



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

### Final Four Group 3: Germany - Spain (17 Jun)

#### Head-to-Head

- Last week (10 June), these teams met in the World League. Germany triumphed in straight sets in Linz, Austria.
- Their first ever World League encounter also took place in Mexico. Last season, Spain dismissed the Germans 3-1 in Mexico City.
- A week later, Germany responded by beating Spain 3-1 in a World League encounter in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

#### Germany

- Germany reached the Final Four by finishing top in Group 3, on five victories and only one defeat.
- Germany's only defeat in the World League this season came against a host. On 9 June, they lost 3-1 against Austria in Linz.
- Last season, Germany successfully negotiated the semifinals of the Final Four in Group 3, before falling to Slovenia in the final.

#### Spain

- Spain earned a Final Four berth by finishing second in Group 3, on five wins and a single defeat.
- Spain suffered their only defeat in six matches this season against Germany, Losing 3-0 against them in Linz, Austria on 10 June.
- Spain have reached the Final Four of a World League group for the first time.



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### Final Four Group 3: Mexico - Estonia (17 Jun)

#### Head-to-Head

- This will be the first meeting between these teams on a major stage.
- They did not meet in the Pool phase, since Mexico were featured in Pools A3 and F3 and Estonia in Pools B3 and D3.
- Mexico have lost five of their last six encounters with CEV opponents in the World League. The only team they victimised in that run are Greece.

#### Mexico

- Mexico are in the Final Four as hosts of the tournament. In Group 3, they managed to win two of their six matches.
- Mexico will partake in a Final Four stage in the World League for the first time.
- Mexico have won only one of their last seven World League matches on home court, their 3-0 triumph against Germany in Mexico City last season.

#### Estonia

- Estonia have reached the Final Four on the strength of five wins and one defeat in Group 3.
- Their only defeat in their World League debut season came against Tunisia on 3 June, after which Estonia have reeled off four consecutive victories.
- In Group 3, Ardo Kreek emerged as the best blocker, averaging 0.74 kill blocks per set.