

Bulletin No. 3



AVC Continental Cup,

Sub Zonal Event

Faleata Sports Complex

Beach Courts

Apia, Samoa

May 26th -27th 2011

New Zealand win Sub Zonal Olympic Qualification Tournament in Samoa

The New Zealand Beach Volleyball Team completed the win in the Asian Continental Cup, sub-zonal event in Samoa, while Samoa also confirmed their position in the next round.

The Faleata Sports Complex Beach Volleyball Courts, Apia, Samoa is playing host to the AVC continental Cup, Sub Zonal Tournament. This is the first Round of Olympic Qualification to the 2012 London Olympics. Teams from New Zealand, Samoa and Tonga are vying for two positions to the next Oceania Zonal Round Olympic Qualification Tournament.

Samoa started the day well by defeating Tonga in both women's matches easily to win the series 4-0. The Samoa men were under a little bit of pressure after Tonga 1 beat Samoa 2 yesterday. Samoa 2 responded well early in the morning to convincingly beat Tonga 2, leaving the match between Samoa 1 and Tonga 1 to decide the series, or send it into a 'golden set'.

In the best and closest set of the tournament, Samoa 1, Afa Lauvai and Toetu Toetu survived 5 set points to win the 1st set 29-27. In the second set they played with confidence to take the second set 21-18, the match 2-0. This win completed the series win for Samoa 3-1 over Tonga, and qualification through to the Asian Continental Cup, Zonal event early in 2012.

The New Zealand Teams completed their domination of the tournament by seeing off the challenge from Samoa convincingly.

The New Zealand Women's teams skills were too consistent for the Samoan women's teams. Samoa 1 showed good fight and some great hustle in the back court but they could not keep pace with the consistent Kiwis. New Zealand Women's Team won the series 4-0, and the Tournament without dropping a set.

The New Zealand Men's Team led by Kirk Pitman and Jason Lochhead and well supported by the youthful brothers Sam and Ben O'Dea, were too dominant for a valiant Samoan Team. The Kiwis were never threatened as their experience and skill from the Swatch FIVB World Tour and Asian Tour was too much for the athletic Samoans. New Zealand won the series 4-0, and completed the tournament undefeated.

New Zealand and Samoa will move through to the next Oceania Round of the Olympic Qualification, the Asian Continental Cup Zonal event to be held in February 2012.

Day 2 Results – Friday May 27th

Samoa versus Tonga Round 2

Completed Day 1 (Thursday May 26th)

14:20	W6	SAM 1 Tu'ugamusu/ Taua	TGA 2 Vaka/ Mele	21-2, 21-5	2-0	19'
15:10	W7	SAM 2 Fouvaa/ Nuuvai	TGA 1 Fotu/ Taufu	21-2, 21-2	2-0	17'
16:00	M6	SAM 2 Aiono/ Sapati	TGA 1 Fonohema/Fotu, S.	21-12, 16-21, 11-15	1 - 2	51'
16.50	M7	SAM 1 Lauvai/ Toetu	TGA 2 Fotu, T./ Latu	21-4, 21-8	2-0	20'

Friday May 27th

9:30	M8	SAM 2 Aiono/ Sapati	TGA 2 Fotu, T./ Latu	21-5, 21-11	2-0	26'
10:20	M9	SAM 1 Lauvai/ Toetu	TGA 1 Fonohema/Fotu, S.	29-27, 21-18	2-0	45'
9:30	W8	SAM 2 Fouvaa/ Nuuvai	TGA 2 Vaka/ Taufu	21-3, 21-1	2-0	18'
10:20	W9	SAM 1 Tu'ugamusu/ Taua	TGA 1 Fotu/ Fifita	21-2, 21-3	2-0	14'

Samoa Women win series 4-0.

Samoa Men win series 3-1.

Round 3

New Zealand Versus Samoa

Womens

12:00	W11	NZL 1 Croad/ Lindsay-Brown	SAM 2 Fouvaa/ Nuuvai	21-10, 21-9	2-0	24'
12:50	W12	NZL 2 Hill/ Ruru	SAM 1 Tu'ugamusu/ Taua	21-10, 21-14	2-0	39'
14:30	W13	NZL 1 Croad/ Lindsay-Brown	SAM 1 Tu'ugamusu/ Taua	21-16, 21-11	2-0	30'
13:40	W14	NZL 2 Hill/ Ruru	SAM 2 Fouvaa/ Nuuvai	21-8, 21-10	2-0	25'

Mens

12:50	M11	NZL 1 Pitman/ Lochhead	SAM 2 Aiono/ Sapati	21-15, 21-10	2-0	27'
13:40	M12	NZL 2 O'Dea, S./ O'Dea, B.	SAM 1 Lauvai/ Toetu	21-15, 21-9	2-0	33'
15:20	M13	NZL 1 Pitman/ Lochhead	SAM 1 Lauvai/ Toetu	21-10, 21-15	2-0	32'
16:10	M14	NZL 2 O'Dea, S./ O'Dea, B.	SAM 2 Aiono/ Sapati	21-10, 21-11	2-0	29'

Final Points Table – May 26th & 27th

Men												
TEAM	NZL	SAM	TGA		OVERALL POINT	MATCHES WON	MATCHES LOST	SETS WON	SETS LOST	POINTS WON	POINTS LOST	
NZL	SUB	4	4		16	8	0	16	0	336	146	
		0	0									
SAM	0	ZONAL	3		10	3	3	7	8	235	289	
	4		1									
TGA	0	1	EVENT		9	1	7	2	15	172	308	
	4	3										
				2011								
						12	10	25	23	743	743	
Women												
TEAM	NZL	SAM	TGA		OVERALL POINTS	MATCHES WON	MATCHES LOST	SETS WON	SETS LOST	POINTS WON	POINTS LOST	
NZL	SUB	4	4		16	8	0	16	0	336	105	
		0	0									
SAM	0	ZONAL	4		12	4	2	8	6	256	188	
	4		0									
TGA	0	0	EVENT		8	0	8	0	16	37	336	
	4	4										
				2011								
						12	10	24	22	629	629	



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Mens Ranking

Position	Players	
1 Qualified Zonal Event	NZL 1 Kirk Pitman/ Jason Lochhead NZL 2 Sam O'Dea/ Ben O'Dea	New Zealand
2 Qualified Zonal Event	SAM 1 Afa Lauvai/ Toetu Toetu SAM 2 Sapati Aiono/ Oliva Vati	Samoa
3	TGA 1 Tio FonoHEMA/ Samuela Fotu TGA 2 Tevila Fotu/ Esafe Latu	Tonga

Womens Ranking

Position	Players	
1 Qualified Zonal Event	NZL 1 Hannah Croad/ Micah Lindsay-Brown NZL 2 Hill/ Ruru Debbie Hill/ Melissa	New Zealand
2 Qualified Zonal Event	SAM 1 Leule Tu'ugamusu/ Vaitu'utu'u Tauga SAM 2 Uluiva Fouvaa/ Jackie Nuuvai	Samoa
3	TGA 1 TGA 1 Middlemore Fotu/ Mele Fifita TGA 2 Latai Vaka/ Sisifa Taufa	Tonga