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STATISTICAL PREVIEWS
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Pool B: Cuba - Germany (September 3)

Head-to-Head

- This is the eighth meeting between Cuba and a German side at the World Championship. Cuba have won three of the previous seven meetings (one with West Germany, five with East Germany, one with Germany).
- Germany won their last meeting at the World Championship, defeating Cuba 3-0 in 2006.
- Germany have won their last two competitive meetings, both in the 2013 FIVB Volleyball World League.

Cuba

- Cuba started their 2014 World Championship campaign with a 3-2 defeat against Finland. Cuba lost despite winning the first two sets and outscoring their opponents 110-106 throughout the course of the match.
- Javier Ernesto Jiménez Scull led the way for Cuba with 21 points scored in that match.
- Cuba have lost their last two matches and have not lost three in a row at the World Championship since 2006.
- Twice before, Cuba started a World Championship campaign with successive defeats, in 1956 and 2006.

Germany

- Germany started their tournament off with a straight sets defeat against world champions Brazil.
- For Germany, it was their fourth successive defeat at the World Championships, adding to their three-match slide that ended their 2010 campaign. Germany last lost five in a row in 2006.
- All of Germany's last four defeats came in straight sets.
- Seven of Germany's last eight matches in the competition involved one of the teams not winning a single set.



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Pool B: Finland - Korea Republic (September 3)

Head-to-Head

- This will be the second meeting between Finland and Korea at the world championship. In 1982, Korea defeated Finland 3-1 in Buenos Aires.
- Both teams met 10 times at the World League. Korea won the first three meetings (1993) and Finland the last seven (1993, 2007 and 2013).
- Korea are on a seven-match losing streak against European sides at the World Championship, between 1994 and 2006.

Finland

- Finland came back from two sets down to record their first win over Cuba at a major tournament. It was their first win in their opening match of a World Championship after six opening defeats.
- With this victory they are now on a four-match winning streak at the World Championship, adding to their three victories that ended their 1982 campaign.
- It was their second World Championship match they won after being two sets down. The first being against United States in 1978.

Korea Republic

- Korea defeated Tunisia 3-1 in their World Championship opener, which was their sixth victory in seven matches against African teams in the competition.
- Park Chul-Woo was the only player in this match to score more than 20 points (24).
- Korea have started their World Championship campaign only twice with successive victories: in 1978 and 1982. They claimed their best finish, fourth place, in the 1978 edition of the competition.



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Pool B: Tunisia - Brazil (September 3)

Head-to-Head

- Tunisia and Brazil have met twice at the World Championship. Brazil defeated Tunisia in 1978 and 2010, both in straight sets.
- Their most recent meeting at a major tournament came at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Again, Brazil defeated Tunisia in straight sets.
- Tunisia are winless in their nine meetings at World Championships, World Cups and Olympic Games and took only one set against Brazil at the 1981 World Cup.

Tunisia

- Tunisia started with a 3-1 defeat against Korea at the World Championship on Monday and are now on a four-match losing streak in the competition.
- The last time Tunisia had a longer losing streak in the competition was between 1974 and 1982: 19 matches.
- In their previous eight participations they succeeded in winning one of their first two matches only once: 3-2 against Korea in 2006.

Brazil

- Brazil started their quest for their fourth consecutive World Championship title with a straight sets victory over Germany.
- In 2010 and 2006, Brazil won each of their first two matches before losing the third. En route to their first World Championship trophy, in 2002, they lost their second match before winning the next seven matches including the final.
- Brazil are on a five-match winning streak and can win six in a row for the sixth time in the competition.



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Pool C: Bulgaria - Canada (September 3)

Head-to-Head

- Bulgaria won both previous World Championship meetings with Canada: 3-1 in 1978 and 3-0 in 1998.
- Bulgaria are unbeaten against NORCECA sides at the World Championship since their 3-1 defeat against the United States in 1956.
- Teodor Salparov (Bulgaria) and Toontje Van Lankvelt (Canada) play for the same team in France, ASUL Lyon Volley.

Bulgaria

- Bulgaria began their 2014 World Championship campaign by defeating Mexico in straight sets.
- Bulgaria have won their last two World Championship matches in straight sets. The last time Bulgaria won three in a row without dropping a set was in 1974.
- Bulgaria won their first two matches in three of the previous four World Championships.

Canada

- Canada were condemned to a 3-0 defeat against Russia in their opening match at the 2014 World Championship.
- Canada have now lost their last two matches at World Championships and they have lost both in straight sets.
- The last time Canada lost three in a row in straight sets in the competition was 1982.



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Pool C: Mexico - China (September 3)

Head-to-Head

- This will be the first meeting between Mexico and China at a World Championship and at a great tournament.
- Mexico have won only one of their five meetings with AVC sides at the World Championship. In 1982 they defeated Iraq in straight sets.
- China have lost their last two matches at a World Championship against teams from NORCECA.

Mexico

- Mexico were defeated 3-0 by Bulgaria in their curtain raiser in this competition.
- Mexico have now lost six of their last seven in the competition, including each of their last three.
- Mexico's only victory in that string was a 3-0 triumph over Venezuela in 2010.
- Mexico once lost five successive world championship matches in straight sets: 1978.

China

- China started off their 2014 World Championship campaign with a 3-1 victory over Egypt.
- This ended a four-match losing streak for China in the competition, which started after another victory against Egypt in 2006.
- China have not won back-to-back matches at World Championships since 1998.



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Pool C: Egypt - Russia (September 3)

Head-to-Head

- Egypt are winless in their two World Championship meetings with Russia (including URSS and CIS). Both matches, in 1974 and 2010, were played out in straight sets.
- Both teams were drawn in the same Pool at the 2007 and 2010 FIVB Volleyball World League. In a total of eight meetings, Egypt were only able to take four sets against Russia.
- Egypt came closest to a victory in one of their 2010 World League meetings, when they took two sets from Russia.

Egypt

- Egypt lost their opening match in this tournament 3-1 against China.
- Egypt have now lost their last five matches at World Championships.
- Egypt's five-match losing streak is their longest in the competition since losing seven straight from 1998 to 2006.

Russia

- Russia started their 2014 World Championship with a 3-0 victory over Canada.
- Russia have won their last four matches at World Championships and they have dropped only one set in that run.
- The only World Championships in which Russia (including Soviet Union) did not start out with two victories were the 2002 and 2006 versions of the competition.