



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

Pool A3: Australia v Trinidad & Tobago

Head-to-Head

- Australia and Trinidad & Tobago will meet for the first time at a major tournament.
- Australia can claim their first World Grand Prix win against a NORCECA side.

Australia

- Australia are hoping to claim their first win in the World Grand Prix. This campaign, they lost 3-1 to both Mexico and Hungary.
- Australia have won at least one set in their last three matches in the World Grand Prix, their longest such streak in the competition.
- Australia have won the opening set in two of their last three World Grand Prix matches. In their first 19 matches in the competition they only managed to do so once.
- Rachel Rourke is Australia's top scorer so far after scoring a staggering 28 points against Mexico and eight points against Hungary.

Trinidad & Tobago

- Trinidad & Tobago have lost their first two matches in the World Grand Prix, a 3-0 defeat to Hungary and a 3-1 defeat to Mexico.
- In their second match against Mexico, Krystle Esdelle (15) and Sinead Jack (11) became the first players to score 10 or more points for Trinidad & Tobago in a single World Grand Prix match.
- Sinead Jack has scored eight points from stuff blocks so far this campaign.



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Pool A3: Mexico v Hungary

Head-to-Head

- Mexico and Hungary will meet for the first time at a major tournament.
- Mexico lost their previous two World Grand Prix matches against European teams (Bulgaria and Czech Republic).

Mexico

- Mexico have won both of their matches this campaign, a 3-1 win against Australia and Trinidad and Tobago.
- Mexico are currently on a three-match winning streak in the World Grand Prix as they also won their last match of the 2016 edition. They have never won four in a row in the competition.
- Mexico could win three matches in a single World Grand Prix campaign for the first time. In each of their previous three participations they claimed two victories.
- Mexico have failed to win the opening set in their last seven World Grand Prix matches, but managed to win their last three.
- Lizbeth Sainz scored 19 points against both Australia and Trinidad & Tobago, most among her teammates.

Hungary

- On their debut, Hungary have won both of their matches so far, a 3-0 win against Trinidad and Tobago and a 3-1 victory against Australia.
- Hungary are the fourth team to win the first two matches on their World Grand Prix debut, after Japan (1993), Korea (1993) and France (2017). Ahead of today's matches, only Korea won their first three.
- Greta Szakmary is Hungary's top scorer so far in the competition with 13 points against Trinidad & Tobago and 20 points against Australia.



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Pool B3: Algeria v Venezuela

Head-to-Head

- Algeria and Venezuela will meet for the first time at a major tournament.
- Algeria failed to win their previous two World Grand Prix matches against South American sides, two straight set defeats against Peru in last year's edition.

Algeria

- Algeria suffered a 3-0 defeat against France in their second match of the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- Algeria have now lost each of their last 10 matches in the competition following a 3-2 victory over Australia on 3 July 2015.
- Algeria have lost each of their last eight World Grand Prix matches in straight sets.
- Yasmine Abderrahim is Algeria's top scorer this campaign with 12 points.

Venezuela

- Venezuela lost their first ever World Grand Prix match against France on Friday (3-2), but came back to claim a straight-set victory over Cameroon on Saturday.
- They have won the first set in both of their World Grand Prix matches.
- Venezuela's last six victories in all competitions have come by a 3-0 scoreline (South American Championship, OG qualification, World Grand Prix).



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Pool B3: Cameroon v France

Head-to-Head

- Cameroon and France will meet for the first time in the World Grand Prix.
- Cameroon lost their previous five meetings with European sides at major tournaments without claiming a set.
- France will meet African opposition for the second time at a major tournament after yesterday's match against Algeria.

Cameroon

- Cameroon have won one match (3-0 Algeria) and lost one match (3-0 Venezuela) on their World Grand Prix debut.
- Cameroon can become the second African team to win two of their first three matches on their World Grand Prix debut. Kenya achieved this in 2014.
- Cameroon can join Kenya (9) and Algeria (2) on multiple wins in the World Grand Prix, the only other two African countries to have participated in the competition.

France

- On their World Grand Prix debut, France have won both of their matches so far, 3-2 against Venezuela and 3-0 against Algeria.
- France can become the second team to win each of its first ever three World Grand Prix matches, after Korea in 1993. Japan (1993) is the only other team to have won each of its first two on their debut.
- Alexandra Dascalu was France's top scorer against Venezuela (23) and Algeria (14).