



FIVB WOMEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 6 – MAY 21, TOKYO

Korea Republic - Thailand

Head-to-head

- Korea Republic won all of their World Olympic Qualification matches against Thailand - 3-1 in 2004, 3-2 in 2008 and 3-0 in 2012.
- Korea have won each of their last 11 meetings with Thailand, since a 3-2 defeat at the 2007 Asian Championship.
- Korea beat Thailand 3-2 in the match for third place at the 2011 Asian Championship.
- Their most recent meeting was also decided in a five-setter. At the 2015 Asian Championship Korea won 3-2 in the second round.

Korea Republic

- Korea could qualify for the Olympic Games with a) a win or b) a 3-2 defeat against Thailand. It would be their 11th Olympic participation. They have claimed one medal, a bronze in 1976.
- Korea have won eight of their last nine World Olympic Qualification matches, including their last four.
- Korea can win five consecutive competitive matches for the first time since last year's Asian Championship. They won all of their seven matches en route to the final in which they lost to China (3-0).
- Kim Yeon-Koung (101) is one of three players having scored 100+ points so far this competition, alongside Angela Leyva (PER, 104) and Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 109).
- Yang Hyo-Jin is currently the best blocker in the competition with most stuff blocks (20), most total attempts (81) and the best average by set (1.11).

Thailand

- Thailand need to win both of their remaining matches in order to keep a shot at qualification for the Olympic Games.
- Thailand can win three matches at a single World Olympic Qualification tournament for the third time after three wins in 2004 and four wins in 2012.
- Thailand have four players with 50 or more points in the competition - Ajcharaporn Kongyot (60), Pleumjit (58), Thatdao Nuekjang (55) and Onuma Sittirak (54). No team has more than two with 50+ points.



Kazakhstan - Dominican Republic

Head-to-head

- Kazakhstan and Dominican Republic have met on three occasions in the last 10 years.
- Dominican Republic won in straight sets at the 2008 World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- They also beat Kazakhstan in their most recent meeting, 3-2 at the 2011 World Grand Prix.
- Kazakhstan last won at the 2007 World Grand Prix, also in a five-setter.

Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan are winless in this year's competition and are out of contention for the Olympic Games.
- 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 total points scored (43) and points from spikes (36).

Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic have lost all five matches in this year's competition and cannot qualify for the Olympic Games.
- Dominican Republic are eyeing their first win at the World Olympic Qualification tournament since winning their last three matches at the 2008 edition.
- They have now lost six competitive matches in a row, directly following four successive wins at last year's NORCECA Championships.
- Brayelin Elizabeth Martinez has scored most points for her team in this tournament (86). She only trails powerhouses Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 109), Angela Leyva (PER, 104) and Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR, 101).



Peru - Netherlands

Head-to-head

- Peru and Netherlands will meet for the first time at a world level tournament since 1998.
- At the 1998 World Championship, Netherlands won in straight sets.
- Peru's last win over Netherlands came at the 1994 World Grand Prix (3-1) in their second meeting of the tournament.

Peru

- Peru need to win both of their remaining matches, including one by 3-0 or 3-1, in order to keep a shot at qualification for the Olympic Games.
- Peru's two wins at this World Olympic Qualification tournament are already one more than they had in the previous campaign in 2012 - one win.
- Only Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 109) has scored more points in the competition than Angela Leyva (104).
- Leyva has scored 97 points from spikes, only trailing Slöetjes (99).
- Vanessa Palacios is currently the best digger in the competition with most digs (63) and the best average by set (3.71).

Netherlands

- Netherlands can qualify for the Olympic Games with a) a win, b) a 3-2 defeat against Peru or c) Thailand lose against Korea.
- Netherlands have been present at the Olympic Games on two occasions: 1992 and 1996.
- Netherlands have won six of their last seven matches at World Olympic Qualification tournaments, including their last two in 2000.
- Since the start of 2015, Netherlands have won 21 of their 25 competitive matches, only losing against Germany (European Games), Azerbaijan (European Games), Russia (European Championship) and Korea (Olympic Qualification Tournament).
- Netherlands have not lost a single set in their last three matches at this tournament.
- Lonneke Slöetjes has scored 109 points at this World Olympic Qualification tournament, most of all players.
- Slöetjes has also scored the most points from spikes in the competition (99).



Japan - Italy

Head-to-head

- The last World Olympic Qualification meeting between Japan and Italy came in 2004. Japan prevailed after five sets.
- In 2000, Italy beat Japan in straight sets at the World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- These teams have met twice at the Olympic Games, both won by Italy (2004 and 2012).
- Italy have won the last four meetings with Japan of which three in five sets. The five-set wins came at the World Grand Prix of 2014 and 2015 (2).
- Japan's last win over Italy came at the World Grand Prix of 2013 (3-0).

Japan

- Japan could qualify for the Olympic Games with a win against Italy.
- Japan are hoping to participate at the Olympic Games for a record 12th time. They won Olympic gold the first time volleyball was on the Olympic programme in 1964, and in 1976.
- Japan have won a record-equalling six medals at the Olympic Games (G2-S2-B2) alongside Soviet Union (G4-S2).
- Haruka Miyashita is currently the best setter in the competition with an average of 11.44 per set. Niverka Dharlenis Marte Frica (DOM) follows with 8.25 per set.
- Only Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 54.4%) has a better spike success rate than Miyu Nagaoka (47.6%) in the competition.
- Japan also currently have the best receiver in the competition as Saori Kimura has an efficiency of 64.6%.

Italy

- Italy will qualify for the Olympic Games with a) a win, b) a 3-2 defeat against Japan or c) Thailand lose against Korea.
- Italy could qualify for their fifth consecutive Olympic Games and have yet to claim a medal.
- Italy lost their last match 3-0 to Netherlands, failing to win a set at the World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time since 1996 (3-0 defeat to Ukraine).
- Only Kim Hee-Jin (KOR, 8) has served up more aces in this year's competition than Cristina Chirichella (7).
- Chirichella is currently the second-best blocker in the competition with 15 stuff blocks from 84 attempts, having an average by set of 0.88. Yang Hyo-Jin (KOR) leads with 20 blocks from 81 attempts (1.11 average).