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SCOREBOARD - ROUND 10

MEN

Superleague

Perth Coastal b Balcatta 3-1
25-20,13-25,25-18,25-18

Division 1

Balcatta b UWAVC 3-2
25-21,18-25,16-25,25-16,15-10

Masters - Bye

Division 2

Balcatta b Rossmoyne 3-0
25-18,25-20,27-25

Division 3

Balcatta b Southern Cross 3-0,
25-11,26-24,25-22

WOMEN

Superleague

UWAVC b Balcatta 3-2
25-16,17-25,25-20,19-25,15-13

Division 1

Perth Coastal b Balcatta 3-2
23-25,22-25,25-19,25-21,15-9

Division 2

Balcatta b Perth Coastal 3-2
17-25,25-22,25-12,24-26,15-12

Division 3

Sth Cross Green b Bal. Blue 3-0
25-13,25-17,25-13

Balcatta Red - Bye

Division 4

Balcatta Blue b ECU 3-0
25-21,25-12,25-22



In good hands - Mitchell Collins setting against Rossmoyne in the men's Div 2 clash.



Playing Coach - Cats coach Romano Fracassini was forced to play for his team to avoid a forfeit against Rossmoyne.



Dig it - Balcatta Division 1 player Mel Davey in perfect position to dig the ball.



Twin towers - Corbin Butson wins a point for the Cats at the net against Southern Cross in the men's Division 3 game.

Balcatta club in good shape

Balcatta won five out of nine games played in Round 10 of the 2009 PVL Season. The men won in Division 1, 2 and 3, while the women won in Division 2 and 4. Unfortunately, after stringing together several wins in a row, both our Superleague teams lost. But the women put up a brave fight against the top UWA side in a thrilling five-set match. Our top Division 1 girls also lost in a five-setter against Perth Coastal, who is in third spot on the ladder. As we reach the half-way mark of the competition, the Cats are in a good position with most teams in strong contention to make the finals.

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Wounded Cats dig deep to win

The undefeated Balcatta men's Division 2 side managed to win a drama-packed game on Sunday against the top Rossmoyne side in straight sets. Towards the end of the first set Jeremy Ricciardi twisted his ankle, but could not be substituted as there were no players on the bench. Jeremy stayed on court for the remaining set points to avoid the forfeit, the Cats holding on to win the set 25-18. Coach Romano Fracassini then pulled on a Cats uniform for the rest of the game and with Anthony Wah Day unstoppable, the Cats won the second set 25-20. In the third set Rossmoyne fought point-for-point, but the Cat's were too determined and won the marathon set 27-25, and the game.

Competitors close in on top Cats

University and Perth Coastal are now within reach of the Cats in top spot in the women's Division 1 competition after Coastal beat Balcatta in five sets. After winning the first two sets (25-23, 25-22) coach Aaron Leung decided to play the bench in the third set, which the Cats lost 19-25. But despite going back to the starting rotation the Cats lost the fourth set (21-25) after leading 21-19, and then the final set (9-15). Cat's coach Aaron Leung said the Cats lost because they made too many service errors. "We had the chance to serve out the game in the fourth set, but lost six points in a row," he said. "By the fifth set their heart wasn't in it."

Balcatta boys win nine in a row

Balcatta beat Southern Cross in straight sets in the men's Division 3 game (25-11, 26-24, 25-22). After ten rounds (nine games and a bye), the Cats remain unbeaten and are two games clear on top of the PVL ladder, above UWA and Rossmoyne Masters. After a slow start, the Cats controlled the game throughout but had to work hard to close out the second and third sets. Captain Elliott Hill and Todd Hatfield both set throughout the game and played great all-round games, while outside hitters Kop Batsabatheng and Shaan Francke were in great form early.



BLUE SHORTS

Future bright for Balcatta Cats

Congratulations to the Balcatta players and coaches who represented WA at the National Championships in Queensland. The future is looking great for the club with 19 Balcatta players selected in this year's State teams:

Men

U21 - Jayson Fox, Josh Court
 U19 - Cameron Dall, Chris Prior
 U17 - Elliott Hill, Matt Hawkins

Women

U19 - Tenille Ryan, Ella Pragt, Ellin Collins, Brooke Beasley
 U17 and 16 - Jess Coshen, Tayla Beck, Sarah Cole-Bowen, Kate Ganz, Kiera Mann-Piercy, Rianne Parker, Charlotte Ryan, Chelsea Packham, Simona Koncarevic.

Coaches

Paul Prindiville
 Michael Prindiville
 Mitchell Collins.



Shining Pearls [L-R] Top - Pauline Manse (coach), Tara West, Melissa Johnson, Elise Chapman, Amanda Robertson, Fleur Holmes, Lori Tyrrell, Chris Wallman; Bottom - Tenille Ryan, Rachele Brammer, Michelle Hand, Amy McCallum, Laurel Wentworth

Balcatta players win Gold at the Nationals

Balcatta Superleague players Melissa Johnson, Elise Chapman and Tenille Ryan were all members of the WA Pearls team who recently won the 2009 Australian Volleyball League championships.

The Pearls beat Victoria in the grand final in a hard-fought four set game on Sunday at the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong, after beating Queensland in straight sets on the Saturday.

WA went through the year undefeated and continued their winning run in the finals recording 12 wins, capping of the series with a gold medal.

The first set in the grand final was a marathon with WA narrowly winning it 27-25. After winning the second set, Victoria blitzed WA to win the third set 25-8 after opening up a thirteen point lead at the start (13-0). But WA fought back in the fourth set to narrowly win it 25-23 to take out the gold.

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Roaring Cats - Division 3 Captain Elliot Hill represented WA at the recent National Junior Championships in Queensland.