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## Newsletter #2

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# Volleyball

## 2016 European Olympic Qualification





## Superstars in Berlin

The Olympic Qualification is not only a battle of the best teams in Europe, it is also a battle of the biggest superstars that the volleyball world has seen in the recent years.

### **Georg Grozer, Germany - Opposite**

The 'Hammerschorsch' is one of the best opposite players that Germany has ever seen. His way of playing is very emotional and spectacular and his strong service is feared all over the world. The 31-year old Grozer won all important club titles in the recent past but the greatest moment of his career was achieved in 2014 as Germany claimed bronze at the World Championship in Poland. It was the first major international medal in 40 years and Grozer had a large share in the success.

### **Bartosz Kurek, Poland - Opposite**

The 27-year-old and 2.07 meters tall superstar has been dividing Poland's Volleyball family lately. His fans say that he is the face of Polish Volleyball but the coaching team didn't nominate him for the 2014 World Championship at home. But now he is back and changed position from outside spiker to opposite. His strengths are a very good service and the attack.

### **Aleksandar Atanasijevic, Serbia - Opposite**

All experts agree that Atanasijevic will be one of the world's best opposite players in the future. The 24-year

old guy is known for taking a lot of risks when serving and attacking and for hitting the ball always hard. The Serbian is also known for his curly hair and for being able to score 25 to 30 points during every game, which makes him one of Italy's national league's best scorers where he wears the shirt of Sir Safety Perugia.

### **Sam Deroo, Belgium - Outside Spiker**

The outside spiker is just 23 years old but is playing amazing for his age. As a result of this he already joined the first division of the Italian League three years ago. His performances in Italy and with the National Team are very steady and on a high level, stamped by a strong attack and surprising actions. He is the man that every setter needs during a critical phase or moment.







### **Earvin Ngapeth, France - Outside Spiker**

You will never find enough words to describe this player in the right way. Ngapeth is capable of delivering unexpected and never-before seen movements at any time. For example during the final match of the 2015 European Championship as he converted the match ball while standing with his back to the net. His strength is a genius attack and a fast service but he is also known for his strong, sometimes controversial personality.

### **Dmitriy Muserskiy, Russia - Middle blocker**

There is no way to pass this Russian giant. Muserskiy is 2.18 meters tall but still a highly variable player who can play in different positions. Russian coach Vladimir Alekno has been trying to use him as opposite as it already happened in the final game versus Brazil at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The 27-year-old Muserskiy turned the score from 0:2 to 3:2 to claim Russia's fourth Olympic gold and the first one since the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. His strengths are an unbelievably strong attack and his versatility.

### **Tsvetan Sokolov, Bulgaria - Opposite**

All spectators will see a fight between the world's best opposite players in Berlin and Sokolov definitely is one of these superior guys. But the 2.06 meters powerhouse was forced to miss the 2015 European Championship in

his home country due to a shoulder injury. He played his first games at the end of the first half of the season in December and shall celebrate his real comeback at the Olympic qualifier in Berlin.

### **Eemi Tervaportti, Finland - Setter**

Qualifying for the European Olympic Qualification is a victory in itself for Finland. The Finns are always close to the big teams but never made the final step. But they can count on a big fan support.





## Press information

### Presse accreditation

Please notice: The accreditation period will end at 22nd December. Journalists can apply an accreditation on [presse.golympia.org](http://presse.golympia.org).

### Media Guide

We will inform all journalists with all important informations regarding the Olympic Qualification by sending a media guide via email one week before the start.

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## Tickets

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