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### USA Volleyball invites 33 athletes to train with women's national team



Colorado, USA, April 15, 2005 – Thirty-three athletes have been invited to the United States Olympic Training Centre in Colorado in May to train in the USA Women's National Team program under new head coach "Jenny" Lang Ping.

Included in the group are seven Olympians from last year's team that finished tied for fifth at the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece: setter Robyn Ah Mow-Santos; middle blocker Elisabeth Bachman; setter Lindsey Berg; opposite Tayyiba Haneef; opposite Nancy Metcalf; outside hitter Ogonna Nnamani and middle blocker Danielle Scott.

Five players from the 2004 Olympic Team will not return for the 2005 season. Veteran outside hitters Tara Cross-Battle and Keba Phipps have retired from the sport, outside hitter Logan Tom and libero Stacy Sykora are going to give Beach Volleyball a try and middle blocker Heather Bown is taking some time off but is expected to return in the future.

**Pic: One of USA's more experienced players, Robyn Ah Mow-Santos sets during the 2004 Olympic Games**

The beginning of the summer figures to be especially busy for the athletes. Team USA will enter teams in the USA Open Volleyball Championships, the Montreux Volley Masters in Switzerland, the Pan American Cup in the Dominican Republic and the month-long World Grand Prix in Asia.

The final rosters for the various events will be determined based on the athlete's training performance.

#### 2005 USA Women's National Training Team

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos, Setter  
 Foluke Akinradewo, Middle Blocker  
 Jennifer Andrew, Setter  
 Patrice Arrington, Outside Hitter  
 Elisabeth Bachman, Middle Blocker  
 Cynthia Barboza, Outside Hitter  
 Lindsey Berg, Setter  
 Shonda Cole, Outside Hitter  
 Jane Collymore, Outside Hitter  
 Alexis Crimes, Middle Blocker  
 Nicole Davis, Libero  
 Sarah Drury, Libero  
 Melissa Elmer, Middle Blocker  
 Marcie Hampton, Outside Hitter  
 Tayyiba Haneef, Opposite  
 Jennifer Hoffman, Middle Blocker  
 Lindsey Hunter, Setter  
 Jennifer Joines, Middle Blocker  
 Jamie (Kanoë) Kamana'o, Setter  
 Bryn Kehoe, Setter  
 Lakisya Killingsworth, Middle Blocker/Opposite  
 Brandy Magee, Middle Blocker  
 Angie McGinnis, Setter  
 Nancy Metcalf, Opposite  
 Sophia Milo, Middle Blocker  
 Ogonna Nnamani, Outside Hitter  
 Kristin Richards, Outside Hitter  
 Jennifer Saleamua, Outside Hitter/Libero  
 Danielle Scott, Middle Blocker  
 Debora Sielhammer, Libero  
 Elisha Thomas, Middle Blocker  
 Stacy Venski, Opposite  
 Melissa Villaroman, Libero