

Women's Volleyball at Velodrome this Weekend

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The Aussies were the first to arrive on Monday and coach Shannon Winzer was in high praise of the hospitality extended at the Cara Suites Hotel as well as the warmth of the SporTT staff saying, "We were so warmly greeted by everyone and enjoying comforts like Wi-Fi on the team shuttle! The facilities here are top-class and the girls are eager to get on court and show the Trinidad & Tobago public what Aussie volleyball is all about."

Only last week, Trinidad & Tobago and Australia met for the first time in international competition and Australia claimed their first-ever win in the World Grand Prix since their debut in 2014, beating TTO three straight. Team TTO will be hoping to stage an upset and achieve a similar feat at their first World Grand Prix.

The ladies from Cameroon and France had their practice sessions on the Velodrome's centre court Thursday morning. Both countries are also making their FIVB World Grand Prix debut this season and will play each other for the second time this Friday from 5:30pm. France and Hungary are the only undefeated teams of Group 3 after the opening weekend.

Yet again, our national facilities are host to international games, streaming live to the world and showcasing Trinidad and Tobago as a new and attractive sporting destination. The government's investment in sporting infrastructure is complemented by a robust air and road networks as well as a telecommunications network to support streaming and broadcasting needs.

The public is encouraged to show their support for the women volleyballers as they seek to take home court advantage and earn milestones in their debut Grand Prix experience.