



FIVB WORLD LEAGUE REVIEWS WEEK 2 – MAY 29-JUNE 01, 2014

Review: 2014 World League (23 May - 20 July 2014)

Pool A: Brazil - Poland (29 and 30 May)

- With their 3-0 win on 29 May, Brazil ended a three-match losing streak in the World League, their worst since also losing three in a row in 2012.
- It was the first straight set win between these two teams in eight matches. This was soon followed by another 3-0 win the next day, but this time for Poland.
- It was Brazil's ninth loss against Poland in the World League. They have only lost more matches against Italy (14), Russia (13) and Cuba (11).

Pool A: Italy - Iran (31 May and 01 June)

- Italy beat Iran in straight sets twice. Italy are leading pool A, dropping only two sets.
- Italy started their World League campaign with four wins for the first time since 2011, when they won their opening six matches.

Pool B: Serbia - Russia (30 and 31 May)

- Serbia won the first meeting 3-2, the seventh five-setter between these teams and the first that Serbia won.
- Serbia went on to also win the second match: 3-1. It was only the second time Serbia beat Russia in consecutive World League matches, after winning three in a row in 2007-2009 (22 meetings in total).

Pool C: Canada - Finland (31 May and 01 June)

- For the third time in World League history, Canada beat Finland in straight sets. Only against Netherlands they also recorded three 3-0 wins in the competition (1999).
- Canada started their World League campaign with two wins for the third time in history, after 2012 and 2000. Only in 2000 Canada won their opening three matches.

Pool D: Argentina - Germany (31 May and 01 June)

- Argentina beat Germany 3-0 to end a 13-match losing streak in the World League.
- It was Argentina's first straight win in the competition since beating Portugal 3-0 in 2012.
- Germany recorded a 3-2 win in the second meeting after losing the first two sets. It was their first comeback since beating Japan 3-2 (after trailing by two sets) in 2011.



Pool D: France - Japan (31 May and 01 June)

- France beat Japan twice to win seven consecutive matches for the first time in their World League history.
- For the first time since 2002 France won their opening four World League matches.
- Japan lost their opening four matches for the fourth consecutive World League season.

Pool E: Netherland - Korea Republic (31 May and 01 June)

- Netherlands won the first match 3-0, at the time Korea's 18th loss in 19 World League matches against Netherlands.
- Korea retaliated in their 20th meeting though, winning 3-1 to claim only their second World League victory against Netherlands and their first since their very first encounter in 1993.

Pool E: Portugal - Czech Republic (31 May and 01 June)

- Portugal won the first encounter 3-1, meaning that still none of Portugal's 14 World League wins against European opponents have come in straight sets.
- Czech Republic made it even when they won the second match 3-0, ending a three-match World League losing streak, their joint-longest in the competition together with a streak of three losses back in 2003.