Croatia beat Argentina 3-1, ending a streak of seven World Championship matches which ended in straight sets for the Croatians.

Netherlands beat Kazakhstan 3-0. The Dutch have now won their opening match of a World Championship campaign in each of their last six participations. They last failed to win their opener in 1990 (3-1 loss versus Soviet Union).

Canada beat Cameroon 3-1 to end a team record streak of nine consecutive losses at the World Championship. It was Canada's first win since they beat Egypt in straight sets on 30 August 2002.

China have now won all five World Championship matches against Puerto Rico in straight sets.

China equalled a club record of winning five matches in a row against a specific opponent. They previously did so against Italy in 1982-1998.

Azerbaijan beat Japan 3-2. Japan have not won their opener of a World Championship campaign hosted by another country than themselves since 1994 (in Brazil).

Turkey lost 3-1 to Serbia, constituting the first ever time that Turkey have lost back-to-back matches at the World Championship. In 2010, they lost their last match of the tournament (the final for fifth place) 3-0 against Italy.

Russia beat Thailand 3-0, meaning they have now won their last 14 matches at the World Championship. This is their longest winning streak since competing as Russia (since 1994).

Dominican Republic beat Germany in a World Championship match for the first time since 1998. They have now won three of the last four meetings with Germany at the World Championship.

Bulgaria lost 3-0 to Brazil and are now on a four-match losing streak, their longest at the World Championship since six losses in a row from 1986-1998.

Belgium's first World Championship match since 1978 ended in a 3-0 win against Cuba, constituting their first win against a NORCECA team at the World Championship. They lost 3-0 against Mexico in their only previous match against a NORCECA opponent in 1978.

With United States' 3-1 win against Mexico, the teams are in balance in World Championship meetings. United States have now won two matches in 1970 and 2014, while Mexico won twice in 1974.

United States also ended a three-match losing streak, their longest losing streak since three in 2006.

Italy have now won both World Championship matches against Tunisia with a 3-0 scoreline, in 1978 and 2014.

Tunisia have lost all their 15 World Championship matches in straight sets.