



## FIVB WORLD GRAND PRIX PREVIEWS WEEK 1 – JULY 7 TO 9

### Pool A3: Australia v Hungary

#### Head-to-Head

- These teams will meet for the first time at the World Grand Prix as Hungary are making their debut in the competition.
- Hungary beat Australia in their only previous meeting at a major tournament, 3-0 in the second group stage at the 1982 World Championship.
- Australia are hoping to record their first World Grand Prix win against European opposition.

#### Australia

- Australia seek their first-ever win in the World League.
- Australia could win at least one set in three consecutive World Grand Prix matches for the first time.
- Rachel Rourke scored 28 points in their 3-1 defeat against Mexico, including 24 spikes.

#### Hungary

- Hungary debuted in the World Grand Prix with a 3-0 win against Trinidad and Tobago.
- Gréta Szakmáry scored 13 points against Trinidad and Tobago.
- Hungary could win back-to-back matches in straight sets at a major championship, for the first time since 1983, when they beat Bulgaria and Romania at the European Championship.



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### Pool A3: Mexico v Trinidad and Tobago

#### Head-to-Head

- These teams will meet for the first time at the World Grand Prix as Trinidad & Tobago are making their debut in the competition.
- Mexico will also play their first World Grand Prix match against a fellow NORCECA side.
- Mexico beat Trinidad & Tobago in straight sets in their last four meetings at the NORCECA championships (2005, 2009, 2013, 2015).

#### Mexico

- Mexico beat Australia 3-1 in their opening match and they can now win two consecutive World Grand Prix matches for the first time since the last two in 2015 and the first in 2016.
- Those three successive wins in 2015-2016 was the only time Mexico won back-to-back matches at the World Grand Prix.
- Lizbeth Sainz (19 points) was Mexico's top scorer in their 3-1 win versus Australia.
- Jocelyn Urlas and Patricia Valle each scored five blocks.

#### Trinidad & Tobago

- Trinidad & Tobago debuted in the World Grand Prix with a straight-set defeat against Hungary.
- Trinidad & Tobago's last nine matches at NORCECA Championship and World Grand Prix have finished in straight sets (W1-L8).
- Sinead Jack was top scorer for Trinidad & Tobago against Hungary on nine points.
- In total nine players scored points for Trinidad & Tobago in that match.



## FIVB WORLD GRAND PRIX PREVIEWS WEEK 1 – JULY 7 TO 9

### Pool B3: Cameroon v Venezuela

#### Head-to-Head

- Debutants Cameroon and Venezuela are meeting for the first time at the World Grand Prix.
- Cameroon lost both of their matches against South American sides at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, 3-0 against Brazil and 3-2 to Argentina.
- Venezuela are meeting a team representing the African Volleyball Federation for the first time in a major tournament.

#### Cameroon

- Cameroon celebrated their World Grand Prix debut with a 3-0 victory over Algeria on Friday.
- The Cameroon side achieved this in front of a home crowd in Yaoundé.

#### Venezuela

- On Friday, Venezuela were toppled 3-2 by France on their World Grand Prix debut.
- Venezuela led by one set twice in that match and were eventually overtaken, losing the fifth set by 15-10.
- Against France, Shirley Florian was Venezuela's leading points scorer on 15.



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### Pool B3: France v Algeria

#### Head-to-Head

- These teams will meet for the first time at the World Grand Prix as France are making their debut in the competition.
- Algeria are hoping to record their first victory against a European side. They once came close to a win, in their 3-2 defeat to Bulgaria in 2014.

#### France

- On Friday, France celebrated their World Grand Prix debut with a 3-2 victory over Venezuela.
- France rallied from a set behind twice in that match and then won the fifth set by 15-10.
- Alexandra Dascalu (23) and Juliette Fidon (17) combined for 40 of France's points against Venezuela.

#### Algeria

- Algeria started their 2017 World Grand Prix season with a 3-0 defeat against debutants Cameroon on Friday.
- Algeria have now lost each of their last nine matches in the World Grand Prix following a 3-2 victory over Australia on 3 July 2015.
- Algeria have lost each of their last seven World Grand Prix matches in straight sets.