



## FIVB WORLD GRAND PRIX PREVIEWS WEEK 3 – JULY 20 TO 23

### Pool G2: Canada v Peru

#### Head-to-Head

- Canada have met Peru twice before at the World Grand Prix.
- Both encounters came in 2014 with Peru winning 3-1 in the first meeting and Canada winning the second in straight sets.
- Their last encounter came in the 2015 Pan American Games when they played the final for seventh place. Peru prevailed after five sets.

#### Canada

- Canada lost 3-0 to Germany last Friday. Now their 2017 World Grand Prix record stands at two victories and five defeats.
- Canada have a chance to collect their third win this season. This would be a novelty for them at the World Grand Prix as their record is two wins in a single season (2014, 2015 and currently in 2017).
- Marie-Alex Belanger was the only Canadian to reach double numbers in scoring against Germany: 10 points. She also was the only to score at least one spike, one kill block and one serve winner.

#### Peru

- After their 3-1 loss against Czech Republic on Friday, their 50th match in the World Grand Prix, Peru now have three victories and four defeats in the 2017 campaign.
- The last time Peru lost four or more matches in a single World Grand Prix season was 2014: six losses, including one against Canada. They also beat Canada once that season.
- Angela Leyva led her team with 16 points on Friday against Czech Republic. Leyva is also Peru's tournament top scorer this season.



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### Pool G2: Czech Republic v Germany

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- Czech Republic and Germany have never met before at the World Grand Prix.
- These teams last met in the group stage of the 2015 European Championship with Germany winning in straight sets.
- The last time these teams met in a major competition at world level was at the 2010 World Championship with Germany winning in straight sets.

#### Czech Republic

- Czech Republic claimed their sixth victory in the 2017 World Grand Prix on Friday, beating Peru 3-1. They have so far suffered only one defeat this season, the 3-0 against Puerto Rico last weekend.
- Czech Republic's record number of wins in a single World Grand Prix season is seven, set in 2014.
- Czech Republic's leading scorer Michaela Mlejnkova registered 22 points against Peru on Friday, enough to become the top scorer in the match. Iva Nachmilnerova added 15, including five serve winners.

#### Germany

- Germany beat Canada 3-0 on Friday to improve to six wins and one defeat in the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- Germany have now won six World Grand Prix matches in a row for the first time. Their previous record was five successive victories, set in 2012-2013.
- Germany have won 12 straight sets in the World Grand Prix: the last three of their 3-1 win over Kazakhstan, followed by 3-0 wins against Croatia, Colombia and Canada.



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### Pool H2: Korea v Colombia

#### Head-to-Head

- Korea and Colombia have never met at either the World Grand Prix or any other major competition yet.
- Korea have met CSV-sides 26 times at the World Grand Prix. They have won only seven, but these include the last two. Korea never won three matches in a row against CSV-sides at the World Grand Prix.
- Colombia have met an AVC-side four times at the World Grand Prix, all matches against Kazakhstan. They won three of these encounters and lost one.

#### Korea

- Korea have won six and lost only one encounter in the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- Korea have won their last five World Grand Prix matches, their longest winning streak in the competition since five straight in 1996-1997.
- For the first time in the nation's history, Korea could set a run of six straight World Grand Prix victories.
- Hye Seon Yeum (10, including 8 serve winners), Heejin Kim (10) and Yeon KOUNG Kim (10) combined for 30 points in Korea's straight set victory against Kazakhstan on Friday.

#### Colombia

- Colombia have won three and lost four matches in the 2017 World Grand Prix. They lost the first two matches, rebounded with three straight wins, before suffering defeat in the last two.
- Colombia won four matches in Group 3 in 2016, needing one to equal that number in this Group 2 campaign. In their debut season 2015, they had six victories in Division C.
- Dayana Segovia reached double figures in scoring against Poland on Friday: 12 points, all by spikes.



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### Pool H2: Poland v Kazakhstan

#### Head-to-Head

- Poland and Kazakhstan have met three times at the World Grand Prix. Poland won all three losing only one set. In the first encounter between these teams Kazakhstan clinched the third set of the match.
- Poland and Kazakhstan also met at the 2008 Olympic Qualification Tournament with Poland winning in straight sets. Both teams eventually qualified for the tournament, although Kazakhstan needed another tournament to advance (Asian qualifiers).
- Kazakhstan recorded 24 defeats in a row against CEV-sides, before winning the last one against Croatia (3-1).

#### Poland

- Poland bounced back from last weekend's defeat against Korea (3-1) by beating Colombia 3-0 on Friday.
- Poland now have six wins and one defeat in Group 2 of this year's World Grand Prix. In each of their 2014, 2015 and 2016 campaigns, they collected a total of five wins.
- Malwina Smarzek and Berenika Tomsia led their team in scoring against Colombia with 15 points each, while Zuzanna Efimienko added four serve winners.

#### Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan have won one and lost six matches in the World Grand Prix thus far this season.
- Kazakhstan have won the first set in two of their last four World Grand Prix matches after winning only one first set in the six matches prior to these four.
- Irina Kenzhebaeva scored nine of Kazakhstan's 43 points in their match against Korea on Friday. Four of these nine were serve winners.



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### Pool I2: Croatia v Bulgaria

#### Head-to-Head

- Croatia and Bulgaria have met twice at the World Grand Prix. Bulgaria won both encounters.
- In 2014, Bulgaria won 3-1 and in 2015 they needed five sets to clinch the victory.
- Their last encounter came at the European Championship in 2015 when Croatia won in five sets in the group stage.
- The last time this encounter ended in straight sets was at the 2012 Olympic Qualification Tournament when Bulgaria won 3-0.

#### Croatia

- Croatia have won only one of their seven 2017 World Grand Prix matches, a five-set victory against Argentina in their second fixture.
- That is Croatia's only victory in a World Grand Prix five-setter (L2).
- Croatia could equal their longest World Grand Prix losing streak, when they lost all six matches in the 2015 tournament. That run included a five-set loss against Bulgaria.
- Croatia have lost all nine World Grand Prix matches against CEV opposition.

#### Bulgaria

- Bulgaria have lost four of their seven 2017 World Grand Prix fixtures. They had never previously lost more than three matches in a single World Grand Prix campaign.
- Of Bulgaria's four defeats in the 2017 World Grand Prix, three have been in a deciding set (also 3-1 versus Puerto Rico).
- Bulgaria could lose three consecutive World Grand Prix matches for the first time.



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### Pool I2: Puerto Rico v Argentina

#### Head-to-Head

- Puerto Rico have won all three encounters with Argentina in the World Grand Prix. In 2012 and 2016 Puerto Rico won by 3-1 and in 2014 the encounter ended in straight sets.
- In 2015, these teams met in the quarterfinals of the Pan American Games. Puerto Rico prevailed after five sets.
- Puerto Rico have lost their last two matches at the World Grand Prix against CSV-sides.

#### Puerto Rico

- Puerto Rico have won four consecutive World Grand Prix matches, after beginning their 2017 campaign with three defeats.
- Puerto Rico have had two longer World Grand Prix winning streaks, runs of six in a row in both 2014 and 2016. The 2016 streak included a victory against Argentina.
- Puerto Rico lost their first four World Grand Prix five-setters, but have lost only one of nine since.

#### Argentina

- Argentina beat Croatia 3-1 in their last match, after beginning their 2017 World Grand Prix campaign with six consecutive defeats.
- Since the beginning of 2015, Argentina have won only four World Grand Prix matches (L15) – two against Croatia and two versus Kenya.
- Argentina could win consecutive World Grand Prix matches in the same year for the first time since they were victorious in their final three fixtures of the 2014 tournament.
- Argentina won their first four World Grand Prix five-setters, but have lost all six since.