



FIVB WORLD GRAND PRIX REVIEWS WEEK 3 – AUGUST 8-10

Pool D

- Brazil won all three World Grand Prix matches in straight sets last weekend. Prior to this weekend, they already were the only team with the maximum points in the first group.
- Brazil beat the United States on Sunday, meaning they have now won 12 of their 20 World Grand Prix matches against the USA. Six of these wins in came in straight sets, including this weekend's win.
- Russia lost all three matches last weekend. In total, they have now lost four matches in a row, equalling their World Grand Prix record losing streak set previously in 1996 and 2011-2013.
- Korea beat Russia 3-1 on Sunday, their fourth win against Russia in a total of 23 World Grand Prix encounters and their second in a row. Captain Kim Yeon-Koung scored 43% (42 of 98) of Korea's points.
- It was Korea's third win in this World Grand Prix campaign. Since the start of this century, they have only won more matches in the 2000 (5), 2011 (5) and 2003 (4) seasons.

Pool E

- Dominican Republic claimed their first win of this World Grand Prix season by beating Turkey 3-2 on Friday, ending a streak of three consecutive straight set losses in the competition.
- They lost their following two matches of the weekend against Germany and Serbia and have now lost five matches in total this season. In 2013, they lost just three matches in the World Grand Prix.
- Germany became the third European and ninth team overall to win at least 200 sets in the World Grand Prix. Their milestone came as they claimed their second set (200th overall) in their 3-2 win vs Dominican Republic.
- That 3-2 win against Dominican Republic was Germany's first win in a World Grand Prix five-setter since 2009.
- Serbia lost their first two matches in the weekend, being beaten 3-0 by Germany and 3-2 by Turkey. This was only the fourth ever back-to-back losing streak for Serbia in the World Grand Prix.

Pool F

- China beat Italy 3-1 on Sunday, the first time they only gave away one set against Italy in 10 years, since a 3-1 win in July 2004. They had either lost or won five setters vs Italy in 11 World Grand Prix matches since then.
- China also won both their other matches in the weekend against Thailand and Japan, bouncing back from the two losses (and one win) they suffered in the opening weekend of this year's World Grand Prix.
- Italy beat Thailand 3-0 on Saturday, only their second straight set win in their last 13 World Grand Prix matches.
- Japan beat Thailand 3-1 on Sunday, ending a streak of nine consecutive losses in the World Grand Prix. It was Japan's longest losing streak since losing nine matches in a row in 2008.

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- Thailand lost all three matches this weekend. In total they have only won six sets so far in this season's World Grand Prix, only Algeria (3), Australia (3) and Dominican Republic (5) have won fewer.



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Pool N

- Argentina won four matches this World Grand Prix season, equal to their four total wins in their previous two participations in 2011 and 2013.
- Peru finished on three wins this season after winning just one of their previous 18 World Grand Prix matches.
- Peru's 3-2 win against Cuba on Saturday was their first ever five-set-win.
- Cuba ended their third longest World Grand Prix losing streak (20) by beating Canada in straight sets on Friday.
- Cuba's Daymara Lescay Cajigal's 25 stuff blocks are the most of all players in Group 2.
- Kyla Richey was Canada's best scorer in all three matches this weekend, scoring 10 points against Cuba, 16 vs Argentina and 14 against Peru.

Pool O

- Netherlands won the group, while Belgium, Puerto Rico and Poland join them into the Group 2 Final Four in Koszalin, Poland on 15-16 August.
- Netherland's seven-match winning streak in the World Grand Prix ended with 3-2 defeat against Puerto Rico on Friday, before they bounced back by defeating Belgium and Poland in straight sets.
- Netherlands have recorded six 3-0 wins for the first time in a single World Grand Prix season.
- Belgium have also won six matches by a 3-0 score in their debut season.
- Belgium's Lise Van Hecke leads all players in Group 2 in scoring 180 points.
- Puerto Rico's record six-match winning streak ended with a 3-0 defeat against Belgium on Sunday.
- Poland have lost four of their last five matches, including their last three.