

**REFEREEING REPORT**  
**to the**  
**WOVD VOLLEYBALL REFEREE COMMISSION**  
**about the**  
**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN SITTING VOLLEYBALL**  
**WOMEN AND MEN 2005**  
**Leverkusen, Germany: 21-25 June 2005**

**Organisation, Competition venue, hotel**

This tournament was very well organised. The local organisers were very helpful and friendly, and took good care of the referees.

The competition venue – Wilhelm-Dopatka-Halle - was perfect prepared with 3 courts. All courts had like a taraflex floor and the field had a different colour to the free space. One court, the main court, had a lot of seats around and was prepared for the TV. The two “smaller” courts were also very well prepared for this big tournament.

The hotel where the referees stayed was a four star hotel, hotel Lindner, it is directly integrated into the football stadium from Bayer Leverkusen. The officials and the referees had only cross the road to go in the competition venue. All referees had a double room. I had a single room. We get the breakfast in our hotel and the other meals in the hotel Ramada, where the teams stayed. A bus shuttle between the sportshall and the Ramada was in work, but the distance was also for walking not far.

**Referees, travel**

17 referees for the 12 men and 5 women team were nominated by the ERC for this tournament. The referees are:

Ute Fischer (GER)	Kirsten Kohn (GER)	Sari Mannersuo (FIN)
Ivana Pavic (CRO)	Audrius Gargasas (LIT)	Oleg Uvarov (RUS)
Toomas Murulo (EST)	Benno Meijer (NED)	Eddy Schipper (NED)
Victor Feldshteyn (UKR)	Dariusz Jasinski (POL)	Drago Franc (SLO)
Valdis Lipskis (LAT)	Gabor Karadi (HUN)	Senad Helac (BIH)
Nermin Begovic (BIH)	Simeon Mirotheos (GRE)	

In fact, that one referee was not coming to Leverkusen, Martijn Meulenkamp (NED) replaced him. Martijn was in duty as a linesman and I asked him one week before the tournament to bring the referee uniform with you to Leverkusen. Finally it was a good idea.

I get from the missing referee no information, that the nominated referee can't take part on the competition. Also the National team had no information why the referee was not coming. The referee called me after received the nomination at the end of March that the referee will come to Leverkusen. That was the last contact to him.

The travel costs for the referees was paid by the "own" teams or they get the money from the nation for what the referees were nominated for. All referees get the pocket money in the beginning of the tournament from me.

## **Clinics and meetings**

One day before the tournament start, I held a theory clinic for the referees, which I conducted, discussing the protocol for this tournament, the meetings for referees, nominations, observations, and some specific points from the Rules, Refereeing Instructions and Refereeing Guidelines. Mr. Toralv Thorkildsen (NOR), the ECVD Technical Officer spoke briefly with the referees at this meeting.

I held referee meetings as necessary during the tournament to discuss points arising from the matches which were relevant to all of the referees – the first was held at the end of the second day.

## **Nominations**

First I will say thank you to Mrs. Sari Mannersuo and Mr. Victor Feldshteyn, both are members of the ERC give me a lot of help to make the nominations during the tournament. You can see all nomination in an extra datafile.

## **Observations**

In fact that I was alone for make observations, it was not possible for me to observe all matches. So I made observation for "special" referees. After each match I spoke with the referees to discuss points from the match with them.

## **Quality of refereeing**

Overall, the standard of refereeing was acceptable, although (as normally) the level of the referees varied.

## **Minor officials**

For each match two line judges were provided, and generally they were very good and accurate in their work. The both chief line judges Hans Kronenberg and in the beginning also Martijn Meulenkamp (both from NED), listened to my advice and helped the line judges (from NED and GER) to improve their performance as the tournament went on. Hans and Martijn did a perfect job and it was pleasure for me to see how it can work professional when the right men on the right position. Thank you again to Hans and Martijn.

The scorer and the assistant scorer comes from the organizer and did a very good job. The assistant scorer watched about the libero changes. The reserve referee acted as the filled the jury table form.

Local children from some schools of Leverkusen and also from the club Bayer Leverkusen were acting as ball retrievers and moppers. They are perfect coached from the leader before and during the tournament, so I can say also, that they made a very good job.

### **Other points**

It was a great pleasure to work with all the team members from the organizer. Together we did a great job, also when it was very late if I had finish my nomination for the next day. The nominations was written in the daily bulletin.

During the closing ceremony I hand over to all “my” referees the diploma and said ones more thank you for their help.

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