



Volleyball Australia Newsletter – 2006/10

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Chief Executive Officer's Introduction

International Volleyball makes a welcome return to Australia with Argentina and Canada playing Australia in Melbourne, Bendigo and Canberra next week. These matches form an important part of our preparation for the 2006 Men's World Championships so you should look to get to one, if you can.

For all the Aussie latest we have created a World Champs page on our website – so put it in your bookmarks!!

www.avf.org.au/WorldChamps/

The International focus has also seen Australia represented at the 30th FIVB World Congress in Japan with Chris Schacht, AVF President, and Riad Tayeh, AVF Finance Director, elected to the FIVB Legal and Finance Commission respectively for a 4 year term.

Continue to 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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Volleyball Team Australia Men – Senior World Championships Team announced

National Team Profile	AIS Profile	DOB	Height (cm)	State
Brett Alderman	AIS Profile	27/02/1979	191	QLD
Luke Campbell	AIS Profile	8/11/1979	202	VIC
Paul Carroll	AIS Profile	16/05/1986	206	NSW
Phil DeSalvo	AIS Profile	11/03/1985	182	VIC
Andrew Earl	AIS Profile	15/09/1982	196	SA
David Ferguson	AIS Profile	13/03/1982	205	WA
Andrew Grant	AIS Profile	22/04/1985	207	QLD
Ben Hardy	AIS Profile	21/09/1974	198	ACT
Dan Howard	AIS Profile	13/12/1976	209	WA
Nathan Roberts	AIS Profile	17/02/1986	197	SA
Matthew Young	AIS Profile	17/07/1981	187	QLD
Igor Yudin	AIS Profile	17/06/1987	199	VIC

The AVF is pleased to announce that Australia's Team to the 2006 Men's Volleyball World Championships has now been confirmed. The athletes will travel to Fukuoka, Japan during November 2006 for what will be Australia's third successive Men's Volleyball World championships appearance.

The team will be very capably led by National Men's Head Coach, Russell Borgeaud, who has described this team as among the strongest in recent years: "For the first time since the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games we have had real competition for each and every spot on the Men's National Team" Russell said. "This is due largely to the number of quality athletes coming through the AIS Men's Volleyball Program in Canberra and graduating to professional contracts overseas.

For the first time ever, Australia will send a team comprised entirely of professional athletes to the World Championships. In addition to the stars of the future, the team boasts a number of seasoned Olympic and World Championships campaigners including Captain, Ben Hardy, and Dan Howard.

The Australian Men's Team has assembled at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra to prepare for a series of friendly matches with Argentina and Canada in Melbourne, Bendigo and Canberra.

Our finest athletes and coaches will then depart for the FIVB Men's World Championships on Monday 13 November, 2006.

For all the latest check out Australia's World Champs site – www.avf.org.au/WorldChamps/

Sport Development Report

Help Wanted – Ideas for Secondary School Teaching Resource

The AVF and Volleyball Queensland are currently working on the development of a resource to aid the teaching of Volleyball in physical education classes at secondary school level. Aware that the sport is a common and popular inclusion in most physical education programs around the country, but also that the majority of teachers do not have significant experience in the sport to delivery it confidently, this project will hopefully be a significant aid to teachers in the future.

With funding support from Queensland Sport & Recreation, this project will aim to develop both video and written materials that explain key points to teaching the skills of the sport and suitable drills and modified games for inclusion in classes. Approaches have been made to a number of physical education teachers around the country that have established volleyball programs to contribute ideas for inclusion, but additional ideas are sought from anyone interested in making suggestions.

Anyone wanting further information about this project or who is willing to contribute ideas is asked to contact Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

Production of Volleyball Rule Books

A current project underway is the development of a comprehensive rule book for both disciplines of the sport that can be provided to participants at referee courses and utilised to assist in running various competitions around the country as the comprehensive authority on the rules of the sport.

However, rather than just limit this resource to the specific rules as sanctioned by the FIVB, it is proposed that these books also contain the following information:

- Common Rule Variations in Australia
- The General Principles of Officiating
- The Accreditation Pathway
- Referee Merchandise

The inclusion of this content will make these books a resource that can provide a referee at any level in Australia with everything that they may need to know.

Anyone interested in being involved in this project as part of the panel reviewing the draft document currently in circulation is invited to contact Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

Spikezone – A review of the first three years

When the Spikezone® - Discover Mini-Volleyball initiative was implemented in 2003 on the basis of financial support from the Australian Sports Commission it had been hoped that by the end of the first three years this program would have seen mini-volleyball grow from isolated pockets of participation around the country to an established program delivered nationally by Member States, associations and clubs. The aim was a national membership in the under 13 age group of around 16,000 participants.

Three years on and this initiative has not achieved the level of membership many involved in the sport felt was possible. However, a number of positives have certainly resulted that mean that this program will have a life beyond the conclusion of the ASC funding. In excess of 5,000 participants have been members of the program and more than 75,000 have been engaged in various promotional activities such as coaching clinics and holiday programs.

A number of quality resources have been developed to enable continued delivery of this program and Member States are still committed to delivering this program and growing their respective membership base.

Year Four of the program has just commenced and on the basis of lessons learnt in the past the indication from Member States is that this year will result in the highest level of national membership to date, with a number of new locations to be established with their own Spikezone program. However, as always, Member States need assistance from interested associations, clubs and even schools interested in hosting a Spikezone program. If your association, club or school may be interested in hosting a Spikezone program, please contact your State Volleyball Association to discuss options.

Finally, it is appropriate to acknowledge the contribution of the ASC over the past three years. This contribution has provided the sport with the ability to continue to grow into the future through the continued delivery of the Spikezone program.

AVF Club Development Newsletter

Entries for the latest edition of the Madison Sport Club Development prize draw close at the end of November. For further information on how your club or association can be eligible to win a share of \$1,000 worth of volleyball equipment from Madison Sport and the AVF, view September's Club Development Newsletter at:

<http://www.avf.org.au/index.php?id=211>

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National Junior Program

Since the last edition of this newsletter, the Australian Junior Men and Women Team's have returned from the respective Asian Junior Volleyball Championships in Iran and Thailand with a credible 7th placing.

Unfortunately, for the National Youth Girl's Team, however, their first experience in international volleyball proved to be a challenging one against the New Zealand Junior Women's team for "Jenny Kirk" Junior Trans Tasman series.

'87 National Junior Men's Team

Following on from the last edition on the teams' progress at the 13th Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championships in Iran, the Australian Junior Men's Team defeated Qatar in their final match for the

tournament to finish a credible 7th out of the 16 competing nations.

This was a significant achievement given that the team comprised of six athletes (five youth age – born 1989 or later) who were competing in their first ever Asian Championship at Youth (U19) or Junior level.

Though the team lacked experience with five regular starters unavailable for selection, the young Aussies were still able to better it's performance at the Asian Youth Boy's Championships the year earlier where the team finished 8th.

Pool matches:

- 13/09 AUS def SRI 3 – 0 (25-19, 25-16, 25-20)
- 15/09 AUS def UAE 3 – 2 (23-25, 25-23, 23-25, 25-19, 16-14)

Quarterfinal (1st – 8th) pool matches:

- 16/09 AUS lost to JPN 0 – 3 (20-25, 20-25, 21-25)
- 17/09 AUS lost to KOR 0 – 3 (21-25, 21-25, 17-25)
- 18/09 AUS lost to IND 1 – 3 (15-25, 25-22, 23-25, 21-25)

Final (5th – 8th) round matches:

- 20/09 AUS lost to CHN 1 – 3 (25-19, 15-25, 17-25, 18-25)
- 21/09 AUS def QAT 3 – 1 (25-22, 21-25, 26-24, 25-23)

Final Ranking (Top 8)

- 1st Iran
- 2nd Japan
- 3rd India
- 4th Chinese Taipei
- 5th China
- 6th Korea
- 7th **Australia**
- 8th Qatar

Unfortunately for the athletes and coaches involved with the '87 age group, the championship concludes the groups' cycle, as the qualification tournament for the World Junior Championships in 2007 is no longer being contested.

For detailed matched reports from the tour please go to the www.avf.org.au and head to the "News Archive" section.

88 National Junior Women's Team

With no perceived threat from the military coup in Thailand that stunned the world, and with the assurance of the organisers, the '88 National Junior Women's Team travelled to Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand on September 26th for a three-day training camp ahead of the 13th Asian Junior Women's Volleyball Championships.

Like the Junior Men, the Junior Women's Team finished the tournament with a credible 7th placing ahead of Trans Tasman rivals, New Zealand, who they beat in a thrilling five set match 21-19 in the fifth set.

The result was a very pleasing one for the coaching staff given the team featured seven athletes contesting their first Asian Youth/Junior championships.

The travelling team included recently crowned U19 Beach Volleyball World Champions, Alice Rohkamper and Becchara Palmer:

- Melinda CROSS (SASI/SA)
- Eliza DEAN (NSW)
- Angharad EVANS (NSW)
- Petrice FATCHEN (VIC)
- Elisha GALIC (NSW)
- Kylie GARLICK (QLD)
- Leigh McLENNAN (QLD)**
- Beccharra PALMER (SASI/SA)**
- Alice ROHKAMPER (NSW)
- Hannah ROSS (SASI/SA)**
- Rhiannon TOOKER (QLD)
- Victoria WRIGHT (SASI/SA)

** Debuting for Australia

- Head Coach: Dan HIGGINS (VIC)
- Assistant Coach: Gary ROBERTS (VIC)
- Coach: Rachael Georgieff (QLD)
- Physiotherapist: Colin FAULKNER (VIC)
- Referee: Liz POLLOCK (VIC)

The 13th Asian Junior Women's Volleyball Championships saw 12 nations from across Asia contesting it out for the two available berths to the World Championships in 2007 and to be crowned as Asian champions.

Australia drew their first game against top 3 favourites Japan. The much-improved Japanese side defeated the young Aussies in straight sets with an error free performance. Australia's next game was against Singapore who the team defeat in straight sets and guaranteed itself a top eight finish for the championships.

Pool matches:

- 01/10 AUS lost to JPN 0 - 3 (12-25, 14-25, 13-25)
- 03/10 AUS def SIN 3 - 0 (25-17, 25-20, 25-15)

In the second round of competition, Australia and Japan cross-overed with New Zealand and host country Thailand. With the full support of a packed home crowd, the home side accounted for the Aussie girls in straight sets to the delight of the organisers. Australia then played New Zealand in another close Trans Tasman battle to which New Zealand won in four sets.

Second Round:

- 04/10 AUS lost to THA 0 - 3 (13-25, 12-25, 17-25)
- 05/10 AUS lost to NZL 1 - 3 (25-22, 17-25, 22-25, 24-26)

In the quarterfinals, the Aussie girls faced the might of the tall and dynamic Chinese team (Asian Youth Champions in 2005) who had yet to lose a set in the tournament for a final chance to make the top four. Unfortunately, for the Aussie girls China was just too dominant in the contest.

Quarterfinals:

- 07/10 AUS lost to CHN 0 - 3 (12-25, 5-25, 16-25)

Australia relegated to the 5th – 8th bracket crossed over with Korea to determine whether they would play in the 5th/6th or 7th/8th playoff matches on the final day of competition. With consistent play and dynamic attack, the strong Korean side took out the match in straight sets and relegated the Aussie girls to the 7th/8th playoff against archrivals New Zealand.

Semi-Finals:

- 08/10 AUS lost to KOR 0 - 3 (10-25, 15-25, 20-25)

Having lost to the Kiwis earlier in the tournament in the second round, the young Aussie girls were determined not to lose to them again and break the 10 game winning streak the Kiwis had over them. However, New Zealand rushed out of the blocks in the first set with a comfortable 25-13 score line riddled with Australian errors. The second and third sets saw a more settled Australian team reduce its error rate and take the ascendancy to take out the sets and lead the match 2 sets to 1.

However, the fourth set saw a resurgent Kiwi side take out the set 25-19 to take the match to a deciding fifth set. In a thrilling fifth set, the Aussie girls were able to again reduce their errors and subsequently take out the set 21-19 and finished the tournament in 7th place ahead of their Trans Tasman rivals.

7th/8th Playoff:

- 09/10 AUS def NZL 3 - 2 (13-25, 25-20, 25-17, 19-25, 21-19)

Final Ranking (Top 8)

- 1st China
- 2nd Japan
- 3rd Chinese Taipei
- 4th Thailand
- 5th South Korea
- 6th Vietnam
- 7th **Australia**
- 8th New Zealand

Like the Junior Men's side, these Championships have concluded the competition cycle for the '88 National Junior Women's Team as the qualification tournament for the World Junior Championships in 2007 is no longer being contested.

Given the circumstances, the National Junior Program would like to thank Dan Illott and Dan Higgins, and their coaching staff ('87 NJM – Roger Darkins, Stephen Benson, Bill McHoul and Ken Thomson. '88 NJW – Gary Roberts, Trudy Watson, Jessica Vreulink, Rachel Georgieff and Sylvia Moutafis) for their time and commitment to the development of Australia's junior volleyball athletes.

The Program would also like to thank all the athletes and their families involved for their continued support and commitment to the Program over the past four years.

For detailed matched reports from the tour please go to the www.avf.org.au and head to the "News Archive" section.

90 National Youth Girl's Team

On Tuesday, September 20th, the Australian Youth Girl's Team departed Australia from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne for a five match test series against the New Zealand Junior Women's Team for the "Jenny Kirk" Junior Trans Tasman Cup.

For the Team, this was the first time in which they wore the Green and Gold for Australian against a much more experience New Zealand Junior side that has played together for the past two years. Though New Zealand won the series 5 – 0, the young Aussies can't be heart that the series was a great learning experience for the Team ahead of next year's 6th Asian Youth Girl's Volleyball Championships in Thailand.

Congratulations, once again to the following athletes and officials who participated this tour:

- Katie BARTOLI (NSW)
- Ebony CAMILLE (VIC)
- Loren CORY (QLD)
- Holly COWELL (WA)
- Abby GARCIA (TAS)
- Tracey HASSELERHARM (WA)
- Danielle HORN (VIC)
- Grace LEO (QLD)
- Courtney MARTIN (QLD)
- Hannah MARTIN (VIC)
- Lena SKIPPER (VIC)
- Johanna YOUNG (VIC)

- Head Coach: Jenny BECKER (QLD)
- Assistant Coach: Allan YOUNG (QLD)
- Coach: Karl LIM (VIC)

Results:

- 21/09 AUS lost to NZL 0 - 3 (16-25, 9-25, 18-25)
- 22/09 AUS lost to NZL 2 - 3 (10-25, 25-17, 18-25, 25-19, 6-15)
- 23/09 AUS lost to NZL 1 - 3 (13-25, 12-25, 26-24, 15-25)
- 24/09 AUS lost to NZL 0 - 3 (21-25, 24-26, 11-25)
- 25/09 AUS lost to NZL 1 - 3 (19-25, 27-25, 12-25, 19-25)

For detailed matched reports from the tour please go to the www.avf.org.au and head to the "News Archive" section.

Upcoming Competitions in 2006

- Dec 8 – 15 Training & Selection Camp – Bendigo, Victoria

AIS Men's Team - AVL

The AIS Men's team continue to dominate in the 2006 AVL season remaining undefeated after 7 games. They are set to play Melbourne Falcons who also remain undefeated for the season. The AIS team has a few injuries going into this weekend with Fred Marsh and Travis Passier out and Captain, Matt Young unavailable due to the World Championships preparation series in Melbourne and Canberra.

The junior team has been training with the Senior National Team so had enjoyed many tough sessions over the past two weeks. The team is looking forward to the finals series in Melbourne where they will be looking to retain their AVL crown from 2005.

Australians on FIVB Commissions

Chris Schacht, AVF President, and Riad Tayeh, AVF Finance Director, have been elected to the FIVB Legal Commission and Finance Commission, respectively, at the 30th FIVB World Congress in Japan.

Dr Ruben Acosta H., as the only nomination for FIVB President, was declared elected unopposed for another 4 years. Dr Acosta has been FIVB President since 1984. [Click here for the Press Release.](#)

Earlier in the day Chris Schacht narrowly failed to be elected for one of the 6 positions on the FIVB Board of Administration for delegates of the Asian Volleyball Confederation.

"The Congress represented a significant step forward for the profile of Australia and the Oceania Zone and can only lead to better opportunities for the growth of Volleyball in the region", said Chris Schacht.

"I am delighted that 45% of the Congress voted for my candidature on the issues of improving the governance, and management of the FIVB. These are issues which I have spoken about at the 2 previous Congresses, often as a lone voice. I am delighted that such a significant vote was achieved for these principles."

"Because of the strong vote received it helped by get elected by the new Board of Administration to be a member of the FIVB Legal Commission and Riad Tayeh, AVF Finance Director, being elected to the equally important FIVB Finance Commission.

I was very pleased that I got support from delegates from all Continents and from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds."

"As a result of the discussions and the ballots at the 30th FIVB World Congress I am pleased that Australia now has a high and very positive profile in the world Volleyball community."

VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA AWARDS NIGHT

The Volleyball Australia Awards Night, held at the Stamford Grand in Glenelg, Adelaide, honoured some of South Australia's finest and also celebrated the recent success of Becchara Palmer and Alice Rohkamper in winning the 2006 U19 Beach Volleyball World Championships.

Our U19 World Champions, in front of the families, and their coach, Simon Naismith were acknowledged with a presentation from Chris Schacht, AVF President, before all attendees were able to re-live their success through a video presentation.

The night, hosted by 2004 Olympian, Andrew Schacht, also presented the Annual Awards for the 2005/06 period:

Distinguished Service Award

Michael REU (SA)

Michael Reu is an outstanding person who has made a significant contribution at State and National level to the sport of Volleyball as a player and coach. He has always conducted himself in a manner which makes him a role model of fair play and has always been willing to make other contributions to Volleyball through the USC LION Volleyball Club.

Some of his career achievements include;

- National and SA State team member from 1989 - 1996
- Player and coach at Australian Volleyball League from 1999-2005
- SA Junior Men's Coach from 1999 - present, and
- SASI squad member from 1989 -1996

Alexis LEBEDEV (SA/ACT)

Alexis' contribution to the sport of Volleyball over the past 22 years has been across all areas of Volleyball, both beach and indoor. His contribution both within SA and ACT make him a worthy recipient of this award.

Some of his career achievements include;

- SA State representative 1983-89 (U15 - U21). Captain of all groups - 4 Gold, 1 Silver & 1 Bronze
- SA Junior Coach from 1994 - 98
- AVF Scholarship Coach 1996
- VTAM Coach 1994 (4 months)
- Australian Beach Volleyball Tour Coach from 1996 - 2002
- World Tour Coach from 1996 - 2001, and
- Volleyball ACT Board member (current).

Ted Kalkhoven Trophy - Most Outstanding Male Player

Ben HARDY (ACT)

Most Outstanding Female Player

Eileen ROMANOWSKI (QLD)

Most Outstanding Male Beach Player

Andrew SCHACHT (SA)

Most Outstanding Female Beach Player

Natalie COOK (QLD)

Joe Hiller Coach of the Year

Sue JENKINS

Merit Award

Ron ROBERTSON (ACT)

Best Media Coverage

David VALENTE

Adelaide Advertiser

Best Commercial Sponsor

HERBALIFE

For services to refereeing in Australia:

Dean TURNER (ACT)

David SMITH (VIC)

Jim LESTER (QLD)

Robert BATES (SA)

John BYRNES (QLD)

Colin LOGAN (NSW)

Juho LOUVEER (NSW)

Peter McCONNON (TAS)

Colin NISSEN (ACT)

Anthony LUCK (QLD)

Cameron OLSON (NSW)

Elizabeth POLLOCK (VIC)

Luke YAN (NSW)

Tanya ALDERMAN (QLD)

Bronwyn EVANS (ACT)

Michael (Brett) FOGARTY (WA)

Stephen GIUGNI (NSW)

Kevin LENTIN (VIC)

Peter LUCAS (ACT)

Arthur SLIWINSKI (VIC)

Catriona TWEEDIE (VIC)

Richard WARREN (VIC)

Neil WILLOUGHBY (SA)

Peter HRESZCZUK (NSW)

John BENNETT (SA)

Linda CHANG (QLD)

Outstanding Volleyball Event

Round 8, 2005 Australian Volleyball League

Hosted by Mt Lofty Volleyball Club

Volleyball Events Organiser

Gary ANTONGNELLI

2005 Good Neighbour Volleyball Tournament

Bob Foot Referee of the Year

Stephen GIUGNI(NSW)

Congratulations to all the award winners and we once again thank them for their enthusiasm and contribution to the sport of Volleyball.

VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA to consider a unitary model

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Volleyball Federation was held at the Stamford Grand in Adelaide today with all 8 Member States Volleyball Associations in attendance.

The AVF Board presented to the delegates the Annual Report and reported a \$250, 000 surplus for the 2005/06 Financial Year. In addition to the consideration of the Annual Report the meeting also considered an AVF Board motion to resolve to move towards an integrated structure for the sport.

After some healthy, robust discussion the Member States approved the motion to prepare a constitution, through the Presidents Commission (which comprises a representative from the 8 States & Territories), based on a unitary governance model, for consideration at the 2007 AGM.

The AGM also re-elected Chris Schacht for another 2-year term, and he was later confirmed as President for a 10th year, and Rosemary Bissett, former Board member of Volleyball Victoria, for a 2-year term. The AVF Board, after the AGM re-confirmed Gary Gilchrist as Vice President and Riad Tayeh as Finance Director.

Volleyball on TV

This summer will again see the AVL finals on SBS.

24 December 11am Women's Bronze medal

31 December 11am Men's Bronze medal

14 January 11am Women's Gold medal

21 January 11am Men's Gold medal

The Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour will again be telecast on Network Ten.

24 December 4-5pm Round 1 (Manly)

31 December 4-5pm Round 2
(Port Macquarie)

21 January 4-5pm Round 3
(Glenelg)

18 February, 4-5pm Round 4 (St Kilda) -
(Highlights)

25 February 4-5pm Round 5 (Perth)
Surfers Paradise
(Australian Champs)

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