



## FIVB WORLD LEAGUE PREVIEWS WEEK 3 – JUN 15-18, 2017

### Pool H1: Iran - United States (15 Jun)

#### Head-to-Head

- Iran and United States have met six times in the World League, with two wins for Iran and four for United States.
- Both Iran victories came in the Intercontinental Round in 2015 and both were straight set victories.
- Three weeks before those two victories in June 2015, Iran suffered back-to-back 3-1 defeats against USA.
- The last encounter between these teams was in the 2016 World League with United States winning 3-1.
- In six encounters between these teams in the World League they never played five sets.

#### Iran

- Iran won two out of three matches in the last weekend, after losing two of the three in the first 2017 World League weekend.
- Iran prevailed in five sets against Argentina in the last match. They have won their last six five-setters in the World League. The last team to win a five-setter against Iran in the World League was Poland in 2015.
- Iran's leading scorer Ghara H. Milad Ebadipour scored 86 points. There are two US players with more points in the 2017 World League; Taylor Sander (89) and Patch Benjamin (88).

#### United States

- United States started last weekend with two straight set victories (vs Italy and Russia) before a loss against France (3-1).
- United States have lost four matches in the 2017 World League, already one more than last year (3).
- United States are the only country with two players in the top-10 top scorers in Group 1 this World League: Taylor Sander (5th) and Patch Benjamin (6th).



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### Pool H1: Poland - Russia (15 Jun)

#### Head-to-Head

- Poland and Russia have met 23 times in the World League. Poland won eight of these encounters and Russia 15.
- Poland have lost only more matches against Brazil (25) than against Russia (15) in the World League.
- Last year, these teams met twice in the World League with Russia winning both matches; 3-0, 3-1.
- In 2015, Poland had won all four encounters with Russia.
- Four of the five five-setters between these teams in the World League have been won by Poland.

#### Poland

- Poland have won their last encounter against Canada (3-1). They can win consecutive matches for the second time this World League after winning the opening two.
- Poland's last 15 World League victories have finished in either 3-1 or 3-2. The last time they claimed a straight set victory was against Russia on 28 May 2015.
- Poland is the only team in Group 1 to have won and lost the same number of sets: 13-13.
- Pawel Zatorski is the second best digger in the 2017 World League Group 1 (1.85 per set). Only Canada's Cameron Bann Blair has a higher average (2.45).

#### Russia

- Russia won their last match against Italy in a five-setter, ending a four-match losing streak.
- Russia have not won two five-setters in a row at the World League since May 2012 when they prevailed in five sets against Serbia and Japan.
- Russia have already lost the same number of matches as in the 2016 World League (4).
- Russia have not won their first set in their last three World League encounters.