



Volleyball Australia Newsletter – 2006/5

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Chief Executive Officer's Introduction

The month of May has seen the AVF staff and Board confirm their plans and budgets for 2006/07, with the main addition being the confirmation of a full-time Competitions & Events Manager to assess and deliver on the recommendations from the Events Review by Jenny Becker. The confirmation of the direction followed discussion at the Executive Commission meeting with the Member States in Canberra.

For more details on the direction for 2006/07 please view the AVF website article;

<http://www.avf.org.au/avf/hgahome.cl?PT=ni&nd=26-05-06&newsID=avf&newsClub=AA&seq=5>

The 'new' AVF website is currently being built with the transition to occur over the next few weeks. The new website will see a focus on news items about the sport and our athletes as the AVF builds the site to be the home of Volleyball in Australia.

For all the latest information about Australian volleyball continue to check the AVF website: www.avf.org.au

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Competitions & Events Manager

As advised earlier the AVF is advertising for a full-time Competitions & Events Manager. The process of identifying the best candidate will be managed by Sport Employment Australia.

Reporting directly to the CEO, the position will be responsible for the management and delivery of national volleyball competitions and events for both indoor and beach volleyball. There will also be an International focus including matches involving our National teams and hosting International events.

For further information please contact **Michael Catlow** or **Claudia Fatone** quoting **Ref# 2339** on (03) 9620 2766 or email your application to; jobs@sportemploymentaustralia.com.au.

Closing date for applications is: **Friday 9th June 2006.**

For a copy of the Job advert please go to: http://www.avf.org.au/avf/AA/2005/Job_advert.pdf

Sport Development Report

Sport Development Manager to visit States

During the month of June the AVF Sport Development Manager, Tim Shannahan, will visit all Member States to hold meetings with staff involved in the delivery of development programs. If anyone else would like to meet with Tim during his time in each city please contact him (sdm@avf.org.au) so that he can accommodate additional meetings in his schedule. Tim is happy to discuss any aspect of AVF development programs with interested stakeholders or members of the sport.

ASC Club Development & Membership Growth Workshop

The Club Development & Membership Growth unit of the ASC recently held their annual conference for National Sporting Organisations (NSO) in Canberra to provide an opportunity for NSO staff working in the area of sport development to discuss relevant issues. Topics covered by guest presenters included:

- Strategies for member retention
- Volunteering trends
- Managing staff turnover
- Risk management processes
- Selling/exporting development programs

If anyone would like further information on any of these topics, please contact Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

National Review of Coach Training Programs

This review has finally commenced with an initial email circulated to all relevant individuals this week, including those that requested to be included in the review in response to the invitation made in previous additions of this newsletter. Anyone else that would like to be involved and contribute to the structure and content of the Coach Education & Development Program is invited to communicate this to Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au) and will be included in all ongoing correspondence as part of the review.

May's Madison Sport Club Development Prize Draw

Entries for this quarter's Madison Sport Club Development Prize Draw close at the end of May. For the chance to win a share of \$1000 worth of volleyball equipment please complete the entry process identified in the March edition of the AVF Club Development E-Newsletter, accessible via the AVF Club Development web page at: www.avf.org.au/avfclub/.

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AIS/AVF Beach Volleyball National Centre of Excellence

SWATCH-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour

Australian athletes commence their campaign on World Tour

Modena, Italy: Kylie Gerlic & Stacey Kloeden, under the watchful eye of Coach Carlos 'Alemao' Galletti made a promising start to the 2006 Swatch-FIVB Beach Volleyball tour in the north western Italian city of Modena by qualifying for the Main Draw, however failed to progress any further in the tournament. The two losses in the Main Draw left them in 25th place and looking forward to joining their fellow Australians for the next event in Shanghai, China.

Andrew Schacht-Josh Slack, Martin Suan-John Byron, Travis Moran-Sam Boehm, Anthony Wardrop-Sean Thomas & Natalie Cook-Nicole Sanderson all commence their World Tour campaign in Beijing, China May 23-28.

Debuting for the first time at a Beach Volleyball World Tour event will be Travis Moran-Sam Boehm & Anthony Wardrop-Sean Thomas. Boehm was a late replacement for big Al Lyne who has re-injured his right knee and will miss the entire 2006 world tour. Boehm and Moran is the youngest pair on the tour and have never played a match together but both maintain great confidence.

Results:

Italy, Modena (5/10-14, \$200,000)

1. Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRAZIL, \$30,000
2. Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, UNITED STATES, \$22,000
3. [Jia Tian](#)/[Jie Wang](#), CHINA, \$16,000
4. Rachel Wacholder/Elaine Youngs, UNITED STATES, \$12,000

Gold Medal - Juliana/Larissa def. May-Treanor/Walsh, 21-19, 27-25 (55 minutes)

Bronze Medal - Jia Tian/Jie Wang def. Wacholder/Youngs, 15-21, 21-18, 15-11 (61)

SWATCH MOP - Larissa

SWATCH SERVE - Carolina Salgado, Brazil, 75.1km/h

Australian results:

Italy, Modena

Qualification tournament

Round 1

Kulna-Sannok THA (27) df. by **Gerlic-Kloeden** AUS (6) 0-2 (15-21, 19-21)

Round 2

Udstahl-Ludquist SWE (11) df. by **Gerlic-Kloeden** AUS (6) 1-2 (18-21, 21-19, 8-15)

Main Draw tournament

Round 1

Adriana Behar-Shelda BRA (5) df. **Gerlic-Kloeden** AUS (28) 2-0 21-15, 21-15)

Loser 25th

Gerlic-Kloeden AUS (28) df by Tanaka-Koizumi JPN (21) (15-21, 19-21)

Entry Process for World Tour

Just another reminder, AIS/AVF Beach Volleyball will be responsible for coordinating entries for those athletes wishing to play on the FIVB World Tour.

If you intend on playing at any FIVB World Tour event, please ensure you advise the AIS/AVF Beach Volleyball Sport Coordinator, Lyndie Harrison of your intention. Phone 08-8416 6681, or email lyndie.harrison@ausport.gov.au. Nominations will be required 45+ days in advance for events you wish to participate in. You will be advised of the formal documentation, nomination and registration process for your team at this point.

For the latest results on-line:

www.fivb.ch/EN/BeachVolleyball/index.asp

Birthdays

June

Julien Prosser – 11 June

July

John Byron – 16 July

Injuries

Update

Summer Lochowicz: Has commenced sand sessions and training at almost full capacity and still incorporating intense leg strengthening exercises.

Allister Lyne: Focus is on eccentric and specific VMO and ITB exercises and is yet to resume sand sessions.

Next Competition Opportunities

May 23-28 - China Open – Shanghai, China – Men & Women

May 31-June 4 – Croatia Open – Zagreb, Croatia – Men

May 31-June 4 – Greece Open – Athens, Greece - Women

Coming Events:

2006 Benchmark Event - Austria Grand Slam WT [Men & Women] Aug 2-6

2007 World Championships – Switzerland [Men & Women] 19-24 June 2007

2008 Beijing Olympics....804 Days to go [as at 29th March 2006]

For all the latest information see the website – <http://www.avf.org.au/avf/hqahome.cl?PT=sn>

Volleyball Team Australia Men (VTAM) Program Update

Results – ACT State League

The results of recent matches for our AIS Team (Youth age players) in the ACT State League:

Round 6: AIS drew with Belconnen Volleyball Club
2:2 19/25, 25/23, 17/25, 25/13

Round 7: AIS defeated Australian Defence Force Academy 3:0 25/8, 25/10, 25/13

Round 8: AIS defeated Panthers
3:0 25/21, 25/14, 25/14

VTAM – Senior's return to AIS

The majority of the Senior National Team Members have returned to the AIS and are currently trialling to make the upcoming Senior men's tour to play friendly matches against the National teams of China and Iran. This is an exciting opportunity for the team to train and play competitive matches prior to the World Championships in November. The tour will depart on the 9th June to China, then over to Iran and then onto Italy on the way home to stay and train at the new AIS Euro Hub in Varese, Italy, and will return to Australia on the 29th June.

It is an extremely busy and exciting time for the program at the moment with the senior team athletes vying for spots on the team and also with the strong development and competition from the junior and youth players.

National Junior Program

Thailand Tour - '88 National Junior Women & '89 National Youth Boy's Teams

On Saturday, April 29, the '88 National Junior Women's Team ('88 NJW) and the '89 National Youth Boy's Team ('89 NYB) departed Australia on a ten-day tour to Thailand to contest the 2006 Thailand Junior Men & Women's Volleyball Championships in Bangkok, Thailand.

The travelling group consisted of players from across Australia (QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC, SA and WA) with Dan Higgins (VIC – 88 NJW) and Darren Wilson (QLD – 89 NYB) heading the coaching team. Aply assisting them were Gary Roberts (VIC), Sylvia Moutafis (VIC) with the Junior Women and Steven Burton (QLD) with the Youth Boy's.

'88 NJW Team:

- Melinda CROSS (SA)**
- Eliza DEAN (NSW)
- Sally DEED (VIC)
- Teresa DIXON (VIC)
- Angharad EVANS (NSW)**
- Petrice FATCHEN (VIC)
- Ami HART (QLD)
- Alice ROHKAMPER (NSW) (Capt)
- Danielle STOTT (VIC)
- Rhiannon TOOKER (QLD)
- Kristen WOODCOCK (VIC)**
- Victoria WRIGHT (SA)**

'89 NYB Team:

- Benjamin BELL (AIS/QLD)**
- Thomas EDGAR (AIS/QLD)**
- Osama EL-MEZIN (QLD)**
- Trent IRWIN (QLD)**
- William LEWIS (VIC)**
- Travis PASSIER (AIS/QLD)
- Michael SNART (WA)**
- Johnathon STOCK (VIC)**
- Samuel SVERDLOFF (SA)**
- Adam WHITE (AIS/QLD)** (Capt)
- John VAN NOORDEN (VIC)**
- Aidan ZINGEL (AIS/NSW)**

** Debuting for Australia

88 NJW

For Dan Higgins and his coaching staff, this tour was all about preparing and developing the pool of available athletes for the upcoming Asian Junior Championship this October in Thailand with the view to qualify for the World Championship in 2007.

With this philosophy in mind, the tour saw four athletes debuting in the Green and Gold pressing hard for selection to be on the Asian Championship team.

Again, Alice Rohkamper led the team as team captain and has totalled 24 games in the Green and Gold for Australia. Only Danielle Stott and Rhiannon Tooker, who is from the next age group – 90 NYG, have amassed the same number of games.



88 NJW Results:

Pool matches:

02/05/06 – AUS lost to Anthonng
0 – 3 (16- 25, 21-25, 23-25)

04/05/06 – AUS def Chankaseam
3 – 1 (25-27, 25-17, 25-20, 25-22)

Crossover matches:

06/05/06 – AUS lost to Army
0 – 3 (9-25, 19-25, 7-25)

07/05/06 – AUS lost to Nontabury
0 – 3 (14-25, 21-25, 17-25)

89 NYB

Needing to win only one of their two crossover matches to progress through to the semi-finals, the inexperienced young Aussies let an opportunity go begging against the lower ranked team of CRU, from the other pool, dropping the match 1 – 3 after winning the first set with dominant play at the net in attack and block.

With two wins under their belts in only their first tour or competitive series the team is buoyant with confidence ahead of their assault on next years Asian Youth Championship in the Philippines and lead-in competitions.



89 NYB Results:

Pool matches:

02/05/06 – AUS def Watraikhing
3 – 0 (25-10, 25-8, 25-9)

04/05/06 – AUS def E-Tech
3 – 0 (25-16, 25-23, 25-14)

Crossover matches:

06/05/06 – AUS lost to CRU
1 – 3 (25-20, 22-25, 19-25, 22-25)

07/05/06 – AUS lost to Army
0 – 3 (11-25, 22-25, 18-25)

Overall the tour was a great success with both teams finishing the tournament equal 5th overall against their more cohesive opposition. More importantly, though, was the fact that both teams continued to improve as the tournament progressed given the teams' lack of preparation prior.

Finally, the National Junior Program would like to take this opportunity thank Dan Higgins, Darren Wilson, Gary Roberts, Steven Burton and Sylvia Moutafis for taking time out of their busy lives to help with the coaching of the teams and the volleyball development of the participating athletes.

Murray Mansfield" Junior Trans Tasman Trophy Series – Combined 87 Junior Men and 89 Youth Boy's

The 2006 instalment of the "Murray Mansfield" Junior Trans Tasman Series will see a combined group of athletes from the 87 Junior Men's and 89 Youth Boy's squads defending the trophy for an unprecedented fifth straight series win against the New Zealand Junior Men's Team in this July.

The 2006 series for the "Murray Mansfield" trophy will be contested in Canberra, July 17 – 19, before moving to Nowra, NSW to play the final two matches.

Further details regarding the series including match times and venues will be announced in the next edition of this newsletter.

Upcoming Competitions in 2006

- Jul 16 – 22 “Murray Mansfield” Junior Trans Tasman Series – Canberra & Nowra, NSW
- July 16 – 19 88 NJW Selection Camp - Canberra
- Sep 2 – 9 Friendly Series with China Junior Men’s Team – Canberra
- Sep 13 – 21 13th Asian Jnr. Men’s Volleyball Championship – Iran
- Sep 20 - 26 “Jenny Kirk” Junior Trans Tasman Series – New Zealand
- Sep 29 – Oct 10 13th Asian Jnr. Women’s Championship – Thailand

Women’s Volleyball Review

The AVF’s Review of Women’s Volleyball in Australia is now into its final stages with the delivery of a final report (including actions/recommendations for the redevelopment of Women’s Volleyball in the future) likely to be delivered by project consultant, Bob Crudgington, in the next two weeks.

As a result of the recent National Planning Workshop conducted in Canberra, the Women’s Volleyball Review Committee has decided that state-based discussion forums will be conducted after the final report has been received and will be focused on the implementation of outcomes/actions stemming from the Review instead of obtaining further feedback from stakeholders on Women’s Volleyball in the past. In the meantime, however, Bob will continue to canvas last-minute feedback from targeted stakeholders, particularly female athletes currently or formerly involved in the Women’s National Program.

The AVF Board has already started to consider how it might support the delivery of the outcomes of the Women’s Volleyball Review in the context of its budget discussions for 2006/07, but will wait to finalise future funding for the Women’s National Program until the final report has been received.

AVF National Sports Science Co-ordinator

The AVF Board has endorsed the appointment of a National Sports Science Coordinator (NSSC) whose role it will be to oversee the effective delivery of sports science (and medicine) services to Australia’s elite Volleyball and Beach Volleyball athletes. The NSSC will work closely with the High Performance Manager and National Coaches to manage service delivery by existing providers (i.e. through the AIS in particular) as well as investigating a range of new and innovative sports science initiatives which may help to enhance the performances of Australian athletes in international competition in the future. This important position will be delivered in partnership with the AIS.

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