

Volleyball Update

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

We have just finished our competitive season and I wanted to bring you up-to-date on our year.

1983 was a good year for the National Team as we met our 4 most important objectives. As you will see after reading our enclosed newsletter, we played well and:

- 1) Won the NORCECA Championship—(our North American Zone)
- 2) Played in the finals of our own Pre-Olympic Tournament (losing to a good Japanese Team in the end. 3-2)
- 3) Played in the Finals of the Savinne Tournament in Russia playing second to the Soviets.
- 4) Winning the CANADA CUP—

beating Cuba in the finals 3-0.

Of the teams qualified for the Olympics, we played 6 of 10; beating:

- Argentina (1 of 1)
- Poland (7 of 7)
- Soviet Union (losing 1 of 1)
- Cuba (1 of 2)
- Canada (5 of 5)
- Japan (5 of 9)

Of the 3 remaining teams, we hope to play them in 1984.

We are presently working on a film that is being done about our team, and expected to be released sometime in March of '84.

Next year will be "wild" and prior to our final push we are training very little now in order to give the players some time to recover from a hectic '83.

I will continue with my "reports" and hope to see you in '84.