



FIVB WORLD LEAGUE REVIEWS WEEK 3 – JUNE 5-8, 2014

Pool A: Brazil - Iran (June 6 & 7)

- Brazil lost their first World League match against Asian opposition in more than 20 years (July 1993) as Iran beat Brazil 3-0 on Saturday.
- Iran won 3-0 in a World League match for the second time following their victory against Germany in 2013.
- Brazil have now lost two home matches by 3-0 in the 2014 World League, the first year they have lost twice without claiming a set.

Pool A: Italy - Poland (June 6 & 8)

- Italy have now won seven consecutive World League matches for first time in 12 years, when they won nine in a row, which ended in the 2002 semifinals.
- Ivan Zaytsev was Italy's top scorer in both matches, scoring 24 points in the first match and 18 in the second.

Pool B: United States - Russia (June 6 & 7)

- For the first time in 14 years (2000 season), the United States have started off their World League campaign with four straight victories.
- For the first time in 17 years (1997 season), Russia have started off their World League campaign with four straight defeats.

Pool B: Bulgaria - Serbia (June 7 & 8)

- Serbia won their fourth and fifth successive World League match, dating back to last season. This is the first time in four years they have won five consecutive World League matches (2010).
- Bulgaria lost their first four matches of a World League season for the first time. This is Bulgaria's 17th season.



Pool C: Belgium - Canada (June 6 & 8)

- Canada started off their 2014 campaign with three wins for the second time, following their 2000 season.
- Belgium have now won at least two sets in all their four World League matches so far. They are the first debutants to achieve this feat since Cuba in 1991.

Pool C: Australia - Finland (June 7 & 8)

- Australia won their first World League match after losing their first 14 on Saturday. Only China (19 matches) and Egypt (24) needed more matches to win their first.
- This was the third time in 10 participations that Finland lost their first three World League matches.

Pool D: Argentina - Japan (June 6 & 8)

- Japan have lost each of their first six matches this season. In their 2012 campaign, they lost all of their 12 matches.
- Argentina have won two straight matches within the same World League season for the first time since their 2012 campaign.

Pool D: Germany - France (June 7 & 8)

- France won their opening six matches for the first time in World League history. This is their 19th season.
- France have now won nine successive World League matches. This is their longest winning streak ever in the competition and this is also the longest active streak of all nations.

Pool E: Netherlands - Portugal (June 7 & 8)

- The Netherlands have now failed to win both home matches in one World League weekend in each of the last three times.
- Portugal have now won twice in the Netherlands by 3-2 (following victory last year). The only country besides their own where they have won the fifth set at least twice.



Pool E: Czech Republic - Korea Republic (June 5 & 6)

- Czech Republic have won both home matches in one weekend in the World League for the first time since beating Japan twice with 3-0 in June 2003.
- Czech Republic win 3-2 twice in the same weekend in the World League. In their 19 matches before this weekend, they achieved this feat only twice.

Pool F

- Cuba have won three consecutive World League matches. The team had won only one of their previous 10 World League matches.
- World League debutants Mexico won on their debut match on Friday, June 6. Fellow newcomers Turkey claimed their maiden victory on Sunday, 8 June. The other debutants in this group, Tunisia, are still seeking their first WL victory.

Pool G

- Slovakia won their debut match in the World League 3-1 against Spain on Friday, 6 June.
- Spain snapped a nine-match losing streak in the World League by defeating Puerto Rico 3-2 on Sunday, 8 June.
- China ended their five-match losing streak in the World League and won three in a row in the competition for the first time since 2007, when they posted four successive victories.