Day 8

* Argentina - Australia 3-0: Argentina win back-to-back matches in straight sets at the World Championship for the first time since 1990.

* Cuba - Tunisia 3-2: Cuba have now won 18 of their last 19 five-set matches at the World Championships, only losing to Finland on 1 September.

* Bulgaria - Egypt 3-2: Bulgaria ended a run of three defeats in matches that needed a fifth set decider. They have never had four defeats in a row when playing a deciding set.

* USA - France 1-3: USA continue their up-and-down streak at the World Championship: W-L-W-L-W-L-W-L as France improve their win percentage to 50% in World Championship history.

* Venezuela - Serbia 0-3: Serbia have now won eight of their last 10 matches at the World Championship.

* Finland - Germany 1-3: Germany win three matches in a row for the first time since four in 2006.

* Mexico - Canada 0-3: Canada win back-to-back matches in straight sets for the first time since 1978.

* Belgium - Iran 1-3: Iran win three matches at single World Championship edition for the first time since four wins in their debut campaign in 1970.

* Cameroon - Poland 1-3: Poland dropped their first set this World Championship. Their four-match winning streak is their longest since 11 in 2006.

* Korea Republic - Brazil 2-3: Brazil collected their 97th win at the World Championships, equal to the number of wins URS recorded, before the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

* China - Russia 0-3: Russia win seven World Championship matches in a row for the first time since the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

* Puerto Rico - Italy 3-1: Puerto Rico beat a European nation for the first time in World Championship history. They had lost their previous 12 encounters, including two vs Italy.