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**POLAND 2014**

**STATISTICAL PREVIEWS**  
**DAY 6 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**

**Pool A: Cameroon - Argentina (September 4)**

**Head-to-Head**

- Cameroon and Argentina will meet for the first time at the World Championships as well as for the first time at a major tournament.
- Argentina are unbeaten in their World Championship meetings with African teams (four wins).
- Cameroon have won and lost a World Championship match against South American opposition. In 1990 they beat Venezuela 3-0 while on 2 September of this year they lost 3-1 to the same team.

**Cameroon**

- Cameroon have equalled their record losing streak at the World Championships as they have now lost four matches in a row (starting back in 2010). They previously lost four successive matches in 1990.
- They have claimed just one set in their last three matches, against Venezuela (3-1 loss).
- They are still waiting on their first straight set win in the competition since 1990 (3-0 vs Venezuela)
- At the same time, they have lost at least three matches in straight sets in their two previous World Championship participations (1990, 2010). They are currently on one straight set loss in the 2014 editions,

**Argentina**

- Argentina's three-match winning streak at the World Championships was ended by Serbia who beat them 3-1 on 2 September.
- They have won (3-0 vs Venezuela) and lost (3-1 vs Serbia) one match so far. This is the first time in all of Argentina's 11 World Championship participations that the result of their first two matches has alternated.
- Regarding set wins, Argentina are almost in perfect balance: 158 sets won, 156 sets against.



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## **Pool A: Serbia - Australia (September 4)**

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

- This will be the second World Championship meeting between both sides. In 1998 Serbia (then Yugoslavia) beat Australia in straight sets.
- Australia have won only one of their 13 meetings with European sides at the World Championships. In 1998 they beat Turkey in five sets.
- Paul Carroll (Australia) and Srecko Lisinac (Serbia) both play in Germany for SCC Berlin.

### **Serbia**

- Serbia's 3-1 win ended a streak of three consecutive losses in first round matches at the World Championships. They had lost against Canada, Poland (2010) and again Poland (2014) prior to their win.
- Serbia's last four results at the World Championships have alternated: loss-win-loss-win.
- Aleksandar Atanasijevic celebrates his 23rd birthday on the day of the match.

### **Australia**

- Australia's 25 World Championship matches so far have given them a record of three wins and 22 losses.
- Of all teams that have won at least one match at the World Championships, only Guinea (one win in 11 matches, 9%) have a worse winning record than Australia's 12%.
- They won their 2014 World Championship opener against Cameroon (3-0) before losing to Poland (3-0). Australia are yet to win multiple matches at a single edition of the World Championship.



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### **Pool A: Poland - Venezuela (September 4)**

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

- Poland are unbeaten in their three meetings with Venezuela at the World Championship. All three meetings in 1960, 1978 and 1982 were won in straight sets.
- In the World League competition, both teams were drawn in the same group in 2001, 2003 and 2009. In 12 World League meetings, Venezuela took two victories against Poland.
- Venezuela's victories in the World League both came in Poland: Wroclaw 2001 and Bydgoszcz 2003.

#### **Poland**

- Poland won their first two matches at the 2014 World Championship. At each of the last three World Championships (2010, 2006 and 2002), Poland won at least each of their first three matches.
- Each of their last four matches ended in straight sets: losses against Brazil and Bulgaria in 2010 and wins against Serbia and Australia in 2014.
- They can win three matches in straight sets for the first time since seven in a row in 2006.

#### **Venezuela**

- Venezuela ended a seven-match losing streak at the World Championships by beating Cameroon 3-1.
- They can win back-to-back World Championship matches for the fifth time (75 matches in total, 18 wins) and for the first time since 2006.
- Venezuela have played 75 World Championship matches and are three sets short of winning 75.



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## **Pool D: Puerto Rico - United States (September 4)**

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

- This will be the first meeting between these teams at the World Championship.
- Their most recent meeting at a major tournament was at the 2013 NORCECA Championship. United States defeated Puerto Rico 3-1 in the semifinal.
- At the 2011 World League, Puerto Rico and United States were drawn in the same Pool. United States defeated Puerto Rico four times in the Intercontinental Round.
- United States have only lost once in 11 meetings with fellow NORCECA sides at the World Championship, 3-1 against Canada in 1990.

### **Puerto Rico**

- Puerto Rico failed to win a set in their first two World Championship matches for the first time since their debut in 1974.
- With two straight set losses at this World Championship, Puerto Rico can lose three consecutive matches in straight sets for the first time since their debut participation. In 1974, the first eight matches ended in 3-0 defeats for the team.
- No player of Puerto Rico reached double figures in their match against Belgium.

### **United States**

- United States lost their second match to Iran in five sets, despite outscoring them 107 to 104.
- Two players of United States scored 25 or more points against Iran. Taylor Sander with 25 points and Matthew Anderson with 26 points.
- United States are now on a W-L-W-L-W-L record at the World Championship. They can lose back-to-back matches for the first time since 2006.



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## Pool D: Iran - France (September 4)

### Head-to-Head

- Iran and France will meet for the second time at the World Championship. In 1970, France defeated Iran in straight sets.
- Iran have won only twice in 12 meetings with European sides at the World Championship, 3-1 against Finland in 1970 and most recently 3-1 against Italy in 2014.
- France are currently on a five-match winning streak at the World Championship against teams from Asia.

### Iran

- Iran have won their first two matches in the tournament for the first time in their World Championship history.
- In their first two matches, Iran beat two teams they had never defeated before at the World Championship. They are the only team in Pool D with back-to-back victories.
- They can win three consecutive matches for the second time in team history, after 1970.
- Iran can take at least one set in five consecutive World Championship matches for the first time in history.

### France

- France lost their second match of the tournament to Italy, which was only the second time they had lost a World Championship match after being two sets up.
- It is the first time since 1990 that France have started their World Championship campaign without two victories.
- Against Italy, Antonin Rouzier scored a match high of 27 points, twice as many as teammate Earvin Ngapeth who followed with 13.



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## Pool D: Italy - Belgium (September 4)

### Head-to-Head

- These teams have met six times at the World Championship. Italy defeated Belgium in straight sets in 1949, 1956, 1962 and 1978. Belgium beat Italy 3-1 in both 1966 and 1970.
- More recently, Italy and Belgium met at the 2013 European Championship in the group stage. Belgium won that match in five sets.

### Italy

- Italy came back from a 2-0 deficit to beat France in their second match. This was the 38th time Italy were 2-0 down at the World Championship, but the first time they eventually won the match.
- With this victory, Italy ended a three-match losing streak at the World Championship.
- Ivan Zaytsev led the way for Italy with 25 points scored in their match against France, almost 25% of the team total: 105 points.

### Belgium

- Belgium bounced back after their opening defeat against United States with a straight set win over Puerto Rico.
- Bram Van Den Bries led the attack of Belgium with a total of 19 points in their match against Puerto Rico.
- Belgium can win two consecutive World Championship matches for the first time since 1978.
- Sam Deroo plays for Italian team Casa Modena.