

# Volleyball Update

*Open letter from Tony Crabb, Coach, USA Men's Olympic Volleyball Team to Ron Sorrell, Director, USA Men's Olympic Volleyball Team.*

Dear Ron:

As you may know, we recently won the North American Zone Championships —beating everyone 3-0. The team played great!

Peter Balding Jr. is now with us for a tryout. He will most likely be going to the Pan American Games with our 2nd team. And the 1st team will go to Russia on August 20th for a Pre-Olympic Tournament there!

I will make sure you get all the results.

One of the most frequently asked questions of USA Men's Volleyball coaches Doug is, "Which teams do you consider to be the best in the world and how does the USA compare?"

Constantly assessing the teams of the world, in order to properly prepare the USA Men's Volleyball team for the 1984 Olympics, Beal, Neville and Crabb have assembled the following unofficial rankings, based on their opinions of the "powers-that-be" in men's international volleyball:

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| 1. USSR*          | 9. Argentina   |
| 2. Brazil*        | 10. Canada     |
| 3. Cuba*          | 11. Japan      |
| 4. Bulgaria       | 12. Korea      |
| 5. China          | 13. Italy      |
| 6. Poland         | 14. Rumania    |
| 7. USA*           | 15. Yugoslavia |
| 8. Czechoslovakia |                |

\*Indicates teams already qualified for the 1984 Olympic Games.