



## FIVB WORLD GRAND PRIX PREVIEWS WEEK 2 – JULY 14 TO 16

### Pool C3: Algeria v Hungary

#### Head-to-Head

- This is the first meeting between these nations in a major competition (Olympic Games, World Championships, World Grand Prix, World Cup and Grand Champions Cup).
- Algeria have lost all their nine World League matches against European teams and all their 22 matches in major competitions against CEV teams.
- Hungary will play a match in a major competition against an African team for the first time.

#### Algeria

- Algeria have won only two of their 31 World Grand Prix matches, with both those victories against Australia in the 2015 edition.
- Algeria have lost 10 consecutive World Grand Prix matches in straight sets. Kenya were the last opponent they won a set against in the competition, in a 3-2 defeat on 5 July 2015.
- Yasmine Abderrahim leads her team in points (27), success rate as spiker (19.6%) and in efficiency as receiver (24.4%).

#### Hungary

- Hungary have won all four matches on their World Grand Prix debut.
- Hungary could become the first team to win their first five matches in their debut World Grand Prix participation (France could also achieve this if they beat Trinidad and Tobago).
- Hungary have lost only one set in their four World Grand Prix matches, in the 3-1 victory against Australia in their second fixture.
- Gréta Szakmáry is their leading scorer on 47 points. Eszter Nagy and Edina Dobi both have a 0.80 average of blocks per set.



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### Pool C3: Venezuela v Mexico

#### Head-to-Head

- This is the first World Grand Prix encounter between these nations.
- These teams did meet at the 2003 Pan American Games, with Venezuela winning 3-1.
- Mexico have lost all four World Grand Prix matches against South American teams, all by 3-0.

#### Venezuela

- Venezuela have won three consecutive World Grand Prix matches in straight sets, after losing 3-2 against France in their debut in the competition.
- Venezuela could become the second South American team to win four of their first five World Grand Prix matches (Colombia won five of their first six in their debut in the competition in 2015).
- Shirley Florian (twice), Luz Maguy Delfines Melendez and Maria Jose Perez Gonzalez have all finished as leading scorer in a Venezuela World Grand Prix match.

#### Mexico

- Mexico have lost consecutive World Grand Prix matches in straight sets after opening their 2017 campaign with two victories.
- Mexico have won exactly two matches in all four of their World Grand Prix participations (including 2017).
- Mexico have lost the opening set in each of their last nine World Grand Prix matches (W3-L6).
- Patricia Valle has a block average of 1.00 per set. Lisbeth Sainz is Mexico's top scorer on 48 points.



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### Pool D3: Cameroon v Australia

#### Head-to-Head

- This is the first meeting between these nations in a major competition (Olympic Games, World Championships, World Grand Prix, World Cup and Grand Champions Cup).
- Cameroon have played three matches in major competition against AVC countries, losing against Kazakhstan at the 2006 World Championships and against Japan and Korea at the 2016 Olympic Games, all in straight sets.
- Australia have lost all their five World Grand Prix matches against African teams.

#### Cameroon

- Cameroon won their World Grand Prix debut in straight sets against Algeria, but have lost all three matches since (winning only one set in those three defeats).
- Cameroon are the third African country to participate in the World Grand Prix, after Algeria and Kenya.
- Algeria recorded their second World Grand Prix victory in their 19th match in the competition (against Australia), while Kenya did it in their third fixture (versus Algeria).
- Christelle Nana Tchoudjang and Berthrade Simone Flor Bikatal both lead Cameroon in scoring on 42 points.
- Stephanie Fotso Mogoung leads Group 3 with an average of 1.2 blocks per set.

#### Australia

- Australia have won only one of their 24 World Grand Prix matches, the straight sets victory against Trinidad and Tobago in their third match of the 2017 edition.
- Australia have won at least one set in each of their last five World Grand Prix matches, after achieving this only six times in their first 19 fixtures in the competition.
- Australia won the opening set in only one of their first 19 World Grand Prix matches, but have taken a 1-0 lead in four of their last five fixtures in the competition.
- Rachel Rourke leads Group 3 in scoring 82 points, and averaging 1.3 serve aces per set.
- Alice De Innocentiis is Australia's best digger (1.6 average and 75 total attempts) and receiver (54 excellents).



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### Pool D3: Trinidad and Tobago v France

#### Head-to-Head

- This is the first meeting between these nations in a major competition (Olympic Games, World Championships, World Grand Prix, World Cup and Grand Champions Cup).
- Trinidad and Tobago have played one match in a major competition against a CEV team, losing 3-0 against Hungary last week.
- France have played six matches against NORCECA teams in major competitions, all at the 1974 World Championships. France lost the first two matches (vs Mexico and USA), but won the last four (Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Bahamas (again) and Dominican Republic).

#### Trinidad and Tobago

- Trinidad and Tobago lost the opening three matches of their debut World Grand Prix campaign, before recording their first victory 3-1 against Australia.
- Trinidad and Tobago have won only one other World Grand Prix set, the opener in the 3-1 defeat versus Mexico.
- Krystle Esdelle is their top scorer on 46 points. Channon Thompson has the teams highest success rate in spikes - 35.8%, slightly higher than Esdelle's 35.6%)

#### France

- France have won all four matches on their World Grand Prix debut.
- No team has won their first five matches in their debut World Grand Prix participation. France and Hungary could both achieve this in the second round of fixtures of week two.
- Alexandra Dascalu was France's leading scorer in both of their first two World Grand Prix matches, while Juliette Fidon was their top scorer in both fixtures versus Cameroon.
- Alexandra Rochelle leads Group 3 as receiver (50%) and has a 2.7 set average as digger.