



FIVB WORLD LEAGUE REVIEWS WEEK 7 – JULY 3-6, 2014

Pool A: Italy - Brazil (July 3 & 6)

- Brazil won both matches 3-1 to even the score in World League head to heads between these teams: 14 wins each.
- The previous two meetings were won 3-1 by Italy. These took place in the first week of the 2014 World League.
- Brazil secured a place for the Group 1 Finals. They were in danger of missing the World League finals for the first time since 1991.
- Italy have lost six successive World League matches for the first time in team history.

Pool A: Poland - Iran (July 4 & 5)

- 3-1 and 3-0 wins were not enough for Poland to qualify for the World League finals; they finished fourth in Pool A.
- Poland, the 2012 World League champion, have now failed to qualify for the finals in the two editions since.
- In the first match of this weekend, Poland overcame 37 errors (of Iran's 95 point total) to win 3-1 and end their three-game losing streak.

Pool B: Serbia - USA (July 4 & 6)

- USA's 3-1 win against Serbia on Sunday secured their place in the Group 1 Finals. It was the last match of the Intercontinental Round in this year's World League.
- USA finished first in Pool B ahead of Russia, meaning both Serbia (third) and Bulgaria (fourth) did not qualify for the finals.
- The first match ended in a 3-0 win for Serbia, their fourth total straight-set win against USA in the World League. They have only claimed more straight-set wins against Japan (8), China (7) and Portugal (5).
- In the 3-0 win for Serbia, the United States claimed a total of just 58 points. It was only the fifth match in which they scored 58 points or less since 2000.

Pool B: Bulgaria - Russia (July 5 & 6)

- Russia finished second in Pool B to claim a ticket for this year's World League finals.
- Russia won 3-1 and 3-0 to record their 13th and 14th wins against Bulgaria in the World League (18 matches).
- Bulgaria have now only won once in their last 15 World League matches (3-2 against USA in June 2014).



Pool C: Finland - Belgium (July 4 & 5)

- Belgium became the second debutants this year to reach a Group Finals, after Turkey in Group 3.
- Belgium qualified for the Finals in Australia despite a 3-2 away defeat against Finland.
- Belgium have lost all four five-set matches they have played.
- Finland have won their last four five-set matches, their best streak.
- Finland have won six World League matches in a single season for the third time (7 in 2007 and 2009).

Pool C: Australia - Canada (July 5 & 6)

- Australia beat Canada twice to win two matches in a row for the first time in their World League history.
- Australia have now won three matches against Canada, more than against all other teams combined (2) in their World League history.
- Gavin Schmitt (Canada) finished on 237 total points, the second highest scorer in all groups in this year's World League, behind USA's Matthew Anderson (259).

Pool E: Netherlands – Czech Republic (July 5 & 6)

- The Netherlands beat the Czech Republic two times this weekend to clinch a spot in the Group 2 Finals.
- The nine wins for the Dutch in this World League season are the most for them since 13 wins in 1998.
- Michal Finger scored 15 of the Czech Republic's 22 points (+ 20 opponent's errors) in their 3-0 defeat against the Netherlands.

Pool E: Portugal - Korea (July 5 & 6)

- Portugal's 3-0 win against Korea was their third win in a row against that team.
- This was Portugal's seventh straight-sets win in World League history.
- In that 3-0 match, no Korean player managed to score more than nine points, while Portugal's Alexandre Ferreira had 18 for Portugal.
- After Korea's 3-1 win against Portugal, Korea won one match against all three opponent's this World League season.