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WHAT'S ON IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

NZ Beach Tour Finals, Mt Maunganui 7-8 March

Oceania Continental Cup, Mt Maunganui, 10-12 March

NZ Secondary Schools, Palmerston Nth, 30 Mar - 3 Apr

Junior Men, Thailand Asian Champs, 13-28 April

Aoeteroa Invitational, Auckland, 22-25 April

WELCOME

The start of 2020 has been a busy month for all at Volleyball New Zealand. With at least one VNZ event or camp being run each week. The National Beach Tour is nearing its conclusion and the indoor season is fast approaching also.

We also had our first ever World Tour Gold Medalists with Sam O'Dea and Griffin Muller beating a US team in three sets in the Cook Islands.

We also sent two teams to the Asian Beach Volleyball Championships.

NZSS BEACH CHAMPS

The start of February saw Mount Maunganui host the New Zealand Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships with 226 teams entering this year.

2020 saw the introduction of a Year 9 tournament for Girls, which was won by Aliyah Rawle and Simonne Lawson (Carmel College) who beat Ani Doherty and Kendall McKane (Whakatane High School) in the final with Emma Searle and Tiani Rae (Otumoetai College).

Senior Girls saw Rose Akkerman and Larissa Meads (Otumoetai College) beat Kate Allan and Marijke Hinton (St Andrews College) in the final with Tatiyana Sorenson and Kayla Allison-Carnie (Long Bay College) finishing in third place.

Year 11 Girls was won by Rosa Vesty and Taylah Holdem (Burnside High School) who beat Grace Tiplady and Meile Rose Green (Taupo-nui-a-tia) with Delphi Houlding and Rosie Larkin (Westlake Girls) finishing third.

Year 10 Girls was won by Kiana Stevenson and Kaia Buckley (Rangitoto College) who beat Hine Lankshear and Michelle Clarke (Tauranga Girls College) in the final with Mackenzie Melville and Alison Fan (Westlake Girls High School) coming in third place.



Senior Boys was won by Jarrod Robert and Kyle Smith (Hillcrest High School) defeating Scott Shipton and Grady Forbes (Tauranga Boys College). James Sadlier and Nico Lietz (Rangitoto College) finished in third place.

Year 11 Boys was won by Juraj Krajci and Rylee Houghton (Spotswood College) who beat Caleb Browne and Jack Jones (Bethlehem College) and Shaeden Wetere and Jayden Leece (Spotswood College) came in third place.

Year 10 Boys was won by Jamie Julian and Ollie Forsyth (Whakatane High School) with James Walker and Arlo Cullwick (Mt Maunganui College) coming second and Isaac Strange and Aaron Gibbs (Tauranga Boys College) finishing third.

Year 9 Boys was won by Jake Laurent and Jon Tiwhat-Smith (Whakatane High School) who beat Phoenix Forester and Ryan Spiers with Jackson Cottam and Logan Castles finishing third (Otumoetai College).

NZ PROVINCIAL BEACH CHAMPS

The IPC Beach Championships were held at Mt Maunganui Main Beach with 5 age group competitions being run.

U15 Boys was won by Jaxon Stone and Liam Smith (Waikato) winning with Harley Gardiner and Braetyn Allan (Bay of Plenty) finishing second. Fearghus Byers and Jake Laurent (Bay of Plenty) finished in third place.

U17 Boys was won by Caleb Browne and Jack Jones (Bay of Plenty) who beat Conor Goodwin and Ollie Morton-Farely (Waikato) in the final with Juraj Krajci and Rylee Houghton (Taranaki) finishing third.

U19 Boys was won by Kyle Smith and Jarrod Robert (Waikato) who beat James Sadlier and Nico Lietz (Harbour) with Scott Shipton and Grady Forbes (Bay of Plenty) coming in third place.



U17 Girls was won by Taylah Holdem and Tineke Hinton (Canterbury) who defeated the Canterbury pair of Rosa Vesty and Ella Ballantyne (Canterbury) with Domi Menoita and Maria Hanabadi (Harbour) finishing in third place.

U19 Girls saw an all Bay of Plenty Final with Sarah Stratton and Emily Julian beating Rose Akkerman and Larissa Meads. Canterbury pair Kate Allan and Marijke Hinton finished in third place.





G.J. Gardner. HOMES

The G.J. Gardner. Homes NZ Beach Tour is nearing its conclusion with only the tour finals left.

December saw the Gisborne Slam come around with Alani Nicklin and Tom Hartles beating an Australian/French Pair of Chris Blake and Jean-Baptiste Daguerre. Third Place was shared between Perry Preston and Manaia Harris and David Jeffrey and Jack McManaway.

The Womens draw was won by Olivia McDonald and Antonia Harrison who beat Julia Tilley and Shaunna Polley with Ivey Schmitt and Sarah Seiber sharing third with Sonia Tompkins and Kaylie Loewen.

The tour then traveled south to Nelson for the first 5 Star event of the summer. Johann Timmer and Mike Watson defeated the Japanese Pair of Kensuke Shoji and Masato Kurasaka with David Jeffrey and Jack McManaway sharing third with Perry Preston and Giles Black.



Olivia MacDonald and Julia Tilley beat Ivey Schmitt and Sarah Seiber with Brittany Allison-Carnie and Renei Ursem finishing third alongside Sonia Tompkins and Kaylie Loewen.

Ruakaka was the next destination for the tour which doubled as the New Zealand Championships, meaning the highest placed New Zealand Pair would become the New Zealand Champions.

Alani Nicklin and Tom Hartles won the Mens title beating Johann Timmer and Mike Watson in a terrific final with Koichi Nishimura and Daisuke Shibata from Japan sharing third with Perry Preston and Giles Black.

Julia Tilley and Shaunna Polley won the Womens title beating Francesca Kirwan and Olivia MacDonald with Ivey Schmitt and Sarah Seiber sharing third with Renei Ursem and Tamara Otene.

Round 5 was back at Mount Maunganui for the second 5 star event, and, just like the first, Johann Timmer and Mike Watson won beating the European Pair of Gilbertas Kerpe and Tobias Helbig. Third place was split between David Jeffrey and Jack McManaway and Perry Preston and Giles Black.

Julia Tilley and Shaunna Polley won the Womens draw beating Francesca Kirwan and Olivia MacDonald with Ivey Schmitt and Sarah Seiber and Federica Tonon and Jennica McPherson coming third.

COACHING CONFERENCE

VNZ will be hosting a Coaching Conference the day after the Aotearoa Invitational finishes, 26 April (9am-5pm Alfriston College).

Gilbert Enoka, VNZ Patron, (Former New Zealand Volleyball Representative, Former work includes All Blacks, Crusaders, Black Caps, Netball New Zealand and Hayden Paddon), Deitre Collins-Parker (Two time collegiate player of the year and AVCA Hall-of-Fame member and former coach of San Diego State University Women's team) and Mark Lebedew (Former Australia and Germany coach as well as many of Europe's top clubs) will all be speaking at this event.

If you are interested in attending buy tickets following this link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/volleyball-new-zealand-coaching-conference-tickets-94334391705?aff=efbeventtix&fbclid=IwAR3_Xr2gwsqZx0khcagFLTABmWwN7M-iKhWdtRWwEqUvNTDDjfMgPb01zKc

Keep an eye on our social media for more info.



NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND DEVELOPMENT CAMP REVIEW

In January 211 athletes participated in our 3 development camps, with 30 coaches including Richard Casutt (Coach of Volley Ferns), Tamara Otene (Volley Ferns), Julia Tilley (Beach Ferns) and Mike Watson (Beach Blacks) on hand to develop the skills of these athletes.

If you or your child attended either the North or South Island Development, you should have been sent a link to an evaluation form about the camp. If you have not received this email, please get in touch with Kieran on vnz2@volleyballnz.org.nz or Dave on development@volleyballnz.org.nz



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BEACH VOLLEYBALL
AVC CONTINENTAL CUP

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G.J. Gardner. **HOMES**

Mt Maunganui Main Beach will be hosting the AVC Beach Volleyball Continental Cup presented by G.J. Gardner Homes on the 10-12 March. This is an Olympic Qualifying event for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics so will be stacked with Olympic hopefuls from across Oceania. This event will also be live streamed on Sky Sport Next

Keep an eye on VNZ's Social Media pages for squad announcements and further information regarding the event.



AOTEAROA VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL

Thanks to ATEED, Bruce Pulman Arena will host the Aotearoa Invitational on 22-25 April. The 4 team tournament will include New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa and Hong Kong. There will be a Mens and a Womens tournament running across this period, so this is a great opportunity to watch the Volley Blacks and Volley Ferns live in action.

This will be a ticketed event so make sure to get in quick by using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/aotearoa-volleyball-invitational-tickets-93588749469>



2020 ASIAN BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

The 2020 Asian Beach Volleyball Champs took place last week in Thailand and we sent two teams over for the Mens draw. Alani Nicklin and Tom Hartles went straight into the main draw with Ben and Sam O'Dea having to go through qualifiers to make it into the main draw. Alani and Tom were given the 13th Seed which placed them in a pool with the number 4 seeds from Australia McHugh and Schumann. Ben and Sam were given the 23 seeds putting them in a pool with the number 7 and 10 seeds.

The first game in the main draw for New Zealand saw the O'Dea's battle hard but ultimately lose in 3 to Thailand. Tom and Alani also saw a first game defeat to Iran in 2, however, the afternoon seemed to bring about a change in fortunes for both teams. Ben and Sam beat a strong Iranian side in 3 and Tom and Alani swept aside Taipei in 2 leaving both teams with a chance of qualifying for the knockout stages.

The second day saw Tom and Alani match up against Australia and despite a brilliant fight, they lost in 2 ending their chances of progressing to the Knockout stages. The O'Deas however rose to the pressure and beat Kazakhstan in 2 to set up and knockout match against Japan late that day. After an hour long battle in the Afternoon Sun, Japan won the game in three sets leaving Ben and Sam in equal 9th Place and Tom and Alani equal 17th Place.



TIME OUT



Each month there seems to be more volleyball to get excited about and the next couple of months are no exception. We are bringing volleyball to New Zealand but we also need the volleyball community to get up and out and support these events so we can continue to host them in New Zealand.

With the AVC Continental Cup, Tokyo Olympic Qualifiers presented by G.J Gardner on our shores at Mount Maunganui beach, March 10th – 12th, New Zealand will be host to some of Oceania's finest beach athletes including Australia's recent Asian Champs winners.

Then New Zealand hosts the Aotearoa Invitational indoor event where our senior men's and women's teams play in a quadrangular tournament on a show court in our own country, April 22nd – 25th. Tickets are reasonably priced so make your travel plans and arrange to be there to not only support the home teams but to demonstrate that volleyball is a growing force to be reckoned with.

We all know that much of the success of our game depends on quality coaching and for this reason we have prioritised a coaching conference immediately following the Aotearoa Invitational. With our very own Volleyball New Zealand Patron, Gilbert Enoke and two internationally renowned international coaches Mark Lededew (Australia) and Deitre Collins-Parker (USA) as guest speakers, this is a conference for all levels and not to be missed.

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