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STATISTICAL PREVIEWS
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Pool G: Germany - Iran (September 17)

Head-to-Head

- Germany and Iran have never played each other at the World Championships.
- They recently met twice at the 2013 World League. Both Germany and Iran won a match 3-0.
- Germany have won both meetings with AVC teams at the 2014 World Championship (3-0 vs Korea and China). Iran have won three out of five matches against European opposition at this tournament.

Germany

- Germany lost their last match 3-0 against France on September 16. All of their three losses at this tournament have now come in straight sets.
- Germany are the only team still in the competition to have not played a five-setter at the 2014 World Championship. They can play their first five-setter in 18 World Championship matches.
- Germany have not lost back-to-back matches at the 2014 World Championship. The last time they ended a single World Championship campaign without consecutive losses was in 1970, when they won the title (East Germany).

Iran

- Iran are guaranteed a top six finish, meaning they will better their previous best result by at least 13 positions on the final table. Their best result was a 19th place finish in 1998 and 2010.
- They have already won seven matches at this World Championship. In all previous four previous participations combined, they had won just five (17 losses).
- A possible win would mean Iran's 50th set win at the World Championship. They are currently on 47 set wins.



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Pool H: Brazil - Russia (September 17)

Head-to-Head

- This will be the 11th World Championship meeting between Brazil and Russia. Brazil have won the last three meetings, each of which came after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.
- The first seven meetings were won by the Soviet Union, which later continued as Russia.
- Their most recent match-up came on 14 September of this year, when Brazil beat Russia 3-1.
- This is a sequel to two gold medal matches in the competition. In 1982, Soviet Union beat Brazil 3-0 and in 2002 Brazil beat Russia 3-2.
- These teams also met in the final of the 2012 London Olympic Games. Russia won that match 3-2.

Brazil

- Poland beat Brazil 3-2 in their most recent match to end Brazil's team record 13-match winning streak at the World Championship.
- It was Brazil's first defeat at since a second round 3-0 loss against Bulgaria in 2010.
- They can lose back-to-back World Championship matches for the first time since 1998, when they lost to Italy (semifinal) and Cuba (third place match) respectively.
- Brazil have lost 199 sets at the World Championship so far.

Russia

- Russia's 11-match winning streak was halted by upcoming opponents Brazil last Sunday (3-1 loss).
- Russia have lost their last three matches against Brazil. They have never lost four consecutive matches against a specific opponent. They did previously lose three in a row against Czechoslovakia (1966-1974), Poland (1970-1974) and Italy (1994-2006).
- The last time Russia lost consecutive World Championship matches was in 2010.