FIVB 2007 World Cups A first Olympic step



The last images are dated 2003: the Men's Brazilian team and the China Women's team win the gold medal and their ticket for Athens.

The World Cups 2007, the first step in the Olympic Qualification process, will qualify both podiums to Beijing Olympic Games: all the six medallists, 3 Men's teams and 3 Women's teams, will join the Chinese teams, already qualified for the 2008 Olympics as host country.

Twelve Men's and 12 Women's teams will arrive in Japan to compete: each gender will include Japan (country organizer), 5 Continental champions, 4 best Continental vice Champions (as for January 2007 World Ranking), 2 wild cards chosen by FIVB and Japan Volleyball Association.

The Women's event is going to start on November 2nd, until November 16th when the last match is scheduled in Nagoya. The Men's tournament will begin on November 18th to December 2nd, with the last games in Tokyo.



The World Grand Prix painted orange

The surprise was really big. Everyone, at the beginning of the 2007 World Grand Prix, was ready to bet for what they call the big teams. Well-known names like Russia, Brazil, China, Cuba... While the world was guessing, Avital Selinger was working hard with his team. He was confident that something good was going to happen.

They fell three times in the Qualification Rounds: Brazil and Italy on the first week, with no chance to win a set, and another straight loss with the Brazilians in Tokyo on the second week. Then the Dutch team got on fire in Macau: Cuba, China, U.S.A., they beat them all to qualify for Ningbo.

In China, Visser and her team mates completed the masterpiece winning all the 5 matches and the first trophy for the Dutch Women's Team in a major international competition.

The fight with China was still open until the last day. The thriller ended when the Netherlands conquered the World Grand Prix 2007 beating World Champions Russia 3-2.

The orange contingent held off a strong surge from Russia to take the 21-25, 25-18, 25-13, 20-25 and 15-8 victory, becoming the sixth team to win the renowned title.

The Netherlands also took home the top prize of 200,000 US dollars and the Most Valuable Player award going to Manon Flier, who led the Netherlands with 20 points on the last match. "It is an achievement for Dutch volleyball, as it is the first

time the women's team won the title of a major tournament in the world," said Netherlands coach Avital Selinger. "Ifeel proud of the players and happy for the lessons they taught me, because I was not able to do that as a player."

The Netherlands completed a wonderful journey in this year's FIVB World Grand Prix, recording ten wins in a row from the last preliminaries matches to the final round.



"We work very hard and it is another proof that if we work hard we would win more than you lose," added the wonder-making coach, who remained calm and cool as usual at the press conference after the match. "I never thought of winning the first place, never," he said. "I was able to be calm and enjoy the game today."

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The Dutch players burst out with joy after the well-

earned victory, chanting and singing loudly in the locker room.

"It was a big surprise to beat Russia and we did a great job this week," said Dutch captain Ingrid Visser, who contributed 11 points. "I should say congratulations to my team-mates, the coach and the coaching staff. It is a great feeling. I am proud of what we did here."

"They did a great job in the last two years. Mr. Selinger set up an example in boosting the team's confidence and level," said Russia coach Giovanni Caprara. "They work hard, play well and try to be patient. It is a great success, and they deserve the title."

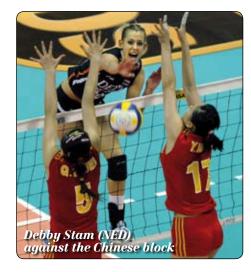
The hosts China could be satisfied with the second place after sweeping three-time

defending champions Brazil 25-21, 25-21 and 25-13 in the last match of the tournament. Following an opening loss to the Netherlands, the Chinese women reaped four wins in a row to take the silver medal with eight points.

On the other side, the Brazilians, who entered the Finals as top title favorites with the best results in the preliminaries, came in a disappointing fifth after dropping the last four of five matches, thanks to better points win-loss ratio over Poland.

FIVB World Grand Prix Finals debutants Poland finally pulled off a consolation win over Italy 25-21, 25-18 and 25-19, snapping their four-match losing streak. "We won the first match at the tournament, we really wanted to win," said Poland captain Dorota Swieniewicz. "We had won six matches in a row in the preliminaries and that caused physical problems to us."

Katarzyna Skowronska-Dolata led Poland, who settled for the bottom on a 1-4 record,



2007 Final Round Best players

MVP: Manon Flier, NED

Best scorer/spiker: Taismary Aguero, ITA

Best blocker: Eleonora Dziekiewicz, POL

Best server: Yang Hao, CHN

Best setter: Wei Qiuyue, CHN

Best libero: Zhang Xian, CHN



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with 14 points and Swieniewicz added 11. Italy and Russia were both on a 2-3 record while the Italians ranked third above the world champions with better points winloss ratio. Taismary Aguero was a real leader for the 'Azzurre' team. She made her debut with the Italian jersey in this 2007 World Grand Prix, a return to the international scene that she missed after her outstanding performances with the Cuban team at the end of the Nineties.

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	2	China	9	4	1	1.087		
	3	Italy	7	2	3	1.004		
	4	Russia	7	2	3	0.947		
	5	Brazil	6	1	4	0.949		
	6	Poland	6	1	4	0.888		



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1	Netherlands	
2	China	*}
3	Italy	
4	Russia	
5	Brazil	
6	Poland	
7	Cuba	*
8	U.S.A.	
9	Japan	
10	Kazakhstan	0
11	Dominican Rep.	
12	Chinese Taipei	(<u>*</u>



BEACH VOLLEYBALL MEN & WOMEN

2007 SWATCH FIVB World Championships

The great show in Gstaad

"Alps = snow"? This concept has to be changed after 2007. "Alps = sand". The huge success of the SWATCH FIVB World Championships powered by 1to1 energy in Gstaad stresses one more time how FIVB has completely re-invented the concept of Beach Volleyball events.

A World Championship can be played even among the highest mountains in Europe, if the FIVB standards and a good organization work together. $1,\!000$ points towards qualifying for the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

"This weekend was about Beach Volleyball," but not just about Beach Volleyball," said the 33-year Rogers, who was named the SWATCH most outstanding player for the SWATCH FIVB World Championships.

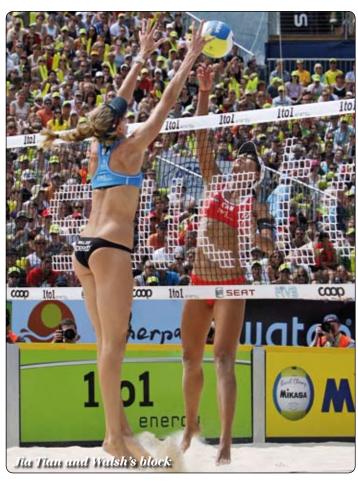
"For me, these experiences are what I will remember. It not only is the competition, but it is about the fans in the stands, the beautiful surroundings and the overall at-

mosphere of good feelings generated this weekend." Rogers also added, that his partner "was the real outplayer standing for the event. I bet Phil that he would be the SWATCH top player for the event since this was a homecoming for him and his family. I share this award with him as

Spectacular digging by Jie Wang

and German father. "We played two quality opponents. Except for the second set against the Brazilians, we had a great day."

Barsouk and Kolodinsky, who shared USD 45,000 for second-place as the first Russian men's or women's team to play in a SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold medal match in the 20-plus-year history of the International circuit, advanced to the title match with a 21-13 and 21-19 win in 45 minutes over Andrew Schacht and Joshua Slack of Australia. (cont. on page 4)



This is what happened last July: a magnificent event, the best SWATCH FIVB World Championships ever. Gstaad had great fans, fantastic TV production and world coverage, excellent games.

In the Men's tournament, after eliminating reigning Olympic champions Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos of Brazil in the morning's first semi-final match, Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers defeated Dmitri Barsouk and Igor Kolodinsky of Russia 21-16 and 21-14 in the 45-minute final. In addition to sharing the USD 60,000 first-place prize in the USD 1-million "Beach Volleyball Bash" in the Swiss Alps, Dalhausser and Rogers benefited from the

he is becoming one of the great players in the world. I am lucky to have him as a partner."

"It is a tremendous feeling to win this title in front of my parents and relatives," said the 27-year old Dalhausser, who lived a year in Switzerland before moving to the United States with his Swiss mother



SWATCH FIVB World Tour - Three



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In the bronze medal match, Schacht and Slack ended Brazil's run of men's medals at the SWATCH FIVB World Championships as the Australians upset Emanuel and Ricardo 21-17 and 21-19 win in 42 minutes to capture the USD 35,000 third-place prize.

In becoming the first men's or women's team to win three-straight world titles since the start of the FIVB championships in 1997, Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh won a pair of 'final four' matches over teams from China at the 2007 SWATCH FIVB World Championships



We are a great combination that seeks to improve with each match."

When asked about winning another Olympic gold medal, May-Treanor said that Saturday's win "was important in terms of qualifying, but we still have more than a year before competing in Beijing. A lot of things can happen in the next 12 months. Our only concern is getting better with each tournament and maintaining a consistent level of play."

After May-Treanor and Walsh scored a 21-14 and 21-19 win in 40 minutes over Chen Xue and Xi Zhang in the first semi-final, Tian and Wang had to rally from a 25-23



BEACH VOLLEYBALL MEN & WOMEN

In the fantastic setting of Klagenfurt, the best smiles are from Americans Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh: the USD 600,000 A1 Grand Slam was their fourth Beach Volleyball title together in this season. Their win against Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca passed through a 16-19 in the second set, switched with three-straight points.

In the bronze medal match, Sara Goller and Laura Ludwig of Germany posted a 21-15 and 21-19 win with Chen Xue and Xi Zhang of China.



powered by 1to1 energy to share the USD 60,000 first-place prize in the USD 1-million 'Beach Bash' in the Swiss Alps. In winning their 22nd-straight international match before a jammed-packed centre court of more than 7,000 fans with a 21-16 and 21-10 win in 39 minutes over Jia Tian and Jie Wang of China, May-Treanor and Walsh validated their earlier successes in the SWATCH FIVB World Championships from the 2003 finale in Rio de Janeiro and two years ago in Berlin.

"This was truly a team effort," said the 28-year old Walsh, who was selected as the SWATCH most outstanding player for the 2007 SWATCH FIVB World Championships. "I am very fortunate to play with the best overall player in the game. I am embarrassed to win this honour because Misty plays such a big role in our game. She handled almost every serve in both matches today and was nearly flawless.

first-set setback to Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca to win their way to the final with a 21-19 and 15-11 win in 64 minutes over the Brazilians.

Gstaad has proven to be a productive venue for May-Treanor and Walsh, who have won their last five SWATCH FIVB World Tour appearances in the Swiss Alps village. The Americans have won 40 of 42 matches in Gstaad as Saturday's two wins increased winning streak on the village courts to 35-straight matches.

In the bronze medal match, Juliana and Larissa maintained Brazil's record of claiming a women's medal in each SWATCH FIVB World Championships with a 19-21, 21-19 and 18-16 win in 63 minutes over Xu and Zhang. The Brazilians shared USD 35,000 for third-place with Xue and Zhang splitting USD 28,000 for fourth-place.



Brazilians Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos returned to the top of the podium by winning the men's gold medal in the USD 600,000 A1 Grand Slam. Competing in their fourth-straight A1 Grand Slam finale, they scored a 21-13 and 21-14 win in 44 minutes over 14th-seeded David Klemperer and Eric Koreng of Germany. In the bronze medal match, Nummerdor and Schuil scored a 21-14 and 21-8 win in 32 minutes over Marcio Araujo and Fabio.



Brazilians Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca climbed atop another SWATCH FIVB World Tour podium by defeating two teams from China to net the women's gold medal at the USD 350,000 Otera Open in Kristiansand.

It was a 21-17 and 21-16 win in 38 minutes over second-seeded Chen Xue and Xi Zhang of China. Third place and ninth SWATCH medal in 13 FIVB starts this season for Tian and Wang.







Another title for the No. 1-ranked men's Beach Volleyball team on the planet. After being upset in the second-round of the winner's bracket by 16th-seeded Jochem De Gruijter and Gijs Ronnes of the Netherlands 23-21 and 21-13, the top-seeded Emanuel - Ricardo had to win five-

straight elimination matches to advance to Sunday's 'final four' matches where the Brazilians defeated teams from Russia and Germany.

The bronze medal match was played by Marcio Araujo-Fabio and Kolodinsky -Barsouk: 2-1 for the Brazilians.

August 14-18 - Women's Open Åland - Finland - Podium Finish				
1		GOLD Larissa - Juliana BRA		
2	*}	SILVER Tian Jia - Wang CHN		
3	*}	BRONZE Xue - Zhang Xi CHN		



After 13-straight weeks of competition in 11 countries on four continents, Jia Tian and Jie Wang returned home as the top women's team on the **SWATCH** 2007 FIVB World Tour, with a silver medal at the USD 400.000 PAF Open.

However, the second-seeded Tian and Wang are in jeopardy of losing their season - long FIVB point's leadership after dropping a

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2007 Men's Top Ten Teams on August 20 Code					
1	Emanuel - Ricardo	BRA	6,060		
2	Fabio Luiz - Marcio Araujo	BRA	5,440		
3	Barsouk - Kolodinsky	RUS	5,230		
4	Xu - Wu	CHN	4,920		
5	Harley - Pedro	BRA	4,800		
6	Reckermann - Urbatzka	GER	3,950		
7	Franco - Cunha	BRA	3,900		
8	Brink - Dieckmann Ch.	GER	3,580		
9	Conde - Baracetti	ARG	3,570		
10	Schuil - Nummerdor	NED	3,340		

2007 Women's Top Ten Teams on August 20 Code P				
1	Tian Jia - Wang	CHN	6,740	
2	Larissa - Juliana	BRA	6,320	
3	Xue - Zhang Xi	CHN	5,870	
4	Renata - Talita	BRA	5,060	
5	Walsh - May-Treanor	USA	4,640	
6	Karadassiou - Arvaniti	GRE	3,800	
7	Goller - Ludwig	GER	3,560	
8	Leila - Ana Paula	BRA	3,320	
9	Pohl - Rau	GER	3,270	
10	Barnett - Cook	AUS	3,220	

21-19 and 21-15 gold medal match in 38 minutes to top-seeded Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca of Brazil, who have captured the last two SWATCH tour crowns.

Xue and Zhang rebounded from a semifinal setback to Tian and Wang to post a 21-18, 14-21 and 18-16 victory over Ana Paula Connelly and Adriana Behar of Brazil and won the bronze.



It was another Brazilian sweep of international Beach Volleyball in Åland: Harley Marques and Pedro Salgado captured the men's title. They scored a 21-18 and 21-18 win in 55 minutes over third-seeded Jonas Reckermann and Mischa Urbatzka of Germany to share the USD 32,000 first-place prize.

In the bronze medal match, 11th-seeded Florian Gosch and Alexander Horst became only the second team from Austria to capture a Beach Volleyball medal on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour by posing a 21-13, 17-21 and 16-14 win in 62 minutes over Kjemperud and Skarlund.

VOLLEYBALL WOMEN

FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship in Mexico

China, a three-time winner

The cities of Tijuana and Mexicali in Mexico have hosted the FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship in Mexico, just before the start of the same event for Boys.

Three out of four is the record achieved by China in the past four editions of the FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship after winning the crown of the 2007 edition. The Chinese squad defeated Turkey 20-25, 25-16, 25-12, 25-22 in the match for the title played before a packed house. They added the championship to those obtained in 2001 in Pula, Croatia and in 2003 in Pila, Poland. The second place for Turkey is the best ever for the country in both genders in any competition level.

Chen Liyi led China with 23 points and Cao Yiting and Zhang Yichan added 13 and 12 respectively for the winning team. "We played very well technically and with good communication," said Wang Jiaqin, the Chinese coach. "When we got to Mexico our only thinking was to win the championship. It is a very special day for us."

In the match for the bronze medal, Russia defeated Serbia 17-25, 25-18, 25-20,

25-21 with Irina Smirnova as the main offensive weapon with 24 points and Ksenia Naumova chipped in 16. "The team of Serbia is very good and the whole match was very hard for both teams. I think our serve and blocking was the difference today," said Rishat Gilyazutdinov, the Russian coach.

In the match for fifth place, Brazil needed five sets to defeat Belgium 25-22, 22-25, 27-25, 23-25, 15-8. Glauciele Silva led the winners with 20 tallies and Belgian Jolien Wittock added 37 to her leading tournament total.

Japan prevailed over Dominican Republic in a five-setter for the seventh place by scores of 20-25, 25-19, 17-25, 25-13, 15-3. Hiroko Matsuura led Japan with 19 points and Dominican Jeoselyna Rodriguez had 29.

Korea defeated USA (25-16, 25-18, 25-20) for the ninth place and Germany defeated Italy (25-21, 19-25, 25-17, 25-20) for the eleventh position.

Mexico was a 25-23, 25-13, 25-16 winner over Peru good for 13th place and Puerto

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Rico finished in the 15th place with a win over Tunisia 25-17, 25-18, 25-21.

Individual Awards

Setter: Marija Pucaveric (SRB)
Attacker: Hiroko Matsuura (JPN)
Blocker: Maud Catry (BEL)
Libero: Chen Zhan (CHN)
Server: Jeoselyna Rodriguez (DOM)
Scorer: Jolien Wittock (BEL)
MVP: Chen Zhan (CHN)

Final Rankings

1. China; 2. Turkey; 3. Russia; 4. Serbia; 5. Brazil; 6. Belgium; 7. Japan; 8. Dominican Republic; 9. Korea; 10. U.S.A.; 11. Germany; 12. Italy; 13. Mexico; 14. Peru; 15. Puerto Rico; 16. Tunisia.

TECHNICAL

Learning to play

with the world's best Volleyball teams

The FIVB Technical Website has been updated with the latest Technical Evaluations from the Men's and Women's World Championships played in Japan in 2006. Top eight Men's and Women's teams playing tactics and players techniques are shown through 300 carefully selected video clips.

Those video clips are free to download from the Technical website for technical analysis and educational purposes by these links:

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In addition, the Technical website offers the user the facility to download the free "fairPLAY Lite" which can show the videos in slow motion as well as showing frame by frame.

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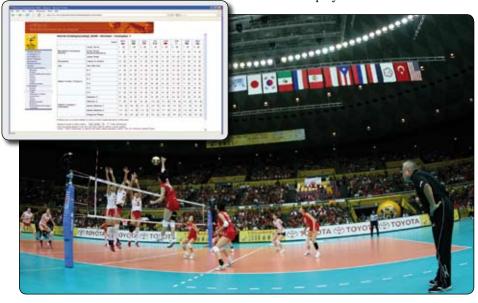
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Quick Sets



A sand blog for Heese and Cadieux

Many Volleyball and Beach Volleyball players have their own web-site. But sometimes there is a special touch in it. Take www.heese-cadieux.com for example, the site of the Atlanta bronze medal Mark Heese and his mate Ahren Cadieux. Their blog section is full of humour, especially the page they've dedicated to the Dutch-Canadian Rich Van Huizen, one of the big men of the SWATCH FIVB World Tour. The "I don't fit in this seat routine" when he flies is a real laugh.

From Men to Women

Juan Diaz is the new Head Coach of the Portugal Women's National Team. The Cuban trainer is also in charge as technical supervisor of the Boys' Youth



Team. Diaz is back to work with the Portuguese Federation after being Head Coach of the Men's Senior team from 2001 to 2004.

Have a snack at the World Grand Prix

The Japanese have had a taste for Volleyball for decades – and now they can prove it. To celebrate this year's World Grand Prix, host broadcaster TBS had joined forces with the Lawson convenience store giant to produce two mouthwatering snacks, which have been sold during the event period.



Technical Courses & Seminars Calendar - September-October 2007

DATES	COURSE	PLACE	SPONSOR
September 2-15	Coaches Level I	Russia	FIVB
September 3-7	Technical Seminar Beach Volleyball	Venezuela	FIVB
Sept. 3-14	Coaches Level I	Swaziland	FIVB
Sept.15-26	Coaches Level I	Bahamas	FIVB
Sept. 17-28	Coaches Level I	Costa Rica	FIVB
Sept. 24-28	Technical Seminar Outside hitter	Thailand	FIVB
October 1-13	Coaches Level II	India	FIVB
October 15-21	Beach Volleyball Refereeing IRCC	Brazil	FIVB
October 20-25	Refereeing Refresher	Bahrain	FIVB

Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - September-October 2007

DATES	COURSE	PLACE
September 1-6	Refereeing	Eritrea
September 2-9	Coaches	El Salvador
September 3-8	Teachers	Costa Rica
Sept. 10-15	Refereeing	Lesotho
Sept. 10-15	Young Players	Comoros, Fed. & Islamic R.
Sept. 10-17	Coaches	Mali
Sept. 16-21	Young Players	Antigua
Sept. 18-25	Coaches	Uganda
Sept. 20-25	Beach Volleyball	Guyana
October 1-6	Beach Volleyball	Gambia
October 1-8	Coaches	Namibia
October 2-7	Teachers	Yemen
October 6-13	Coaches	Ethiopia

2007 Global Calendar - Competitions and Events - Volleyball & Beach Volleyball

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	CONF.	M/W
Aug. 27-Sept.2	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	St. Petersburg, Russia	FIVB	M/W
Aug. 30-Sept.2	U-20 European Beach Volleyball ChS	Scheveningen, Netherlands	CEV	-
September 1-2	CEV Qualif. 2008 Olympics (Elim. Round)	Various venues	CEV	M
September 1-9	14th Asian Senior Men's Championships	Jakarta, Indonesia	AVC	М
September 1-15		Uganda/ Kenya	CAVB	W
September 3-9	FIVB Grand Prix 2008 European Qualification	Ankara, Turkey	CEV	W
September 3-9	South American Games Senior	Chili, Santiago and Vinã del Mar	CSV	M
September 5-9	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Stare Jablonki, Poland	FIVB	M
September 5-9	SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships	Modena, Italy	FIVB	M/W
September 5-13	14th Asian Women's Volleyball Championship	Suphanburi City, Thailand	AVC	W
September 6-16	Men's European Championships Finals	Moscow, Russia	CEV	М
September 8-9	CEV Qualif. 2008 Olympics (Elim. Round)	Various venues	CEV	M
September 12	CEV Executive Committee meeting	Moscow, Russia	CEV	-
September 13	CEV Board of Administration meeting	Moscow, Russia	CEV	-
September 14	XXVIII CEV General Assembly	Moscow, Russia	CEV	-
Sept. 15-16	Royal Belgian Volleyball Federation	Liege, Belgium	CEV	-
Sept. 15-23	NORCECA's Continental Championship	Canada	NORCECA	W
Sept. 15-23	NORCECA's Continental Championship	Los Angeles, USA	NORCECA	М
Sept. 15-30	16th African Nations Championship Senior	Durban, South Africa, Tunisia	CAVB	M
Sept. 17-24	EEVZA Youth Championships Boys	Yaroslavl, Russia	CEV	M
Sept. 20-30	Women's European Championships Finals	Belgium & Luxembourg	CEV	W
Sept. 24-30	South American Games Senior	Santiago y Rancagua, Chili	CSV	W
Sept. 25-30	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Fortaleza, Brazil	FIVB	M/W
Sept. 29-30	Challenge Cup Men - Round 1	Various	CEV	M
October 6-7	Challenge Cup Women - Round 1	Various	CEV	W
October 6-7	Challenge Cup Men - Round1	Various	CEV	М
October 8-12	2007 Veteran European Championships	Loutraki, Greece	CEV	-
October 10-14	EEVZA Junior Championships Girls	Warsaw, Poland	CEV	W
October 10-14	OECS Tournament	French St. Martin	NORCECA	М
October 12-21	U-20 Central American Championship	Nicaragua	NORCECA	W
October 13-14	Challenge Cup Women-Round 1	Various	CEV	W
October 16-18	Indesit European Champions League-1st Leg	Various	CEV	М
October 20-21	Challenge Cup Men - Round 2	Various	CEV	М
October 20-21	CEV Cup Men - 1/16 Finals	Various	CEV	М
October 23-25	Indesit European Champions League-2nd Leg	Various	CEV	М
October 24-28	OECS Tournament	St. Lucia	NORCECA	W
October 26-29	Mini Volley Central American Championship	Guatemala	NORCECA	M/W
October 27-28	Challenge Cup Men - Round 2	Various	CEV	М
October 27-28	CEV Cup Men - 1/16 Finals	Various	CEV	М

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