

Triple Olympian on court

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THREE-TIME Olympian Joshua Slack will join a star-studded line-up for this weekend's Virgin Blue Regional Beach Volleyball Series in Bendigo.

The star player, who has represented Australia at the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Olympic games will team with new partner Brett Richardson for the Bendigo series.

"Brett and I are just getting back into volleyball," Slack said. "It will be part of our pre-season training for the World Tour."

Slack, who has played in various locations on the World Tour, is looking forward to introducing a new concept for beach volleyball to Australia.

"We often play in places that are not beach towns overseas," he said. "We've even played in ski resort towns.

"But in Australia, everything has usually been on a beach or in a beach town. "It's great to finally play a tournament like this in our home country."

It will be Slack's first visit to Bendigo and he said the community should be prepared for an exciting spectacle. "Some of the Victorian players are exciting to watch, like Cedric (Legrand) and Damien (Schumann)," Slack said.

"Everyone who plays it loves it and everyone who watches it loves it too."

Slack and Richardson will continue to play in the Virgin Blue Regional Series in Geelong, Frankston and Moama. The pair will then focus on the World Tour and qualification for the 2012 London Olympic Games, which would mark Slack's fourth consecutive appearance in the Games.



CLASS PLAYER: Joshua Slack in action