



FIVB WOMEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 5 – MAY 20, TOKYO

Thailand - Kazakhstan

Head-to-head

- Kazakhstan won their only World Olympic Qualification meeting with Thailand, 3-1 in 2008.
- Their last encounter came at the 2015 Asian Championship. Thailand won in straight sets in the second round.
- Kazakhstan's last victory over Thailand came in the first round of the 2014 World Championship (3-0).
- The last five-setter played between the teams was at the 2008 World Grand Prix, won by Kazakhstan.

Thailand

- Thailand risk losing four matches in a row at the World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time since five consecutive defeats in 2008-2012
- Thailand lost their last World Olympic Qualification match 3-2 against Japan. It was the first five-setter of this year's competition.
- Thailand have lost all three of their five-setters at a World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Thailand have two players with 10+ stuff blocks in the first four matches - Pleumjit Thinkaow (12) and Thatdao Nuekjang (10). No team has more than one.
- Only Lonneke Slöetjes (56.8%) has a better success percentage of spikes than Pleumjit Thinkaow (49.4%)
- Piyanut Pannoy has 47 digs so far in the competition, joint-most alongside Arisa Sato (JPN).

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
- Yekaterina Zhdanova leads her teammates in points (35) and in spikes (29).



Korea Republic - Peru

Head-to-head

- These teams met at the last World Olympic Qualification tournament of 2012. Korea won in straight sets.
- Korea and Peru have met three times at the Olympic Games. Korea won 3-1 in 2000 while Peru grabbed wins in 1984 (3-2) and 1968 (3-0).
- Since the 2000 Olympic Games, Korea won all three matches against Peru at world level tournaments - 3-0 at the 2007 World Cup, 3-1 at the 2010 World Championship, 3-0 at the 2015 World Cup.

Korea Republic

- Korea could qualify for the Olympic Games with a 3-0 win against Peru. It would be their 11th Olympic participation. They have claimed one medal, a bronze in 1976.
- Korea have won seven of their last eight World Olympic Qualification matches, including their last three.
- Korea can win four consecutive competitive matches for the first time since last year's Asian Championship. They won all of their matches en route to the final in which they lost to China (3-0).
- Only Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 87) has scored more points in the competition than Kim Yeon-Koung (82).

Peru

- Peru need to avoid a defeat in straight sets in order to keep a shot at qualification.
- 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.
- 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 81 points so far, only trailing Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR, 82) and Slöetjes (87).



Italy - Netherlands

Head-to-head

- Italy won the last meeting with Netherlands at a World Olympic Qualification tournament, 3-2 in 2000.
- Netherlands won their meeting at the 1996 World Olympic Qualification tournament (3-1).
- This is a repeat of the 2009 European Championship final. Italy won in straight sets and grabbed their second European title after 2007.
- Netherlands won only two of their last eight meetings with Italy. They won 3-1 at the 2007 World Grand Prix and in straight sets in their most recent meeting, in the 2015 European Championship.

Italy

- Italy will qualify for the Olympic Games with a win.
- Italy could qualify for their fifth consecutive Olympic Games and have yet to claim a medal.
- Italy can win their first five matches of a World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time since starting the 2000 edition with six wins.
- Italy have won at least two sets in 17 of their last 18 World Olympic Qualification matches, including in their last 11.
- Italy can claim five wins in a row at world level for the first time since six straight wins at the 2014 World Championships.
- Cristina Chirichella has made 13 stuff blocks in the first four matches, most of all players. Her total blocks of 70 are by far the most of all players and also the 0.93 average blocks per set are a tournament high.

Netherlands

- Netherlands have won five of their last six matches at World Olympic Qualification tournaments, including their last two in 2000.
- Since the start of 2015, Netherlands have won 20 of their 24 competitive matches, only losing against Germany (European Games), Azerbaijan (European Games), Russia (European Championship) and Korea (Olympic Qualification Tournament).
- Lonneke Slöetjes has scored 87 points at this World Olympic Qualification tournament, most of all players.
- Slöetjes has also scored the most points from spikes in the competition (79).



Dominican Republic - Japan

Head-to-head

- Japan have won each of their last nine meetings with Dominican Republic at world level tournaments, including a 3-0 win at the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- Dominican Republic's last win came at the 2009 Grand Champions Cup (3-1), which followed a straight sets win at the 2008 World Grand Prix.
- Two of their last three meetings were decided in a five-setter (both won by Japan). These came at the 2014 World Championship and 2015 World Cup.

Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic are eyeing their first win at the World Olympic Qualification tournament since winning their last three matches of the 2008 edition.
- They have now lost five 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 four matches at this World Olympic Qualification tournament. She scored a total of 73 points so far.
- She is one of four players with more than 70 points in the competition, alongside Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 87), Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR, 82) and Angela Leyva (PER, 81).

Japan

- Japan won their last World Olympic Qualification match against Thailand (3-2). It was the first five-setter of this year's competition.
- Japan have now won three of their four matches at this year's tournament. They won at least four in each of their last three participations at the World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Only Lonneke Slöetjes (56.8%) has a better success percentage of spikes than Yuki Ishii (49.4%)
- Haruka Miyashita is currently the best setter in the competition with an average of 11.47 per set. Niverka Dharlenis Marte Frica (DOM) follows with 8.62 per set.
- Japan also currently have the best receiver in the competition as Saori Kimura has an efficiency of 70.6%.
- Arisa Sato has 47 digs so far in the competition, joint-most alongside Piyanut Pannoy (THA).