



Volleyball Australia Newsletter – 2006/6

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Chief Executive Officer's Introduction

The new AVF website has now been launched with a greater focus on the latest activities & images of our sport. The websites of ACT, NSW, Qld and SA will also be immediately utilising the opportunities of the AVF's partnership with SportingPulse and I look forward to being able to discuss this opportunity and Sportzware, the competition and management package with Clubs and Associations over the next few months.

The AVF will also be announcing in the next few weeks the appointment of the full-time Competitions and Events Manager, who will implement the outcomes of the Events Review as well as help raise the profile of Volleyball in Australia through its events. There will also be a focus on building the number of national team matches across Australia and again hosting International events.

As always, but now more than ever, check out the AVF website – www.avf.org.au for the latest on what's happening in Australian volleyball, here and overseas.

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Our fate is in your hands,

The Spike Volleyball Magazine Team

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Sport Development Report

Sport Development Manager to visit States

Over the last two weeks the AVF Sport Development Manager, Tim Shannahan, has visited most Member States to hold meetings with staff involved in the delivery of development programs. Tim will discuss any aspect of AVF development programs with interested stakeholders or members of the sport.

The schedule was:

June 19th & 20th – Hobart, TAS

June 23rd – Brisbane, QLD

June 28th – Perth, WA

June 29th – Melbourne, VIC

June 30th – Adelaide, SA

Alternate arrangements are being made with the other States to meet with relevant representatives during the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships in Canberra or at other times that are more convenient to representatives.

National Review of Coach Training Programs

This first stage of this review has been completed. The results of this stage identified that it is desirable for the AVF to have the following training programs comprise its education structure:

- Introductory Coach Program
- NCAS Level 1 Coach Training Program
- NCAS Level 2 Coach Training Program
- NCAS Level 3 Coach Training Program

The first stage also identified that at some point within the structure it was appropriate to split the two disciplines of volleyball and beach volleyball and have separate training programs for each discipline.

The second stage of the review is now underway and is focused on identifying what content should be included as part of the education structure, in particular identifying content not currently delivered that is viewed as worthy of inclusion moving forward.

Anyone that would like to be involved and contribute to the structure and content of the Coach Education & Development Program, and is not already receiving the relevant emails, 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.

National Referee Uniform

Late last month the Australian Volleyball Referees Commission finalised the introduction of a national referee uniform. This uniform has been designed to be worn by all referees in both disciplines of the sport - indoor Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. While it is a requirement that all referees at national competitions and events are attired in this uniform, some states have also indicated that it will be a requirement for this uniform to be worn at various competitions and events in the future.



All referees in Australia are encouraged to wear this uniform to designate that they are a qualified referee.

Anyone wanting more information about the uniform or an order form to purchase a uniform can contact Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

New Web Resource for Beginner Coaches & Referees

Every year, many people (parents in particular) find themselves appointed to the position of coach or official of a sporting team - often by default as there was no one else who would volunteer to do it.

To assist new coaches and officials in their role, the Australian Sports Commission, in conjunction with State Departments of Sport and Recreation, have developed a series of new web pages - *Tools and Tips for New Coaches and Officials*.

Go to www.ausport.gov.au/coachofficial and click on the icon below:



The *Tools and Tips for New Coaches and Officials* web pages contain practical information and tools aimed at the beginner coach and official. The web pages have been designed so that the coach or official can download and print the various documents to take away and use in their coaching or officiating role. There is also information for clubs on ways that they can recruit and retain coaches and officials.

The web pages contain the following information:

- 'Survival pack' information for new coaches – information on planning, managing groups, working with parents and managing children's behaviour, and more
- 'Survival pack' information for new officials – information on officiating for the first time, safety, managing conflict when officiating, and more.
- Templates for coaches – session plan template, player attendance and medical history forms, injury record form, and more
- Templates for officials – incident report form, season planner, and more
- Activity cards – game cards suitable for a range of sports.
- Information for clubs – on recruiting and retaining coaches and officials
- Further information – including articles and web links

Links to this resource have been established from the respective Coach and Referee sections, within the Sport Development Program menu, of the AVF's website.

May's Madison Sport Club Development Prize Draw

The next edition of the AVF Club Development Newsletter will be circulated at the end of this month via Member State Associations.

Winners of prizes of volleyball equipment in the Madison Sport prize draw for May were:

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| Gladstone Volleyball Assn. (QLD) | (\$500) |
| Brisbane Volleyball Club (QLD) | (\$200) |
| Albury Wodonga Volleyball Assn. (NSW) | (\$100) |
| ECU Chequers Volleyball Club (WA) | (\$100) |
| East Brisbane Volleyball Club (QLD) | (\$100) |

The efforts made by Volleyball Queensland to encourage more clubs and associations engage in the activities related to entry to the prize draw certainly paid dividends for the three winners from Queensland.

The next prize draw will be in August and entries will relate to the activities outlined in the June edition of AVF Club Development E-newsletter.

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AIS/AVF Beach Volleyball National Centre of Excellence

2006 SWATCH-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championship U19 & U21 National selections

The AVF Board has endorsed and would like to congratulate the following athletes for their selection to the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships U19 & U21:

U/19 Men:

Team 1 - Sam Boehm (SA/SASI) // Tent Irwin (QLD/JTS)

Team 2 - Chris McHugh (SA/SASI) // Harrison Peacock (SA/SASI)

U/19 Women:

Team 1 - Becchara Palmer (SA/SASI) // Alice Rohkamper (NSW)

Team 2 - Jordan Mowen (QLD/JTS) // Eliza Dean (NSW)

U/21 Men:

Team 1 - Sam Boehm (SA/SASI) // Brad Tutton (SA)

U/21 Women:

Team 1 - Becchara Palmer (SA/SASI) // Alice Rohkamper (NSW)

Team 2 - Natalie Frostick (NSW) // Jill McLeod (QLD/QAS)

The U21 event will be held in the Polish town of Myslowice from 23 to 27 August 2006. This event often acts as a stepping stone for dozens of young athletes – both male and female who are now competing for medals on the SWATCH-FIVB World Tour; whilst the U19 event will be held in Bermuda at one of its most popular beaches, Horseshoe Bay from 5 to 10 September 2006.

The AVF Board has also endorsed the following appointments for the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships U19 & U21:

Head Coach:

Simon Naismith (SASI Volleyball Head Coach); and

Assistant Coach:

Matt Grinlaubs (QAS Volleyball Head Coach).

SWATCH-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour

Australian athletes continue on their World Tour campaign

With three Women and four Men's World Tour events completed, our Australian teams are hoping for improved results at the first of four Grand Slam events in Gstaad, Switzerland June 20-25 immediately followed by the second Grand Slam event in Stavanger, Norway June 27-July 2.

Australia will have a strong representation at both these events with the follow teams competing: Natalie Cook / Nicole Sanderson, Summer Lochowicz / Tamsin Barnett, Kylie Gerlic / Stacey Kloeden, Andrew Schacht / Josh Slack, Martin Suan / John Byron, and new comers Anthony Wardrop / Sean Thomas.

A special mention should go to Andrew Schacht / Josh Slack who had very solid performances in the first two events (7 in Shanghai, China in May and 5 in Zagreb, Croatia respectively, which moved them in to third position on the world rankings for the first time ever.

For the latest results on-line check out:
www.fivb.ch/EN/BeachVolleyball/index.asp

Birthdays

July

John Byron – 16 July

Injuries

Update

Summer Lochowicz: Complete recovery & back competing

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

Next Competition Opportunities

June 20-24 – Gstaad, Switzerland – Grand Slam – Men & Women

June 27-July 2 – Stavanger, Norway – Grand Slam – Men & Women

July 4-9 – Marseille, France – Open – Men & Women

July 12-16 – Montreal, Canada – Open – Men & Women

Coming Events:

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

2006 U21 World Championships – Myslowice, Poland [Men & Women] August 23-27

2006 U19 World Championships – Bermuda [Men & Women] September 5-10

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

2008 Beijing Olympics....874 Days to go [as at 20th March 2006]

Volleyball Team Australia Men (VTAM) Program Update

The AIS Youth/Junior Team continue their dominance in the local ACT State League Competition remaining undefeated in all 12 previous rounds. It is great experience for many of the first year scholarship holders to hone their skills and play competitively against open aged men's competition.

Round 9 – AIS d University of Canberra 3:0 25/11, 25/13, 25/16

Round 10 – AIS d Australian National University 3:0 25/15, 25/13, 25/21

Round 11 – AIS d Belconnen Volleyball Club 3:0 25/17, 25/13, 25/23

Round 12 – AIS d University of Canberra 3:0 25/11, 25/15, 25/18

Volleyball Team Australia v China Men's Volleyball Team

The touring Senior National Team to China and Iran was announced on Saturday 27th May by Head Coach, Russell Borgeaud. After a tough training and selection camp the following athletes were selected for the team. Dan Howard, Ben Hardy and Hidde Van Beest were unavailable for selection and Andrew Earl, Mathew Young, Will Thwaite and at the last minute Nigel Panagopka, have sustained injuries and could not be considered for selection.



AUS Capt. Luke Campbell

Australian Senior National Team – Tour to China and Iran

- Brett ALDERMAN
- Luke CAMPBELL
- Paul CARROLL
- Jarryd CHRISTENSEN
- John DEKKER
- David FERGUSON
- Andrew GRANT
- Andrew HUNTER
- Nathan ROBERTS
- Josh Thorpe
- Aden TUTTON
- Igor YUDIN

The team played a 3 match friendly series against the Chinese National Team in the first leg of their tour. Although Australia lost the series, many positives were taken from the matches and the Aussie team looks forward to learning from their errors in the next series against the Iranian National Team.

Results from the China tour outlined below.

June Series, in Beijing, China

Match 1 - 11-6-06

VTA lost to China 1 - 3 (22-25, 20-25, 25-16, 22-25)

Match 2 - 13-6-06

VTA lost to China 2 – 3 (18-25, 25-21, 22-25, 25-21, 17-19)

Match 3 - 14-6-06

VTA lost to China 2 - 3 (25-19, 18-25, 23-25, 25-19, 11-15)

In the team's 4 match series against the Iran National Men's Volleyball Team. Australia drew the series 2 – 2 in what was a historic series for Australian volleyball. It was the first time since 1993 that Australia has defeated Iran and the first time ever in Iran.

Results from the Iran leg:

Match 1 – 19-06-06

VTA defeated Iran 3 – 2 (23-25, 25-23, 19-25, 25-23, 15-12)

Match 2 – 20-06-06

VTA lost to Iran 1 – 3 (25-22, 17-25, 20-25, 21-25)

Match 3 – 22-06-06

VTA lost to Iran 1 – 3 (20-25, 25-22, 18-25, 20-25)

Match 4 – 23-06-06

VTA defeated Iran 3 – 2 (22-25, 25-23, 25-23, 21-25, 15-12)

National Junior Program

“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.

2005-06 Australian Sports Commission Scholarship Coach, Stephen Benson (VIC), will guide the team for the first time with the assistance of 89 Youth Boy's Team coaches Darren Wilson (QLD) and Greg Tompos (USA) from as his assistants.

Congratulations to the following athletes and coaches selected to represent Australian in the series:

- Benjamin BELL (AIS/QLD)
- Jarryd Christensen (AIS/QLD)
- John Dekker (AIS/QLD)
- Thomas EDGAR (AIS/QLD)
- Nick Goldsbrough-Reardon (AIS/VIC)
- Alex Rogers (NSW)
- Travis PASSIER (AIS/QLD)
- Michael SNART (WA)
- Johnathon STOCK (VIC)
- Greg Sukochev (SA)
- Samuel SVERDLOFF (SA)
- Josh Thorpe (TIS/TAS)
- Adam WHITE (AIS/QLD)
- Aidan ZINGEL (AIS/NSW)

Match schedule:

- Game 1 – 8.00pm – Monday 17th July
- Game 2 – 8.00pm – Tuesday 18th July
- Game 3 – 6.30pm – Wednesday 19th July

Australian Institute of Sports

AIS Volleyball Courts (entry via swimming pool reception)
Leverrier Cres
Bruce, ACT 2617

- Game 4 – 6.30pm – Thursday 20th July
- Game 5 – 6.30pm – Friday 21st July

Shoalhaven Tigers Den

85 Cambewarra Rd
Bomaderry, NSW 2541

88 National Junior Women’s Training & Selection Camp

Immediately after the completion of the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships in Canberra, July 9 – 15, a select number of athletes from the 88 National Junior Women’s Team will attend a three and a half day training camp for a position on the Asian Junior Championship team to Thailand this September.

In addition to the training, the group is scheduled to play a three match friendly series against the Taijing Sports School Women’s Volleyball Team from China.



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

Women’s Volleyball Review Enters Final Stages

The AVF’s Review of Women’s Volleyball in Australia has entered its final stages with the completion of further consultation with current and former National Team athletes and sports science and medicine staff associated with the Women’s National Program in recent years.

The interviews were intended to validate some of the issues discussed and recommendations made as the result of discussions at the recent Women’s National Planning Workshop.

A final report on the Women’s Volleyball Review has been now been received from the project consultant, Bob Crudginton, and will be forwarded to the Women’s Volleyball Review Committee for comment before being tabled for the endorsement of the AVF Board.

This is expected to be completed by the end of June 2006 after which time the focus of the AVF’s attention will turn to putting in place the mechanisms required to implement the outcomes/recommendations of the Review, including the formal establishment of a Women’s Volleyball High Performance/Management Committee.



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