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The men's and women's volleyball competitions of the Montreal Olympic Games should be of an even higher standard than the achievements of the Munich Olympic Games. All those—and there are many—who followed the matches of the last Olympiad either directly or on television were able to note the spectacular athletic value.

Over the past four years the teams of the world's elite have certainly progressed, but this improvement is even more noticeable on the continents which had a lot of difficulty to reach the level of this elite.

World championships (48 teams), countless international contacts and, in particular, the many courses held both in America and in Asia and Africa, are beginning to equal out the continental potentialities and reduce the differences in value which will make the Olympic tournaments more balanced.

The qualification of participants, based on the one hand on the intrinsic value and on the other hand on the representation of all the continents, has given rise to intense struggles by eliminating teams such as the United States and the GDR (men), Bulgaria, Mexico, Rumania and Czechoslovakia (women), which shows the vitality of world volleyball.

Montreal should prove this.

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Competition sites:

- Paul Sauvé Centre
- Forum

Dates

1 men's competition and 1 women's competition

AT THE PAUL SAUVE CENTRE

18th - 25th July: 4 preliminary matches at 13.00, 15.00, 19.30 and 21.30 each day

26th July: 2 semi-finals W. (13.00 and 15.00) and 2 semi-finals M. (19.30 and 21.30)

27th July: 5 classification matches for 5th - 10th places (M.) and for 5th - 8th places (W.)

AT THE FORUM

29th July: 2 semi-finals W. (13.00 and 15.00) and 2 semi-finals M. (19.30 and 21.30)

30th July: Finals for 1st - 4th places
W.: 13.00 and 15.00
M.: 19.30 and 21.30