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## SCOREBOARD - ROUND 4

### MEN

#### Superleague (Team 1)

Coach: John Ricciardi  
Balcatta def ECU Chequers 3-0  
25-21, 25-21, 25-18

#### Division 1 (Team 13)

Coach: Steve Petsos  
Balcatta d Southern Cross Masters 3-0  
25-18, 25-21, 25-20

#### Masters (Team 17)

Coach: Marty Bertuleit  
Rossmoyne def Balcatta Masters 3-1  
25-22, 25-27, 25-23, 25-19

#### Division 2 (Team 22)

Coach: Romano Fracassini  
Balcatta def Rossmoyne 3-1  
22-25, 25-22, 26-24, 25-22

#### Division 3 (Team 32)

Coach: Brendon Buckley  
Balcatta (Bye)

### WOMEN

#### Superleague (Team 104)

Coach: Russell Hampton  
Balcatta (Bye)

#### Division 1 (Team 111)

Coach: Aaron Leung  
Balcatta def Southern Cross 3-0  
25-21, 26-24, 25-17

#### Division 2 (Team 122)

Coach: Mel Johnson  
ECU Chequers Masters d Balcatta 3-2  
25-22, 14-25, 21-25, 25-20, 15-13

#### Division 3 - Blue (Team 132)

Coach: Layne van Smaalen  
Southern Cross Green def Balcatta  
Blue 3-0  
25-18, 25-13, 25-19

#### Division 3 - Red (Team 133)

Coach: Mitchell Collins  
Balcatta Red def UWAVC 3-2  
19-25, 26-24, 23-25, 25-21, 15-10

#### Division 4 (Team 141)

Coach: John Sewell  
Balcatta (Bye)



*Big win - Balcatta Div. 1 boys beat Southern Cross Masters in straight sets last weekend.*



*Dig it - Balcatta player Lauren Wenman returned to Division 1 in round 4 to help the Cats to a straight sets win over Southern Cross.*



*On the move - Sam Cadwallader has made the successful switch from setting to libero this year.*

## Cats on top of the PVL ladder

The Balcatta Volleyball Club had its best round for the season winning five out of eight games played last weekend, including the men's Superleague clash over ECU Chequers. After four rounds, the Cats are on top of the PVL Ladder in the men's Division 2 and 3, and women's Division 1 and 3 competitions. Balcatta women had a bye, as well as the entire Superleague competition, due to the second round of the AVL series, which was held in Adelaide, South Australia.

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## Cats purring in 2009

Balcatta continues to dominate the Division 1 women's competition beating Southern Cross in straight sets (25-21, 26-24, 25-17) to win its fourth game in a row. But although the game only lasted three sets, the first two sets were close with the Cats down in both, but came back in the last few points to win each. In the third set, however, the Cats took control early and ran away with the set and the game. Coach Aaron Leung said that in the final set Lauren Wenman demonstrated some of her strength swinging a massive kill down the line to fire the team up. "Julie Chapman came off the bench half way through the third set to dominate on serve and also helped the girls win," he said. "It's great to see our focus on team expectations and culture paying off with the final set showing the team's intention for season 2009."

## Top Cats extend unbeaten run

Balcatta is on top of the PVL ladder in the men's Division 2 competition after beating Rossmoyne in four sets last Sunday (22-25, 25-22, 26-24, 25-22). But the game was hard fought with the Cats losing the first set and only narrowly winning the remaining three sets. Coach Romano Fracassini said that Rossmoyne was a very organised team with simple but efficient schemes. "The game was in the balance for many points and some rallies were long with no-one prepared to give up," he said. "But the Cats were able to stay calm and fight back winning the most important points. Our defence, with Sam Cadwallader playing libero, is continually improving, making less mistakes than in the past. Sometimes our attack lacked a little determination, but we are getting more confident each game."



## SUPERLEAGUE - MEN

### Game Results

#### Superleague

Coach: John Ricciardi  
 Balcatta def ECU Chequers 3-0  
 25-21, 25-21, 25-18



*Back on track - Reigning Superleague Premiers Balcatta have now won their last two games to get their season back on track after losing the first two games.*

### Cat tales

Cats Coach - John Ricciardi  
 Cats Captain - Paul Prindiville  
 PVL position in 2008 - 1  
 Premierships - 5 (1996-97, '99, 2007-08)

### This week's game preview

Bye - State Championships

## Cats win back to back games

Reigning Premiers Balcatta are in equal third place on the PVL ladder in the men's Superleague competition after beating ECU Chequers in straight sets last weekend.

After two shock losses to start the season, the Cats have now won their last two games in a row to get their season back on track.

Heading into the round 4 clash against ECU the Cats were without the injured James Clinch, Aaron Borszeky (who had an appendix operation) and Cameron Dall who was away for family reasons. As well, coach John Ricciardi was unable to make the game due to an existing engagement, so captain Paul Prindiville took charge on the day.

Keen to get another win under their belt, the Cats started the first set strongly with the players pounding ECU with strong spikes from the middle and outside. Josh Court was deadly with his jump serve putting Chequers in all sorts of trouble, the Prindiville Brothers (Paul and Michael) as usual were on top of the defending block, and Callum Bradburn was setting precisely. Towards the end of the set ECU managed to reduce the deficit, but the Cats held on to win 25-21.

In the second set the Balcatta players again started strongly with Andrew Clinch in fine form. But in this set ECU were closer throughout and made it hard for the Cats to win points. Balcatta's defense, however, prevailed and with the Prindiville Brothers spiking powerfully, the Cats won the second set - also by four points (25-21).

Heading into the third set captain Paul Prindiville urged the Cats to finish off the game strongly and win in three sets. The Balcatta players delivered winning the set comfortably 25-18, and the game.

Cats coach John Ricciardi said the team was starting to get back in form. "With more training and a rest this week, we will be ready to bounce back to winning form after the break," John said. "Best wishes to Aaron Borszeky for a quick recovery after his appendix operation."

## Superleague Men - Season at a Glance

Rnd.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Opp.	Ros	SX	Uni	ECU																
Res.	L	L	W	W																
Score	1-3	0-3	3-0	3-0																
Pos.	-	-	-	=3																

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## 2009 PVL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Team	G	W	L	D	F	B	Position*
<b>MEN</b> Superleague	4	2	2				=3
Division 1	4	3	1				2
Masters (Div. 1)	4	1	2			1	=4
Division 2	4	4					=1
Division 3	4	3				1	1
<b>WOMEN</b> Superleague							
Division 1	5	1	2			2	3
Division 2	4	4					1
Division 2	4	1	3				5
Division 3 (Blue)	4	1	3				6
Division 3 (Red)	4	4					1
Division 4	4	2	1			1	3

**LEGEND**  
 G - Games played  
 W - Wins  
 L - Losses  
 D - Draws  
 F - Forfeits  
 B - Byes  
 TBC - To be confirmed

\* Positions (As at Round 4)

## BLUE SHORTS

### WA remain undefeated in national series

Western Australia won all three games played in round 2 of the women's Australian Volleyball Series in Adelaide last weekend to remain undefeated in 2009.

Results were as follows:  
 WA def Uni Blues (Vic) 3-2 (25-23, 29-27, 20-25, 26-28, 15-12)  
 WA d Qld 3-0 (25-12, 25-7, 25-23)  
 WA def Uni Blues (Vic) 3-1, (20-25, 26-24, 25-20, 25-21)

Balcatta Superleague players Melissa Johnson, Elise Chapman and Tenille Ryan are in the WA team, although Tenille was rested for the SA leg of the tournament.

WA is now on top of the AVL ladder and remains the only undefeated team in the competition.



Balcatta Superleague player Elise Champan.



Balcatta Superleague player Mel Johnson is in the WA team in the AVL series.

### AVL series comes to Perth

Round 3 of the women's Australian Volleyball League comes to Perth on 13-14 June.

Club members are encouraged to watch the nation's best female volleyball players live at the Craigie Leisure Centre.

The fixtures are as follows:

**Saturday**  
 10am - WA vs SA  
 12noon - ACT (Canberra Heat) vs NSW (University of Technology Sydney and Sydney University)  
 4pm - ACT (Canberra Heat) vs SA  
 6pm - WA vs NSW (University of Technology Sydney and Sydney University) - FEATURE GAME

**Sunday**  
 9am - SA vs NSW (University of Technology Sydney and Sydney University)  
 11am - WA vs ACT (Canberra Heat)  
 2.30pm - WA vs SA.

### State Championships

The annual State Volleyball Championships will be held this weekend at the Loftus Street Centre. Three teams with players from the Balcatta Volleyball Club have entered the championships - the Ferals, Team Green (men) and the Internationals (women). This week VWA will review gradings for the remainder of the season and the new fixtures will be published after the State Championships. The next round of PVL is scheduled for 14 June as there is a general bye the previous weekend.

