Defending champions Russia beat Serbia in straight sets and claimed the last available berth for the third round, where they will be joined by Brazil, China, Dominican Republic, Italy and United States.

Germany bowed out of the tournament with two straight sets victories on the weekend, a pair of results that was preceded by a four-match losing streak for Germany.

Turkey are out, but their second round performance turned out to be ever-improving, starting out with a 3-1 defeat against United States and then reeling off three straight victories: 3-2 against Russia, 3-1 against Netherlands and finally 3-0 against Kazakhstan.

Japan were made to work hard in this tournament, especially towards the end. Four of their last five matches in this championship were decided in five sets.

Brazil ended USA's eight-match winning streak in the competition and dropped them from the ranks of the undefeated in this tournament. Brazil finish in first place in Pool F, the US second and both are through to the third round.

Netherlands bowed out of the tournament on a high note, beating Bulgaria 3-1. It ended a six-match World Championship losing streak against European opposition for the Dutch.

Belgium recorded their fourth victory in this tournament by defeating Croatia 3-1. Belgium equalled their most wins at a single world championship (four in 1956).

Italy snapped China's eight-match winning streak, making Brazil the only undefeated team remaining in this tournament. Thanks to their victory, Italy finish in first place in Pool E.