



## FIVB WORLD GRAND PRIX PREVIEWS WEEK 2 – JUNE 9 TO 12

### Pool C2: Bulgaria v Dominican Republic (10 June)

#### Head-to-Head

- On 3 June Bulgaria beat Dominican Republic 3-2 (23-25, 25-20, 25-18, 17-25, 15-9). Bulgaria's Emiliya Nikolova became top scorer with 26 points (24 spikes - 1 block - 1 serve).
- It was the only second meeting between these teams at the World Grand Prix. Their first was won by Dominican Republic in 2013, also 3-2.

#### Bulgaria

- Bulgaria are on a four-match winning streak at the World Grand Prix. Only once did they win more consecutive matches in the competition: eight in 2014.
- Their last loss was against Czech Republic on 11 July 2015: 3-2.
- Bulgaria have won their last three World Grand Prix matches against NORCECA teams, since their 3-2 loss against Canada in 2015.
- Bulgaria have won exactly 20 World Grand Prix matches (six losses).

#### Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic are on a two-match winning streak at the World Grand Prix, having lost their 15 matches prior to this run.
- Dominican Republic can now equal their record of winning three consecutive World Grand Prix matches. That previously occurred in 2011-2012 when they beat Poland, Kazakhstan and Chinese Taipei.
- Their last loss was against forthcoming opponents Bulgaria (3-2 on 3 June).
- Dominican Republic's last match was the 3-0 win over Kenya on 5 June, marking their first straight set win at the World Grand Prix since 18 August 2013 (versus Algeria).



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### Pool C2: Czech Republic v Canada (10 June)

#### Head-to-Head

- Czech Republic and Canada will go head-to-head for the second time at the World Grand Prix.
- Earlier this season, on 5 June, the Czechs won 3-0. Czech Republic's Tereza Rossi scored a match-high 15 points, one more than Canada's Danielle Brisebois (14).
- Apart from the World Grand Prix, Canada and Czech Republic (as Czechoslovakia) have met twice at major tournaments, at the 1974 and 1986 World Championships.
- Canada beat Czechoslovakia 3-1 in 1974 while losing in straight sets in 1986.

#### Czech Republic

- Czech Republic lost two of their first three World Grand Prix matches this season: 3-1 to both Puerto Rico and Poland.
- They won their most recent match however, beating forthcoming opponents Canada in straight sets.
- Czech Republic last won consecutive World Grand Prix matches in straight sets in 2014, beating Algeria, Mexico and Kazakhstan 3-0 respectively.
- Canada can become the fifth team Czech Republic beat at least twice at the World Grand Prix, after Croatia (4 wins), Kazakhstan (2), Argentina (2) and Puerto Rico (2).

#### Canada

- Canada are on a five-match losing streak at the World Grand Prix, since their 3-1 win over Argentina on 10 July 2015.
- Canada can lose three consecutive matches by a 3-0 score line for the first time at the World Grand Prix.
- Canada's record losing streak in the competition is nine, as they lost their first nine World Grand Prix matches (2003-2014).
- In total, Canada have won four of their 19 World Grand Prix matches (17%).



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### Pool D2: Kenya v Puerto Rico (10 June)

#### Head-to-Head

- Kenya and Puerto Rico will meet for the first time at the World Grand Prix.
- Earlier this year, on 22 May, Kenya and Puerto Rico clashed in the Olympic Qualification Tournament. Puerto Rico won in straight sets.
- These teams also met twice at the World Championship, where Puerto Rico won 3-1 in 2002 and 3-0 in 2010.

#### Kenya

- Kenya have lost all three of their World Grand Prix matches by a 3-0 score line this season.
- Kenya's last win at the World Grand Prix was their final match of 2015 when they beat Peru 3-1.
- Their streak of three consecutive losses is already a team record.
- Kenya have won three of their four World Grand Prix matches against NORCECA teams, only losing to Dominican Republic earlier this season (5 June).

#### Puerto Rico

- Puerto Rico are on a three-match winning streak at the World Grand Prix.
- Only once before did Puerto Rico set a longer streak of consecutive wins: six in 2014
- Puerto Rico's last loss at the World Grand Prix was their final match of 2015: 3-1 to Czech Republic.
- This will be Puerto Rico's first World Grand Prix match against a CAVB team.



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### Pool D2: Poland v Argentina (10 June)

#### Head-to-Head

- Poland have won all four of their World Grand Prix matches against Argentina.
- Three of those four wins came in straight sets. Only in 2013 did Argentina manage to win a set, as they lost 3-2.
- Four losses against Poland are the most for Argentina against a single team at the World Grand Prix, alongside four losses against Netherlands.
- For Poland, four wins against Argentina are only second to their five wins over Japan and Dominican Republic.

#### Poland

- Poland started their 2016 World Grand Prix campaign with wins over Canada (3-1) and Czech Republic (3-1) but lost their most recent match against Puerto Rico (3-2).
- They have not lost back-to-back matches since losing five in a row in 2014.
- None of Poland's three matches this season ended in straight sets.
- Poland's last straight sets win at the World Grand Prix came against forthcoming opponents Argentina, 3-0 on 12 July 2015.

#### Argentina

- Argentina have lost seven of their last eight World Grand Prix matches. The only exception in this span was the opening match of their 2016 campaign when they beat Kenya 3-0.
- They have lost their last five World Grand Prix matches against CEV teams, since the 3-1 win over Croatia on 3 July 2015.
- Argentina have won exactly 10 World Grand Prix matches (35 losses).
- Argentina have lost their last four World Grand Prix matches that went to five sets. They won their other four matches that went to five sets.