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POLAND 2014

STATISTICAL PREVIEWS
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Pool A: Poland - Serbia (August 30)

Head-to-Head

- Poland have won all five matches against Serbia at World Championships, the last time 3-1 in 2010.
- In total, they have won 23 of their 36 encounters with Serbia at major tournaments (Olympic Games, World Championships, World League, World Cup, and European Championships).
- Poland have won their last three matches against Serbia in these major events, since a 3-0 defeat in the 2008 World League.
- Poland are ranked fifth on the Men's FIVB Senior World Ranking, one place ahead of Serbia.

Poland

- Poland are hosting the World Championship for the first time, 40 years after winning their only World Championship title (1974).
- They finished second in 2006, but were only ranked 13th at the last edition, in 2010.
- This is Poland's 16th participation at the World Championships, equal to Brazil and Italy.
- They have lost their last two World Championship matches 3-0 and they can lose three in a row by a 3-0 scoreline for the first time.

Serbia

- Serbia will play at the World Championships for the ninth time (including Serbia and Montenegro, Yugoslavia).
- They finished third in 2010, winning the bronze medal match 3-1 against Italy.
- Serbia have reached the semifinals in each of the last four editions, finishing 2nd (1998), 4th (2002, 2006) and third (2010).
- Brazil are the only other team to have reached the semifinals in the last four World Championships.
- Serbia lost two of their three first round group phase matches in 2010, including a 3-1 defeat vs Poland, before eventually finishing third.