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With the International Season upon us it is a busy time in the High Performance Program, with our National Teams preparing for World Championships Qualification Tournaments in Indoor and an expanded FIVB World Tour in Beach Volleyball. The National Men's Team is about to play in their World Championship Qualification Tournament in Iran and the equivalent tournament for the National Women's Team will take place in China in August. On the Beach Volleyball side there are currently four teams participating in Berlin, Germany. We wish the teams the best of luck and we look forward to them building on our current success on the world stage. Please keep up to date with results on the FIVB website – www.fivb.ch with reports from the teams being listed on the AVF website – www.avf.org.au when we receive them.

At home, the AVF have been undertaking an Operational Review to identify ways to enhance the delivery of services to our stakeholders and grow Volleyball in Australia. The AVF will be incorporating this review into its future planning as the 2005-09 Strategic Plan is to be released shortly. Also the AVF have been advised of its 4-year funding from the Australian Sports Commission and the AVF will again receive in excess of \$2 million for the delivery of its High Performance Program and Sport Development initiatives. This newsletter provides updates on the work currently being done in these areas. One of the newest initiatives is a Clubs Development E-Newsletter, provided through the Member States to

assist the many volunteers at the Club & Association level that will alert them to any opportunities for support that may exist.

Finally, the recent Sweeney Report has highlighted that Beach Volleyball TV viewership has increased by 6% over the last 12 months – the highest of any sport.

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Sport Development Program

Expiration of Coach & Referee Accreditations

The Volleyball and Beach Volleyball coach and referee accreditations awarded by the AVF through the NCAS and NOAS programs have a life of four years before they need to be reaccredited. It is particularly appropriate to communicate this message at this time as the first referees accredited by the AVF back at the end of 2000 represent the first that need to complete the reaccreditation process. The reaccreditation process for both coaches and referees requires the provision of evidence of sufficient activity over the four years of an accreditation to warrant reaccreditation. The benefits of accreditation include cover under the national insurance program for public liability and professional indemnity, as well as eligibility to referee and coach at various levels. In many instances accreditation levels also impact on rates of remuneration offered to coaches and referees by clubs and associations.

For further information on accreditations or to check the status of a particular accreditation, please contact Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

Club Development E-Newsletter

The AVF circulated its first edition of a new electronic newsletter this past week, specific to assisting clubs and associations with 'best practice' processes and ideas. The e-newsletter will also offer information on promotions that can be accessed to win cash or products for clubs and associations. This e-newsletter will be produced quarterly and will be distributed to clubs and associations via the Member States. Anyone wishing to be included in the distribution of this e-newsletter should contact your appropriate Member State office or Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

Active After-School Communities Program

The AVF has recently circulated a draft mini-volleyball program to be delivered within AASC. While feedback is currently being requested before this document is submitted to the ASC for endorsement to be delivered ongoing within AASC, the draft document is suitable for immediate use. Any clubs or associations approached to deliver an AASC program to a school or after-school care provider should contact their Member State for access to this resource.

National Junior Sport Policy

Following an extensive development process, the AVF has become only the second NSO to complete the production of a National Junior Sport Policy. In 2003 the ASC launched a new project to have all NSOs develop their own individual policies in this area and the policy developed in conjunction with Member States was endorsed by the ASC earlier this month. Any person or association that would like to view this policy for the benefit of improving existing local programs delivered to junior participants and ensuring appropriate duty of care provisions are implemented should contact Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

National Sport Information Centre - SportScan

The National Sport Information Centre, based at the AIS, is offering a new free email alerting service. This service was developed to highlight the latest research to Australian Institute of Sport and national coaches and scientists, however is also of value to coaches at club and association level. A monthly email lists new resources - journal articles, web documents, websites, conferences and other information - identified by the NSIC that may be of interest. Any articles listed can be obtained from the NSIC for a small fee.

To subscribe to this monthly free email service go to: www.ausport.gov.au/nsic/sportscan/.

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High Performance Program

VOLLEYBALL TEAM AUSTRALIA MEN

On Monday, June 6th, Volleyball Team Australia Men (VTAM) departed Canberra for a four week tour, at the end of which they hope to qualify for the 2006 World Championships in Japan. The first destination was the United States for a four-nation tournament against national teams from the USA, China and the Netherlands. From there, the Australian Team travelled onto the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to acclimatise before continuing onto Iran for the World Championship Qualification Tournament. The team is currently in Iran preparing for their opening match.

The Australian delegation to the World Championship Qualification Tournament will be coached by new VTAM Head Coach, Russell Borgeaud - a former Australian Captain himself - and assisted by Andrew Strugnell. VTAM stalwarts Daniel Howard, Benjamin Hardy and Hidde (Shane) Van Beest will lead a relatively young Aussie team which includes three debutants, in its quest to qualify for a third successive World Championship appearance. The players and officials to represent Australia on this tour are:-

Daniel Howard (WA) (*Capt.*)
Brett Alderman (QLD)
Luke Campbell (VIC)
Phillip DeSalvo (VIC) - *Senior National Team debut*
Andrew Earl (SA)
David Ferguson (WA)
Andrew Grant (QLD)
Benjamin Hardy (ACT)
Nathan Roberts (SA) - *Senior National Team debut*
Aden Tutton (SA) - *Senior National Team debut*
Hidde Van Beest (QLD)
Matthew Young (QLD)

Head Coach:	Russell Borgeaud
Manager / Assist. Coach:	Andrew Strugnell
Trainer / Statisticians:	Daniel Ilott Stephen Benson
Team Referee:	Dean Turner

Aden Tutton enters the team as a late replacement for the injured Paul Carroll (NSW). Paul broke his ankle at training prior to the start of the tour.

For the Qualification Tournament, VTAM will face Qatar, Uzbekistan and hometown favourites Iran. The winner of the pool play tournament will proceed straight through to the 2006 World Championships in Japan with the second ranked team travelling onto India to compete for a winner-take-all final birth to the World Championships.

Match schedule

No	Teams	Date	Time	City
1	UZB-QAT	22-Jun	16:00	Tehran
2	IRI-AUS	22-Jun	18:00	Tehran
3	QAT-AUS	23-Jun	16:00	Tehran
4	IRI-UZB	23-Jun	18:00	Tehran
5	AUS-UZB	24-Jun	16:00	Tehran
6	IRI-QAT	24-Jun	18:00	Tehran

Results at the four-nation tournament in the United States were:

- AUS lost to CHN 1 – 3
(26-24, 22-25, 18-25, 15-25)
- AUS lost to USA 1 – 3
(25-19, 16-25, 22-25, 17-25)
- AUS lost to NED 0 – 3
(22-25, 18-25, 19-25)

Semi-final

- AUS lost to NED 2 – 3
(21-25, 25-17, 25-27, 25-18, 14-16)

Bronze playoff

- AUS lost to CHN 2 – 3
(25-23, 24-26, 28-26, 17-25, 10-15)

Final rankings:

1. Netherlands (were undefeated)
2. USA
3. China
4. Australia

Despite not recording a win, the team benefited significantly from some very close matches which aided in the development and gelling of the team leading into the WCQT (given that the bulk of the team went into camp two weeks prior to departure).

In other 2006 World Championship news Kazakhstan has defeated Korea 3 - 1 (25-21, 25-20, 17-25, 33-31) in a four set thriller that sees Kazakhstan as the first Asian men's team to qualify alongside Japan (as hosts) for next years World Championship in Japan. For Korea, they will now travel to India for the remaining birth available to the second ranked teams from the three Asian zone qualification tournaments.

Up-to-date news and match reports from the Team will be posted on the Australian Volleyball Federation website (www.avf.org.au) as well as being sent through the [Volleyball Enthusiasts list](#). (you can subscribe to this list by sending an email to : nguyenp@ausport.gov.au)

For more information please visit these websites:

- [2006 World Championships \(www.fivb.org\)](http://www.fivb.org)
- [Islamic Republic of Iran Volleyball Federation \(www.volleyball.ir\)](http://www.volleyball.ir)

VTAM versus Korean Air Men's Volleyball Team

Volleyball Team Australia Men (VTAM) will do battle with one of Korea's leading professional club sides – Korean Air – in Australia. The Australian Team, fresh off its World Championships qualification campaign will use the series of friendly matches as preparation for the Asian Championships in Thailand in September 2005. Games will be played in Sydney and Canberra as follows:

Sydney Olympic Park

Saturday 6 August 2005 (evening);
Friday 12 August 2005 (afternoon for schools)
Saturday 13 August 2005 (evening).

Australian Institute of Sport (Canberra)

Monday 8 to Thursday 11 August 2005

The series will provide Volleyball enthusiasts with a rare opportunity to see the Men's National Team in action on home turf. VTAM is likely to include Australia's best young guns as well as several of the senior athletes who represented Australia at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM AUSTRALIA WOMEN

Australia's finest female Volleyball athletes – Volleyball Team Australia Women (VTAW) – will play a series of friendly matches against the Chinese provincial team Zhe Jiang. The series will be played at the Sleeman Centre in Brisbane from July 2nd to 7th 2005, and will provide the Women's National Team with much needed match practice in advance of the World Championships Qualification Tournament which will be conducted in China from the August 3rd to 7th 2005.

Teams will train each morning with exhibition matches being played from approximately 6.00pm on the evenings of July 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th.

VTAW / Zhe Jiang matches will be preceded by curtain raisers involving some of Queensland's best boys and girls' high school teams. Admission is free for adults and children so come and support VTAW in the first of its international fixtures for 2005. For further information about Brisbane matches, please contact the Queensland Volleyball Association on telephone (07) 3367 1991.

Zhe Jiang Province will then travel to Sydney to play one match against a Sydney All-Star Team on the evening of July 8th. For further information about the Sydney match, please contact Nam Pham on telephone 0411 279 709.

TEAM AUSTRALIA BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Four Australian teams will compete at the 2005 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships over the current week. Two teams – Gerlic/Clarke and Cook/Lochowicz – will compete in the women's competition and the other two teams – Schacht/Slack and Prosser/Richardson – are in the men's competition.

Unfortunately due to injury, Nicole Sanderson is unable to defend the bronze medal she won with regular partner Natalie Cook at the 2003 World Championships.

On the first day of play in the women's competition, both Australian teams experienced two wins and a loss and will start the second day playing for the right to finish higher than 25th. The men's event starts today.

For all the latest results go to:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/index.asp>

Results to date at completed rounds of this year's Tour are:

Shanghai (Women)

Gerlic/Kloeden 25th=
Mokotupu/Busch 41st=

Shanghai (Men)

Schacht/Slack 9th=
Byron/Suan 41st=
Bourne/Lyne 57th=

Osaka (Women)

Gerlic/Kloeden 13th=
Mokotupu/Busch 41st=

Milan (Women)

Gerlic/Kloeden 17th=
Mokotupu/Busch 57th=

Zagreb (Men)

Schacht/Slack 7th=
Byron/Suan 41st=
Bourne/Lyne 41st=
Coles/Croxford 57th=
McCombe/Hill (lost in country quota playoff)

Gstaad (Women)

Gerlic/Clarke 7th=
Cook/Lochowicz 17th=

Kloeden/Barnett 41st=
Busch/Mokotupu 57th=

Gstaad (Men)

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Lyne/Bourne 41st=
McCombe/Hill 57th=
Byron/Suan (lost in country quota playoff)
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Important dates/events

July 10th – 16th - Adelaide
Australian Junior Volleyball Championships

September
Australian Volleyball League (AVL) commences

November
Vodafone Beach Tour (VBVT) commences

December 4th – 5th - Melbourne
AVL Finals

December 6th – 10th – Melbourne
Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (AVSC)

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