



FIVB WORLD LEAGUE REVIEWS WEEK 5 – JUNE 20-22, 2014

Pool A: Poland - Brazil (June 20 & 22)

- On Friday, Brazil lost their sixth intercontinental round match of the season. Only in 1995 had they also suffered at least six defeats in the intercontinental round (8).
- The only time Brazil failed to qualify for the final round was in 1991, when they also lost six of their opening 10 intercontinental round matches.
- Poland's 3-0 defeat on Sunday ended their seven-match unbeaten home run, their best home record in the World League since 2007.

Pool A: Iran - Italy (June 20 & 22)

- Italy are still on top of pool A, despite their third and fourth successive World League defeat.
- Italy are now on a four-match losing streak for the first time since 2012, the last season they did not qualify for the final round.
- For the third time in World League history, Iran recorded a straight-sets victory and for the second time against opposition from Europe.

Pool B: Russia - Serbia (June 20 & 21)

- Defending champions Russia started this World League campaign with four defeats, but have now won their last four intercontinental round matches all in straight sets.
- The last time Russia recorded four consecutive World League wins by a 3-0 score line was in 2011, when they beat Germany, Bulgaria and Japan all twice in straight sets.
- Serbia have suffered four defeats in a row in a single World League campaign for the first time since 1998, when Yugoslavia lost their first four matches of the season.
- Serbia have now lost three of their last four World League matches in straight sets.

Pool B: USA - Bulgaria (June 20 & 21)

- On Saturday, USA suffered their first World League defeat of the season, while Bulgaria recorded their first win of the 2014 campaign.
- USA started week 5 on Friday with their seventh consecutive World League win. The last time USA kicked off with at least seven wins in a row was in 2000, when they won their opening 10 matches of the season.
- Bulgaria's win, was USA's only second home defeat in their last 11 World League matches on home soil. The last time they lost at home was in June 2013, when Bulgaria also proved too strong (3-1).



Pool C: Belgium - Finland (June 20 & 22)

- Pool C leaders Belgium suffered their third defeat of the season and their second on home turf, after their 3-2 loss against Canada in week 3.
- Finland recorded their third win of the season, only one shy of their total wins in their 2013 campaign.

Pool C: Canada - Australia (June 20 & 21)

- On Friday, Canada lost their third intercontinental round match of the season. In 2013, they lost only two intercontinental round matches.
- Australia are already on 14 set-wins this season. During their only previous World League campaign, they won a total of five sets in 12 intercontinental round matches (12 defeats).

Pool D: Germany - Argentina (June 20 & 21)

- Argentina beat Germany twice and are now on a six-match winning streak for only the third time in World League history following 2006 (7 wins in a row) and 2011 (8).
- Argentina have won four of their last five World League matches in straight sets.
- Germany have lost their last three matches in straight sets. The last time Germany suffered three defeats in a row by a 3-0 score line was in 1993.

Pool D: Japan – France (June 21 & 22)

- Pool D leaders France beat Japan twice and have now won 12 of their last 13 World League matches, outscoring their opposition 37-11 in sets.
- This season, France are on nine wins in 10 matches.
- Winless Japan have lost all their 10 World League matches of the season, including six in straight sets.

Pool E: Korea Republic – Czech Republic (June 21 & 22)

- Korea's 3-0 win on Sunday ended their five-match losing streak.
- It was the Czech Republic's first ever World League defeat against Asian opposition.
- The Czech Republic's five-set victory on Saturday was their first away win of this World League season.

Pool E: Portugal – Netherlands (June 21 & 22)

- On Saturday, the Netherlands recorded their first away win in straight sets since 2010, when they beat Bulgaria by a 3-0 score line in Varna.
- The Netherlands have won seven of their last nine matches on the road.
- On Sunday, Portugal won their fifth match of the season. They have already won more World League matches this season than they did in their last 29 matches prior to this season.