• Tunisia won their first set at the World Championship in their match against Croatia. Croatia beat Tunisia 3-1 and qualified for the second round.

• Cameroon failed to win their first match at the World Championship (L9). Bulgaria defeated Cameroon in straights sets to stay unbeaten at the World Championship against teams representing Africa (W5).

• Kazakhstan booked their second World Championship win in their match against Mexico (3-0) and ended their nine-match losing streak in the competition.

• Mexico extend their current losing streak at the World Championships to 14 defeats in a row.

• By beating Azerbaijan 3-0, Belgium booked their first World Championship win over a European side since 1956 when they defeated Austria.

• Serbia beat Canada 3-1 and have now won their first four matches of a single World Championship for the third consecutive time after 2006 and 2010.

• Canada are now on a 16-match losing streak against European opposition in the competition (1978-2014).

• By beating Argentina 3-1, Dominican Republic have now won all four matches at the 2014 World Championship. They had never won more than three matches at a single World Championship.

• Argentina extend their longest losing streak in the competition to seven matches in a row.

• Russia dropped their first set of the 2014 World Championship in their 3-1 victory over Netherlands. They are now unbeaten in 17 consecutive World Championship matches.

• Japan clinched their 85th win at the World Championship in their match against Puerto Rico (3-0). Only Russia (including Soviet Union) have more World Championship victories: 118.

• United States won their match against Thailand in straight sets. They have now won their first four matches of a single World Championship for the second consecutive time.

• China booked a straight set victory over Cuba and are the only team left in the competition to yet drop a set after four match days.

• The last time China managed to win four successive World Championship matches in straight sets was 1990 when they won six in a row without dropping a single set.

• Cuba are still looking for their first set win after five straight World Championship matches.

• Italy beat Germany 3-1 to win their first four matches of the 2014 World Championship. In 2002, when they took their only World Championship title, they won their first five matches.

• Brazil booked their fourth victory at this World Championship by beating Turkey in five sets after trailing two sets. It was their 80th World Championship victory. Only Russia (118) and Japan have won more (85).

• Turkey have lost two consecutive World Championship matches in five sets for the first time in the competition.