



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

Pool D3: Estonia - Qatar (09 June)

Head-to-Head

- Estonia and Qatar will meet for the first time in a major competition.
- Qatar won two of their last three World League matches against European opposition. Both victories came in straight sets, both against Greece.

Estonia

- World League debutants Estonia kicked off their campaign with wins over Chinese Taipei (3-2) and Montenegro (3-0) and a 3-1 defeat against Tunisia.
- Andrus Raadik scored a team-high 32 points in the opening weekend, three more than teammate Renee Teppan (29).
- Only Mexico's Jorge Barajas (71.43%) had a higher efficiency as receiver than Kristo Kollo (71.19%) in Group 3 last weekend.

Qatar

- Qatar followed up on a 3-0 win over Greece in their 2017 World League opener with defeats against Spain (3-1) and Mexico (3-0).
- Qatar have won three of their last five World League matches. These three wins all came in straight sets.
- Papemaguette Diagne (27), Renan Ribeiro (26), Samb Tamsir (25) and Bojan Djukic (22) scored a combined 100 points for Qatar in this year's opening weekend (212 points in total).



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Pool D3: Venezuela - Greece (09 June)

Head-to-Head

- Venezuela and Greece will clash for the fifth time in the World League.
- All four previous World League meetings between Venezuela and Greece came in 2001, with both teams winning twice.
- Three of the previous four World League matches between these teams were five-setters.

Venezuela

- Venezuela won six of their last ten World League matches.
- Venezuela lost 12 of their last 13 World League matches against European opposition. The only exception in this run is the five-set victory over Montenegro on 24 June 2016.
- Ronald Jose Fayola Hurtado won a team-high 34 points in the 2017 World League opening weekend, one more than Alexander Rodriguez Gonzalez Emerson (33).

Greece

- Greece started their 2017 World League campaign with three defeats. They lost 3-0 against Qatar and recorded 3-1 defeats against Mexico and Spain.
- Greece could lose their opening four matches of a World League campaign for the fifth time and for the first time since 1998.
- Greece have already lost more matches this campaign (3) than in their whole 2016 World League season (2).
- Only Germany's Simon Hirsch (8) and Mexico's Pedro Rangel (7) recorded more aces than Rafail Koumentakis (6) in Group 3 last weekend.



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Pool E3: Montenegro - Chinese Taipei (09 June)

Head-to-Head

- These nations will meet for the second time in the World League after last week's meeting in Bijelo Polje, when Montenegro recorded a 3-1 home win over Chinese Taipei.
- Chinese Taipei have lost their last four World League matches against CEV sides since their 3-1 win over Germany on 25 June 2016.

Montenegro

- Montenegro started their 2017 World League campaign with wins over Tunisia (3-2) and Chinese Taipei (3-1) and a 3-0 loss against debutants Estonia.
- Their 3-0 loss against Estonia on 4 June, was Montenegro's first-ever straight-set defeat in World League history.
- Montenegro could lose back-to-back World League matches for the second time after a two-match losing streak in June 2016.
- Only Germany's Tim Broshog (12) made more stuff blocks in Group 3 in the opening weekend than Bozidar Cuk (11).
- Milos Culafic is Montenegro's top scorer in the World League this season with 40 points. Marko Bojic follows with 35.

Chinese Taipei

- Chinese Taipei kicked off their 2017 World League campaign with three straight defeats - 3-2 against debutants Estonia, 3-1 against today's opponents Montenegro and 3-1 against Tunisia.
- Chinese Taipei have lost their last five World League matches, their longest streak in the competition.
- This losing streak comes immediately after their longest ever winning run in the competition, comprising three matches.
- Only Austria's Alexander Berger (60%) had a better spiking success rate than Liu Hong-Jie (59%) in Group 3 during the opening weekend.



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Pool E3: Tunisia - Kazakhstan (09 June)

Head-to-Head

- Tunisia and Kazakhstan have never met in the World League.
- These nations most recently met in a competitive match on 22 November 2006, when Tunisia recorded a 3-0 group stage win over Kazakhstan at the 2006 World Championships.
- Kazakhstan have met one CAVB side in the World League. In 2015, Egypt proved too strong in both encounters (3-0, 3-1).
- Tunisia have met AVC countries twice in the World League. In 2016, they lost 3-1 against Qatar and last weekend, they won 3-1 against Chinese Taipei.

Tunisia

- Tunisia have won five of their last six World League matches, with their five-set defeat against Montenegro in this season's opener as the only exception.
- Tunisia could win three World League matches in a row for the first time since June 2016, when they won their final three matches of their 2016 World League campaign.
- Chokri Jouini (38 points) and Hamza Nagga (37) are Tunisia's top scorers in the World League this season.

Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan are still waiting for their first win in this edition of the World League after three losses in the opening weekend.
- In both 2015 and 2016, they won exactly one World League match, including their first ever match in 2015.
- Seven of Kazakhstan's 13 defeats in the World League came in straight sets.
- Kazakhstan could claim at least one set in three consecutive World League matches for the first time.
- Vassiliy Donets has scored 33 points in the 2017 World League, a team-high.



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Pool F3: Austria - Germany (09 June)

Head-to-Head

- Austria and Germany have met once in the World League. Last weekend, Germany proved too strong (3-1).
- Germany have only player Greece (4) and Kazakhstan (2) multiple times in the World League without losing.
- Germany have won two of the last three World League matches against fellow CEV countries. Besides their win against Austria they also won against Spain last season. Their loss came against Slovenia (3-1).

Austria

- Austria won two of their first three matches in the tournament. One of these victories was an awarded straight sets victory against Venezuela.
- In both other matches, Austria won the first set. Against Germany they lost the following three, against Kazakhstan they only lost the second of the total four sets.
- After the first week of play, Alexander Berger is the best spiker in Group 3 with a success rate of 60%.

Germany

- Germany won the first three matches in the 2017 World League, their best run in the competition since winning six in a row in 2012.
- Germany could win their first four matches of a World League campaign for the first time.
- Germany have won at least one set in each of their last 13 World League matches.
- Tim Broshog is the best blocker in Group 3 with an average of 1.09 per set. His 12 stuff blocks are also most in Group 3.
- Simon Hirsch had a Group 3-high eight aces in the first weekend of this year's World League.



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Pool F3: Mexico - Spain (09 June)

Head-to-Head

- Mexico and Spain will meet for the third time in the World League.
- Last year, the first encounter between these teams in the World League ended in a 3-2 win for Spain. Andrés Villena, 2017's top scorer of Group 3, scored 32 points in that match, 14 more than any other player on the pitch at both sides.
- The second encounter in the first weekend of the 2017 World League ended in a straight set victory for Spain.

Mexico

- Mexico have won their last two World League matches (3-1 against Greece, 3-0 against Qatar) and could win three in a row for the first time in the competition.
- Mexico have never won more than two matches in a single edition of the World League. In 2014, they also won twice, the same amount they already have this year.
- Daniel Vargas has scored 47 points for Mexico so far, only Spain's Andrés Villena (50) scored more in Group 3.
- Jorge Barajas is the best receiver from Group 3 after the first weekend with an efficiency of 71.43%.

Spain

- Spain have won all three matches in the opening weekend of the 2017 World League, conceding only two sets (one each against Greece and Qatar).
- Only in 2002 and 2015, Spain won their first four matches in a single World League.
- Since their return to the World League in 2014 (absent since 2008), Spain won 13 of their 21 matches (62%). Between 1995 and 2008 they won only 38% of their matches.
- Andrés Villena is the top scorer of Group 3 this season with 50 points including a Group 3 high 42 spikes. He scored most points for Spain in their first match, 17 against Mexico.