



## FIVB WORLD LEAGUE REVIEWS FINAL ROUND – JULY 16, 2014

### Iran - Russia

- For the first time since the 2011 World League final, Russia won a Final Round match after losing the first set (3-2 win vs BRA).
- Iran won the fourth set 37-35, which equalled the most points in a single set in group 1 and 2 this World League year. On 20 June, Russia beat Serbia 37-35 in the first set.
- It was the third highest number of points in a set for a Final Round match. On 11 July 2007, Poland won the first set 38-36 against France and on 9 July 2011, Brazil won the second set 42-40 against Argentina.
- It was the most points conceded in a set for Russia which they lost. Their previous record points conceded in a World League set which they lost was 33 against Poland on 25 May 2001.
- Iran previous record of number of points in a single World League set was against Italy in 2013, when they won the fourth set 32-30.
- Russia have won a five-set match after losing their last four. Their previous victory in a five-set match was their first match in last year's Final Round (vs Brazil).
- Russia have now won nine of their last 10 Final Round matches in the World League.

### Italy - United States

- Italy ended their longest losing streak in World League history (6 matches). Their previous victory was against Poland on 8 June.
- For the first time since 2009, the host nation in the Final Round won their opening match without losing a set. In 2009, Serbia also defeated United States 3-0 in Belgrade.
- For United States that was also the only previous occasions they were the first opponent of the home nation in the Final Round.
- Italy have now won three World League matches without losing a set this year, equalling their total from 2013.
- The last time Italy started the Final Round with a 3-0 victory was in 2004, when they defeated Serbia and Montenegro in Rome, the last time the Final Round was held in Italy.
- United States have now lost three of their last four World League matches, with all three defeats coming without winning a set.