



NEWSLETTER

2002 Women's World Championship in Germany 30 August - 15 September

Berlin - Bremen - Dresden - Leipzig Muenster - Riesa - Schwerin - Stuttgart

The Organising Committee for the 2002 Women's World Championship in Germany, VONOG, has set another landmark. The officials around DVV President Werner von Moltke and World Championship Executive Director Juergen Lamberty gave a first report on the preparations at a major press conference on the premises of World Championship partners, Mercedes-Benz in Berlin. They also presented the official World Championship poster, the mascot "Casper", the World Championship competition outfit of the German team and the official World Championship web site

www.volleyball2002.de

which has been very well accepted. 127,000 volleyball fans clicked on the web site in the first three weeks since the launching.

The sport also played, of course, a role at the press conference at the Mercedes World in Berlin. German national coach Hee Wan Lee, setter Beatrice Doemeland and libero Ulrike Jurk talked about the first ever World Volleyball Championship on German soil. Lee said his aim is a place among the best eight. Beatrice Doemeland stressed her coach's statement: "We want to get into the second round and then to the final round in Berlin. A World Championship at home is the greatest motivation for me. The importance is much higher than at other championships."



Press conference in Berlin, from left to right: Ulrike Jurk, Werner von Moltke, Beatrice Doemeland, Hee Wan Lee and Press officer Thilo von Hagen *Photo: Herfet*

Until next month
Yours sincerely
Werner von Moltke

When the World Championship gets underway on August 30, everything must be right: accommodations, venues, transportation, staff, etc. In order to ensure optimal course and to inform themselves about the current situation, the FIVB will once again inspect the eight cities in June. FIVB Event Director Franz Schmied and his Russian colleague Yuri Chesnokov, Chairman of the FIVB Coaching Commission, will visit Berlin, Bremen, Dresden, Leipzig, Muenster, Riesa, Schwerin and Stuttgart, from 13 to 22 June.

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Prices for 2002 World Championship tickets for all eight venues (final prices inc. VAT in Euro)

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Münster	1st category		2nd category	
	normal price	reduced price	normal price	reduced price
single ticket	8,70		6,50	4,30
double ticket	16,50		14,20	9,25
day ticket	20,00		15,00	10,00
season ticket	80,00		60,00	40,00

Stuttgart	1st category		2nd category		3rd category	
	normal price	reduced price	normal price	reduced price	normal price	reduced price
single ticket	20,00	15,00	15,00	10,00	11,00	8,00
season ticket	77,00	65,00	54,00	43,00	41,00	36,00

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	normal price	reduced price	normal price	reduced price
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Schwerin	1st category	
	normal price	reduced price
day ticket	15,00	11,00
season ticket	61,00	50,00

Leipzig	single ticket	double ticket	day ticket	season ticket
	1st category	10,00	18,00	25,00
2nd category	6,00	12,00	15,00	60,00

Riesa	1st category		1st category	
	normal price	reduced price	2nd round	normal price
1st round			day ticket	reduced price
day ticket	12,00	8,00	15,00	10,00
season ticket	50,00	35,00	season ticket	25,00

Berlin	1st category		2nd category		3rd category	
	normal price	reduced price	normal price	reduced price	normal price	reduced price
day ticket	25,00	20,00	20,00	15,00	15,00	10,00
season ticket	55,00		45,00	35,00	35,00	25,00

Media accreditation for 2002 Women's World Championship

Media representatives who want to cover the first World Volleyball Championship on German soil, can request the accreditation forms as from now. The three-page accreditation application form can be obtained from:

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Please fill in the accreditation forms correctly and return to cosmos-pps.

Deadline for accreditation is June 15, 2002!!!





The new competition outfit of the German team for the World Championship is very attractive
 Photo: Herfet

The official uniform of the national team of the German Volleyball Association for the 2002 World Championship was seen for the first time at the press conference in Berlin on March 5th. Setter Béatrice Dömeland (Dresdner SC) and libero Ulrike Jurk (Schweriner SC) modelled the one-piece kits for the public for the first time.

Not only do the spectators like the WCH-outfit, but Ulli Jurk, too: "I think the one-piece kits look very nice and attractive and so is their material. The only thing we have to do is to test the kits during a competition or a training."

This was also the intention of Gordon Nowak, promotion manager of ASICS in Germany: "We really wanted the one-piece uniforms to be ready before the beginning of the preparation at the end of May, to enable to players to get used to it. Therefore little changes have to be made."

The one-pieced kit, which was created in a cooperation with Bayer Faser GmbH is made of a doralastan-microfibre mixture and was tested in the hard every day routine of volleyball by the women of the TSV Bayer Leverkusen 04 (1st division in Germany). It distinguishes from all others because of its outstanding fitting and the optimal ability to move in it as well as its extraordinary material qualities of breathing. If this one-pieced kit will fulfil all international requirements of being figure-accentuating and feminine clothing is up to you...

First pictures of the one-pieces kit can be seen on the 2002 Women's World Championship homepage www.volleyball2002.de.

ASICS and Volleyball - More than a relationship!

Looking at the development of volleyball of the last thirty years you cannot miss talking about ASICS and their influence on the sport, too.

Over fifty years ago Kicharo Onitsuka founded a firm he called Onitsuka Tiger. From the very beginning he pursued the idea of supporting everybody performing sports by developing excellent sport shoes. He saw (and still sees) his major task in supplying the world of sport with products that help people to improve in their sport and to stay healthy in body and mind.

At the Olympic games in Munich 1972 TIGER entered the European market and five years later the fusion with some Japanese companies led to a new company called ASICS.

By the way: Did you know the meaning of the name ASICS? Anima Sana In Corpore Sano!

The best way to reach this goal, of course, is to talk to athletes and players. So that is what has happened for decades, following the philosophy of Mr. Onitsuka: Every ASICS's product should be developed as a result of a very close dialogue with sportsmen and - women.

The results of this relationship are trend-setting developments especially within the area of sport shoes - such as foamed EVA, DUOMAX pillar, Wet Grip Rubber sole, Duosole, nylon mesh upper material, ASICS GEL-cushioning system and others.

For more than three decades, ASICS has been related with the Volleyball sport in a special way. Even then, at the Olympic games in Munich in

1972, 80% of all volleyball players wore ASICS shoes and up to now ASICS has become the favourite brand of volleyball players all over the world.

In Germany ASICS is the leading brand in volleyball with a market share of more than 70%.

Due to this history and the strong position of ASICS in the German market, it is more than logical to be a partner of the German Volleyball Federation and of course a sponsor of the 2002 Women's World Championship in Germany.

It is a strong need of ASICS to support the German Federation with this big challenge and make the WCH an unforgettable event for everybody. It is needless to say, that we will supply the national team with the best equipment available on the market.



population & structure

Dresden is situated in the south-eastern part of the Free State of Saxony, which borders on the Czech Republic and Poland. The regional capital with its 470.000 inhabitants is fully integrated into a network of motorways, trunk roads and railways. The airport in Dresden provides daily services to over 50 destinations around the world. The public transport system with buses, tram and local trains functions extremely well.

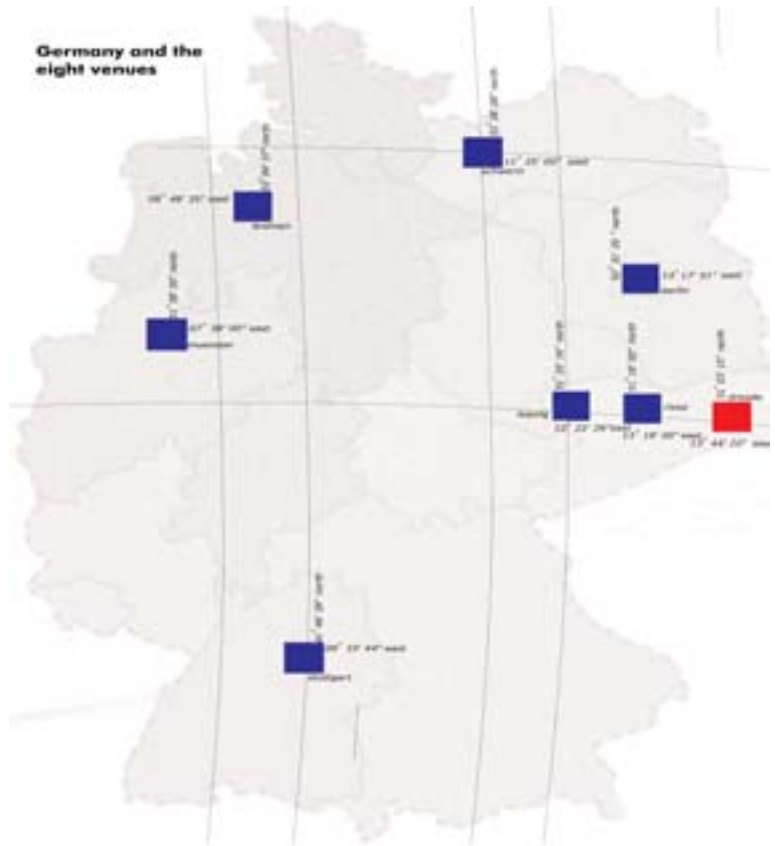
The best thing about Dresden, however, are the people themselves. If you stop to ask for directions, you may quite likely get a short guided tour of the city. The people of Dresden have their roots firmly in their home town.

location & history

Dresden will be celebrating its 800th anniversary in the year 2006. The city brings together art and culture of European importance, but it is also renowned for its economic and scientific achievements. Although much of old Dresden was ruined in 1945, the famous silhouette has



The famous Dresden "Zwinger" awaits the guests of the WCH



risen from the ashes, and characterises the unmistakable charm of the so-called "Florence on the Elbe". The city unites sporting facilities with cultural and historical flair, and is able to offer wide-ranging cultural attractions.

After the peaceful revolution in 1989, Dresden had to improve investments, jobs, protection of the environment, housing conditions and infrastructure. Now Dresden has developed into a European centre for modern, high-tech industries.

sightseeing

With the Saxon State Opera (the famous Semper Opera House), the Staatsschauspiel Theatre Company, with Raffael's Sistine Madonna and other masterpieces in the Old and New Masters Picture Galleries, the precious jewels in the Green Vault Museum, and world-famous historical buildings such as the Dresden Zwinger

and the soon reconstructed church "Frauenkirche", Dresden possesses unique evidence to great cultural achievements. This whole atmosphere created conditions for a memorable stay and offers a great setting for a world championship event.

hotel & tourism

The reunification of Germany in 1990 was the starting signal for a lively upswing in tourism. Interest in our famous city of art and culture has increased in leaps and bounds in Germany, Western Europe and overseas. More than 7 million visitors are counted every year - they have the choice between more than 90 hotels, 40 guesthouses, youth hostels and camping sites.

A particular point of attraction for Dresden's visitors is the building site of the church "Frauenkirche". 50 years after the end of the war it stands as an



Venues – Dresden

international symbol for overcoming war and hatred and focuses the commitment of people across the world.

Volleyball in Dresden

The Dresdner Sportclub 1898 e. V. turned the capital of Saxony into the "volleyball stronghold". That's why Dresden is particularly looking forward to being a venue of the first ever World Volleyball Championship on German soil. They will be ready for August 30, 2002.

The responsible officials for the volleyball section of the club contributed to making Dresden one of the venues of the 2002 Women's World Championship. This section was founded in 1990 by volleyball enthusiasts with the aim of concentrating the outstanding youth work in and around Dresden and giving talent a chance to play in a Dresden team. Within just seven years the volleyball teams achieved promotion from the third to the highest division with the support of local sponsors.

One of the reasons for this great success is certainly Dresden's good youth programme. Proof for the quality of the work is the award for the best youth

work, which they received twice, and that women players like Christiane Fuerst and Grit Mueller, were selected to play in the national junior or youth teams in 2001.

The deliberate integration of youth players into the first division squads under captain Peggy Kuettner led to Dresden winning the German Cup as well as the national title in 1999. Thus the Dresdner SC also achieved promotion to the Champions League in which they won two matches. The consistent good work paid off when Dresden again achieved the German Cup this year.

Although it means a lot of work to organise World Championship matches in Dresden, the Dresdner SC takes it as a recognition of its successful work. Dresden will co-host the World Championship Group C together with Riesa including the top teams of Russia and the USA.

The Dresden fans and officials will of course keep their fingers crossed for their German internationals, libero Kerstin Tzscherlich and setter Beatrice Doemeland who directed the regular national team for the first time at last



A view of the old town on the Elbe river

year's World Grand Prix and later at the European Championship in Bulgaria.

Preliminary round matches in Dresden

Preliminary round Group C matches with the teams from Russia, the USA, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Kenya will take place in Riesa and Dresden. On each of the five competition days (August 30–September 3) two matches will be carried out in Riesa and one in Dresden. Each team will play in Dresden at least once.



Here are the matches taking place in Dresden:

30.08.: RUS - DOM 19.00 Uhr
31.08.: PUR - DOM 17:00 Uhr
01.09.: RUS - KEN 17:00 Uhr
02.09.: PUR - USA 19:00 Uhr
03.09.: DOM - ARG 19.00 Uhr



The world-famous Semper Opera in Dresden - a must for guests in Dresden

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USA Hopes to build on successful 2001 Season

Toshi Yoshida is not one to let success go to his head. And he's not about to let the U.S. Women's National Volleyball team rest on the laurels of a 2001 season that included winning the World Grand Prix and NORCECA championships, qualifying for the 2002 World Championships and finishing the year with a No. 5 world ranking.

While Yoshida, now starting his second full season as head coach of the women's team, is pleased with the progress his team made last season, he is quick to remind his players to keep their eyes on a bigger prize. "Overall, we played very well last year - winning the Grand Prix, beating Cuba twice in winning NORCECA," Yoshida said. On the other hand, we still have many things to improve upon and solve. "Rankings mean nothing

right now. Everyone is good from one to 10," he added. "I tell our players that we could very easily have finished No. 10 instead of No. 5 (last season). We still have a ways to go to reach the top." The

top prize this season will be the Women's Volleyball World Championship, which will be contested from August 30th - September 15th at various sites in Germany. Firstround play for the United States will take place in Riesa and Dresden along with Pool C opponents Argentina, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Puerto Rico and Russia.

As a tune-up to the World Championships, the women will try to defend its Grand Prix crown

starting in mid-July. China, Japan, Macau, Philippines, Taipei and Thailand will host legs of volleyball's premier women's annual tournament over a four-weekend period from July 12-Aug 4. The four-team finals series will take place in Hong Kong on the final weekend.

To get to Hong Kong, however, the U.S. must make sure doesn't dig itself an early hole: Its Week 1 opponents in Group B in Chengdu, China, are merely the top three teams in the world- No. 1 Russia, No. 2 Cuba and the third-ranked Chinese.

Week 2 of the Grand Prix will find the women in Manila, Philippines, against Brazil, Germany and Russia, while in Week 3, the Americans will be in Miau Li, Chinese Taipei, competing in a group with Cuba, Japan and Russia.

The U.S. will play Russia three times in the preliminary rounds, and don't be surprised if the Russians have revenge on their minds this time around. The women beat Russia three times last year en route to the Grand Prix championship, including two thrilling five-set victories.

"Winning the Grand Prix (in 2001) was good, but in a way also bad," Yoshida admits. "There are many high

USA in brief:

Olympic Games:

Silver - Los Angeles 1984

Bronze - Barcelona 1992

World Championships:

Silver - Japan 1967

Bronze - China 1990

Bronze - Peru 1982

World Grand Prix

Gold - 2001, 1995

expectations for our team after last season's successes. I told our players that they can't be cocky or overconfident."

Overconfidence shouldn't be a problem as the women kick off its 2002 schedule with a three-match domestic tour against a Chinese club team, Tianjin, in April and a two-week tour in Japan in the latter part of May.

With many of the established National Team players competing with their club teams overseas until probably the end of May, Yoshida plans on fielding a roster of young, inexperienced players for the season's early events.

"Most of the established players will be back for the VolleyMasters (in Montreux, Switzerland) in June, and a tour in Russia later that month," said Yoshida. "Then, slowly, I will start to

assemble the team that will be competing at the Grand Prix and the World Championship." Returning stars from last season's team that went 21-10 are expected to include outside hitter Tara Cross-Battle, the Most Valuable Player of the 2001 NORCECA Zone Championships and the team's player/coach; middle blocker Danielle Scott, the MVP and Best Blocker at the 2001 World Grand Prix; outside hitter Logan Tom, who



The Americans rejoice after winning the 2001 World Grand Prix, a victory that earned them role of favourite for the 2002 World Championship



Stadt Leipzig

Top-Teams – USA

earned American Volleyball Coaches Association Player of the Year honours and her third-straight AVCA first-team All-America honour en route to leading Stanford University to the 2001 NCAA Division I national championship; setter Robyn Ah Mow, the MVP of the World Championship Qualification Tournament; and libero Stacy Sykora, who was named the best at her position at the World Grand Prix last season, along with earning numerous other awards.

If the three most important aspects of real estate are location, location, location, then the three most crucial keys to a successful 2002 season for the women must be preparation, preparation, preparation.

"We are a team that needs good preparation (in order to do well)," Yoshida said. "We're right on track. Right now everyone is getting into a rhythm. At the same time I know that many of our opponents are getting stronger as well.

"But we don't want to peak too soon," he cautions. "Despite our success, I don't think we were in peak form last year."

Well, if the triumphs of 2001 were simply foothills in the path of the U.S. women as they attempt to trek to the summit of the volleyball world, then the heights they hope to attain this season could very well be hidden amongst the clouds.

By Paul Soriano

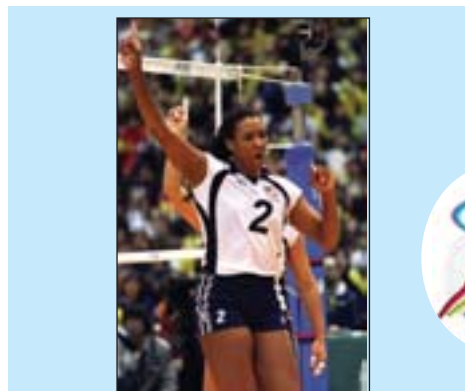
Stars – Danielle Scott

Thanks to Danielle Scott, considered by some to be one of the best middle blockers in the world, the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team enters the 2002 World Championships as

one of the teams to watch. In winning the 2001 World Grand Prix last summer in China, Scott was a force both offensively and defensively. She scored 29 points (23 kills, six blocks) as Team USA beat Russia for the third time in the tournament with a 3-2 semifinal win. Against China in the championship match, Scott posted 22 points (17 kills, five blocks) as the Americans earned a 3-1 victory. She earned Most Valuable Player, Best Scorer and Best Blocker honors for her efforts and helped the U.S. re-emerge as a world power.

Most recently, she was named the Best Blocker of the V-League, the Japanese Domestic League, while leading the Pioneer Red Wings to a third-place finish in the final round.

Scott, who also captured Best Blocker honours as Team USA surprised many with its fourth-place finish at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, will be competing in her second World Championship this summer. With Scott on the roster, the United States finished sixth at the 1994 World Championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She did not play for the U.S. at the 1998 World Championships in Tokyo, Japan, as the



Name:	Danielle Scott
Age:	29
Place of birth:	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Height:	188 cm
Civil status:	single
Hobbys:	Drawing, writing, playing on her computer, reading, going to the movies
Position on court:	middle blocker
Club Debut:	1991

Americans finished 13th.

With Scott in the lineup later this summer in Germany, look for Team USA to drastically improve on its 1998 finish, and perhaps even bring home the gold medal.



Thanks to her athleticism, Danielle Scott's jumps are really high



Thailand: The head coach of the Thai women's volleyball national team has his sight firmly set on his girls to come up with a better performance at the coming Women's Volleyball World Championship.

Kiartipong Ratchatakiangkrai said "I think my girls are well-prepared for the world meeting. With the top three teams in each pool advancing into the second round, I hope that my team could make it this time."

Hoping to revive their fortunes on their second effort and to make a better comeback attempt for the 2002 24-team World Championship Finals between August 30 and September 25 in Germany, the determined Thais had started training seriously and intensively since last October in preparation for the matches against the other five teams in Pool D. Thailand made their presence felt in the world meet four years ago in Japan. Unfortunately, they crashed out from the prestigious tournament after losing all matches to their respective rivals just in the preliminaries. Head coach Kiartipong said with the long-term excellent preparation, I believe that my girls have a better run in the tournament this time.

Patcharee Saegmuang, the 23-year-old Striker who won the 2001 Best Amateur Female Athlete of the Year Award in Thailand and was instrumental in lifting the Thai team's victory over Japan in last year's Asian meet, has just come back from playing professional league for two months in China. She now joins the intensive training with the team.

Kiartipong, who won the last year's Best Coach award, said that his players now do more work-outs which will help improve their physical strength. In addition, fine tactics such as aggressive jump serves, deceptive smashes and effective blockings were

also suggested to substitution, who, according to Kiartipong, can replace the starting line-up if required.





















Thailand will open their campaign against Greece on August 30. Their following matches in the single round-robin preliminaries in Leipzig are against Poland, China, Australia and Brazil. That means the Thai team has to defeat at least three group rivals if they hope to enter the second round, which is not easy for the shorter Thai players.

The Head Coach of the Thai team warned his girls "not to underestimate any rival team. Each must be strong and could not be overlooked. If not so, they could not make it to the World Championship Finals."

Czech Republic: After unsatisfactory results at the 2001 European Championship in Bulgaria (9-12 rank) progression from Group A into the second round of the 2002 World Championship in Germany would be considered a big success. The Czech national team will be undergoing a reconstruction during this and next year.

Players like Stepancikova, Ritschelova, Vecerkova or Volicerova who stood behind the national team's success from 1993 to 1997 will gradually leave thus making way for a successful younger generation (born 1980-82) that finished 3rd and 1st at the last Women's European Junior Championship. However, these younger players do not yet come up to the standard of the present national players mostly performing in foreign countries.

Therefore the 2003 European Championship qualifying matches and 2002 World Championship games will provide a good opportunity for the younger generation to gain some experience and learn from their older and far more experienced team-mates and to initiate the necessary reconstruction of the team.

-  **Egypt**
-  **Argentina**
-  **Australia**
-  **Brazil**
-  **Bulgaria**
-  **China**
-  **Germany**
-  **Dominican Republic**
-  **Greece**
-  **Italy**
-  **Japan**
-  **Canada**
-  **Kenya**
-  **Korea**
-  **Cuba**
-  **Mexiko**
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