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What's in store?

There are just three months to go before the World Championships for Men begin in Indianapolis. Most domestic leagues around the world are currently drawing to a close and for the 16 teams that have qualified for the World Championship, all attention will be focused on the national team. We're also focusing on the event at www.fiba.co.m/ oneplanet. We already have over 50 stories, profiles and interviews online and there will be much more to come in the next 12 weeks. Stay





Media Accreditation for World Championship for Women

The application form for media accreditation for the World Championship for Women is available for all media applicants. The form has been sent via post to worldwide media outlets. Those who wish to receive further copies should contact the FIBA Communications Department or the Local Organising Committee. Deadline for all applications is July 15th 2002.

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2002 World Basketball Championship School Program

The Indianapolis Sports Corporation, the Local Organisers of the World Championship for Men are using the upcoming championship as a unique opportunity to inspire children to learn with a unique tie to world cultures and sports. The four elements of the 2002 World Basketball Championship School Program include Adoptatem, Art Contest, Geography Bee and Sportsmanship Workshop.

Adopt-a-Team and the Geography Bee gives the chance for pupils to learn more about the history, language and culture of the 16 countries that will compete in the World Championship.

The Art Contest asks students to interpret the theme "One Planet One Title" in the format of a poster. Winning entries may be displayed at various venues such as the RCA Dome, Conseco Fieldhouse and in the official souvenir program.

The final component of the 2002 World Basketball Championship School Program is the Sportsmanship Workshop, which is set to take place Saturday, August 31st, 2002 at the NCAA Hall of Champions. The workshop is based on the NCAA's Stay in Bounds Program and will feature community basketball players and their parents, as well as interactive exhibits, multi-media presentations and hands-on exercises.

FIBA Peacestreet BASKETBALL INTERNATIONAL A GENEVE

"Peacestreet" welcomes FIBA to Geneva

Part of FIBA's 70-year celebrations will see a 3-on-3 tournament take place in Geneva's Place du Rhône on June 15th. The tournament is organised by FIBA in co-operation with the City of Geneva and the Geneva Basketball Association. Over 400 players are expected to play and check out the other activities such as the dunk contest, the "peace game" (a full-court game featuring boys and girls representing every country in Europe) and a breakdancing show. UN Special Counsel to Sport and Peace Mr. Aldolf Oggi will be on hand to take part in a free throw shooting contest, along with President of the Department of the Economy, Employment and Foreign Affairs of the State of Geneva Mr. Carlo Lamprecht and Mayor of the City of Geneva Mr. André

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Borislav Stanković and IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge at the General Assembly of the European Basketball Federations



Qatar's Al Rayyan celebrates victory in the 13th ABC Champions Cup



One Planet One Title

See the world's finest basketball teams challenge for basketball supremacy this autumn, in the World Championships for Men and Women 2002.

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FIBAL World

European Club Competition Finals

European club competition has drawn to a close this season and the national federations of Italy and France have reason to be very happy with the results. They executed a clean sweep of FIBA-Europe's four competitions with the following clubs lifting trophies:

Saporta Cup:

Montepaschi Siena (Italy) defeated Pamesa BC SAD Valencia (Spain)

Korac Cup:

SLUC Basket Nancy (France) defeated Lokomotiv Mineralnye Vody (Russia)

EuroLeague Women:

USV Olympic (France) defeated VBW Clima Gdynia (Poland)

Ronchetti Cup:

Familia Schio (Italy) defeated Gespe Bigorre Tarbes (France)



USV Olympic celebrate EuroLeague triumph

FINAL FOUR WOMEN

The Final Four Women was dominated by USV Olympic, which took advantage of its virtual home court advantage. The game was played in Liévin, just 50km from Olympic's arena in Valenciennes in an area where there is plenty of passsion for the women's game. Olympic's supporters were there in full force, but supporters from Gdynia, Parma and Ruzomberok also made the longer trip to France. Olympic recorded a 48-point win in its semi-final win over Ruzomberok, and never looked back. Gdynia put up a great fight in the final, but in the end the French club's team performance was too much for the Polish club, and Olympic won the title that eluded them in last year's final.



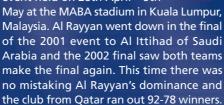
Roberto Chiacig of Siena with the Saporta Cup trophy

SAPORTA CUP

Turkish coach Ergin Ataman's second trip to a Final of a European club competition proved to be more successful than the first. After finishing third in the 2000 EuroLeague Final Four with Efes Pilsen, Ataman moved in 2001 to Siena, where this season he reached the final of the Saporta Cup against Pamesa Valencia. In a very tense game held in Lyon, France and supported by a sellout crowd of Spanish and Italian fans, the club from Italy won a European title for the first time in its history. Mrs. Saporta, the widow of the late Raimundo Saporta awarded the trophy for the last time, as from next season the Saporta and Korac Cups will be merged into the new FIBA-Europe Cup.

Al Rayyan win 13th ABC Champions Cup

Al Rayyan (Qatar) made up for last year's heartbreaking overtime loss in the Asian Basketball Confederation's Champions Cup, with victory in this year's event held on 28th April – 5th



Al Rayyan were led by American guard Johnson Kristaan who contributed 32 points to his team's effort in the final, and picked up the tournament MVP trophy. It was Kristaan who made the difference in the fourth quarter after Al Rayyan held a slim lead (59-58) at the end of the third. Seven points in succession from Kristaan sparked his club in the final quarter and led his club to its first ABC Champions Cup crown.

Al Wahda from Syria finished third after a 104-58 victory over Sangmu Phoenix of Korea. Full reports from the tournament can be found on ABC's official website www.asianbasketball.com.

Zone Secretary Generals meet at FIBA headquarters in Munich

The meeting of the Secretary-Generals of the five FIBA Zones has become a tradition in recent years. "Business as usual" could have been expected for the meeting which was held in Munich from 18th – 20th April 2002. But this meeting turned out to be different in many ways.

"Strategies and mission statements for the future" could have been the title for this meeting which was more a brainstorming session. The Secretary-Generals of the five Zones gave a brief report on the main challenges and objectives in their Zone for the period 2003-2006 and the different Head of departments of FIBA gave also short presentations.

The aim was to assess

- the main objectives in their respective areas
- the main actions to be taken by FIBA and the Zones in order to reach these objectives
- the financial impact and
- the risk and benefits connected to them.

The very ambitious agenda also covered

- Sports development programmes such as Mini-Basketball, Coaches, Youth programmes, Outdoor facilities, referees and international competitions
- Communications and PR
- IT infrastructure and Internet
- Globalisation
- FIBA Bye-Laws

It proved to be a very fruitful discussion of FIBA's future strategies and should provide a first starting document which will be presented to the Central Board for its next meeting in Geneva. It is expected to be finalised by the end of the year.

As FIBA and the Zones are also running a more and more complex business in a rapidly changing world, FIBA has decided to involve in this process a worldwide known consulting company, which will guide it systematically through achieving a valuable strategic plan in the period 2003-2006



+ + Final line-ups for CBC Tournaments set

The 16th Caribbean Basketball Confederation Championships for Men and Women will take place from June 29th – July 8th in the US Virgin Islands. The venue for the competitions will be the University of the Virgin Islands Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. The following teams have confirmed their participation in the tournaments:

Men: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Virgin Islands, Women: Bahamas, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

Giorgios

Vassilakopoulos

FIBA-Europe

new President of

The FIBA-Europe General Assembly of the

50 European Basketball Federations met

on 10th – 12th May in Oostende, Belgium.

Mr. Giorgios Vassilakopoulos from Greece

was elected new President of FIBA-Europe

for the 2002 - 2006 term of office. Elections

were also held for the 25 members of the

Board of FIBA-Europe, of whom Mr. Yvan

Mainini, Mr. Vassilakopoulos, Mr. Fausto

Maifredi and Mrs. Lena Wallin Kantzy will

represent Europe on the FIBA Central

Board. A full list of the board members can

be found on www.fiba.com. The European

Board also decided that the headquarters

of FIBA-Europe will remain in Munich

To ensure a smooth transition and the

operational functioning of this new entity,

the Board appointed Mr. Patrick Baumann

(Deputy Secretary General of FIBA) as

Executive Director for FIBA-Europe and Mr.

Lubomir Kotleba (FIBA Sports Director) as

Sports Director for FIBA-Europe, Both will

remain in office for an interim time until

the end of this year at the latest. FIBA-

Europe will also set up a company in

Munich, which will carry out all commercial

activities of FIBA-Europe in accordance with

the decisions taken by the Board of FIBA-

Europe and the Central Board of FIBA in

November 2001. Mr. Jiri Zednicek (Czech

Republic) has been appointed as Managing

Director of this FIBA-Europe subsidiary.

The European Board has also approved the

general principles of a completely new

new FIBA-Europe Cup will be played in a

Three-Conference System with a final pan-

European phase. In principle, the Northern Conference will be managed by Mr. Algimantas Pavilionis (Lithuania), the

Southern Conference by Mr. Iliev (Bulgaria)

and the Western Conference by Mr. Jiri

Zednicek (Czech Republic). The Northern

European Basketball League (NEBL) is

integrated in the Northern Conference. Details for the next season will be worked

out shortly and communicated to all

National Federations during the month of

June. The meeting was tinged with a little

sadness as it was a farewell affair for

longtime board members Mr. Keith Mitchell

(Vice-President FIBA-Europe 1994-2002),

Mr. Manfred Ströher (FIBA Treasurer 1994-

2002) and Mr. Ernesto Segura de Luna

(President FIBA-Europe 1994-1998).

Business Corner

throughout the world.

Mondo will provide the official floors for the upcoming World Championships in Indianapolis in the Conseco Fieldhouse and RCA Dome. Mondo will try to enter the US market a new venture, which is managed by Mr. Stroppiana's son Maurizio.

FIBA Basketball Promotion GmbH is a subsidiary

MONDO

The world will play on Mondo

Mondo, a corporation which is headquartered in Gallo d'Alba, Italy, close to the city of Turin, has been a long term partner of the FIBA Study Centre. Since 1994, wooden and synthetic floors as well as basket supports and scoreboards have been approved by FIBA and have been supplied to many modern arenas

In 2000, the company entered into a sponsor's contract with FIBA. Recently a new partnership has started with a proposal for a new contract 2003 - 2006. "I'm very pleased that we have entered into negotiations for a new agreement with FIBA," said Mondo owner and President Mr. Elio Stroppiana. "We feel that top class product like our floors match very well with top class basketball presented at FIBA competitions," added General Director Dr. Viberti.

of FIBA. FBP consists of three departments: Marketing, Events and Study Centre & Research.

Each of these members have made valuable contributions to European basketball over the years and they will all be missed. FIBA General Secretary Mr. Borislav Stankovic took the opportunity to put into words the feelings of the federation delegates in a speech of thanks and farewell. This was also Mr. Stankovic's last European General Assembly since he became FIBA General

Line-ups for 2002 **Gold Cup Complete**

the end of 2002.

Secretary in 1976. He will retire officially at

The final three men's and women's teams for the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation's 2002 Gold Cup qualified in April at the IWBF Americas Zone Cup. Canada, Mexico and USA earned spots in the women's competition and Brazil, Canada and USA in the men's. Following the competition the draw for the Gold Cup was held with the following results:

Women Group A: Great Britain, Japan, the Netherlands, USA

Group B: Australia, Canada, Germany,

Men Group A: Australia, Brazil, Great Britain, Korea, the Netherlands, USA Group B: Canada, France, Germany, Israel,



Brazil's Dos Santos shoots beyond the reaching arm of USA's Ruth Nunez as teammate Hope Lewellen (11) looks on.

The 2002 Kitakyushu Gold Cup will take place in Japan. The men's teams begin play on 23rd August. Their championship game is scheduled on 1st September. The women begin competition on 26th August and play the championship game on 31st August.

Carl Men-Ky Ching

The FIBA-Asia Central Board and Congress

met on the occasion of the ABC Champions Cup from 3rd - 4th May for its annual meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. FIBA Deputy Secretary General Patrick Baumann and Development Manager Zoran Radovic were present at the meetings. A total of 39 federations of FIBA-Asia attended the assembly.

FIBA-Asia Secretary General Yeo Choo Hock gave a four-year report (1998-2002) of FIBA-Asia's activities and major challenges for the future. Carl Men-Ky Ching was re-elected as President of FIBA-Asia and Secretary General Yeoh Choo Hock was also confirmed for the next four-year term of office.

re-elected in Asia



+ + + Adelaide 36ers secure NBL title
The Adelaide 36ers of Australia's National Basketball league wrapped up their 3rd title in the past 5 years with a 2-1 victory over West Sydney in the grand final. Adelaide used the home court advantage and came up with a 125-107 victory. This was the 36ers 4th Championship series win which ties the record previously held by the Perth Wildcats. MVP of the series was Adelaide guard Brett Maher who top scored in the final game with 30 points.

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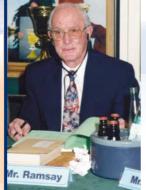
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+ + + FIBA-Oceania President Al Ramsey to retire in 2002

August 2002 will see the retirement of FIBA-Oceania President Al Ramsey after a 40-year career working for world basketball in a voluntary capacity. Al's basketball career began in earnest in 1947 when he qualified as a referee. He founded the Oceania Basketball Confederation in 1967 and served as its Secretary General until 1997. Not just concentrating on basketball in Oceania, Al has played a key role on the international scene as a 25-year member of FIBA's Central Board. He has been involved in 10 Olympic Games and a further 10 World Championships. Although he will no doubt remain involved in basketball, Al will be missed and the FIBA Secretariat wishes him all the best for the future.

+ + + Wauters scoops Final Four MVP Honours in Lievín

Having led her team in scoring and rebounding during the 2001/2002 Women's EuroLeague, 22-year old Ann Wauters took it upon herself to carry her team in their second consecutive Final Four appearance. While nobody would deny that USV Olympic's Final Four victory was underpinned by great teamwork, it was Wauters who made the difference in the Final. Her battle with Gdynia's power forward Elena Chakirova was one of the highlights of the event. In the end Wauters' 23 points (10/12 shooting), 8 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal and 2 blocks were too much for Chakirova and Gdnyia. USV Olympic ran out deserved victors 78-72 and Wauters was named by a panel of journalists as the Final Four's MVP.



+ + + International Legends nominated for Hall of Fame

Former Real Madrid coach Pedro Ferrandiz, ex-Italian national team great Dino Meneghin and the late Drazen Petrovic have all been nominated as international finalists for enshrinement into the 2002 class of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Meneghin and Petrovic have previously been finalists, and a total of 18 of 24 votes are needed from the Honors Committee for an individual to be enshrined. The announcement of the successful candidates will be made on 5th June, 2002, with the inauguration ceremony to take place in September at the Hall of Fame's new \$103 million building.

On the left: Dino Meneghin with one of the many trophies he lifted during his career



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EVENT CALENDAR

JUNE 2002

Centro Basket Championship

04/06/02 - 08/06/02 for Junior Women 2002 in Guatemala 12/06/02 - 16/06/02 for Junior Men 2002, in Dominican Republic

15/06/02 FIBA Streethall Tournament "Peacestreet"

in Geneva, Switzerland

29/06/02 - 07/07/02 Centro Basket Championship for Men and Women

2002, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

JULY 2002

12/07/02 - 21/07/02 European Championship for Junior Men and Junior Women 2002, in Germany and Slovenia

14/07/02 - 22/07/02 16th Asian Championship for Junior Women 2002 in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China

26/07/02 - 04/08/02 European Championship for Young Men and Young

Women 2002, in Lithuania and Croatia

2nd African Championship for Young Men

MEETING CALENDAR

JUNE 2002

17/06/02 - 19/06/02 Central Board of FIBA

and 70-year anniversary of FIBA celebration

in Genéva, Switzerland

AUGUST 2002

24/08/02 - 28/08/02 Central Board and World Congress of FIRA

in Indianapolis, United States of America

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