



## FIVB WORLD LEAGUE PREVIEWS WEEK 3 – JULY 1-3, 2016

### Pool G2: Egypt - Netherlands (1 July)

#### Head-to-Head

- This will be the first encounter between Egypt and Netherlands in the World League.
- They previously met at a major tournament in 2002 when Netherlands won in straight sets at the world championship.
- The only other meeting at world level this century came at the Olympic Games in 2000 when Netherlands won 3-1.

#### Egypt

- Egypt have won their last two matches in the 2016 World League .
- Between 2006 and 2010, Egypt won only six of their 48 matches. Since their return to the World League in 2015, Egypt have won 11 of their 13 matches.
- Ahmed Elkotb has scored a total of 125 points, including a team-high 107 spikes.

#### Netherlands

- Netherlands have won their last two World League matches, against Slovakia (3-1) and Cuba (3-2).
- They started the tournament with two victories after also winning their last match in 2015 World League before Turkey ended their three match winning streak.
- Maarten van Garderen leads the Netherlands with most points (83) including a team-high 67 spikes.



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### Pool G2: Korea - Czech Republic (1 July)

#### Head-to-Head

- Korea and Czech Republic have met eight times at the World League. They met four times in both 2014 and 2015.
- Czech Republic won three of the four matches in both editions, making it a total of six wins and two losses.
- Czech Republic have won the last two encounters, when they won in the same weekend 3-2 and 3-1.
- Korea's first win over Czech Republic came in straight sets. This was the only World League encounter between these teams that ended in straight sets.

#### Korea

- Korea Republic are looking for their first win in the 2016 World League. Korea is the only team from Group 2 without a victory in this edition.
- They are currently suffering a losing streak of 12 World League matches. They can lose 13 in a row for the first time since a run of 13 defeats from 2011-2012.
- Their last match against China ended in a 3-1 loss. Although this was their first set win since losing 3-2 against Finland in the opening weekend of the 2016 World League.
- The team's oldest player, Hak-Min Kim, scored a team-high 68 points in the 2016 World League.

#### Czech Republic

- Czech Republic are currently on a three match winning streak. They defeated Netherlands, Cuba and Slovakia all in five sets.
- They can play four consecutive five-setters for the first time ever in the World League.
- They can win four in a row for the first time since they won eight consecutive matches in 2003. They came fourth in the tournament that year, still their best World League finish ever.
- Michal Finger scored a team-high 113 points so far in the World League, at least 50 more than any of his teammates. Donovan Dzavoronok is second with 63.



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### Pool H2: China - Slovakia (1 July)

#### Head-to-Head

- China and Slovakia have met on six occasions in the World League with China winning four and Slovakia winning two.
- Slovakia's two World League victories against China both came on home court, in Bratislava in 2014 and 2015.
- Only one of their previous six meetings in the competition was decided in straight sets as Slovakia won 3-0 in 2014.

#### China

- China recovered from losing all three of their World League matches in the opening weekend this season by winning two from three in the second weekend.
- The last time China swept a weekend was in June of last year, when they beat Slovakia, Mexico and Greece.
- This was also the last time that China won successive World League matches.

#### Slovakia

- Slovakia lost two of their three matches in each of the first two weekends of the 2016 World League.
- Slovakia will attempt to avoid losing three World League matches on the trot for the first time since 2015.
- Slovakia have claimed two victories from a World League weekend once. In June 2014, they defeated Puerto Rico and China before losing to Spain.



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### Pool H2: Turkey - Japan (1 July)

#### Head-to-Head

- Turkey and Japan have met once in the World League. Last weekend, Turkey won 3-2 in Cairo.
- This was Turkey's first ever World League match facing opposition from Asia.
- Since 2014, Japan have played European opposition 19 times in the World League, losing 15 of the 19 encounters.

#### Turkey

- Turkey lost their previous World League match, a 3-1 defeat against Egypt on 26 June.
- This ended an eight-match winning streak, Turkey's longest ever in the competition.
- Turkey have lost back-to-back matches in the World League only once. They dropped their first two outings in their debut season in the competition in 2014.

#### Japan

- Japan were swept in three World League matches last weekend after winning two from three in their opening weekend.
- Japan have not lost more than three World League matches in a row, since dropping 13 on the trot in 2013-2014.
- Japan's last five victories in the World League all came in straight sets.



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### Pool H2: Canada - Cuba (1 July)

#### Head-to-Head

- Canada and Cuba have four times in the 2015 World League. Canada won the first three meetings before Cuba won the last in five sets.
- Their most recent meeting came in the World Olympic Qualification tournament when Cuba won in straight sets against Canada.
- This is also a replay of the 2015 NORCECA Championships final when Canada proved too strong (3-1).

#### Canada

- Canada are the only team to remain unbeaten in Group 2 in the 2016 World League as they won all six matches so far.
- The last time they won more consecutive World League matches was in 2013 when they won seven (team record).
- In 2013, Canada recorded a fifth place in the World League, their best result ever.
- Steven Marshall has scored a team-high 57 points in the 2016 World League including a team-high 49 spikes.

#### Cuba

- Cuba have lost their last five World League matches. They have not lost five in a row since 2013 when they lost six consecutive matches.
- Cuba lost in five sets against Czech Republic and Netherlands. The last time they lost three consecutive five setters was in 2002. They ended the streak with a five set win over Bulgaria.
- Luis Tomas Sosa Sierra has scored a team-high 70 points in the 2016 World League.



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### Pool H2: Finland - Portugal (1 July)

#### Head-to-Head

- Finland have won seven of their last eight World League encounters with Portugal, including each of the last four.
- Portugal's last World League triumph over Finland dates back to 1 June 2013, when the visitors won 3-2 in Helsinki.
- Finland have won seven of their eight World League encounters with Portugal in front of a home crowd.

#### Finland

- Finland have won four of their last five World League matches.
- Finland have lost their last two World League matches in Finland, both against Netherlands in 2015.
- Finland have won two of three in each of their first two World League weekends this season.

#### Portugal

- Portugal have won one of their last 10 World League matches.
- This one victory from their last 10 came against Korea (3-0) on 25 June.
- Portugal have not taken two victories from a World League weekend since June 2014.