

SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR Notes - 2006 Women's PSP Italian Open

This is the sixth of six days of competition for the US\$200,000 **Play State Portable SP Italian Open** for women. Two medal matches will be played Sunday at the Foro Boario in Modena.

- Three days of the **Play State Portable SP Italian Open** were played at three sites, including the Foro Boario in Modena, the Piazza Re Astolfo in Carpi and the Piazza della Rosa in Sassuolo. The Foro Boario in Modena will stage a bulk of the matches. Carpi is located 21 km (13 miles) northwest of Modena and Sassuolo is 19 km (12 miles) southwest of Modena. The final two days will be played at the Foro Boario.
- This is the first of 15 women's events on the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour. The 2006 campaign marks the 15th season for FIVB women's competition.
- The **Play State Portable SP Italian Open** is the 135th women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball event (open, grand slam, Olympic and Goodwill). The first women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event was played August 14-16, 1992 at Almeria, Spain.

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- **José Casanova, Portugal** Referee Delegate
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- **Stefano Cesare, Italy**
- **Nikoletta Chirpilidou, Greece**
- **Davide Crescentini, Italy**
- **Christian Didembourg, Belgium**
- **Bruno Frapiccini, Italy**
- **Rafael Godoy, Spain**
- **Ubaldo Luciani, Italy**
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- **Marco Marchetti, Italy**
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- **Anton Pevc, Slovenia**
- **Davide Prati, Italy**
- **Pietro Sacco, Italy**
- **Marco Spinnicchia, Italy**
- **Antonella Vidale, Italy**

- Located in the northwest province of Emilia Romagna, the Modena tri-city event has become the fifth Italian city to host a women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour stop after events in Pescara (1997), Vasto (1998), Cagliari (2000-2001) and Milan (2003-2005). Two-time World Champions Adriana Behar and Shelda Bede of Brazil have now competed in all eight SWATCH-FIVB World Tour stops in Italy. The Brazilians have two Italian gold medal finishes (1998 and 2004) along with two seconds (1997 and 2003), two thirds (2000 and 2001), and a fourth (2005). The best finishes by Italian teams in the previous seven events are fifths by the Olympic tandems of Laura Bruschini/Annamaria Solazzi (2000), and Daniela Gattelli/Lucilla Perrotta (2003 and 2004).

PAST ITALIAN WOMEN'S PODIUM PLACEMENTS


Medals - Brazil 13, USA 4, Australia 1, China 1, Germany 1, Greece 1

Site	Year	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Pescara	1997	Lisa Arce/Holly McPeak, USA	Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, BRA	Sandra Pires/Jackie Silva, BRA
Vasto	1998	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Monica Rodrigues/Jackie, BRA	Sandra/Adriana Samuel, BRA
Cagliari	2000	Ana Paula Connelly/Monica, BRA	Annett Davis/Jenny Johnson Jordan, USA	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
Cagliari	2001	Barbra Fontana/Elaine Youngs, USA	Natalie Cook/Kerri Pottharst, AUS	Shelda/Adriana, BRA
Milan	2003	Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHN	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Nancy Mason/Dianne DeNecochea, USA
Milan	2004	Shelda/Adriana, BRA	Shaylyn Bede/Renata Ribeiro, BRA	Eva Celbova/Sona Novakova, BRA
Milan	2005	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRA	Vassiliki Arvaniti/Vasso Karadassiou, GRE	Stephanie Pohl/Okka Rau, GER
Modena	2006	TBD	TBD	TBD

Men's Italian Open at Roseto degli Abruzzi, June 7-11 - Italy stages an "open" men's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event for the first-time since Lignano hosted its ninth international tournament where Argentina's Mariano Baracetti and Martin Conde won the gold medal. In addition to Lignano (1990, 1992, 1995-2001), Jesi (1989) and Catolica (1991) hosted "open" SWATCH stops. Brazilian teams have captured six of the previous 11 SWATCH stops in Italy as Conde also captured the 1997 Lignano title with Estaben Martinez. Beach legend Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos of the United States won the 1989 and 1991 Italian events. Dio Lequaglie and Giovanni Errichiello posted the best finish for an Italian team in the 11 events with a silver medal in 1989 at Jesi. It is one of two silver medal finishes for Italians on the SWATCH tour. Roseto degli Abruzzi hosted an FIVB satellite event in 2005 where the Brazilian brothers Ferreira (Jan and Para) captured the final.

Misty May-Treanor
United States 



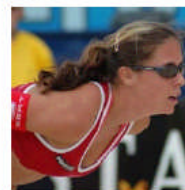
Kerri Walsh
United States 



Juliana Felisberta
Brazil 



Larissa França
Brazil 



May-Treanor/Walsh's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Gold Medal Matches (Won 21, Lost 7)

- lost to Adriana Behar/Shelda Bede, BRAZIL, Japan - Osaka (8/12/2001), 23-21, 28-30, 15-13 (66 minutes), SWATCH-FIVB No. 78
- def. Adriana/SheldA, BRAZIL, Portugal - Espinho (7/28/2001), 22-20, 24-22 (49), No. 76
- lost to Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, Hong Kong - Hong Kong (8/26/2001), 21-16, 21-15 (35), No. 80
- def. Ana Paula Connelly /Tatiana Minello, BRAZIL, Spain - Madrid (6/9/2002), 23-21, 21-14 (35), No. 83
- def. McPeak/Shelda,, BRAZIL, Switzerland - Gstaad (6/22/2002), 21-17, 21-17 (39), No. 84
- def. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, Canada - Montreal (7/13/2002), 21-18, 25-23 (46), No. 86
- lost to Holly McPeak/Elaine Youngs, UNITED STATES, France - Marseille (7/20/2002), 21-17, 21-12 (39), No. 87
- def. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, Austria - Klagenfurt (8/3/2002), 21-19, 21-18 (46), No. 89
- def. McPeak/Youngs, UNITED STATES, China - Maomig (8/18/2002), 12-21, 21-15, 19-17 (51), No. 91
- lost to Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, Spain - Mallorca (9/7/2002), 21-13, 17-21, 16-14 (62), No. 92
- lost to McPeak/Youngs, UNITED STATES, Brazil - Vitoria (9/22/2002), 21-13, 19-21, 15-10 (51), No. 93
- def. Ana Paula/Pires, BRAZIL, Switzerland - Gstaad (6/21/2003), 23-21, 21-15 (43), No. 95
- lost to Ana Paula/Pires, BRAZIL, Norway - Stavanger (7/5/2003), 21-19, 21-15 (43), No. 97
- def. Ana Paula/Pires, BRAZIL, France - Marseille (7/19/2003), 21-10, 21-13 (37), No. 98
- def. Ana Paula/Pires, BRAZIL, Austria - Klagenfurt (8/2/03), 21-17, 21-12 (35), No. 99
- def. Ana Paula/Pires, BRAZIL, United States - Carson (9/21/2003), 22-24, 22-20, 15-12 (70), No. 104
- def. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, Brazil - Rio de Janeiro World Championships (10/12/2003), 21-19, 21-19 (40), No. 105
- def. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, Brazil - Fortaleza (3/14/2004), 21-10, 21-18 (37), No. 106
- def. McPeak/Youngs, BRAZIL, Greece - Rhodes (5/123/2004), 21-17, 21-13 (34), No. 107
- def. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, Switzerland - Gstaad (6/19/2004), 26-28, 21-17, 15-10 (61), No. 110
- def. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, Greece - Athens (8/24/2005), 21-17, 21-11 (43), No. 116
- def. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, Germany - Berlin (6/25/2005), 21-17, 21-17 (40), No. 123
- def. Thalia Koutroumanidou/Maria Tsiartsiani, GREECE, Portugal - Espinho (7/116/2005), 21-12, 21-13 (34), No. 126
- def. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, France - Paris (7/30/2005), 21-17, 21-15 (46), No. 127
- def. Rachel Wacholder/Elaine Youngs, UNITED STATES, Austria - Klagenfurt (8/6/2005), 21-17, 21-12 (35), No. 128
- def. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, Brazil - Salvador (10/22/2005), 16-21, 21-18, 15-12 (58), No. 132
- lost to Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, Mexico - Acapulco (10/30/2005), 26-28, 42-40, 13-15 (100), No. 133
- def. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, South Africa - Cape Town (11/20/2005), 21-11, 21-14 (34), No. 134

Juliana/Larissa's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Gold Medal Matches (Won 7, Lost 7)

- def. Lahme/Musch, GERMANY, Spain - Mallorca (7/10/2004), 21-17, 21-12 (39), No. 113
- def. Shelda/Adriana, BRAZIL, China - Shanghai (5/21/2005), 21-15, 21-18 (46), No. 119
- lost to Shaylyn Bede/Ana Paula, BRAZIL, Japan - Osaka (5/29/2005), 19-21, 21-17, 15-10 (54), No. 120
- def. Vassiliki Karadassiou/Vassiliki Arvaniti, GREECE, Italy - Milan (6/12/2005), 25-23, 21-16 (49), No. 121
- def. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHINA, Switzerland - Gstaad (6/18/2005), 17-21, 21-15, 15-8 (57), No. 122
- lost to Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, UNITED STATES, Germany - Berlin (6/25/2005), 21-17, 21-17 (40), No. 123
- lost to Vassiliki Karadassiou/Vassiliki Arvaniti, GREECE, Norway - Stavanger (7/2/2005), 12-21, 21-16, 15-10 (51), No. 124
- def. Renata/Talita Antunes Rocha, BRAZIL, Russia - St. Petersburg (7/9/2005), 26-24, 21-14 (47), No. 125
- lost to May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, France - Paris (7/30/2005), 21-17, 21-15 (46), No. 127
- def. Renata/Talita, BRAZIL, Canada - Montreal (8/28/2005), 21-9, 21-10 (44), No. 130
- lost to Renata/Talita, BRAZIL, Greece - Athens (9/3/2005), 18-21, 21-16, 17-15 (56), No. 131
- lost to May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, Brazil - Salvador (10/22/2005), 21-16, 18-21, 12-15 (58), No. 132
- def. May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, Mexico - Acapulco (10/30/2005), 28-26, 40-42, 15-13 (104), No. 133
- lost to May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, South Africa - Cape Town (11/20/2005), 21-11, 21-14 (34), No. 134

May-Treanor/Walsh vs. Juliana/Larissa Gold Medal Meetings

Date	Site	Round	Winner	Score	Minutes
1. June 25, 2005	FIVB Worlds, Berlin	Gold	May-Treanor/Walsh	21-17, 21-17	40
2. July 30, 2005	Paris	Gold	May-Treanor/Walsh	21-17, 21-15	26
3. October 22, 2005	Salvador	Gold	May-Treanor/Walsh	16-21, 21-18, 15-12	58
4. October 30, 2005	Acapulco	Gold	Juliana/Larissa	28-26, 40-42, 15-13	100
5. November 20, 2005	Cape Town	Gold	May-Treanor/Walsh	21-11, 21-14	34

2006 Women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour - Women's Main Draw Entries

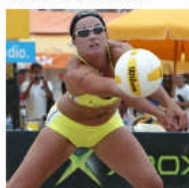
Main Draw Seed	Player	Uniform No.	Player	Uniform No.	Country	Qualifying Seed	FIVB Career Numbers Entering Play May 14				
							Events	FIVB Earnings	FIVB Record	Winning Pct.	
Gold Medal Match											
1	Kerri Walsh	1	Misty May-Treanor	2	United States		40	\$921,140	227-29	88.7%	
2	Juliana Felisberta Silva	1	Larissa Franca	2	Brazil		26	\$555,750	139-31	81.8%	
Bronze Medal											
4	Rachel Wacholder	1	Elaine Youngs	2	United States		8	\$125,400	37-14	72.5%	
22	Jie Wang	1	Jia Tian	2	China		1	\$12,000	4-2	66.7%	
Eliminated, placed 5th through 25th											
5th	5	Adriana Behar	1	Shelda Bede	2	Brazil		100	\$1,980,115	521-104	83.4%
5th	6	Vasso Karadassiou	1	Vassiliki Arvaniti	2	Greece		14	\$176,500	48-25	65.8%
7th	12	Maria Clara Salgado	1	Carolina Salgado	2	Brazil	Q4, LL	15	\$54,850	33-21	61.1%
7th	24	Stefanie Schwaiger	1	Doris Schwaiger	2	Austria	Q9	22	\$42,300	26-35	42.6%
9th	3	Renata Ribeiro	1	Talita Antunes	2	Brazil		17	\$176,650	69-28	71.1%
9th	26	Erika Nystrom	1	Emilia Nystrom	2	Finland	Q3	40	\$75,500	48-60	44.4%
9th	23	Rieke Brink-Abeler	1	Hella Jurich	2	Germany		18	\$51,800	31-28	52.5%
9th	8	Merel Mooren	1	Rebekka Kadijk	2	Netherlands		14	\$114,600	39-28	58.2%
13th	17	Petia Yanchulova	1	Lina Yanchulova	2	Bulgaria		86	\$277,936	171-168	50.4%
13th	31	Ying Zhang	1	Man Zuo	2	China	Q31	1	\$4,500	5-2	71.4%
13th	29	Michaela Eckl	1	Mireya Kaup	2	Germany	Q26	1	\$4,500	7-2	77.7%
13th	14	Nila Ann Hakedal	1	Ingrid Torlen	2	Norway		47	\$167,870	80-90	47.1%
17th	27	Chen Xue	1	Xi Zhang	2	China	Q13	1	\$3,000	3-2	60.0%
17th	13	Sona Novakova	1	Eva Celbova	2	Czech Republic		62	\$328,666	151-118	56.1%
17th	16	Okka Rau	1	Stephanie Pohl	2	Germany		53	\$297,042	121-103	54.0%
17th	19	Efthalia Koutroumanidou	1	Maria Tsiartsiani	2	Greece		16	\$115,959	35-32	52.2%
17th	9	Lucilla Perrotta	1	Daniela Gattelli	2	Italy		76	\$324,832	177-147	54.6%
17th	10	Daniela Gioria	1	Diletta Lunardi	2	Italy		1	\$3,000	1-2	33.3%
17th	21	Shinako Tanaka	1	Eiko Koizumi	2	Japan	Q5, LL	17	\$41,200	25-28	47.2%
17th	15	Makare Wilson	1	Tyra Turner	2	United States	Q21	3	\$9,000	11-5	68.8%
25th	28	Stacey Kloeden	1	Kylie Gerlic	2	Australia	Q6	4	\$11,500	5-8	38.5%
25th	25	Sara Montagnoli	1	Sabine Swoboda	2	Austria	Q1	25	\$34,575	45-46	49.5%
25th	18	Tatiana Barerra	1	Eva Hamzaoui	2	France		12	\$41,200	21-22	48.8%
25th	20	Geeske Banck	1	Susanne Lahme	2	Germany		1	\$2,000	0-2	0.0%
25th	32*	Elisa Gatti	1	Laura Menon	2	Italy		3	\$2,350	1-5	16.7%
25th	11	Marrit Leenstra	1	Sanne Keizer	2	Netherlands		17	\$83,250	33-32	50.8%
25th	7	Nancy Mason	1	Jennifer Boss	2	United States		5	\$43,000	21-10	67.7%
25th	30*	Holly McPeak	1	Nicole Branagh	2	United States		1	\$2,000	0-2	0.0%


*wild cards

(LL = lucky losers due to late withdrawals)

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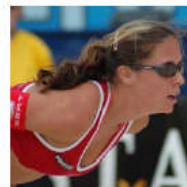
Kerri Walsh
United States 



Juliana Felisberta
Brazil 



Larissa Franca
Brazil 



- This is the 92nd-time that two different countries have competed for a women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour.
- This is the 64th women's SWATCH gold medal match meeting between Brazil and the United States with the Americans leading 37-26.
- With 75 entries from 26 countries for the *Play State Portable SP Italian Open* the total is the third most entries for a women's season opener since the start of the tour in 1992. The 2003 women's season opener in Greece for the first qualifying event for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games attracted 98 entries to the Rhodes stop followed by 79 at the first event in 2002 at Madrid, Spain. The 75 entries for the *Play State Portable SP Italian Open* is tied for the ninth-most for a women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event. The 98 entries for the Rhodes 2003 stop tops the list followed by 97 at Gstaad (Switzerland) in 2003, 95 at Gstaad in 2002, 92 at Stavanger (Norway) in 2003 and 83 at Berlin (Germany) in 2003.
- Juliana Felisberta Silva (22 years old) and Larissa Franca (24) enter the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour season as the points champions after winning six gold medals in 15 starts last season with 14 podium placements. Juliana and Larissa placed second in 2004 in the SWATCH points race to Brazilian rivals Adriana Behar and Shelda Bede, who finished second in points last season.
- Juliana and Larissa set a SWATCH-FIVB World Tour single-season earning's record as the young Brazilians finished 2005 with \$409,750 to better the previous record of \$332,000 set in 1996 by Emanuel Rego and ZeMarco de Melo of Brazil.
- Three of the top four teams in women's career earnings are competing in the women's *Italian Open*, including Adriana/Shelda (\$1,980,115), Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh of the United States (\$911,140) and Juliana/Larissa (\$555,750). While Adriana and Shelda have been competing together since 1995 and May-Treanor and Walsh since 2001, Juliana and Larissa have compiled their earnings since March 2004.
- Adriana (37 years old) and Shelda (33) competed in their 100th SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event in Modena. In addition to compiling their record team earning total, Adriana and Shelda have won 31 gold medals. Two-time SWATCH-FIVB World Champions (1999 and 2001), Adriana and Shelda posted a 521-104 SWATCH match mark (83.4%) since forming their partnership at the end of the 1995 season. The pair captured the SWATCH season points titles six times (1997-2001, 2004).
- The reigning Olympic and World Champions, May-Treanor (28 years old) and Walsh (27) return for their sixth season on the SWATCH-FIVB World Tour. The Americans won six of the seven SWATCH events they entered last season, including gold medal wins over Juliana and Larissa in Berlin (SWATCH-FIVB World Championships), Paris, Salvador and Cape Town.
- Juliana and Larissa's only win over May-Treanor and Walsh the past two seasons was a 28-26, 40-42 and 15-13 win in the 2005 Acapulco finale. The match set SWATCH-FIVB World Tour records for set (82) and match (164) points, and duration (100 minutes). May-Treanor and Walsh have won six of the seven meetings between the two teams.

WOMEN'S SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR - Top 5 COUNTRIES For MEDALS & FINALS 4s

Including Open, Grand Slam, Olympics stops through November 20, 2005

FIVB Women's "Major" Medals				Medal	4th.....Final
Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze.....	Total	Place..... Fours
Brazil	68	69	59	196	40.....236
United States	59	42	42	143	42.....185
Australia	3	11	17	31	16.....47
China	2	1	5	8	6.....14
Germany	0	5	2	7	6.....13

2006 SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR CALENDAR

Highlighted by four Grand Slams events in Switzerland, Norway, France and Austria, the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour will feature 22 events on five continents with prize money at US\$6.720-million. The 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour schedule will feature 15 events for men and 15 tournaments for the women with 10 double gender stops. Gstaad, Stavanger, Paris and Klagenfurt will host Grand Slam stops where the combined prize money will be \$2.32-million for the combined men's and women's events. Event sites hosting international Beach Volleyball events for the first-time include Modena, Italy (women), Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy (men), Porto Santo, Portugal (women), Warsaw, Poland (women) and Phuket, Thailand (women). The Olympic Stadium at the Faliro Coastal Zone, the site of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, will host a women's stop after staging a 2005 double gender event. Vitoria, Brazil will stage a double gender event for the first time after staging separate men's (1998-2001) and women's (2000 and 2002) events. Here is the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour schedule.

Date	Site	Gender (final date).....	Prize Money
May 10-14	Modena, Italy	Women (May 14)	\$200,000
May 23-28	Shanghai, China	Men (May 27) & Women (May 28)	\$400,000
May 31-June 4	Athens, Greece	Women (June 4)	\$200,000
May 31-June 4	Zagreb, Croatia	Men (June 4)	\$200,000
June 7-11	Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy	Men (June 11)	\$200,000
June 14-18	Espinho, Portugal	Men (June 18)	\$200,000
June 20-25	Gstaad, Switzerland	Women (June 24) & Men (June 25)	\$580,000
June 27-July 2	Stavanger, Norway	Women (July 1) & Men (2)	\$580,000
July 4-9	Marseille, France	Women (July 8) & Men (9)	\$400,000
July 12-16	Montréal, Canada	Women (July 16) & Men (16)	\$400,000
July 18-23	St. Petersburg, Russia	Women (July 22) & Men (23)	\$400,000
July 25-30	Paris, France	Women (July 29) & Men (30)	\$580,000
August 1-6	Klagenfurt, Austria	Women (August 5) & Men (6)	\$580,000
August 9-13	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Men (August 13)	\$200,000
August 30-September 3	Warsaw, Poland	Women (September 3)	\$200,000
September 13-17	Porto Santo, Portugal	Women (September 17)	\$200,000
September 26-October 1	Vitoria, Brazil	Women (September 30) & Men (October 1)	\$400,000
October 18-22	Cape Town, South Africa	Men (October 22)	\$200,000
October 24-29	Acapulco, Mexico	Men (October 28) & Women (October 29)	\$400,000
November 1-5	Phuket, Thailand	Women (November 5)	\$200,000

2006 FIVB CHALLENGE & SATELLITE CALENDAR

The top 24 men's teams and 16 women's teams in the FIVB World Ranking (as per the standings 30 days before the start of the competition) are not allowed to take part in Challenger events. The top 48 men's teams and 32 women's teams in the FIVB World Ranking (as per the standings 30 days before the start of the competition) are not allowed to take part in Satellite events. Challenger and Satellite entry exceptions will be made for host country players as well as for two wild card entries. Here is the proposed 2006 FIVB World Tour schedule (subject to change) with US\$225,000 in prize money:

Date	Site	Gender (final date)	Prize Money
May 25-28	Czech Republic Challenger, Brno	Men (May 28)	\$30,000
July 25-30	Cyprus Challenger, Atlantida Beach	Women (July 29) & Men (July 30)	\$60,000
July 27-30	Ukraine Challenger, Kiev	Men (July 30)	\$30,000
July 28-30	Morocco Satellite, Casablanca	Men (July 30)	\$15,000
August 10-13	Switzerland Satellite, Lausanne	Women (August 12) & Men (August 13)	\$30,000
August 16-20	Liechtenstein Satellite, Vaduz	Women (August 19) & Men (August 20)	\$20,000
August 17-20	Finland Satellite, Turku	Women (August 20)	\$10,000
September 1-3	Italy Challenger, Cagliari	Men (September 3)	\$30,000

Beach Volleyball Birthdays - May 9-15 (www.bvbinfo.com)

May 9 - Tatiana Barerra, France, 25
 May 11 - Mireya Kaup, Germany, 32
 May 15 - Holly McPeak, United States, 37

May 14 Women's Gold Medal Match Notes - PSP Italian Open

Team Seed	Player	Uniform No.	Player	Uniform No.	Country.....	Partnership	
1	Kerri Walsh	1	Misty May-Treanor	2	United States	40th	
2	Juliana Felisberta Silva	1	Larissa Franca	2	Brazil	26th	
Name	Birthdate	Age	Birthplace	Hometown	Height	Weight.....	Exp.
Misty May-Treanor	7/30/1977	28	Costa Mesa, Calif.	Coral Springs, Fla.	182	68	8
Kerri Walsh	8/15/1978	27	Santa Clara, Calif.	Redondo Beach, Calif.	191	70	6
Juliana Felisberta Silva	7/22/1983	22	Santos	Fortaleza	177	68	4
Larissa Franca	4/14/1982	24	Cachoeiro de Itapemirim	Fortaleza	174	70	5

Gold Medal Referees - 1st referee, Fiammetta Manciocchi, Italy, 2nd referee, Antonella Vidale, Italy

May-Treanor/Walsh leads the series 6-1

Date	Site	Round	Winner	Score	Minutes
6. March 12, 2004	Fortaleza	Winner 4	May-Treanor/Walsh	18-21, 24-22, 15-8	60
7. June 25, 2005	FIVB Worlds, Berlin	Gold	May-Treanor/Walsh	21-17, 21-17	40
8. July 15, 2005	Espinho	Semi-finals	May-Treanor/Walsh	21-17, 18-21, 15-11	52
9. July 30, 2005	Paris	Gold	May-Treanor/Walsh	21-17, 21-15	26
10. October 22, 2005	Salvador	Gold	May-Treanor/Walsh	16-21, 21-18, 15-12	58
11. October 30, 2005	Acapulco	Gold	Juliana/Larissa	28-26, 40-42, 15-13	100
12. November 20, 2005	Cape Town	Gold	May-Treanor/Walsh	21-11, 21-14	34

May-Treanor and Walsh, the winningest women's team in American Beach Volleyball history, are competing in their 40th SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Event. The Americans have won 21 international titles with a 227-29 match mark since forming their partnership in 2001. The reigning Olympic and World Champions, May-Treanor and Walsh have now shared \$921,140 in international winnings to rank second behind Adriana Behar and Shelda Bede (\$1,980,115). On the SWATCH-FIVB World Tour, May-Treanor and Walsh have won 98 of their last 102 matches. Two losses were forfeits at the June 2004 Berlin stop, the third was to Rachel Wacholder and Elaine Youngs in Paris at the end of July 2005 and the fourth to Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca in the 2005 Acapulco gold medal match last October. This is their 74th domestic and international tournament together with \$1,589,215 in combined earnings with 49 titles in 60 gold medal matches and a 396-37 match mark. May-Treanor and Walsh have won two SWATCH-FIVB World Championships (a 2003 win over Adriana and Shelda in Rio de Janeiro and a 2005 title over Juliana and Larissa) and one Olympic gold medal (2004 at Athens over Adriana and Shelda). May-Treanor won three FIVB titles with her 2000 Olympic partner Holly McPeak in 2000. While May-Treanor was sidelined with an abdominal strain injury in 2004 prior to the Athens Olympics, Walsh won two SWATCH gold medals with Rachel Wacholder. May-Treanor and Walsh have now advanced to nine-straight SWATCH-FIVB World Tour semi-finals. During that streak, the Americans have compiled a 55-2 record with seven gold medals and eight podium placements. For the 2006 domestic and international season, May-Treanor and Walsh have a 15-0 record with \$81,000 in earnings with two titles.

PSP Italian Open Results

W1, def. Laura Menon / Elisa Gatti, Italy (32), 21-8, 21-5 (22 minutes)
 W2, def. Stephanie Pohl / Okka Rau, Germany (16), 21-19, 21-16 (40)
 W3, def. Rebekka Kadijk / Merel Mooren, Netherlands (8), 21-17, 21-15 (34)
 W4, def. Elaine Youngs / Rachel Wacholder, United States (4), 19-21, 21-16, 15-12 (47)
Semi-finals, def. Jie Wang/Jia Tian, China (22), 21-15, 21-17 (36)
Gold Medal Match, vs. Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, Brazil (2)

2006 Matches Won-Lost: 5-0
 2006 Sets Won-Lost: 10-1
 2006 Points Scored-Allowed: 223-161, plus-62
 2006 Tournaments Played: 1
 2006 Best Finish: 2nd or better
 2006 Winnings, including guaranteed 4th: \$22,000

Since 2001 Matches Won-Lost: 227-29
 Since 2001 Tournaments Played: 40
 Since 2001 Best Finish: 1st (21 times)
 Since 2001 Winnings, including guaranteed 4th...\$921,140

Juliana and Larissa are playing in their 26th SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event together. The pair now has 19 "final four" finishes together, including 2004 gold in Mallorca, and 2005 titles in Shanghai, Milan, Gstaad, St. Petersburg, Montreal and Acapulco. The pair has now reached 16 women's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour semi-finals in their last 17 starts. With \$555,750 in earnings together to rank fourth on the all-time SWATCH list. Juliana and Larissa are the fastest women's team to reach the \$500,000 in history. The pair has a 139-31 FIVB career match mark together, including 5-0 record this season. The \$409,750 earnings for Juliana and Larissa in 2005 was a SWATCH-FIVB World Tour single-season record for both men and women breaking the previous mark of \$332,000 by Emanuel Rego and ZeMarco deMelo of Brazil in 1996. On the Brazilian domestic tour this season, Juliana and Larissa have compiled a 29-1 mark with five titles in six starts. Including the four Modena wins so far, Juliana and Larissa have now won 29-straight matches this season.

PSP Italian Open Results

W1, def. Ying Zhang / Man Zuo, China (Q31, 31), 13-8 retired (13 minutes)
 W2, def. Tyra Turner / Makare Wilson, United State (Q21, 15), 21-18, 21-17 (0:33)
 W3, def. Erika Nystrom / Emilia Nystrom, Finland (Q3, 26), 21-17, 21-12 (40)
 W4, def. Jia Tian / Jie Wang, China (22), 17-21, 21-15, 15-13 (55)
Semi-finals, def. Rachel Wacholder/Elaine Youngs, United States (4), 21-13, 21-15 (45)
Gold Medal Match, vs. Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh, United States (1)

2006 Matches Won-Lost: 5-0
 2006 Sets Won-Lost: 8-1
 2006 Points Scored-Allowed: 192-129, plus-63
 2006 Tournaments Played: 1
 2006 Best Finish: 2nd or better
 2006 Winnings, including guaranteed 4th: \$22,000

Since 2004 Matches Won-Lost: 139-31
 Since 2004 Tournaments Played: 26
 Since 2004 Best Finish: 1st (7 times)
 Since 2004 Winnings, including guaranteed 4th: \$555,750

May 14 Women's Bronze Medal Match Notes - PSP Italian Open

Team Seed	Player	Uniform No.	Player	Uniform No.	Country.....	Partnership	FIVB
5	Rachel Wacholder	1	Elaine Youngs	2	United States	8th
22	Jie Wang	1	Jia Tian	2	China	1st
Name	Birthdate	Age	Birthplace	Resides	Height	Weight.....	Exp.
Rachel Wacholder	6/15/1975	30	Laguna Beach, Calif.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	174	60 8
Elaine Youngs	2/14/1970	35	El Toro, Calif.	Durango, Colo.	183	65 10
Jie Wang	4/12/85	21	Shan Dong Province	Beijing	190	75 3
Jia Tian	2/9/81	25	Tian Jin	Beijing	177	68 9

Bronze Medal Referees - 1st referee, **Nikoletta Chirpilidou**, Greece, 2nd referee, **Daive Crescentini**, Italy

Wacholder/Youngs vs. Jie Wang/Jia Tian - First meeting

Wacholder and **Youngs** are in their second year together with the Italian Open being their eighth SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event. They now have been to the semi-finals in six of their last seven including a second-place finish in Austria last August. They are one of two teams in the world to have defeated Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh the past two seasons, having done so four times (three times on the United States' domestic tour and once in France at the end of July). They have earned three SWATCH medals, including bronze medals in Salvador and Acapulco. Wacholder won two FIVB titles in 2004 when she played with Walsh (in France and Austria), the first two titles of her career. Youngs has collected 11 FIVB titles in her career, with three different partners. On the USA domestic tour this season, Wacholder and Youngs have won seven of 11 matches with two thirds. Overall, Wacholder and Youngs have a 69-21 domestic mark together.

PSP Italian Open Results

W1, def. Michaela Eckl / Mireya Kaup, Germany (Q26, 29), 21-18, 21-17 (34)
 W2, def. Eva Celbova / Sona Novakova, Czech Republic (13), 21-19, 21-18 (40)
 W3, def. Maria Clara Salgado / Carolina Salgado Solberg, Brazil (Q4, 12), 21-16, 21-16 (45)
 W4, lost to Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh, United States (1), 21-19, 16-21, 12-15 (47)
 C6, def. Shelda Bede / Adriana Behar, Brazil (5), 21-15, 17-21, 17-15 (66)
Semi-finals, lost to Larissa Franca / Juliana Felisberta Silva, Brazil (2), 13-21, 15-21 (45)
Bronze Medal Match, vs. Wang Jie/Tian Jia, China (22)

2006 Matches Won-Lost: 4-2	2005 Winnings, including guaranteed 4th \$12,000
2006 Sets Won-Lost: 9-5	Since 2005 Matches Won-Lost: 37-14
2006 Points Scored-Allowed:258-252, plus-6	Since 2005 Tournaments Played: 8
2005 Tournaments Played: 1	Since 2005 Best Finish: 2nd (Austria 2004)
2005 Best Finish:4th or better	Since 2005 Winnings, including guaranteed 4th: \$125,400

Jie Wang and **Jia Tian** are playing in their first-ever SWATCH-FIVB World Tour event. While this is Jie Wang's first-ever "final four" appearance on the SWATCH tour, Jia Tian is making her 11th. A two-time Olympian, Tian Jia teamed with Wang Fei in 2005 to post China's best-ever season for a women's or men's team on the SWATCH-FIVB World Tour. The pair finished third in SWATCH points after compiling a 48-20 match mark enroute to \$173,500 in earnings for 10 events. Tian Jia and Wang Fei claimed five medal and six "final four" finishes in 2005, including a bronze medal placement at the SWATCH-FIVB World Championships in Berlin. Tian Jia's bid for an Olympic medal at the 2004 Games was hampered when Wang Fei's right knee injury hindered their effort two months before their Athens appearance. In 2003, Tian Jia and Wang Fei won back-to-back SWATCH stops in Indonesia and Italy.

PSP Italian Open Results

W1, def. Sanne Keizer / Marrit Leenstra, Netherlands (11), 21-19, 21-10 (33)
 W2, def. Vasso Karadassiou / Vassiliki Arvaniti, Greece (6), 21-15, 21-16 (39)
 W3, def. Talita Antunes / Renata Ribeiro, Brazil (3), 29-27, 21-19 (49)
 W4, lost to Larissa Franca / Juliana Felisberta Silva, Brazil (2), 21-17, 15-21, 13-15 (55)
 C6: dec. Vasso Karadassiou / Vassiliki Arvaniti, Greece (6), 21-15, 21-19 (39)
Semi-finals, lost to Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, United States (1), 15-21, 17-21 (36)
Bronze Medal Match, vs. Rachel Wacholder/Elaine Youngs, United States (4)

2006 Matches Won-Lost: 4-2	2006 Tournaments Played: 1
2006 Sets Won-Lost: 9-4	2006 Best Finish: 4th or better
2006 Points Scored-Allowed:267-235, plus-32	2006 Winnings, including guaranteed 4th: \$12,000