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Well, it's about fricking time. <u>The AVP Crocs Tour has FINALLY announced their 25th season</u>. Again the Gods and Goddesses will be taking it to the beach for an 18 stop and Olympics enhanced season.

Wait... there's more!

This year boasts the mighty return of the Santa Barbara open in September. This event has been missing for a year and it's great to see it back in the stomp. First reason---- it's one of the only California stops where there is a beer garden right on the sand. For those who are not in California, you must be aghast! But in fact, it is true... No Drinking on the beach.... however the good Folks in SB have cleared that up for us. Also there are rival gangs of fans (Volleyball Hooligans, if you will)-- which give the sport more of a World Cup feel

Olympics enhanced, you say? YES!

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Again the Olympic committee is recognizing it as the sport! Pro-Beach Volleyball is relatively new to the Olympics. Why? It is a subtle form of discrimination-- because we're hot. The <u>athele</u> tes

the fans and, especially, us

bloggers

are SOOO smoking, sizzlin, snacky eye candy, the Olympic Committee simply couldn't handle our radness quotient. In their defense, the Olympics have never been so much into the hip. Can you believe that women were not allowed to run in the marathon until 1984?

But on to real news... who will be representing the USA and winning the Olympics? Well dear fellow sand cruncher, lemme break it down.



MISTY MAY and KERRI WALSH-- Obviously the front runners, but over the last season I saw a bit of the magic fading. During last year's Huntington Beach open, Misty joined Annette Davis and Jenny Jordan-Johnson in some freestyle dance numbers on the beach. Kerri merely passed right by, laser focused on what was happening in the Main Arena. Over the years, it really seems as if Kerri has lost her sense of fun surrounding the game. I've often heard they don't hang out or train together much anymore. This is their Achilles Heel, they have become complacent. If one of the following can exploit that we will have new champions this year.

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