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STATISTICAL REVIEWS
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- 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.