



## ARGENTINA TEAM PROFILE - Women's



The Argentine Women's national team arrives for the 2003 World Cup in Japan with a huge assignment in front of them.

Limited training, a disrupted buildup and injuries are all key factors as the South Americans endeavor to improve upon their World Cup record, which stands at an eighth-place finish in 1973 in Uruguay and 11th-place finish out of 12 teams in 1999 in Japan.

Coach Hugo Jáuregui knows how difficult the task is to gain any sort of ascendancy during the 2003 World Cup knowing that the opposing teams are all better prepared. A lot will depend on experienced players like Paula Parisi and Sandra Kobetic to quickly develop a rhythm and a competent game plan, in order to give Argentina a chance.

The South Americans are naturally gifted Volleyball players and will definitely provide a test for some teams, as illustrated at the 2002 World Championship where they finished 17th, it is just a question if they can take the next step and challenge an opponent for the match honours.

Following their South American Championship glory where they qualified for the World Cup through only losing to Brazil and finishing ahead of Peru and Colombia, Argentina will take some form of confidence into the tournament.



The match against Egypt has already been the one singled out by the Argentine coaching staff as a game where their team can gain confidence and register a win but first things first, they have the first hurdle to conquer against Japan on the opening day.

Argentina: María Walls, Karina Pacheco, Georgina Pinedo, Julieta Borghi, Natalia Mildenberger, Mariana Burgos, María Laura Vincente, Maia Constant, Paula Parisi, Mónica Kostolnik, Daniela Preiti and Sandra Kobetic.

### World Cup results

1999 - 11th  
1973 - Eighth

### Recent records

#### 25th South American Continental Championship in Colombia (September)

Gold medal play-off: Argentina lost to Brazil 3-0 (25-17, 25-13, 25-13)

Argentina beat Colombia 3-1 (25-15, 25-23, 23-25, 25-14)

Argentina beat Peru 3-2 (25-27, 28-26, 21-25, 25-20, 15-13)



### Team Roster

1 Pinedo Georgina, 2 Borghi Julieta, 3 Paredes Maria, 4 Preiti Daniela, 5 Constant Maia, 7 Parisi Paula, 8 Kobetic Sandra, 9 Burgos Mariana, 10 Vincente Maria, 12 Mildenberger Natalia, 17 Pacheco Karina. .