



FIVB MEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 6 – JUNE 4, TOKYO

China - Australia

Head-to-head

- China and Australia last met at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in Tokyo in 2012 when Australia won in straight sets.
- They also met at the World Olympic Qualification tournaments in 1996 and 2004. In 1996, China won 3-0 while Australia won in straight sets in 2004.
- They met at the 2015 Asian Championship when China claimed the victory in straight sets.

China

- China lost their last two matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament against Poland (3-2) and Iran (3-2). They could lose three in a row in this tournament for the first time this century.
- In total, China have won two and lost three matches at the tournament this year. At the 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament they lost four of their seven matches and failed to qualify.
- Chen Zhang has scored most points for China this tournament (65).

Australia

- Australia could book their first consecutive victories at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament after they beat hosts Japan in straight sets on Thursday.
- In their last three participations at the World Olympic Qualification tournament (2004-2008-2012), Australia won at least three of their seven matches. They currently are on two wins in Tokyo.
- Only France's Antonin Rouzier (96) has scored more points at this tournament than Thomas Edgar (82).



Venezuela - France

Head-to-head

- Venezuela and France have not recently met at the World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Their last meeting at a world level tournament came in 2008 when they met four times at the World League.
- France won all four encounters (3-2, 3-0, 3-1, 3-1).

Venezuela

- Venezuela have lost all of their five matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament and have failed to qualify for Olympic Games in Rio.
- They are the only team yet to claim two sets in a single match this tournament.
- At their last three participations at the World Olympic Qualification tournament (2000, 2004 and 2012), Venezuela won at least one match.
- Kervin Martin Piñeda Urbina (73) is the only Venezuelan player to have scored more than 35 points this tournament.

France

- France qualify for the Olympic Games in Rio by winning this match.
- It would be their fourth participation at the Olympic Games, after 1988, 1992 and 2004.
- France could win four consecutive matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time since a run of eight in 2004-2012.
- Antonin Rouzier (96) is the most scoring player at this World Olympic Qualification tournament.



Poland - Iran

Head-to-head

- Poland and Iran have met five times in 2015 - four meetings in the World League and one in the world cup.
- Iran's only win over Poland in 2015 came in their third meeting in the World League (3-2).
- Poland won three of the World League encounters (3-1, 3-2 and 3-1) and the World Cup match (3-2).
- They also met at the 2014 World Championship. Poland won 3-2.

Poland

- Poland have already qualified for the Olympic Games in Rio by winning all of their five matches at this qualification tournament.
- They will go to the Olympic Games for the ninth time. Of the previous eight times, they claimed a medal once as they won gold in 1976.
- They are the only unbeaten team at this tournament.
- Three of their five victories came in five sets.
- Since 1996, Poland have won all of their 14 matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Bartosz Kurek has scored most points for Poland this tournament: 75.

Iran

- Iran could qualify for the Olympic Games for the first time by winning against Poland.
- Iran have won four matches at this World Olympic Qualification tournament. In 2012, they won five of their seven matches but failed to qualify as they finished third behind Serbia and Australia and only the best nation and the best AVC nation qualified for London 2012.
- Seyed Mohammad Mousavi Eraghi has scored 21 points from stuff blocks this tournament, most of all players.



Japan - Canada

Head-to-head

- Canada won the last encounter with Japan at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in Tokyo in 2004 in straight sets.
- Japan and Canada have met twice at the Olympic Games, both in group stage matches. In 1984, Canada won in straight sets. In Barcelona in 1992, Japan won 3-2 .
- Their most recently encounter came in the 2015 World Cup when Japan won in straight sets.

Japan

- Japan could lose five consecutive matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time since 2004.
- They have only won their opening match against Venezuela (3-1). The last time they won only one match at a World Olympic Qualification tournament was 1996.
- Kunihiro Shimizu (81) has scored third most points of all players participating in Tokyo. Only Antonin Rouzier (FRA, 96) and Thomas Edgar (AUS, 82) have scored more often.

Canada

- Canada lost their last match at the World Olympic Qualification tournament against France in straight sets, after they had defeated Australia (3-2) and Venezuela (3-0).
- Canada need two victories to equal their win-loss record from the last time they participated at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in 2004 (W4-L3). That record was not sufficient to qualify for the Olympic Games in Athens.
- Gavin Schmitt has scored a team-high 78 points, joint fourth-most of all players participating at the tournament in Tokyo.
- Ten of those points came from aces, most of all players.