



## FIVB WORLD GRAND PRIX REVIEW WEEK 1 – JULY 25-27

### Pool J

- Belgium's Lise van Hecke scored 24 points in her debut World Grand Prix match against Poland, 17 points more than any of her teammates.
- Canada lost their first three matches and are still searching for their first World Grand Prix victory (Won 0 Lost 8).
- Peru recorded only their second win in 21 World Grand Prix matches by defeating Canada 3-1.
- Poland defeated Belgium, Canada and Peru in the opening weekend of the World Grand Prix (all 3-1). They are now on a four-match winning streak in the competition, their longest since 2009-2010 (six victories in a row).

### Pool K

- Argentina ended a seven-match losing streak by defeating Cuba 3-1. This marks only their fifth World Grand Prix victory in three participations (30 matches).
- Cuba lost their three matches at this season's World Grand Prix and are currently on a 17-match losing streak, their longest losing streak in team history.
- The Netherlands are the only team to end the opening 2014 World Grand Prix weekend without losing a single set.
- The Netherlands claimed their 50th victory at the World Grand Prix against Puerto Rico and are the ninth team to reach half century in the competition.
- By defeating Argentina in their opening match, Puerto Rico recorded two World Grand Prix victories in a row for the first time in team history, after defeating Germany in their last match in their previous World Grand Prix.



## Pool P

- The first set in this season's World Grand Prix had 62 points (Czech Republic 32-30 Croatia). This was the most points in an opening set in World Grand Prix history.
- The Czech Republic have won three matches in a row for the first time in the World Grand Prix. They had never managed to win twice in a row before.
- Croatia lost their first match against the Czech Republic in a main tournament. At the European Championships in 1995 and 1997, Croatia won both matches.
- Kazakhstan have won their opening match for the first time ever in the World Grand Prix. In their four previous opening matches Kazakhstan won only one set (against Germany last year).
- Australia marked their debut with three straight sets defeats.

## Pool Q

- Algeria won their first ever sets in the World Grand Prix. After losing every single match in straight sets, they have won two sets against Bulgaria.
- Bulgaria won their opening match against Algeria, after losing last year's opening match against China (3-0). That match is still their only 3-0 defeat.
- Kenya's victory against Mexico marks the first ever African win in the World Grand Prix. Algeria, who debuted last year, is still waiting on their first victory.