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2002 Women's World
Championship in Germany
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A real eye-catcher, the official WCH poster of the women of the German Volleyball Federation in their new one-piece uniforms of ASICS. The picture will be sold at the WCH in the WCH shops at a price of 0,50 Euro. Photo: ASICS

There will be a lot of digging in German halls very soon. In less than 30 days the first Volleyball World Championship on German soil will begin and the enthusiasm for the Women's WCH is growing bigger every day.

This is also because of the young women in the picture above. The sensational third place at the Grand Prix in Asia gives hope for WCH dreams. Hopefully Germany's aces will act as self-confident and successfully as they did in Asia and during the photo

shooting. The Grand Prix proved one thing: To become World Champion you have to beat Russia and China. These two teams digged and served more successfully than all the other teams.


Digging - but please without smoking! That's the theme of the WCH in Germany. The FIVB and the German Volleyball Federation have joined the initiative "Tobacco Free Sport" of the World Health Organisation and guarantee a WCH without smoking!

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2002 Grand Prix: DVV-selection wins sensational 3rd place – Russia wins against China!

The German national team have gained a lot of self-confidence and the respect of the opponents one month before the WCH begins by winning a sensational 3rd place at the 2002 Grand Prix in Asia. After altogether 13 matches the team had a statistic of 7:6 victories and fulfilled the demands of Werner von Moltke, president of the German Volleyball Federation. He had demanded successes of the German team before they left for Asia. It was a surprise for everyone, that the team of national coach Hee Wan Lee did that in such an impressive way.

After the three preliminary week-ends the DVV selection was in 3rd place of the eight participating teams from Russia, China, Cuba, the USA, Japan, Brazil, Thailand and Germany, only China and Russia were better. They only lost against Brazil, Japan,

China and Russia.

During the final round the WCH host was able to win two times against Brazil and therefore was defeated only by WCH top favourites Russia and China. The team won a prize money of 130,000\$.

They are worth it!

China and Russia played in their own league and with their performance became the two top favourites for the WCH. Both teams qualified for the final with only two defeats, China had lost against Russia 0:3 and 2:3, Russia was defeated in a preliminary match 2:3 by Japan and in the final round 0:3 by Brazil (but everything was clear before).

The top teams won most of the awards, too.

Further information about the Grand Prix is on the last page of this issue.



Hee Wan Lee flying high after the sensational 3rd place at the Grand Prix 2002
Photo FIVB



Schedule Grand Prix 2002

1st weekend 12.-14. July

Pool 1 in Tokyo/Japan

Brazil - Germany 3:2
Japan - Thailand 3:0
Brazil - Thailand 3:1
Japan - Germany 0:3
Germany - Thailand 3:0
Japan - Brazil 0:3

Pool 2 in Chengdu/China

USA - Russia 2:3
China - Cuba 3:0
Cuba - Russia 1:3

China - USA 3:0
Cuba - USA 2:3
China - Russia 0:3

2nd weekend 19.-21. July

Pool 1 in Manila/PHI

Japan - Brazil 0:3
Russia - Germany 3:0
Russia - Japan 3:1
Germany - Brazil 3:0
Germany - Japan 0:3
Brazil - Russia 0:3

Pool 2 in Nakhon Ratchasima/THA
USA - China 0:3

Thailand - Cuba 2:3
Cuba - China 0:3
Thailand - USA 1:3
Cuba - USA 0:3
China - Thailand 3:0

3rd weekend 26.-28. July

Pool 1 in Macau

Brazil - Thailand 3:0
China - Germany 3:0
Brazil - Germany 2:3
China - Thailand 3:0
Thailand - Germany 0:3
China - Brazil 3:1

Pool 2 in Miao Li/China

USA - Cuba 2:3
Russia - Japan 2:3
Japan - USA 3:1
Cuba - Russia 0:3
Cuba - Japan 3:0
USA - Russia 2:3

Final ranking

1. Russia
2. China
3. Germany
4. Brazil
5. Japan
6. USA
7. Cuba
8. Thailand

4th weekend 01.-04. August: Final round of the best four teams in Hong Kong

1. August: Russia - Germany 3:0
China - Brazil 3:1

2. August: Germany - Brazil 3:0
China - Russia 2:3


3. August: Russia - Brazil 0:3

China - Germany 3:0

4. August: Place 3/4: Germany - Brazil 3:1
Final: China - Russia 1:3

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Tobacco Free Sports Digging – without smoking please!



An article from Marion Caspers-Merk, drug delegate of the German government

I am very happy that the International and German Volleyball Federation have joined the initiative "Tobacco Free Sports" of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and that the 2002 Women's World Championship in Germany will take place "smokeless". Sportsmen and sportswomen are shining examples.

Also, we know that according to several studies, the membership in a sports club prevents against addiction and drugs. Among young persons and adults who do sports, there are less smokers. The current data give proof. Among young members there are 69% non-smokers compared to 58% of non-members.

There are two different trends in the consumption of tobacco by young German adults. It is positive that the number of young adults, who have never smoked, has grown from 38% to 49% from 1993 to 2001. On the other hand, the number of smokers has grown in the group of 12 to 17 years old. The most serious fact is that the number of girls who smoke is growing larger in western as well as in eastern Germany. You have to worry mainly

because of the fact that the earlier you begin to smoke the harder it is to quit. It is three times more likely that a youth who started smoking at the age of 15, will die because of cancer than somebody who started smoking at the age of 25. Therefore it is an important sign that after the Men's Soccer WCH, now an international sport event of women's sport has joined the "Tobacco Free Sports Campaign" of the WHO. This is especially because volleyball attracts a lot of girls and young women.

The Government has decided on a lot of actions to protect non-smokers this year.

1. Prohibition of selling: In the new Children and Young Persons Act, which was passed in July, it is now forbidden by law to sell tobacco to children and young persons under 16. Cigarette machines must guarantee to not enable children and young persons to buy cigarettes in four years time.

2. Restriction of advertising: In the Children and Young Persons Act it is said that advertising for cigarettes presented in cinemas must not be broadcasted before 18:00. This shall prevent young visitors from the effects of the advertisement.

3. Price: Taxes for tobacco products were raised on the 1st of January 2002. On 1st of January 2003 taxes for tobacco products will be raised by 20 Cents. International studies agree that pricing is an important way to raise the number of non-smokers. Especially young people who don't earn a lot of money, will think about reducing the consumption or quitting smoking.

4. New financial support: It is expensive to prevent. At the moment there is a lack of attractive programs that help young persons to quit smoking. Also there are no special

programs for girls. With a contract with the tobacco industry we achieve that, for the first time, the producers take responsibility for their unhealthy products. During the 5 years the tobacco industry will spend 11.8 million Euros on prevention, which is design for children and young persons. The contract guarantees that industry doesn't have any influence on the prevention. The money will be paid to the Federal Centre for Health Information.

5. Improve protection of non-smokers: The revision of the work place decree was passed in July. Now, all employers have to guarantee, to protect the non-smoking employees. This will also help non-smoking trainees.

6. Enlarge campaigns: Germany takes part in the EU campaign "Feel Free To Say No" (www.feel-free.info). The Federal Centre for Health Information will support the EU campaign with programs which help to quit smoking, especially created for young persons.

I wish our volleyball players the best of luck, a lot of spectators and a good performance.



A city in the heart of Europe

Situated in the heart of Europe, the Stuttgart area, with a population of more than 2.5 million people, is an attractive scientific area and place to live. Around 590 000 people live and work in the state of Baden-Württemberg alone. From its roots as a town whose income came from the stud farms, since the beginning of the industrial revolution it has become the third most densely populated areas in Germany. The scientific break through followed when Gottlieb Daimler invented the first 4-wheeled motor vehicle in 1886, laying the foundation stone for worldwide change.

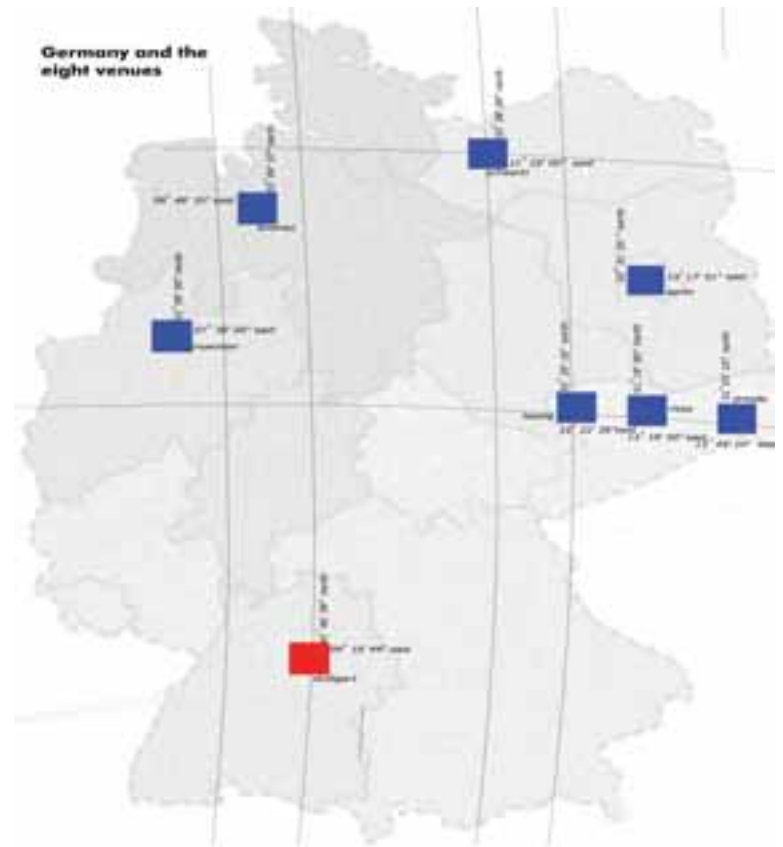
Stuttgart is a much loved meeting point for agriculture and industry, science and technology, art and culture, sport and politics. From the 217m high television tower you have a great view of the beautiful geographic

situation and all of Stuttgart's green areas. In the centre of the city, the new and old castles and the spectacular castle surroundings can't help but to inspire visitors from all over the world.

Stuttgart is also world renowned as a city of international culture. The Stutt-



A view of the fountain in front of the Stuttgarter Schloss



gart ballet and the state opera house are the "Opera house of the year". Musicals and variety shows, classical music, jazz, rock or pop, over 30 galleries and museums are available for a complete cultural experience. Another attraction is the Wilhelma, the only zoological-botanic garden in Germany.

Stuttgart - A sports town

Stuttgart and its sport – it is a strong and successful combination. The state of Baden-Württemberg has in the last 10 years been host to many high profile sports meetings. The athletics World and European championships, the gymnastics World championships and the cycling World championships to name but a few. The Stuttgart spectators are known around the world for their hospitality and fairness. They are the only group of spectators to have

received two awards of excellence: 1986 with the Olympic cup of the IOC

and in 1993 with the UNESCO fair-play trophy.


The highest and more diverse levels of sporting ability both have important places in Stuttgart. The yearly sport highlights include the Hofbräu 6 day run, the riding and jumping competition of the "Stuttgart German Masters" and the women's international volleyball world championship, in 2007 it will also host the gymnastics world championship.

Torch-bearers, the Olympic flame and the best sports stars from all over the world – Stuttgart wants to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games.

There are many arguments in favour of Stuttgart: Outstanding sport venues, set within the locality, excellent public transportation and the enthusiastic spectators would guarantee that if the

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Venues – Stuttgart

Olympic and Paralympic games were held in Baden-Württemberg in 2012, they would be exciting and unforgettable. The Olympic park Cannstatter Wasen is planned to be the centre of the 2012 games. The area around the Gottlieb Daimler stadium and the Hanns Martin Schleyer Hall, which will be a venue for the second round of the Volleyball WCH, is ideal. Around 44 percent of all gold medals will be presented in the Olympic park.

Volleyball in the Hanns Martin Schleyer Hall

In the last two decades, the Hanns Martin Schleyer Hall has been the venue of many high profile events. For the Volleyball WCH the Schleyer Hall offers optimum conditions. The teams, who will travel to the state capital of Baden-Württemberg for the second round, may look forward to perfect organization. Together with the Württemberg volleyball association, the Stuttgart committee and congress have put together an attractive program

between the 6th and 12th September 2002. "Naturally we are hoping, that the German team will be guests in Stuttgart." said Rolf Schneider. "We wish them the best of luck." Of course the youth at the 'Landessportschule' in Ruit will come to the WCH as they will raise voices in the Schleyer Hall. The women's teams have made a big impression in the Schleyer Hall too. At the 1989 European Championship the European teams guaranteed exciting games and a great atmosphere. In a few weeks the world's best teams will be playing in Stuttgart for a pass into the final round in Berlin. High profile and exciting games await.

Tourism

Visitors are able to discover the city in many different ways with "StuttCard", which costs only 14 Euro. Germany's nicest "wine-city" demands a visit during the WCH. For information concerning hotel reservation see below right.



The square in front of the Stuttgarter Schloß is heavily visited during good weather!
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Can Italy manage the breakthrough?

The Italian team has continuously improved throughout the past months and caught up with the top teams of the world. Recent results and experts confirm this progress. Of course, the top contenders are the "usual suspects" from Russia, China, the USA and Cuba, but don't forget Italy. "There aren't many teams in the world who are able to play at this level", said Russia's prominent coach Nikolai Karpol after his team barely beat the "Azzurri" with 3:2 in the Final in Montreux. German National coach Hee Wan Lee counts the Italians in as well: "Italy has a very good team. I consider them to be one of the medal contenders at the Worlds." The Germans will play against Italy in the preliminary round on September 2nd.

the Netherlands finished second, ahead of Poland, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

There is only one team that stayed ahead of head coach Marco Bonitta's team: Russia grabbed the titles at the European Championships and in Montreux. However, it was a close fight over five sets, which confirms the Italians' new found strength.

That wasn't always the case. The team around captain Manuela Leggeri was a secret favourite at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, but they had to go home after the preliminary round. They lost to Germany 1-3. As a consequence, the Italian Federation fired coach Angiolino Frigoni (who is now coaching successfully the Dutch women) and hired Marco Bonitta. He was able to establish the team at the high level. Bonitta kept most of the players, with one exception. Mauricia Cacciatori, crowned as the best pass player at the 1998 World Championships has been relegated to number two. Bonitta

Italy in brief:

- Olympic Games:
9th place 2000
- World Championship:
5th place 1998
- European Championship:
Silver 2001
Bronze 1999

counts on Eleonora Lo Bianco, who is, at 1,72 m, rather short. Lo Bianco isn't a block specialist, but she plays faster than Cacciatori, showing more flexibility. Additionally, she realizes quickly which player is "on a run" and serves accordingly. Lately, diagonal player Elisa Togut was the one. Lee calls her one of the best diagonal attackers of the world and believes that the performance of the team mainly depends on her. However, middle blockers Manuela Leggeri and Ana Vania Mello are contributing to the recent rise of the Italians as well. The competitors fear her quick attacks, and Leggeri is considered to be one of today's best blockers.



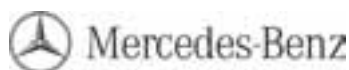
The recent success of the Italians confirms Lee's opinion. The Italians took the silver medal at the 2001 European Championships in Bulgaria and

finished second at the high class tournament in Montreux. Recently, they won a high class tournament with teams from five nations in Italy. The team of the host country managed to beat four of the strongest teams in Europe: the Netherlands (3-1), the Czech Republic (3-2), Bulgaria (3-0) and Poland (3-0). Those four teams will also participate in the World Championships. In Italy,



The Italians have every reason to be happy after the 2001 European championships. And 2002?
Photos: FIVB

It will be difficult for the other teams in the group in Muenster – Japan, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Mexico and Germany – to beat the top contender. On the other hand, World Championships are a long competition and are different from other events. The German team proved more than once additional strength in front of a home crowd. The Italians know that very well. In 2000, the Germans prevailed in the Olympic Qualifi-



Top-Teams – Italy

Italy - Montreux 2002

Italy - Japan 3:0
 Italy - Russia 2:3
 Italy - Brasil 3:0
 Italy - China 3:1
 Italy - Russia 2:3

cation in Bremen and in 2001, they qualified for the Grand Prix in Karlsruhe. Although the Italians beat the German teams, they lost other games.

The 18 players of the Italian team are: Elisa Galastri (Reggio Calabria), Simona Rinieri, Eleonora Lo Bianco (both Starfin Ravenna), Elisa Togut, Paola Paggi, Darina Mifkova (all Minetti Vicenza), Manuela Leggeri (Edison Modena), Sara Anzanello, Nadia Centoni, Paola Cardullo (all Asystal Novara), Silvia Croatto (Romanelli Flo-



Leader of the Italian team outside the court: Marco Bonitta!

renz), Maurizia Cacciatori, Francesca Piccinini, Anna Vania Mello (Foppapedretti Bergamo), Rachele Sangiuliano (Volley Forli), Valentina Borrelli (Johnson Spezzano), Paola Croce (Despar Perugia), Valentina Fiori (Club Italia).



Leader of the Italian team on the court: Manuela Leggeri!

Stars – Elisa Togut

An Internet surfer came across a question with the title "Who will be the star of the world championships?", but complained that the name Elisa Togut



At the ECH 2001 in Bulgaria, Togut and Co easily won against the German team with Birgit Thumm!

was missing. The (Italian) fan is right, the Italian opposite player has the talent required to become one of the best players of the WCH and to lead her team to victory. Togut has all the skills that a modern opposite player needs: an excellent height, a strong and variable attack as well as a lot of courage. She needs that because in a close situation the new number one on the position of the setter, the 1.72m small Eleonora Lo Bianco, relies on the 20cm taller Togut. Of course the opponents also know about that, but Togut doesn't care, she knows how good she is.

This has become more apparent, since the trainer Marco Motta improved her self-confidence. Motta ignores her mistakes, as he knows: "She is one of the world's best attackers and can make the difference when it comes to the WCH"!

The Germans just have to hope that



Name: Elisa Togut
 Age: 14.5.1978
 Place of birth: Gorizia
 Height: 192 cm
 Nickname: "Toga"
 Position on court: wing spiker
 Club: Minetti Vicenca

Togut doesn't make the difference in the preliminaries on 2nd September in Münster.



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German happiness after the sensational win of 3rd place in the 2002 Grand Prix

Grand Prix 2002: Evgenia Artamonova (Russia) was elected MVP, Hao Yang (China) as best server, Ruirui Zhao (China) as most popular player, Elizaveta Tichtchenko (Russia) as best hitter, Valeska Menezes (Brazil) as best block player and Fafiana Oliveira (Brazil) as best libero. The German players didn't win any of the awards, but still they performed very well.

Angelina "Grüni" Grün is among the top ten in five of the seven awarded categories and underlines her universality but also the importance for the German team.

Grün was the second best scorer, 7th in attacking, 12th in block, 8th in serving, 5th in defence and 4th in receiving! Other German players performed very well at the Grand Prix too, especially setter Beatrice Dömeland, who was 3rd in the category setting, Sylvia Roll, who was the best defence player of all players and 2nd in receiving. Libero Kerstin Tzschlerich was 4th in defence and 5th in receiving.

After the Grand Prix the Asian travellers could enjoy some free days, before going back to Heidelberg for a raining camp (begins on 10th/11th of August).

Within this training camp, volleyball fans get their last chance to see the German team in an official inter-

























national game. Germany will play against the Netherlands three times – in Rüsselsheim (August 13th at 19:00), Freisen (August 14th at 19:00) and in Koblenz (August 15th at 18:30). After these games, national coach Hee Wan Lee is most likely to nominate his 12 player squad for the WCH.

At the moment these 16 players are still in the squad: Christin Guhr (all Dresdner SC), Julia Schlecht, Kathy Radzweit, Judith Sylvester (all TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen), Cornelia Dümmler, Atika Bouagaa, Birgit Thumm (all USC Münster), Tanja Hart, Verena Veh (both SSV Ulm ALLIUD PHARMA), Sylvia Roll (Schiavo Jesi/Italy), Angelina Grün (Volley Modena/Italy), Olessya Kulakova (RC Cannes/ France), Christina Benecke (Romanelli Florenz/Italy), Jana Müller (Schweriner SC).

Germany, Italy, Poland: These three teams have changed one player on the list of 18 players of the World Championship. For the German team Atika Bouagaa will play instead of Christina Schultz who is injured, the Italian team will be supported by Valentina Fiorini instead of Jenny Barazza. And Anna Podolec replaces Mariola Barbachowska in the Polish team.



The awarded players of the 2002 Grand Prix, from the left to the right: Elizaveta Tichtchenko, Evgenia Artamonova, Valeska Menezes, Hao Yang, Fabiana Oliveira! Photos FIVB

-  Egypt
-  Argentina
-  Australia
-  Brazil
-  Bulgaria
-  China
-  Germany
-  Dominican Republic
-  Greece
-  Italy
-  Japan
-  Canada
-  Kenya
-  Korea
-  Cuba
-  Mexico
-  Netherlands
-  Poland
-  Puerto Rico
-  Romania
-  Russia
-  Thailand
-  Czech Republic
-  USA

