



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

### Pool C3: Mexico v Algeria

#### Head-to-Head

- Mexico have won each of their four previous meetings with Algeria at world level, all in the World Grand Prix.
- Algeria came closest to a victory in their 2015 meeting, when Mexico needed five sets for the win.
- Their most recent encounter came in last year's edition when Mexico won in straight sets.

#### Mexico

- Mexico opened their World Grand Prix campaign with two 3-1 victories, which were followed by three defeats, all in straight sets.
- Mexico could lose four consecutive matches for the third time, after doing so once in 2015 and in 2016. These are their longest losing streaks in the competition.
- Against Venezuela, Dulce Carranza (14) and Andrea Maldonado (11) reached double figures in scoring for Mexico.

#### Algeria

- Algeria are still in search of their first victory in the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- Since the start of the 2016 season (11 matches in total), all opponents managed to beat Algeria in straight sets. This came after a four match streak in which they took at least two sets per match, at the end of 2015.
- Eight different Algerian players contributed with at least one point in the 32-point scoring effort against Hungary on Saturday, with Celia Bourihane being the most prolific scorer with seven points.



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### Pool C3: Venezuela v Hungary

#### Head-to-Head

- Venezuela and Hungary will meet for the first time at a world level tournament.
- Hungary have won four of their previous six matches against South American opposition at world level, including their last two.
- Venezuela have failed to win their previous two matches against European teams at world level.

#### Venezuela

- After losing their opener in five sets to France, Venezuela won the following four World Grand Prix encounters.
- All four wins came in straight sets, including two this weekend against Algeria and Mexico.
- Venezuela have yet to lose a first set in a World Grand Prix match.
- Aleoscar Blanco Iriarte (17) and Maria Jose Perez Gonzalez (16) combined for 33 of Venezuela's 75 points against Mexico on Saturday.

#### Hungary

- Hungary have won all of the five matches they played in the World Grand Prix. Four of those wins came in straight sets, one by a 3-1 scoreline.
- Hungary and France became the first ever countries to win their first five ever matches at the World Grand Prix.
- On Saturday, Hungary conceded only 32 points in their 3-0 victory over Algeria, fewest for any team against any opponent in the 2017 World Grand Prix.
- Gréta Szakmary and Bernadett Dekany shared the top scoring honours for Hungary against Algeria with 12 points each, while Eszter Nagy (11) also reached double figures.



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### Pool D3: France v Australia

#### Head-to-Head

- France and Australia will meet for the first time in a world level tournament.
- This will be France's first world level meeting with an AVC team since the 1952 world championships where they beat India 3-0.
- Australia are winless in their previous 12 meetings with CEV opposition at world level..

#### France

- France have won all five matches at the World Grand Prix. They are together with Hungary first team ever in the World Grand Prix to win their first five matches since their debut.
- Three of those five victories came in straight sets, including the first two matches this weekend, against Cameroon and Trinidad & Tobago.
- Alexandra Dascalu (16) and Juliette Fidon (15) led their team in scoring on Saturday.

#### Australia

- Australia have won one and lost four World Grand Prix matches in 2017.
- Australia have won at least one set in each of their last six World Grand Prix matches. This is their longest ever streak in the competition.
- On Saturday against Cameroon (3-1 Cameroon win), Rachel Rourke led her team in scoring with 18 points and became the first Group 3 player to reach 100 for the tournament.



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### Pool D3: Trinidad & Tobago v Cameroon

#### Head-to-Head

- Trinidad & Tobago will meet an African side for the first time at a world level tournament.
- Cameroon will face a NORCECA team for the first time since the 2014 world championships, when they lost 3-1 to Canada.

#### Trinidad & Tobago

- Trinidad & Tobago have won one and lost four matches in the World Grand Prix.
- Three of their four defeats came in straight sets, including their 3-0 loss against France on Saturday.
- Trinidad & Tobago have not yet suffered consecutive defeats in straight sets in the World Grand Prix.
- Sinead Jack was Trinidad & Tobago's top scorer against France with 13 points. With 51 total points, Jack came within four of the side's tournament top scorer Krystle Esdelle (55).

#### Cameroon

- On Saturday, Cameroon broke a three-match losing streak by beating Australia 3-1. Their 2017 World Grand Prix record is now two wins and three defeats.
- Cameroon have not yet won back-to-back matches at the World Grand Prix.
- Christelle Tchoudjang Nana led her team in scoring with 19 points against Australia, while Laetitia Crescence Moma Bassoko added no less than five serve winners.