



## FIVB WORLD LEAGUE PREVIEWS WEEK 4 – JUN 24-25, 2017

### Final 1-2 - Group 2: Slovenia – Japan (25 Jun)

#### Head-to-Head

- Slovenia and Japan will meet for the second time in a major competition. The first time also was a World League match, won 3-2 by Japan on 10 June of this year.
- Slovenia have played five World League matches against AVC teams, winning four and losing one.
- Japan have won their last three World League matches against European competition. They can win four in a row for only the second time, after beating Germany three times and Russia once in consecutive matches during the 1993 season.

#### Slovenia

- Slovenia defeated Netherlands in the semi-final on Saturday: 3-0.
- This was Slovenia's 16th win in 18 total World League matches. Their only defeats in the competition came against Japan this season and against Greece last season.
- Slovenia have secured victory in all of their 15 World League matches in which they won the first set. In three matches, they lost the first set – these ended in two defeats and a rare win against Venezuela in 2016.

#### Japan

- Japan were on the winning end of a thriller at the Gold Coast on Saturday. Hosts Australia were beaten 3-2 by the Japanese.
- This was Japan's sixth win in their last eight World League matches. The last time they won six out of eight was in 1993.
- Japan's last four World League matches went to a fifth set. They won two and lost two of those four.



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### Final 3-4 - Group 2: Netherlands – Australia (25 Jun)

#### Head-to-Head

- Netherlands and Australia have played each other once in the World League, with the Volleyroos winning 3-0 in Sydney in 2014. All other four world level matches between these teams, between 1997 and 2004, were won by Netherlands.
- Of their 45 matches against Asian competition (incl. Australia), Netherlands have won 38. However, they have lost two of their last three.
- Of their 43 matches against European competition, Australia have won only 10. Still, this includes their last three.

#### Netherlands

- Netherlands fell to Slovenia in straight sets in Saturday's Group 2 semi-final. This was Netherlands' 300th match in the World League.
- The defeat against Slovenia broke a six-match winning streak for the Dutch, their longest since 11 matches in 1996-1997.
- After their defeat against Slovenia, Netherlands are still unbeaten against four World League opponents: Slovakia (3 wins), Egypt (2), Argentina (4) and Japan (6). Australia is the only team they met at least once and never won against.

#### Australia

- Australia suffered defeat against Japan in the semi-finals on Saturday. The Aussies lost the fifth set 18-16.
- This was the first time for Australia to lose a five-setter in the World League this season. They had won their first two against Portugal and Japan.
- Australia could lose back-to-back World League matches for the second time this season, after losing consecutively to Slovakia and Japan in Week 1.