



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

Pool C3: Colombia v Mexico (10 June)

Head-to-Head

- Colombia have won the only World Grand Prix encounter with Mexico on 26 June 2015 in straight sets.
- Colombia have played two other matches against NORCECA sides at the World Grand Prix, both against Cuba. They won 3-1 in 2015 but were defeated by the Cubans in this year's edition (3-1).
- Mexico have lost all three of their matches against CSV sides at the World Grand Prix: besides Colombia they were beaten by Peru twice, both in straight sets (2015 and 2016).

Colombia

- Colombia have lost their last two matches at the World Grand Prix against Croatia (3-0) and Cuba (3-1). It is already their longest losing streak at World Grand Prix.
- In Colombia's only previous participation in 2015, they lost only two matches while they won six.
- Madelaynne Montaña has scored a team-high 46 points this tournament: the most capped player of the squad scored 40 spikes, three blocks and three aces.

Mexico

- Mexico won their opener at the World Grand Prix against Algeria (3-0) but failed to win their following two matches against Peru (3-0) and Kazakhstan (3-1).
- Mexico won two matches at their previous two participations at the World Grand Prix (2014 and 2015).
- Mexico could lose three consecutive World Grand Prix matches for the third time. Last year, they started with four losses before winning their last two matches.
- Lizbeth Sainz is Mexico's top scorer this tournament with 33 points.
- Freda Maria Lopez Olmos has made a total of 43 digs, a tournament high in Group 3 (no other player more than 23).



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- Kazakhstan and Australia have met twice before at the World Grand Prix, with Kazakhstan winning in both matches Kazakhstan in straight sets (2014 and 2015).
- Their other meeting in 2015 came at the Asian Championships. Again, Kazakhstan won in straight sets.
- The last time Australia claimed a set against Kazakhstan came in 2013 at the Asian Championships (3-1 Kazakhstan victory).

Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan have won their last two World Grand Prix matches against Algeria (3-0) and Mexico (3-1).
- Kazakhstan could win three World Grand Prix matches in a row for the second time. Last year, they defeated Algeria (3-0), Australia (3-0) and Cuba (3-2).
- In both 2014 and 2015, Kazakhstan won a record three matches at a single World Grand Prix edition.
- Radmila Beresneva is Kazakhstan's top scorer this tournament as she has scored 32 points.

Australia

- Australia are looking for their first World Grand Prix win. They have played a total of 17 World Grand Prix matches without a single victory.
- Australia have won the opening set at the World Grand Prix only once. Last year, they won the first set against Kenya by 25-18 but Kenya won the match in four sets.
- Eliza (Karley) Hynes scored a team high 40 points this tournament, including 33 spikes.



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Pool D3: Croatia v Cuba (10 June)

Head-to-Head

- Last week on 3 June, Croatia and Cuba met for the first time at the World Grand Prix. Croatia won 3-1.
- Croatia have lost their only other World Grand Prix encounter with a NORCECA side at the World Grand Prix as they were defeated by Puerto Rico in 2015 (3-1).
- Cuba's last win against a CEV side at the World Grand Prix was in 2012 against Serbia (3-0). They have lost their last nine encounters with CEV teams.
- These teams also met at the 2000 Olympic Games. In the quarterfinals Cuba proved too strong as they won in straight sets.

Croatia

- Croatia won all of their three matches in Pool B3 and are now leading Group 3 along with Peru, as they won all matches in Pool A3.
- Croatia could equal their record of four consecutive wins at the World Grand Prix, which they set on their debut in 2014.
- Samanta Fabris has had the highest spike success rate (61.11%) of all players in Group 3. She scored 55 spikes out of 90 attempts.
- Both Ana Grbac and Mira Topic have scored six aces, which is a tournament high in Group 3.

Cuba

- Cuba won their last two World Grand Prix matches and can win three in a row for the first time since a run of four in 2011-2012.
- Cuba can win at least three matches at consecutive World Grand Prix editions for the first time since 2004-2008. Last year, they won three of their six matches.
- Cuba have scored most points of all teams in Group 3 (270) but have also conceded most (276).
- Sulian Caridad Matienzo Linares has scored 41 points which makes her Cuba's top scorer at this tournament.



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Pool D3: Peru v Algeria (10 June)

Head-to-Head

- Peru and Algeria have had one previous meeting at the World Grand Prix as they met last week on 5 June.
- Peru won that encounter in straight sets (25-12, 25-13, 25-12).
- The last two matches between these teams at other major tournaments also finished in straight set victories for Peru: at the 2010 World Championship and the 2015 World Cup.

Peru

- Peru are leading Group 3 after winning all of their three matches in Pool A3. Only Croatia (Pool B3) also won all of their three Group 3 matches.
- Peru are on a joint team record three match winning streak. They never won four in a row at the World Grand Prix.
- The last time they had a three match winning streak, Peru's streak was ended by a CAVB side as Kenya beat them 3-1.
- Only once did Peru win more than three matches at a single World Grand Prix edition: in 2015 (6).
- Angela Leyva (70) has scored most point of all players in Group 3. She scored 58 spikes (group 3 tournament high), 10 blocks (shared group 3 tournament high) and two aces.

Algeria

- Algeria are looking for their first win at this year's World Grand Prix.
- Their last victory at the competition came on 3 July 2015 against Australia (3-2). They have been winless in five World Grand Prix matches since.
- They are the only team in Group 3 which failed to win a single set in their first three matches.
- Yasmine Abderrahim, the youngest player in the squad (17 years), is Algeria's top scorer with 35 points.