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THE WAY TO THE WORLD LEVEL:

In CAVB hard work to reach The World level, we usually search for the young promising stars who are able to catch the new skills and tactics of modern volleyball as seen in the big world level competitions. The African National Federations should be on an equal footing with our efforts in allowing the young players to have many international experiences to increase their capacitance in big competitions. I want here to send a message to all N.Fs. asking them to allow the youth in both genders men and women to participate in the continental competitions to have the ground to get this experience and on the other hand to have the chance to qualify to the FIVB competitions which will be of course a great opportunity to see and play face to face with the best standard in the world. I'm sending this message after I noticed that the African Championships for youth and juniors in both men and women categories showed very narrow participation specially the women's where only three teams were participated in the Girls U-18 and Women U-20 African competitions in Cairo and Abuja respectively although they were qualifying to the World Championships in Macao and Turkey respectively.

We also hope to send our gratitude to FIVB President Dr. Ruben Acosta for his support to our continent through increasing our continent Vacancies in the World Championships specially the big victory to have three African women teams in 2006 World Championship in Japan, which actually came after our hard work in the last few years. But we have to work harder in order to use this support positively through a good image in these big scenes.

Dr. Amr Elwani,
CAVB President



AFRICA HONORS DR. ACOSTA

In the name of African Volleyball Confederation CAVB and all National Federations, CAVB President Dr. Amr Elwani remitted a decoration (Necklace) to FIVB President Dr. Ruben Acosta during the 29th FIVB World Congress in Porto, Portugal to congratulate him for the great achievements he did to the sport and particularly his permanent support to Africa and in honor of his twenty years at the helm of the world wide volleyball federation .

CAVB surprised the Congress by being the first Confederation to do so. Dr. Elwani Declared Solemnly " The best person to receive this first-of -its-kind honor could be non other than President Acosta. It's a symbol of the great job he has done and his huge contribution to volleyball and I'm proud to have the honor of present-



Dr Acosta receiving the decoration from Dr. Elwani

ing this decoration to President Acosta". Dr. Elwani presented the decoration in the company of two African members of the Board of Administration , Mr. Habu Gumel from Nigeria and Mr. Abdelhadi Ghazali from Morocco as well as

Mr. Charles Panou, CAVB Executive Director.

The African Surprise was appreciated by all the delegations specially because it had been kept as a secret till Dr. Elwani made the announcement spontaneously.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2006- AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS

2005 will see a big battle between the African teams in both genders aiming to have the honor to qualify to the biggest ever World Championship. Africa will have three vacancies in the Women competition between 24 teams in the finals which will be hosted by Japan and two vacancies in Men's competition.

In men's drawing of lots 15 teams will participate in the qualifications as they are divided into two first round pools and two second round pools. First round pool A will include Ghana, Sudan, Uganda and Eritrea, while pool B will include South Africa, Botswana, and Maurice.

The champion of each pool through a round robin tour will qualify to the second round in pools C and D. Pool C will include Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and first of Pool B while Pool D will include Egypt, Cameroon, RD Congo and first of pool A. the champions of both pools C and D will qualify



The drawing of lots ceremony in Rome, Italy.

directly to 2006 World Championship in Japan

In women's African Drawing of lots 13 teams will participate to determine three African teams in 2006 finals. The participating teams were divided into three pools, in pool A Egypt, Ni-

geria, Botswana and South Africa and in pool B Kenya, Algeria, RD Congo, Congo Brazzaville and Eritrea. In pool C will be Cameroon, Tunisia, Mauritius and Uganda. The champions of each pool through a round robin tour will qualify directly to 2006 World Championship.

Men's African draw:

First Round:

Pool A Ghana- Sudan- Uganda- Eritrea

Pool B South Africa- Botswana- Mauritius

Second Round:

Pool C Tunisia- Algeria- Morocco- 1st pool B

Pool D Egypt - Cameroon - RD Congo - 1st of pool A

Women's Draw

Pool A Egypt-Nigeria- Botswana-South Africa

Pool B Kenya- Algeria- Congo RD- Congo Brazzaville- Eritrea

Pool C Cameroon- Tunisia- Mauritius- Uganda

FIVB Qualifications to 2006 World Championship Calendar

Group	Sex	Organizer	Date
Group (A)- First Round Ghana- Sudan- Uganda- Eritrea	M	Sudan	30 Jan 4 Feb.
Group (A) Second Round Egypt-Nigeria- Botswana-South Africa	W	Egypt	15-20 March
Group (D) Second Round Egypt- Cameroon- RD Congo- 1st pool A	M	Egypt	22-27 March
Group (B)- First Round South Africa- Botswana- Mauritius	M	South Africa	8-10 April
Group (C) Cameroon- Tunisia- Mauritius- Uganda	W	Mauritius	22-24 April
Group (B) Kenya- Algeria- Congo RD- Congo Braz- zaville- Eritrea	W	Kenya	8-12 June
Group (C) Tunisia- Algeria- Morocco- 1st pool B	M	Tunisia	26-30 July

2005 CAVB Calendar

Competition	Sex	Date	City	Country
20th Cup of Clubs Champions	W	1-10 April	Nairobi	Kenya
24th Cup of Clubs Champions	M	27 April 9 May	Cotonou	Benin
African Volleyball Gala	M&W	August	Open	Open
15th African Nations championship – Senior	W	2-12 September	Abuja	Nigeria
15th African Nations championship – Senior	M	15-25 September	Cairo	Egypt
16th Cup of Clubs winners Cup	W	2-11 December	Kampala	Uganda* Algeria/ Substitute
17th Cup of Clubs winners Cup	M	20-30 December	Libreville	Gabon* Algeria/ Substitute

DR. ACOSTA IN PRESS CONFERENCE: AFRICA WILL HAVE A PLACE IN WORLD LEAGUE AND GRAND PRIX

Dr. Ruben Acosta, FIVB President promised Africa to have a place in the world biggest competitions namely World League and World Grand Prix in the coming few years. He stated in the press conference held after the drawing of lots of 2006 World Championship in the Italian Capital of Rome "I hope African teams will enter soon. Since the level of Volleyball in Africa is improving I'm sure it won't be too long before we see some African teams competing. The World League is a commercial success and as long as a team from Africa is competitive it is realistic for them to enter World League".

Dr. Acosta appreciated the effort done by CAVB President Dr. Amr Elwani to improve the level of national team towards the World level. He added that he supported Africa to get TV rights of many World level competitions freely.

Dr. Acosta continued "Our program Volleyball World Vision 2012 is a new vision



Dr. Acosta in the press conference

for the sport and for the International Volleyball Federation and this is of the highest priority now. We are also in need of a Press Director and a Marketing Director. We also want to see all of the 218 Federations which form the FIVB participating regularly. We will make a calendar for the whole year with a lot of international matches. During eight years we wanted to change Volley-

ball World Vision but we have to have conditions in place".

Regarding the new changes expected to occur in the rules of volleyball Dr. Acosta said "I believe 13 or 14 players in the team will be a correct number and I think for the forthcoming seasons the changes could be implemented. Especially one more player. The main target of our sport is to make the game faster, 'fast volley' we used to call it. Three balls, stopped the wasting of time, then the rally point system was an immediate success as was the introduction of the libero. There are some countries who ask me to have

the second libero".

Dr. Acosta insured that beach volleyball added much to the sport When Beach Volleyball entered the Olympics it changed the sport. It gave a different image to the player and changed the of the sport. "We are still working to make our sport much more known and have much more visibility in the written press in particular".

Volleyball Everywhere in Africa

Since its establishment in Cairo, Egypt in May 2001, the African Volleyball Confederation (CAVB), in collaboration with the FIVB Technical Department, has been working hard to coordinate its continental development plan in line with the World Volleyball Vision 2012 through excellent development projects.

The Confederation working plan is based on the African Volleyball project, which aims to popularize Volleyball everywhere in Africa through the efforts of National Federations and local ministries.

The African Volleyball managers are confident they will accomplish the task of decreasing the gap between African Volleyball and that in the other continents, before 2012.

The National Federations are asked to produce Volleyball equipment locally, at low cost with local means and to ensure that these materials are available all the time. The launch of this project started in April 2004 with the organization of two cheap ball production courses in Cairo, Egypt and Khartoum, Sudan with local craftsmen and a seminar on teaching Volleyball

at the Sports Institute in Khartoum.

In Cairo, ball production specialist Mr. Koffi Ahadji from Togo taught two local craftsmen the skill of making a ball. The material used in making the balls included tissues and oilcloth of different colors used locally to fabricate bags or furniture and sponge to fill the balls.

In Sudan the project session was followed by a conference conducted by CAVB Executive Director Mr. Charles Panou on the educational values of sport and the advantages of its introduction into school curriculums.



The participants in the (African Volleyball Project) Demonstration in Sudan



Mr. Panou conducting open training session on the project

29th FIVB World Congress Porto-Portugal 12-13 May 2004

Meeting on Margin of CAVB delegates

CAVB Delegates had a fruitful meeting on margin of FIVB Congress

President ELWANI opened the session and welcomed the members, he informed the audience that CAVB postponed to present to FIVB the list including the names of countries supposed to be sanctioned for none payment of annual fees in order to ensure a large participation of Africa at FIVB congress. He asked the concerned countries presidents to make efforts as soon as they come back to their homelands to be in order.

He made a summarizing on the problems related to Goijman's case and requested the complete support of CAVB to FIVB.

After that, he gave the floor to the audience.

Mr. Gumel, vice-president treasurer noticed that this congress is non elective but very important due to the recent events which FIVB faced.

As secretary of FIVB Finance Commission, he informed the audience that in Acapulco, they checked carefully all financial documents and they did not discover any default and they found that the accusations are unfounded.

Mr. Jean Pierre SEPPEY, FIVB General Manager entered to the hall and saluted the audience.

Mr. Seppey declared that he is pleased to meet Africa delegates: he supports with pleasure Africa throughout a good collaboration with CAVB president Dr. ELWANI, Executive director Mr. PANOU, Mr. GUMEL and the other African members of FIVB Board of Administration.

Dr. ACOSTA had the merit to keep on the FIVB financial future.



Dr. Acosta honored by CAVB delegation Elwani, Gumel, Panou and Ghazali

Mr. Juma, President of NF of Burundi evoked the necessity to differentiate between the sanction against the president and that one against his federation.

Mr. Kayseeven President of NF of Mauritius declared that he appreciate highly the president ACOSTA who made wonders with the volleyball; in life these who succeed are often attacked.

Mr. Baba SY president of NF of Senegal noticed that Argentina is not the 1st federation to be suspended and he does not know why we make a lot of noise about the case of Argentina.

The delegate of Malawi requested that translation should be into two languages and wished that the present meeting talk more about the problems of African volleyball.

Mr. Sawadogo of Burkina Faso remarked that African countries have real problems,

and need to be solved

The delegate of Somalia Mr. Mohammed Ali – Secretary General of the NFs, supports entirely the FIVB decisions and evoked that his federation needs to form coaches and referees specially after the long period of inactivity they lived.

The General Manager left the hall after having thanked the delegates for their understanding and support. He reaffirmed to them his availability to study with great interest all their problems.

The Executive Director informed the delegates about the necessity to make regular communication with CAVB and he explained the necessary conditions that the NFs must fulfill to benefit freely from the FIVB informatics material donation.

Finally, the president ELWANI offered to all delegates the recent edition of CAVB Express and T-shirts holding the CAVB logo.



Mr. Idriss Dokany of Chad



Mr. Majore Temba of Cameroon

Africa Participation in the Works of 29th FIVB Congress in Porto on 12th and 13th May 2004

The African delegates at the 29th FIVB Congress have positively contributed to the works through some brave interventions full of realism and loyalty to the FIVB.

Mr. Idriss Dokany of Chad Expressed his gratitude that the African countries do great efforts to participate to the FIVB congress and they wish that FIVB give more importance to their development problems.

He added that after 18 years of the existence of SAP program, we must shift to another stage and find an alternative program.

The Delegate of Benin requested from the FIVB not to send the documents in English to the Francophone NFs because they can not understand it: So, they wish to receive the documents translated into French.

The delegate of Mauritius praised the good communication with the FIVB, he asked about the right which the NF has to know about the instructors because once the local coaches are nominated by the FIVB, they do not participate in the activities of the NF.

The delegate of Sao Tome after he expressed his congratulations to Mrs. Arsenio and wished Success to her successor in her work.

He informed that thanks to the SAP program, the volleyball became the 2nd Olympic Sport in the country and requested to elaborate a program to manufacture balls and courses of Administration and Marketing.

The delegate of Uganda appreciated



highly the SAP program and congratulated the CAVB President and the Executive Director for the establishment of a good communication with the NFs.

The delegate of Burkina Faso congratulated the new FIVB technical coordinator Mr. Helgi. He declared that SAP represents a link between NFs and FIVB; it is also witnessing the good cooperation with FIVB and honors the NFs in their countries. He wish the fast launch of the Continental Referees' Courses.

The delegate of Cameroon drew the attention about the policy of youth: he noticed that limiting the collection of fees of the international players' transfer in a period of four years as the new regulations stipulated will deprive the NFs from the sources of revenues particularly Cameroon.

The delegate of Angola pointed out that

the SAP program gives many benefits to his country: All the students of the National Institute of his country have registered to the FIVB coaching course – level 1 held in his country.

In reply to different speakers, president Acosta gave some explanations on the procedures of using the Olympic solidarity funds.

President Acosta declared that France & Portugal can contribute to the program of the development of African countries as Cuba did for the countries of its linguistic community:

Speaking about this subject, the delegate of France gave his approval to contribute in order to optimize the development programs:

The delegate of Portugal shared the same opinion.

The FIVB president asked the technical coordinator to think about the possibility to find an intermediary program for the SAP. He asked the NFs to help Mr. Helgi in his missions by answering his correspondences; the NFs must do its best to become dynamic & professional organizations.

The president Acosta confirmed that the regulations related to the collection of fees of the international players' transfer have not been changed, the NFs can continue to collect it as it was in the past.

The congress noticed that Morocco & Nigeria have presented their candidature for the organization of the FIVB World boys championship under 19.

Three African countries received their congratulations plates for their 25th years of affiliation to the FIVB, they are: Angola, Mozambique & Rwanda.



The African Delegation in FIVB Congress.



Mr. Sawadougo of Burkina Faso



Mr. Habu Gumel Nigeria

11TH AFRICAN NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR MEN

Morocco won the trophy

IT was thrills and spills as the 11th edition of African Nations Championships Junior Men Volleyball Championships ended with Morocco being crowned the new champions after beating Tunisia in a thrilling final match at Kasarani yesterday.

Never before has high quality volleyball among the juniors been witnessed in Kenya as Moroccan lads beat a determined Tunisia side 3-2 (23-25, 25-22, 23-25, 25-21, 11-15) sets in a match befitting a final after one week of young talents being identified among Africa's future heroes at Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani. The two finalists automatically qualified to represent Africa at the World Championships that will be held in New Delhi, India next year.

Outgoing champions Egypt who had lost to Morocco in the semi finals had to settle for the bronze medal after beating hosts Kenya 3-0 (25-19, 25-16, 26-24) sets.

By Jack Kwemba- Press Officer – Kenya Volleyball Federation



Egyptian Sherihan Sameh receiving the trophy

10th WOMEN U-20 AFRICAN NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

EGYPT WOMEN TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPOT

Egypt women U-20 team became the second team of its country to have a World Championship vacancy after the Boys U-19 team following their straight sets victory (25-21, 25-12, 25-20) over the Organizers, Nigeria in the final of the tenth Women U-20 African Nations Championship in Abuja, Nigeria to Qualify to the 2005 Women U-20 World Championship in Turkey.

In the first set of the final Nigerian team had the powerful start to lead 8-7 after successful blocks of Theress Okonmah who won the prize of best blocker in the competition. Then Egypt started the high

net performance of Sherihan Sameh who became the most valuable player to lead 16-14, and then ended the set 25-21 in 23 minutes.

In the second set Ingy Hamdy started its high performance by the net to help sherhan to get many points to win the set comfortably 25-21 in 21 minutes.

Nigerian team tried to save the match in the third set by the good defense of the Libero Adeshola Oladapo to came near Egypt all through the set till the Egyptian setter Eman Sarwat led her team through skillful setting to both Ingy and Sherhan to win the set 25-20 in 21 minutes.



Egypt Boys U-19, the African Champions

8th Boys U-19 African Nations Championship

EGYPT AND TUNISIA SECURED WORLD CUP VACANCIES

Egypt Boys secured the first African vacancy in 2005 Boys U-19 World Championship in Algeria 2005 when they won the title after the victory in all their matches in the eighth Boys U-19 African Nations Championship in the South African capital of Durban.

Tunisia team secured the second African vacancy after they ended the competition in the second place following they straight sets victory over Algeria (25-23, 25-18, 25-18) in the fifth and last day of the competition

Egypt and Tunisia will represent the Continent in the World Championship with a third place for the Organizers, Algeria.

19th WOMEN'S AFRICAN CUP OF CLUBS CHAMPIONS-final

PIPELINES CLAIMED THE TITLE

Pipelines of Kenya returned to the top of African women volleyball after claiming the cup in the nineteenth Women's African Cup of Clubs Champions in Dakar, Senegal after their stunning victory over Bejaia of Algeria in the final in straight sets 25-15, 25-11, 26-24. The defending champions, Al-Ahly of Egypt came third after their victory over Inter club of Congo Brazzaville 3-0 (25-12, 25-7, 25-8).

10TH ALL ARAB GAMES:

EGYPT WON THE GOLD AFRICAN SIDE PREDONINATE MEDAL PODIUM

Egypt men team regained the predominance in both African and Arab sides after their thriller 3-1 (25-22, 25-19, 25-27, 25-21) victory over the organizers, Algeria in the final of volleyball competition in the tenth All Arab Games in Beleida, Algeria after a tough match full of spectators' problems which interrupted the match

during the third set. Egypt also took the revenge from Tunisia, who took the last African Olympic ticket defeating them in the Semifinal.

Tunisia regained their performance to get the bronze medal defeating Saudi Arabia, the only Asian team in the semis 3-1 (28-26, 19-25, 25-22, 25-16).

9th Solidarity Tournament

Togo Women and Benin Men clinched the Title

The Organizer Togo women team and Benin men Team won the title of the ninth Solidarity Tournament held in Lome, Togo. The competition which showed three teams in each category and supported by France under supervision of the FIVB was very successful and helped to increase the volleyball activity of the Francophone countries.

In the Women's final Togo defeated Burkina Faso 3-1(20-25, 26-24, 25-21, 25-13). Togo superstar Dodo Pisso led here team by here strong hits and effective block.

In men's final Benin defeated Burkina Faso 3-1 (25-17, 22-25, 25-19,25-11) for the second successive time after gaining the eighth edition in Niger 2003. Lucien Assogba and Fredy Zossou were the stars of the winner.

The final was attended by Togo Volleyball Federation President Mr. Sewa Prince Agbodjan who expressed his gratitude to the participating teams

By Noel Tadegnon- Togo Volleyball Federation press officer.



Benin men team



Togo women team with the cup

ELWANI RE-ELECTED EGYPTIAN VOLLEYBALL FED. PRESIDENT EGYPT VOLLEYBALL CONTINUED AFRICAN PREDOMINANCE

CAVB President, Dr. Amr Elwani was re-elected as Egyptian volleyball Federation President for the third period till 2008. The Board of administration included also Hasan Ahmed, the CAVB Referee commission president and FIVB Referee commission secretary in the position of Vice-president, Dr. Hosam Bahgat, CAVB Medical Commission President as a treasurer and Khalid Nasif, Sameh Hamdy, Mohamed Abou Elfotouh and Amr Makhoulouf as members.

Under the presidency of Dr. Elwani, Egyptian continued its predominance in the African level in 2004 specially after defeating the two big forces Tunisia, the last African Nations' Champions and Algeria the African Nations Bronze Medalist in the Volleyball Competition of All Arab Games in Algeria October 2004. this was the only confrontation between the greatest three countries in the continent in 2004 as Egypt passes the two teams to get the gold medal of Men's competition.

Egypt also qualified in 2004 to two big FIVB competitions as the Women U-20 team won the African Nations championship of this age category held in Abuja, Nigeria. Egypt women had a stunning victory in straight sets over the organizers in front of 3000 spectators although Nigeria played with a line up including seven players who led the first team to All Africa Games Gold medal in the same hall in October

2003. Egypt women secured a vacancy in 2005 Women U-20 in Turkey and increased the hope of the Egyptians to have a team which can lead the women volleyball in the continent. In this competition three Egyptian players were among the best in the individual prizes; Sherihan Sameh the most Valuable player, Iman Tharwat the best setter and Injy Hamdy the best spiker.

Egypt had also a vacancy in the 2005 Boys U-19 World Championship in Algeria with two other African vacancies went to the Organizer and Tunisia. Egypt boys won the African championship of this age category held in South Africa.

Egypt Men's U-21 was the only team which lost the opportunity to have a World championship place as the two African Vacancies went to Morocco and Tunisia after getting the first and second places respectively in the African championship held in Kenya where Egypt came third.

The problem of Egyptian volleyball now is to have a World level achievement as the only world class position was the fourth place in the 2001 Boys U-19 World Championship which was held in their homelands. Now ranked 21st in the FIVB world men's ranking- one place behind Tunisia the top of African teams- and ranked 18th in Women's ranking, Egypt wants to do the best to have a World level achievement in the coming years.



Nigeria supporters club

Nigeria Volleyball supporters established new club

Aiming to increase the area of Volleyball supporting Audiences in the different fields in Nigeria, The Nigerian Volleyball Federation helped to inaugurate a new organization for volleyball spectators named Nigeria Volleyball Supporters Club. The Organization was an idea during the 8th All Africa Games in Abuja, Nigeria 2003 where they had an important role in supporting the Nigerian men and women teams when both reached the final spot with the women getting the gold medal.

The aim and objective of the new organization is to allow volleyball to take its rightful place amongst other sports like football and basketball and to ensure that volleyball is developed at the grassroots. The club aims also to encourage the Nigerians and the entire Africa Continent to embrace the sport.

During only one year of trials the club has achieved a great achievements starting from supporting both women and men teams in clinching gold and silver medals respectively in the 8th All Africa. The club had also now a co-operate sponsor in Nigeria Broadcasting Commission (NBC). It has now two Grand Patrons namely Gov. Bukar Abba Ibrahim, the Governor of Yobe State and Dr. Engr. Silas Yisa the general Director of NBC.

Successful Referee Courses in Mozambique

The very first Referee Course in the FIVB Sports Aid Programme (SAP) took place in Mozambique at the end of June, marking the beginning of the 2004 season and making it a first in the context of the FIVB development programmes. Due to the high attendance rate, the six-day intensive course was full to capacity and some candidates had to be refused.

Several personalities from Mozambique were present to celebrate the occasion. The Minister of Sport, Mr. Joel Matias Limbombo made the official opening of the course together with the National Sport Director, Mr. Marcelino Macom, while the President of the National Olympic Committee, Mr. Joaquin Dimitr and the Director of the University of Mozambique, Mr. Alberto Grazziano brought it to a closure.

Development News

FRUITFUL VOLLEYBALL EFFORTS IN NIGER

In an attempt to change the volleyball map in Niger to compete at the international level, the Niger volleyball Federation (FENIVOLLEY) under presidency of Mr. Sidiyane Amada, made a great effort to prepare generations of youth through 25 development centers all over the country. These centers included 12 in the capital Niamey.

The work in these centers started in December 2001 till December 2003 and this period was enough to produce generations of young players who will help the development of volleyball in this West African country. The centers helped also to graduate many trainers and coaches who help in more success in these areas.

The federation efforts was directed also to the women's side to help the improve-



First Niger Lady Mrs. Laraba Tandja attending volleyball competition

ment of Niger women volleyball through the heavy participation of girls in the development centers to the extent that they constitute half of the players. The big number of well trained players helped to form a women national team for the first time since 1960.. the women team will be a revolution in next few years but after they get enough experience.

News By Moussa Yehaya- Niger Volleyball Federation Press Officer.

PLAYER PROFILE:



NOUREDDINE HFAIEDH (TUNISIA):

The 30 years Tunisian star started his volleyball career in a small club in Tunisia named Hawaria, then played to safax, one of the major Tunisian teams, then transferred to another major club, Etoile de Sahel and win 3 African club championships with the latter as well as 7 local championships with both teams

With the National team he won four African Nations Championships in the last five competitions 95, 97, 99 and 2003, and qualified to World Cup three times in 95, 99 and 2003. He won also the Arab Championship in Lebanon 2002.

He played as a professional in Greece since the start of the last season and qualified with Paok Salonique to the European Championship. He returned to Tunisia after a successful career in Europe to Etoile de Sahel to start another professional career in French club of Cannes .

REFEREE PROFILE

MAHMOUD HOSNI, EGYPT

Mahmoud hosni is considered one of the most successful and famous African referees in the last decade specially after the retirement of Hassan Ahmed and is considered his successor both in Egypt and in the continent.

He was born in 28th January 1953 and started his volleyball career as a player and in the same time he finished his study to get the master degree in physical education. He is now the chairman of sports department in Al-Azhar University. During his referee career he was appointed in many big competitions till he became FIVB Referee in 2001. He refereed matches in the World Junior championships in 1991, 1993, 1994 and 1995. He chaired also in the World cup three times in 1995, 1999 and 2003 and 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. He was appointed also in the World league from 1993 till 2004 and in the World Grand Prix 2001 till 2004.

The most important matches he refereed in his career was the 2001 World Youth Championship final and 2002, and 2003 World Grand Prix finals.

His general interest and hobbies is reading about sports Generally and volleyball particularly.



COACH PROFILE

MUGE ABDULRAHMAN KENYA WOMEN COACH

Kenya women volleyball team head coach, Muge Abdulrahman Kibet is considered one of the famous coaches in Kenya in the last few years. The Kenyan Volleyball Federation settled to give him the responsibility of the team instead of the foreign Turkish coach, Nedat Nsantkak who had many problems with the federation. He started his job as a head coach with the senior women team in January 2003 after being the trainer of the team in the last World Championship in Germany 2002 with the head coach at that time Ohania. Kenya came 16th in that World Championship.

Muge started his coaching career in 1996 with Posta women volleyball club in Kenya when he led the team to many local victories before managing Telkom, team which is considered one of the best Kenyan volleyball teams in the last few years. He has got a diploma in volleyball in an international course in Hungary in 1998 to start his international career after.

He became Kenya women team trainer in 2001 as Kenya qualified to the World Championship in 2002. Then he became the head coach in 2003 to lead the big African country in Women Volleyball to recover after losing the African Nations Championship in their homelands against Egypt. His first competition as a head coach was in All Africa Games in Abuja, Nigeria October 2003 when he led the team without all the professionals to the Bronze Medal.

In January 2004 he became a national hero when he led Kenya Women team to qualify to the second successive Olympic games in Athens 2004 after big victories against their compatriot; Egypt the African champions and Nigeria, the All Africa Games Gold Medallist.

The 39 y. coach was born in Nairobi 9th of March 1965 and had a diploma in Telecommunication at Kert College and works now as a technician in Telecom Kenya. He is a father of two children Fahima 7 and Aruni 4. He prefers cool Music and comic books.



The Kenya Coach with his team in 2004 Olympic Games.