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**STATISTICAL PREVIEWS**  
**DAY 16 – SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

**Pool G: France - Iran (18 September)**

**Head-to-Head**

- Iran and France will meet for the third time at a World Championship. In 1970, France defeated Iran in straight sets and in this year's round one France won 3-1.
- Antonin Rouzier and Earvin Ngapeth scored the most points in that 3-1 win on 4 September (19).
- France are currently on a nine-match winning streak at the World Championships against teams from Asia (AVC).

**France**

- France have won eight matches at the 2014 World Championship and need one more victory to better their record total of eight wins in 2006.
- In their 14 previous World Championship participations, France have reached the semifinals only once. In 2002, they lost 3-2 against Russia and eventually third.
- France have not won back-to-back World Championship matches in straight sets since 1990, when they beat Venezuela and Japan in the group stage.

**Iran**

- Iran can lose two matches in a row at the World Championships for the first time since the last match of 2006 and the first match of 2010.
- That was also the last time they lost two matches in a row in straight sets.
- A 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: Poland - Russia (18 September)**

### **Head-to-Head**

- Poland and Russia have met each other 12 times at the World Championship (including Soviet Union). Poland have won four matches, Russia eight.
- Their last meeting was at the 2006 World Championship with Poland winning 3-2 in the second group stage.
- Russia have won twice by 3-0, in 1986 and 1949.
- Russia also won 3-0 in the quarterfinals of the 2012 Olympic Games and eventually won the gold medal. That was the last time these teams met in a major tournament.

### **Poland**

- Poland have reached the World Championship semifinals once before. In 2006, they defeated Bulgaria 3-1 and eventually lost the final 3-0 against Brazil.
- Poland can become the first ever team to win four successive World Championship matches in five sets.
- They can become the second team to play four consecutive five-set matches. In 1966, Japan played four five-set matches in a row, winning two and losing two.
- Poland have lost 199 sets in World Championship history.

### **Russia**

- Russia can lose back-to-back matches for the first time since 2010, before their 11-match-winning streak started.
- They can lose two matches in a row in straight sets for the very first time at the World Championships.
- They have won their last four World Championship matches against European opponents.