



## CHINA TEAM PROFILE - Women's



The Chinese national women's Volleyball team comes into the 2003 FIVB World Cup in superb form having won the World Grand Prix in August and more recently having defended their Asian Continental Championship title by clinching the gold medal following a straight sets defeat of Japan.

In an ominous sign for all opposing teams, the Chinese women's team is going through a rebuilding phase with a side composed of many young and talented players, who have brought a new and dynamic style to their play.

It worked wonderfully at the 2003 World Grand Prix and now they are hoping to do the same at the World Cup. Players like team captain Feng Kun, Chen Jin and 197cm Zhao Ruirui are becoming more and more experienced and increasingly dominant on the international scene. Their combination in the World Grand Prix Finals earlier this year was exhilarating and laid the foundation for China's superb result in Italy.

China is currently trying to build a team with distinguished characteristics on the basis of overall abilities for offence and defense. Under coach Chen Zhonghe, they have already collected the World Grand Prix and are looking to add the 2003 World Cup and an Olympic qualification berth to their collection as well.

### Results:

12th Asian Continental Championship in Vietnam (September)  
Final: China beat Japan 3-0 (25-21, 25-23, 25-15)  
Semifinal: China beat Thailand 3-0 (25-17, 25-19, 25-17)  
Quarterfinal: China beat Vietnam 3-0 (25-18, 25-13, 25-10)  
China beat Australia 3-0 (25-14, 25-19, 25-17)  
China beat Korea 3-1 (25-21, 25-13, 28-30, 25-21)  
China beat the Philippines 3-0 (25-16, 25-7, 25-22)  
China beat Kazakhstan 3-1 (25-12, 25-13, 25-14)

### World Grand Prix (July-August, 2003)

China beat Russia 3-0 (25-22, 28-26, 25-21)  
China beat the Netherlands 3-1 (25-20, 25-20, 25-27, 25-17)  
China beat Italy 3-1 (25-22, 23-25, 25-15, 25-20)  
China beat Korea 3-0 (25-17, 25-14, 25-23)  
China beat USA 3-0 (25-21, 26-24, 28-26)  
China lost to Russia 3-1 (25-23, 21-25, 25-19, 28-26)  
China lost to Brazil 3-1 (25-22, 17-25, 26-24, 25-18)  
China beat Thailand 3-0 (25-11, 25-22, 25-10)  
China beat Korea 3-0 (29-27, 25-8, 25-23)  
China beat Canada 3-0 (25-22, 25-14, 25-15)

### World Cup History

1999 - Fifth  
1995 - Third  
1991 - Second  
1989 - Third  
1985 - First  
1981 - First  
1977 - Fourth



### Team Roster

2 Feng Kun, 3 Yang Hao, 4 Liu Yanan, 6 Li Shan, 7 Zhou Suhong, 8 Zhao Ruirui, 9 Zhang Yuehong, 10 Chen Jing, 12 Song Nina, 15 Wang Lina, 16 Zhang Na, 18 Zhang Ping.