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

PanAmerican 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
6/29: lost to Dominican Republic 1-3

PanAmerican 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)
7/19: def. Peru 3-0 (bronze medal)

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
9/22: lost to Cuba 2-3

FIVB World Cup (Japan)

11/2: def. Peru 3-0 (at Hamamatsu)
11/3: def. Cuba 3-2 (at Hamamatsu)
11/4: def. Poland 3-1 (at Hamamatsu)
11/6: def. Kenya 3-0 (at Sendai)
11/7: def. Brazil 3-2 (at Sendai)
11/9: def. Dominican Republic 3-1 (at Kumamoto)
11/10: def. Thailand 3-1 (at Kumamoto)
11/11: def. Korea 3-0 (at Kumamoto)
11/14: lost to Serbia 1-3 (at Nagoya)
11/15: def. Japan 3-0 (at Nagoya)
11/16: lost to Italy 0-3 (at Nagoya)

2008 Schedule Available Soon

HANEEF-PARK PART OF USOC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN: U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team member Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) is one of two athletes

featured in the United States Olympic Committee's national educational program entitled "Real Athletes Show Respect." The campaign features both a print and video component. The USOC developed television public service announcements using Haneef-Park and Paralympic cyclist Greta Neimanas exemplifying sportsmanship in their actions and beliefs. The PSAs will be sent to 400 local television stations and 500 cable networks. Last year's PSAs, which focused on the Olympic Values of Sportsmanship and Fair Play, garnered more than 10 million impressions throughout the country. The Haneef-Park was part of two online video interviews, which can be downloaded by going to the U.S. Women's National Team home page at <http://www.usavolleyball.org/national/wnthome.asp>. Some users may need to right click and save the file to the computer before viewing. In addition, the USOC developed a poster campaign utilizing Haneef-Park and referee Joan Powell (Colorado Springs, Colo.). The poster can be viewed and printed in various sizes for individual or company needs. For the full story, go to <http://www.usavolleyball.org/VolleyballNews/news.asp?id=2070>.



2010 FIVB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: The FIVB is in the process of compiling the entry list for the 2010 FIVB World Championship. As set by FIVB President Dr. Ruben Acosta, the goal is to have a record number of countries register for the largest worldwide volleyball event. Japan will host the women's World Championship, while Italy will serve as host for the men's World Championship. Each competition will have 24 teams for the title. That will be the last part of a huge event: the qualification process which will involve the entire planet. The deadline for all National Federations to register their teams for the tournament is May 1, 2008. The competition dates and formula will be chosen by the participating teams within a group after the teams' distribution, by August 30, 2008. This part of the qualification process will end by August 31, 2009. Four teams are already qualified for the 2010 FIVB World Championships: Italy and Japan as organizers, the Russian Women's team and Brazil's Men's team as World Champions.

OLYMPICS STAFF LIST: USA Volleyball has submitted its U.S. Women's National Team staff list to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. The staff, pending final approval from the USOC, will have "Jenny" Lang Ping as the head coach, Sue Woodstra as the first assistant coach, Li Yong as the second assistant coach, Tom Hogan as the consultant coach, Diane French as the videotape and statistical scout and Joan Powell as the team leader.

HANEEF-PARK PLAYING WELL FOR ECZACIBASI: Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.), a member of the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team, has played in four matches for her Turkish professional team Eczacibasi after rehabbing an injured foot. Eczacibasi faced Turk Telecom on Feb. 7 in a battle of tied teams atop the Turkish standings. Haneef-Park helped Eczacibasi to a five-set victory in which it rallied from a 0-2 set deficit to win 17-15 in the tiebreaking set. "Everyone is excited about the win and the prospects for the rest of the season," Haneef-Park said. "I am having a great time here and it helps that my husband (who is in the military) is also stationed here. It is about an hour flight away from here, so I get to see him on my off days." On Feb. 10, Haneef-Park helped Eczacibasi to a four-set win over Fenerbahce, which has Team USA outside hitter Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) on the roster. Haneef-Park's squad is also the only team out of the Turkish league to advance to the next round of the European Championship League. Eczacibasi will face Italy's Asystel Novara squad - which features Team USA members Lindsey Berg (Honolulu, Hawai'i) and Ogonna Nnamani (Normal, Ill.) - in the quarterfinal round on Feb. 12 and Feb. 21. The winner will face Switzerland's Volero Zurich, which has Team USA members Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu, Hawai'i) and Norisha Campbell (Lakeland, Fla.), in the round six.

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

2008 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Training Team **

Tatum Ailes (L, Bellevue, Neb.)
 Foluke Akinradewo (MB, Plantation, Fla.)
 Cynthia Barboza (OH, Long Beach, Calif.) #
 Morgan Beck (OPP, Coto De Caza, Calif.)
 Cassie Busse (Opp, Prior Lake, Minn.)
 Alexis Crimes (MB, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)
 Nicole Davis (L, Stockton, Calif.)
 Juliann Faucette (OH, San Diego, Calif.)
 Destinee Hooker (OH, San Antonio, Texas)
 Heather Hughes (OPP, Fallbrook, Calif.)
 Lindsey Hunter (S, Papillion, Neb.)
 Rachel Johnson (OH, San Diego, Calif.) ^
 Bryn Kehoe (L/S, North Bend, Ohio)
 Alex Klineman (OH, Manhattan Beach, Calif.)
 Angie McGinnis (S, Fraser, Mich.)
 Sarah Noriega (OPP, Ulysses, Kan.)
 Lauren Paolini (MB, Ann Arbor, Mich.)
 Angie Pressey (OH, Heathrow, Fla.)
 Nellie Spicer (S, Barrington, Ill.) ^
 Tracy Stalls (MB, Denver, Colo.)
 Katie Wilkins (OH, Lakeside, Calif.)
 ** As of Feb. 4, 2008
 # reporting in mid-March
 ^ reporting Feb. 18

U.S. Women's National Team Competing Professionally Overseas

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (S, Honolulu)
 Switzerland - VBC Volero
Lindsey Berg (S, Honolulu)
 Italy - Asystel Volley
Heather Bown (MB, Yorba Linda, Calif.)
 Italy - Jesi
Norisha Campbell (MB, Lakeland, Fla.)
 Switzerland - VBC Volero
Theresa Crawford (OH, Kalamazoo, Mich.)
 Turkey - Fenerbahce
Kim Glass (OH, Lancaster, Pa.)
 Turkey - Fenerbahce
Tayyiba Haneef-Park (OPP, Laguna Nigel, Calif.)
 Turkey - Eczacibasi Istanbul
Jennifer Joines (MB, Milpitas, Calif.)
 Japan - Toyota
Nancy Metcalf (OPP, Hull, Iowa)
 Turkey - Eczacibasi Istanbul
Ogonna Nnamani (OH, Normal, Ill.)
 Italy - Asystel Volley
Katie Olsovsky (OPP, Hermosa Beach, Calif.)
 Spain - Maricha/Tenerife
Kristin Richards (OH, Orem, Utah)
 Russia - VC Universitet Belogorie Belgorod
Danielle Scott-Arruda (MB, Baton Rouge, La.)
 Brazil - Finasa
Stacy Sykora (L, Burleson, Texas)
 Italy - Altamura
Courtney Thompson (S, Kent, Wash.)
 Puerto Rico - Gigantes
Logan Tom (OH, Salt Lake City, Utah)
 Russia - Dinamo

BOWN'S JESI SQUAD SPLITS: Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.) played well in two matches last week for Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi in the Italian Serie A League. However, it translated only to a split. She turned in eight kills on 16 errorless attacks to go with three blocks in a four-set upset of third-place Foppapedretti Bergamo on Feb. 9. Earlier in the week, Jesi was hit by the upset bid with a four-set defeat to Tena Santeramo. Bown recorded 16 points in the loss, including nine kills, five blocks and two aces. Jesi currently sits in sixth place in the second-half standings. Bown currently has the fifth-most points among middle blockers in the Italian Serie A League. She has 119 kills as part of a 47.8 kill percentage, along with a 0.67 block average. Bown leads all middle blockers in aces with 15 for a 0.26 ace average.

INDESIT EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAYOFFS: The U.S. Women's National Team has several players playing on European professional teams that have advanced to the round of 12 teams of the Indesit European Champions League playoffs. Three teams - Italy's Asystel Novara, Turkey's Eczacibasi Istanbul and Switzerland's Volero Zurich - have two Team USA players each. Lindsey Berg (Honolulu) and Ogonna Nnamani (Normal, Ill.) play for Asystel Novara. Eczacibasi Istanbul has Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa) on the roster. Asystel Novara and Eczacibasi Istanbul will meet in the quarterfinal round on Feb. 12 and Feb. 21. Switzerland-based Volero Zurich has U.S. players Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu) and Norisha Campbell (Lakeland, Fla.). Volero Zurich plays France's RC Cannes in the quarterfinal round on Feb. 14 and Feb. 20. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) plays for Russia's Dinamo Moscow, which will meet Heather Bown's (Yorba Linda, Calif.) Vini Monteschiavo Jesi Italian team on Feb. 12 and Feb. 20 in the round of 12 teams. Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) plays for Fenerbahce Acibadem Istanbul, which failed to qualify for the playoffs. Tom finished the main phase as the 12th leading scorer in the European Champions League, and second on her own team to Russia's Ekaterina Gamova. Berg and Bown finished the main phase ranked 17th and 22nd, respectively, in service aces per set. Metcalf ranked ninth in overall kills, while Tom finished 12th in the same category. Bown provided Jesi with a 54.55 kill percentage to finish sixth in the Best Spiker category, along with ranking 14th in the Best Blocker race with 0.78 blocks per set.

BERG SETS NOVARA TO TWO WINS: Lindsey Berg (Honolulu, Hawai'i), a setter for Team USA, set her European professional team Asystel Volley Novara to two five-set victories this past week pushing the squad into fourth place of the Italian Serie A League. Normally a starter, Berg came off the bench versus last-place Infotel Banca Forli to avoid the loss on Feb. 6. She contributed a kill and ace in the victory. Berg tallied an ace and block as Asystel Volley Novara held off Tena Santeramo in a two-hour, eight-minute marathon on Feb. 10. Ogonna Nnamani (Normal, Ill.) added a kill in the second set for Asystel Volley Novara.

SYKORA NOT ENOUGH FOR ALTAMURA: Stacy Sykora (Burleson, Texas), a libero for the U.S. Women's National Team, was not enough to help carry her Italian Serie A Team to a victory last week. Sykora turned in a 71 positive reception percent in a three-set loss to Unicom Starker Kerakoll Sassuolo on Feb. 6. Later in the week, she turned in a 100 percent positive reception percent and an 82 excellent rating against second-place Despar Perugia, but the outcome was a four-set loss that nearly was pushed to five sets with a 26-24 fourth set. For the season, Sykora ranks tied for third in excellent service reception percent at 56.5. She is tied for second among regular liberos for efficiency at 0.51.

THOMPSON UNDEFEATED IN PUERTO RICO: Playing her first season of professional volleyball, Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) has used her experience with Team USA to help her Las Gigantes de Carolina volleyball team to an undefeated record in the Puerto Rico Super League. She provided 29 assists, 17 digs, four kills, one block and an ace in an all-around performance to lead Carolina to a 20-25, 25-22, 25-16, 28-26 victory over Divas de Aguadilla on Feb. 8. The Las Divas received 20 points from AVCA All-American Lily Kahumoku in the loss. On Feb. 10, Carolina defeated Llaneras de Toa Baja 25-22, 27-25, 25-22 to move into a tie for first place with Criollas de Caguas at 6-0. Thompson contributed nine assists and 13 digs in the victory. Penn State graduate Cassy Salyer tallied four points for Toa Baja.

NORIEGA IN PUERTO RICO: Sarah Noriega (Ulysses, Kan.), a 2000 Olympian for Team USA, recently joined Criollas de Caguas. On Feb. 9, she contributed seven points (three kills, three blocks, one ace) to go with five digs to help her squad to a five-set victory over Pinkin de Corozal. Noriega tallied four kills in a four-set win over Leonas de Ponce on Feb. 7.

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U.S. Women's National Team 2008 Open Tryout Athletes

Kala Abdell (OH, 3, Florida Atlantic)
 Jacqueline Adlam (L, 1, Colgate)
 Sarah Ammerman (OH, 2, Texas A&M)
 Amy Aradanas-DeGroot (OH, 2, San Diego)
 Kathryn Arvidson (S, 1, Florida Atlantic)
 Lori Baird (M, 1, Utah)
 Makena Barnes (M, 1, Colorado St.)
 Kira Batura (L, 0, Northeastern)
 Whitney Behrens (L, 2, Saint Louis)
 Rachae Bell (L, 0, Redlands)
 Stephanie Blackburn (L, 0, Ohio)
 Lauren Bledsoe (OP, 3, Florida)
 Kelsey Bowers (M, 1, Florida)
 Abbey Breit (OH, 0, Jacksonville St.)
 Lecia Brown (M, 2, Louisville)
 Justine Burkhardt (OH, 2, Flagler)
 Rebecca Burling (M, 3, Duke)
 Lindsey Buteyn (M, 1, Alabama)
 Taylor Carico (S, 2, Southern California)
 Jeanne Colpus (L, 0, na)
 Ariell Cooke (M, 3, Miami)
 Brittnee Cooper (M, 2, LSU)
 Elyse Cusack (L, 2, Florida)
 Ashley Driscoll (OP, 0, Naval Acad)
 Katie Eberling (L, 2, Western Michigan)
 Jeanne Fairchild (OH, 1, New Mexico)
 Christina Falcone (S, 2, Duke)
 Jessica Fine (L, 1, UCLA)
 Bridget Fonke (OH, 2, Saint Louis)
 Zoe Garrett (M, 3, Southern California)
 Jade Gold (M, 0, Long Island U)
 Laura Gonzalez (L, 4, Albany)
 Alisha Green (M, 2, Ball State)
 Nicole Green (OH, 0, Princeton)
 Andi Henderson (S, 0, Catawba)
 Ellen Herman (OH, 2, Ohio)
 Ali Hillgren (L, 2, Southern California)
 Jamie Houston (OH, 1, Hawai'i)
 Kristin Jackson (L, 0, Cal Poly)
 Kristy Jaeckel (OH, 4, Florida)
 Audra Jeffers (M, 1, Wisconsin)
 Morgan Johns (OP, 3, Florida Atlantic)
 Brittney Johnson (S, 3, LSU)
 Kristen Kathan (L, 2, California)
 Lindsay Kearney (OP, 0, San Francisco)
 Kamisha Kellam (M, 1, Albany)
 Talisa Kellogg (OH, 1, Georgia Tech)
 Venessa King (M, 2, Michigan St.)
 Nicole Klingsporn (S, 3, Wisconsin)
 Kim Kuzma (L, 3, Wisconsin)
 Casey LaRocca (S, 1, Florida Atlantic)
 Elizabeth Lazzari (L, 1, West Point)
 Ashley Lee (L, 3, Long Beach State)
 Anna Lehne (M, 2, New Mexico)
 Erin Lindsey (S, 1, Illinois St.)
 Carli Lloyd (S, 3, California)
 Brittany Lowe (OH, 1, Santa Clara)
 Lindsey Mango (L, 3, Louisville)
 Elena Martinez (L, 1, LSU)
 Sammi McCloud (OH, 2, Saint Louis)
 Lisa Meeter (L, 3, New Mexico)
 Jade Michaelsen (S, 3, New Mexico)
 Katie Mills (M, 3, UCLA)
 Kasey Mollerus (L, 2, Illinois State)
 Michelle Moore (OH, 3, Western Michigan)
 Brittany Moore (OH, 1, CS Fullerton)
 Melissa Moore (OH, 2, Flagler)
 Marissa Morris (M, 1, Cal State-LA)
 Rose Morris (OP, 2, New Mexico)
 Rachael Moss (L, 2, Duke)
 Natalie Mullikin (M, 1, Wake Forest)
 Caitlyn Murphy (L, 3, California)
 Jessica Nevitt (M, 1, Cincinnati)
 Stephanie Niemer (OH, 3, Cincinnati)
 Jessica Nyrop (S, 1, San Diego)

OPEN TRYOUT FEB. 22-24: The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team open tryouts set for Feb. 22-24 has 114 athletes prepared to be drilled and tested at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. This tryout will be used to identify possible candidates for the U.S. National and Olympic Teams, as well as the A2 program which is planning to train in Atlanta, Ga., from approximately May 19-28, 2008. This time frame includes competing in the 2008 U.S. Open Championships at the Atlanta Convention Center from May 24-27. The breakdown by position for the tryout is 34 liberos, 28 outside hitters, 25 middle blockers, 15 setters and 12 opposites. A total of 17 players have exhausted college eligibility, while six players still have four years of college eligibility remaining. The tryout will be represented by athletes from 50 different collegiate volleyball programs in all three NCAA divisions.

OLYMPIC GAMES FIELD TWO-THIRDS FULL: The women's indoor volleyball tournament field at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing is two-thirds complete with eight teams securing berths. China earned a berth automatically as the host team. The United States, along with Italy and Brazil, punched their tickets to Beijing being medaling at the FIVB World Cup held November 2007 in Japan. Cuba joined the party by winning the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying held Dec. 15-23 at Monterrey, Mexico. Venezuela upset Peru at the South America Olympic Qualifying event Jan. 3-7 to earn its spot in the Olympics. Russia, which was ranked atop the FIVB world rankings in the summer of 2007 but failed to qualify for the World Cup, prevailed over Poland in five sets at the European/CEV Olympic Qualifying tournament Jan. 15-20 at Halle, Germany. Algeria was the latest to clinch a spot by going undefeated at the African Olympic Qualifying Tournament held Jan. 23-26 at Alger, Algeria. The Asian Olympic Qualification Tournament is slated for May 17-25 in Japan. The Olympic Qualification Tournament with the final three berths up for grabs will be held in conjunction with the Asian Olympic Qualification Tournament.

UPDATED U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM INFORMATION: For the most up-to-date information on the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team, surf your web browser the team's home page at <http://www.usavolleyball.org/National/wnthome.asp>. Not only does it contain the latest USA Volleyball news on the women's national team, but it contains links to FIVB and NORCECA news, 2008 Olympic Games updates, outside media coverage on the team and photo galleries.

2007 REVIEW: The 2007 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Yearbook can be downloaded for free off the USA Volleyball web site. The 60-page PDF document can be found by going to <http://www.usavolleyball.org/media/national/2007WNTYearbook.pdf>. The publication includes a recap of the FIVB World Cup which qualified the U.S. into the Olympics (pages 9-10 on the PDF), Olympic qualification quotes (pages 11-12 on the PDF), a 2007 season review (pages 13-14 on the PDF), player and coach bios, 2007 season results (page 43 on the PDF), current quadrennial results and lots more.

PIONEER ERA WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM: The Pioneer Era (1949-1977) of USA Women's Volleyball will hold its 2008 reunion on June 14, 2008. The event will be held at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City, Calif. For more information and an invitation to the reunion, please respond to Linda Murphy by e-mail (shamrockusa3@yahoo.com) or mail (7769 Via Sorrento, Burbank, CA 91504).

Hadiyah Olowoalake (M, 3, Cal Poly)
 Aneli Otineru (L, 2, Hawai'i)
 Amy Pauly (L, 1, Alabama)
 Jill Perry (OH, 4, NA)
 Jena Pierson (L, 0, James Madison)
 Lauren Rapp (OP, 3, Kentucky)
 Jenilee Rathje (OH, 3, Michigan St.)
 Callie Rivers (OH, 3, Florida)
 Kimmee Roleder (OH, 3, Southern California)
 Whitney Roth (S, 2, Saint Louis)
 Sarah Rumely (S, 2, Kentucky)
 Alexandra Sall (S, 3, Duke)
 Morgan Salow (OP, 1, Wisconsin)
 Kaitlin Sather (OP, 1, UCLA)
 Kellie Sciacca (M, 3, Notre Dame)
 Jenny Shull (L, 0, Duke)
 Kahealani Silva (L, 0, Hawai'i-Hilo)
 Claire Smalzer (L, 3, Duke)
 Am'Ra Solomon (OH, 1, California)
 Brittany Staffell (OH, 2, Duke)

Adrianna Stasiuk (L, 0, Notre Dame)
 Kate Steffan (OP, 4, Colorado St.)
 Suzette Taylor (OP, 1, Georgia)
 Krystal Torres (L, 1, New Mexico St.)
 Juliana Traut (OH, 3, Duke)
 Alexandra Troost (OP, 3, San Diego)
 Geena Urango (L, 3, Southern California)
 Kendall Utz (L, 3, Florida Atlantic)
 Caitlyn Vann (L, 3, Missouri)
 Nicole Vargas (S, 1, Long Beach State)
 Quincy Verdin (OH, 1, Long Beach State)
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Workout Schedule for Feb. 4-10, 2008

Monday, Feb. 11

Gym: 9 a.m. to Noon
Weights: 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Gym: 9-11:30 a.m.
Gym: 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Gym: 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
SAQ: 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14

No Practice

Friday, Feb. 15

No Practice

Saturday, Feb. 16

No Practice

Sunday, Feb. 3

No Practice

NOTES:

Gym sessions are in Sports Center II gyms 8 and 9.

Times and location subject to last minute changes

LANG PING IN EXCLUSIVE CATEGORY: "Jenny" Lang Ping, head coach of the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team, is a rarity in the international women's volleyball circles. She is the only female head coach among the top 20 countries listed in the FIVB World Ranking. Lang Ping has Olympic medal experience as both a player and coach while competing in the United States. During the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, she led her squad to the gold medal over Team USA in the championship match. As head coach of the 1996 Chinese Olympic team that competed in Atlanta, Lang Ping guided China to a silver medal. According to FIVB files, Lang Ping will be moving into company of Hungary women's team coach Gabriella Kotsis as female coaches to lead teams into multiple Olympics. Kotsis led Hungary during the golden era of Hungarian Volleyball, leading the country into three Olympic Games (1972, 1976, 1980).



TEAM USA CHINESE CONNECTION: The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team is loaded with Chinese connections as it prepares to play in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Team USA Head Coach "Jenny" Lang Ping will lead the Americans in her hometown of Beijing during the Olympics. U.S. Assistant Coach Yong Li is a native of China. Logan Tom, an outside hitter on the team, is part Chinese American and looking forward to playing in Beijing. "I'm really excited to see my ancestral roots, being part Chinese American," Tom said. "I am excited to see the Chinese culture, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall."

U.S. WOMEN RANKED FOURTH: The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team moved up four spots to fourth place in the FIVB World Ranking after placing third at the FIVB World Cup in November 2007. Brazil leads the international ranking, followed by Italy and Cuba. Russia and China, ranked first and second respectively prior to the World Cup, dropped to fifth and sixth place. Russia did not qualify for the World Cup, while China could not compete in the Olympic qualifying tournament as it already held a spot as the host team.

PHOTO GALLERY



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Beijing Ticket Secured, Team USA Earns Bronze at World Cup

The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team finished the 2007 FIVB World Cup with a 9-2 record and bronze medal, but the final place on the medal stand took a back seat after the Americans earned a ticket to the 2008 Olympic Games on the second to last day of the tournament.

The FIVB Volleyball 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. The FIVB World Cup is a 12-team event with a round-robin playing format of 11 matches in 15 days.

"I am very excited and proud of my players," said Team USA middle blocker Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.). "We fought very hard for each other. It is always difficult to qualify for the Olympics from the World Cup because it is the best teams. (The Olympic Games berth) alleviates some of the stress we would have had playing in the NORCECA qualification or after that. Now we can go to our professional leagues. Our teams are happy, everyone is happy!"

The U.S. started off the tournament with an 8-0 record heading into the fourth and final stage held in Nagoya. Team USA rebounded from a Nov. 14 loss to Serbia by defeating Japan in straight sets on Nov. 15 to assure itself a spot on the medal stand and berth in the Olympics. On the final day of the event, the Americans lost to gold-medalist Italy. Brazil finished with the silver with a 9-2 record, despite the U.S. winning the head-to-head match on Nov. 7.



Photo courtesy of FIVB

"I am very relieved," U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach 'Jenny' Lang Ping said. "I feel great because the team came here four days before the start of the

tournament and we had a very short time to get together. Especially we have some older players who have played with injuries, so I am very proud of them."

For Lang Ping, she returns to the Olympics in her hometown of Beijing. She has already competed on the ultimate stage as a player and coach for her native country, China.

"For athletes and coaches the Olympic Games is a dream," Lang Ping said. "I have been there as a player and a coach. Also, Beijing is my hometown, and I feel like I am going home, with the USA volleyball family. Hopefully we will have a great performance there."

USA Results at World Cup

at Hamamatsu, Japan

11/2: def. Peru 25-23, 25-14, 25-19
11/3: def. Cuba 20-25, 25-21, 25-18, 20-25, 15-11
11/4: def. Poland 25-21, 12-25, 27-25, 25-17

at Sendai, Japan

11/6: def. Kenya 25-9, 25-20, 25-10
11/7: def. Brazil 17-25, 16-25, 25-21, 25-23, 15-9

at Kumamoto, Japan

11/9: def. Dominican Republic 25-16, 20-25, 25-16, 25-18
11/10: def. Thailand 21-25, 25-19, 25-11, 25-13
11/11: def. South Korea 25-21, 25-19, 25-23

at Nagoya, Japan

11/14: lost to Serbia 26-28, 25-23, 20-25, 23-25
11/15: def. Japan 25-17, 25-14, 25-20
11/16: lost to Italy 20-25, 18-25, 25-27

For Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.), who is attempting to make her first Olympic Games roster, the Olympic qualification was not just the World Cup itself. It started many months ago to reach this point.

"It is such an amazing feeling," Busse said. "After a long season of working hard, we can finally see the fruits of our labor. All are hard work paid off."

The U.S. was shut out of the post-tournament specialty honors based on its balanced team with many players shining at different times. Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) finished third in the overall scoring race with 164 points, while also ranking sixth in the Best Blocker race, and 13th in the Best Spiker and Best Digger categories. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) tallied 143 points for 10th place among all scorers, while ranking third in the Best Spikers award for best kill percentage. Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) placed third in the Best Blocker category, while earning 110 points for 25th place in Best Scorer. Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.), playing in only her second international event with Team USA, finished 14th in Best Server and 51st in Best Scorer.



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Front (L-R): Diane French, Sue Woodstra, Robyn Ah Mow-Santos, Cassie Busse, Danielle Scott-Arruda, Heather Bown, Nicole Davis, Lang Ping, Ogonna Nnamani.

Back (L-R): Logan Tom, Stacy Sykora, Lindsey Berg, Tayyiba Haneef-Park, Kim Glass, Jen Joines, Dr. Sherwin Ho, Tom Hogan.

Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), despite missing three entire matches, finished 41st in scoring with 82 points. She also converted 56.3 percent of her kill attempts but failed to reach the minimum of 15 percent of the team's attacks for qualification for Best Spiker (52.5 percent by Cuba's Nancy Carrillo led the tournament).

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu) and Lindsey Berg (Honolulu) shared the setting duties during the tournament. Ah Mow-Santos ranked ninth in assist average, while Berg was 13th. By combining the two setters' assist averages, it would rank third in the tournament.

Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) finished fourth at the World Cup in the Best Digger category with 2.66 digs per set. She also ranked 12th in the Best Receiver category.

Best Scorers: 3T. Logan Tom (164 Points); 10. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (143); 25. Danielle Scott-Arruda (110); 41. Heather Bown (82); 51. Kim Glass (71); 66. Ogonna Nnamani (44); 67. Jennifer Joines (40); 82T. Cassie Busse (21); 97. Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (14); Lindsey Berg (5).

Best Spikers: 3. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (48.65 kill percentage); 13. Logan Tom (42.27)

Best Blockers: 3. Danielle Scott-Arruda (0.76 blocks per set); 6. Logan Tom (0.63); 34. Heather Bown (0.34); 45. Jennifer Joines (0.27); 47. Kim Glass (0.24); 49. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (0.24); 72. Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (0.12); 92. Ogonna Nnamani (0.07); 97. Cassie Busse (0.05); 114. Lindsey Berg (0.02).

FIVB World Cup Standings

2007 FIVB World Cup Final Standings

Gold: Italy 11-0 (1.421 Point Ratio)
Silver: Brazil 9-2 (1.328 Point Ratio)
Bronze: USA 9-2 (1.145 Point Ratio)
Cuba 8-3 (1.073 Point Ratio)
Serbia 7-4 (1.051 Point Ratio)
Poland 6-5 (1.107 Point Ratio)
Japan 6-5 (1.022 Point Ratio)
Korea 4-7 (0.973 Point Ratio)
Dominican Republic 3-8 (0.875 Point Ratio)
Thailand 2-9 (0.848 Point Ratio)
Peru 1-10 (0.796 Point Ratio)
Kenya 0-11 (0.579 Point Ratio)

Best Servers: 14. Kim Glass (0.22 aces per set); 27. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (0.17); 41. Danielle Scott-Arruda (0.12); 42. Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (0.12); 56. Logan Tom (0.10); 65. Ogonna Nnamani (0.07); 71. Lindsey Berg (0.05); 100. Jennifer Joines (0.02); 105. Cassie Busse (0.02).

Best Diggers: 4. Nicole Davis (2.66 digs per set); 13. Logan Tom (1.90); 38. Kim Glass (0.85); 56. Tayyiba Haneef-Park (0.56); 62. Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (0.51); 69. Lindsey Berg (0.46); 80. Danielle Scott-Arruda (0.37); 86. Ogonna Nnamani (0.29); 87. Heather Bown (0.29); 98. Stacy Sykora (0.22); 104. Cassie Busse (0.17); 108. Jennifer Joines (0.15).

Best Setters: 9. Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (5.15 assists per set); 13. Lindsey Berg (3.78).

Best Receivers: 12. Nicole Davis (53.36 efficiency percentage)



Quote Board After Olympic Qualification

Danielle Scott-Arruda (Middle Blocker, Baton Rouge, La.)

It is not easy to qualify for the Olympics, so it feels wonderful. It is great to know that we can play under pressure, and reach our objectives even with injuries. It is a great stress relieved of anticipation of when we will qualify – World Cup, NORCECA... Now we can focus on our next goals.

I don't ever look at our team as the underdog, as every team seems to play their best when matched against the USA. The World Cup is the last tournament of the year, so we've faced some of these teams at the Grand Prix and NORCECA events, and had enough scouting information. I think our team peeked at the right moment this year, and we added two players to the final 12 of the World Cup roster who haven't been seen the last few years with USA Volleyball. So that was like an element of surprise.

This World Cup, as well as the previous, we had a lot of veterans who had gone through this type of tournament situation. Our staff's plan of attack for maximum performance for such a grueling format was critical...from varying the types of training sessions, video preparation, to getting therapy from our long-time trainer Emery Hill. Finally, each match was a total team effort. That was the key to our success.

Now I look forward to seeing my husband and joining my team in Brazil – Finasa Osasco – that is already in the semifinal phase of the Paulista Championship. I've been so blessed to be healthy overall with only minor aches – nothing my flexgen cream and massage didn't knock out – and an annoying cough. So I look forward to the warm weather in Brazil to hopefully speed up my recovery. My goal is to return to the national team in even better condition, better skills and ready to compete for a spot on each roster, fight to medal in tournaments leading to the Beijing Games as well as at the Olympic Games. WooHoo! I am excited already!

Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.)

It feels wonderful to be qualified this early. It's a big relief in one aspect, at the same time, it is a big accomplishment for this team. The second and last chance qualifiers are going to be so highly competitive for the remaining teams.

We, as a collective group, were so determined to win matches to put us in a position to qualify, that nothing else mattered.

Our resilience and resolve to win was a large factor. Our chemistry and experience was another integral factor. The majority of our team had been through World Cup before, and were great leaders for those of us who had not.

I am looking to play professionally overseas. I'd like to come back next summer with more experience, in great mental and physical shape, and excited about volleyball. That's the best thing I can do for myself and for the team.

Lindsey Berg (Setter, Honolulu, Hawai'i)

Going into this tournament it was our goal to qualify. Personally, I knew we could do it and I think the whole team knew we could do it. I was determined to come home qualified for the Olympics. Being qualified after the first tournament is a huge accomplishment. World Cup was not only the first qualifier, but is also in my book the hardest tournament of the whole quad including the Olympics. The team feels great about our accomplishment and look forward to bringing all together again for next summer.

I think we were only underdogs because we had not yet put our team together. We had some girls return just this summer, and the real USA team began to form. I still think we can improve a lot and will do so. That is very exciting considering our success at World Cup. I did think it was an advantage for us going in to World Cup really not expecting anything. We knew our goal, but we just played one match at a time with that goal in mind and succeeded. The world has definitely not seen the USA team at full strength yet and that is a very exciting thought to me.

We took one match at a time, and it was a complete team effort. Everyone played in this tournament. We were able to make subs when needed and everyone gave all they had and played their part. With this type of tournament, because of the length, this quality of a team is necessary to have. As a team we stayed positive the entire event and knew why we were there, and that is all that was on our mind. We are very proud of ourselves and going to enjoy this accomplishment for a little bit before we get back next summer.

I have already returned to my professional team in Italy. I went back to the States for only one night before returning. I am going to work hard for this team but also work on keeping my body healthy and improving my game in any way that will be able to help USA next summer. Playing professionally is a big advantage I believe. You are able to play with and against the best in the world, which eventually makes you a better player.

Ogonna Nnamani (Outside Hitter, Normal, Ill.)

It feels great! We all feel so relieved! To qualify is certainly not an easy task. We no longer have that crazy homework assignment hanging over our heads!

It was a total team effort. Everyone was on the same page, the whole team was willing to work hard and do whatever it took to be successful at the hardest tournament of the quadrennial.

Our experience and the fighting spirit of Americans! We will always fight until the end no matter the outcome.

I am fortunate to have made a lot of steps in the right direction this year. I hope to continue to improve, get stronger and continue to collect more experiences that will help me when it counts!

Quote Board After Olympic Qualification

Cassie Busse (Opposite, Prior Lake, Minn.)

It is such an amazing feeling. After a long season of working hard, we can finally see the fruits of our labor. All are hard work paid off.

We had a lot of ups and downs throughout the season, but we all came together in the end. It was all about playing with and for each other. We're so close as a team, and our chemistry was the base for our success. Every team that we faced in the World Cup was a team that was trying to take something away from us, trying to take something away from my teammate. We were not going to let that happen; some other team was not going to steal that from us.

We were focused on taking each game one at a time. For each round, we looked at it as we were starting from scratch. Nothing mattered but that particular game. From the very beginning of the season, every practice, every weight session, every tournament, every game was about bringing us to this point. As a team, we were all on the same page, shooting for the same goal; prepared to sacrifice whatever it took to get there.

For me personally, I am undecided on what to do. When we get back to the States, my immediate plans are to spend time with my family. If I stay in Colorado Springs training, or if I go overseas, whatever I will do will be an effort to improve and continue to work hard for Beijing.

Jen Joines (Middle Blocker, Milpitas, Calif.)

I am so glad to be able to tell people, "YES, the Olympics are in Beijing this summer and YES, WE WILL BE THERE!"

We worked out some kinks between our blocking and defense. Once we settled on a game plan and executed it, everything fell into place.

I think the team really stepped up our practices this year. Our practices have become more goal-driven and less technical. Early in the quad we HAD to get on the same page with technique and defensive and offensive relationships. Now we put it all together and do a lot more competitive drills. This is a team that enjoys the sport when we play at a really high level and when we're competing. We ALWAYS feel better after finishing a really tough practice, even when our bodies are feeling fatigued, our desire to compete and work hard makes those practices the most exciting!! We made huge improvements with this mentality.

Each player knows what they need to work on to get an edge against our toughest opponents. When we leave the team we get a chance to be a little selfish and work on improving our individual skills. I can't wait for our first practices back together when we can bring it all together.

Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Opposite, Laguna Hills, Calif.)

It is a big relief and a weight has been lifted off of our shoulders. It was a long tough tournament and now we will have time to rest instead of preparing for another tournament in Mexico.

Many people didn't expect us to qualify so we played every game with the attitude that we would do whatever possible to win. It wasn't always pretty, but our goal was to qualify no matter what.

I think this was a real team effort. The depth of our roster really showed this tournament. Every person was able to come in and make an immediate impact, whereas when the quad began, we didn't have that depth.

Most important for me is to get healthy. World Cup was a difficult tournament for me battling and injury. I hope to relax for a while and then join my team in Turkey when I am better.

Stacy Sykora (Libero, Burleson, Texas)

I am really proud of the team for qualifying on the first opportunity. It was a totally team effort, everyone played a role, small or big but since we were all on the same page and sacrificed for one another, the outcome was qualification. It is great to already be qualified, that way our focus now becomes Beijing and medaling.

I never put USA as an underdog. We are always a team to be reckoned with. There was not a doubt in my mind that we were not going to make some noise at the World Cup. I actually said we were not going to lose and we were gonna play Italy for the title the last game, and I said that while we were in Colorado. We have a lot of experience as a team and I think bringing Logan back was the missing piece to the USA puzzle.

There were many factors of success. As I stated before, the return of Logan was crucial but also I believe the confidence of the team was high. We all had the same goal, we were all on the same page and we all were making personal sacrifices for the benefit of the team. We had a lot of injuries this tournament, more than I have experienced in my career, but we fought through them as a team. People had to step up and it all panned out perfectly. It was scary at times, we had some serious injuries to very vital players but it was great to see the team mesh together and not use it as an excuse.

Now that we are qualified, most players will go overseas and others will take a break and then come back to start training in Colorado. I personally will probably go overseas. After taking a year and a half off, I personally need to get in the gym and touch some balls.

Qualifying was great, we are very happy, but at the end of the World Cup we didn't just want to qualify, we wanted to win, and we didn't. So going into 2008, I think we have a new mind set, and some unfinished business to take care of. This team can medal and we all will make the sacrifices to make it happen.

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 led to its 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:

- Veterans Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) providing veteran leadership and consistent scoring in the final four tournaments of the season. Haneef-Park switched positions to opposite, her 2004 Olympics position, for the FIVB World Grand Prix and FIVB World Cup. Scott-Arruda provided a stabilizing influence using her vast national team experience.
- 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.
- Circling the globe in pursuit of maximizing the roster's potential. Team USA competed in seven 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.
- A good problem to have with a crowded setter spot as Lindsey Berg (Honolulu) returned to the team after nearly a year hiatus. Captain Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu) set for the U.S. at four of the five 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.)



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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. She continued to impress on the largest stage of the year at the FIVB World Cup.
- 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 wins over Brazil and Cuba at the FIVB World Cup, along with a win over FIVB top-ranked Russia during the FIVB World Grand Prix.

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.

With the addition of Tom and Sykora to the roster, Team USA accomplished its top season goal by qualifying for the 2008 Olympic Games at the FIVB World Cup held Nov. 2-16 in Japan. The Americans opened up the tournament with eight straight victories highlighted by a five-set rally over Brazil. After a stumble against Serbia to open the final stage in Nagoya, the U.S. rebounded to sweep host Japan to secure its ticket to Beijing in 2008. After dropping a match to Italy in the tournament finale with the ultimate prize already in hand, the American players proudly wore their World Cup bronze medals upon leaving Japan.

"I think this was a real team effort," Haneef-Park said. "The depth of our roster really showed this tournament. Every person was able to come in and make an immediate impact, whereas when the quad began, we didn't have that depth."



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2007 Team USA Coaching Staff



“Jenny” Lang Ping
Head Coach
USA Women’s National Team
Fourth Year (68-38)

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

Lang Ping guided the Americans to a 26-11 record in 2007 with three medal stands in five tournaments. Using youthful rosters at the Pan American Cup and Pan American Games, Team USA finished fourth and third, respectively. The U.S. finished seventh in the FIVB World Grand Prix Preliminary Round with a 5-4 record that included a win over then-top-ranked Russia and two victories over Cuba. The Americans earned the silver medal at the NORCECA Continental Championship in Winnipeg, Canada, despite having a roster of decimated by injuries. With the addition Olympians Logan Tom and Stacy Sykora to the roster, Team USA won its first eight matches at the grueling FIVB World Cup en route to claiming the bronze medal. The U.S. won nine of 11 matches in the tournament, including a five-set victory over season-ending top-ranked Brazil. With the medal stand appearance, the U.S. earned a berth into the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, which is Lang Ping’s hometown.

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 unequalled,” 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.

“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.”



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“Jenny” Lang Ping

2007 USA Women's National Team Schedule/Results (26-11)

<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	L, 26-28, 25-23, 20-25, 23-25	Nagoya, Japan	Tom - 23	4,700
11/15	Japan	W, 25-17, 25-14, 25-20	Nagoya, Japan	Haneef-Park, Tom - 13	8,000
11/15	Italy	L, 20-25, 18-25, 25-27	Nagoya, Japan	Tom - 13	2,620

Final Standings: 1. Italy; 2. Brazil; **3. USA**; 4. Cuba; 5. Serbia; 6. Poland; 7. Japan; 8. Korea; 9. Dominican Republic; 10. Thailand; 11. Peru; 12. Kenya.

2007 USA Women's National Team Volleyball Final Stats

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting %	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points	Points/ Set
Ah Mow-Santos	108	11	0.10	2	29	.310	14	0.13	9	0.08	34	0.31
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	39	2	0.05	1	8	.125	7	0.18	1	0.03	10	0.26
Bown	62	123	1.98	23	221	.452	12	0.19	44	0.71	179	2.89
Busse	106	137	1.29	74	367	.171	9	0.08	15	0.14	161	1.52
Davis	94	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	65	146	2.25	42	338	.308	23	0.35	24	0.37	193	2.97
Hampton	12	12	1.00	6	24	.250	3	0.25	4	0.08	16	1.33
Haneef-Park	102	331	3.25	92	621	.385	22	0.22	25	0.25	368	3.61
Hunter	11	3	0.27	0	5	.600	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.27
Joines	74	107	1.45	24	215	.386	14	0.19	38	0.51	159	2.15
Lee	55	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Nnamani	53	135	2.55	42	339	.274	10	0.19	18	0.34	163	3.08
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	103	226	2.19	46	438	.411	13	0.13	82	0.80	321	3.12
Stalls	12	27	2.25	3	39	.615	2	0.17	4	0.33	33	2.75
Sykora	21	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Thompson	38	2	0.05	2	11	.000	4	0.11	4	0.11	10	0.26
Tom	40	134	3.35	37	317	.306	4	0.10	26	0.65	164	4.10
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	135	1682	12.46	511	3798	.308	168	1.24	344	2.55	2192	16.24
OPP	135	1500	11.11	692	4001	.202	128	0.95	292	2.16	1970	14.59

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 per set); 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)

Dig Totals at NORCECA Continental Championship: Not available

Dig Totals at FIVB World Cup: Davis 109 (2.66 per set); Tom 78 (1.95); Glass 35 (1.21); Berg 19 (0.70); Nnamani 12 (0.67); Haneef-Park 23 (0.61); Ah Mow-Santos 21 (0.58); Scott-Arruda 15 (0.43); Sykora 9 (0.43); Bown 12 (0.41); Joines 6 (0.32); Busse 7 (0.30).

USA Women's National Team

2007 Individual and Team Highs

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos

Points: 6, vs. Mexico (9-18)
Kills: 2, vs. Thailand (11-10)
Attacks: 4, vs. Thailand (11-10)
Aces: 5, vs. Mexico (9-18)
Blocks: 2, vs. Thailand (11-10)

Foluke Akinradewo

Points: 14 twice, vs. PUR (7-15), vs. PER (7-19)
Kills: 12 twice, vs. PUR (7-15), vs. PER (7-19)
Attacks: 20, vs. Puerto Rico (7-15)
Aces: 3, vs. Costa Rica (7-14)
Blocks: 2, vs. Peru (7-19)

Cynthia Barboza

Points: 15, vs. Argentina (6-21)
Kills: 13, vs. Argentina (6-21)
Attacks: 37, vs. Puerto Rico (7-15)
Aces: 4, vs. Costa Rica (6-22)
Blocks: 2, vs. Costa Rica (7-14)

Lindsey Berg

Points: 4, vs. Mexico (9-18)
Kills: 1 twice, vs. DOM (11-9), vs. ITA (11-16)
Attacks: 3 times, last vs. ITA (11-16)
Aces: 4, vs. Mexico (9-18)
Blocks: 1 twice, vs. PER (11-2), DOM (11-9)

Heather Bown

Points: 22, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Kills: 14, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Attacks: 19, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Aces: 3, vs. Serbia (11-14)
Blocks: 7, vs. Cuba (9-22)

Cassie Busse

Points: 15 vs. Dominican Republic (6-23)
Kills: 14 vs. Dominican Republic (6-23)
Attacks: 29 vs. Argentina (6-21)
Aces: 3 vs. Trinidad & Tobago (9-17)
Blocks: 2, vs. Cuba (7-16)

Nicole Davis

Points: none
Digs: 21, vs. China (8-4)
Kills: none
Attempts: none
Aces: none
Blocks: none

Sarah Drury

Points: none
Digs: Not available
Kills: none
Attempts: none
Aces: none
Blocks: none

Charnette Fair

Points: none
Kills: none
Attacks: 2, vs. Brazil (7-18)
Aces: none
Blocks: none

Krisen Fenton Michaelis

Points: none
Digs: 14, vs. Brazil (7-18)
Kills: none
Attacks: none
Aces: none
Blocks: none

Kim Glass

Points: 21, vs. Russia (8-11)
Kills: 16, vs. Russia (8-11)
Attacks: 36, vs. Kazakhstan (8-12)
Aces: 4, vs. Russia (8-11)
Blocks: 4, vs. Thailand (11-10)

Marcie Hampton

Points: 9, vs. Trinidad & Tobago (6-24)
Kills: 6, vs. Trinidad & Tobago (6-24)
Attacks: 10, vs. Costa Rica (6-22)
Aces: 3, vs. Trinidad & Tobago (6-24)
Blocks: 1, vs. Trinidad & Tobago (6-24)

Tayyiba Haneef-Park

Points: 26, vs. Brazil (11-7)
Kills: 24, vs. Brazil (11-7)
Attacks: 47, vs. Brazil (11-7)
Aces: 3, vs. Puerto Rico (7-15)
Block: 3, vs. Puerto Rico (7-15)

Lindsey Hunter

Points: 2, vs. Costa Rica (7-14)
Kills: 2, vs. Costa Rica (7-14)
Attacks: 4, vs. Costa Rica (7-14)
Aces: none
Blocks: none

Jen Joines

Points: 16, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Kills: 10, vs. Dominican Republic (6-29)
Attacks: 21, vs. Dominican Republic (6-29)
Aces: 4, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Blocks: 5, vs. Dominican Republic (6-29)

Candace Lee

Points: none
* Digs: 3, vs. China (8-5)
Kills: none
Attempts: none
Aces: none
Blocks: none

Ogonna Nnamani

Points: 21, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Kills: 16, vs. Canada (9-21)
Attacks: 45, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Aces: 3, vs. Trinidad & Tobago (9-17)
Blocks: 6, vs. Cuba (9-22)

Kimberly Noble

Points: none
Kills: none
Attacks: none
Aces: none
Blocks: none

Katie Olsovsky

Points: 8 vs. Trinidad & Tobago (6-24)
Kills: 7 vs. Trinidad & Tobago (6-24)
Attacks: 9 vs. Dominican Republic (6-29)
Aces: none
Blocks: 1 three times, last vs. DOM (6-29)

Danielle Scott-Arruda

Points: 23, vs. Kazakhstan (8-12)
Kills: 15, vs. Kazakhstan (8-12)
Attacks: 32, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Aces: 2 vs. Cuba (11-3)
Blocks: 8, vs. Kazakhstan (8-12)

Tracy Stalls

Points: 14, vs. Argentina (6-21)
Kills: 13, vs. Argentina (6-21)
Attacks: 18, vs. Argentina (6-21)
Aces: 2, vs. Costa Rica (6-22)
Blocks: 3, vs. Costa Rica (6-22)

Stacy Sykora

Points: none
Digs: 2 twice, vs. POL (11-4), vs. KOR (11-11)
Kills: none
Attempts: none
Aces: none
Blocks: none

Courtney Thompson

Points: 3 vs. PUR (7-15), MEX (6-25)
Kills: 1, vs. BRA (6-28), vs. PUR (7-15)
Attacks: 4 vs. Peru (7-19)
Aces: 3 vs. Peru (7-19)
Blocks: 2 vs. PUR (7-15), vs. PER (7-19)

Logan Tom

Points: 23 vs. Serbia (11-14)
Kills: 21 vs. Serbia (11-14)
Attacks: 42 vs. Serbia (11-14)
Aces: 1 four times, last vs. SER (11-14)
Blocks: 4 twice, vs. CUB (11-3), vs. ITA (11-16)

Laura Tomes

Points: 7, twice vs. TT (6-24), DOM (6-29)
Kills: 4, vs. Trinidad & Tobago (6-24)
Attacks: 7, vs. Dominican Republic (6-29)
Aces: 3, vs. Dominican Republic (6-29)
Blocks: 3, twice vs. MEX (6-25), DOM (6-29)

Katie Wilkins

Points: 24, vs. Dominican Republic (6-23)
Kills: 17 twice, vs. DOM (6-23), vs. DOM (6-29)
Attacks: 41, vs. Dominican Republic (6-23)
Aces: 2 twice, vs. CRC (6-22), vs. NED (8-19)
Blocks: 7, vs. Dominican Republic (6-23)

USA Team

Points: 82, vs. Cuba (9-22)
Kills: 68, vs. Kazakhstan (8-12)
Attacks: 143, vs. Brazil (11-7)
Aces: 14, vs. Mexico (9-18)
Blocks: 20, vs. Thailand (11-10)

Opponents

Points: 94, Cuba (9-22)
Kills: 75, Cuba (9-22)
Attacks: 151, Cuba (9-22)
Aces: 9, China (8-5)
Blocks: 17, Cuba (8-18)

* Digs not available from Pan American Cup

USA Women's Volleyball Record vs. World (1983 – 2007)

Country	Overall																										
	Record	1983*	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Argentina	10-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	
Australia	10-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	5-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Azerbaijan	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	
Bahamas	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Barbados	5-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-0	0-0	
Brazil	31-43	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	5-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-0	3-2	0-1	4-6	1-2	0-0	0-1	3-3	1-6	1-1	1-2	1-5	0-2	2-3	0-3	1-2	
Brazil JNT	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	
Bulgaria	7-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Cameroon	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	
Canada	68-10	1-0	1-1	2-0	6-0	3-0	1-0	7-3	5-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	6-1	15-0	1-0	2-0	5-2	1-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	
China	28-82	6-1	3-11	0-0	0-1	1-6	0-2	1-1	0-7	3-6	2-6	0-5	0-6	4-0	2-5	0-1	0-4	0-2	2-3	1-2	0-3	0-4	2-2	1-2	0-2	0-2	
Croatia	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Costa Rica	7-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	
Cuba	48-86	8-2	4-1	0-1	0-11	0-12	2-2	2-2	8-3	2-3	2-4	0-5	1-1	2-6	2-5	0-3	0-5	0-5	0-3	3-2	3-2	5-0	2-4	1-2	0-1	3-2	
Cuba 'B'	5-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Czech Rep.	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Domin. Rep.	29-6	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	7-0	5-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	
Egypt	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
El Salvador	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
France	11-0	6-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Germany	54-11	12-0	5-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	8-3	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	4-2	2-0	3-0	4-1	3-1	0-0	3-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	
Greece	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Guatemala	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Haiti	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Hungary	4-2	3-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Italy	25-21	1-0	0-0	9-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	5-0	0-0	0-1	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-4	2-1	1-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	
Jamaica	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	
Japan	91-111	8-6	1-14	4-10	8-11	9-4	12-3	1-9	8-6	4-6	1-9	1-8	5-2	5-2	3-1	0-1	1-6	3-3	4-5	0-2	0-1	3-0	1-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	
Kazakhstan	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	
Kenya	6-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	
Korea	7-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	
Maritius	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Mexico	18-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	0-0	2-0	
Netherlands	25-10	2-0	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	5-1	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	
Nicaragua	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
No. Korea	12-1	11-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Peru	20-5	0-0	3-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	6-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	
Poland	8-3	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-2	1-0	2-0		
Puerto Rico	21-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	4-0	2-0	1-0		
Romania	6-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	5-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
#Russia	31-65	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-3	0-7	0-0	0-5	1-9	3-4	4-1	2-2	1-2	2-0	5-4	0-3	0-6	0-1	0-5	5-0	2-6	0-3	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	
#Russia 'B'	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Serbia	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	
So. Korea	23-24	1-0	1-3	0-4	4-1	2-0	4-2	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-2	0-2	2-1	3-1	2-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	
Spain	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Switzerland	4-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Thailand	9-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	
Taiwan	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	
Tunisia	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Trinidad	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	
Turkey	5-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	
Ukraine	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Venezuela	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	
Virgin Is.	3-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Yugoslavia	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0																		

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 Pepller
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 entering the 2008 calendar year:

Women (Points)

1. Brazil (235)
2. Italy (233.75)
3. Cuba (172.5)
4. **USA (157.25)**
5. Russia (154.5)
6. China (142.5)
7. Serbia (136)
8. Japan (120.25)
9. Poland (101.5)
10. Netherlands (98)
11. Korea (74.5)
12. Kenya (49.75)
13. Peru (47.5)
14. Dominican Republic (47)
15. Germany (38.5)
16. Kazakhstan (34.75)
17. Chinese Taipei (33.75)
18. Thailand (33)
19. Puerto Rico (32.5)
20. Egypt (32.25)

Men (Points)

1. Brazil (260)
2. Russia (199.5)
3. USA (166.5)
4. Bulgaria (159.5)
5. **Poland (99.8)**
- 6T. Argentina (89.5)
- 6T. Spain (89.5)
- 8T. Serbia (88.8)
- 8T. Puerto Rico (88.8)
10. Italy (82)
11. Australia (69.8)
12. Japan (67)
13. France (58.8)
14. Egypt (51.3)
15. Tunisia (50.3)
16. Korea (46)
17. Cuba (45.8)
18. Canada (45.3)
19. Germany (44.8)
20. Venezuela (38.5)

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)
2007: Brazil (USA, fourth)

Past World Cup Champions (Women)

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

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

Past NORCECA Champions (Men)

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

Past NORCECA Champions (Women)

1969: Mexico (USA, 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)