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SCOREBOARD - ROUND 16

MEN

Superleague

Rossmoyne b Balcatta 3-1
25-21, 25-15, 18-25, 25-14

Division 1

UWA b Balcatta 3-2
25-18, 25-20, 23-25, 23-25, 15-10
Balcatta Masters b ECU Cheq. 3-1
25-20, 25-18, 21-25, 25-16

Division 2

Balcatta b Southern Cross 3-0
26-24, 25-16, 25-20

Division 3

Balcatta b UWA 3-1
24-26, 25-11, 25-20, 25-21

WOMEN

Superleague

Balcatta b ECU Chequers 3-0
25-15, 25-22, 25-12

Division 1

Balcatta b Rossmoyne 3-0
27-25, 25-18, 25-17

Division 2

Balcatta b Rossmoyne 3-1
14-25, 25-17, 25-16, 25-20

Division 3

Balcatta Red b Balcatta Blue 3-0
25-15, 25-21, 25-17

Division 4

Sth Cross Penrhos A b Balcatta 3-1
28-26, 12-25, 25-13, 25-6



Dig it - Versatile Cat Ellin Collins played libero for Balcatta in the women's Division 1 team last Sunday against Rossmoyne.



On his knees - Balcatta Masters playing coach Marty Bertuleit has lifted his team back into finals contention in recent weeks.



Set for finals action - Balcatta Div. 1 player Ali Mees sets the ball for Miranda Day last weekend against Rossmoyne.

Balcatta girls shine again

Balcatta teams performed well in Round 16 of the 2009 PVL Volleyball season, winning seven games. Once again, it was the girl's time to shine, with Balcatta women winning games in the top four divisions. In the Superleague the Cats continued their good form to beat ECU Chequers in straight sets. Balcatta beat Rossmoyne in both the women's Division 1 and 2 competitions. And our Red team (coached by Mitchell Collins) beat the Blues (coached by Layne van Smaalen) in the Balcatta Division 3 Derby.

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Masters battle for top four spot

Balcatta Masters are back in form winning their second game in a row last weekend in the men's Division 1 competition - beating ECU Chequers in four sets (25-20, 25-18, 21-25, 25-16). It was a must win game for the Cats who are in fourth spot on the PVL ladder and aiming to make the finals. With UWA (in fifth place) beating our other Balcatta team (in third place), the Masters needed to win to maintain their two-game lead. They withstood the pressure and comfortably beat ECU. Cats playing coach Marty Bertuleit said that it was a good win. "Our finals hopes are still alive," Marty said.

Div. 1 girls get ready for finals

Balcatta blitzed Rossmoyne in the women's Division 1 competition last Sunday, winning in straight sets after a marathon first set (27-25, 25-17, 25-18). Cats coach Aaron Leung said that in preparation for the finals he was working with the ten-player squad to stabilise the line-up. "This move paid dividends on the weekend with the players looking much more relaxed and confident in their defined roles," Aaron said. "A new focus on serving smart to targets saw the Cats dominate on serve. Nicole Leighton, in particular, served consecutive points each time she stepped up to the line." The Cats are on top of the PVL ladder - a game clear above UWA. In the next round on Friday, 25 September, the Cats are up against ECU Chequers who are in third spot. The game will be a good test for the Cats as they prepare for finals action in October.



SUPERLEAGUE - MEN

Game Results

Rossmoyne b Balcatta 3-1
25-21, 25-15, 18-25, 25-14



Handy tip - Balcatta Division 1 players Craig Peterson (16) and Luke McTaggart (13) reach for the ball against Rossmoyne in the men's Superleague.

Cat tales

Cats Coach - John Ricciardi
Cats Captain - Paul Prindiville
PVL position in 2008 - 1
Current PVL position - 4
Premierships - 5 (1996-97, '99, 2007-08)

Next game preview

Opponent - Southern Cross
Ladder positions - Southern Cross - 2nd, Balcatta (4th)
Cat's game streak - 3 wins in a row and 1 loss
Last clash against opponent - Balcatta lost in four sets (Round 12).

Balcatta rollercoaster continues against Rossmoyne

A much improved Balcatta side went into the round 16 Superleague game against Rossmoyne with three wins a row.

But with three players unavailable due to a Beach Volleyball event in the Northern Territory, the Cats again fielded a depleted side and were no match for the top Rossmoyne side.

Balcatta Coach John Ricciardi said that 2009 had been a very frustrating year with the Cats unable to field a full team of fit players.

"Today was the same story and we had to bring up three Division 1 players so we could get six players on the court," John said.

Balcatta Division 1 players Craig Peterson, Luke Mc Taggart and Brendon Chapman filled in for the absent players, which included James Clinch and Jayson Fox. And for a new-look line-up, the young Cats, guided by Captain Paul Prindiville, were competitive.

For most of the first set the Cats were able to withstand the strong Rossmoyne attacks. But Rossmoyne was more consistent and pulled away at the end to win 25-21.

In the second set Rossmoyne was all over the Cats and win the set by ten points (25-15). Balcatta players Paul Prindiville and Craig Peterson battled hard and made the Rossmoyne players work harder to win the set, but the Cats were no match.

Balcatta did bounce back in the third set, however, and won it 25-18. In this set the Cats attacked well and through good blocking and spiking they opened up a very handy early lead and held onto it throughout the set.

Unfortunately for Balcatta, the Cats were unable to keep the momentum going and Rossmoyne completely ran over them in the fourth set 25-14, to win the game 3-1.

"Despite the shortage of players again, it was a great effort from those playing on the day," John said.

"Only twice this year have we had a full team, and being short again on Sunday it was difficult for us to win the game.

"For the next three games we will be without Captain Paul Prindiville who is having a well deserved holiday.

"This year's finals will be a challenge for us. We will have to start from the bottom of the top four and climb a very hard road to the top."

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	PC	Ross	SX	Uni	ECU	PC	Ross	SX	Uni	ECU	PC	Ross	SX			
Res.	L	L	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	L	W	W	W	L				
Score	1-3	0-3	3-0	3-0	0-3	1-3	3-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	1-3	1-3	3-1	3-0	3-2	1-3				
Pos.	-	-	-	=3	=4	=4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4					



SUPERLEAGUE - WOMEN

Coach: Russell Hampton

Game Results

Balcatta b ECU Chequers 3-0
25-15, 25-22, 25-12



Back in action - Balcatta Superleague player Jenette Brown returned to the court after a four-week holiday break.

Cats Captain - Jenny Day
PVL position in 2008 - 4
Premierships - 3 (1996, 1997, 1998)

Next game preview

Opponent - Southern Cross
Ladder positions - Balcatta =2,
Southern Cross=2
Cat's game streak - Two wins in a row
Last clash against opponent - Balcatta won in five sets (round 9)

Balcatta continues to dominate ECU Chequers

Balcatta maintained its unbeaten streak over ECU Chequers in recent years in the Women's Superleague, with the Cats blitzing ECU in straight sets in Round 16 of the 2009 PVL season.

Heading into the game the Cats were without Mel Johnson, due to work commitments. But they welcomed back Jenette Brown who was back after a four-week holiday break.

Ella Pragt got the Cats off to a flying start in the first set, with Balcatta winning the first five points while she was on serve. Cats' captain Jenny Day and Elise Chapman were providing the power from the outside and with Claire Dragicevic serving, the Cats quickly opened up a ten-point lead (12-2). When Kim Ellwood made consecutive kills, it was clear that the Cats meant business for the second week in a row. After setter Tenille Ryan pinpointed Ellwood again and Dragicevic made a massive kill block, the Cats were way in front at 19-8. After two uncharacteristic errors from the Cats, ECU made the score line more respectable (14-23). But the Cats won the set 25-15, with Jenny Day serving an ace to close out the set.

In the second set Cats coach Russell Hampton substituted Tracey Hasselerharm on for Dragicevic. With some poor passing, the game was tight and the Cats were down 3-4. Captain Jenny Day served the Cats into the lead (8-4) assisted by Ellwood who kill blocked then kill spiked. But lacklustre defence and a couple of missed serves by the Cats enabled ECU to get back into the game and tie it at 12-all. A massive Jenny Day kill down the line nearly took the defenders head off, but this did not phase ECU who managed to stay even with the Cats at 17 all. ECU then hit the lead, so coach Hampton called a time out. Tenille Ryan then served the Cats back into the lead, then after consecutive kill blocks to Hasselerharm, Day and Pragt, the Cats set up set point at 24-21. The Cats won the set following a massive line kill by Day (25-22).

As in the first set, Pragt got the ball working on her serve and the Cats opened up a handy six-point lead (6-0). After Dragicevic made two kill blocks in a row, Ryan fooled the blockers with a combo and Day killed the ball, ECU was demoralised. At 12-4, the Cats were flying high. Hasselerharm later served an ace and Pragt killed the ball to put the game out of reach for ECU. With a couple of aces, Brown put the score beyond doubt at 22-10 and fittingly Chapman hit a winner from the outside to give the Cats the set (25-12) and match.

"We were too tall and too strong for ECU," coach Hampton said.

"We played well, but the girls had higher expectations of themselves today. Unfortunately we didn't pass as well as we did last week, and our defence, although positioned well, wasn't as effective against ECU as it has been against the other teams.

"We set and spiked outside extremely well today which probably earned us the win."

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	SX	ECU	PC	Uni	ECU	PC	Uni	ECU	SX			
Result	L	L		W		W	L	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	W	W				
Score	0-3	0-3		3-2		3-0	1-3	3-1	3-2	3-0	1-3	2-3	3-0	0-3	3-0	3-0				
Posit.	-	-		-	-	-	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	=2	=2				



2009 PVL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Team	G	W	L	D	F	B	Position*
MEN Superleague	16	8	8				4
Division 1	16	8	4		2	2	3
Masters (Div. 1)	16	7	7			2	4
Division 2	16	12	2		2		3
Division 3	16	14	1			1	1
WOMEN							
Superleague	18	8	7			3	3
Division 1	16	13	3				1
Division 2	16	5	9			2	6
Division 3 (Blue)	16	5	8			3	5
Division 3 (Red)	16	11	2			3	1
Division 4	16	10	4			2	2

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

Positions (As at Round 16)

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