



FIVB MEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 5 – JUNE 2, TOKYO

Canada - France

Head-to-head

- The last encounter between Canada and France at a major competition was at the 2004 World Olympic Qualification tournament in Tokyo, where France won in straight sets.
- These teams have met once at the Olympic Games. In Barcelona 1992, Canada won in straight sets. Canada eventually finished 10th, ahead of France (11).

Canada

- Canada can win three matches in a row at a World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time.
- They are winless in their last six matches against CEV opponents at World Olympic Qualification tournaments (1996-present).
- Gavin Schmitt has scored a team-high 78 points at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament, including 10 aces.

France

- France's 44-42 set win in their 3-1 victory against Australia was the highest score in a major competition since Brazil won the second set 44-42 in a 3-2 defeat against Canada in the 1999 World League.
- France have never suffered two defeats at a single World Olympic Qualification tournament. Last Sunday, they lost 3-2 against Poland.
- This will be France's 40th match in a major competition since the start of 2015. They have won 34 and lost five of the previous 39 matches.



Iran - China

Head-to-head

- The most recent encounter at the World Olympic Qualification tournament between Iran and China came in 2012 when Iran proved too strong after five sets.
- They also met at the 2004 World Olympic Qualification tournament when China won 3-1.
- Iran and China's previous two encounters were both semifinals at continental championships. At the 2014 Asian Games, Iran won in straight sets en route to their gold medal.
- At the 2015 Asian Championship, Iran defeated China with 3-2 but lost the final against Japan (3-1). China finished third after winning the third place match against Qatar (3-2).

Iran

- Iran bounced back from their defeat against France (3-0) to claim a 3-1 win over Japan on Wednesday, their third win at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- They won five matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in 2012, but it was not sufficient to qualify for the Olympic Games.
- They are closing in on their first participation at the Olympic Games.

China

- China have won two matches and lost two, after their 3-2 defeat against Poland on Wednesday, despite taking a two-set lead.
- At the 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament, China lost four of their seven matches and failed to qualify for the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- Dai Qinghyao (46) and Zhang Chen (45) have scored most points for China at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Zhang Chen and Gen Xin have both scored 10 points from blocks.



Poland - Venezuela

Head-to-head

- Poland and Venezuela last met at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in Porto, Portugal in 2004.
- Poland won in straight sets and secured the first place and qualification for the Olympic Games in Athens. Venezuela came second and failed to qualify.
- Their last meeting came in 2015 World Cup when Poland won 3-1.
- These teams also met at the 2014 World Championship. Poland won in straight sets in the first round.

Poland

- Poland are the only team to have won all four matches at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Poland have already played, and won, three five-set matches at this World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Since 1996, Poland are unbeaten at World Olympic Qualification tournaments (13 wins).
- In 2016, five of their nine matches at major competitions needed a fifth set.
- Bartosz Kurek leads his team with 66 points scored.

Venezuela

- 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 tournaments in which they participated (2000, 2004 and 2012).
- Their last two wins at a major competitions came at the 2015 South American Olympic Qualification tournament in October 2015, when they beat Colombia and Chile.
- Kervin Martin Piñeda Urbina is Venezuela's highest scorer at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament with 62 points.



Australia - Japan

Head-to-head

- These teams have met at the three previous World Olympic Qualification tournaments (2004, 2008, 2012).
- Japan have won the last two matches in this tournament in 2008 and 2012, both in straight sets.
- In 2004, Australia won 3-2 after losing the first set by 25-21.
- These teams have met twice in 2015 - Australia won 3-1 in the second round of the Asian Championship, Japan won 3-1 at the World Cup.

Australia

- Australia won five of their seven matches at the 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament. They lost the other two, including a 3-0 defeat against Japan.
- Australia have won at least two matches at each World Olympic Qualification tournament since losing all three matches in 1996.
- Paul Carroll scored a match-high 34 points in Australia's 3-1 loss versus France.

Japan

- Japan have lost their last three matches, since beating Venezuela (3-1) in the first matchround of this World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Japan could miss out on the tickets for Rio after having participated eight times at the Olympic Games - and won gold in 1972, silver in 1968 and bronze in 1964.
- Yuki Ishikawa (68) and Kunihiro Shimizu (67) lead Japan in points scored at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament.