



## FIVB WORLD LEAGUE PREVIEWS WEEK 5 – JULY 4-9, 2017

### Final 3-4: United States - Canada (8 July)

#### Head-to-Head

- United States and Canada have met only once before in the World League, in this year's group phase when Canada won 3-2.
- Bradley Robert Gunter (CAN) and Benjamin Patch (USA) were their team's top scorer in that match, each scoring 17 points.
- The previous meeting between these teams in a major competition took place at Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Canada won in straight sets in the pool phase, but United States went on to win the bronze medal.

#### United States

- United States can finish on the podium in the World League for the sixth time. They have won it twice, finished runners-up once and finished third on two occasions.
- United States won both World League bronze finals in which they appeared, in 2007 and 2015.
- Last season, United States came fifth. They have not finished outside the World League podium in back-to-back World League seasons since 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- Taylor Sander is joint-top scorer in these finals on 56 points, equal to Stephen Boyer (FRA).

#### Canada

- Canada are already sure of their best result in the World League as their previous best finish was a fifth place in 2013.
- Canada are looking to become the third NORCECA team to claim a medal in the World League, after United States (G2-S1-B3) and Cuba (G1-S5-B3).
- Canada's last nine matches alternated between wins and losses: L-W-L-W-L-W-L-W-L. If this streak continues they will win bronze.
- Tyler Sanders leads the setters in the finals with an average of 7.1.



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### Final 1-2: Brazil - France (8 July)

#### Head-to-Head

- Brazil and France have met 23 times in the World League with Brazil winning 18 times and losing five matches.
- This is the second time Brazil and France face each other in the final of the World League. Brazil won 3-2 in 2006, 15-13 in the deciding set.
- They most recently met in last year's semifinals - Brazil won 3-1.
- Brazil beat France by the same scoreline at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
- France's last World League win versus Brazil was a 3-1 victory in 2015.

#### Brazil

- Brazil have reached the World League final for the fifth time in the last seven seasons.
- In each of their last four World League finals, Brazil finished as runners-up.
- Brazil have won the World League a record nine times. Italy are next with eight trophies. No other country has won the competition more than twice.
- Brazil last won the World League in 2010, when they retained their title from 2009.
- Twice before Brazil won the World League in the first year following their Olympic gold medal - in 1993 and in 2005.

#### France

- France can win the World League for the second time, after 2015, when they also won in Brazil.
- Last year, France took bronze.
- France can join Italy (1995) and Russia (2002) by beating Brazil in a final played in Brazil.
- Stephen Boyer is the joint top scorer in the Finals on 56 points, equal to USA's Taylor Sander.
- Jenia Grebennikov leads all players on 59 block attempts and 3.2 average per set.