



FIVB WOMEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 3 – MAY 17, TOKYO

Kazakhstan - Peru

Head-to-head

- Kazakhstan and Peru last met at the 2015 World Grand Prix. Peru won in straight sets.
- Peru have lost four of their last five World Olympic Qualification matches against AVC sides, all in straight sets, including the last three. Their only win in this run came against Chinese Taipei in 2012 (3-0).
- Kazakhstan will meet a team from South America for the first time at a World Olympic Qualification tournament.

Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan lost their first two matches against Netherlands (3-1) and Japan (3-0).
- They also lost the first two matches in their previous participation in 2008 when Serbia (3-1) and Poland (3-0) proved too strong.
- Kazakhstan lost their first five matches in 2008, but still qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games as best Asian side.

Peru

- After Peru's win against Dominican Republic in straight sets, Peru can now win two matches at a World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time.
- They claimed one win at the 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament, a 3-0 win against Chinese Taipei.
- Peru have played only one four-set match (3-1 loss against Serbia) and no five-setters in their nine World Olympic Qualification matches.
- Angela Leyva scored a team high 34 points (32 spikes and two blocks) so far at this World Olympic Qualification tournament.



Dominican Republic - Italy

Head-to-head

- These teams met at each of the last six editions of the World Grand Prix (2010-2015). Italy won four of these meetings - 3-1 in 2011 and 2012, 3-0 in 2014 and 2015 - while Dominican won on two occasions - five-set wins in 2010 and 2013.
- Dominican also prevailed in a five-setter in their meeting at the 2014 World Championship.
- Dominican Republic and Italy met once at the Olympic Games, four years ago in London. Italy won 3-1.

Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic are still looking for their first victory after losing against Thailand (3-1) and Peru (3-0).
- Kazakhstan are the only other team to have lost their first two matches at this World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- In their previous campaign in 2008 they lost three matches and failed to qualify after they became fourth.
- Elizabeth Martinez Brayelin has scored a team high 32 points.
- Niverka Dharlenis Marte Frica is one of the best setters at this tournament, with an average of 11.43 per set.

Italy

- Italy is one of the two countries to win both first matches along with hosts Japan.
- Italy proved too strong for Korea Republic (3-1) and Thailand (3-1).
- The last time they won the first three matches was at World Olympic Qualification tournament in 2000, when they won the first six and finished first.
- Italy have not missed the Olympic Games since 1996, when they won only two matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Cristiana Chirichella has 40 block/rebound attempts at his tournament, 13 more than the next two players, Erika Araki (JPN) and Robin de Kruijff (NED).



Thailand - Netherlands

Head-to-head

- These teams will meet for the first time at a World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Netherlands beat Thailand five times in their last six meetings at world level tournaments, four times at the World Grand Prix (2010, 2009 and twice in 2005) and at the 2014 World Championship.
- Thailand's only victory in this run came at the 2010 World Championship (3-1).

Thailand

- Thailand started the World Olympic Qualification tournament with a win over Dominican Republic but Italy proved too strong in the second match (3-1).
- In their previous three participations at a World Olympic Qualification tournament (2004, 2008, 2012), Thailand won one of their first three matches at each tournament.
- They failed to qualify for the Olympic Games at each of these three tournaments.
- Ajcharaporn Kongyot was Thailand's top scorer in both matches so far and she has scored a total of 33 points including a team high 30 spikes.

Netherlands

- Netherlands lost their last match against Korea Republic in straight sets.
- Netherlands have lost three of their last four matches against AVC sides, including two against Korea. Their only win came against Kazakhstan in the opening match of this World Olympic Qualification tournament (3-1).
- In 2000, Netherlands previous participation, the Dutch started with a win and loss as well. They failed to qualify after finishing fifth.
- Lonneke Slöetjes and Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR) lead all players in points, 50 each.
- Anne Buijs and Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR) lead all players in aces, five each.



Korea Republic - Japan

Head-to-head

- Korea and Japan have met at each of the last four World Olympic Qualification tournaments.
- Korea won in 2000 (3-1) and in 2012 (3-1), while Japan grabbed the wins in-between, a 3-0 win in 2004 and a 3-1 win in 2008.
- These teams have met nine times at the Olympic Games. Korea won twice (1996, 2004) while Japan won the other seven, including the bronze medal match of 2012 and the semifinals of 1972 and 1976.
- Their most recent meeting came at the 2015 World Cup. Japan won in straight sets.

Korea Republic

- Korea Republic started the World Olympic Qualification tournament with a loss (Italy 3-1) and a win (Netherlands 3-0).
- They had 11 service aces against zero for Netherlands in their 3-0 win.
- In 2012, they also started the World Olympic Qualification tournament with a win and a loss. They finished second and qualified for the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- Kim Yeon-Koung has scored a tournament high 50 points (44 spikes, 1 block, 5 serves), joint-most with Lonneke Slöetjes (NED).
- Yang Hyo-Jin has a tournament high seven blocks.

Japan

- Japan won both matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament. They defeated both Peru and Kazakhstan in straight sets.
- Japan is the only team without losing a set so far in the tournament.
- Four years ago, Japan won their first three matches. They finished fourth, but still qualified as the best Asian side outside the top three.
- Erika Araki has the best block average per set, 1.00, joint-highest with Yang Hyo-Jin (KOR).
- Haruka Miyashita leads all players as setter with a 12.17 average per set.
- Arisa Sato is the best digger so far with 4.33 average per set.