECA Championship**

- 1 - Ogonna Nnamani (OH, 6-1)
- 2 - Danielle Scott-Arruda (MB, 6-2)
- 3 - Tayyiba Haneef-Park (OH/OPP, 6-7)
- 4 - Lindsey Berg (S, 5-8)
- 5 - Stacy Sykora (L, 5-10)
- 6 - Logan Tom (OH, 6-1)
- 7 - Heather Bown (MB, 6-3)
- 9 - Jennifer Joines (MB, 6-3)
- 10 - Kim Glass (OH, 6-3)
- 11 - Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (S, 5-9)
- 15 - Nicole Davis (L, 5-6)
- 18 - Cassie Busse (Opp, 6-1)

USA World Cup Team Facts

Age

Minimum: 23.2
Average: 27.7
Maximum: 35.1

Height

Minimum: 5-6 (167 cm)
Average: 6-0 (184 cm)
Maximum: 6-7 (200 cm)

Spike

Minimum: 284 cm
Average: 307 cm
Maximum: 328

Block

Minimum: 266 cm
Average: 293 cm
Maximum: 312 cm

National Selections

Minimum: 14
Average: 137
Maximum: 339

**FIVB WORLD CUP
STANDINGS (as of 11/12/07)**

- 1. Italy 8-0 (1.501 point ratio)
- 2. USA 8-0 (1.196 point ratio)
- 3. Brazil 7-1 (1.393 point ratio)
- 4. Serbia 6-2 (1.122 point ratio)
- 5. Japan 6-2 (1.119 point ratio)
- 6. Cuba 6-2 (1.103 point ratio)
- 7. Poland 3-5 (1.047 point ratio)
- 8. Korea 2-6 (0.907 point ratio)
- 9. Dominican Republic 1-7 (0.818 point ratio)
- 10. Peru 1-7 (0.787 point ratio)
- 11. Thailand 0-8 (0.780 point ratio)
- 12. Kenya 0-8 (0.520 point ratio)

TEAM EFFORT: All 12 players on the U.S. roster for the FIVB World Cup have contributed to the success to date. Nine of the 10 non-libero players have started matches during the first eight contests. The reserves have also come into matches and made key contributions in their limited time on the court. Seven American players rank among the top 58 players in scoring during the event.

WORLD CUP SCORING LEADERS: Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) rank fifth and seventh, respectively, in scoring after the first eight matches of the FIVB World Cup. Haneef-Park has added 119 points with 105 kills, eight blocks and six aces. Tom has 115 points on 94 kills, 18 blocks and three aces. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) ranks 24th with 81 points on 56 kills, 21 blocks and four aces. The overall scoring leader is Dominican Republic's Bethania De La Cruz de Pena, who has 126 points.

SPIKE LEADERS: Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) ranks fourth overall in the Best Spiker category at the FIVB World Cup. She has converted 105 of her 220 attacks into kills for a 47.73 success percentage. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) ranks eighth with a 43.21 success percentage on 218 swings. Cuba's Yumilka Ruiz leads the tournament with a 51.49 success percentage as she has converted 104 of her 202 shots into kills.

STUFF CENTRAL: Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) has picked up 21 blocks as part of a 0.68 average for seventh place in the Best Blocker category. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) ranks ninth in the same category with 13 blocks for a 0.58 set average. Nancy Carrillo of Cuba leads the category with 1.00 blocks per set.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE: Despite starting just one match, Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) ranks ninth in the Best Server category with eight aces for a 0.26 set average. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) adds 0.19 aces per set for the U.S. Cuba has the top two players in the Best Servers race with Yanelis Santos averaging 0.59 aces and Nancy Carrillo adding 0.41 aces per set.

DIGGING FOR GOLD: Although she does not score points, U.S. libero Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) has been an instrumental part in the Americans winning their first eight matches at the World Cup. She is averaging 2.52 digs per set (78 digs) and ranks third in the Best Digger race. Davis also ranks 13th in the Best Receiver category with a 50.00 efficiency percentage, tops on the U.S. squad. Meanwhile, Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) has balanced her offense with defense to add 1.87 digs per set for 12th best at the World Cup. Japan's Yuko Sano paces the tournament with 3.07 digs per set.

SETTING SPLIT: With Lindsey Berg (Honolulu) and Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu) both getting plenty of time setting for Team USA, their overall ranking in the Best Setters race has been affected. Ah Mow-Santos averages 5.32 assists per set with 165 total assists, while Berg adds 121 assists for 3.90 per set. Japan's Yoshie Takeshita leads the tournament with a 9.90 average.

NATIONAL TEAM HOME PAGE: USA Volleyball has created an easy to navigate web home for the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team. The web site can be found at going to <http://www.usavolleyball.org/national/wnthome.asp>. The page will be updated frequently and new features added as available.

**FIVB Women's
World Rankings**

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|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Russia | 8. USA | 15. Chinese Taipei |
| 2. China | 9. Serbia | 16. Dominican Republic |
| 3. Brazil | 10. Poland | 17. Azerbaijan |
| 4. Italy | 11. Korea | 18T. Kenya |
| 5. Cuba | 12. Turkey | 18T. Peru |
| 6. Netherlands | 13. Germany | 20. Puerto Rico |
| 7. Japan | 14. Kazakhstan | |

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2007 FIVB World Cup Women's Schedule

First Round

(at Tokyo)

11/2: Serbia def. Korea, 3-0
11/2: Italy def. Thailand, 3-0
11/2: Japan def. Dominican Republic, 3-0
11/3: Serbia def. Thailand, 3-0
11/3: Italy def. Dominican Republic, 3-0
11/3: Japan def. Korea, 3-1
11/4: Dominican Republic def. Thailand, 3-2
11/4: Italy def. Korea, 3-0
11/4: Serbia def. Japan, 3-1

(at Hamamatsu)

11/2: Cuba def. Kenya, 3-0
11/2: USA def. Peru, 3-0
11/2: Brazil def. Poland, 3-0
11/3: USA def. Cuba, 3-2
11/3: Poland def. Peru, 3-0
11/3: Brazil def. Kenya, 3-0
11/4: Peru def. Kenya, 3-0
11/4: Brazil def. Cuba, 3-2
11/4: USA def. Poland, 3-1

Second Round

(at Osaka)

11/6: Italy def. Serbia, 3-2
11/6: Korea def. Dominican Republic, 3-1
11/6: Japan def. Thailand, 3-0
11/7: Korea def. Thailand, 3-0
11/7: Serbia def. Dominican Republic, 3-0
11/7: Italy def. Japan, 3-0

(at Sendai)

11/6: USA def. Kenya, 3-0
11/6: Cuba def. Poland, 3-2
11/6: Brazil def. Peru, 3-0
11/7: Poland def. Kenya, 3-0
11/7: Cuba def. Peru, 3-0
11/7: USA def. Brazil, 3-2

Third Round

(at Sapporo)

11/9: Italy def. Poland, 3-0
11/9: Serbia def. Kenya, 3-0
11/9: Japan def. Peru, 3-1
11/10: Italy def. Kenya, 3-0
11/10: Serbia def. Peru, 3-0
11/10: Japan def. Poland, 3-2
11/11: Italy def. Peru, 3-0
11/11: Poland def. Serbia, 3-2
11/11: Japan def. Kenya, 3-0

(at Kumamoto)

11/9: USA def. Dominican Republic, 3-1
11/9: Brazil def. Thailand, 3-0
11/9: Cuba def. Korea, 3-2
11/10: Cuba def. Dominican Republic, 3-1
11/10: USA def. Thailand, 3-1
11/10: Brazil def. Korea, 3-0
11/11: Cuba def. Thailand, 3-1
11/11: USA def. Korea, 3-0
11/11: Brazil def. Dominican Republic, 3-0

Fourth Round

(at Nagoya Site A)

11/14: Brazil vs. Italy, 2:05 p.m.
11/14: Serbia vs. USA, 4:35 p.m.
11/14: Japan vs. Cuba, 7:30 p.m.
11/15: Brazil vs. Serbia, 12:35 p.m.
11/15: Cuba vs. Italy, 3:05 p.m.
11/15: Japan vs. USA, 6 p.m.
11/16: Cuba vs. Serbia, 12:35 p.m.
11/16: Italy vs. USA, 3:05 p.m.
11/16: Japan vs. Brazil, 6 p.m.

(at Nagoya Site B)

11/14: Kenya vs. Thailand, 12:35 p.m.
11/14: Dominican Republic vs. Poland, 3:05 p.m.
11/14: Korea vs. Peru, 6:05 p.m.
11/15: Dominican Republic vs. Kenya, 12:35 p.m.
11/15: Peru vs. Thailand, 3:05 p.m.
11/15: Korea vs. Poland, 6:05 p.m.
11/16: Dominican Republic vs. Peru, 12:05 p.m.
11/16: Poland vs. Thailand, 2:35 p.m.
11/16: Kenya vs. Korea, 5:05 p.m.

TEAM USA WALLPAPER: USA Volleyball has made available a computer wallpaper of the 2007 U.S. Women's National Team, which includes all the current national team players and U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach 'Jenny' Lang Ping. The wallpaper can be downloaded at <http://www.usavolleyball.org/media/national/2007WNTWallpaper.jpg>.

TEAM USA SWEEPS KOREA: Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) tallied 17 points with 13 kills on 15 errorless attacks as the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team blanked Korea 25-21, 25-19, 25-23 Sunday afternoon on the eighth day of the FIVB World Cup at Kumamoto, Japan. Team USA went on a 5-2 run to break away from a 17-16 lead in the opening set to win 25-21. The U.S. opened up a 3-0 advantage in the second set and used a 4-0 run to widen the gap to 15-8 en route to winning 25-19. The Americans rallied from a 15-12 deficit in the third set and scored the final two points of the 25-23 victory. The final stanza involved 16 ties. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) scored all her 19 points on kills, while adding 14 excellent service receptions on 22 attempts. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) added 11 points. Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) led the U.S. in digs with 13, while adding seven excellent receptions on 16 attempts.



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U.S. BLOCKS THAILAND: The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team struggled early against 30th-ranked Thailand, but came back to block the upset bid with a 21-25, 25-19, 25-11, 25-13 victory Friday afternoon on the seventh day of the FIVB World Cup at Kumamoto, Japan. Thailand overcame an early 4-0 deficit in the opening set to win 25-21 as the U.S. committed seven errors in the frame. The U.S. came back from a 15-9 deficit in the second set to win 25-19, thanks to a 16-4 run to close out the frame. Team USA scored 10 out of 13 points to break free from a 6-4 score in the third set en route to winning 25-11 with five blocks. The Americans closed the comeback with a 25-13 victory in the fourth set as they used a 10-3 burst to break away from a 10-8 lead. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) tallied a team-high 17 points with 16 kills and a block. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) contributed 15 points with a match-high six blocks to go with nine kills. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) tacked on 14 points to go with six digs and eight excellent receptions on 17 attempts. Jennifer Joines (Milpitas, Calif.) provided Team USA with 13 points.

AMERICANS HOLD OFF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team, led by Logan Tom's (Salt Lake City, Utah) 18 points, downed NORCECA rival Dominican Republic 25-16, 20-25, 25-16, 25-18 Friday afternoon on the sixth day of the FIVB World Cup at Kumamoto, Japan. The U.S. opened up an 8-3 lead early in the first set and rolled to a 25-16 victory. Dominican Republic used a 7-2 scoring run to take a 21-17 lead in the second set and benefited from seven Team USA errors en route to a 25-20 win. The U.S. utilized an 8-2 run to break away from a 12-10 advantage to win the third set 25-16. Team USA built an 8-4 advantage in the fourth set on five early Dominican Republic errors, then cruised to a 25-18 victory. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) scored her 18 points on the strength of 15 kills and a team-high three blocks. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) added 10 kills, two blocks and an ace for 13 points. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) chipped in 11 points with nine kills on 13 shots.



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TEAM USA RALLY UPSETS BRAZIL: Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) scored 21 of her match-high 26 points in the final three sets as the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team rallied to upset Brazil 17-25, 16-25, 25-21, 25-23, 15-9 Wednesday evening on the fifth day of the FIVB World Cup at Sendai, Japan. Brazil won the opening two sets by a combined 50-33 score, but the tide turned as Haneef-Park fired on all cylinders the rest of the way. Brazil reached the opening set's first technical timeout leading 8-3 with three quick aces, then went on to win 25-17 as Team USA was unable to get closer than two points the rest of the period. Brazil used a 7-1 scoring run to break a 9-all tie in the second set and out-scored the U.S. 16-7 the rest of the frame for a 25-16 victory. Team USA used a 7-2 scoring run to come back from a 14-13 deficit to win the third set 25-21. The U.S. continued the momentum in the fourth set with an early 3-0 lead and used a 6-0 run to open up a 15-7 advantage, then held on for a 25-23 victory as Brazil saved three set points. Team USA took control of the tiebreaker set early with a 4-1 start and led 8-3 at the switchover en route to a 15-9 victory. Haneef-Park tallied her 26 points on 24 kills, one block and an ace. She connected on 51 percent of her attack attempts. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) finished with a dozen points on nine kills, two blocks, an ace and a team-high eight digs. Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.) added 11 points via eight kills, two blocks and an ace.

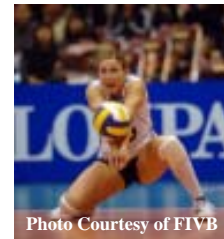


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U.S. OVERWHELMS KENYA: Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Jennifer Joines (Milpitas, Calif.) scored 10 points apiece as the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team overwhelmed Kenya 25-9, 25-20, 25-10 Tuesday afternoon on the fourth day of the FIVB World Cup at Sendai, Japan. The U.S. set the tone against Kenya early with a 9-1 lead in the opening set and finished out the 19-minute frame with a 25-9 victory that included five blocks. Using three new starters for set two, Team USA could not separate itself from Kenya until a 6-1 run broke a 19-all tie. The U.S. recorded four blocks and four aces in the third set as it scored 17 of the final 23 points of the match for a 25-10 third set victory. Joines, despite playing just two sets, scored double digit points with seven kills on eight errorless attacks and three blocks. Haneef-Park tallied eight kills and two aces for 10 points. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah), playing just the first two sets, and Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.) each added nine points on eight kills and a block. Bown tallied her eight kills on 11 errorless swings.



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FIVB World Cup Press Conference at Nagoya

TOKYO (Nov. 12, 2007) – The 12 Head Coaches of the FIVB Volleyball World Cup 2007 had their first press conference all together in Nagoya to launch the 4th and final Round of the competition. Three tough days of matches will decide the podium and the first three Olympic berths.

The 4th Round of the Women's World Cup 2007 will start Wednesday 14th November in Nagoya. Three days of competition, 18 matches overall, will take place in Nagoya: Nippon Gaishi Hall (Venue A) and Park Arena Komaki (Venue B). The event will end on the 16th with the last match: the first three teams in the ranking will go to Beijing.

COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACHES NAGOYA SITE A

Jose Roberto Guimaraes (Brazil)

We feel very happy and honoured to stay here with the other 11 teams in Nagoya. Now we are going to have a very hard time, but our team is totally recovered and in very good form. We are very fit and we are going to aim for a classification place within the top three to get a ticket for the Beijing Olympics. We had only one problem with Jaqueline in the game against the United States but now she is in shape. I think every match is important. We will have tough matches against Italy, Serbia and Japan last. It is difficult to answer how the teams will arrive at the end of the competition.

Antonio Perdomo (Cuba)

Our team has not yet given up hope of qualifying for the Olympic Games. We are facing three difficult games because all the teams are at a high level in the world. Our results will depend on how we play.

Massimo Barbolini (Italy)

We are starting the final round in a good position but we know that there are waiting for us three very difficult matches which will at the end decide our final ranking. So we will try to play these matches the best we can. There is no key match. We have to play every match like a final.

Shoichi Yanagimoto (Japan)

We are going to have the most difficult games in this round, but our team is in very good condition. I hope to display the best performance and play our best matches.

Zoran Terzic (Serbia)

From tomorrow starts the most difficult period in this tournament for us. Okay, we still have some chance to be in the first three at the end of the competition, but of course it will be very difficult because we play against very serious and very strong teams. We will try to do our best in those conditions. If we want to be in the first three teams we must win all three games, so the most difficult one for us is the next one.

“Jenny” Lang Ping (United States of America)

The last three matches are very important for us and also very difficult, but we will do our best as a team to reach our goal of qualifying for the Olympic Games. All three matches are very tough because we are going to face the top two from Europe (Italy and Serbia) and the Asian champions and host team Japan. We are going to take each match at a time.

COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACHES NAGOYA SITE B

Beato Miguel Cruz (Dominican Republic)

For the Dominican team, we've pretty much achieved our goal. It's been important for our young team to try and catch up with world-level teams as we have here. All the teams here are great teams. We have had difficult times, but we are here to get more experience and we are doing well.

Sammy Kirongo (Kenya)

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Japanese and the members of the FIVB for giving us such a good tournament. Kenya started against good teams and now we have three matches to go. We still have something to give and if things go well, it will be good for everybody. Thank you Japan and God bless you.

Jung-Chul Lee (Korea)

In this World Cup, we've been happy to play strong teams at the world level and this is a great experience for our players. We have faced eight teams, but in this round we will play to win and do our best. We will keep trying and practising hard and hope to grow into a world-level team.

Enio De Figueiredo (Peru)

For Peru, we are going into this round with high hopes and will have matches against South Korea, Thailand and the Dominican Republic. We have prepared better and our goal is still to be within 18th place in the world rankings.

Srisamutnak Nataphon (Thailand)

For this tournament, the World Cup has been quite a good experience for us because it is our first time. Our players have gained good experience from the games and from this experience we will be able to improve. For the next three matches we will continue to try our best and hope to improve our ranking. This experience will help us for sure and I hope we will gain more success.

Mauro Masacci (Poland)

For us, we will have three games with strong teams and hope to put on our best performance. We are sure we can leave with a good result and having improved in the world rankings.



NBC's Universal HD Broadcasts Team USA Matches at World Cup

NEW YORK (Nov. 1, 2007) - NBC Sports will present taped coverage of the U.S. Men's and Women's National Volleyball teams in the 2007 FIVB World Cup for the first time ever on Universal HD.

The FIVB World Cup is a 12-team event with a round-robin playing format of 11 matches in 15 days. Over the next month, UniHD will provide coverage of both round-robin tournaments from eight different cities across Japan. The women's competition begins Nov. 2 with the U.S. opening against Peru and the match will air on Nov. 12. The men's competition starts Nov. 18 as the Americans face a top-ranked Brazil, which will air on Nov. 28. "Best of" matches are slated on both the men's and women's broadcast schedules to show the best U.S. matches of the tournament. A complete schedule can be found at the end of this release.



"NBC's broadcasts on Universal HD will provide exciting exposures for our national teams," USA Volleyball Chief Executive Officer Doug Beal said. "We are delighted with NBC for selecting the World Cup to showcase volleyball. Hopefully, it will lead to additional television exposure of our sport."

The FIVB World Cup is held every four years in the year preceding the Summer Olympics and is the first of three qualifying steps in indoor volleyball for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Universal HD, an NBC Universal Cable network, launched in fourth quarter 2004, is currently available in systems reaching more than 55 million homes in 100% 1080i HD, 24/7. Universal HD is carried on DirecTV (Channel 74), Dish TV (Channel 9427), EchoStar, Comcast, TimeWarner, NCTC, Cox, Charter, Cablevision, Mediacom, cable one, Insight, Verizon, ATT/SBC and some independent outlets.

Paul Sunderland will handle the play-by-play for the matches, while Kevin Barnett will carry out the color commentary for the tournament. Sunderland earned a gold medal while playing on the 1984 U.S. Olympic Team, while Barnett is a two-time Olympian playing for Team USA at Sydney in 2000 and Athens in 2004.

During this tournament, the U.S. Women's National Team looks to improve upon its 2003 World Cup bronze-medal finish. Team USA has eight Olympians on the 2007 FIVB World Cup roster including veteran players Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.). The roster was bolstered by the return of Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) and Stacy Sykora (Burlington, Texas), both two-time Olympians, after nearly three years absence from the squad. The U.S. Women's National Team Press Kit (<http://www.usavolleyball.org/media/national/07WorldCupPressKit-W.pdf>) offers additional information on the squad.

The U.S. Men's National Team is ranked fifth in the world and has medaled in every tournament it has competed in this year. It is coming off of gold-medal performances at both the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship and the Americas' Cup. The U.S. Men's Team has medal in every tournament it has entered this season, including a third-place showing at the FIVB World League. Lloy Ball (Woodburn, Ind.), named most valuable player at the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship, returned to the team after a two-year absence and will look to compete in his fourth Olympics, while the team's emotional leader Ryan Millar (Palmdale, Calif.) hopes to qualify for his third Olympics.

"Both teams have enjoyed great years and we look forward to their drives for Olympic berths with this important qualifying event," Beal said.

UniHD Broadcast Schedule at FIVB Volleyball World Cup:

Broadcast Air Date (Play Date): Match Opponents, Broadcast Time

Nov. 12 (Nov. 2): USA Women vs. Peru, 6-8 p.m. ET
Nov. 13 (Nov. 3): USA Women vs. Cuba, 6-8 p.m. ET
Nov. 14 (Nov. 4): USA Women vs. Poland, 6-8 p.m. ET
Nov. 15 (Nov. 6): USA Women vs. Kenya, 6-8 p.m.
Nov. 16 (Nov. 7): USA Women vs. Brazil, 6-8 p.m.
Nov. 19 (Nov. 9): USA Women vs. Dominican Republic, 6-8 p.m.
Nov. 20 (Nov. 10): USA Women vs. Thailand, 6-8 p.m.
Nov. 21 (Nov. 11): USA Women vs. Korea, 6-8 p.m.
Nov. 22 (Nov. 14): USA Women vs. Serbia, 6-8 p.m.
Nov. 23 (Nov. 15): USA Women vs. Japan, 6-8 p.m.
Nov. 24 (TBA): "Best of" Matches, 4-6 a.m. ET
Nov. 25 (TBA): "Best of" Matches, 12-2 p.m. ET
Nov. 26 (TBA): "Best of" Matches, 6-8 p.m. ET
Nov. 27 (Nov. 16): USA Women vs. Italy, 6-8 p.m. ET

Nov. 28 (Nov. 18): USA Men vs. Brazil, 6-8 p.m. ET
Nov. 29 (Nov. 19): USA Men vs. Puerto Rico, 6-8 p.m. ET
Nov. 30 (Nov. 20): USA Men vs. Spain, 6-8 p.m. ET
Dec. 3 (Nov. 22): USA Men vs. Bulgaria, 6-8 p.m. ET
Dec. 4 (Nov. 23): USA Men vs. Egypt, 6-8 p.m. ET
Dec. 5 (Nov. 25): USA Men vs. Tunisia, 6-8 p.m. ET
Dec. 6 (Nov. 26): USA Men vs. Korea, 6-8 p.m. ET
Dec. 7 (Nov. 27): USA Men vs. Australia, 6-8 p.m. ET
Dec. 10 (Nov. 30): USA Men vs. Japan, 6-8 p.m. ET
Dec. 11 (Dec. 1): USA Men vs. Argentina, 6-8 p.m. ET
Dec. 12 (Dec. 2): USA Men vs. Russia, 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 15 (TBA): "Best of" Matches, TBA
Dec. 16 (TBA): "Best of" Matches, TBA

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2007 FIVB Women's World Cup Preview

The U.S. Women's National Volleyball team roster for the upcoming FIVB World Cup will have an Olympic feel as eight of the 12 players competed in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

Team USA departed Colorado Springs Oct. 26 for Japan and the World Cup, which is a 12-team round robin event staged Nov. 2-16 in various Japanese cities.

The FIVB World Cup, held every four years in the preceding year to the Olympics, is the first of three Olympic qualification steps for Beijing 2008. The top three teams at the World Cup qualify for the 2008 Olympics. Teams not making the World Cup medal stand will have two other opportunities to qualify for the Olympics with continental qualification tournaments in December 2007 and the World Olympic Qualification Tournament in May 2008 at Japan.

In final preparations for the World Cup, the U.S. Women's National Team will train with Toyota Queenseis Volleyball Club, which is part of the Japanese V League. Team USA will work out with Toyota Oct. 27-31 at Kariya, Japan, which is about 30 kilometers from Nagoya. The two teams will scrimmage on Oct. 30. After the training period with Toyota, Team USA will travel to nearby Hamamatsu for its first round matches that start on Nov. 2 against Peru.

The dozen players selected to represent Team USA closely resembles the 2004 Olympic team with eight carryovers. Middle blocker Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) will be making her fourth World Cup appearance as she attempts to match Tara Cross-Battle's USAV record of four Olympic appearances. Other key veterans include outside hitters Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) and libero Stacy Sykora (Burlington, Texas), who both are two-time Olympians that recently rejoined the indoor national team after nearly three years away from the program.

Setter Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu) and middle blocker Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.) are two-time Olympians that have made the 2007 World Cup roster. Other

Olympians include outside hitter/opposite Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.), setter Lindsey Berg (Honolulu) and outside hitter Ogonna Nnamani (Normal, Ill.).

Making their FIVB World Cup debuts are outside hitter Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.), middle blocker Jennifer Joines (Milpitas, Calif.), libero Nicole Davis



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2007 FIVB World Cup Tournament Field

- Brazil (South America champion, #3 FIVB)
- Italy (Europe champion, #4 FIVB)
- Cuba (NORCECA champion, #5 FIVB)
- Japan (host country, #7 FIVB)
- U.S.A. (NORCECA vice-champion, #8 FIVB)
- Serbia (Europe vice-champion, #9 FIVB)
- Poland (wild card, #10 FIVB)
- Korea (Asia championship: best after Thailand, #11 FIVB)
- Dominican Republic (wild card, #16 FIVB)
- Kenya (Africa champion, #18 FIVB)
- Peru (South America vice-champion, #18 FIVB)
- Thailand (Asia championship: best after Japan and China, #30 FIVB)

(Stockton, Calif.) and opposite Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.).

The U.S. will have a balanced offensive attack with several different players that can step up when called upon. Haneef-Park has scored the most points for the U.S. this season while playing either the outside hitter or opposite position. She averages 3.52 points per set while providing a 3.20 kill average on a .398 attack percentage. Scott-Arruda, who has played all but one tournament this season, has contributed 3.10 points per set that includes a 0.75 block average and .386 hitting percentage. Bown has attacked at a .450 percentage in two tournaments this season with averages of 2.94 points and 0.91 blocks per set.

Nnamani has added 3.40 points per set in the last two tournaments. Glass, with just one international tournament to her credit, averaged 3.39 points per set at the FIVB World Grand Prix in August 2007. Busse, the only player to have made all five tournament rosters in 2007, has chalked up 140 points for the U.S. Joines has played a key role in the middle at various times with 2.16 points per set.

Davis has patrolled the libero position at the 2007 FIVB World Grand Prix and the NORCECA Continental Championship. Ah Mow-Santos has started at setter in three of the four tournaments the U.S. has entered this season, while Berg played a key role at the NORCECA Continental Championship.

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The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team opens the 2007 FIVB World Cup played in Japan on Nov. 2 against Peru at Hamamatsu, then concludes the 11-match, 15-day tournament against Italy on Nov. 16 at Nagoya.

The 12-team World Cup field includes the five continental champions, the four best Continental vice-champions based on the 2007 FIVB World Ranking as of Jan. 15, 2007, host country Japan and the two wild cards as chosen by the FIVB and Japan Volleyball Association. The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team earned its spot into the FIVB World Cup as the NORCECA Continental Championship silver medalist.

In addition to Team USA, the tournament field includes host Japan, Brazil, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Italy, Kenya, Korea, Peru, Poland, Serbia and Thailand. Each team plays all 11 other teams in a round-robin format in four different stages.

After the tournament opener against Peru, the U.S. faces NORCECA rival Cuba on Nov. 3 and Poland on Nov. 4 in the first stage at Hamamatsu. After two days off, Team USA plays Kenya on Nov. 6 and Brazil on Nov. 7 at Sendai. During the third round at Kumamoto, the Americans challenge Dominican Republic on Nov. 9, Thailand on Nov. 10 and Korea on Nov. 11. The U.S. concludes the tournament at Nagoya against Serbia on Nov. 14, host Japan on Nov. 15 and Italy on Nov. 16.

"Our team has been improving a lot this year, and we just finished a great tournament at NORCECA Championship," U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Lang Ping said.

But to succeed at the FIVB World Cup, Lang Ping realizes the team must stay healthy and perform at a consistent level.

"It will depend how a team performs for all those 11 matches," Lang Ping said. "It is pretty tough. Teams need to be able to play consistently and not have a roller-coaster of results."

China, ranked second in the world by the FIVB and winner of the most recent World Cup in 2003, is not eligible to compete in the FIVB World Cup as it has already secured its spot into the 2008 Olympics as the host country. In addition, top-ranked Russia did not receive a World Cup wild card bid after failing to finish among the top two in its qualification tournament.



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USA at FIVB World Cup

First Round

(at Hamamatsu)

11/2: Peru vs. USA, 4:05 p.m.
11/3: Cuba vs. USA, 12:35 p.m.
11/4: USA vs. Poland, 6:05 p.m.

Second Round

(at Sendai)

11/6: Kenya vs. USA, 12:35 p.m.
11/7: USA vs. Brazil, 6:05 p.m.

Third Round

(at Kumamoto)

11/9: Dominican Republic vs. USA, 3:05 p.m.
11/10: Thailand vs. USA, 3:05 p.m.
11/11: Korea vs. USA, 3:05 p.m.

Fourth Round

(at Nagoya Site A)

11/14: Serbia vs. USA, 4:35 p.m.
11/15: Japan vs. USA, 6 p.m.
11/16: Italy vs. USA, 3:05 p.m.

"I think the tournament is very strong, even without Russia, if we want to qualify for the top three," Lang Ping said. "There will be lots of difficult matches. As being ranked number eight, we have nothing to lose. With rally scoring, anything can happen. There is an equal opportunity for the teams to finish in the top three. I don't think anybody can for sure say they will qualify for the Olympics in the top three positions at this tournament. For instance, World Grand Prix champion Netherlands and top-ranked Russia did not even qualify. Anything can happen with this system."

The pre-World Cup training segment serves several purposes as the U.S. attempts to reach the medal stand and gain Olympic qualification for 2008. Team USA, which trains at an elevation of over 6,100 feet in Colorado Springs, can acclimate to sea level while working out with Toyota in Kariya. At altitude, serves travel further than at sea level and affects the serve-receive game. Second, the squad is able to familiarize itself with the time change.

Sue Woodstra, an assistant coach for the U.S. Women's National Team, played under current Toyota Head Coach Nobuchika Kuzuwa while the two were part of the NEC team from 1984-1988.



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2007 Team USA Season Review

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

Among the crafted storylines this season include:

- Circling the globe in pursuit of maximizing the roster's potential. By the time the World Cup begins on Nov. 2, Team USA will have competed in different different countries on four continents. Opposite Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.) has logged the most frequent flyer miles by being the only player to compete in every tournament in 2007.
- Veterans Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) providing veteran leadership and consistent scoring in two of three tournaments. Haneef-Park switched positions to opposite, her 2004 Olympics position, for the FIVB World Grand Prix.
- A crowded setter spot with the return of Lindsey Berg (Honolulu) to the team after nearly a year hiatus to help the setting chores. Captain Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu) set for the U.S. at two of three tournaments. Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.), less than a year out of college, helped U.S. to a bronze medal at the Pan American Games. Thompson was one of only two players to compete in the first three summer tournaments for Team USA. Further, Lindsey Hunter (Papillion, Neb.) started the first two matches at the Pan American Games.
- Emergence of Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) as an option at outside hitter in her first international competition at FIVB World Grand Prix.



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- Return of two-time Olympians Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) and Stacy Sykora (Burlington, Texas) after nearly three years away from the U.S. Women's National Indoor Team.
- College players Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.), Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.), Foluke Akinradewo (Plantation, Fla.) and Marcie Hampton (Gainesville, Fla.) providing glimpses what may not be too far off in the future for Team USA.
- Confidence gained by two victories over NORCECA rivals Cuba and Dominican Republic, along with a win over FIVB top-ranked Russia.

The U.S. claimed the silver medal at the NORCECA Continental Championship to earn a berth into the 2007 FIVB World Cup. Team USA swept Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico and Dominican Republic during pool play, then handled host Canada in three sets during the semifinals. Cuba outlasted the U.S. 22-25, 25-18, 19-25, 25-23, 18-16 to win the gold medal.

To reach this point in the season, U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach 'Jenny' Lang Ping elected to use a combination of veteran and young players at the season's first two events, the Pan American Cup held June 21-29 at Colima, Mexico, and the Pan American Games held July 14-19 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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

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

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

Lang Ping assembled a veteran roster for the FIVB World Grand Prix after evaluating the college players and relatively new players to the international scene. However, the U.S. Women's National Team faced a daunting task to qualify for the FIVB World Grand Prix Finals through three weekends of preliminary action in three distinct locations: Rzeszow, Poland; Khabarovsk, Russia; and Macau, China.

Team USA finished seventh at the conclusion of the three World Grand Prix preliminary round weekends with a 5-4 record, just out of qualification for the Finals Round. The American squad held destiny in its own hands up to the final day of preliminary matches, but lost to Netherlands in four sets in a match that guaranteed the winner a berth in the Final Round.

The U.S. started the Grand Prix with wins over Poland and Russia, the world's top-ranked team, at Poland. Both squads qualified for the six-team FIVB World Grand Prix Finals. During the second week of the tournament, the U.S. defeated NORCECA rival Cuba and Kazakhstan. After the first two weeks of preliminary action, Team USA had lost to just 2004 Olympic champion China and Russia in a rematch on its home court.

During the final preliminary weekend in Macau, the U.S. dropped a second three-set match to host China to put the Americans in a must-win situation the rest of the round. Team USA responded with a four-set win over Cuba, but failed to earn the finals berth after losing to Netherlands.

Based on the final win-loss records for the 12 countries competing in the FIVB World Grand Prix preliminary rounds, Team USA had the third toughest schedule. The U.S. faced a schedule that compiled 45 wins in the tournament. Chinese Taipei opponents cataloged 55 wins, thanks in part to three matches against Brazil and seven matches versus above .500 teams for the tournament. China played a tournament-high eight matches against teams with at least a .500 record for a total of 48 victories.



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2007 FIVB Women's World Cup Photo Roster



1
Ogonna Nnamani
Outside Hitter * 6-1
Normal, Illinois



2
Danielle Scott-Arruda
Middle Blocker * 6-2
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



3
Tayyiba Haneef-Park
Opposite/Outside Hitter * 6-7
Laguna Hills, California



4
Lindsey Berg
Setter * 5-8
Honolulu, Hawai'i



5
Stacy Sykora
Libero * 5-11
Burlson, Texas



6
Logan Tom
Outside Hitter * 6-1
Salt Lake City, Utah



7
Heather Bown
Middle Blocker * 6-3
Yorba Linda, California



9
Jennifer Joines
Middle Blocker * 6-3
Milpitas, California



10
Kim Glass
Outside Hitter * 6-3
Lancaster, Pennsylvania



11
Robyn Ah Mow-Santos
Setter * 5-9
Honolulu, Hawai'i



15
Nicole Davis
Libero * 5-6
Stockton, California



18
Cassie Busse
Opposite * 6-1
Prior Lake, Minnesota



"Jenny" Lang Ping
Head Coach



Sue Woodstra
Assistant Coach



Tom Hogan
Assistant Coach



Diane French
Technical Coordinator



#11

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos

Setter * 5-9

Honolulu, Hawai'i

College: Hawai'i

Birth Date: Sept. 15, 1975

Joined Team: January 1999

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2007** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place)...World Grand Prix (Eighth Place)...NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). **2006** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place)...World Championships (Ninth Place). **2005** – Front Range Tour vs. Brazil...Montreux Volley Masters...World Grand Prix...NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)...World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** – Yeltsin Cup...Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)...World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)...Olympic Games. **2003** – NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)...Texas Tour...World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2002** – Utah Tour...World Grand Prix. **2001** – Montreux Volley Masters...World Championships Qualifying (Gold Medal)...World Grand Prix (Gold Medal)...NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)...World Grand Champions Cup. **2000** – Australia Tour...BCV Volley Masters...Brazil Trip...Grand Prix...Japan Tour...Olympic Games...NIKE Americas' Volleyball Challenge...Russia Trip. **1999** – Australia Trip...NORCECA Championship...World Cup.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** – Led a youthful squad to a .272 team attack percentage at the Pan American Cup, including a 5-0 record in pool play...Finished the World Grand Prix as the third-leading setter through the preliminary round with 8.61 assists per set. Distributed the ball so that six different players averaged at least two points per set at the World Grand Prix...Started all five matches at setter during the NORCECA Championship leading to a silver medal...Contributed 44 assists, seven aces and two kills on two attacks at the NORCECA Championship...Recorded season-high of five aces and six points against Mexico on Sept. 18. **2006** - Named "Best Setter" of the Pan American Cup...Had 117 running sets and 451 still sets with just two faults in 570 total attempts during the tournament...Finished the World Championships fourth in the Best Setter category after achieving 323 assists on 1,008 attempts for a 7.51 assist per set average ... Led the U.S. to a .318 team attack percentage...Added five kills, 11 blocks, two aces and 75 digs in 43 sets during the World Championships. **2005** – Selected as a member of the USA Women's National Team that captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November...The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way...Earned a gold medal as Team USA won its third-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a five-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 11...The USA Women qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the win. Played professionally in Switzerland. **2004** – Made her second-straight Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece. She was a starter on a team that finished tied for fifth overall after losing to Brazil in the quarterfinals. **2003** – Returned to the lineup for the first time in more than one year on Sept. 15 when she started a match against Costa Rica at the NORCECA Zone Championships...Named "Best Setter" of the NORCECA Zone Championships as Team

USA qualified for the World Cup by winning the gold medal...Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece...Took time off to give birth to her first child, son Jordan, who was born in February 2003. **2002** – Played professionally for Metodo Minetti Vicenza in Italy's Serie A1. **2001** – Earned Most Valuable Player honors at the World Championship Qualification Tournament...Captured the Best Setter award at the NORCECA Zone Championships...Named the Best Setter at the World Grand Prix...Played professionally for Castelo de Maia in Portugal. **2000** – Played in four sets of the NIKE Americas' Volleyball Challenge, helping Team USA qualify for the 2000 Sydney Olympics...Set in 12 sets on the Russia Trip, posting 11 digs, four blocks, two aces and a kill...Set Team USA to a five-set victory over Japan in Colorado Springs...Played in 10 sets of the Japan Tour, recording eight blocks, seven digs and four kills...Set the team to victories over No. 4 China, No. 5 Korea and No. 7 Japan at the Grand Prix...Led the team to a .263 hitting percentage and a fourth-place finish at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, starting all seven matches. **1999** – Played in two games on the Australia Trip...Set in seven games at the NORCECA Championship, posting one kill, one ace and nine digs...Played in 13 sets at the World Cup, posting 28 digs, four kills and two aces.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Finished second on UH career list with 4,313 assists and ninth in career digs with 914...Helped the Wahine post a 66-4 overall record her final two seasons, including a 35-3 mark in 1995 in reaching the national championship match. **1996** – American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American...Asics/Volleyball Second-Team All-American...AVCA All-District 7...First-Team All-Western Athletic Conference...Posted eight matches with 50 or more assists, including a career-high 73 versus Texas...amassed 13 double-doubles (double figure assists and digs). **1995** – AVCA First-Team All-American...AVCA All-District 7...First-Team All-Big West...Big West Player of the Week...Hawaiian Airlines Wahine Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Team...Aston's Imua Challenge All-Tournament Team...Honolulu Quarterback Club's Female Sports Person of the Month. **1994** – Second-Team All-Big West...AVCA Second-Team All-West Region...Named UH's Best Defensive Player...Started the season as an outside hitter and switched to setter mid season. **1993** – All-Big West Freshman Team.

PERSONAL: Full name is Robyn Mokihana Ah Mow-Santos...Born Sept. 15, 1975, in Honolulu, Hawaii...Parents are Talmage and Lovina Ah Mow...Has two brothers (Kekoa and Tyson) and two sisters (Dara and Arlene)...Her husband's name is Niobel Rafael Santos and he was a member of the U.S. Armed

Forces who served in Iraq from February to November 2003...They have a son, Jordan Nohili Ah Mow Santos, who was born on Feb. 2, 2003...Graduated from the University of Hawai'i in 1996 with a degree in sociology...The person she admires most is her mother because "She's my best friend."





#4

Lindsey Berg

Setter * 5-8

Honolulu, Hawai'i

College: Minnesota

Birth Date: July 16, 1980

Joined Team: January 2003

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2007** – NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). **2006** – World Grand Prix (Seventh Place). **2005** – Front Range Tour vs. Brazil... Pan American Cup... World Grand Prix... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (gold medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (gold medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** – Yeltsin Cup... Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)... Pan American Cup (Silver Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... Olympic Games. **2003** – Montreux Volley Masters... Russia Tournament... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... Texas Tour... World Cup (Bronze Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** – Provided 37 assists in mainly a reserve role at the NORCECA Championship... Started the final three sets of the NORCECA Championship gold medal match against Cuba... Contributed four points, all aces, against Mexico on Sept. 18. **2006** – Named Best Setter during two of the three legs of the World Grand Prix (Macau and Bangkok)... Ranked as the second-best setter through the World Grand Prix Preliminary rounds... Averaged 9.59 assists per set (355 total assists) in the World Grand Prix... Helped U.S. to an overall .303 team attack percentage for the entire World Grand Prix. **2005** – Starting setter for the USA Women's National Team that captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November... The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way... Captured "Best Setter" honors and earned a gold medal as Team USA won its third-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a five-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 11... The USA Women qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the win... Also named "Best Setter" as she earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Women qualified for the 2006

World Championships... Named "Best Setter" at the Pan American Cup tournament in the Dominican Republic in June as the USA Women finished fourth and clinched a berth in the 2006 World Grand Prix. **2004** – Lindsey made her first Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece, as Team USA finished fifth overall... Earned "Best Setter" honors at the Pan American Cup in Mexico as Team USA earned a silver medal and a berth in the 2005 World Grand Prix. **2003** – Earned "Best Setter" honors at the Pan American Cup in Mexico after guiding the United States to a perfect 5-0 record and a berth in the 2004 World Grand Prix... Finished third in assists per set at the World Grand Prix in Italy with 11.42 assists per set... Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece... Played in a team-high 156 sets during the year as she saw action in all 44 matches... Led the team in total assists (1,093) and finished third on the team in digs (177).

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2002** – Helped lead the Minnesota Chill to the United States Professional Volleyball league championship... Berg earned Outstanding Server, Outstanding Setter and All-USPV honors for her efforts.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Berg was a three-time All-Big Ten selection at the University of Minnesota (1999, 2000, and 2001)... She finished her collegiate career in 2001 ranked third in the Big Ten in all-time assists (5,913).

PERSONAL: Born Lindsey Napela Berg on July 16, 1980 in Honolulu, Hawaii... Now calls Minneapolis, Minn., home... Parents are Dennis and Tina Berg... Also has a sister, Erin... Enjoys surfing and fashion design in her spare time... Her happiest moment in sports was winning the first-ever USPV championship in 2002... Graduated in December 2001 with a bachelor's degree in business/marketing.



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#7

Heather Bown

Middle Blocker * 6-3
Yorba Linda, California

College: Hawai'i

Birth Date: Nov. 29, 1978

Joined Team: January 2000

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2007** – World Grand Prix (Eighth)...NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). **2006** - Pan American Cup (Fourth Place). World Grand Prix (Seventh Place)...World Championships (Ninth Place). **2004** – Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)...World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)...Olympic Games (Fifth Place). **2003** – Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tournament...World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)...NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)...Texas Tour...World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2002** – Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tour...Utah Tour vs. Italy...World Grand Prix (sixth place)...Italy Tour...World Championships (Silver Medal). **2001** – Montreux Volley Masters...World Championships Qualifying (Gold Medal)...World Grand Prix (Gold Medal)...NORCECA (Gold Medal)...World Grand Prix Cup. **2000** – Australia Tour...BCV Volley Masters...Brazil Trip...Grand Prix...Japan Tour...Olympic Games (Fourth Place)...Russia Trip. **1999** – World University Games.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** – After a late return to the national team due to extended playoff season in the Italian Serie A League, struggled with injuries in FIVB World Grand Prix...Limited to 16 sets during the World Grand Prix, averaging 2.63 points and 0.88 blocks per set...Hit .308 in the World Grand Prix on 52 attacks, including a 15-point performance against Poland in the tournament opener on Aug. 3...Averaged 3.24 points per set and provided a .579 attack percentage (kills minus errors divided by attacks) at the NORCECA Championship. Contributed 0.94 blocks and 2.18 kills per set during the NORCECA Championship...Recorded 22 kills with 14 kills on 19 swings and seven blocks against Cuba in the NORCECA gold medal match on Sept. 22. **2006** – Turned in eight points in three sets versus Poland on May 26. ...Played in 26 sets during the Pan American cup netting 75 points...Led in scoring against Cuba (14) and Venezuela (13) in the Pan American Cup...Averaged 0.61 blocks per set in the tournament...Averaged 3.38 points per set and attacked at a .424 clip in nine matches at the World Grand Prix...Reached double-figure scoring in all nine matches...Tallied 21 points in a four-set victory over Dominican Republic on Aug. 27 and 20 points in a sweep of Thailand on Sept. 1...Hit .778 without an error on 18 swings versus Thailand on Sept. 1...Attacked at a .667 percentage on 12 errorless swings against China on Aug. 25, in addition to six blocks...Named Best Blocker and Best Server for Group D of the World Grand Prix with matches against China, Brazil and Dominican Republic...Selected as Best Blocker in the World Grand Prix Group H segment including matches against Thailand, Korea and Russia...Averaged 3.53 points, 2.60 kills, 0.74 blocks and 0.19 aces per set at the World Championships...Attacked at a .519 percentage during the World Championships with only 14 hitting errors on 189 attempts...Ranked 16th in the World Championship in points scored, fifth in blocking and 38th in serving. Despite not qualifying for the Best Spiker category due to lack of attempts (11 attacks short of qualification, or 15 percent of team's overall attacks), would have ranked first in the category with a 60.8 kill

percentage among players with a minimum of 75 attacks according to the FIVB statistics...Tallied a season-high 24 points with a .727 attack percentage against Germany on Nov. 12 ...Contributed eight blocks versus Netherlands on Nov. 1 as part of a 19-point match. **2005** – Heather did not compete with the USA National Team in order to go back to school to finish her degree. **2004** – Heather made her second-straight Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece, in August as Team USA finished in a tie for fifth place...Finished fifth on the team in scoring with 48 total points on 36 kills, eight blocks and four service aces. **2003** – Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece...Finished fourth on the team in scoring (119 points) and second on the team in blocking (28 blocks) during the World Cup...On the season she finished third on the team in total blocks with 67 (0.53 per set) and service aces (19) and fifth in total points (318). **2002** – Won a silver medal at the 2002 Women's Volleyball World Championships...Started all 11 matches at the World Championships and averaged 12 points per match...Finished third among all players in blocking at the World Championships with 34... Finished World Grand Prix pool play third in kill percentage (.500), sixth in blocks per set (0.72), eighth in scoring (111 points) and 11th in service aces per set (0.22) among all players in the tournament...Played professionally for Starfin Ravenna in Italy's Serie A1. **2001** – Earned the Best Attacker award at the NORCECA Zone Championships...Played professionally for Mirabilandia Teodora Ravenna in Italy's Serie A1. **2000** – Finished the year ranked second in hitting percentage (.312), aces (23) and blocks (67) among the starters...Played her first international match against top-ranked Russia, posting two kills in two sets played...Ended the Russia Trip with 10 kills, six digs and a block...Earned a starting spot during the Japan Tour, leading the team with 53 kills, 13 digs, six blocks and a .369 hitting percentage...Recorded 38 kills, 14 digs, five blocks and a .312 hitting percentage...Posted 22 kills and a .326 hitting percentage on the Brazil Trip...Second on the team in blocks (22), aces (6) and hitting percentage (.326) at the Olympic Games. **1999** – Starting middle blocker on the World University Games team that posted a 4-2 record.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: **1999** – American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American...Asics/Volleyball First-Team All-American...AVCA All-District 7...Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Player of the Year...Led the nation with 2.25 block per game...Posted 411 kills, 230 blocks and a .364 hitting percentage. **1998** – AVCA First-Team All-American...Asics/Volleyball Second-Team All-American...WAC Pacific Division Player of the Year...Helped the Wahine claim the WAC Tournament title with a dramatic five-set victory over BYU...Led



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the conference in hitting percentage (.389) and blocks (1.69). **1997** – At UC Santa Barbara...First-Team All-Big West...Ranked ninth in the country in hitting percentage with a .384 mark...Recorded 453 kills and 190 blocks. **1996** – All-Big-West Freshman Team...Played in each match and recorded 2.47 kills and 1.19 blocks per game.

PERSONAL: Born Heather Erin Bown on Nov. 29, 1978 in Orange, Calif. ...Now calls Yorba Linda, Calif., home...Parents are Rosemary and Skip Bown...Also has a sister, Alicia.



#18

Cassie Busse

Opposite * 6-1

Prior Lake, Minnesota

College: University of Minnesota

Birth Date: Jan. 15, 1982

Joined Team: October 2005

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2007** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place), Pan American Games (Bronze Medal), World Grand Prix (Eighth Place)...NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). **2006** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place), World Grand Prix (Seventh Place), World Championships (Ninth Place). **2005** –World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** – Charted 2.82 points per set during the Pan American Cup, including a 2.55 kill average...Reached double-figure points in four of the seven Pan American Cup matches, including an international career-high 15 points against Dominican Republic on June 23...Added 13 points versus Argentina on June 21...Totaled 27 points in starting all five matches at the Pan American Games...Tallied seven points in bronze medal match against Peru on July 19...Situational substitution in 19 sets of the World Grand Prix, totaling eight kills on 21 swings...Started all five matches at opposite for the U.S. during the NORCECA Championship...Averaged 2.69 points, 2.25 kills and 0.38 aces per set at the NORCECA Championship...Led Team USA in scoring versus Trinidad & Tobago with 13 points on Sept. 17, then tied for match-high honors with 11 points versus Mexico on Sept. 18. **2006** – Competed against Poland on May 26 at Chicago, tallying 11 points in three sets...Played a total of 13 sets in eight matches of the World Grand Prix...Tallied seven kills with a .417 attack percentage and an ace versus China on Aug. 25...Played in three sets during World Championships, recording a block against Kazakhstan on Oct. 31. **2005** – Selected as a member of the USA Women’s National Team that captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November...The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Busse gained national recognition in 2003-04 by receiving America Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-America honors and Big Ten Player of the Year honors...During the 2003 NCAA Tournament, she was named

the Pacific Region’s Most Outstanding Player and was named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team after recording 23 kills against the eventual national champion USC...Busse finished her career ranked sixth on the Minnesota kills list with 1,502...She became only the fourth player in school history to record over 600 kills, recording the fifth-highest total in school history at 614...Busse excelled both on and off the court as she became the first Minnesota volleyball player to receive First-Team Academic All-American honors...She also was given the Golddigger Award from the Minnesota Volleyball Booster Club, awarded to the player who demonstrates a positive attitude during competition and also helps promote a positive image for the University of Minnesota...Busse was one of two recipients of the Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor for the 2003-04 academic year. The Medal of Honor is the highest award bestowed upon a student-athlete in the Big Ten Conference...Each Big Ten school selects a senior student-athlete who represents the very best achievements in all areas: academic excellence, athletic achievement and leadership.

PERSONAL: Full name is Cassandra Lee Busse...Born in Shakopee, Minn...Parents are Jim and Nancy Busse...Has an older sister, Nicole, and a younger sister, Melissa...Earned a bachelor’s degree in Family Social Science in the spring of 2004 at the University of Minnesota...Enjoys horseback riding and hanging out with her friends and family in her spare time...Raised on an ostrich farm...Graduated in a high school class of six from Prior Lake Christian School in 2000...Did not know what a middle blocker was until her junior year of high school.



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#15

Nicole Davis

Libero * 5-6

Stockton, California

College: Southern California

Birth Date: April 24, 1982

Joined Team: January 2004

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2007** – World Grand Prix (Eighth Place)...NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). **2006** – World Grand Prix (Seventh Place)...World Championships (Ninth Place). **2005** – Front Range Tour vs. Brazil...Pan American Cup...World Grand Prix...FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)...NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)...World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** – Averaged 2.53 digs per set as the U.S. libero for all three preliminary rounds during the World Grand Prix...Turned in a team-high 21 digs versus China in three games on Aug. 4...Paced Team USA to a silver medal at the NORCECA Championship as the team’s libero...Averaged 3.00 digs per set for third best at the NORCECA Championship...Tallied 54 excellent service receptions on 84 attempts with only one error at the NORCECA Championship. **2006** – Played in four matches during seven-match tour of Italy March 22 to April 2 with USA National Training Team ... Played in two sets versus Poland on May 26...Libero for the final two weekends of the World Grand Prix...Ranked sixth in the Best Libero category in the World Grand Prix despite not playing the position the first three matches...Ranked 10th in World Grand Prix in digs with 1.30 per set (185 total digs)...Turned in 15 digs in 31 sets as a back-row specialist coming off the bench during the World Championships, handling 46 service receptions with a 41 positive percentage. **2005** – Split time with fellow libero Sarah Drury for the USA Women’s National Team that captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November...The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way...Earned a gold medal as Team USA won its third-straight NORCECA Continental Championship with a five-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 11...The USA Women qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the win...Also earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Women qualified for the 2006 World Championships.

RECENT PRO: Played for Fenerbahce Spor Klubu in Istanbul, Turkey during the 2007 season. She was the first foreign-born libero to play in the Turkish league and led her team to a second-place finish.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: **2003** – Davis concluded her stellar career with an incredible showing in the 2003 NCAA tournament...Davis, who averaged 4.2 digs per game during the regular season, averaged 5.2 digs per game during the postseason as the Trojans won their second-consecutive national championship and finished the year with a perfect 35-0 record...She recorded a career-high 31 digs twice during the season, including a four-set win over UCLA in the regional finals. **2002** – Davis proved to be one of the best liberos in the country by the end of her junior season as she helped guide USC to the 2002 NCAA championship...Played in all 32 matches and made 27 starts at libero (2002 marked the first season the libero position was used in collegiate volleyball)...Averaged a team-leading 3.44 digs per game and finished sixth in the Pac-10...Set a career-best mark with 24 digs in three matches (Oct. 4 at Stanford, Nov. 2 vs. Stanford and Nov. 26 vs. UC Santa Barbara)...Averaged 3.05 digs throughout the NCAA Championships, including 13 and 14 digs against Florida and Stanford in the semifinals and finals. **2001** – Davis played in all 29 matches and appeared in 99 games as a sophomore...She led the team and finished the season ranked ninth in the Pac-10 with 0.30 service aces per game...Also finished fourth on the team with 2.27 digs per game...Set a career high with 15 digs against Wisconsin (Sept. 2)...Tallied a kill against Hawai’i (Sept. 7) and Cal (Nov. 9)...Had a dominating performance at the service line when she recorded a career-best seven aces against Stanford (Oct. 12), a mark that ranks fifth among USC match records. **2000** – In her first season, Davis played in 44 games and appeared in 23 matches... She averaged 1.30 digs per game.

PERSONAL: Born Nicole Marie Davis on April 24, 1982 in Stockton, Calif...Parents are Randy and Barbara Davis...She also has a brother named Christopher...Her happiest moment(s) in sports were winning back-to-back NCAA Division I volleyball championships with USC in 2002 and 2003...The person she

admires most is her mother because of “the person she is, and has helped me become.”...Owns a black belt in karate...Favorite professional team is the New York Yankees of Major League Baseball...Favorite movie is “Dirty Dancing” and her favorite food is anything sweet...Enjoys watching football in her spare time.



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#10

Kim Glass

Outside Hitter * 6-3
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

College: Arizona

Birth Date: Aug. 18, 1984

Joined Team: May 2007

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2007 – World Grand Prix (Eighth Place).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2007 – Averaged 3.39 points per set at the FIVB World Grand Prix in her first international experience with the U.S. Women's National Team...Ranked 10th among all scorers at the World Grand Prix during the preliminary round...Attacked at a .346 percentage with 2.61 kills per set on 211 swings...Averaged 0.97 digs, 0.39 aces and 0.39 blocks during the World Grand Prix.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Glass, a three-time American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American and four-time All-Pac-10 pick, is Arizona's career leader in kills with 2,151 and ranks third all-time in the Pac-10 in the same category. She averaged 5.27 kills, 2.84 digs, 0.70 blocks and 0.40 aces per game for the Wildcats. For her career, Glass had double-digit kills in 105 of her 115 matches played, along with 20 or more kills 54 times en route to a school-record 5.27 kills per game average. She holds the Arizona school record with 162 aces, and is third in career digs with 1,158. Glass provided 77 block solos, which ranks eighth all-time for the Wildcats. As a senior in 2005, Glass was selected AVCA All-America First-Team in leading Arizona to a fourth seed in the NCAA Tournament. She was tabbed AVCA All-America Second-Team and AVCA National Freshman of the Year in 2002. Glass was honored as a AVCA All-American Third Team as a sophomore in 2003.

OTHER VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE: Glass is no stranger to international competition as she was a member of the U.S. Women's Junior National Team that competed in the 2001 FIVB World Junior Championships. She also participated on the U.S. Women's Junior National Team at the 2002 NORCECA Continental Women's Junior Championships. Glass played for Corozal in Puerto Rico's Super League. She led the league in kills during the regular season and led her team to the tournament semifinals.

PERSONAL: Born Kimberly Glass on Aug. 18, 1984, in Los Angeles, Calif....Parents are Sherman Glass and Kathryn Stoems...Has four siblings, brothers Darryl and Marcus Glass, and sisters Shalana and Shaynce Glass...Hobbies include poetry, bowling, shopping...Favorite foods are ribs and pancakes...Favorite book is The Magic of Thinking Big...Favorite movie is Coming to America...Admires her mother most.



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#3

Tayyiba Haneef-Park

Opposite/Outside Hitter * 6-7

Laguna Hills, California

College: Long Beach State

Birth Date: March 23, 1979

Joined Team: March 2001

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2007** – Pan American Games (Bronze Medal)... World Grand Prix (Eighth Place)... NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). **2006** – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place)... World Grand Prix (Seventh Place)... World Championships (Ninth Place). **2005** – Front Range Tour vs. Brazil... Montreux Volley Masters... World Grand Prix... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** – Yeltsin Cup... Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... Olympic Games. **2003** – Montreux Volley Masters... Russia Tournament... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... Texas Tour... World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2002** – Japan Tour... Montreux Volley Masters... Russia Tour... Utah Tour vs. Italy... World Grand Prix (sixth place)... Italy Tour... World Championships (Silver Medal). **2001** – Montreux Volley Masters... World Championship Qualifying Tournament.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** – Averaged a team-leading 4.06 points per set during the Pan American Games while accumulating 51 kills, nine aces, five blocks and 42 digs (2.63 per set)... Selected as the Best Server of the Pan American Games with a 0.56 service ace average... Tallied four double-digit point matches at Pan American Games including 18 against Puerto Rico on July 15, 15 points versus Peru on July 19 in bronze medal match... Played all 36 sets at the opposite position during the FIVB World Grand Prix, finishing the preliminary rounds as the tournament's second leading scorer with 146 points... Averaged 4.06 points and 3.67 kills per set while hitting .320 for the tournament... Led the U.S. in scoring in five of nine matches during the World Grand Prix, including a season-high 22 points in a three-set upset of top-ranked Russia on Aug. 4... Contributed 2.00 points per set during the NORCECA Championship despite being injured... Hit .370 with 22 kills in 12 sets at the NORCECA Championship. **2006** - Played in every game of the Pan American Cup in June and July... Scored 75 points in the tournament... Averaged 3.76 points per set during the World Grand Prix... Led the U.S. in scoring in three of the first four matches of the World Grand Prix. Tallied 24 points versus Dominican Republic on Aug. 16, 22 points versus China on Aug. 25 and 19 points against Italy on Aug. 18... Scored 155 points in 43 sets, including 143 kills, three aces and nine blocks... Averaged 3.60 points, 3.33 kills and 1.33 digs per set... Ranked 16th among all World Championship players in points scored... Scored 20 points versus Netherlands on Nov. 1... Led U.S. in scoring during the World Championships in four matches. **2005** – Tayyiba Haneef emerged as a force to be reckoned with on the left side after she made the switch from opposite to outside hitter early in the year... With Athens outside hitters Logan Tom, Keba Phipps, Tara Cross-Battle and Ogonna Nnamani all absent from the National Team for a variety of reasons (beach volleyball, retirement and illness), Haneef made the move to the left and soon became a factor in her new position... Tayyiba played a key role as the USA

Women captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November... The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way... She scored a match-high 21 points in a four-set win over Poland on Nov. 18 and finished seventh among all players in total points with 70 points on 62 kills, four blocks and four aces... Tayyiba was named the "Best Scorer" at the NORCECA Continental Championships following the Americans' stunning five-set win over Cuba in the gold medal match on Sept. 11 that earned Team USA a trip to the upcoming Grand Champions Cup in Japan... She was also the team's leading scorer in eight of the 26 matches she played in this season... Also earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Women qualified for the 2006 World Championships. **2004** – Tayyiba made her first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece... She was a starter on a team that finished tied for fifth overall after losing to Brazil in the quarterfinals... She finished 11th overall among all players in scoring with 96 points on 84 kills, six blocks and six aces... Pounded Cuba for a national-team record 41 points on 38 kills, two service aces and one block in a five-set loss at the Yeltsin Cup on April 23. Her 38 kills and 87 swings were also records. **2003** – Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece... Finished fifth on the team in scoring at the World Cup with 101 total points on 93 kills, six blocks and two service aces... For the season she finished fourth on the team in total kills (277) and sixth in total points (312)... She also added 108 digs, 25 blocks and 11 aces. **2002** – Won a silver medal at the 2002 Women's Volleyball World Championships... Started all 11 matches at the World Championships and averaged 10.3 points per match... Saw extensive action on the Japan Tour with the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Training Team... Led the Training Team with 86 kills. **2001** – Saw limited action in six matches early in the 2001 summer season, competing in the BCV Volley Masters in Montreux, Switzerland, and in the World Championship Qualification Tournament in San Juan, Puerto Rico... Recorded 13 kills in 19 sets and posted a hitting percentage of .269... Also trained with the U.S. Women's National Volleyball A2 team in 1998, 1999 and 2001.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America first team in 2001 after leading Long Beach State in kills per game (5.03) as a senior... Guided Long Beach State to a 33-1 record and a runner-up finish at the 2001 NCAA championships... Three-time All-Big West Conference first-team selection... Posted a hitting percentage of .406 and also averaged 2.31 digs and 0.73 blocks per game as a senior... Was also a three-time All-American high jumper at Long Beach State... Competed at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, finishing 10th with a jump of 5-10 ¾.

PERSONAL: Born Tayyiba Mumtaz Haneef on March 23, 1979 in Upland, Calif... Now resides in Laguna Hills, Calif... Parents are Mobarik and Patricia Haneef... Graduated in May 2001 with a degree in communication studies... Cousin Tari Phillips plays center for the New York Liberty of the Women's National Basketball Association.



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#9

Jennifer Joines

Middle Blocker * 6-3

Milpitas, California

College: Pacific

Birth Date: Nov. 23, 1982

Joined Team: June 2001

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2007 – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place)... World Grand Prix (Eighth Place)... NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). 2006 – Pan American Cup (Fourth Place)... World Grand Prix (Seventh Place)... World Championships (Ninth Place). 2005 – Front Range Tour vs. Brazil... Pan American Cup... World Grand Prix... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Continental Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup. 2003 – Pan American Games (Bronze Medal). 2002 – Pan American Cup (training team).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2007 – Averaged 2.40 points per set during Pan American Cup and only non-libero to play in all 25 sets... Produced 15 points, including international career-high five blocks, versus Dominican Republic on June 29... Started seven of nine matches at World Grand Prix, averaging 1.70 points per set... Attacked at a .411 clip during the World Grand Prix on 56 swings... Averaged 2.86 points per set mainly as a reserve at the NORCECA Championship... Charted 16 points with nine kills, four aces and three blocks versus Cuba in the NORCECA gold medal match on Sept. 22. 2006 – Averaged 3.33 points in 24 sets over seven matches of a tour of Italy March 22 to April 2... Played one set versus Poland on May 26, recording one kill... Scored in every match of the Pan American Cup with 10 points against Venezuela and 13 points against Argentina... Scored 61 total points at Pan American Cup... Averaged 2.29 points per set during World Grand Prix, including 11-point matches against Dominican Republic on Aug. 16 and Brazil on Aug. 26... Produced four blocks in matches against Dominican Republic and Brazil... Played in 14 sets of the World Championships with eight individual set starts... Compiled 24 points on 18 kills and six blocks, including a personal tournament high 10 points coming off the bench against Kazakhstan on Oct. 31. 2005 – Selected as a member of the USA Women’s National Team that captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November... The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way... Earned a gold medal as Team USA won its third-straight

NORCECA Continental Championship with a five-set victory over Cuba on Sept. 11... The USA Women qualified for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup with the win... Also earned a gold medal in August at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament as the USA Women qualified for the 2006 World Championships. 2003 – Earned a bronze medal as a member of the USA Women’s Pan American Games Team in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: 2003 – Capped her brilliant career by being selected as an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) First-Team All-American... Became the first four-time All-American in school history... Also captured Big West Conference Player of the Year honors... Named First-Team All-Big West Conference for the fourth-straight season... Recorded a .340 hitting percentage with 5.63 kills, 2.09 digs and 1.20 blocks per game as a senior. 2002 – Earned American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Second-Team All-America honors for the second-straight year... Also earned First-Team All-Big West Conference honors for the third-straight season... Averaged 4.99 kills and 1.32 blocks per game... Finished her junior season third in the Pacific career record book in kills (1,501) and seventh in total blocks (486). 2001 – AVCA Second Team All-American... Third Team ASICS/Volleyball Magazine All-American... Led the Tigers and Big West with 601 kills, 4.73 kills per game and a .313 hitting percentage... Big West All-Conference Team... AVCA All-West Team for second year. 2000 – AVCA Second-Team All-American... Volleyball Magazine Honorable Mention All-American... AVCA All-West Team and District Freshman of the Year... Broke 15-year old record for single-season hitting percentage at .402... Named Big West Freshman of the Year and

First Team All-Big West... Named Big West Player of the Week twice (Oct. 9 and Nov. 20)... Had career-high 21 kills and nine digs against UCLA on Dec. 8.



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PERSONAL: Born Jennifer Claire Joines on Nov. 23, 1982, in Santa Clara, Calif.... Parents are David and Jody Joines... Has a younger brother, John... Majored in communications and business at Pacific... Enjoys music, singing and dance.



#1

Ogonna Nnamani

Outside Hitter * 6-1

Normal, Illinois

College: Stanford

Birth Date: July 29, 1983

Joined Team: May 2002

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2007** – World Grand Prix (Eighth Place)...NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). **2006** – World Grand Prix (Seventh Place). **2004** – Yeltsin Cup...Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)...Pan American Cup (Silver Medal)...World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)...Olympic Games. **2003** – Pan American Games (Bronze Medal).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** – Averaged 2.39 points and 2.06 kills per set during the World Grand Prix, including a 13-point performance versus Cuba on Aug. 10...Led Team USA in scoring at NORCECA Championship with 76 points, including averages of 4.47 points, 3.53 kills, 0.59 blocks and 0.36 aces per set while hitting .389 on 131 attacks...Turned in a season-high 21 points (15 kills, 6 blocks) versus Cuba in the NORCECA gold medal match on Sept. 22...Contributed season-high 16 kills versus Canada in NORCECA semifinals on Sept. 21. **2006** – Injured first week of World Grand Prix and replaced on the roster for the remainder of the event. **2005** – Ogonna did not compete with the USA National Team due to illness. **2004** – Ogonna made her first-ever Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece...She was a reserve on a team that finished tied for fifth overall after losing to Brazil in the quarterfinals. **2003** – Earned a bronze medal as a member of the USA Women's National Training Team at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: **2004** – Ogonna capped an incredible career by leading Stanford University to the NCAA championship in December...Selected as the Most Outstanding Player of the final round after setting an NCAA record with 62 kills in the semifinal and final matches, combined...Her 823 kills set both Pacific-10 Conference and school records and ranks seventh in all-time NCAA competition...Named winner of the Honda-Broderick Cup, given annually to the Collegiate Women's Athlete of Year, on June 29, 2005...She holds the conference record for career kills (2,450) placing her sixth in all-time NCAA rankings...Ogonna, the 2004 Honda Award winner in volleyball, was named American

Volleyball Coaches Association co-Division I National Player of the Year and picked up her second-straight AVCA First-Team All-America honor in her final season...She was also an NCAA Today's Top VIII Award recipient and was tabbed ESPN The Magazine's Volleyball Academic All-American of the Year (University division). **2003** – Earned AVCA First-Team All-America honors to become a three-time All-American...Broke the school record for most kills in a single season in 2003 with 627, surpassing two-time AVCA Player of the Year Logan Tom (1999-2002)...Led the Cardinal to a 25-7 overall record, 14-4 in the Pac-10...Selected 2002 Third-Team CoSIDA Academic All-American and a First-Team All-Pac-10 selection. **2002** – Earned AVCA Second-Team All-America honors for the second straight season...Also named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament team as Stanford finished second at the NCAA championships behind USC...Excelled in the classroom as well as she earned third-team Verizon Academic All-American honors...Played in all 129 games (37 matches) for the Cardinal...Other honors included: Pacific Regional all-tournament; First-team Pacific All-Region; and First-team All-Pac-10 conference...Averaged 4.10 kills, 1.14 digs, 0.67 blocks and 4.59 points per game with a .331 hitting percentage on the year...Ranked in the top 10 in the conference in kills per game (4.10), hitting percentage (.331) and points per game (4.59)...Led the squad with 19 kills (19-1-33) while hitting .545 versus USC (12/21) in NCAA championship match. **2001** – ASICS/Volleyball Magazine Freshman of the Year...AVCA Second-Team All-American...NCAA Championship All-Tournament selection...Pacific All-Region Team...First-Team Pac-10 All-Freshman...Pacific Region Freshman of the Year...Pac-10 Freshman of the Year...Had double-digits in kills in 31 of 35 matches...Averaged 3.89 kills and 1.62 digs per game.

PERSONAL: Born Ogonna Nneka Nnamani on July 29, 1983 in Bloomington, Ill. ...Parents are Chika and Uzo Nnamani...Has one sister, Njideka (18) and two brothers, Nnaemeka (16) and Ikechi (12)...Majored in biology and chemistry at Stanford University...Enjoys listening to music and spending time with family and friends...Name is pronounced oh-GONE-uh nuh-MON-ee.



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#2

Danielle Scott-Arruda
Middle Blocker * 6-2
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
College: Long Beach State
Birth Date: Oct. 1, 1972
Joined Team: May 1994

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2007** – Pan American Games (Bronze Medal)... World Grand Prix (Eighth Place)... NORCECA Championship (Silver Medal). **2006** – World Grand Prix (Seventh Place)... World Championships (Ninth Place). **2005** – Front Range Tour vs. Brazil... Montreux Volley Masters... FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (Gold Medal)... NORCECA Championships (Gold Medal)... World Grand Champions Cup (Silver Medal). **2004** – Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... Olympic Games. **2003** – Montreux Volley Masters... Russia Tournament... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... Texas Tour... World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2002** – Utah Tour vs. Italy... World Grand Prix (sixth place)... Italy Tour... World Championships (Silver Medal). **2001** – World Championships Qualifying (first place)... World Grand Prix (first place)... NORCECA (first place)... World Grand Champions Cup. **2000** – BCV Volley Masters... Brazil Trip... Grand Prix... NIKE Americas' Volleyball Challenge... Olympic Games (Fourth Place). **1999** – Brazil Tour... Pan American Games... NORCECA Championship ... World Cup. **1996** – Grand Prix... Olympics. **1995** – Canada Cup... Grand Prix... Pan American Games... World Cup. **1994** – Goodwill Games... Grand Prix... World Championships. **1991** – Pan American Games.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2007** – Flag bearer for the U.S. delegation at the Pan American Games... Averaged 3.38 points and 1.00 digs per set at Pan American Games while attacking at a .342 clip... Started all 36 sets for Team USA at FIVB World Grand Prix, averaging 2.89 points, 2.11 kills and 0.69 blocks... Attacked at a .381 mark during the World Grand Prix on 155 swings... Averaged 3.31 points per set at the NORCECA Championship while attacking at a .453 percentage... Turned in 2.25 kills, 0.88 blocks and 0.19 aces per set at NORCECA Championship... Moved to outside hitter for the NORCECA gold medal match and provided 14 kills on 32 swings, three blocks and an ace. **2006** – Averaged 2.64 points per set in nine World Grand Prix matches, despite starting just four matches... Turned in five double-digit point performances in the Grand Prix, including 16 points in a three-set victory over Thailand on Sept. 1... Tallied 11 kills and four blocks for 15 points against China on Aug. 25... Compiled a .579 attack percentage for the World Grand Prix... Produced a .764 hitting percentage with 13 kills against Thailand on Sept. 1, followed by a .714 attack percentage with 10 kills on 14 swings against Russia on Sept. 3... Averaged 2.91 points, 2.31 kills, 0.51 blocks and 0.09 aces per set during 35 sets of action at the World Championships... Attacked at a .417 percentage during the World Championships. Produced 17 points against Netherlands on Nov. 1 and 16 points versus Turkey on Nov. 16 in the ninth-place match. **2005** – Danielle played a key role as the USA Women captured the silver medal at the season-ending FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November... The United States finished the tournament with a record of 4-1 as it earned wins over Korea, 2004 Olympic gold

medalist China, Poland and Japan along the way... She finished second among all players in total blocks (17) and blocks per set (1.06)... Danielle scored a match-high-tying 21 points as Team USA upset Cuba in five sets to win its third-straight NORCECA Championship gold medal on Sept. 11... Blasted 15 kills with four blocks and two aces as the Americans finished the tournament with a record of 5-1... Played professionally for Pallavolo Chieri in Italy. **2004** – Made her third-straight Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece, as the USA Women finished tied for fifth overall after losing to Brazil in the tournament quarterfinals... Finished tied for first on the team in total blocks in Athens with 15 and tied for seventh among all players. **2003** – Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece... Finished first on the team and eighth among all players with 152 total points in 11 matches (110 kills, 40 blocks, 2 aces) as the United States went 8-3... On the season Scott played in 128 of a possible 163 sets and finished first on the team in blocks (89) and hitting percentage (.486)... Ranked second on the squad in total points (433) and points per set (3.38), third in total kills (326) and tied for fifth in service aces (18)... Named to the USA Volleyball 75th Anniversary Women's 1978-2003 All-Era Team in May... Played professionally for Pallavolo Chieri in Italy. **2002** – Won a silver medal at the 2002 Women's Volleyball World Championships... Started all 11 matches at the World Championships and averaged 10.6 points per match... Captured Best Blocker honors at the World Championships after leading all players with 38 total stuffs... Played professionally for the Pioneer Red Wings in Japan's V-League... Earned the league's Best Blocker honor for the past season. **2001** – Named Most Valuable Player of the World Grand Prix after earning Best Scorer

and Best Blocker awards... Played professionally for A.D.C. BCN in Brazil. **2000** – Finished the season as the team leader in kills (423), blocks (140) and hitting percentage (.347)... Earned the MVP honor at the NIKE Americas' Volleyball Challenge after posting 36 kills, 17 digs, 15 blocks and a .359 hitting percentage in 12 sets played... Sparked the team to an Olympic berth with nine stuff blocks in the championship match against Canada... Led the team in kills (60) and blocks (15) at the BCV Volley Masters... Posted a career-high 10 blocks versus Brazil... Led the team with 18 kills and eight blocks in a four-set upset of Brazil... Led the team in kills (133), blocks (37) and hitting percentage (.332) at the Grand Prix... Led the team and the Olympic Games in blocking with 33 stuffs... Added 101 kills, 32 digs, five aces and a .343 hitting percentage. **1999** – Led the team in total kills (92) and blocks (17) en route to a bronze medal at the Pan American Games... Posted a season high 24 kills on the Brazil Tour... Helped the team qualify for the World Cup with 46 kills and 13 blocks at the NORCECA Championship ... Her 39 blocks ranked among the top five at the World Cup ... Also posted 97 kills and seven aces. **1996** – Earned the starting middle blocker



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Scott-Arruda Bio Continued

position in the final two Olympic Games matches, leading the team in kills versus Germany for seventh place. **1995** – Helped Team USA claim the World Grand Prix title with victories over Cuba, Brazil and China. Saw extensive playing time off the bench. **1994** – Joined the team on a full-time basis in the summer of 1994, earning a spot on the roster for the Goodwill Games, Grand Prix and World Championships...Paced the team with 22 kills in a victory over Germany. **1991** – Member of Pan American Games.

RECENT PRO: Led Cimed Macae of Superliga Brazil to a fourth-place finish in 2007, advancing to league semifinals before losing to eventual league champion... Led all scorers and held the best attack percentage in the league. She also ranked among the top defensive players on her team playing front and back row.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: A three-time American Volleyball Coaches Association First-Team All-American...Finished career as all-time NCAA career hitting percentage leader (.421)...Posted 1,778 kills, 693 digs and 604 blocks in her career at Long Beach State...Earned All-Big West honors in basketball, becoming the first Big West student-athlete to earn all-conference accolades in two sports in one season. **1993** – Led the 49ers to the NCAA Championships...AVCA and *Volleyball Magazine* National Player of the Year...Honda Award recipient as nation's best female volleyball player... Big West Conference Player of the Year...Led the country in hitting percentage. **1992** – AVCA and *Volleyball Monthly* First-Team All-American...AVCA All-Northwest Region...Big West Conference Player of the Year ... Helped the 49ers reach the national semifinals ... Led the country in hitting percentage. **1991** – AVCA First-Team All-American. Asics/*Volleyball Monthly* Second-Team All-American... Helped the 49ers reach the NCAA Championship match.

PERSONAL: Born Danielle Racquel Scott on Oct. 1, 1972, in Baton Rouge, La...Parents are Charles Young and Vera Scott...She has one brother (Charles) and one sister (Stefanie)...Lists her mother and father as the people she admires most because they are "awesome role models"...Lists "The Color Purple" as her favorite movie and the Los Angeles Lakers as her favorite sports teams...Official Danielle Scott web site is www.Danielle-Scott.com.



#5

Stacy Sykora

Libero * 5-10

Burleson, Texas

College: Texas &M

Birth Date: June 24, 1977

Joined Team: December 1998

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2004** – Montreux Volley Masters (Silver Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... Olympic Games (Fifth Place). **2003** – Montreux Volley Masters... Russia Tournament... Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)... Texas Tour... World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2002** – Montreux Volley Masters... Russia Tour... Utah Tour vs. Italy... World Grand Prix (sixth place)... Italy Tour... World Championships (Silver Medal). **2001** – Montreux Volley Masters... World Championships Qualifying (first place)... World Grand Prix (first place)... NORCECA (first place)... World Grand Champions Cup. **2000** – BCV VolleyMasters... Grand Prix... Japan Tour... NIKE Americas' Volleyball Challenge... Olympic Games (fourth place)... Russia Trip. **1999** – Australia Trip... Brazil Tour... BCV Volley Masters... Japan Tour... NORCECA Championships... Pan American Games... World Cup.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2004** – Helped U.S. to silver medal at Montreux Volley Masters... Averaged 3.87 digs per set in leading Team USA to bronze at the World Grand Prix... Finished third in the Best Digger Category and fifth in Best Libero category at Grand Prix... Made second Olympic Games appearance as the Team USA libero. Earned Best Digger award at Olympic Games. **2003** – Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece... On the season she led the United States in digs (533) and digs per set (3.46)... Earned "Best Digger" honors at the Montreux Volley Masters. **2002** – Won a silver medal at the 2002 Women's Volleyball World Championships... One of the world's best at her position... Played professionally for Starfin Ravenna in Italy's Serie A1. **2001** – Earned the Best Libero award at the Montreux Volley Masters after dominating both the serve-receive and digging statistical categories... Named the Best Digger at the World Grand Prix... Earned the Best Receiver award NORCECA Championships... Captured the Best Digger award at the season-ending World Grand Champions Cup... Played professionally for Mirabilandia Teodora Ravenna in Italy's Serie A1. **2000** – Finished as the team leader in digs (553) for the second consecutive year... Named best Libero at the NIKE Americas' Volleyball Challenge, helping Team USA qualify for the 2000 Sydney Olympics... Averaged 4.5 digs per game on the Japan Tour... Led the team with 68 digs and a 2.42 passing average on the Russia Trip... Was the leading digger at the BCV Volley Masters with 43 digs... Named Best Receiver at the Grand Prix, where she led the team with 133 digs... Placed second at the Olympic Games with 123 digs, including a career-high 26 against Korea in the five-set quarterfinal victory... Posted her 1,000th career dig in the bronze-medal match against Brazil. **1999** – Saw her first international playing time on the Australia Trip... Named best receiver at the BCV Volley Masters, and placed third in digging... Sparked the Americans' defense on the Japan Tour, recording a career-high 22 digs in the June 30 match... Team's primary passer and defensive player on the bronze-medal winning Pan American Games

squad... Helped the Americans earn a three-match sweep of Brazil with 39 digs in 12 games... Tallied 53 digs en route to earning the best digger award at the NORCECA Championship... Recorded a team-high 153 digs at the World Cup... Recorded a team-high 456 digs.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: **1998** – American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Second-Team All-American... AVCA All-District 5... First-Team All-Big 12... Led the team in kills (4.74) and digs per game (4.37)... Finished the season ranked No. 9 in the country in digs per game... MVP of the All Sport Challenge. **1997** – AVCA Second-Team All-American... Asics/Volleyball Honorable Mention All-America... AVCA All-District 5... First-Team All-Big 12... MVP of the Georgia Invitational... Led the team and ranked second in the conference in digs per game (3.80). **1996** – AVCA All-District 5... Named team defensive player of the year... Led the Big 12 in digs per game with a 4.01 average... Set a school record with 24 digs in a three-game loss to Michigan State in the NCAA tournament... Posted a career-high 30 kills in a victory over nationally-ranked Loyola Marymount. **1995** – Saw action in 29-of-30 matches as a true freshman... Led the team in kills in four matches and in digs three times.

PERSONAL: Born Stacy Denise Sykora on June 24, 1977, in Fort Worth, Texas... Parents are Ed Sykora and Sherian Richards... Also has two older sisters: Kim and Keri Sykora... Graduated from Burleson High School (Texas) in 1995 and majored in sports management at Texas A&M... Three-sport athlete at Texas A&M as she participated in track (1995-96) and basketball (1996-97) in addition to volleyball... Won Southwest Conference heptathlon championship in 1996 while at Texas A&M... Hobbies include art and music with Dolly Parton being her favorite musical artist... Favorite movies are Dark Crystal and Beast Master... Favorite foods are sushi and Mexican... Favorite sport to watch is football and favorite team is Dallas Cowboys... Enjoys watching Cartoon Network... Admires Kerri Walsh most because she is an amazing player, but best of all, is an amazing and caring person... Happiest moment in life was making the national team and happiest moment in sports was defeating Korea in the 2000 Olympic Games.



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#6

Logan Tom

Outside Hitter * 6-1

Salt Lake City, Utah

College: Stanford University

Birth Date: May 25, 1981

Joined Team: January 2000

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: **2004** – World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)...Olympic Games. **2003** – Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tournament...Pan American Cup (Gold Medal)... World Grand Prix (Bronze Medal)... NORCECA Zone Championships (Gold Medal)...Texas Tour...World Cup (Bronze Medal). **2002** – Montreux Volley Masters...Russia Tour...Utah Tour vs. Italy...World Grand Prix (sixth place)...World Championships (Silver Medal). **2001** – Montreux Volley Masters...World Championships Qualifying (first place)...World Grand Prix (first place). **2000** – BCV Volley Masters...Brazil Trip...Grand Prix...Japan Tour...Olympic Games...Russia Trip. **1999** – Junior World Championships. **1998** – Dominican Republic Trip...Junior NORCECA World Championship Qualifier...NORCECA World Championship Qualifier. **1997** – Junior Brazil Trip...Junior Canada Tour.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: **2004** – Logan made her second-straight Olympic appearance in Athens, Greece, helping Team USA to a fifth-place finish...Named Most Valuable Player of the World Grand Prix after leading all players in scoring with 224 points in 13 matches (179 kills, 24 blocks and 21 service aces)...She also garnered “Best Server” accolades. **2003** – Helped the United States earn a bronze medal at the 2003 World Cup and a berth in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece...Finished second on the team and 14th overall with 138 total points in 11 matches (109 kills, 17 blocks, 12 aces) as the United States went 8-3...On the year she led Team USA in points (571), points per set (3.71), kills (432), and service aces (67)...Tom also ranked second in blocks (73) and digs (281)...Named “Best Receiver” at the Montreux Volley Masters and the Pan American Cup...Captured “Best Server” honors at the Yeltsin Cup Tournament in Russia...Played professionally for MRV/Minas in the Brazilian Superliga from January-April and is currently a member of Monte Schiavo Jesi in Italy. **2002** – Won a silver medal at the 2002 Women’s Volleyball World Championships...Started all 11 matches at the World Championships and averaged a team-leading 14 points per match...Finished sixth among all players in the world with 154 total points. **2001** – Played a big key as the women won the World Grand Prix for the first time since 1995...Posted 14 kills and two blocks in the championship match as the U.S. beat China, 3-1 (26-28, 25-20, 25-21, 25-11)...Had a team-high nine blocks as the women beat Russia, 3-2 (25-22, 28-26, 21-25, 25-27, 15-9), to advance to the championship match...Led the U.S. with 17 kills as it defeated Brazil in four games to advance to the semifinal round...Led the United States in scoring in each of its three wins as it qualified for the 2002 World Championships by sweeping the qualification tournament with wins over Mexico, Costa Rica and Puerto Rico. **2000** – Finished her first full year on the national team leading the team in aces (30) and finishing second in kills (396) and blocks (58)...Played like a veteran at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, posting 96 kills, 64 digs, 17 blocks and eight aces...Put down three of the last five points in the USA’s five-set victory over Korea in the quarterfinals...Second on the squad with 105 kills

and 70 digs at the World Grand Prix...Posted a team-leading 35 kills on the Australia Tour...Added 24 digs, five aces and four blocks...Led the team with 66 kills, 47 digs, eight blocks and five aces on the Russia Trip...In 16 sets on the Japan Tour had 47 kills, 33 digs, 13 blocks and four aces...Second on the squad with 38 kills on the Brazil Trip. **1999** – Led the team and ranked second in the tournament in scoring at the Women’s Junior World Championships. **1998** – Played with the national team at the NORCECA World Championship Qualifier and the Dominican Republic Tour...Also led the junior team to the NORCECA World Championship Qualifier title. **1997** – Played in her first international competition with the junior national team on the Brazil Trip.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Attended Stanford University 1999-2002 and is one of only three players ever to earn American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America First-Team all four years. **2002** – Named AVCA National Player of the Year for the second straight year and earned first-team AVCA All-America honors for the fourth straight year en route to guiding Stanford University to the NCAA Division I national championship match, where the Cardinal lost to USC, 3-1...Captured Pac-10 Player of the Year honors for the second straight year and first-team All-Pac-10 honors for the fourth straight season...Won the Honda Award as the top female collegiate athlete in volleyball this past season. **2001** – Named AVCA National Player of the Year and earned first-team AVCA All-America honors for the third straight year en route to guiding Stanford University to the NCAA Division I national championship with a 3-0 sweep of previously top-ranked Long Beach State...Also named Asics/Volleyball Magazine National Player of the Year as Stanford finished with a team-record tying 33 wins. Led the Cardinal in kills (621, a school record), kills per game (5.09), digs (426) and service aces (66) and finished third in total blocks (112)...Captured the Honda Award as the top female collegiate athlete in volleyball this season. **2000** – Returned to Stanford on Oct. 10 after competing for the United States as a member of the Women’s National Volleyball Team at the Sydney Olympic Games...Despite playing in only 16 out of 31 matches, still led the team in kills (328), kills per game (5.86), digs per game (3.20) and service aces (23)...Earned AVCA first-team All-America honors for the second straight year. **1999** – Only the fourth freshman to earn AVCA First-Team All-America honors...Asics/Volleyball Second-Team All-American...Asics/Volleyball Freshman of the Year...First-Team All-Pac-10...Pac-10 Freshman of the Year...AVCA All-District 8...AVCA District 8 Freshman of the

Year...Helped the Cardinal reach the NCAA championship match with 438 kills, 254 digs, 86 blocks, 43 aces and a .324 attack percentage.

PERSONAL: Born Logan Maile Lei Tom on May 25, 1981 in Napa, Calif...Parents are Melvyn and Kristine Tom...Also has a brother named Landon...Majored in international relations at Stanford...Logan’s father Melvyn played in the National Football League as a defensive end with the Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears...Over the summer of 2003 she was selected as one of eight finalists for the Women’s Sports Foundation Sportswoman of the Year Award in the team category.



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2007 Team USA Coaching Staff



“Jenny” Lang Ping
Head Coach
USA Women’s National Team
Third Year (59-36)

“Jenny” Lang Ping of China, one of the most famous and respected individuals in the history of volleyball, begins her third year leading the U.S. women’s national team.

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

In her first year as head coach, Lang Ping guided the USA Women’s National Volleyball Team to a record of 26-15. After a slow start to the season, the Americans earned medals in each of their final three events: a gold medal at the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament (at Puerto Rico); a gold medal at the NORCECA Championships (at Trinidad and Tobago); and a silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup (at Japan). Team USA finished the year by winning 15 of its last 17 matches, including a stunning 3-0 win over 2004 Olympic gold medalist China at the Grand Champions Cup in November 2005.

Known as the “Iron Hammer” during her playing days, Lang Ping, 44, was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame as a player on Oct. 18, 2002, culminating an incredible career that saw her establish herself as one of the finest female volleyball players ever.

Lang Ping was a member of the Chinese women’s national team that won an Olympic gold medal over the United States at the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles, a World Championship crown in 1982 and World Cup titles in 1981 and 1985.

Revered by Chinese fans, Lang Ping has been honored with her own postage stamp, had her wedding broadcast on Chinese national television and has stadiums named after her in China.

She later became a well-respected coach in multiple countries. From 1987-1989 and 1992-1993 Lang Ping was

assistant coach at the University of New Mexico. From 1993-1995 she was the head coach of the Yaohan Professional World Superstar Team in Japan.

In 1995, Lang Ping became the head coach of the Chinese national team and eventually guided the squad to the silver medal at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Later that year she earned FIVB Coach of the Year honors. China also captured a silver medal at the 1998 World Championship, a bronze medal at the 1995 World Cup and a gold medal at the 1995 Asian Championships during her tenure. She resigned from her job as coach in early 1999.

After leaving China’s national team program in 1999, Lang Ping was head coach for a number of championship teams in the Italian League. Before accepting the Team USA position, she was the head coach of the Peralisi Volleyball Club (Club Jesi). Among her players at the time in Italy was two-time USA Olympic libero Stacy Sykora.

Lang Ping took over her current position from former Team USA coach Toshi Yoshida, who resigned late in 2004 to accept a professorship position at Biwako Seikei Sport College in Japan.

“Jenny is an individual who has been uncommonly successful in every phase of her career as a player and a coach, and her accomplishments are unequaled,” USA Chief Executive Officer Doug Beal said. “She won every major event as a player for China during her career and was clearly the dominant player in the world in the 1980s.



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“Jenny” Lang Ping

“And she transitioned more seamlessly than almost anyone in volleyball history to her role as a coach, leading China to a silver medal at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 and successfully coaching professionally in Italy for many years.”

Others within USA Volleyball echo the sentiments that Lang Ping is the right choice to lead Team USA.

“Doug Beal has made a good and bold choice with the selection of ‘Jenny’ Lang Ping as our new women’s national team coach,” said USA Volleyball President, Al Monaco “It is a good choice for the continued solidification of the USA women among the world’s elite, and it is a bold choice for the future of female volleyball coaches in the U.S.

“By hiring Jenny, USA Volleyball is sending a loud message to the world that we are serious about having our women’s team be the best, and to the nation that we are committed to the advancement of females at the top levels of coaching.”

2007 Team USA Coaching Staff



Sue Woodstra
Assistant Coach
USA Women's National Team
First Year

Susan Woodstra is in her first year as assistant coach for the USA women's national volleyball team. She began her duties with Team USA on June 1, 2007, and will continue in that role through the 2008 Olympics.

Woodstra brings additional Olympic playing experience to the U.S. Women's National Team coaching staff that already boasts gold medalist Lang Ping. Woodstra is a two-time member of U.S. Olympic Teams in the early 1980s. She was captain of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Team that captured a silver medal in Los Angeles. Woodstra also was a member of the 1980 Olympic Team that did not compete due to the boycott. Overall, she spent eight years on the U.S. Women's National Team. Later, Woodstra played four seasons (1984-88) on the professional level for the NEC Volleyball Team of the Japanese League.

Woodstra has spent the past five seasons as the head women's volleyball coach at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. She will return as head coach of the Humboldt State volleyball program in 2008 after the Olympics.

Woodstra's 12-year college coaching career includes head coaching stints at University of Pittsburgh (1989-92) and University of California-Berkeley (1995-98). She mentored Pittsburgh to four consecutive conference championships and NCAA appearances for the Panthers. She earned Big East Coach of the Year honors in 1990. After Pittsburgh, Woodstra spent a year coaching at the professional level in Germany, guiding the USC Munster team to a 28-4 record and the C.E.V. European Cup Championship in 1993.

Woodstra served as an assistant coach on the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team that won the 2006 NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship. The victory qualified the U.S. for the 2007 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship.

In 1993, Woodstra was selected as a Flo Hyman USA Volleyball All-Time Great Volleyball Player for her career achievements. She earned a spot on the USVBA All-Era Team as part of the 2002-03 USA Volleyball Diamond Jubilee Celebration commemorating the organization's 75th Anniversary.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) inducted Woodstra into its Hall of Fame on Dec. 13, 2006.



Yong Li
Assistant Coach
USA Women's National Team
Third Year

Yong Li is in his third year as assistant coach for the USA women's national team.

Li comes to the USA women's national team after serving as the technical instructing coach for Sichuan Physical Sports Skills and Capabilities College in Sichuan Province, China. He held the position from Jan. 2003 until his appointment with USA women's national team in 2005.

Li served as an assistant coach on China's national women's volleyball team from Oct. 1991 to Dec. 1998. He assisted the Chinese to a silver medal at the 1996 Olympic Games held in Atlanta. During his tenure with the team as an assistant coach, China won the World Cup in 1991, the Asian Championships three times and the Asian Games once.

Li assisted Modena Women's Best A Volleyball Club in Italy from Aug. 1999 to May 2002. As an assistant coach, Modena claimed three first-place honors including Italy's Women's Best A League Volleyball Tournament (1999-2000), the Italy Cup (2001) and the European Women's Championship Club League Volleyball Tournament (2001).

Li, born on Jan. 31, 1963, played on the Chengdu Volleyball Club adult team in China from Sept. 1980 to April 1984. His team placed second at the National Grade B League Volleyball Tournament.

Li's playing career shifted to the volleyball club of Sichuan Physical Sports Skills and Capabilities College from April 1984 to Oct. 1991. He helped his team win the National Best A League Volleyball Tournament in 1991 after the squad finished second in 1990.

Li earned a graduation certificate on athletic sports from Sichuan Physical Sports Skills and Capabilities College in July 1996. He was admitted and enrolled in Chengdu Physical Education College in Dec. 2003 to specialize in the undergraduate program for sports training.



Tom Hogan
Assistant Coach
USA Women's National Team
Third Year

Thomas Hogan begins his third campaign as part of the USA Women's Volleyball National Team coaching staff. He helped Team USA to a gold medal at the 2005 NORCECA Championships and a silver medal at the World Grand Champions Cup.

Prior to his current role with the women's national team, Hogan served as an assistant coach with the USA Junior National Team in 2004, and was a member of the 2005 JNT team that traveled to Ankara, Turkey, for the 2005 World Championships. The squad won the gold medal at the NORCECA Championships. He was also involved with the USA Youth National A2 Team. Hogan started his USA Volleyball coaching career as an apprentice coach in 2003 working with the USA National Team, the USA National Training Team and the USA Youth National Training Team.

Hogan served as head coach of the Miami University (Ohio) women's volleyball club team, which won the national championship in 2002 and was a national championship finalist in 2001. He also assisted with the Miami University women's varsity team as a student assistant.

Hogan worked for AT&T Business in Atlanta from 2002 to 2003 as a data network account executive. He developed knowledge of AT&T data networks for corporations, and graduated top in the national management training program.

Hogan graduated from Miami University (Ohio) in 2002 with a bachelor's of arts degree in management information systems and a minor in marketing. He graduated summa cum laude from Xavier University's (Ohio) sports management graduate program in 2004.



Diane French
Technical Coordinator
USA Women's National Team
Third Year

Diane French is in her third year serving as the technical coordinator for the USA women's national team.

Formerly Diane McCormick, French played for Team USA from 1975-80. She was a member of the 1980 USA Women's Olympic Volleyball Team that was not allowed to compete at the Moscow Summer Games due to the American boycott.

French remained in Colorado Springs at the conclusion of her national team career and started a 24-year Information Technology career with Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies specializing in project management, application development and support. She also served as an IT consultant for various companies.

French, a native of Charleroi, Pa., graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and a minor in computer science. She was also a player on IUP's very first women's volleyball and basketball teams. In 1997, she was inducted into the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame.

French and her husband Rick have 23-year-old twin daughters, Mary and Sarah.

2007 USA Women's National Team Schedule/Results (25-9)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent (Record)</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Pts Leader</u>	<u>Attend</u>
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Pan American Cup (Colima, Mexico)

6/21	Argentina	W, 17-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-16	Colima, Mexico	Barboza - 15	1,200
6/22	Costa Rica	W, 25-14, 25-15, 25-13	Colima, Mexico	Stalls - 11	200
6/23	Dominican Republic	W, 20-25, 18-25, 26-24, 18-25, 15-13	Colima, Mexico	Wilkins - 24	1,475
6/24	Trinidad & Tobago	W, 25-8, 25-9, 25-5	Colima, Mexico	Wilkins - 10	600
6/25	Mexico	W, 25-18, 25-12, 25-11	Colima, Mexico	Barboza - 13	2,500
6/28	Brazil	L, 15-25, 15-25, 18-25	Colima, Mexico	Busse - 10	1,800
6/29	Dominican Republic	L, 19-25, 28-26, 18-25, 26-28	Colima, Mexico	Wilkins - 19	1,200

Final Standings: 1. Cuba; 2. Brazil; 3. Dominican Republic; **4. USA**; 5. Puerto Rico; 6. Argentina; 7. Peru; 8. Costa Rica; 9. Canada; 10. Mexico; 11. Uruguay; 12. Trinidad & Tobago.

Pan American Games (Rio De Janeiro, Brazil)

7/14	Costa Rica	W, 25-9, 25-19, 25-12	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	Haneef-Park - 14	1,835
7/15	Puerto Rico	W, 21-25, 25-18, 25-16, 25-22	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	Haneef-Park - 18	2,777
7/16	Cuba	L, 16-25, 23-25, 15-25	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	Akinradewo - 10	8,635
7/18	Brazil (semifinal)	L, 13-25, 20-25, 20-25	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	Barboza - 11	12,517
7/19	Peru (third-place match)	W, 25-22, 25-22, 25-22	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	Haneef-Park - 15	2,130

Final Standings: 1. Cuba; 2. Brazil; **3. USA**; 4. Peru; 5. Dominican Republic; 6. Puerto Rico; 7. Mexico; 8. Costa Rica.

FIVB World Grand Prix

8/3	Poland	W, 19-25, 18-25, 25-17, 25-15, 15-12	Rzeszow, Poland	Haneef-Park - 19	4,100
8/4	Russia	W, 25-23, 25-22, 25-13	Rzeszow, Poland	Haneef-Park - 22	3,600
8/5	China	L, 21-25, 28-30, 20-25	Rzeszow, Poland	Glass - 16	4,125
8/10	Cuba	W, 25-19, 25-22, 21-25, 25-22	Khabarovsk, Russia	Haneef-Park, Glass - 15	3,500
8/11	Russia	L, 25-18, 18-25, 24-26, 25-21, 6-15	Khabarovsk, Russia	Glass - 21	6,650
8/12	Kazakhstan	W, 25-21, 20-25, 25-21, 26-24	Khabarovsk, Russia	Scott-Arruda - 23	6,200
8/17	China	L, 18-25, 17-25, 22-25	Macau, China	Haneef-Park - 17	4,100
8/18	Cuba	W, 18-25, 25-21, 25-23, 22-25, 15-13	Macau, China	Glass - 19	3,500
8/19	Netherlands	L, 18-25, 23-25, 25-11, 20-25	Macau, China	Haneef-Park - 19	3,800

Final Standings: 1. Netherlands (5-0); 2. China (4-1); 3. Italy (2-3); 4. Russia (2-3); 5. Brazil (1-4); 6. Poland (1-4); 7. Cuba; **8. USA**; 9. Japan; 10. Kazakhstan; 11. Dominican Republic; 12. Chinese Taipei

Preliminary Standings: 1. Brazil (8-1); 2. Italy (7-2); 3. Russia (7-2); 4. Poland (6-3); 5. Netherlands (6-3); 6. Cuba (5-4); **7. USA (5-4)**; 8. China (5-4); 9. Japan (4-5); 10. Kazakhstan (1-8); 11. Dominican Republic (1-8); 12. Chinese Taipei (0-9)

NORCECA Championship (Winnipeg, Canada)

9/17	Trinidad & Tobago	W, 25-9, 25-7, 25-6	Winnipeg, Canada	Busse - 13	32
9/18	Mexico	W, 25-6, 25-13, 15-10	Winnipeg, Canada	Nnamani, Busse - 11	100
9/19	Dominican Republic	W, 25-20, 25-18, 25-22	Winnipeg, Canada	Nnamani - 13	1,000
9/21	Canada	W, 25-18, 25-12, 25-23	Winnipeg, Canada	Nnamani - 18	3,000
9/22	Cuba	L, 25-22, 18-25, 25-19, 23-25, 16-18	Winnipeg, Canada	Bown - 22	2,500

Final Standings: 1. Cuba; **2. USA**; 3. Dominican Republic; 4. Canada; 5. Puerto Rico; 6. Mexico; 7. Costa Rica; 8. Trinidad & Tobago

FIVB World Cup (Japan)

11/2	Peru	W, 25-23, 25-14, 25-19	Hamamatsu, Japan	Tom - 13	860
11/3	Cuba	W, 20-25, 25-21, 25-18, 20-25, 15-11	Hamamatsu, Japan	Tom, Haneef-Park - 18	3,000
11/4	Poland	W, 25-21, 12-25, 27-25, 25-17	Hamamatsu, Japan	Haneef-Park - 13	2,450
11/6	Kenya	W, 25-9, 25-20, 25-10	Sendai, Japan	Haneef-Park, Joines - 10	1,532
11/7	Brazil	W, 17-25, 16-25, 25-21, 25-23, 15-9	Sendai, Japan	Haneef-Park - 26	5,178
11/9	Dominican Republic	W, 25-16, 20-25, 25-16, 25-18	Kumamoto, Japan	Tom - 18	3,400
11/10	Thailand	W, 21-25, 25-19, 25-11, 25-13	Kumamoto, Japan	Haneef-Park - 17	3,500
11/11	Korea	W, 25-21, 25-19, 25-23	Kumamoto, Japan	Tom - 19	4,200
11/14	Serbia		Nagoya, Japan		
11/15	Japan		Nagoya, Japan		
11/15	Italy		Nagoya, Japan		

2007 USA Women's National Team Volleyball Stats

(stats do not include 2007 World Cup)

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting %	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points	Points/ Set
Ah Mow-Santos	72	7	0.10	2	20	.250	9	0.13	4	0.06	20	0.28
Akinradewo	16	45	2.81	6	76	.513	5	0.31	5	0.31	55	3.44
Barboza	38	88	2.32	42	253	.182	12	0.32	6	0.16	106	2.79
Berg	12	0	0.00	0	2	.000	5	0.42	0	0.00	5	0.42
Bown	33	60	1.82	11	109	.450	7	0.21	30	0.91	97	2.94
Busse	73	119	1.63	62	312	.183	8	0.11	13	0.18	140	1.92
Davis	53	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Drury	10	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Fair	1	0	0.00	2	2	-1.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Fenton Michaelis	16	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Glass	36	94	2.61	21	211	.346	14	0.39	14	0.39	122	3.39
Hampton	12	12	1.00	6	24	.250	3	0.25	4	0.08	16	1.33
Haneef-Park	64	205	3.20	61	362	.398	15	0.23	15	0.23	225	3.52
Hunter	11	3	0.27	0	5	.600	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.27
Joines	55	79	1.44	18	158	.386	13	0.27	27	0.49	119	2.16
Lee	55	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Nnamani	35	97	2.77	33	236	.271	7	0.20	15	0.43	119	3.40
Noble	0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Olsovsky	25	23	0.92	4	43	.442	0	0.00	3	0.12	26	1.04
Scott-Arruda	68	152	2.24	37	298	.386	8	0.12	51	0.75	211	3.10
Stalls	12	27	2.25	3	39	.615	2	0.17	4	0.33	33	2.75
Thompson	38	2	0.05	2	11	.000	4	0.11	4	0.11	10	0.26
Tomes	15	10	0.67	9	23	.043	5	0.33	10	0.67	25	1.67
Wilkins	50	120	2.40	54	324	.204	9	0.18	27	0.54	156	3.12
TEAM	94	1143	12.16	373	2613	.295	126	1.34	231	2.46	1498	15.94
OPP	94	1007	10.71	501	2732	.105	98	1.04	212	2.26	1367	14.54

Dig Totals at Pan American Cup: Not available

Dig Totals at Pan American Games: Scott-Arruda 16 (1.00 per set); Haneef-Park 42 (2.63); Fair 2 (2.00); Fenton Michaelis 49 (3.06); Akinradewo 13 (0.81); Tomes 0 (0.00); Barboza 40 (2.50); Noble (did not play); Hampton 1 (0.33); Thompson 35 (2.69); Hunter 5 (0.63); Busse 26 (1.63). **Team:** 229. **Opponent:** 246.

Dig Totals at FIVB World Grand Prix: Davis 91 (2.53); Ah Mow-Santos 43 (1.19); Glass 35 (0.97); Haneef-Park 32 (0.89); Wilkins 19 (0.73); Lee 10 (0.33); Nnamani 8 (0.44); Scott-Arruda 11 (0.31); Bown 4 (0.25); Joines 5 (0.22); Thompson 1 (0.10)

Volleyball Glossary

Ace - a served ball that directly results in a point.

Bagel - winning a game 25-0.

Block - an attempt by a player or players to interrupt the ball before, as or just after it crosses the net.

Bump (Pass) - technique of playing the ball using forearms, hands together, to direct the ball.

Bump (Set) - a forearm pass used as a set.

Carry - a fault called if the ball comes to rest in the course of contact by one player.

Chickenwing - a last-ditch way to dig a ball using your elbow and a bent arm.

Court - the playing surface divided into two equal areas by a net. In its official form, volleyball is played on a rectangular court 18 meters (59 feet 0.75 inches) long and 9 meters (29 feet 6.475 inches) wide; the women's net placed at 2.24 meters (7 feet 4.125 inches) high and the men's net at 2.44 meters (8 feet) high.

Coverage - most often, refers to backing up a teammate's hit when the block is up and the ball comes back.

Cross Court/Cut Shot - an offensive hit when a player, instead of hitting with power, slices the ball just over and nearly parallel to the net.

Dig Lips - defending more than once and successfully an opponent's hard spike as if the attacker was saying beforehand where the hit was going and you read their lips.

Dig - to pass a very hard hit spike; a ball brought up (saved) with any part of the body, particularly from a spike attempt.

Dink - a very softly-hit spike; ball played just over the net or the blockers hands.

Down-Referee - secondary referee. He/she stands on the floor at the opposite end of the net as the up-referee. Also known as the second official.

Dump - when the setter, instead of setting the hitters, attacks the ball over the net.

Facial Disgracial - a spike that hits the opposing blocker or floor defender in the face.

Foot fault - stepping on the court or out of bounds before serving the ball.

Free Ball - a ball the opponent cannot attack and must yield by passing over the net.

Husband and Wife - when a serve drops untouched between two receivers who fail to move.

Joust - when two players on opposing sides attempt to block the ball by vying to push it onto each other's side of the net.

Kill - an attack that results in an immediate point.

Paint Brush - a wipe off shot by the spiker (painter) on a blocker.

Pancake - a one-handed floor defensive technique where the hand is extended and slid along the floor, palm down, and the ball rebounds off the back of the hand, rather than the floor.

Pass - the first of three contacts on the offensive side - overhead or forearm.

Perimeter Defense - backrow defenders work in the area a meter in from the backline and sidelines up to the three-meter line.

Pipe - a ball set in the middle of the court, on the three-meter line, for a backrow player to hit.

Quick - the first of the three attack options. The attacker contacts the ball immediately after it is released from the setter's hands.

Red card - a severe sanction given by the up-referee.

Roof - to block a spike, usually straight down and for a point.

Screening - an attempt by a player to conceal the start of a teammate's serve by obstructing an opponent's line of sight. Screening is illegal.

Seams - the space between the blockers and between back-court defenders.

Set - the act of getting the ball into the position for the hitters to attack the ball. Usually done overhead with two hands.

Setter - the team quarterback. Attempts to "set" every second contact for his/her hitters to attack.

Serve - the act of putting the ball into play.

Shank - to pass the ball badly.

Six Pack - another term for getting a spiked ball in the face on defense. A "Twelve Pack" actually knocks down the defender. In the past the defender was then obligated to buy the spiker a six pack of his/her desired beverage (roots are found in doubles sand play).

Sizzle the Pits - a spike that goes under, and past, the armpits of a big block.

Slide - a movement from an attacker's serve receive position past another into a third; usually the ball is hit while "sliding out" towards the sideline.

Spiked Ball - a ball hit forcibly from a height not less than the top of the net. Also known as a bury, crush, hammer, kill, put-away or slam.

Stuff - a block in which the ball goes straight down to the floor with no hope of being picked up by an opposing player.

Tool - when a ball is intentionally spiked off a blocker's hands to make it go out of bounds.

Touch - when the ball lands out of bounds, but not before contacting one of the players.

Up-referee - the main referee. He/she stands upon a special chair. Also known as the first referee.

Yellow card - a first sanction given by the up-referee, cost the sanctioned team a point.



USA Volleyball – 2007 Fact Sheet

Name: USA Volleyball

Location: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Founded: 1928

Membership: Approximately 207,000

Mission: USA Volleyball is the National Governing Body (NGB) for all disciplines of volleyball in the United States and is officially recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). As mandated by the Amateur Sports Act, USA Volleyball is responsible for the growth of the sport in America at the grassroots and most elite levels. USA Volleyball is the parent organization of the USA National Teams.

Chief Executive Officer: Doug Beal

President: Al Monaco

Head Coach USA Men: Hugh McCutcheon (Third Year)

Head Coach USA Women: “Jenny” Lang Ping (Third Year)

Major 2007 National Team Events:

World League (Men, May 26-July 15, Various Sites)

Pan American Cup (Women, June 19-30, Colima, Mexico)

Pan American Games (Women, July 14-19, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil)

Pan American Games (Men, July 23-28, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil)

World Grand Prix (Women, Aug. 3-26, Various Sites in Asia and Europe)

NORCECA Championships (Women, Sept. 17-22, Winnipeg, Canada)

NORCECA Championships (Men, Sept. 14-22, USA)

World Cup (Women, Nov. 2-16, Japan)

World Cup (Men, Nov. 18-Dec. 2, Japan)

Major 2007 Grassroots Events:

USA Open Volleyball Championships (May 26-June 2, Austin, Texas)

USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championships (June 29-July 8, Minneapolis)

USA Junior Olympic Boy’s Volleyball Championships (July 4-11, Atlanta)

USA High Performance Championships (July 22-26, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)

Other: USA Volleyball consists of 40 regional volleyball associations which manage grassroots playing opportunities for the USA Volleyball membership and is affiliated with 35 member organizations (i.e. NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, YMCA) that provide playing opportunities at a variety of levels.

What is USA Volleyball?

USA Volleyball (USAV) is America's national governing body for the sport of volleyball and is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee and the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB). USAV's mission is to promote the growth of volleyball by providing the best possible experience for the greatest number of participants. The organization is represented in every state of the USA through affiliations with 40 Regional Volleyball Associations and 34 national member organizations, including the NAIA, NCAA, NJCAA and the YMCA.

USA Volleyball is responsible for maintaining a world-class National Team program for the best men's and women's indoor players in the United States. Based at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, the teams are in training to represent the USA at international events such as the World Championships, Pan American Games and the Olympics. Each team participates in approximately 10-15

domestic events each year against foreign national teams, while also playing a full schedule abroad. The men's and women's teams have won a combined five Olympic medals – two gold, one silver and two bronze - during the last six Olympic Games. Both teams feature an abundance of articulate athletes who are both athletic and academic all-Americans, and who understand that a critical component of being a part of the national team is making public appearances to build awareness and goodwill for the sport.

Up-and-coming volleyball talent and future Olympians are being identified and developed each year through USA Volleyball's High Performance Program. The HPP, which includes the summer High Performance Camps (ages 14-15) and the Youth (ages 16-17) and Junior (ages 18-19) National Teams for boys and girls, serves as the pipeline to the USA National Teams. Each year, America's best young male and female volleyball players attend tryouts held across the country in hopes of being selected for these elite programs. The teams generally spend part of the summer training at one of the three U.S. Olympic Training Centers before competing against foreign youth national teams.



The organization is also involved with developing the sport at the grassroots level. USAV annually sponsors the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships that attracts elite junior players and their families from across the United States. The event is played during a ten-day period, spanning the Fourth of July, on 50 courts in the host city's convention center. Approximately 7,000 players attend the event along with 34,000 fans, friends, families, volunteers and volleyball professionals.



The USA Open Championships is an annual adult indoor championship played during eight days, including Memorial Day weekend. The open attracts some of the top volleyball talent in the country, including national team members, along with elite-level teams from countries around the world. The tournament is held in conjunction with USAV's annual Board of Directors meetings and attracts approximately 7,500 people.



The USA Outdoor and Beach Volleyball Championships are comprised of three district competitions held annually and features America's best male and female doubles teams playing on both grass and beach surfaces.

In addition to competitions, USAV also provides the USA Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP) as a multi-educational service for volleyball coaches. The program embodies USAV's belief that volleyball will grow more healthy and completely by increasing the number of professionals devoted to teaching athletes the game. High school, club and college coaches are offered a three-day course at 14-18 regional sites throughout the year and taught by successful, experienced former and present coaches - CADRE. Since the program was started in 1988 more than 9,000 coaches have received USA CAP education.



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 Pepler
Mary Perry
Sharon Peterson
Verneda Thomas
Jane Ward

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

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

1984 (Los Angeles)

Silver Medal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.
- Junior World Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.
- Junior Continental Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.

Following are the top 20 teams in the FIVB World Rankings as of August 2007:

Women (Points)

1. Russia (291)
2. China (172)
3. Brazil (170)
4. Italy (145.5)
5. Cuba (118)
6. Netherlands (102.5)
7. Japan (96.5)
8. USA (87.5)
9. Serbia & Montenegro (82.5)
10. Poland (65)
11. Korea (58.5)
12. Turkey (42.5)
13. Germany (41)
14. Kazakhstan (39)
15. Chinese Taipei (38.5)
16. Dominican Republic (37.5)
17. Azerbaijan (36.5)
18. Kenya (35.5)
18. Peru (35.5)
20. Puerto Rico (34)

Men (Points)

1. Brazil (195)
2. Poland (137.5)
3. Russia (129)
4. Italy (125)
5. USA (108)
6. Serbia (106.5)
7. Bulgaria (95)
8. France (76)
9. Argentina (64.5)
10. Japan (62.5)
11. Greece (48.5)
12. Canada (47)
13. Cuba (43.5)
14. Germany (41.5)
15. Tunisia (39.5)
16. China (38.5)
17. Puerto Rico (37.5)
18. Egypt (36.5)
19. Korea (35.5)
20. Venezuela (33.5)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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, sixth)
1971: Mexico (USA, third)
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)

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)

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)