



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

Final Four Group 3 Final: Spain - Estonia (18 Jun)

Head-to-Head

- This will be the first match between Spain and Estonia in a major global tournament.
- The Group 3 final will be contested by two CEV teams for the second consecutive year. In 2016, Slovenia beat Germany 3-1.

Spain

- Spain beat Germany in straight sets in the semifinal. It came only seven days after the Germans had beaten the Spanish in straight sets during the group stage.
- That defeat against Germany is Spain's only defeat in the 2017 World League.
- Spain have won six matches in this year's World League. Only in 2002 (9) and 1999 (7) have they won more fixtures in a single World League campaign.
- Andrés Villena (111) is the leading scorer in Group 3 this year.

Estonia

- Estonia have reached the Group 3 final in their debut World League campaign. Slovenia won Group 3 on their World League debut last year.
- Estonia beat hosts Mexico 3-0 in the semifinal. It was their fourth straight-set victory of the 2017 World League.
- Estonia's only World League defeat was 3-1 against Tunisia in their second fixture of the tournament.
- Estonia have won both of their World League five-setters.
- Estonia have won the opening set in each of their last six World League matches. Only in their first-ever fixture in the tournament (3-2 win v Chinese Taipei) did they lose the opening set.



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Final Four Group 3 third place match: Germany - Mexico (18 Jun)

Head-to-Head

- Germany and Mexico have already met in the 2017 World League, with the Germans winning in straight sets on 11 June in Linz, Austria. Despite the defeat, Mexico's Nestor Orellana (16) was the leading scorer in the match.
- The only other World League meeting came on 19 June 2016 in Mexico City. The home team won 3-1.
- Mexico were beaten by Germany at the 1991 World Cup (3-0) and by East Germany at both the 1968 Olympic Games (3-0) and 1974 World Championship (3-2).

Germany

- Germany were beaten in straight sets by Spain in the Group 3 semifinal. It was only their second defeat of this year's competition, after the 3-1 loss versus Austria in the group stage.
- Germany lost 3-1 against Slovenia in the 2016 World League Group 3 final.
- Germany have not been involved in a World League five-setter since their opening match of last year's tournament, defeat against Montenegro.
- Germany have not won a World League five-setter since beating Argentina 3-2 on 1 June 2014.
- Only Andrés Villena (111) and Hamza Nagga (104) have scored more Group 3 points this year than Simon Hirsch (103).

Mexico

- Mexico qualified for the Group 3 final round as hosts. They were beaten in straight sets by Estonia in the semifinal.
- Mexico have won five of their 20 World League matches, with two of those victories coming in 2017 – against Greece and Qatar.
- Mexico could win more than two matches in a single World League campaign for the first time. They also won two in 2014, their debut in the competition.
- Only one of Mexico's five World League wins has come after losing the opening set, 3-2 versus Turkey on 7 June 2014.
- Since that 3-2 victory against Turkey, Mexico have lost all six World League five-setters.