



FIVB WORLD LEAGUE REVIEWS WEEK 6 – JUNE 27-29, 2014

Pool A: Iran - Poland (27 and 29 June)

- Iran qualified for the Finals despite facing 18 World League winners in their group: Brazil nine times, Italy eight times and Poland once. Iran is taking part for only the second year.
- Iran have now won four matches in a row, a team record.
- In one weekend, Poland doubled their total number of WL losses against Asian teams, going from two defeats to four (22 matches in total). Their losses against Iran were their first defeats against Asian opposition since 2008.

Pool B: Russia - USA (27 and 28 June)

- On Friday, USA claimed their third win against titleholders Russia this season.
- USA then helped Russia beat them 3-0 with 24 errors, accounting to almost one-third of Russia's 75 points in total in this match.
- USA's win on Friday was their eighth of this WL season, already doubling the number of wins they claimed last season (4). It was also their 125th win in World League history.

Pool B: Serbia - Bulgaria (27 and 29 June)

- Serbia's first win against Bulgaria this weekend ended a four-match losing streak in the World League, their longest losing run in WL since 2001-2002.
- Bulgaria conceded their 400th set loss in the matches against vs Serbia. Bulgaria's sets balance in the WL now is W500-L402.

Pool C: Australia - Belgium (27 and 28 June)

- Belgium's Simon Van De Voorde had five blocks in Saturday's 3-0 win against Australia, equal to all of Australia's players combined.
- The 3-0 win was Belgium's second straight-set-win in WL history. Their first had also come against Australia earlier this season, in their first ever World League match.
- A day earlier, Belgium had already beaten Australia 3-1. Australia have now lost 19 WL matches and have won only three.

Pool C: Finland - Canada (27 and 28 June)

- Finland's 3-0 win against Canada on Friday was their first straight-set-win after 15 matches. They had last won 3-0 against Korea Republic in June 2013.
- Canada bounced back on Saturday to beat Finland 3-0 in what was their 13th straight-set-win and their fourth against Finland, their favourite opponent in this respect.



Pool D: Japan - Germany (28 and 29 June)

- With Japan winning 3-2 against Germany on Sunday, all 28 teams in this year's WL have won at least one match this season.
- It was Japan's first WL win against Germany since 2011, ending a five-match losing streak against the Germans as Germany had won the earlier encounter this weekend (Saturday) by 3-0.
- That win by Germany was their 10th WL win against an Asian team (eight losses).

Pool D: France - Argentina (27 and 29 June)

- France defeated Argentina 3-1 on Sunday to win Pool D and book their place in the Group 2 Final Four in Sydney (11-13 July).
- Argentina won the first match vs France this weekend, their seventh win in a row, a streak that ended with Sunday's defeat against France.
- Argentina thus came to within one win to equal their best ever winning streak of eight matches (2011).

Pool E: Korea Republic – Netherlands (28 and 29 June)

- After their two 3-2 victories against Korea Republic this weekend, Netherlands now have a 50%-50% record in five set-matches in the WL: W26-L26.
- Netherlands had 23 points from blocks in their second win on Sunday, a record for a single team in a match in this year's WL.

Pool E: Czech Republic - Portugal (27 and 28 June)

- Portugal helped Czech Republic with 28 errors in their 3-1 defeat against the Czechs on Saturday, who are now still in contention in group E.
- A day earlier, Czech Republic had also beaten Portugal (3-2). Portugal have now won and lost five WL matches this season.
- That 3-2 win marked the fourth consecutive time Czech Republic won a match with five-set scoreline, before they beat Portugal 3-1 a day later.

Group 3 FINALS

- Cuba came back twice in the final against Turkey to win the Group 3 final 3-2, 16-14 in the fifth set
- On Saturday, World League debutants Turkey defeated Slovakia 3-0 to win their fifth match in a row and set up the final against Cuba.
- Cuba won Group 3 the hard way as they claimed their wins in the semifinal and the final in five sets, their first five-set-matches in this season's WL.
- China finished third in the Group 3 final four after a 3-1 win vs Slovakia. China have won six matches this season and lost only two.