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USA Women fall to Germany at Montreux Volley Masters

MONTREUX, Switzerland (June 11, 2005) – Angelina Grun scored a match-high 19 points to pace a balanced attack as Germany defeated the USA Women’s National Volleyball Team, 3-0, in the consolation semifinals of the Montreux Volley Masters Saturday afternoon.

Grun had 14 kills, three service aces and two blocks in the 25-16, 28-26, 25-15 victory that advanced the Germans to Sunday’s fifth-place match against Poland.

Christiane Furst scored 12 points on eight kills, three blocks and one ace, while teammates Cornelia Dumler and Kathy Radzuweit added nine points apiece.

Tayyiba Haneef (Laguna Hills, Calif.) scored 15 points on 15 kills to lead Team USA. Newcomer Christina Houghtelling (Cambridge, Neb.) added eight points on six kills, one block and one ace.

The loss was the fourth-straight for the young group of USA Women. Last year’s Montreux silver medalists did not win a set in the tournament.

On Friday, Team USA lost to last year’s champions, Italy, 25-18, 25-19, 25-22. Danielle Scott (Baton Rouge, La.) scored 12 points to lead the Americans. Haneef added 10 points while Melissa Elmer (Fort Wayne, Ind.) and Marcie Hampton (Gainesville, Fla.) chipped in eight points each.

Montreux Volley Masters

Final Pool Standings

Pool A

- 1-CHN (2-1)
- 2-ITA (2-1)
- 3-POL (2-1)
- 4-USA (0-3)

Pool B

- 1-BRA (3-0)
- 2-JPN (2-1)
- 3-GER (1-2)
- 4-CUB (0-3)

Results and Schedule

Pool A

June 7

Poland def. Italy, 3-2 (25-23, 25-21, 31-33, 18-25, 15-13)



China def. USA, 3-0 (25-19, 25-20, 25-17)

June 8

China def. Poland, 3-1 (25-21, 20-25, 25-22, 25-20)

June 9

Poland def. USA, 3-0 (25-22, 25-16, 25-18)

Italy def. China, 3-2 (22-25, 20-25, 25-12, 25-22, 17-15)

June 10

Italy def. USA, 3-0 (25-18, 25-19, 25-22)

Pool B

June 7

Brazil def. Japan, 3-1 (25-22, 25-18, 19-25, 25-18)

June 8

Japan def. Germany, 3-1 (18-25, 25-19, 26-24, 25-22)

Brazil def. Cuba, 3-1 (24-26, 25-11, 25-19, 25-23)

June 9

Germany def. Cuba, 3-0 (25-20, 25-20, 29-27)

June 10

Brazil def. Germany, 3-2 (25-21, 25-21, 15-25, 21-25, 15-6)

Japan def. Cuba, 3-0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-19)

June 11

Consolation Semifinals

Germany def. USA, 3-0 (25-16, 28-26, 25-15)

Poland def. Cuba, 3-1 (25-22, 15-25, 25-16, 25-20)

Championship Semifinals

Brazil def. Italy, 3-1 (28-26, 27-25, 21-25, 25-16)

China def. Japan, 3-0 (25-18, 25-16, 25-17)

June 12

Fifth-Place Match

Germany vs. Poland

Third Place Match

Italy vs. Japan

Championship Match

Brazil vs. China

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