



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

Pool G2: Canada v Czech Republic

Head-to-Head

- Canada have lost all three matches against Czech Republic at the World Grand Prix.
- Czech Republic have won the first two encounters in straight sets, both in 2016.
- In the second week of the 2017 World Grand Prix, Czech Republic prevailed in five-sets after trailing 2-1.

Canada

- Canada beat Peru 3-1 on Saturday to improve their 2017 tournament record to three wins and five defeats.
- Three wins in a single World Grand Prix season is a new record for Canada. They had two wins in 2014 and 2015.
- Canada's win ended a four-match losing streak in the World Grand Prix.
- Canada could now win back-to-back World Grand Prix matches for the first time in team history.
- Kyla Richey led the way for Canada against Peru, scoring a match-high 22 points.

Czech Republic

- Czech Republic suffered a straight sets defeat against Germany on Saturday, but still have a record of six wins and two defeats in the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- Only in 2014 (7 wins) Czech Republic recorded more World Grand Prix wins in a single season than the six they have now.
- Czech Republic could lose back-to-back World Grand Prix matches for the first time since the last two matches in the 2016 season.
- Michaela Mlejnkova delivered again against Germany, as Czech Republic's tournament top scorer scored a team-leading 13 points.



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Pool G2: Germany v Peru

Head-to-Head

- Germany and Peru have met twice at the World Grand Prix with Germany winning both matches in 2011.
- Since the reunification of Germany, these teams met twice at the Olympic Games. In both 1996 and 2000 Germany won in straight sets.

Germany

- Germany beat Czech Republic in straight sets on Saturday to improve to seven wins and one defeat in the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- Germany have now won seven matches in a row, their longest winning streak in the competition.
- This winning run comes immediately after a 10-match losing streak.
- Jana Franziska Poll (12 points) and Maren Fromm (10) reached double figures against Czech Republic.

Peru

- Peru lost 3-1 to Canada on Saturday to see their 2017 World Grand Prix record fall to three wins and five defeats.
- Peru have now lost back-to-back matches in the World Grand Prix and could lose three in a row for the second time this season.
- Four Peruvian players reached double figures against Canada on Saturday, with Maguilaura Frias being the team's top scorer (12 points). Peru's tournament top scorer Angela Leyva added 10 points to her tally.



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Pool H2: Kazakhstan - Colombia

Head-to-Head

- Kazakhstan and Colombia have met four times at the World Grand Prix.
- In 2016, these teams met twice with both teams winning one apiece. Kazakhstan won 3-2, Colombia 3-1.
- Colombia won both other encounters, in 2015 and most recently in 2017. In 2015 this match ended in straight sets, in 2017 it resulted in 3-1.

Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan have won one and lost seven matches in the World Grand Prix thus far this season.
- Kazakhstan won three or more matches in each of their last three World Grand Prix campaigns: three in Group 3 in 2014 and 2015, five in Group 3 in 2016.
- In their straight set defeat against Poland on Saturday, Katerina Tatko and Radmila Beresneva led the team in scoring with seven points each.

Colombia

- Colombia have won three and lost five matches in the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- They lost their opening two matches, rebounded with three straight wins, before losing the last three.
- Colombia won four matches in Group 3 in 2016. In their debut season 2015 they had six victories in Group 3.
- Dayana Segovia reached double figures in scoring against Poland and Korea this week, scoring 12 against both opponents and leading her team on both occasions.



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Pool H2: Korea v Poland

Head-to-Head

- Korea and Poland have met six times at the World Grand Prix with both teams winning three apiece.
- These teams most recently met last weekend when Korea won 3-1.
- All three of Poland's victories came in straight sets. Korea won one in three sets, one in four and one in five sets.
- Their last encounter in a major tournament besides the World Grand Prix was in the second round of the 2010 World Championship. Poland prevailed after five sets.

Korea

- Korea have won seven and lost only one match in the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- Seven wins in 2017 is a joint-record for Korea in a single World Grand Prix season, equalling their seven victories in 1994.
- Korea have won their last six World Grand Prix matches, their longest winning streak ever in the competition.
- Yeon Koung Kim (18 points) led her team in scoring on Saturday against Colombia. Seventeen of those points were spikes, the other a kill block.

Poland

- With their 3-0 win over Kazakhstan on Saturday, Poland improved to a 2017 World Grand Prix balance of seven wins and one defeat.
- Six of Poland's seven wins this season have come in straight sets. This includes 3-0 wins over Kazakhstan and Colombia this weekend.
- For the second time this season, Poland could win three matches in a weekend without dropping a set. They also did this in week one with 3-0 victories against Croatia, Canada and Argentina.
- Malwina Smarzek and Roksana Brzoska led Poland in scoring against Kazakhstan with 12 points each. Zuzanna Efimienko again showed her power defence at the net, recording four kill blocks.



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Pool I2: Bulgaria v Argentina

Head-to-Head

- Bulgaria and Argentina have met once in the World Grand Prix. Last year, Bulgaria won 3-1.
- This was their only encounter in any major competition.
- Bulgaria have played one other match at the World Grand Prix against a CSV-side. In 2013, they defeated Brazil by 3-1.

Bulgaria

- Bulgaria can win consecutive matches for the second time this year. They started their World Grand Prix campaign with two wins, against Kazakhstan and Korea.
- With four wins in 2017, they are one win short of their five victories in 2016.
- Bulgaria could clinch two straight set wins in a row for the second time in their World Grand Prix history, after 3-0 wins against Cuba and Puerto Rico in 2013.
- Gergana Dimitrova has scored 101 points.

Argentina

- Argentina clinched their second consecutive victory in this year's World Grand Prix by beating Puerto Rico 3-0 on Saturday.
- They can now win three matches in a row for the first time since 2014-2015.
- The last time they won at least three matches in a single World Grand Prix was in 2014 (4).
- Emilce Sosa has scored 19 points from 63 block attempts.



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Pool I2: Croatia v Puerto Rico

Head-to-Head

- Croatia and Puerto Rico will meet for the second time in the World Grand Prix. Puerto Rico won the previous encounter by 3-1.
- Croatia have met NORCECA countries four times in the World Grand Prix. Besides losing against Puerto Rico they also lost against Canada in this year's World Grand Prix (3-1).
- They also booked two victories against NORCECA countries, both against Cuba (3-1, 3-0) in 2016.

Croatia

- Croatia could lose seven matches in a row for the first time at the World Grand Prix.
- After their previous run of six defeats, in 2015, they won five matches in a row, in 2016.
- Croatia won one match at this year's World Grand Prix and they can win multiple matches in a campaign for the third time after 2014 (5) and 2016 (7).
- In the receiving stats category Katarina Pavicic has recorded 132 excellents.

Puerto Rico

- Puerto Rico's 3-0 defeat against Argentina ended their four-match winning streak.
- They started their 2017 World Grand Prix campaign with three defeats.
- The last year in which Puerto Rico lost more than four matches was in 2013 (8).
- Daly Santana is her team's top scorer on 119 points, including 15 serving aces.