



FIVB WOMEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 4 – MAY 18, TOKYO

Peru - Italy

Head-to-head

- The most recent meeting between these teams at world level tournaments came at the 2011 World Grand Prix. Italy won 3-0.
- Italy also won their last meetings at the world cup (3-0 in 2007) and world championship (3-0 in 2006).
- Peru and Italy have met once at the Olympic Games. In 2000, Italy won in straight sets in the group stage.

Peru

- Peru's two wins at this World Olympic Qualification Tournament are already one more than they won in the previous campaign in 2012 - one win.
- Peru can win three competitive matches in a row for the first time since four successive wins at the 2015 South American Championship.
- Angela Leyva's 30 points against Kazakhstan equalled Lonneke Slöetjes's 30 points for Netherlands versus Kazakhstan as most in a match at the 2016 World Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- She has scored 64 points so far, only trailing Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR, 75) and Slöetjes (70).

Italy

- Italy can win their first four matches at the World Olympic Qualification Tournament for the second time after starting the 2000 edition with six wins.
- Teams that won their first four matches at a World Olympic Qualification Tournament have always secured a ticket for the Olympic Games.
- Cristina Chirichella has made 10 stuff blocks in the first three matches, already one more than in her last five matches at the 2015 World Grand Prix.
- Italy can claim four wins in a row at world level for the first time since six straight wins at the 2014 World Championships.



Kazakhstan - Korea Republic

Head-to-head

- Kazakhstan won their only meeting with Korea Republic at a World Olympic Qualification tournament. They recorded a straight-sets win in 2008.
- Korea won the last three meetings with Kazakhstan at major tournaments in straight sets - 2010 Asian Games semifinal, 2013 Asian Championship quarterfinal and 2015 Asian Championship first round.
- Kazakhstan's win at the World Olympic Qualification tournament of 2008 followed a five-sets defeat at the 2007 Asian Championship.

Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan are still waiting on their first win at this World Olympic Qualification tournament. They had finished their previous campaign in 2008 with two wins. Their only wins at World Olympic Qualification tournaments.
- Kazakhstan's last wins in competitive matches came at the 2015 World Grand Prix in June 2015, when they beat Algeria, Australia and Cuba in successive matches.
- Radmila Beresneva leads her teammates in points (29), spikes (26), successful digs (16) and excellents in receiving (50).

Korea Republic

- Korea Republic can win three matches at this World Olympic Qualification tournament. They won their last four matches at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in 2012.
- They can also win three competitive matches for the first time since three in a row at the 2015 World Cup.
- Kim Yeon-Koung is the highest scoring player with 75 points.
- She is the only player to score 24+ points per match.
- Korea Republic's Kim Hee-Jin (7) and Kim Yeon-Koung (6) lead all players in aces.



Netherlands - Dominican Republic

Head-to-head

- The most recent meetings between these teams came at the 2010 World Grand Prix. Netherlands won both encounters at this tournament (3-2, 3-0).
- Netherlands recorded two straight sets wins at the 2009 World Grand Prix.
- Netherlands won their last World Olympic Qualification match against a NORCECA side. They beat Canada in straight sets in 2000.

Netherlands

- Netherlands have won three of their last four matches at World Olympic Qualification Tournaments.
- Since the start of 2015, Netherlands have won 19 of their 23 competitive matches.
- Lonneke Slöetjes has scored 70 points at this World Olympic Qualification Tournament, second-most of all players behind Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR, 75).
- Slöetjes has scored 66 points from 106 spikes, a success rate of 62.26%. This is more than 10% higher success rate than she had at the 2015 World Grand Prix (51.70%).

Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic are hoping to clinch their first win at this World Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- They have now lost four competitive matches in a row, directly following four successive wins at last year's NORCECA Championships.
- Elizabeth Brayelin Martinez has been Dominican Republic's top scorer in all three matches at this World Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- Niverka Dharlenis Marte Frica has made 284 setups, including 103 running sets, for an average of 10.30 setups per set.



Japan - Thailand

Head-to-head

- Japan and Thailand met on three occasions in 2015. Japan won both meetings at the World Grand Prix (both 3-0), but Thailand proved too strong in the 2015 Asian Championship quarterfinal (3-0).
- Thailand's last five wins over Japan all came in continental championships (Asian Games, Asian Championship). Japan's last five wins came at world level tournaments (World Grand Prix, Grand Champions Cup).
- This meet-up was the final of the 2013 Asian Championship. Thailand won their second Asian Championship by beating Japan 3-0.
- En route to their first Asian Championship title of 2009, Thailand beat Japan 3-1 in the semifinal.

Japan

- Japan could lose two matches at the World Olympic Qualification Tournament. They also suffered two successive defeats in their final two matches at the 2012 World Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- The last time Japan lost two competitive matches in a row was in their final two matches at the 2015 World Cup.
- Kimura Saori's average of 70.83% in receiving is the highest of all players.
- Haruka Miyashita's 12.20 setups per set is the highest average of all players.

Thailand

- Thailand risk losing three matches in a row at the World Olympic Qualification Tournament for the first time since five consecutive defeats in 2008-2012.
- Kazakhstan are the only team to lose three consecutive matches at a specific World Olympic Qualification Tournament and still manage to qualify, in 2008, as the best Asian team outside the top-three.
- Thailand won their first match at this World Olympic Qualification Tournament against Dominican Republic. That win ended a three-match losing streak in competitive matches, all three at the 2015 World Grand Prix.
- Piyanut Pannoy's average of 62.50% in receiving is the second highest behind Japan's Kimura Saori's 70.83%