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SCOREBOARD - ROUND 6

MEN

Superleague (Team 1)

Coach: John Ricciardi
Rossmoyne b Balcatta 3-1
29-27, 25-14, 18-25, 25-14

Division 1 (Team 13)

Coach: Steve Petsos
Southern Cross b Balcatta 3-0
25-23, 25-22, 25-23

Masters (Team 17)

Coach: Marty Bertuleit
Balcatta Masters b Southern Cross
Masters 3-2
26-24, 29-31, 30-28, 23-25, 15-11

Division 2 (Team 22)

Coach: Romano Fracassini
Balcatta b ECU Chequers 3-0
25-11, 25-13, 25-18

Division 3 (Team 32)

Coach: Brendon Buckley
Balcatta b UWAVC 3-0
25-15, 25-22, 25-22

WOMEN

Superleague (Team 104)

Coach: Russell Hampton
UWA b Balcatta 3-1
25-16, 21-25, 25-12, 25-15

Division 1 (Team 111)

Coach: Aaron Leung
Balcatta b Rossmoyne 3-1
25-16, 25-27, 25-17, 25-20

Division 2 (Team 122)

Coach: Mel Johnson
Southern Cross b Balcatta 3-1
25-23, 25-27, 25-10, 25-10

Division 3 - Blue (Team 132)

Coach: Layne van Smaalen
Sth Cross Green b Balcatta Red 3-0
25-14, 25-16, 25-18

Division 3 - Red (Team 133)

Coach: Mitchell Collins
Balcatta Red b Sth Cross White 3-0
25-17, 25-22, 25-19

Division 4 (Team 141)

Coach: John Sewell
Balcatta Blue b Sth X Penrhos B 3-0
25-22, 25-15, 25-17



Celebration time - Balcatta Division 1 women enjoy their big four set win over Rossmoyne last weekend.



Winning streak - Setter Ali Mees won 13 points in a row on serve in the first set to set up the Cats win over Rossmoyne.



Talking tactics - Cats Division 2 coach Mel Johnson briefs her players.



Top Cats - Balcatta Red is undefeated and on top of the PVL ladder in the women's Division 2 competition.

Mixed bag for the Cats

Round 6 of the 2009 PVL season was a mixed bag for the Balcatta Volleyball Club with the Cats winning six out of ten games played. The Cats maintained their unbeaten run in the men's Division 2 and 3 and women's Division 1 and 2 competitions. But while our women's Superleague team battled hard against league leaders UWA, the reigning Balcatta men's premiership team continued to struggle this year - losing to Rossmoyne in four sets after a promising start to the game. For the second week in a row, Balcatta Masters had a thrilling five set marathon win - this week over Southern Cross Masters - with the score in two sets exceeding 30 points.

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Depleted Cats still too strong

Balcatta continued its winning form over Rossmoyne on Sunday in the women's Division 1 competition to extend their unbeaten run to six games. Despite missing Katja Horley and Miranda Day (travel) and being forced to play a few players who were not feeling well, the Cats won in four sets (25-15, 25-27, 25-17, 25-20). Coach Aaron Leung said it was a scrappy game against the young Rossmoyne girls. "But with players missing and others unwell, it was great to see the team continue their winning form," he said. "The entire team made good contributions in the game."

Brave Balcatta girls go down in four

Balcatta made Southern Cross work hard for their win over the Cats on Sunday in the women's Division 2 competition. Up against the No.2 side, the Cats started strongly winning the first set 25-23 and losing the second 25-27, but lost the next two sets 10-25. Cats coach Mel Johnson said that her team showed that they can be competitive against the best teams in this division. "The girls played with their hearts and never gave up with amazing defense from all players and some great blocking by Erin Germani. Balcatta is currently in equal sixth place on the ladder with ECU.

Red Cats in white hot form

Balcatta Red beat Southern Cross White in straight sets last weekend to maintain its unbeaten run and move two games clear on top of the PVL ladder ahead of UWA (25-17, 25-22, 25-19). Cats coach Mitchell Collins said that the Balcatta girls played extremely well considering the captain and star setter Kate Ganz was out after rolling her ankle at training. "Chelsea Packham stepped into the role of setting for the first time and set really well," he said. "Not only did she have to set, but she set five-one and stayed with the same game plan. Stand in captain Rianne Parker was easily the best player on court - serving and hitting well from front court and backcourt."



SUPERLEAGUE - WOMEN

Game Results

Superleague

Coach: Russell Hampton

UWA b Balcatta 3-1

25-16, 21-25, 25-12, 25-15



Beating the blockers - Jenette Brown injured her thumb against UWA but should be ok to play this weekend.

Cat tales

Cats Coach - Russell Hampton

Cats Captain - Jenny Day

PVL position in 2008 - 4

Premierships - 3 (1996, 1997, 1998)

This week's game preview

Opponent - Perth Coastal

Cat's game streak - 2 wins in a row and a loss

Last clash against opponent - Balcatta won in five sets

Brave Cats fade against league leaders

Balcatta put a brave fight against PVL leaders UWA in the women's Superleague game last Sunday at the Loftus Recreation Centre. With UWA at full strength, the Cats were in for a tough game with Claire Dragicevic and Elise Chapman away and captain Jenny Day still injured. This paved the way for Division 1 player Ellin Collins to play Superleague.

The first set was an even affair early and following blocks to Tenille Ryan, Mel Johnson and Ellin Collins, the Cats tied the set at 6-all. Ella Pragt and Jenette Brown chipped in with spike kills to keep the Cats in the set at 10-12 down and the Cats kept within two points through to 16-18 when Collins converted after desperate defence by Kim Ellwood. But from here on UWA pulled away and won the set unchallenged (16-25).

In the second set the Cats got off to a flying start with an ace to Ryan and kill to Pragt to open up a 3-0 lead. After Brown fired with a kill and then an ace and Pragt again showed her brilliant defensive pick ups, the Cats opened up a five-point lead at 11-6. UWA fought back to get within three points at 10-13, but more quick kills to Collins and a pair of aces to Ryan saw the Cats extend their lead to 16-11. When Pragt killed the ball at 23-17, the Cats look set to win. But UWA fought back to win the next four points in a row before the Cats got home (25-21).

The Cats good form disappeared in the third set. After UWA stacked on four unanswered points, the Cats were trailing 5-11. UWA started to demoralise the Cats as they extended their lead to eight points (at 7-15), then 13 points (at 9-22), eventually winning by this gap (12-25).

Balcatta lifted at the start of the fourth set with Mel Johnson again kicking off the scoring for the Cats with a kill block. UWA put on a run of points early but the Cats responded with kills to Pragt and Collins to get within three points at 8-11, and again at 13-16. But after two back-to-back timeouts - one for UWA and another for the Cats to give Brown time to strap an injured thumb - UWA stepped up a gear. The league leaders showed some flashy defence and power spiking to win the set 25-16, and the game.

Cats' coach Russell Hampton said that for half of the first set and the full second set Balcatta was great.

"The Cats showed they can match it with the powerhouse UWA team," Russell said.

But unfortunately we did not keep the work rate up or put in enough effort and UWA eventually ran away with a pretty convincing win"

Congratulations to Ellin Collins who played well in her first Superleague game this year.

"Ella Pragt and Tenille Ryan played consistently well for the entire match," Russell said.

Superleague Women - Season at a Glance

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Opp.	SX	Uni	Bye	PC	Bye	ECU	Uni	PC												
Result	L	L		W		W	L													
Score	0-3	0-3		3-2		3-0	1-3													
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