



FIVB MEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 4 – JUNE 1, TOKYO

Venezuela - Canada

Head-to-head

- Venezuela and Canada will meet at the World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time since 1996 when Canada won 3-1 in Espinho, Portugal. Both teams failed to qualify for Atlanta.
- These teams last met at the 2015 World Cup when Canada won in straight sets.
- Venezuela won their last match against a NORCECA side at the World Olympic Qualification tournament, in straight sets against Puerto Rico in 2012.

Venezuela

- Venezuela have lost all three matches at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- Venezuela are the only team yet to win a match at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- Venezuela have won at least one match in the past three World Olympic Qualification Tournament in which they participated (2000, 2004 and 2012).
- Kervin Martin Piñerua Urbina is Venezuela's top scorer with 50 points, including a team high 41 spikes.

Canada

- Canada claimed their first victory at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification Tournament by defeating Australia in five sets on Tuesday.
- Canada lost their first two matches in the tournament in five sets against Iran and Poland.
- Canada have now played three five-set matches in a row at the World Olympic Qualification tournament. Prior to this streak they had only one five-setter in 13 matches.
- The only other nation with three successive five sets matches at the World Olympic Qualification Tournament was Japan in 2004.
- Canada have scored a league high 320 points, but also conceded a league high 320 points.
- Gavin Schmitt has scored a tournament high 67 points including a tournament high nine aces.



France - Australia

Head-to-head

- The last encounter between France and Australia at the World Olympic Qualification tournament came in Tokyo in 2004. France won in straight sets. Both teams qualified for the Olympic Games in Athens.
- The last time these teams met at a world level tournament was in 2014 at the world championship. France won 3-1.
- These teams also met in the 2014 World League earlier that year. In the final of group 2, Australia defeated France by 3-2.

France

- France defeated Iran in straight sets after losing 3-2 against Poland and winning 3-1 against China.
- France have taken at least one set in all their 16 World Olympic Qualification Tournament matches played since 2000.
- Antonin Rouzier has a shared tournament high 54 spikes scored, along with Australia's Thomas Edgar.
- Nicolas Le Goff has a tournament high stuff blocks.

Australia

- Australia started the tournament with a straight set defeat, won the second by 3-1 and were defeated in five sets against Canada on Tuesday.
- Australia have not lost consecutive matches at the World Olympic Qualification Tournament since Japan and Serbia both defeated Australia in straight sets in 2012.
- Thomas Edgar has a shared tournament high 54 spikes scored, along with France's Antonin Rouzier.



China - Poland

Head-to-head

- The most recent meeting between China and Poland came at the 2011 World Cup, Poland won 3-1.
- China's last win over Poland came at the 2008 World League when they won 3-1.
- After that China win, Poland won all four encounters, including three at the same 2008 World League and the 2011 World Cup win.

China

- China started the tournament with a 3-1 loss against France but defeated Japan and Venezuela in straight sets on Sunday and Tuesday.
- The last time they won two matches in a row in straight sets in this competition was their last match in 2004 and their first in 2012 (against Canada and Puerto Rico). They lost their next match against Iran in five sets.
- The last time China won three matches in a row at the World Olympic Qualification Tournament was in 2000-2004 when they won five consecutive matches.
- No other team have conceded fewer sets (3) than China this tournament.

Poland

- Poland won in straight sets against hosts Japan on Tuesday. Poland are the only unbeaten team left in the tournament.
- Poland are still unbeaten at World Olympic Qualification tournaments this century. Their nine matches since then ended in a straight set victory (6) or a five-setter (3).
- Poland's last loss en route to the 2016 Olympic Games came in the 2016 Europe Olympic Qualification Tournament when they lost in straight sets against France in the semifinal.
- Bartosz Kurek is Poland's top scorer. He has scored 44 points, including 35 spikes.



Japan - Iran

Head-to-head

- Japan and Iran have met on all three previous World Olympic Qualification tournaments held in Tokyo (2004, 2008, 2012).
- Their last encounter in 2012 ended in a straight sets win by Iran. Iran also won the 2004 match (3-2). Japan won the 2008 encounter by 3-1.
- Their last meeting came in the 2015 World Cup when Iran won 3-2.
- These teams played the final at the last two continental championships (2014 Asian Games and 2015 Asian Championships). In 2014, Iran proved too strong (3-1) while Japan won in 2015 (3-1).

Japan

- Japan started the tournament with a 3-1 win over Venezuela but suffered two straight set defeats in a row against China and Poland.
- The last time they lost three consecutive World Olympic Qualification Tournament matches was in 2004 when they lost five in a row before beating Korea by 3-0.
- Yuki Ishikawa is Japan's top scorer with 50 points including a match high 17 points against Poland.

Iran

- Iran suffered a straight set defeat against France after winning the first two matches against Australia (3-0) and Canada (3-2).
- The last time Iran lost consecutive matches at a World Olympic Qualification Tournament came in 2008 when they lost three in a row.
- Milad Ebadipour Gharahassanloo is Iran's top scorer. He has 37 points from spikes, has one successful block and two aces which make a total of 40 points, two more than teammate Amir Ghafour.