



National Fencing Team (Switzerland)

Members of this world class team, with épée specialist and 2004 Olympic champion Marcel Fischer, will be taking part in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Michael Kauter secured his Olympic ticket during the World Cup competition in Heidenheim, Germany (March 28-29, 2008) along with Sophie Lamon, who also qualified for the Games. Meanwhile, Marcel Fischer retains a Wild Card entry to take part in the Beijing Games. All of them will take part in the épée competition.

Sports facts about Sophie Lamon (1985) 21st in the world rankings

Titles	2008: third place World Cup Competition, Tauberbischofsheim, Germany
	2005: Junior World Champion in individual and team events, Linz, Austria
	2003: third place World Cup Competition, Zürich, Switzerland
	2002: third place World Cup Competition, Luxembourg and Gothenburg
	2001: Senior Vice World Champion in team épée, Nimes, France
	2000: Vice Champion in team épée at the Olympic Games, Sydney

Sports facts about Michael Kauter (1979) 13th in the world rankings

Titles	2008: bronze at the European Championships, Kyiv, Ukraine
	2008: winner at the World Cup Competition, Buenos Aires, Argentina
	2008: third place at the Grand Prix, Qatar
	2007: winner at the World Cup Competition, Lisbon, Portugal
	2005: Senior Military World Champion, Bucharest, Romania

Online: www.swiss-fencing.ch

Tong-Wen, Judoka (China)

Judo is a traditional eastern sport with its beginnings in the second half of the 19th century. For men, it has been an Olympic Sport since the Tokyo Olympics of 1964, but for female competitors it only appeared on the Olympic program for the first time in Barcelona in 1992. Judo is a tactical sport in which skill, intelligence and strategy are important. Chinese judo is very competitive, especially amongst ladies. One of the top athletes representing the Tianjin Sports Bureau is Tong Wen, three times World Champion (2003, 2005 and 2007) and team World Champion 2007 in the class 78kg and above.

Sports facts about Tong Wen (1983)

Titles	2007: World Champion, +78kg
	2005: World Champion, +78kg
	2003: World Champion, open category

Online: <http://judo.sport.org.cn/chinateam/index.html> and <http://tongwen.sports.cn/>



Indoor & beach volleyball (USA)

With more than 800 million players, volleyball is the number one most popular sport in the world

Ladies' volleyball team - Fourth in the world rankings

Sports facts about the team

Titles	1966: silver, FIVB World Championships
	1982: bronze, FIVB World Championships
	1984: silver, Olympic Games
	1990: bronze, FIVB World Championships
	1992: bronze, Olympic Games
	2002: silver, FIVB World Championships
	2003, 2007: bronze, FIVB World Championships

Current team line-up

Ogonna Nnamani (1983), Danielle Scott-Arruda (1972), Tayyiba Haneef-Park (1979), Lindsey Berg (1980), Stacy Sykora (1977), Logan Tom (1981), Heather Bown (1978), Jennifer Joines (1982), Kim Glass (1984), Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (1975), Nicole Davis (1982), Cassie Busse (1982)
Coach: Jenny Lang Ping

Men's Volleyball team - Eighth in the world rankings

Sports facts about the team

Titles	1984, 1988: gold, Olympic Games
	1992: bronze, Olympic Games

Current team line-up

Lloy Ball (1972), Brook Billings (1980), Phil Eatherton (1974), Gabe Gardner (1976), Kevin Hansen (1976), Tom Hoff (1973), Rich Lambourne (1975), David Lee (1982), Dave McKenzie (1979) Ryan Millar (1978), Nils Nielsen (1981), Jim Polster (1979), Reid Priddy (1977), Alfee Reft (1982), Sean Rooney (1982), Riley Salmon (1976), Clay Stanley (1978), Donald Suxho (1976), Brandon Taliaferro (1977), Delano Thomas (1983).
Coach: Hugh MC Cutcheon

Online: www.usavolleyball.org / www.fivb.ch

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Beach Volleyball

In 1996, beach volleyball appeared on the Olympic program and has since seen a dramatic increase in popularity.

One of the top players in the American ladies' volleyball team is Misty May-Treanor, who won gold at the Olympic Games in Athens (2004) and is four times volleyball World Champion (2003, 2005 and 2 x 2007). Kerri Walsh also confirmed her place for the Olympic Games in Beijing after winning silver at the Games in Athens. Elaine Youngs took bronze at the Games.

Current team line-up

Kerri Walsh (1978) & Misty May-Treanor (1977)
Nicole Branagh (1979) & Elaine Youngs (1970)
April Ross (1982) & Jennifer Boss (1977)

Online:

www.kerriwalsh.com (Kerri Walsh)
www.mistymay.com/may/index (Misty May-Treanor)
www.bvbinfo.com/Player.asp?ID=6059 (Nicole Branagh)
www.bvbinfo.com/player.asp?ID=1189 (Elaine Youngs)
www.bvbinfo.com/player.asp?ID=7389 (April Ross)
www.bvbinfo.com/Player.asp?ID=1875 (Jennifer Boss)

As far as the men's beach volleyball team is concerned, the elite players Todd Rogers and Phil Dalhausser have both qualified for the Olympic Games in Beijing.

Current team line-up

Todd Rogers (1973) & Phil Dalhausser (1980)
Sean Rosenthal (1980) & Jake Gibb (1976)

Online:

www.toddjrogers.com (Todd Rogers)
www.bvbinfo.com/Player.asp?ID=5214 (Phil Dalhausser)
www.bvbinfo.com/player.asp?ID=1163 (Sean Rosenthal)
www.jakegibb.com (Jake Gibb)

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Marcelien de Koning and Lobke Berkhout - 470 sailors

Marcelien de Koning (30) and Lobke Berkhout (27) have jointly sailed the 470 boat, a two-handed dinghy, since 2000. The two sailors, both members of Watersportvereniging Hoorn, were named NOC*NSF sport team of the year in 2005. In 2005, 2006 and 2007 they were world champions in the women's 470 class. In November 2007 they were awarded, for the third consecutive time, the Conny van Rietschoten Trophy for these exceptional achievements. This year Marcelien and Lobke want to crown their work by winning an Olympic medal. They have been supported by coach Jacco Koops and trainer Daniel Smith since 2005.

DSM has developed a new boat for this team specially for the Olympic Games. It was constructed with the aid of a certified mold for the 470 class and using composite laminates specially developed by DSM that provide extreme stiffness at minimum weight. The DSM material used is a product of the knowledge gained in the development of longer and stronger blades for large wind turbines. It gives the boat an optimum position in the short waves characteristic of the Chinese coastal waters. As a result, energy loss is minimal, so that an optimum boat speed can be maintained. De Koning and Berkhout have trained intensively with a prototype of the new boat in the past twelve months.

"The new Olympic boat combines the best of two worlds: a perfectly molded shape with exactly the right stiffness, which can bring speed benefits. This combination was previously not available. We are very glad we have the opportunity to sail this boat", says Marcelien de Koning.

De Koning and Berkhout have trained intensively with a prototype of the new boat in the past period.

Sporting history, Marcelien de Koning (1978)

Previous classes: Optimist (youth class), Europe, then 470 Class
Titles: Three times world champion in the 470 Class

Sporting history, Lobke Berkhout (1980)

Previous classes: Optimist (youth class), 420 (two-handed dinghy), then 470 Class
Titles: Three times world champion in the 470 Class

Online: www.xpeditionbeemsterlite.com

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Team The Netherlands



Sven and Kalle Coster - 470 sailors

TeamCoster is a professional sailing team that focuses on winning medals in the Olympic 470 class. For the Coster brothers Beijing will be their second Games, after their successful performance during the 2004 Olympics, where they came in sixth. In 2007 the team grabbed silver at the World Championships in Cascais and won the North American championship held in Miami. In 2008 the team won the Sofia Cup in Spain, while their performance at the European Championship in Italy earned them a silver medal. In their preparations for the Beijing Olympics of 2008 they are supported by their father, Dick Coster.

Sporting history, Sven Coster (1978)

Previous classes: 420 class, Cadet, Optimist

Titles 6x Dutch champion, winner of the American Championship 2003, the Belgian and North American championships 2007 and the Sofia Cup 2008, 6th place in the 2004 Olympics, bronze at European Championship 2005, silver at World Championship 2007, silver at European Championship 2008.

Sporting history, Kalle Coster (1982)

Previous classes: 420 class, Optimist

Titles 6x Dutch champion, winner of the American Championship 2003, the Belgian and North American championships 2007 and the Sofia Cup 2008, 6th place in the 2004 Olympics, bronze at European Championship 2005, silver at World Championship 2007, silver at European Championship 2008.

Online: www.teamcoster.nl

Rens Blom - pole vaulter

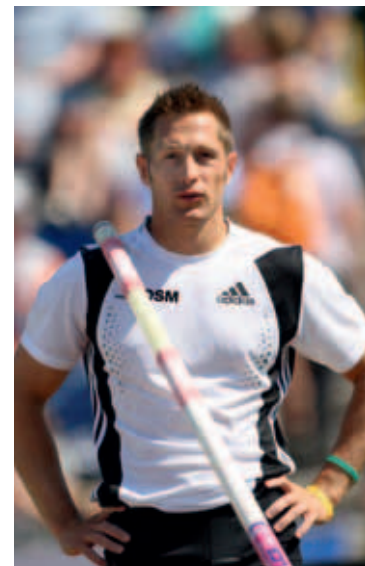
At the World Championships in Helsinki in August 2005 Dutch pole vaulter Rens Blom reached the high point of his career. Rens was the first Dutch athlete to win gold during a World Athletics Championship and holds the Dutch record at 5.81 meter. Although troubled by an Achilles tendon injury, Rens Blom hopes he will be able to qualify for the Beijing Olympics.

Rens uses DSM's recovery product PeptoPro®: "By using PeptoPro I have been able to intensify my training program. My muscles recover more quickly and my energy level during the day is a lot higher. In this way PeptoPro was a very big help to me in winning the world championship, and it is now helping me in the run-up to the Olympics. And this PeptoPro powder is a very welcome improvement."

Sporting history, Rens Blom (1977)

Titles 1998: Dutch indoor champion
2005: world champion, gold medal (5.81 m)

Online: www.rensblom.com and www.rensblomfoundation.nl



Sharon Walraven - wheelchair tennis player

Sharon Walraven has won many tournaments all over the world and currently (July 2008) ranks third in the world. Winning Silver at the Paralympics in Sydney 2000 was her ultimate personal triumph and greatest achievement so far. She has qualified for the Olympic Games in Beijing.

In the run-up to the Olympics Sharon is using the cooling vest specially developed by DSM: "Because of my paraplegia, temperature regulation is quite a problem for me, particularly when it's very hot. In such conditions my temperature sometimes rises to 40°C, making it absolutely impossible to put in a top performance! The cooling vest works rapidly and that's just what I need. We have a 90-second break when changing ends. I quickly put on the vest then and my body is cooled."

Sporting history, Sharon Walraven (1970)

Titles

- 2000: silver, Sydney Paralympics
- 2007: winner, Swiss Open
- 2007: finalist, Daimler Chrysler
- 2006: winner, Deagu Open
- 2006: winner, Korea Open
- 2006: finalist, US Open
- 2006: finalist, Masters
- 2005: winner, Australian Open

Online: www.sharonwalraven.nl

Dutch men's volleyball team

The Olympic Gold Medal in Atlanta 1996 established volleyball as one of the most popular team sports in the Netherlands. Under the inspirational leadership of Joop Alberda, the team, featuring star players such as current national coach Peter Blangé and Ron Zwerver, seized the highest prize in sports in a memorable match against Italy, which was later proclaimed the greatest Dutch sports moment of the century. The men's national team has qualified for the European Championships of 2009 in Turkey. The team, trained by Peter Blangé, has meanwhile started preparing for qualification for the London Games in 2012.

Online: www.volleybal.nl

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