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Pool G

- Brazil defeated USA 3-2 on Friday, conceding more sets in that match than they had done in their previous 15 World Grand Prix matches (1).
- Brazil also beat the Dominican Republic and Thailand this weekend to improve their record to 18 consecutive World Grand Prix wins and a set balance of 54-3.
- USA added two more five-set matches to their total, losing to Brazil and winning against Thailand. They now have played 65 five-set matches and won 37, both are records in World Grand Prix history.
- Thailand won 3-1 against the Dominican Republic on Friday to end their four-match losing streak, their longest losing streak since four in 2010.
- Thailand's Nootsara Tomkom has an average of 10.49 setting attempts per set, the highest in Group 1.
- Brenda Castillo leads all players in Group 1 with an average of 3.85 digs per set.

Pool H

- Turkey booked their place in the Final Six after defeating Italy 3-1 on Sunday.
- This was Turkey's first World Grand Prix win against Italy after two previous defeats.
- Turkey will be among the best six for the second time in history after a third place finish in 2012.
- Russia won the last spot for the Final Six after a hard fought 3-0 win against Germany on Sunday: 27-25, 26-24, 26-24. Russia gave away only 11 points through errors in this match.
- Russia are now guaranteed to have a better ranking than last year when they equalled their worst rank, seventh. They also finished seventh in 1994 and 2004.

Pool I

- China clinched a ticket for the Final Six after winning 3-1 against Korea and collecting the point they needed to proceed in 2-3 vs Serbia.
- China finished runners up in last year's World Grand Prix behind winners Brazil.
- Serbia's 3-2 win against China was their fourth this season. They only had fewer wins in a World Grand Prix edition in 2012, three wins.
- Japan defeated China for the second time in a total of 22 World Grand Prix encounters. They had lost 11 matches in a row against China.
- Kim Yeon-Koung scored a total of 242 points, 74 points more than the next highest scorer in Group 1, Turkey's Neriman Ozsoy.



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Group 2 Finals

- Belgium won the Group 2 finals after a 3-2 win against Netherlands with Belgium's Lise Van Hecke scoring 41 points in this match, one less than Korea's Kim Yeon-Koung against Russia on 10 August (Russia - Korea 1-3).
- Van Hecke's 246 points in this season's World Grand Prix are the most of all players in all groups.
- The Netherlands' defeat against Belgium was only their second in all 11 World Grand Prix matches this season.
- The Dutch had four players scoring 15+ points in their 3-2 final defeat against Belgium: Celeste Plak (19), Judith Pietersen (17), Anne Buijs (17) and Quinta Steenbergen (15).
- Brazil had four players on 15+ points against China (3-1) on 1 August and USA had four against Thailand (3-2) on 16 August.

Group 3 Finals

- Bulgaria earned promotion to Group 2 next season after winning the Group 3 Final against the Czech Republic 3-0.
- They had eight direct points from serves against zero for the Czech Republic.
- Bulgaria are participating in only their second World Grand Prix, after finishing ninth last year.
- Croatia's Samantha Fabris had a team leading 16 spikes and five blocks in their 3-0 win against Kazakhstan to claim third place in the Group 3 Finals.