

STATISTICAL PREVIEWS DAY 14 – SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Pool G: France - Germany (September 16)

Head-to-Head

- France and Germany will meet for the fourth time at the World Championship, with the Germans winning two of their previous three meetings.
- At the 1966 World Championship, France clashed with both East and West Germany. East Germany beat France in straight sets while France defeated West Germany in straight sets.
- Their most recent meeting came in 2006 when (unified) Germany defeated France 3-1.
- The teams met at the 2014 World League with France winning three of the four meetings.

France

- France claimed first place in Pool E (2nd round) with five wins from seven matches and will finish in the top 6 for the sixth time at the World Championship.
- Both defeats at the 2014 World Championship came in five sets (vs Italy and Poland).
- They have now conceded at least one set in their last eight world championship matches, after winning their opener against Puerto Rico in straight sets.
- France have the best scorer in the competition with Antonin Rouzier who has scored a total of 166 points.
- Yoann Jaumel will celebrate his 27th birthday on the day of the match.

Germany

- Germany finished third in Pool F (2nd round) behind Brazil and Russia, claiming five wins in total. They will finish in the top 6 of a world championship for the first time in 40 years (4th in 1974 as East Germany).
- Both of their defeats in this year's competition came in straight sets.
- Germany can play their first five-setter in 17 world championship matches. They are the only team still in the competition to have not played a five-setter at the 2014 World Championship.
- The Germans have the second best spiker, Denys Kaliberda (55.63% success rate), and the second best server, György Grozer (0.67 average per set), in the competition.



Pool H: Poland - Brazil (September 16)

Head-to-Head

- Poland and Brazil have met seven times at the World Championship. Poland was victorious in their first three meetings (1960-1970), Brazil won the last four (1978-2010).
- · Brazil's four victories all came in straight sets.
- Their 2006 meeting was the final of the World Championship, which ended in a straight set victory for Brazil.
- Poland and Brazil also met at the 2014 World League, with both teams winning twice.

Poland

- Poland finished second in Pool E (2nd round) with six wins and one loss. This will be their 10th top 6 finish in history and their second in the last 28 years.
- They have won their last two matches in five sets (vs Iran and France) and can win three five-setters in a row for the second time after 1974.
- Poland are looking to become the first hosts to win the competition since Czechoslovakia in 1966.

Brazil

- Brazil are the only team left in the competition to have won all of their matches and finished on top of Pool F (2nd round) with those figures.
- Combined with their four wins at the end of the 2010 World Championship, Brazil are on their longest winning streak in the competition (13 matches).
- They could become the first team to remain undefeated at the World Championship since Soviet Union in 1982.
- Brazil are guaranteed a finish in the top 6 for the 10th consecutive World Championship.