



FIVB WORLD GRAND PRIX PREVIEWS FINALS – AUGUST 20-24, 2014

Turkey - China (August 23)

Head-to-Head

- Turkey and China have played each other twice at the World Grand Prix, with each team winning once.
- Their only encounter in the Finals was won by Turkey, as they beat China 3-2 on 30 June 2012.
- This will be their first encounter outside of China, as the previous matches took place in Ningbo and Hong Kong respectively.

Turkey

- Turkey have lost two matches in this year's Finals. They also suffered two defeats in their previous Finals, in 2012.
- They have lost two matches in a row and can lose three consecutive World Grand Prix matches for the first time since 2008 (vs ITA, USA, POL).
- They have been involved in the two matches with the longest duration in these Finals: 2h33m against Russia (3-2 defeat) and 2h04m against Brazil (3-2 win).

China

- China can lose three World Grand Prix matches in a row for the first time since four in 2012.
- They can suffer three straight-set defeats for the first time in World Grand Prix history.
- China last lost three Finals matches in a row in 2012, when they lost four in row.
- China have now lost four of their last five World Grand Prix matches after winning four in a row before that run.



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Russia - Brazil (August 23)

Head-to-Head

- Russia and Brazil will meet for the 27th time in the World Grand Prix.
- Russia have also played 27 matches against Japan. Brazil only has played more matches against Japan (35) and China (34).
- Of their previous 26 encounters, Brazil won 15 and Russia 11.
- Brazil have won the last four meetings with Russia and can set an outright record of five wins in a row in matches between these teams.
- Brazil won their last encounter in straight sets in this season's Preliminary Round. They have never won two consecutive World Grand Prix matches against Russia in straight sets.

Russia

- Russia have won five of their last six World Grand Prix matches.
- They have won seven matches this season in the World Grand Prix, equal to their total in 2013, when they finished seventh.
- Tatiana Kosheleva leads all players in the Finals in points scored, 63.

Brazil

- Brazil have won seven of their last eight Finals matches in straight sets.
- They have won 11 of their last 12 Finals matches.
- Thaisa Menezes has scored nine serve aces, most of all players in the Finals.
- Danielle Lins has 10.09 setups per set, most of all of all players in the Finals.



Japan- Belgium (August 23)

Head-to-Head

- This will be the first ever World Grand Prix meeting between Japan and Belgium.
- Japan (246) have played over 17 times as many World Grand Prix matches as Belgium (14).
- Belgium have lost their only match against Asian opposition so far, a 3-1 loss to China last Wednesday.

Japan

- Japan are guaranteed their first-ever top three finish in the World Grand Prix.
- Their previous best finish was fourth place in 1994, 1997 and 2013.
- They can win gold if they take three points from the match against Belgium and Brazil lose against Russia.
- Japan can win eight consecutive World Grand Prix matches for the first time in team history.
- They can become the second team to win three or more consecutive Finals matches by a 3-0 scoreline in one season after Brazil in 2013 (five in a row).

Belgium

- Belgium have lost all three Finals matches, winning only one set.
- They can become the first team lose at least three Finals matches in straight sets since Cuba lost five in 2012. The other teams to have lost at least three Finals matches by a 3-0 scoreline in a single year are Korea (3 in 2003), Poland (3 in 2007) and China (3 in 2010).
- Lise Van Hecke has scored 24 points in three matches in the Finals. She had 41 points in her last match prior to the Finals, against Netherlands in the final of the Group 2 Finals.