



CEV BADEN Masters presented by SPORT.LAND.NÖ

From today on the European Elite fights for Gold, Silver and Bronze in Baden

From today afternoon to Sunday the Beachvolleyball dream, which has started last weekend with the CEV U22 European Championship, continues in the beautiful bathing resort of Baden. With the „CEV BADEN MASTERS presented by SPORT.LAND.NÖ“ the ultimate highlight is on the agenda. The women’s final takes place on Saturday afternoon, the men’s competition will be decided on Sunday. Today, on Wednesday, the Austrian team gave a press conference preliminary to the Country Quota games which take place in the afternoon. This morning the Austrian athletes faced the questions of the journalists and after the conference the Beachvolleyball action starts. Ermacora/Pristauz match up with Schnetzer/Müllner and the winner of this duel faces the duo Huber/Hörl.

ÖVV-President **Peter Kleinmann** is very optimistic about the outcome of the Masters tournament, mentioned that the U22 Championship is hard to top though.

Austria’s #1-team **Clemens Doppler** and **Alexander Horst** have already gotten a taste of the competition as they were in Baden last week to cheer on bronze-medalists Pristauz/Buchegger. Alexander Horst is especially looking forward to the crowd in Baden and to playing on home soil. Although they consider the starter field as strong as it has never been before they see the Baden Masters as great preparation for the World Championship in Vienna in the end of July.

An opinion which is shared by one half of Austria’s female #1-duo, **Stefanie Schwaiger**. She is happy to be a part of this home tournament with her partner **Katharina Schützenhöfer** and with the strong starter field in mind they are especially looking forward to the competition. Schützenhöfer is very happy that she has become fit just before the tournament and brought a big fan club consisting of family and friends with her.

Thomas Kunert and **Christoph Dressler** form Austria’s male #2-team. From a sportsman’s perspective Kunert considers the competition as extremely valuable as Europe’s best teams fight for the medals. Baden is one of his favourite tournaments as his family and friends will be there to cheer him on in a great location with amazing weather. Christoph Dressler praised the passion with which the organizers Vision05 arrange the whole tournament.

The atmosphere in the Centercourt-stadium is also praised by **Lena Plesiutschnig** and **Cornelia Rimser**, who are set as domestic #2. They want to give 100% every game and want to stir up the Centercourt properly. Rimser is happy that the tournament in Baden is a Masters again as its very valuable for Beachvolleyball in Austria. Beside the World Championship, Baden is their season highlight.

Robin Seidl and **Tobias Winter** are looking forward to play in Baden’s “lion’s den”. They are very enthusiastic about the whole tournament and think that there are many things possible for them.

Moritz Pristauz, who won Bronze in last week’s tournament with Paul Buchegger, has good memories of the atmosphere in Baden. Together with his main partner **Martin Ermacora** he wants to carry the positive vibes with him to the Masters tournament. Ermacora knows that if they make the Country Quota, every outcome is possible for them.





Teresa Strauss has set her goals straight: Having fun! She had her first practice with her new partner **Bianca Zass** today as her twin sister Nadine Strauss is unfortunately injured. Teresa considers the home crowd including family and friends as an important motivational factor for her game.

Alexander “Xandi” Huber has a very special relationship with Baden as he has played numerous tournaments there. Playing there is like “coming home” for him. He has made a lot of good friendships with both the people in Baden but also the organizing team of Vision05. For Huber it feels like a big family which accepts him year after year. The competition itself and playing in the Country Quota he considers as a very tough task for him and his partner **Julian Hörl**. If they can make it, then they can make it in Baden.

You can download the pictures from <http://flickr.com/photos/beachvolleyballbaden> in printable quality!

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