



## FIVB WORLD LEAGUE PREVIEWS WEEK 2 – JUNE 08-11, 2017

### Pool E2: Japan - Korea (11 June)

#### Head-to-Head

- Japan have won all of their last three major encounters with Korea in straight sets.
- All three of those matches were World League encounters and all were played in Osaka, Japan.
- Korea last beat Japan in the 2015 World League. Korea won in straight sets in front of a home crowd in Hwaseong.
- Japan have only won more World League matches by a 3-0 scoreline against China (7) than against Korea (5).

#### Japan

- After losing their first two matches of the 2017 World League campaign, Japan have now recorded three consecutive wins.
- Japan could win four successive World League matches for the fourth time, after four in 1990, four between 1992-1993 and four in 1993.
- With their 3-2 win against Slovenia, Japan ended a six-match losing streak when playing five sets in the competition. It was their first five sets win since 29 June 2014 (against Germany).
- Masahiro Yanagida scored a team-high 19 points in Japan's last match, against Slovenia. Five of those points were aces.

#### Korea

- Korea have won three matches so far at the 2017 World League. Last year they started their campaign with six successive defeats.
- Korea beat Turkey 3-2 despite scoring fewer points than their opponents (102-105).
- Six of Korea's seven World League matches were five-setters, the exception being their 3-1 loss to Slovenia last weekend.
- Korea have won at least one set in each of their last nine World League matches, their longest such streak since a run of 13 in 2008-2009.
- Kang-Won Lee scored most points for Korea for the second match in a row. Against Slovenia he managed 16 points and against Turkey 18 points. Hui-Chae Song also scored 18 points against Turkey.



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### Pool E2: Slovenia - Turkey (11 June)

#### Head-to-Head

- These teams will meet for the first time ever in a major competition.
- Slovenia have won their last four World League matches against fellow CEV nations, since the 3-1 loss against Greece on 26 June 2016.

#### Slovenia

- Slovenia have lost only two of their 13 World League matches, the 3-1 defeat to Greece on 26 June 2016 and the 3-2 loss against Japan.
- Their 85% win percentage is the highest of any team in the competition.
- Slovenia have won at least one set in each of their previous 13 World League matches.
- Klemen Cebulj (22) and Mitja Gasparini (20) both scored at least 20 points in Slovenia's 3-2 defeat against Japan.

#### Turkey

- After winning their first three matches of the 2017 World League, Turkey have now lost successive matches.
- They lost 3-2 to Korea despite winning more points than their opponents (105-102). They outblocked (14-9) and outserved (7-2) Korea.
- Turkey have never lost three consecutive matches in the World League.
- Turkey have only once failed to win a single set in a World League match, the 3-0 defeat to Canada on 9 July 2016.
- Mustafa Koc scored five points from stuff blocks in Turkey's match against Korea.



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### Pool F2: Czech Republic - Portugal (11 June)

#### Head-to-Head

- These teams have met four times in a major international competition, each time in the World League.
- All of these meetings came in 2014. Portugal won the first, before Czech Republic took the next three.
- Czech Republic won both meetings with Portugal that were played in Czech Republic.

#### Czech Republic

- Czech Republic's 2017 World League campaign has gone L-W-L-W-L. The fifth of those matches is the only one to be decided in straight sets (defeat against Netherlands).
- Czech Republic have lost the opening set in all five of their 2017 World League matches.
- Czech Republic narrowly maintain a superior World League win to loss record (W28-L27).
- Czech Republic have won 13 of their 18 World League five-setters.

#### Portugal

- Portugal have lost four of their five matches in the 2017 World League. The only exception was the five-set victory against Japan.
- It took Portugal until their seventh fixture of last year's World League to record their second victory.
- The Ferreira brothers Alexandre (79) and Marco (65) are Portugal's leading scorers in this year's World League.



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### Pool F2: Egypt - Netherlands (11 June)

#### Head-to-Head

- These nations started their 2017 World League campaign facing each other. On 2 June, Netherlands triumphed in straight sets in Malatya, Turkey.
- Netherlands have won all five of their encounters on a major stage and Egypt have never been able to take Holland to a fifth set.
- Netherlands have won all 12 of their major encounters with opponents representing Africa.

#### Egypt

- Egypt's last match was a five-set victory against Portugal. It ended a seven-match World League losing streak, including the opening four fixtures of this year's competition.
- That victory against Portugal came after a five-set defeat versus Czech Republic. Egypt have never had three consecutive World League fixtures go to a deciding set.
- Both Ahmed Abdelhay (65) and Ahmed Shafik (63) have scored more than 60 points in Group 2.

#### Netherlands

- In Netherlands' last nine World League campaigns (including 2017), they have started with three wins out of five in eight of them. The only exception was 2015 (W4-L1).
- Netherlands have dropped only one set in their three World League victories this year.
- Netherlands have won at least one set in 22 of their last 23 World League matches. The only exception in that run was the straight-set defeat versus Turkey last year.