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July 27 Phoenix
Aug. 7 San Diego
Aug. 10 Santa Barbara
Aug. 14 Tucson
Aug. 17 Orange County
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Aug. 30 Tucson
Sep. 1 Phoenix
Sep. 3 El Paso/Juarez

El Paso/ Juarez Sol

June 10 Phoenix
June 11 Tucson
June 29 Santa Barbara
July 1 Orange County
July 2 Denver
July 15 San Diego
July 16 Tucson
July 20 Orange County
July 22 Santa Barbara
July 23 Phoenix
Aug. 3 Tucson
Aug. 5 Santa Barbara
Aug. 6 Denver
Aug. 19 San Diego
Aug. 20 Orange County
Aug. 24 Denver
Aug. 26 Phoenix
Aug. 27 San Diego

Orange County Stars

June 11 San Diego
June 14 Tucson
June 17 Phoenix
June 21 Denver
June 24 San Diego
July 5 Denver
July 7 El Paso/Juarez
July 12 Phoenix
July 19 Santa Barbara
July 26 Tucson
July 30 Santa Barbara
July 31 San Diego
Aug. 2 Denver
Aug. 5 Phoenix
Aug. 12 El Paso/Juarez
Aug. 23 Tucson
Aug. 26 Santa Barbara
Aug. 30 El Paso/Juarez

Phoenix Heat

June 15 San Diego
June 22 El Paso/Juarez
June 24 Denver
June 28 Orange County
July 2 Santa Barbara
July 6 El Paso/Juarez
July 8 Santa Barbara
July 13 Tucson
July 16 Orange County
July 20 San Diego
July 29 Denver
Aug. 2 Tucson
Aug. 10 Orange County
Aug. 13 Denver
Aug. 17 Tucson
Aug. 19 Santa Barbara
Aug. 24 San Diego
Aug. 31 El Paso/Juarez

San Diego Breakers

June 30 Tucson
July 3 Orange County
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July 12 El Paso/Juarez
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July 22 Phoenix
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Sep. 3 Orange County

Santa Barbara Spikers

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Tucson Sky

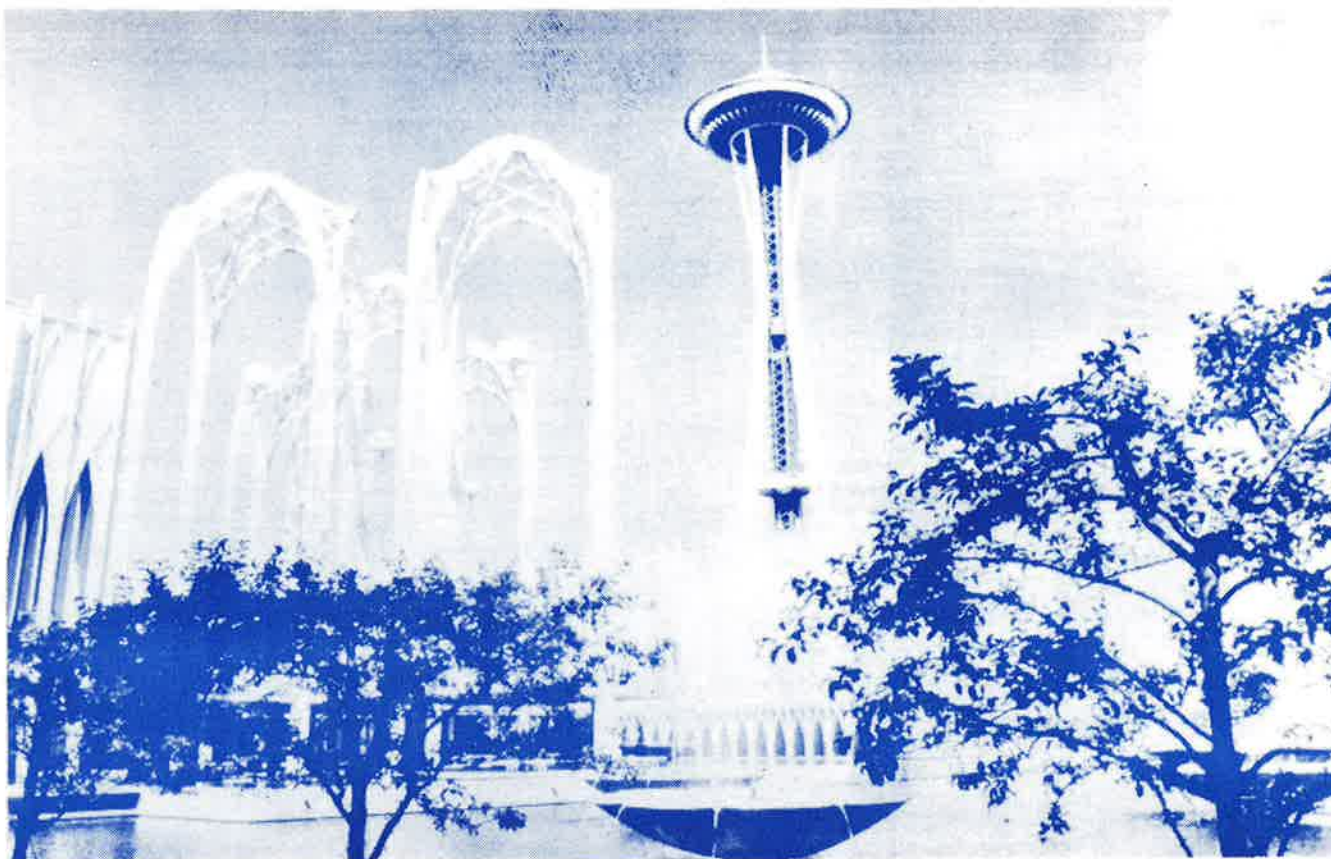
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Next Year Seattle . . . then the World

In the plush California headquarters of the International Volleyball Association at Century City, a master plan has been drawn up.

That plan is to bring the greatest volleyball players in the world to an ever-increasing audience nationwide,



Michael F. O'Hara

then internationally. Michael F. O'Hara, the IVA's executive vice president and chief operating officer, calls the league's philosophy on expansion as innovative as its new business structure.

"We are motivated to grow only when there is a highly-qualified individual or group, well financed, and able to stand small to moderate

losses the first few years," O'Hara said. Case in point: Robert Mussehl, a Seattle attorney, requested a franchise

in mid-1976. He received the franchise, called the "Smashers," but was told to build an organization geared toward beginning play in 1978.

"The IVA is much more concerned with developing the strongest possible current franchises and we are concentrating on doing everything possible to make them profitable by the 1978 season," O'Hara added.

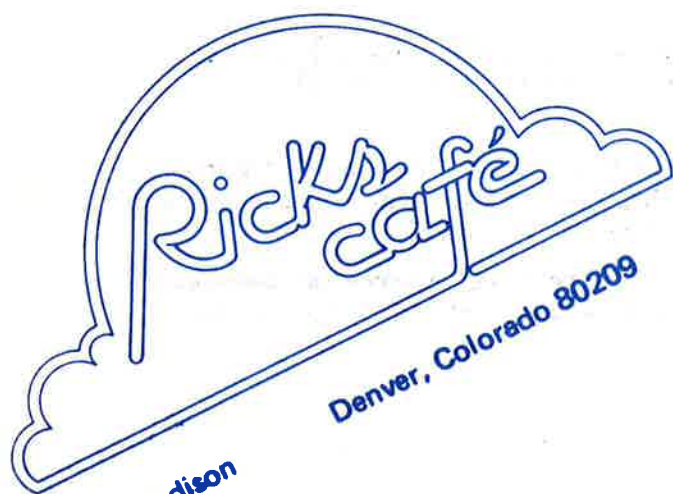
"We are definitely quality rather than quantity oriented, and would prefer not to grow at all than accept weak new franchises."

The long-term goal is to have 45 to 50 teams in the United States with IVA divisions in South America, Europe, and Asia within a decade. Once the American clubs are profitable, it will be less difficult to develop the pro sport in foreign countries where present interest in volleyball far surpasses America. Then at the end of each season, each country will have divisional playoffs leading up to the international championship match.



CONTINENTAL ALL-STARS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yrs. All-Star</u>	<u>Hometown (College)</u>	<u>IWA Team</u>
1	Jon Stanley	6-6	200	3	Honolulu, HI (BYU)	DENVER COMETS
2	Jeff Reddan	6-4	205	3	Santa Barbara, CA (UCSB)	DENVER COMETS
3	Meliton Jiminez	6-4	185	1	Mexico City, D.F. (Mexico)	Tucson Sky
4	Edward Skorek	6-4	185	1	Tomazow-Maz, Poland	El Paso Sol
5	Mercedes Gonzalez	5-9	130	1	Lima, Peru	Tucson Sky
6	Lucy Courtney	5-7	130	3	Houston, Texas (Houston)	DENVER COMETS
7	Sharon Peterson	5-7	125	2	Kailua, HI (Long Bch. St.)	El Paso Sol
8	Stan Gosciniak	6-0	170	3	Rceszow, Poland	Phoenix Heat
10	Valdemar Valdez	6-1	170	1	Mexico City, D.F. (Mexico)	Tucson Sky
11	Skale Gvozdenovic	6-3	185	1	Subotica, Yugoslavia	Phoenix Heat
CO-COACHES...Jon Stanley (DENVER) and Byron Shewman (Tucson)						



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WESTERN ALL-STARS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yrs. All-Star</u>	<u>Hometown (College)</u>	<u>IYA Team</u>
1	Bebeto De Freitas	5-10	170	1	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Santa Barbara
2	Jon Roberts	6-5	200	2	Summerland, CA (UCSB)	Orange County
3	Roseanne Wegrich	5-5	125	3	Manhattan Bc., CA (UCLA)	San Diego
4	Hilary Johnson	5-6	135	2	La Jolla, CA (UCLA)	Orange County
5	Linda Fernandez	5-7	125	2	Santa Barbara, CA (Hawaii)	Santa Barb.
6	Luiz Eymard	6-3	175	1	Belo Horizonte, Brazil	Santa Barbara
7	Dodge Parker	6-0	175	3	San Clemente, CA (Long Bch. St.)	Orange County
8	Jay Hanseth	6-2	180	1	Santa Barbara, CA (UCSB)	San Diego
9	Bill Wardrop	6-6	210	3	La Mesa, CA (USC)	San Diego
13	Wilt Chamberlain	7-2	285	1	Bel Air, CA (Kansas)	Orange County

CO-COACHES...Dodge Parker and Miles Pabst (Orange County)

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Two great Polish stars are Ed Skorek (above, left) and the acrobatic Stan Gosciniak (below).

Visas to Play Volleyball

Last year, Luiz Eymard helped San Diego win the IVA title. He returned to his home in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and told his fellow countrymen how nice it is to spend the summer in western United States.

So this year, Paulo Roberto de Freitas, better known as "Bebeto," one of the world's greatest setters and a friend of Eymard, decided to come, too.

Each year, an increasing number of foreign stars come to the IVA to upgrade the calibre of play. In 1975, Stanislaus Gosciniak, then 30, made Santa Barbara a strong team. During the rest of the year he is a university-level volleyball coach in Poland. This summer, he's doing his thing in Phoenix.

The league hoped to attract Ed Skorek in 1975 and 1976 and finally landed him this year. The star of the 1976 gold-medal-winning Polish Olympic team is headed for El Paso/Juarez.

Players from Yugoslavia, Germany, Mexico, and Canada are also seeing America in the summer and playing some volleyball. Worldwide, 65 million people play the game. It is second only to soccer in popularity.

One player, especially a setter or middle blocker, can greatly improve a team. Fans throughout the league have enjoyed the great foreign stars ever since the IVA was established. And it looks like a limitless supply is out there in numerous countries.





The IVA's Iron Women

IVA All Star selection Lucy Courtney is one of the league's premiere woman performers.

The iron men of the world's best professional volleyball league are women. It could only happen in the International Volleyball Association — thank heavens.

Linda Fernandez, Hilary Johnson, and Rosie Wegrich were the league's "iron men" as the circuit's third season opened. Each played in 256 games in 1975 and '76. Lou Gehrig should've been so lucky.

The coed concept is a big hit now, and the record book shows how indispensable defensive specialists like this cute threesome really are to the sport.

"I would never have gone anywhere playing women's volleyball because of my size," said Hilary, a 5-5 brunette, now with the Orange County Stars. "The girls 5-10 and over can do well, so when the IVA started, I knew I had to give up part of my game, and figured the new concept could help me."

Hilary no longer played near the net. She no longer had to block hard spikes from amateur amazons. "I knew that playing backcourt, what we do is important to the game.

"I think there's an advantage to being shorter in this league. Your center of gravity is lower. It's a challenge digging a male-driven power spike or getting a dink where I have to move a lot. I like it."

Lots of women volleyball players can look up (or down) to Hilary, one of the best in the nation, and can profit from her advice to young players. "Go on and play college volleyball to work on all the skills of the game. But emphasize your passing and digging if you want to be a pro.

"Playing the whole game gives girls an overview. Specialize later. It's like taking a broad variety of courses as an undergraduate in college, then specializing in what you do best later. You can understand the sport better."

Amen.

You'll find Linda Fernandez's name in four other places in the record book — most digs in a season (603), most service receiving attempts in a season (1,320), and — oops — most service receiving errors in a match (14) and season (166). So what! Pete Maravich's turnover total is astronomical in a male chauvinist sport because he handles the ball so much.

Linda came into the league following great success in college (University of Hawaii) and international competition. A bit taller than Hilary at 5-7, she, too, likes playing the pro game during the summer.

"The whole game now is faster than when the league first started," she said. "I had a hard time at first seeing the ball, because the guys were so big, the game was quicker and the ball moved faster.

"When you play with men you really see how the blocks are forming. Playing the backcourt now, and playing backcourt in all-women's competition, is like night and day. I think if I played on, say, a women's team now, I'd be a much better hitter-blocker because I've played with men. My perspective of the game has widened that much."

What turns Linda on on the court? It's making a tough play look easy — like accurately reading the other team's offense and Santa Barbara's defense so she knows where the ball is going to be.

As soon as the season ends for Linda in September, she will begin five months of intensive training for the 1978 ABC-TV Superstars' competition. She excels in swimming, running, bicycling, tennis, etc. Last year she placed in every event to finish third and win \$22,000.

It is skilled athletes like Johnson, Wegrich, Fernandez, Lucy Courtney, Nina Grouwinkel, Kathy Givran, and others, that make watching IVA action so much fun.

As Bill Rozich said when he met the press in April after taking over the Santa Barbara franchise, "I like sports and I like girls. Where else can you have both?"

STATS UP TO JULY 12, 1977.

KILLS		STUFF BLOCKS	
<u>Player, Team</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Player, Team</u>	<u>No.</u>
Jeff Reddan, Denver	297	Ed Skorek, El Paso/Juarez	69
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Jon Stanley, Denver	256	Jon Roberts, Orange County	58
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Skale Gvozdenovic, Phoenix	238	Wilt Chamberlain, Orange Cty.	54
Byron Shewman, Tucson	206	Bill Wardrop, San Diego	36
Meliton Jiminez, Tucson	205		
Luiz Eymard, Santa Barbara	203		

ATTACKING EFFICIENCY (minimum 270 attempts)

<u>Player, Team</u>	<u>Attempts</u>	<u>Kills</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Efficiency Pct.</u>
Ed Skorek, El Paso/Juarez	556	283	78	.369
Jon Stanley, Denver	577	256	49	.359
Luiz Eymard, Santa Barbara	417	203	60	.343
Wilt Chamberlain, Orange County	340	164	49	.338
Byron Shewman, Tucson	484	206	60	.302
Jay Hanseth, Sandiego	331	151	53	.296
Meliton Jiminez, Tucson	487	205	62	.294

DIGS

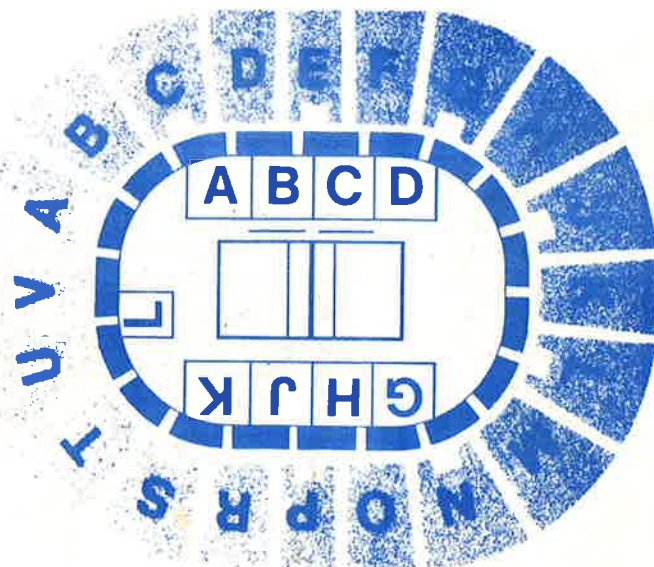
<u>Player, Team</u>	<u>No.</u>
Dodge Parker, Orange County	240
Babeto De Freitas, Santa Barbara	193
Valdemar Valdez, Tucson	172
Lucy Courtney, Denver	150
Hilary Johnson, Orange County	135
Mercedes Gonzales, Tucson	131



REMAINING DENVER COMETS HOME SCHEDULE

Wed.	July 20	SANTA BARBARA
Sat.	July 23	LOS ANGELES
Wed.	July 27	PHOENIX
Sun.	Aug. 7	SAN DIEGO
Wed.	Aug. 10	SANTA BARBARA
Sun.	Aug. 14	TUCSON
Wed.	Aug. 17	LOS ANGELES
Sat.	Aug. 20	SAN DIEGO
Tues.	Aug. 30	TUCSON
Thurs.	Sept. 1	PHOENIX
Sat.	Sept. 3	EL PASO/JUAREZ

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