



FIVB WOMEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 2 – MAY 15, TOKYO

Italy - Thailand

Head-to-head

- Italy and Thailand previously met at a World Olympic Qualification tournament in 2004. Italy won in straight sets.
- The last three meetings between these teams at world level tournaments all came at the World Grand Prix. Italy won all of these meetings, 3-2 in 2011 and 3-0 in both 2013 and 2014.
- Italy have won six of their last eight World Olympic Qualification matches against AVC sides. Their two defeats in this streak both came in a five-setter.

Italy

- Italy won their first match against Korea Republic 3-1.
- Italy can win their first two matches at a World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time since 2000 when they defeated Netherlands (3-2) and Korea Republic (3-0).
- Italy are now unbeaten in their last four matches at a World Olympic Qualification tournament (2004-2016). In 2000, they won the first five matches.
- Monica De Gennaro had 17 digs in the first match, most of all teams after the first match round.

Thailand

- Thailand won the opening match of a World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time, defeating Dominican Republic 3-1.
- In their previous three World Olympic Qualification tournaments in 2004, 2008 and 2012 Thailand had lost all their opening matches.
- Thailand also won their last match against Cuba in 2012 at the World Olympic Qualification tournament and they can win three in a row for the first time.
- Thailand were handed 35 points thanks to errors by Dominican Republic.
- Ajcharaporn Kongyot scored 18 points against Dominican Republic, including a team high 15 spikes.



Peru - Dominican Republic

Head-to-head

- Peru and Dominican Republic most recently met at the 2015 World Cup. Dominican Republic won 3-1.
- Peru's last win over Dominican Republic at a world level tournament came at the 2007 Pan American Games when they prevailed in a five-setter.
- Peru have lost their last World Olympic Qualification match against a NORCECA side. In 2012 they lost in straight sets to Cuba.

Peru

- Peru lost their first match against Japan in straight sets.
- They have now lost their last five matches at a World Olympic Qualification tournament since winning 3-0 against Chinese Taipei in 2012, their only win so far.
- Angela Leyva scored 12 points, all spikes, in the match against Japan.

Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic lost 3-1 against Thailand in the opening match.
- They had won their first match at the previous World Olympic Qualification campaign in 2008 and then ended that campaign also with three wins.
- Dominican Republic could now lose two matches in a row for the first time since three successive defeats in 2008.
- Dominican Republic scored 61 points from spikes against Thailand, most of all teams in the first match round.
- Brayelin Elizabeth Martinez scored a match high 20 points against Thailand.



Netherlands - Korea Republic

Head-to-head

- The last time these teams met at a World Olympic Qualification tournament was in 2000. Korea won 3-1.
- This was the last time Netherlands lost at a World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Netherlands and Korea last met at a world level tournament at the 2005 World Grand Prix. The Dutch won in straight sets.
- The teams met twice at the Olympic Games, both in 1996. Netherlands won 3-1 in the group stage and later secured a fifth place with a straight sets victory.

Netherlands

- Netherlands won their first match against Kazakhstan 3-1.
- The last time Netherlands won their first two matches at a World Olympic Qualification tournament was in 1996 when they defeated both Croatia and Chinese Taipei in straight sets.
- Lonneke Slöetjes scored 30 points against Kazakhstan, including 27 spikes, both numbers are the most for any player in the first match round.
- Anne Buijs served a tournament high five aces.

Korea Republic

- Korea Republic lost their opening match at a World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time, 3-1 against Italy. They had won the previous four occasions.
- Four years ago, Korea Republic suffered two defeats, back-to-back losses against Russia (3-0) and Serbia (3-1).
- Kim Yeon-Koung scored 26 points against Italy. Only Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 30) had more points in the first match round.
- Yang Hyo-Jin had five successful blocks, equal most with Cristina Chirichella (ITA).



Japan - Kazakhstan

Head-to-head

- Japan and Kazakhstan met at the 2008 World Olympic Qualification tournament when Japan won in straight sets.
- Japan have lost only one of their last nine World Olympic Qualification matches against fellow AVC sides, a 3-1 defeat to Korea in 2012.
- The most recent meeting between these teams at world level came at the 2015 Asian Championship when Japan won 3-0 in the classification round for the places 5 to 8.

Japan

- Japan won their first match 3-0 against Peru and they can now start their World Olympic Qualification tournament with two wins for the sixth time in a row (1996-2016).
- Miyu Nagaoka scored a team high 20 points in the first match.
- Arisa Sato had a 5.00 average in digs per set (15 digs total) against Peru, the highest average of all players in the first match round.

Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan lost 3-1 against Netherlands in the first match.
- In 2008, their last participation, Kazakhstan lost the first five matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament. They also started that tournament with a 3-1 loss (against Serbia).
- Kazakhstan's two wins at the 2008 edition came against Asian opponents, Korea Republic and Thailand.
- Katerina Tatko scored a team high 12 points in the first match.