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**STATISTICAL PREVIEWS**  
**DAY 2 – SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

**Pool A:**

**Dominican Republic - Tunisia**

- This will be the first World Championship meeting between Dominican Republic and Tunisia.
- They have also never before met at a major competition.

**Germany - Argentina**

- Germany have won all three previous meetings with Argentina at the World Championship.
- In 1960, West Germany won 3-2 while in 1990 both East and West Germany beat Argentina 3-0.

**Croatia - Italy**

- These teams met twice before at the 1998 World Championship.
- In the second group stage, Croatia beat Italy 3-2 after which Italy retaliated with a 3-0 win in the final for fifth place.

**Pool B:**

**Turkey - Canada**

- This will be the second World Championship meeting between Turkey and Canada. In the first round of the 2010 tournament, Turkey beat Canada 3-2 after trailing 2-0.
- Canada are winless in their last 14 World Championship matches against CEV teams, since beating Finland 3-1 in the 1978 second group stage.

**Cameroon - Brazil**

- Brazil beat Cameroon 3-0 in their only previous meeting in a major tournament. At the 2006 World Championship, Cameroon managed to amass only 35 points in that match.

**Serbia - Bulgaria**

- Serbia and Bulgaria have never before met at the World Championship.
- Their most recent match-up at a major tournament came in the 2013 European championship group stage. Bulgaria beat Serbia in five sets after trailing 2-0.



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#### **Pool C:**

##### **Kazakhstan – United States**

- United States have won both meetings with Kazakhstan, beating them 3-2 in 2006 and 3-0 in 2010.
- Kazakhstan have lost all four World Championship matches against NORCECA teams. Apart from the defeats against USA, they also lost to Puerto Rico (3-1, 2006) and Cuba (3-2, 2010).

##### **Russia - Mexico**

- Russia and Mexico will meet for the second time at the World Championship. Russia won the first encounter 3-0 in the 2006 first group stage. Mexico scored 29 points in that meeting.
- These nations also met at the 1968 Olympic Games. Soviet Union defeated Mexico 3-0.

##### **Thailand - Netherlands**

- Thailand beat Netherlands 3-1 in their only previous World Championship encounter in 2010.
- Netherlands won all four other meetings with Thailand in major tournaments, all in the World Grand Prix. In 2005, Netherlands won twice without losing a set, in 2009, the match ended in 3-1 and Netherlands won 3-0 in the 2009 meeting.

#### **Pool D:**

##### **China - Azerbaijan**

- China won their only previous World Championship encounter with Azerbaijan, beating them 3-1 in 2006.
- China have lost seven of their last eight World Championship matches against CEV teams. Their only win in this streak came against Poland (3-0) in the 2010 second round.

##### **Belgium - Japan**

- This will be the first World Championship match between Belgium and Japan.
- Their only meeting in a major tournament was at the 2014 World Grand Prix, when hosts Japan won 3-0 in the Final Round
- This will be Belgium's 18th World Championship match. Japan will play their 116th.

##### **Puerto Rico - Cuba**

- In 1974, Cuba beat Puerto Rico 3-0 in their only World Championship meeting to date.
- Puerto Rico won both matches against Cuba in the 2014 World Grand Prix (at home).
- Puerto Rico have won two of their eight World Championship matches against NORCECA teams, while Cuba have won 11 of 14 matches against NORCECA opponents.