



NEWSLETTER

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

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

The first ever World Volleyball Championship in Germany will begin next Friday. For 17 days, the volleyball world will focus on the eight German cities, Muenster, Schwerin, Dresden, Riesa, Leipzig, Stuttgart and Berlin. At about 17:00 hrs on September 15, it will be determined which team won the 2002 World title succeeding Cuba.

Here are some expectations and hopes of some well-known persons for the World Championship in Germany:

Werner von Moltke, DWV-President: "I wish a WCH without any problems, many enthusiastic spectators and a strong and successful German national team.

Juergen Lamberty, World Championship Executive Director: "I am wishing all teams, the Local Organising Committees and VONOG staff a lot of success. A lot of power and energy have been invested, and it would be great if at the end everybody were to say: It has paid off."

Hee Wan Lee, German national coach: "My aim is to play good volleyball and to reach the final round in Berlin. I am hoping for the support of the crowds because that is very important, particularly in our very tough preliminary group at Muenster."

Klaus Wegener, Editor in Chief of the German Volleyball Magazine: "I am hoping for a similar success as at the recent football World Cup with many surprises and upsets. And of course I am hoping that the German team will do as well as the football players."

Angelina Gruen, German volleyball international: "We want to carry the spectators along and play a good preliminary round. Naturally, our aim is the final round in Berlin."

Susanne Lahme, former German volleyball international: "I believe the team capable of doing well. They will get through the preliminary round, and then everything is possible."

Jens Gutschmidt, Television-Coordinator during the WCH: "I expect that the German Team will confirm their performance of the last matches before the WCH and that they advance to the quarter final. I wish that this athletic achievement will win many spectators on television so that volleyball will get its solid place in TV-programming.

Jörg Ahmann, Bronzemedalist in Beach-volleyball: "It's important, that volleyball will be pushed in attendance so that the spectators can watch more matches on television, especially to place more attention on this sport.



Bye, Bye and see you soon – says Casper!

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Germany's World Championship selection nominated

German national coach Hee Wan Lee nominated his final selection of twelve players for the World Championship on August 15. The last of the 15 players at the training camp at Heidelberg to be dropped were Christina Benecke (Romanelli Florence), Cornelia Dumler (USC Muenster) and Christin Guhr (Dresdner SC).

The following 12 players will represent the German Volleyball Federation, DWV, at the first World Championship on German soil: Beatrice Doemeland,

Kathy Radzuweit listed for "Germany's most erotic athlete 2002" in the magazine MAX

The World Championship in Germany is attracting great interest from all kinds of media. This holds also true for the magazine MAX. The issue published on August 14 call for a poll for "Germany's most erotic athlete 2002". Among the listed athletes is Germany's World Championship volleyball player Kathy Radzuweit.

The 20-year-old middle blocker from Bayer 04 Leverkusen is not only on the cover, but also the first athlete to be presented. Radzuweit is pictured as probably never before: expressive, self-confident and with an incredible mass of hair (Tina Turner would be envious if she would see Kathy Radzuweit).

Compared to her all other top stars such as swimmer Franziska van Almsick, handball player Stefan Kretzschmar, Formula-1 World champion Michael Schumacher and football World Cup finalist Michael Ballack fade away. However, the readers should judge for themselves, either on

Kerstin Tzscherschlich (both Dresdner SC), Kathy Radzuweit, Judith Sylvester (both TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen), Atika Bouagaa, Birgit Thumm (both USC Münster), Verena Veh, Tanja Hart (both SSV Ulm ALIUD PHARMA), Jana Mueller (Schweriner SC), Angelina Gruen (Volley Modena), Sylvia Roll (Schiavo Jesi), Olessya Kulakova (RC Cannes).

Hee Wan Lee explained his decision as follows: "There were no major differences among the players, all have progressed in their sporting development, be it at the World Grand Prix and at practice in Germany. In the end I decided for

the MAX web site or the magazine, where they can vote for their favorite.

Make your choice and win. Here are the prizes:

a) One week holiday for two at the Robinson Club in Turkey, where Germany's top athletes will be present at the "Club of the Best" (perhaps including German national player

those who played at the Grand Prix because during that event the team played very well together. The decision was certainly not an easy one!"

Seven of the twelve players (Veh, Thumm, Sylvester, Radzuweit, Kulakova, Bouagaa, Mueller) have never played in a World Championship. Sylvia Roll and Beatrice Doemeland are the most experienced with two participations in World championships (1994 and 1998). The remaining three players (Hart, Gruen, Tzscherschlich) had their first experience in World championships in Japan in the year of 1998.

Kathy Radzuweit).

b) Photo shooting with star photographer Andreas H. Bitesnich In the next issue of MAX, to be published on August 28, will contain further photos of volleyball player Kathy Radzuweit and an interview with her.

Further information and pictures on

www.volleyball2002.de and

www.max.de

One day later, August 29, the magazine STERN will publish a story about the World Championship on 8 pages, also with great photos and accompanying text.

To write that story, STERN editor Ruediger Barth spent a day with the team, practised with them (he himself plays in the second division), talked to the players and watched the last official international match before the World Championship between Germany and the team of The Netherlands.



Did you recognise Kathy Radzuweit at first sight? Photo MAX

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TV Movie: Media partner TV Movie has a big WCH special in issue 18 (24.8-6.9)

The WCH media partner TV Movie have a 4 pages long special about the volleyball WCH in their newest issue – number 18 with the TV guide for 24.8-6.9. The main topic of the four pages: national coach Hee Wan Lee analyses the eight top teams, which might,

Despite logistical problems in the region: Dresden remains venue of the WCH

Frankfurt (pps) Saxony's capital Dresden remains a venue of the preliminary Group C for the Women's World Volleyball Championship in Germany (August 30-September 15), despite the aftermath of the recent flooding disaster. The city of Riesa is also a host city for the Championship. The decision to retain Dresden as a host city was made after consultations between the International Volleyball Federation, FIVB, and the German Volleyball Federation, DVV, on Thursday, even though logistical problems in the region still exist. A further initiative by Lord Mayor Ingolf Rossberg to

according to his opinion, win the title. The German national coach holds the opinion that Russia is the top favourite and China will be their strongest rival. The USA are the third team for the title. The teams from Cuba, Italy, South Korea, Brazil and Japan might win a medal, too. But the 46 years old head coach didn't want to give a statement about his own team.

Furthermore he names the top stars of each team. According to his opinion

retain Dresden as a venue, was decisive. Rossberg guaranteed that the teams travelling daily from Riesa, would need a maximum of 90 minutes by bus for the 60km. The daily bus transporting players to the stadium is to have a police escort to minimize any delays.

The Federal Army had been approached regarding the availability of a helicopter for the five competition days of the preliminary round but according to a letter from the Secretary of State within the Federal Ministry of Defence, Dr. Walther Stuetzle, the Federal Army's transportation system is already stretched to the limits due to the flooding and priority must be given to the victims of the catastrophe.

these are Evgenia Artamonova (Russia), Danielle Scott (USA), Regla Torres (Cuba), Hao Yang (China), Elisa Togut (Italy), Karin, Min-Jung Ku (South Korea), Miyuki Takahashi (Japan) and of course Angelina Grün (Germany).

The 234 pages long issue can be bought at any shop that sells periodicals for 1.45 Euro.

DW President Werner von Moltke said on Thursday in agreement with FIVB President Dr. Rubén Acosta: "By our decision to stick to Riesa and Dresden we also want to show the people in the region that they are not left alone and that we encourage them. In a sense the World Volleyball Championship will now serve as a moral initiative for the new rebuilding of Germany's east. It signals that Dresden's citizens can rely on their partners. Besides organisational aspects, human aspects after the flooding disaster played a major role in our decision. Now Dresden must guarantee that the respective teams will not have a disadvantage and will get from Riesa to Dresden without too much delay."



Official Car-Sponsor Mercedes-Benz: Teams, officials and VIP's will be driving with the „star“ on the hood.

The official Car-Sponsor of the WCH, Mercedes-Benz, supports the National Organizing Committee (VONOG) and the Local Organizing Committees at this mega-event: In every WCH-city, the transport is guaranteed with cars of Mercedes Benz - Teams, Officials and VIP's will get comfortable and safe to all locations. The sponsorship of Mercedes Benz is not only limited to the WCH, it already took place at the WCH-team-draw in september 2001. Mercedes Benz also offered the Mercedes World for a huge press-conference.



Were present at the press conference at Mercedes World: Ulrike Jurk and Beatrice Doemeland. Photo Herfet



Berlin – Germany's sports and volleyball city

It may sound arrogant, but it is not at all: Berlin with its 880 square kilometres and approximately 3.5 million citizens is not only Germany's largest city, Berlin is the capital, the city of culture, arts and science, but also the metropolis of German sports. Berlin boasts three operas and three universities, many theatres, concert halls, more than 50 churches and a world-famous collection of museums. Berlin has a lot of lakes and rivers, more bridges than Venice, beautiful castles, parks and gardens.

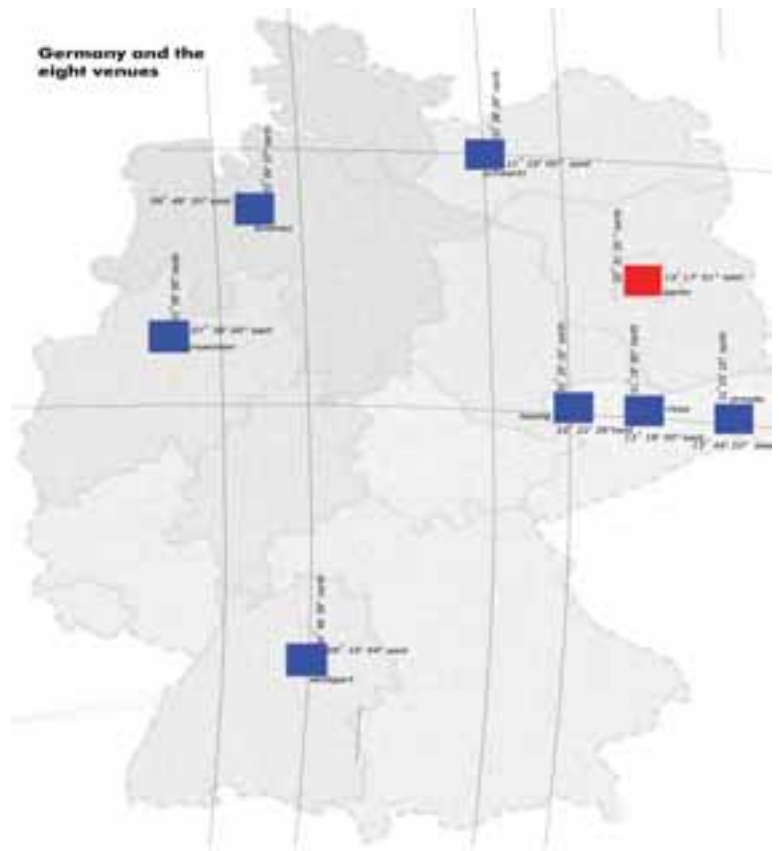
Top sports in Berlin

Berlin is the home of most German Olympic, World and European champions of the past and present. About 3,200 Berlin athletes belong to the various sports cadres and play an important role in German sports.

There are approximately 2,000 sports facilities in Berlin - from small to large, for instance the 50 hectares large sports forum at Hohenschoenhausen and the Olympic Stadium with its side venues at



Popular meeting place for all tourists: Unter den Linden.



Charlottenburg district. In 2001 no fewer than 101 athletes of all ages returned with medals from World and European Championships with altogether 124 finishing between first and eighth place at the same events.

Between lakes Wannsee in the west and Mueggelsee in the east, Berlin offers opportunities from fishing to decathlon. Berlin has high-performance centres of various national federations in 20 summer and winter sports and 30 regional high-performance centres.


Three athletes won medals at the 2002 Winter Olympic in Salt Lake City: Double Olympic speed skating champion Claudia Pechstein, Germany's most successful winter sports athlete ever with four Olympic gold, one silver and two bronze medals; Monique Garbrecht, silver medallist in speed skating; and Nicole Hersch-

mann, a triple jumper who gained bronze in women's bobsleigh.

Berlin boasts 91 clubs in first divisions plus 60 in second divisions and annually stages most sports events in Germany, national and international. This year alone, Berlin hosted the Men's Volleyball World League matches against the Netherlands, the Beach Volleyball World Series event, the Berlin Marathon with 30,000 competitors, the ISTAF Grand Prix in athletics, the speed skating World Cup, Cup finale of the German Football Association, the Six Days in cycling, regattas in rowing and sailing, Europe's largest épée fencing tournament "White Bear of Berlin" plus a further 50 international and national German championships in various sports. All that without the weekly Bundesliga and lower divisions matches or the events for children and juniors.

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Sports for all in Berlin

High-performance sports, however, do not dominate. Tens of thousands of women and men, youths and children play sports in 2,050 clubs. Sports for all is offered everywhere. About 537,000 Berliners – almost every sixth citizen – regularly play sport.

The most attractive sports facilities are the Olympic Stadium, the indoor speed skating rink at Hohenschoenhausen, Europa Sports Park with its imposing cycling venue and the modern swimming pool at Lichtenberg, Jahn-Sportpark with neighbouring Max Schmeling Arena for 8,000 spectators at Prenzlauer Berg, where the final of the 2002 Women's World Volleyball Championship will take place, and Horst Korber Centre behind the former Olympic premises with the horse riding and swimming stadium at Charlottenburg.

Volleyball in Berlin

Volleyball is very popular in Berlin. 11,000 people play in 139 clubs. 85 women's and 82 men's teams played in the 2001-2002 season. Berlin staged two European Championships so far (1983 and 1991). Several women's European Cup champions come from Berlin, SC Dynamo Berlin and CJD Berlin, as well as national German champions. Numerous male and female players from Berlin made the German national teams. The capital has been a venue of the men's World League for years.

In 2003 Berlin will once again be the main venue of the Men's European Volleyball Championship. Max Schmeling Arena will host the finals of the Women's World Championship this year and the finals of the European Championship next year. It is an ideal venue with its additional courts and rooms and easily accessible by underground and tram.



The Brandenburg Gate is Berlin's centre – at the Marathon too!

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While we presented the top teams for the World Championship in the seven previous issues, we present this time the "exotic" teams, the outsiders, the teams nobody reckons with. The five teams from Mexico, Egypt, Kenya, Puerto Rico and Greece certainly don't belong to the favourites, but would like to spring some surprises.

Puerto Rico

Team: Puerto Rico's team worked hard in the past years to get to an international level. Practice included general and specific power training, a pre-competition and a competition phase. They played other World Championship teams at the Pan-American Cup, but were not too successful. Puerto Rico finished seventh behind Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Canada, Mexico, Argentina and the USA.

Coach: David Alemán

Star player: Yarleen Santiago, 24 - Santiago started her volleyball career as a middle blocker, then



She carries Puerto Rico's hopes – Yarleen Santiago Photos: FIVB

changed to the outside attacking position. She was the key player during the World Championship qualification and is the only one in the history of Puerto Rican volleyball to receive the awards for "Most Valuable Player" and "Rookie of the Year" (1995).

Puerto Rico in brief:
World Championships
1974: 22nd, 1982: 17th

Egypt

Team: Egypt was the first of the Arabian and African countries to re-introduce women's volleyball in 1960. The first nation-wide season was played in 1962. The national team was formed in 1970 and since then qualified twice for a World Championship (1990 in China and 2002 in Germany). The Egyptian national team prepared for the World Championship in a two-week training camp in Morocco.

Coach: Hesham Badrawy

Star player: Tahany Tosson, 30 - Tosson has been the best player of the African Continent for ten years. The outside attacker plays with six-time African club champion Ahly Club. The 1.77m tall player earned her first international cap twelve years ago.

Egypt in brief:
World Championships
1990: 16th
World Cup
1995: 12th
Continental Championships
1991: 2nd, 1993: 2nd, 1995: 1st

Kenya

Team: The Kenyan national team started their preparation and training for the World Championship in May

"Underdogs"



Egypt wants to spring a few surprises

2002. Violet Barasa, the only professional player, practised together with the team. Coach Ohanya wants to upset the established teams at their third World Championship, but first of all the young players should get some experience.

Coach: Gilbert Ohanya

Star player: Violet Barasa, 27 - The team captain of the Kenyan national volleyball team stated playing volleyball in high school. Today she is a professional with the Romanian club Piatra Neami. Coach Ohanya expects from Barasa to be the key player during the World Championship and to provide the necessary motivation.

Kenya in brief:
Olympic Games
2000: 11th
World Championships
1994: 13th, 1998: 13th
Continental Championships
1991: 1st, 1993: 1st, 1995: 2nd,
1997: 1st

Mexico

Team: Mexico's team has been preparing for the World Championship at home at Monterrey since January. In addition, the team had a training camp in Bulgaria and finished fourth in the Pan-American Championship where the Mexican already met some of their World Championship opponents.

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"Underdogs"

Coach: Sergio Hernandez

Star player: Bibiana Candelas Ramirez, 18 - Ramirez was discovered at the age of twelve at the national junior championships. In 1996 the middle blocker played on the national youth team for the first time at the NORCECA-Championships in the Dominican Republic. In 1997 she earned her first cap with the women's national team, again at the NORCECA Championships. From 1998 until 2001 she participated with the entire team in a training programme at Monterrey which also included test matches against other teams.

Mexiko in brief:

Olympic Games

1968: 7th

World Championships

1970: 12th, 1974: 10th, 1978:

15th, 1982: 13th



Mexico, opponents of the German team in the preliminary round, will give everything at Muenster

Greece

Team: The Greeks are not really an "exotic" team, but as they qualified for

their first World Championship ever, they are presented under this heading. The Greek women's national team has been in existence since 1966, a permanent national team was established in 1981. Against all odds

they qualified for the European championship for the first time in 1985, under its current coach Dimitris Floros. In subsequent years, Floros set the foundations for a great team that peaked in 1991 when it won the bronze medal in the Spring Cup in Gyor, a bronze in the Mediterranean Games in Athens and an all time best 8th place in the finals of the European Championships in Rome. Since then Greece qualified to the finals of the 2001 European Championships in Bulgaria.



Coach: Floros Dimitrios

Star player: Niki Gkaragkouni, 25 - The Greek middle blocker made the national team in 1997 and has earned 118 caps since then. She is 1.84m tall and won the bronze medal with Filathletic Club Vrillissia in the 1999 CEV Cup Winners Cup.

Greece in brief:

European Championships

1985: 12th, 1991: 8th, 1993: 9th, 2001: 11th



Possibly no other team had to prepare for the World Championship in such practice conditions as Kenya.

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Altogether ten WCH teams used the chance to substitute up to two players because of injuries 21 days before the WCH begins. The most prominent substitution might be the one of US setter Robyn Ah Mow, who was awarded best setter at the 2001 Grand Prix. The Italy-professional, who will celebrate her 27th birthday on the day of the final, was cancelled from the list and substituted by Candace McNamee. That is interesting for the team of the German Volleyball Federation: With Italy, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic three of the opponents of the first round have changed their squad.

The following players are new in the 18 players squads:

Brazil: Ana Paula Ferreira (for Jaqueline Carvalho) and Cibala Barboza (for Katia Rodriguez)

Bulgaria: Marina Marik (for Desislava Angelova) and Neli Neshich (for Desislava Velichkova)

Dominican Republic: Karla Enchenique Quinones (for Susan Silverio Bierd)

Germany: Atika Bouagaa (for Christina Schultz)

Greece: Eleni Memetzi (for Anastasia Charalampidou), Charikleia Sakkoula (for Elina Papadopoulou)

Czech Republic: Radka Vychtilova (for Karolina Kolouskova), Ivana Plchotova (for Lucie Svarcova)

Italy: Valentina Fiorin (for Jenny Barazza)

The Netherlands: Titia Sustring (for Chaine Staelens), Marieke Coenen (for Mirjam Orsel)

























Poland: Anna Podolec (for Mariola Barbachowska)

USA: Candace McNamee (for Robyn Ah Mow)

Bulgaria: The teams of the preliminary group A of the World Championship in Münster mustn't underestimate Bulgaria anymore. Antonina Zetova and Neli Marinova-Neshich, the two stars of the team, have finally decided to


keep playing for the national team and will take part in the World Championship in Germany. Those who saw last year's ECH in Varna, where the outside hitter and the setter played an important role in winning the third place, knows how important they are for the selection of coach Stefan Panchev. "I never had any problems with the Federation, as was said in the media. After the ECH I felt exhausted and wanted to think about the future of my sportive career", Antonina Zetova said. "When you receive several emails from Bulgaria every day and people keep asking you, to come back to the national team, it is hard to say no." Zetova and Marinova-Neshich joined the training later than the others. First they worked on their fitness in the Rigla mountains. They didn't play the tournament in Italy (31.7-4.8.) either, where Bulgaria was on the last place without any victory. Only a few days before the tournament "Varnaer Summer" (13.8 - 17.8.) they joined the team and although not on top form, they changed the team. They played against Argentina, Mexico, Turkey, Greece and Kazakhstan. Bulgaria finished with three victories and two 2:3 defeats against Turkey and Argentina (won the tournament). Two matches were lost especially because coach Stefan Panchev wanted to save the power of the two stars and let younger players play more often. After the performance in Varna the growing confidence could be seen: "It is our goal to move to the second round at the WCH. The equality of our group doesn't make it easy, but still I think that we can make it." They count on the victories against Mexico and the Czech Republic, but they have to win against Germany, Italy or Japan. Panchev knows that it will be very difficult to win against the home team. However he holds the opinion that "in our group every team can beat the others."

News of the Teams

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	Argentina
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