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Final 1-2: Brazil - Poland (21 September)

Head-to-Head

- Brazil and Poland have each won four of the eight encounters against each other, with Poland winning the last one 3-2, at these World Championships on 16 September.
- That is Brazil's only defeat in their last 16 World Championship matches.
- Brazil beat Poland 3-0 in the Final of the 2006 edition.
- They also faced each other four times in this year's World League, each winning twice.

Brazil

- Brazil have previously reached the World Championship final four times, including the last three (2002-2006-2010) which they all went on to win. In 1982, they lost the final to Soviet Union.
- They are looking to become the first nation to win four consecutive World Championship titles.
- The only other country to win three World Championship titles in a row is Italy (1990, 1994 and 1998), who were then dethroned by Brazil.
- Brazil have won 15 of their last 16 matches, with their only loss coming against Poland (3-2) in this year's third round on 16 September.

Poland

- Poland are aiming to win their third medal at the World Championship. They won the tournament in 1974 and took the silver medal in 2006.
- They won their only previous semifinal, beating Bulgaria 3-1 in 2006.
- Poland have lost just one match at the 2014 World Championship, 3-1 against United States on 10 September.
- The only other team to have lost only one match at this tournament is Brazil, who lost against Poland.
- Poland played the very first at this World Championship and they will play the very last match.



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Final 3-4: France - Germany (21 September)

Head-to-Head

- France have won two and lost two matches against Germany at the World Championships.
- They won 3-0 against Germany in the third group phase on 16 September.
- France and Germany have exchanged wins in their last six encounters at all major tournaments: W-L-W-L-W-L-W from France's perspective.

France

- France can win their second bronze medal in history and equal their best ranking at the World Championship after winning bronze against Yugoslavia (3-0) in 2002.
- France need one more win to reach 10 victories at the 2014 World Championship. Their current nine wins are already a record for the team at a single edition, beating their previous best of eight in 2006.
- France have played 139 World Championship matches and their set balance is 256-256.

Germany

- Germany will finish in the top four for the first time since 1974 (East Germany), when they finished fourth.
- They have won the tournament once, in 1970, when competing as East Germany.
- Their best result as unified Germany came at the 2010 World Championship, eighth.
- Germany's last six results have alternated: W-L-W-L-W-L.
- At the 2014 World Championship, they have won two (vs Finland and Bulgaria) and lost three (vs Russia, France, Poland) matches against European teams.