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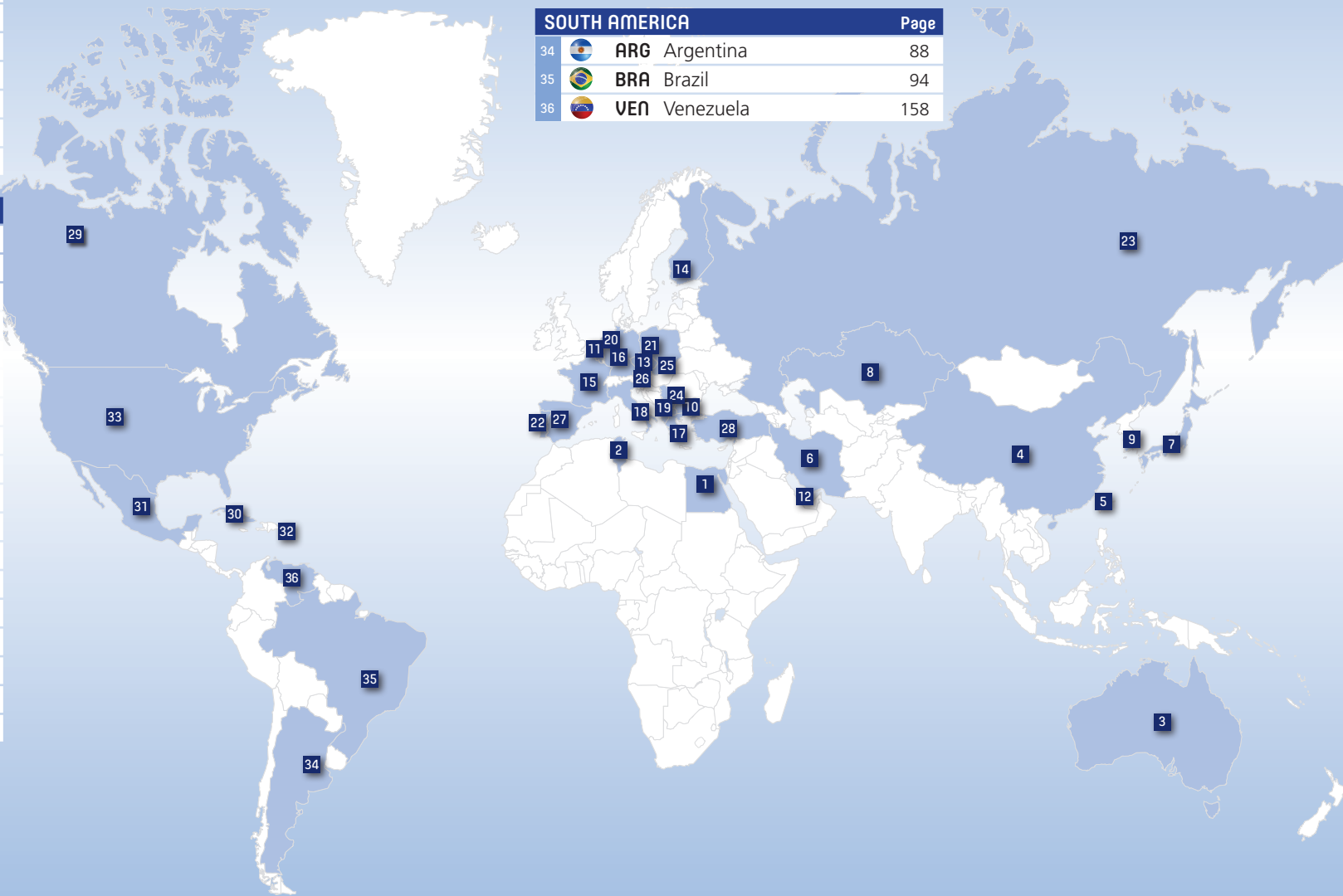
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# ARGENTINA



**FIVB  
 WORLD  
 RANKING**

**6**

**BEST RESULT**

4<sup>th</sup> 2011

**LAST RESULT**

11<sup>th</sup> 2015



Under coach Julio Velasco, Argentina finished 11<sup>th</sup> at the World League in 2015. In 2014, they came second behind France in Pool D to finish joint-fifth in Group and 13<sup>th</sup> overall. They were sixth overall a year earlier and, although they finished a disappointing 10<sup>th</sup> in 2012, were in the top five in the three editions before that. They settled for joint-11<sup>th</sup> place at the 2014 FIVB Volleyball World Championship in Poland. With his team now ranked No. 6 in the world by the FIVB, Velasco is targeting new highs to add to his resume after a glittering coaching career largely spent overseas

The Argentina team made their international debut at the South American Championship in Rio de Janeiro in 1951, claiming fourth place. They competed in their first World Championship in 1960 in the same city, where they finished 1<sup>st</sup>. Since they have competed in 10 World Championships, with a bronze medal-winning campaign on home territory in 1982 being their best effort to date. Argentina also took the bronze medal at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games, their highest finish in six appearances at the Olympics. They qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games as the South American Olympic Qualification Tournament winners.

### COACH: JULIO VELASCO



Julio Velasco coached Italy's men's team from 1989 to 1996. They won silver at the 1996 Olympic Games, two World Championships, three European Championships, a World Cup and five World League titles. He then guided Italy's women's team from 1997 to 1998. Velasco returned to the men's game with the Czech Republic from 2001 to 2003, Spain from 2009 to 2010 and Iran from 2011 to 2014, whom he helped to qualify for their first World League in 2013. Velasco took over Argentina's men's team in 2014. He was an assistant coach of the squad from 1981 to 1983. Velasco is in the Volleyball Hall of Fame. He has discussed coaching with football mastermind Pep Guardiola multiple times.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Bruno Nicolas	Bruno	24.02.89	187	85	338	318		6	43	49	Personal Bolivar
2	Zanotti Lisandro	Zanotti	04.10.90	195	88	336	315			6	6	Lomas Volley
3	Martinez Franchi Jan	Martinez	28.01.98	190	85	333	316					Club Ciudad De Buenos Aires
4	Ramos Martin	Ramos	26.08.91	197	94	348	328	9		15	24	UPCN San Juan Volley
5	Uriarte Nicolás	Uriarte	21.03.90	192	87	342	322	18	6	102	126	PGE Skra Belchatow
6	Pogljajen Cristian	Pogljajen	14.07.89	195	94	342	322		6	97	103	Montes Claros Vôlei
7	Conte Facundo	Conte	25.08.89	197	88	354	334	18	6	111	135	PGE Skra Belchatow
8	González Demián	Gonzalez D	21.02.83	192	82	326	310	9		34	43	Brazil Kirin Club
9	Quiroga Rodrigo	Quiroga R	23.03.87	191	83	336	316	18	6	151	175	Vôlei Canoas
10	Lazo Nicolás	Lazo	16.04.95	192	85	340	320			5	5	UPCN San Juan Volley
11	Solé Sebastian	Sole	12.06.91	200	94	362	342	18	6	111	135	Energy T.I. Diatec Trentino
12	Lima Bruno	Lima	04.02.96	198	87	345	320					Club Obras De San Juan
13	Palacios Ezequiel	Palacios	02.10.92	198	95	345	325			26	26	La Union de Formosa Club
14	Crer Pablo	Crer	12.06.89	202	85	357	337	9	6	101	116	Personal Bolivar
C 15	De Cecco Luciano	De Cecco	02.06.88	191	98	332	315	18	6	180	204	Sir Safety Perugia
16	González Alexis	Gonzalez A.	21.07.81	184	85	327	310	9	6	141	156	Ciudad de Bolivar
17	Imhoff Facundo	Imhoff	25.01.89	202	88	345	325			6	6	Lomas Volley
18	Santucci Facundo	Santucci	06.03.87	185	87	322	302			16	16	Toulouse Club
19	Gallego Joaquin	Gallego	21.11.96	204	102	343	323					Club Ciudad De Bolívar
20	Vega Javier	Vega	13.05.91	190	94	336	316			5	5	La Unión de Formosa Club
21	Closter Sebastián	Closter	13.05.89	172	68	298	278	9			9	Gigantes del Sur

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	1-3	20-25	21-25	25-17	20-25	
22.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	2-3	25-22	20-25	21-25	25-20	14-16
21.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	26-24	25-22	25-21		
18.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-1	25-21	23-25	29-27	25-22	
17.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-0	25-21	25-23	25-16		
16.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-0	25-18	25-19	25-21		
13.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-0	25-20	25-19	25-20		
12.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	1-3	19-25	25-21	18-25	20-25	
10.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	1-3	18-25	25-19	21-25	25-27	
09.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-2	30-32	25-15	24-26	25-13	15-10

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Gonzalez A.	21.07.81 (34y10m)	Youngest	Martinez	28.01.98 (18y4m)	<b>26y</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Gallego	204cm	Shortest	Closter	172cm	<b>193cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Sole	362cm	Shortest	Closter	298cm	<b>338cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Sole	342cm	Shortest	Closter	278cm	<b>319cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	De Cecco	204	First	Martinez	0	<b>64</b>



# AUSTRALIA



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

13

BEST RESULT

5<sup>th</sup> 2014

LAST RESULT

7<sup>th</sup> 2015



Australia will participate in their fourth FIVB Volleyball World League. They first joined the competition in 1999 but it took them 15 years to return. They finished ninth in 2014 and improved two places in 2015 when they took on Brazil, Serbia and Italy in Group 1 Pool A, but failed to progress to the Finals in Rio de Janeiro. A refreshed Volleyroos side will continue their World League journey in 2016 under Italian head coach Roberto Santilli, who replaced veteran Argentine coach Jon Uriarte in February 2015. Australia also represented Asia at the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship, finishing joint-1<sup>st</sup> after reaching the second round in Poland.

The Australian Volleyball Federation was founded in 1963 and the sport has rapidly increased in popularity in the country since. At the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games the team came eighth, beating Spain in the process and taking a set from then world champions Italy. There has been steady improvement including an appearance at London 2012, but Australia missed out on qualification for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games after finishing fifth at the Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Japan.

## COACH: ROBERTO SANTILLI



Roberto Santilli was named Australia's men's head coach in February 2015, guiding them to a fourth-place finish in Pool A of Group 1 in the 2015 FIVB Volleyball World League. Before taking over the Volleyroos, Santilli coached for the Italian Federation from 2001 to 2004, when he led the junior national team and held the position of technical staff member with Italy's men's team. Santilli, who was born in Rome, was a consultant and assistant to the men's Germany team that won a bronze medal at the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship. He coached several clubs in Italy from 1995 to 2007 before taking over at Jastrzebski Wegiel in Poland from 2007 to 2010. He also coached Iskria Odintsovo in Russia and MKS Banimex Bedzin in Poland.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Zingel Aidan	Zingel	19.11.90	207	100	361	346	12	5	155	172	Bluvolley Verona SRL SSD
2	Guymer Jacob Ross	Guymer	21.06.93	203	100	350	339			93	93	Abiant Lycurgus Volley
3	Roberts Nathan	Roberts	17.02.86	199	90	342	328	17	5	303	325	BAM Mondovi'
4	Sanderson Paul	Sanderson	07.01.86	195	94	348	335			46	46	Knack Rooselare
5	Passier Travis	Passier	26.04.89	206	99	351	340	12	5	189	206	Australian Institute of Sport
6	Edgar Thomas	Edgar	21.06.89	212	106	357	341	12	5	177	194	Beijing BAIC Motors
7	Peacock Harrison	Peacock	31.01.91	192	87	353	339	9	5	109	123	MKS Bedzin
8	Borgeaud Jacques	Borgeaud	19.06.91	178	70	321	310			31	31	University of Regina
9	Staples Max	Staples	27.07.94	194	83	358	345			41	41	Noliko Maaseik
10	Bell Benjamin	Bell	24.02.90	200	92	345	333			47	47	Boldklubben Marienlyst
11	Perry Luke	Perry	20.11.95	180	75	331	315	9		101	110	VFB Friedrichshafen
12	Mote Nehemiah	Mote	21.06.93	204	91	362	354	9		72	81	TV Buhl
13	Walker Samuel	Walker	19.02.95	208	90	350	337			80	80	ACH Ljubljana
C 14	Sukochev Grigory	Sukochev	18.02.88	196	86	340	329	9	5	163	177	CSM Bucearest
16	Richards Jordan	Richards	25.09.93	193	80	354	342			17	17	TV Schonenwerd
17	Carroll Paul	Carroll	16.05.86	207	98	354	340	17		167	184	SCC Berlin
18	Williams Lincoln Alexander	Williams	06.10.93	200	104	353	330		5	71	76	Selver Tallinn VC
19	Graham Beau	Graham	17.04.94	202	86	351	332			40	40	Habo Volleyball
20	Mercer William	Mercer	28.05.91	199	90	355	342					Linkoping Volleyball Club
23	Tulley Mitchell	Tulley	15.10.96	206	83	356	342					Australian Institute of Sport
25	Colotti Jordan	Colotti	07.05.96	188	76	335	325					Australian Institute of Sport

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22.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-19	25-17	25-19		
21.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	27-25	27-25	25-22		
18.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	0-3	15-25	22-25	17-25		
17.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	0-3	21-25	23-25	16-25		
16.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	0-3	24-26	16-25	18-25		
13.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	2-3	34-32	14-25	21-25	29-27	18-20
12.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-2	23-25	26-24	25-23	20-25	15-13
10.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	1-3	17-25	21-25	27-25	18-25	
09.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	0-3	17-25	18-25	15-25		

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Sanderson	07.01.86 (30y5m)	Youngest	Tulley	15.10.96 (19y8m)	<b>24y7m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Edgar	212cm	Shortest	Borgeaud	178cm	<b>199cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Mote	362cm	Shortest	Borgeaud	321cm	<b>349cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Mote	354cm	Shortest	Borgeaud	310cm	<b>335cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Roberts	325	First	Mercer	0	<b>97</b>



BELGIUM



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

21

BEST RESULT

11<sup>th</sup> 2014

LAST RESULT

12<sup>th</sup> 2015



Belgium boast a lengthy and proud history of participation in international volleyball but 2014 was the Red Dragons' World League debut. They will have been reasonably proud of their efforts as they finished third in Group 2, having topped Pool C before losing to France at the semifinal stage of the Final Four. They won the third-place match by defeating the Netherlands in straight sets. They followed that up by coming joint-17<sup>th</sup> at the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship as they won one of their five pool matches and were eliminated on point ratio behind Italy. Last year, they finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall in the World League. They are now ranked No. 21 in the world.

Belgium won the European League title for the first time in impressive fashion in 2013 as they swept the Czech Republic and Croatia in the semifinal and gold medal match respectively. Belgium's international volleyball history dates back to the 1948 European Championship when the team finished fifth. They enjoyed a solitary trip to the Olympic Games in Mexico City in 1968. 2014 was their first World Championship outing since 1978 and they have largely been restricted to competing at European level.

COACH: DOMINIQUE BAEYENS



In 2014, Dominique Baeyens led Belgium's men's team to their first FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship appearance in 36 years. They finished equal 1<sup>st</sup>. Previously he had coached the team to gold in the 2013 European League. In the 2014 FIVB Volleyball World League he guided Belgium to a third-place finish in Group 2 in their first appearance in the event. Before taking over the national team in 2012, Baeyens had coached Belgian club teams Cercle Tarnat, Zellik and Knack Roeselare. With the latter he won six national titles, four Belgian Cups and five Belgian Supercups. He has been named Belgium's Coach of the Year eight times. As a player he won the Belgian Cup with Kruikenburg.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Van Den Dries Bram	Van Den Dries	14.08.89	208	99	361	325	1			1	Olstyn
2	Konings Thomas	Konings	07.03.97	202	92	352	320					Knack Roeselare
C 3	Deroo Sam	Deroo	29.04.92	202	103	354	327	1			1	Kedzierzyn
4	Stuer Lowie	Stuer	24.11.95	194	82	333	302	1			1	VDK Gent Heren
5	Cosemans Lienert	Cosemans	20.10.93	203	93	340	315					Volley Lindemans Asse-Lennik
6	Dumont Sebastien	Dumont	18.01.94	176	76	328	298					Noliko Maaseik
7	Lecat Francois	Lecat	19.04.93	200	96	347	320					Verona
8	Klinkenberg Kevin	Klinkenberg	04.10.90	197	94	343	314	1			1	Bydgoszcz
9	Verhees Pieter	Verhees	08.12.89	205	112	350	322	1			1	Monza
10	Van De Voorde Simon	Van De Voorde	19.12.89	208	100	355	320	1			1	Trentino
11	Kindt Lou	Kindt	25.05.97	202	85	345	322					Volley Lindemans Asse-Lennik
12	Van Walle Gert	VanWalle	07.08.87	197	91	350	318	1			1	Beauvais
13	Depovere Sander	Depovere	08.01.95	196	85	332	310					Topvolley Callant Antwerpen
14	Ribbens Jelle	Ribbens	17.03.92	185	79	331	300					Nice
15	D'Hulst Stijn	D'Hulst	24.04.91	187	78	315	290					Knack Roeselare
16	Valkiers Matthias	Valkiers	08.04.90	194	92	339	310	1			1	Prefaxis Menen
17	Rousseaux Tomas	Rousseaux	31.03.94	199	90	352	317					Monza
18	Baetens Seppe	Baetens	13.02.89	191	92	345	312					Volley Lindemans Asse-Lennik
19	De Paepe Laszlo	De Paepe	24.06.96	202	89	342	317					VDK Gent Heren
20	Van De Velde Arno	Van De Velde	30.12.95	210	93	356	350					Knack Roeselare
21	Cox Jolan	Cox	12.07.91	194	72	342	315					Topvolley Callant Antwerpen

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
11.07.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Final 3-4	Varna	2-3	18-25	25-20	21-25	25-18	11-15
10.07.15	BUL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Semifinals	Varna	1-3	25-23	14-25	18-25	20-25	
04.07.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Antwerp	0-3	23-25	22-25	17-25		
03.07.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Antwerp	3-2	22-25	25-20	23-25	33-31	16-14
28.06.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Povoa de Varzim	3-0	28-26	25-23	25-18		
27.06.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Povoa de Varzim	3-1	22-25	25-17	25-22	25-21	
14.06.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Luik	3-2	25-13	25-27	30-28	23-25	15-13
13.06.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Luik	3-0	25-16	25-21	25-23		
07.06.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	s-Hertogenbosch	3-0	25-12	25-17	25-14		
06.06.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	s-Hertogenbosch	2-3	21-25	18-25	25-14	25-22	9-15

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Van Walle	07.08.87 (28y10m)	Youngest	Kindt	25.05.97 (19y)	<b>23y8m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Van De Velde	210cm	Shortest	Dumont	176cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Van Den Dries	361cm	Shortest	D'Hulst	315cm	<b>343cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Van De Velde	350cm	Shortest	D'Hulst	290cm	<b>315cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Van Den Dries	1	First	Konings	0	<b>0</b>



BRAZIL



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

1

BEST RESULT

1<sup>th</sup> 2010

LAST RESULT

5<sup>th</sup> 2015



In 2015, world no. 1 Brazil, who also hosted the FIVB Volleyball World League Finals in Rio de Janeiro, were hoping to improve on second place finishes in 2013 and 2014. They were assured a place in the 2015 final round as hosts but failed to finish better than fifth. Brazil lost to hosts Poland in the final of the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship. They were runners-up to Russia at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Brazil, however, won the 2013 South American Championship, thereby qualifying for the 2013 FIVB World Grand Champions Cup, a tournament they went on to win for the fourth time in Kyoto.

During the Bernardo 'Bernardinho' Rezende's 15-year tenure as coach, Brazil have at times seemed unstoppable, collecting numerous trophies. Rezende led the team to the 2001 World League title in his first outing and Brazil claimed the competition in successive years from 2003 to 2007. The Brazilians won back-to-back World League titles again in 2009 and 2010, three successive titles at the World Championship (2002, 2006, 2010) and two at the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup (2003 and 2007). As hosts, they are automatically qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Game.

#### COACH: BERNARDO REZENDE



World Cup and bronze at the event in 2011. At the Olympic Games, he led the team to gold in 2004 and silver in 2008 and in 2012. The team also won gold at the 2002, 2006 and 2010 World Championships. Brazil have secured eight World League titles since Rezende's arrival. He had previously coached the Brazil women's team from 1994 to 2000, and had played for Brazil at the 1980 and 1984 Olympic Games, winning a silver medal in the latter.

Bernardo Rezende's tenure as head coach with Brazil's men's team began in 2001. Since then he has led them to numerous podium finishes. Rezende's Brazil teams won gold at the 2003 and 2007

#### TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
C 1	Rezende Bruno Mossa	Bruno	02.07.86	190	76	323	302	7	2	20	29	Pallavolo Modena
2	Santos Isac	Isac	13.12.90	205	84	339	306			8	8	Sada Cruzeiro Volei
3	Carbonera Eder	Eder	19.10.83	204	101	350	330	3		5	8	Sada Cruzeiro Volei
4	De Souza Wallace	Wallace	26.06.87	198	87	344	318	14	1	37	52	Sada Cruzeiro Volei
5	Dos Santos Jr. Sidnei	Sidão	09.07.82	203	98	344	318	9	2	30	41	SESI
L 6	Brendle Tiago	Brendle	21.10.85	188	83	315	300			4	4	Campinas
7	Arjona William	William	31.07.79	185	78	300	295					Sada Cruzeiro Volei
8	Endres Murilo	Murilo	03.05.81	190	76	343	319	16		39	55	SESI
9	Vieira De Oliveira Raphael	Raphael	14.06.79	190	82	330	306			23	23	Taubaté Funvic
L 10	Santos Sérgio Dutra	Sérgio	15.10.75	184	78	325	310	9	8	142	159	SESI
11	Martins Wallace	Martins	22.03.83	204	100	344	318			30	30	Campinas
12	Fonteles Luiz Felipe Marques	Lipe	19.06.84	196	89	330	320	13		37	50	Taubaté Funvic
13	Souza Maurício	M. Souza	29.09.88	209	93	344	323					Taubaté Funvic
14	Souza Douglas	Douglas	20.08.95	199	75	338	317					Sesi/SP
15	Loh Lucas Eduardo	Lucas	18.01.91	195	83	336	320					Campinas
16	Saatkamp Lucas	Lucas	06.03.86	209	101	340	321	16		37	53	Pallavolo Modena
17	Guerra Evandro M.	Evandro	27.12.81	207	103	359	332	7		17	24	Suntory Sunbirds
18	Lucarelli Santos De Souza Ricardo	Lucarelli	14.02.92	195	79	338	308			2	2	Taubaté Funvic
19	Borges Almeida Silva Maurício	Maurício	04.02.89	199	99	335	315					Arkas Spor
20	Cargnin Paese Franco William	Paese	01.03.90	202	93	315	307			1	1	Campinas
21	Vissotto Neves Leandro	Vissotto	30.04.83	212	108	370	345	3	2	31	36	JT Thunders

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#### LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
16.07.15	USA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Final Round	Rio de Janeiro	3-1	28-26	22-25	25-22	27-25	
15.07.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Final Round	Rio de Janeiro	1-3	29-27	21-25	29-31	19-25	
03.07.15	ITA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cuiabá	2-3	25-21	27-29	25-21	19-25	19-21
02.07.15	ITA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cuiabá	3-0	25-20	26-24	25-19		
28.06.15	AUS	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Sydney	3-0	25-22	25-20	25-15		
27.06.15	AUS	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Sydney	3-1	25-17	25-18	23-25	25-20	
21.06.15	ITA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Firenze	3-0	25-23	25-22	25-16		
19.06.15	ITA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Roma	2-3	24-26	25-21	18-25	25-17	14-16
14.06.15	SRB	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Beograd	3-2	25-23	20-25	25-21	22-25	15-13
12.06.15	SRB	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Novi Sad	2-3	25-22	25-23	23-25	21-25	13-15

#### STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Sérgio	15.10.75 (40y8m)	Youngest	Douglas	20.08.95 (20y9m)	<b>30y9m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Vissotto	212cm	Shortest	Sérgio	184cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Vissotto	370cm	Shortest	William	300cm	<b>336cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Vissotto	345cm	Shortest	William	295cm	<b>316cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Sérgio	159	First	William	0	<b>27</b>



## BULGARIA

FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

7

BEST RESULT

4<sup>th</sup> 2013

LAST RESULT

10<sup>th</sup> 2015

After finishing fourth in the 2013 World League, Bulgaria failed to progress beyond the Intercontinental Round in 2014 after just one win from 12 matches condemned them to the bottom of Group 1 Pool B behind USA, Russia and Serbia. They followed that up with a joint-13<sup>th</sup> place finish at the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship where they qualified for the second round before taking just one set in their four matches. In the 2015 World League, Bulgaria dropped to tenth in the final standing

Historically, Bulgaria have a strong track record and they have been regular participants in the World League since 1994, when they finished fourth. In 2011 they were fifth and they went one place better the next year. Bulgaria competed in the first Olympic tournament at Tokyo 1964, finishing fifth. They took the silver medal at Moscow 1980 and came joint-fifth again at Beijing 2008 and were fourth at London 2012. In their first appearance in the World Championship in 1949 they finished third. They took bronze again in 1952, 1986 and 2006 and silver in 1970. Their most recent participation in the World Cup was in 2007 when they came third. They took fourth at the 2013 European Championship.

## COACH: PLAMEN KONSTANTINOV



Plamen Konstantinov's appointment as coach of the Bulgarian team is his first foray into international coaching. He took over in July 2014, leading the team to an equal-13<sup>th</sup> place finish at that year's World Championships. Konstantinov played in the 1996 and 2008 Olympic Games with his native country and captained them to a bronze medal at the 2006 World Championships. Before taking over Bulgaria's team, Konstantinov had been head coach of Ziraat Bankasi Ankara in Turkey and Gazprom-Yugra Surgut and Guberniya Nizhniy Novgorod in Russia. He led the latter to a silver medal at the 2014 CEV Volleyball Cup. He shares the nickname 'Gibbon' with his father, who also played for Bulgaria.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Lapkov Trifon	Lapkov	01.02.96	198	93	335	310			8	8	Montana
2	Ananiev Metodi	Ananiev	17.02.86	203	100	363	345			25	25	Levski Ball
3	Manchev Georgi	Manchev	20.07.90	198	88	345	335					Dobrudzha 07
L 4	Bozhilov Martin	Bozhilov	11.04.88	190	82	320	305					Marek Union Ivkoni
5	Gotsev Svetoslav	Gotsev	31.08.90	205	97	358	335			2	2	Shahrdari Tabriz
6	Penchev Rozalin	Penchev R.	11.12.94	197	79	337	327					Tokat Belediye Plevne
7	Gradinarov Miroslav	Gradinarov	10.02.85	203	91	350	330			7	7	Military Sports Association QA
8	Skrimov Todor	Skrimov	09.01.90	191	87	348	330					Powervolley Milano
9	Agontsev Lubomir	Agontsev	26.07.87	190	87	330	320					Montana Volley, Bulgaria
10	Seganov Georgi	Seganov	10.06.93	198	83	335	325			23	23	VC CSKA
11	Grozdanov Branimir	Grozdanov B.	21.05.94	198	88	338	327					Besiktas
C 12	Yosifov Viktor	Yosifov	16.10.85	204	100	350	340			16	16	Ninfa Latina
L 13	Ivanov Dobromir	Ivanov D.	11.02.88	185	75	329	319					Montana Volley
14	Todorov Teodor	Todorov	01.09.89	208	94	365	345					Pallavolo Lugano
15	Marinkov Dimitar	Marinkov	09.09.93	196	84	328	316			19	19	Dobrudzha 07
L 16	Ivanov Vladislav	Ivanov	14.03.87	188	80	320	310			3	3	ASU Lyon
17	Penchev Nikolay	Penchev N.	22.05.92	197	87	341	335					Asseco Resovia
18	Dimitrov Dobromir	Dimitrov	07.07.91	198	84	345	335			42	42	Sir Safety Conad Perugia
19	Sokolov Tsvetan	Sokolov	31.12.89	206	100	370	350			71	71	Halkbank
20	Grozdanov Aleks	Grozdanov A.	28.03.98	206	86	355	334			15	15	Dobrudzha 07
21	Georgiev Krasimir	Georgiev	13.02.95	203	83	346	333			9	9	Powervolley Milano

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
11.07.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Final 1-2	Varna	0-3	16-25	20-25	21-25		
10.07.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Semifinals	Varna	3-1	23-25	25-14	25-18	25-20	
05.07.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Varna	1-3	19-25	26-24	17-25	18-25	
04.07.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Varna	3-0	27-25	25-20	25-22		
28.06.15	CUB	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Varna	3-1	25-19	25-19	19-25	25-17	
27.06.15	CUB	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Varna	3-0	25-23	25-16	26-24		
21.06.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Salta	0-3	19-25	19-25	16-25		
20.06.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Salta	3-2	26-24	22-25	26-24	16-25	18-16
13.06.15	CAN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Summerside, PEI	1-3	18-25	19-25	25-21	20-25	
12.06.15	CAN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Summerside, PEI	3-2	20-25	25-19	22-25	27-25	15-12

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Gradinarov	10.02.85 (31y4m)	Youngest	Grozdanov A.	28.03.98 (18y2m)	<b>25y6m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Todorov	208cm	Shortest	Ivanov D.	185cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Sokolov	370cm	Shortest	Bozhilov	320cm	<b>343cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Sokolov	350cm	Shortest	Bozhilov	305cm	<b>329cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Sokolov	71	First	Manchev	0	<b>11</b>

June 16 > 19	C2
June 23 > 26	F2
July 1-3	I2



CANADA



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

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BEST RESULT

5<sup>th</sup> 2010

LAST RESULT

15<sup>th</sup> 2015



Canada finished third in 2015 FIVB Volleyball World League Group 2 Pool C after winning six of their 12 matches. In their last nine World League participations, their best result was a fifth place finish in 2011. Since 2012, Canada have participated consistently and are in their fifth-st aight appearance at the tournament. Canada's other achievements include a fourth-place finish at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games, two bronze medals at the Pan American games in 1979 and 1999, and 18 top-three NORCECA Championship finishe. They have participated in three Olympic Games and a fourth-place finish at the Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Japan has qualified them for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, ending a 24-year absence from the competition.

Canada hosted the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto where they beat Puerto Rico for the bronze medal. Canada competed at the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup in 2015 for the first time in 12 years, finishing seventh. They last appeared in 2003, also finishing seventh. They finished joint-seventh at the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship and second behind the United States in the NORCECA Championship in 2013.

COACH: GLENN HOAG



Glenn Hoag, who played on Canada's men's team from 1981 to 1986, took over as head coach in 2006. His aim has been to replicate the glory of his former team's fourth-place finish at the

Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games, the best major result in the country's history. Canada's best World League finish under Hoag is fifth in 2013. He has coached several European club teams, most notably Paris Volley in France, who he led to the triple crown in 2001 by winning the national title, the national cup and the European Champions League. Hoag also coached ACH Volley in Slovenia and is currently in charge of Arkas Sport in Turkey. Hoag's sons Chris and Nicholas were on Canada's 2014 World League roster. Hoag announced in 2015 that he will be stepping down as coach of the Canadian team by the end of 2016 to focus on another long-term commitment.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Sanders Tyler	Sanders	14.12.91	191	81	326	308	9	56	65	MKS Bedzin S.A.	
2	Perrin John Gordon	Perrin	17.08.89	201	95	353	329	11	104	115	LPR Piacenza	
3	Lewis Daniel	Lewis	03.04.76	189	86	340	325	15	209	224	BBTS Bielsko-Biala	
4	Hoag Nicholas	N.Hoag	19.08.92	200	91	342	322	8	47	55	Paris Volley	
5	Verhoeff Rudy	Verhoeff	24.06.89	198	88	349	317	4	52	56	Duren	
6	Duff Justin	Duff	10.05.88	200	102	370	335	11	123	134	Benfic	
7	Soonias Dallas	Soonias	25.04.84	200	91	356	323	23	146	169	Team Canada	
8	Simac Adam	Simac	09.08.83	203	101	348	336	11	85	96	Team Canada	
10	Van Lankvelt Toontje	Van Lankvelt	01.07.84	197	91	347	317	10	151	161	JASTRZEBSKI Wegiel	
11	Jansen Vandoorndaniel Cornelius	Jansen Vandoorndaniel	21.03.90	207	98	351	328		22	22	Pamvohaikos	
12	Schmitt Gavin	Schmitt	27.01.86	208	106	372	340	10	134	144	Funvic Taubate	
14	Burt Max	Burt	25.07.88	207	101	350	327		7	7	Nantes Rezé Métropole Volley	
C 15	Winters Frederic	Winters	25.09.82	195	98	359	327	23	227	250	Sada Cruzeiro Volei	
16	Derocco Jason	Derocco	19.09.89	198	94	342	318		29	29	JASTRZEBSKI Wegiel	
17	Vigrass Graham	Vigrass	17.06.89	205	97	354	330	5	46	51	Arkas Sport Club	
19	Bann Blair Cameron	Bann	26.02.88	184	84	314	295		33	33	Duren	
20	Maar Stephen Timothy	Maar	06.12.94	199	99	350	328				Team Canada	
21	Blankenau Jay	Blankenau	27.09.89	194	94	334	307		8	8	Abiant Lycurgus	
22	Marshall Steven	Marshall	23.11.89	193	87	350	322		30	30	SVG Luneburg	
24	Van Berkel Lucas	Vanberkel	29.11.91	210	108	350	326		5	5	Pribam VB	
25	Walsh Brett James	Walsh	19.02.94	195	84	332	313				Team Canada	

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-19	25-21	25-17		
22.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-23	29-27	26-24		
21.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-18	25-22	25-23		
18.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	1-3	21-25	25-23	27-29	22-25	
17.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	0-3	21-25	16-25	19-25		
16.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	1-3	25-23	15-25	19-25	19-25	
13.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-2	32-34	25-14	25-21	27-29	20-18
12.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	0-3	17-25	15-25	21-25		
10.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	0-3	21-25	20-25	17-25		
09.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-2	25-22	25-23	21-25	24-26	15-12

STATISTICS

Age	Oldest	Lewis	03.04.76 (40y2m)	Youngest	Maar	06.12.94 (21y6m)	28y
Height	Tallest	Vanberkel	210cm	Shortest	Bann	184cm	199cm
Spike	Highest	Schmitt	372cm	Shortest	Bann	314cm	347cm
Block	Highest	Schmitt	340cm	Shortest	Bann	295cm	323cm
Caps	Most	Winters	250	First	Maar	0	79





FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

19

BEST RESULT

6<sup>th</sup> 1996

LAST RESULT

24<sup>th</sup> 2015



Xie Guochen steered China to fourth place in FIVB Volleyball World League Group 3 in 2015, following a third place finish the previous year. In 2014, they topped Pool G and defeated Slovakia in the bronze medal match. It was China's first appearance in the competition after a three-year absence and a couple of months later they took joint-15<sup>th</sup> place in the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship. The Asian Games ended their season, where they took fourth place.

China were among the eight teams in the first edition of the World League in 1990 and they have participated 16 times since. They have enjoyed little success on the world stage in recent decades however. China were joint-fifth at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. They failed to qualify for the London 2012 Olympic Games and will also miss the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. China first appeared at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, when they finished seventh overall. China finished fourth at the six-team FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in 1997. At a continental level, China won the Asian Championship in 1997 and 1999, the Asian Games title in 1986, 1990 and 1998, and the Asian Cup in 2012.

COACH: XIE GUOCHEN



Xie Guochen was an assistant coach of China's men's team from 2006 to 2012. In that time they won silver medals at the 2006 Asian Games, 2010 Asian Cup and 2011 Asian Championships. Xie was named temporary coach after the London 2012 Olympic Games, leading the team to gold at that year's Asian Cup. He was then promoted to head coach in 2013, when the team captured bronze at the Asian Championships. The coach from Kaifeng guided China in its return to the World League in 2014, where the team finished third in Group 3. He also spent time as coach of club team Henan Tianguan. As a player, Xie played for China from 1994 to 2003, winning an Asian Games silver medal with the team in his debut year.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Zhan Guojun	Zhan G.J.	16.12.88	197	91	235	230			5	5	Shanghai
2	Chen Longhai	Chen L.H.	29.03.91	201	85	351	340			6	6	Shanghai
3	Yuan Zhi	Yuan Z.	29.09.81	194	95	348	334	12	6	93	111	Liaoning
4	Zhang Chen	Zhang C.	28.06.85	200	89	356	340	3			3	Jiangsu
5	Li Yuanbo	Li Y.B.	27.09.95	196	80	352	343			5	5	Henan
6	Li Runming	Li R.M.	01.03.90	198	93	350	326	11		8	19	Shandong
7	Zhong Weijun	Zhong W.J.	20.04.89	200	88	347	335	11		20	31	Army
8	Cui Jianjun	Cui J.J.	01.08.85	192	94	350	335	11		3	14	Henan
C 9	Jiao Shuai	Jiao S.	28.01.84	194	75	350	341	11	6	9	26	Henan
10	Ji Daoshuai	Ji D.S.	07.02.92	195	85	355	335	9		3	12	Shandong
11	Geng Xin	Geng X.	15.11.89	208	97	348	338	9			9	Shandong
12	Rao Shuhan	Rao S.H.	23.12.96	209	85	354	344			5	5	Fujian
13	Fang Yingchao	Fang Y.C.	03.08.82	198	79	360	350	9	6	10	25	Shanghai
14	Dai Qingyao	Dai Q.Y.	26.09.91	205	100	350	340	3			3	Shanghai
15	Chu Hui	Chu H.	11.02.81	187	70	355	323	6		93	99	Beijing
16	Tong Jiahua	Tong J.H.	13.12.92	180	76	317	305					Shanghai
17	Ke Junhuang	Ke J.H.	28.06.94	183	72	330	320					Fujian
18	Liu Xiangdong	Liu X.D.	23.02.93	198	93	340	330					Jiangsu
19	Song Jianwei	Song J.W.	04.01.92	194	75	340	330			10	10	Shandong
20	Tang Chuanhang	Tang C.H.	04.10.95	201	85	345	340			5	5	Army
21	Mao Tianyi	Mao T.Y.	02.06.93	200	84	350	333					Army

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
05.07.15	SVK	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Final 3-4	Bratislava	2-3	25-17	28-26	20-25	27-29	13-15
04.07.15	MNE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Semifinals	Bratislava	1-3	21-25	21-25	25-22	15-25	
21.06.15	GRE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	3-2	21-25	25-21	34-32	18-25	15-13
20.06.15	MEX	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	3-1	25-11	25-23	18-25	25-15	
19.06.15	SVK	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	3-2	20-25	23-25	25-19	25-20	15-13
14.06.15	MEX	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	3-0	25-21	25-22	25-21		
13.06.15	GRE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	3-2	25-22	20-25	18-25	30-28	15-13
12.06.15	SVK	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	3-2	23-25	21-25	25-17	25-17	17-15
14.09.14	CUB	WCh 2014 M	Pool F - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Wroclaw	3-2	19-25	25-20	18-25	25-20	15-11
13.09.14	FIN	WCh 2014 M	Pool F - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Wroclaw	3-2	22-25	25-22	25-23	20-25	16-14

STATISTICS

Age	Oldest	Chu H.	11.02.81 (35y4m)	Youngest	Rao S.h.	23.12.96 (19y5m)	26y6m
Height	Tallest	Rao S.h.	209cm	Shortest	Tong J.h.	180cm	197cm
Spike	Highest	Fang Y.c.	360cm	Shortest	Zhan G.j.	235cm	342cm
Block	Highest	Fang Y.c.	350cm	Shortest	Zhan G.j.	230cm	329cm
Caps	Most	Yuan Z.	111	First	Tong J.h.	0	18



# CHINESE TAPEI



FIVB  
 WORLD  
 RANKING

38

BEST RESULT

LAST RESULT



Chinese Taipei are one of the two Asian teams that will make their FIVB Volleyball World League debut in Group 3 this year. The last time Chinese Taipei's men's senior national team joined an FIVB competition was for the 1986 FIVB Volleyball World Championship. Their active participation at a continental level, however, has positioned them as the sixth-ranked Asian team and World No.38. They first participated in 1983 and have appeared in all succeeding editions of the Asian Championship. They finished fourth in their first year, then dropped to sixth and ninth in their next two appearances, respectively. They matched their highest-ever finish of fourth place in 1997. Since then, their best rank was sixth places at the 2001 and 2015 editions of the continental championship.

Chinese Taipei defeated Japan to win bronze at the 1998 Asian Games in Bangkok, Thailand, behind East Asian neighbours China and Korea. This was their second bronze medal since their bronze finish in 1970. They finished sixth in 2002 but were not able to improve in the next three editions of the Asian quadrennial.

### COACH: KE-CHOU CHEN



Ke-Chou Chen was named Chinese Taipei's men's team coach in February 2015 and immediately had an impact on the national setup, helping the U23 team claim the first Asian Men's U23 Volleyball Championship. The same year also saw him claim silverware at club level, guiding Taichung Bank Club to gold at the 2015 Asian Men's Club Volleyball Championship. He currently combines coaching Chinese Taipei with heading up the coaching team for the Chung Yuan Christian University Men's Team and TVL ChungKun men's team.

### TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Lin Kuo-Chun	Lin,K.C	11.04.93	189	72	320	310					
2	Liu Hong-Jie	Liu,H.J	10.11.93	189	80	327	320					
3	Lee Hsing-Kuo	Lee,H.K	20.09.95	191	75	315	295					
4	Tai Ju-Chien	Tai,J.C	14.11.88	181	77	320	310					
5	Tung Li-Yi	Tung, L.Y	10.10.94	165	62	0	0					
7	Liu Hung-Min	Liu,H.M	10.11.93	191	85	325	315					
8	Chang Liang-Hao	Chang,L.H	07.07.94	194	86	320	310					
9	Chiang Tien-Yu	Chiang,T.Y	07.02.88	196	95	335	325					
10	Wu Tsung-Hsuan	Wu,T.H	09.07.94	185	75	325	300					
11	Huang Chien-Feng	Huang,C.F	31.12.90	195	82	345	332					
12	Hsu Mei-Chung	Hsu,M.C	16.10.91	188	90	333	3000					
13	Huang Chun-Ching	Huang,C.C	22.03.93	196	88	335	330					
14	Wang Ming Chun	Wang M.C.	30.07.88	188	85	310	300			6	6	
15	Hsu Wen-Chen	Hsu, W.C	30.06.96	188	73	310	305					
16	Lin Yung-Shun	Lin,Y.S	13.10.90	172	68	311	198					
17	Huang Pei-Hung	Huang,P.H	17.09.90	188	74	325	321					
19	Chen Chien-Chen	Chen,C.C	20.11.89	188	87	338	325					
20	Chuang Shao-Chieh	Chuang,S.C	18.10.94	194	80	330	310					
21	Li Chia-Hsuan	Li,C.H	06.09.93	170	66	300	270					
22	Shih Hsiu-Chih	Shih, H.C	24.07.95	184	77	320	310					
23	Tseng Hung-Jen	Tseng, H.J	23.12.96	190	94	315	310					

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### LAST TO FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
24.05.09	KAZ	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round		Taipei	0-3	27-29	18-25	24-26		
23.05.09	UAE	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round		Taipei	3-0	25-17	25-21	25-13		
22.05.09	TGA	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round		Taipei	3-0	31-29	25-18	25-11		
01.10.86	EGY	WCh 1986 M	Qualification Round	Évreux	1-3	15-9	15-17	6-15	2-15	
30.09.86	VEN	WCh 1986 M	Qualification Round	Évreux	3-1	15-5	13-15	15-11	15-3	
29.09.86	GRE	WCh 1986 M	Qualification Round	Évreux	0-3	10-15	11-15	12-15		
26.09.86	POL	WCh 1986 M	Group B	Tourcoing	0-3	11-15	4-15	11-15		
25.09.86	CUB	WCh 1986 M	Group B	Tourcoing	0-3	7-15	2-15	9-15		
24.09.86	RUS	WCh 1986 M	Group B	Tourcoing	0-3	2-15	4-15	6-15		

### STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Chiang,T.y	07.02.88 (28y4m)	Youngest	Tseng, H.j	23.12.96 (19y5m)	<b>23y6m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Chiang,T.y	196cm	Shortest	Tung, L.y	165cm	<b>187cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Huang,C.f	345cm	Shortest	Tung, L.y	0cm	<b>308cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Hsu,M.c	3000cm	Shortest	Tung, L.y	0cm	<b>419cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Wang M.c.	6	First	Lin,K.c	0	<b>0</b>



CUBA



FIVB WORLD RANKING

15

BEST RESULT  
1<sup>st</sup> 1998

LAST RESULT  
18<sup>th</sup> 2015



Cuba's results have fluctuated over the years as they struggle for consistency. In last year's FIVB Volleyball World League they only won three of their nine matches and finished bottom of their preliminary round pool. In 2014, they topped Pool F and then defeated Turkey in a five-set final to win Group B. In the 2013 edition they finished 13<sup>th</sup>, just a year after they won bronze at the expense of Finals hosts Bulgaria.

Cuba showed their best form in the decade following their World League debut in 1991, when they finished second. In the following eight years they were never out of the top four and won the title in 1998 as well as finishing runners-up another four times. In recent years they have finished fourth twice, in 2009 and 2010, as well as third in 2012. It all gives them an enviable World League medal haul of one gold, five silvers and three bronzes. Only the elite trio of Brazil, Italy and Russia have more medals in the history of the competition. Cuba also won a bronze medal at the Montreal 1976 Olympic Games, have two silver and two bronze World Championship medals and have won the NORCECA Championship 15 times. They have qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Game.

**COACH:**  
**RODOLFO LUIS SANCHEZ SANCHEZ**



Rodolfo Luis Sanchez Sanchez coached Cuba's men's team to bronze at the 2013 NORCECA Championships in his first year in charge. In 2014, he oversaw Cuba's bronze medal finish at the Central American and Caribbean Games and led the team to victory in Group 3 of the World League. Sanchez, born in Pinar del Rio, played for Cuba at the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games. Before coaching his country's men's team, he led its national junior men's team. Their bronze medal at the 2011 Youth World Championships was the first podium finish for Caribbean nation in the event's history. His wife Idalmis Gato played for Cuba's women's team, winning gold at the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Gonzalez Nicolas Yosvani	Nicolas	18.04.88	196	85	345	330					La Habana
2	Melgarejo Hernandez Osniel Lazaro	Melgarejo	18.12.97	195	83	345	320					Santic Spiritus
3	Calvo Manzano Ricardo Norberto	Richard	02.10.96	193	74	343	334					Villa Clara
4	Jimenez Scull Javier Ernesto	Jimenez	16.11.89	198	89	352	345					Matanzas
5	Concepcion Rojas Javier Octavio	Concepcion	27.12.97	200	84	356	350					La Habana
6	Rendon Gonzalez Osniel Cecilio	Viquila	26.10.96	202	90	350	340					Matanzas
L 7	Garcia Alvarez Yonder Roman	Garcia	26.02.93	183	78	325	320					Ciudad Habana
C 8	Cepeda Abreu Rolando	Cepeda	13.03.89	198	77	359	344	9		21	30	S.Spiritus
9	Osoria Rodriguez Livan	Osoria	05.02.94	201	96	345	325					Santiago de Cuba
10	Ferrer Delis Darienn	Ferrer	31.10.82	202	90	350	348	10		35	45	Santiago de Cuba
11	Lopez Castro Miguel Angel	Lopez	25.03.97	189	75	345	320					Cienfuegos
12	Alfonso Gavilan Abrahan	Abrahan	23.02.95	197	72	343	320					La Habana
13	Rivera Sanchez Mario Luis	Rivera	26.10.82	180	92	343	323					Pinar del Rio
14	Uriarte Mestre Osmany Santiago	Uriarte	04.06.95	197	81	352	348					Sancti Spiritus
15	Albo Miranda Dariel	Albo	17.01.92	201	82	343	316					La Habana
16	Sosa Sierra Luis Tomas	Sosa	18.05.95	196	76	345	320					La Habana
L 17	Rojas Cohimbra Reinier	Rojas	31.07.86	190	78	335	325					La Habana
18	Alonso Arce Roamy Raul	Hernandez	24.07.97	201	93	350	330					Matanzas
19	Salazar Rubiera Lionnis	Salazar	25.07.97	185	77	332	332					Santiago de Cuba
21	Goide Arredondo Adrian Eduardo	Goide	26.06.98	191	80	344	340					Sancti Spiritus
22	Masso Alvarez José Isacc	Masso	02.12.97	199	79	349	347					Guantanamo

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
28.06.15	BUL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Varna	1-3	19-25	19-25	25-19	17-25	
27.06.15	BUL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Varna	0-3	23-25	16-25	24-26		
20.06.15	CAN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	La Habana	3-2	17-25	20-25	25-23	25-19	15-12
19.06.15	CAN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	La Habana	1-3	14-25	25-20	21-25	21-25	
13.06.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	La Habana	0-3	23-25	18-25	21-25		
12.06.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	La Habana	3-1	25-20	25-21	20-25	25-21	
06.06.15	BUL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	La Habana	1-3	25-18	20-25	24-26	23-25	
05.06.15	BUL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	La Habana	1-3	19-25	21-25	26-24	23-25	
30.05.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Mendoza	3-2	17-25	25-17	25-21	16-25	15-9
29.05.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Mendoza	0-3	18-25	19-25	18-25		

STATISTICS

Age	Oldest	Rivera	26.10.82 (33y7m)	Youngest	Goide	26.06.98 (17y11m)	22y11m
Height	Tallest	Viquila	202cm	Shortest	Rivera	180cm	195cm
Spike	Highest	Cepeda	359cm	Shortest	Garcia	325cm	345cm
Block	Highest	Concepcion	350cm	Shortest	Albo	316cm	332cm
Caps	Most	Ferrer	45	First	Nicolas	0	4



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

28

BEST RESULT

4<sup>th</sup> 2003

LAST RESULT

15<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Czech Republic are looking to revive the glory days of the team that played under the Czechoslovakian flag. At the 2015 FIVB Volleyball World League, the Czech Republic produced five victories in their 1 matches in Preliminary Round Pool D. In the 2014 edition they won six and lost six in Pool E, missing out on qualification and finishing joint-eighth in Group C. The Czech Republic did not qualify for the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship.

The Czechoslovakian team's first participations in international competitions saw them win a gold medal at the inaugural European Championship in 1948 which kick-started a golden age for the team. They won two more European crowns in 1955 and 1958, two golds at the World Championships of 1956 and 1966, and a further eight medals in other elite tournaments. They took silver at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games and followed that with the bronze four years later in Mexico City. The Czechs also earned a surprise fourth-place finish in the 2003 edition of the World League. However, it would be their last appearance for a decade and they are now ranked No. 28 in the world.

### COACH: MIGUEL ANGEL FALASCA FERNANDEZ



Miguel Angel Falasca Fernandez was born in Mendoza, Argentina. His father Juan Carlos is a former Argentine national team player and his mother is from Spain. At the age of 16, Miguel and his family moved to Spain and continued his passion for the game. He was then selected to play for the Spanish national team from 1993 to 2009. As a national team player, he saw action at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, won gold at the 2007 European Championship and was a multi-medallist in the European League with a gold in 2007, silver in 2009 and bronze in 2005. He was also named Best Setter at the 2007 World Cup. As a club player, he was a three-time Spanish champion and a three-time Polish champion. He retired from playing and started coaching in 2013 for Polish club PGE Skra Belchatow. He stayed with the club until the 2016 Champions League. He assumed the role of national team coach of the Czech Republic in February 2016.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Vesely Jakub	Vesely	02.09.86	207	100	356	340					VK Benátky nad Jizerou
2	Hadrava Jan	Hadrava	03.06.91	199	99	354	338	1		2	3	Nantes Rezé Métropole Volley
3	Beer Marek	Beer	24.05.88	201	101	354	334					Hypo Tirol Innsbruck
4	Pfeffer Daniel	Pfeffer	27.04.90	184	80	331	322					VK Karlovarsko
5	Stanek Lubomir	Stanek	05.07.75	205	105	344	336					VK Dukla Liberec
6	Vasicek Jiri	Vasicek	11.06.92	192	84	339	323					VSC Zlin
C	7 Holubec Ales	Holubec	13.03.84	199	90	357	335			112	112	Nantes Rezé Métropole Volley
8	Habr Filip	Habr	27.04.88	201	92	348	335					VK Ceske Budejovice
9	ZMRHAL Marek	Zmrhal	10.08.93	203	92	348	328					Volejbal Brno
10	Finger Michal	Finger	02.09.93	201	89	361	336					VfB Friedrichshafen
11	Krystof Martin	Krystof	11.10.82	179	78	310	300			98	98	VK Ceske Budejovice
12	DEMAR Matyas	Demar	01.10.91	204	100	100	257					Nantes Rezé Métropole Volley
13	GALABOV Jan	Galabov	12.06.96	190	90	348	329					VK Dukla Liberec
14	Bartos Adam	Bartos	27.04.92	198	85	350	330					Tours VB
15	Dzavoronok Donovan	Dzavoronok	23.05.97	202	85	345	334					VK Karlovarsko
16	Janouch Jakub	Janouch	13.06.90	194	88	335	325					VK Dukla Liberec
17	ZAJICEK Adam	Zajicek	25.02.93	201	92	345	331					VK Dukla Liberec
18	Kopacek Vaclav	Kopacek	21.10.82	182	80	302	290					VK Dukla Liberec
19	Michalek Petr	Michalek	19.08.89	190	80	344	325					VK Ceske Budejovice
20	Sobotka Vladimir	Sobotka	07.05.85	203	93	350	328			3	3	VK Ceske Budejovice
21	KRESTAN Filip	Krestan	15.12.87	200	94	348	330					AOV Kladno

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
26.06.15	KOR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Liberec	3-2	25-22	16-25	16-25	25-23	15-12
04.07.15	JPN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Opava	3-0	25-19	30-28	25-13		
03.07.15	JPN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Opava	0-3	21-25	21-25	23-25		
27.06.15	KOR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Liberec	3-1	30-28	25-18	18-25	25-21	
20.06.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Ceske Budejovice	1-3	17-25	25-23	22-25	14-25	
19.06.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Ceske Budejovice	0-3	18-25	20-25	24-26		
14.06.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tourcoing	0-3	25-27	24-26	22-25		
12.06.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Poitiers	0-3	15-25	23-25	11-25		
07.06.15	KOR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cheonan	1-3	29-27	18-25	20-25	21-25	
06.06.15	KOR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cheonan	3-2	20-25	25-19	18-25	25-20	15-12

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Stanek	05.07.75 (40y11m)	Youngest	Dzavoronok	23.05.97 (19y)	<b>27y2m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Vesely	207cm	Shortest	Krystof	179cm	<b>197cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Finger	361cm	Shortest	Demar	100cm	<b>332cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Vesely	340cm	Shortest	Demar	257cm	<b>324cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Holubec	112	First	Vesely	0	<b>10</b>



FIVB  
 WORLD  
 RANKING

17

BEST RESULT  
 13<sup>th</sup> 2008

LAST RESULT  
 21<sup>st</sup> 2015



Egypt are entering their sixth FIVB Volleyball World League campaign. After returning and finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in 2010, Egypt waited five years before rejoining the premier annual men's tournament in 2015. They finished top of Group 3 and earned promotion to Group 2 for this year's edition, under the guidance of Italian coach Angiolino Frigoni. From 2006 to 2008, Egypt also finished joint-1<sup>st</sup> each year.

At No.17, Egypt are the highest-ranked African country. They ended joint-21<sup>st</sup> at the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in Poland, after taking two points in five set matches against Bulgaria and Mexico. Their highest finish in seven previous attempts as joint-13<sup>th</sup> place in Italy four years earlier.

Winners of the last five African Championships (2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013), and seven over all, other recent results for Egypt include a 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the 2011 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup and joint-11<sup>th</sup> at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Egypt qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games by winning the African Olympic Qualification Tournament.

#### COACH: FLAVIO GULINELLI



Flavio Gulinelli was Portugal's coach in 2012 and Slovakia's coach in 2013, before being named coach of Egypt this year. In 2015 Slovakia finished third in Group 3 of their second World

League. Gulinelli was an assistant coach of Italy from 1997 to 1999, helping the team to win gold medals at the 1997 World League and 1998 World Championship. Gulinelli also spent time on Brazil's men's team coaching staff from 2002 to 2004. He was named head coach of Austria men's team in 2009 but changed his mind and took over Turkish club team Halkbank Ankara instead. He has coached club teams in Italy, Greece, Russia and Turkey.

#### TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
3	Abou Abd Elhalim Mohamed	Halim	03.06.89	210	88	285	270					Ahly
4	Abdelhay Ahmed	A.Salah	19.08.84	197	87	342	316	15	5	130	150	Army
5	Ahmed Abdellatif	Tefa	13.08.83	202	90	345	325	4	5	40	49	Zamalek
6	Abdelrehim Mamdouh	Mamdouh	05.08.89	207	90	338	325			2	2	Army
C 7	Abouelhassan Ashraf	Ashraf	17.05.75	186	86	325	318	20	5	170	195	Zamalek
8	Thakil Mohamed	Hossiny	12.07.86	184	71	326	315			17	17	Army
9	Atia Rashad	Rashad	02.09.86	201	91	348	342	5		35	40	Army
10	Masoud Mohamed	M.Adel	01.05.94	211	105	358	342	9		20	29	Smouha
11	Afifi Ahmed	Yousef	30.03.88	194	92	347	342	4		8	12	Zamalek
12	Abdalla Hossam	Hossam	16.02.88	203	97	343	321	4		9	13	Ahly
13	Moneim Badawy Mohamed	Moneim	11.01.86	195	91	326	319	7		40	47	Zamalek
14	Hassan Omar	O.Nagib	04.04.91	191	104	333	324	5		20	25	Army
15	Elkotb Ahmed	A. Kotob	23.07.91	197	80	328	318					Ahly
L 16	Hassan Mohamed	Reda	28.09.93	193	76	319	302	8		20	28	Zamalek
17	Haikal Reda	Reda	07.11.90	198	85	359	342	7		9	16	Zamalek
18	Shafik Ahmed	A.Saied	07.12.94	190	97	349	323					Ahly
L 19	Moawad Mohamed	Momo	26.08.87	194	90	321	310	4		9	13	Ahly
20	Abdelkader Islam	Islam	09.02.94	194	85	319	310	8		10	18	Army
21	Khater Mohamed	M.Aly	04.07.91	200	85	334	328					Tayran
L 22	Abdelaal Ahmed	Dronka	08.06.89	188	89	0	0					Army
23	Seddik Hussein	Hussein	21.05.94	207	94	345	334					Petrojet

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#### LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	18-25	11-25	23-25		
22.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-1	25-18	20-25	25-18	25-20	
21.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-2	23-25	25-21	23-25	25-17	15-11
18.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	0-3	20-25	24-26	18-25		
17.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	0-3	20-25	23-25	18-25		
16.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	0-3	18-25	19-25	21-25		
13.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	0-3	20-25	13-25	21-25		
12.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	2-3	25-23	24-26	23-25	25-20	13-15
10.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	1-3	25-20	24-26	22-25	13-25	
09.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	2-3	22-25	23-25	25-21	26-24	12-15

#### STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Ashraf	17.05.75 (41y1m)	Youngest	A.Saied	07.12.94 (21y6m)	<b>27y3m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	M.Adel	211cm	Shortest	Hossiny	184cm	<b>197cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Reda	359cm	Shortest	Dronka	0cm	<b>319cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Rashad	342cm	Shortest	Dronka	0cm	<b>306cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Ashraf	195	First	Halim	0	<b>31</b>



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

18

BEST RESULT

7<sup>th</sup> 2007

LAST RESULT

15<sup>th</sup> 2015

Finland finished third in Group 2 Preliminary Round Pool E in the 2015 FIVB Volleyball World League, with four victories and eight losses in their 10<sup>th</sup> successive appearance. They finished joint-eighth in Group 2 of the 2014 World League.

Finland's best performance to date was in 2007 when they took seventh place. They ended a 32-year absence from the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in 2014 and returned in emphatic fashion. Thousands of fans travelled to Poland to cheer on their team as they enjoyed a spirited run to the second round before eventually finishing joint-ninth. In 2013 they finished eighth in the 16-team European Championship, repeating their feat of two years earlier to underline their consistency at a continental level.

The Finns' greatest success was arguably their fourth-place finish at the 2007 European Championship in Russia. They have been regulars in the final round of the European Championship, competing 15 times overall and finishing in the top 10 on six occasions. They have taken part in the World Championship seven times and they also won silver in the 2005 European League.

#### COACH: SAMMELVUO TUOMAS



Finland finished equal-15<sup>th</sup> and equal-eighth in Group 2 of the 2014 and 2015 editions of the World League. They also finished eighth at the 2013 European Championships. Sammelvuo's efforts saw him named the 2014 Finnish Sports Coach of the Year. He played for his home country 296 times, including a fourth-place finish at the 2007 European Championships. During that time he was named Finland's Player of the Year four times and in 2013 he was named the Finnish Sport Idol of the Year.

Tuomas Sammelvuo, who took over Finland's men's team in 2013, led them to qualification for the 2014 World Championship for the first time in 32 years. The team finished equal ninth. Under Sammelvuo,

#### TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
L 1	Hakala Anssi	Hakala	12.05.84	184	80	320	305					Lentopalloseura ETTA
C 2	Tervaportti Eemi	Tervaportti	26.07.89	193	80	338	317	9		155	164	Galatasaray (TUR)
3	Lankinen Akseli	Lankinen	31.08.97	194	77	335	315			5	5	LEKA Volley (FIN)
L 4	Kerminen Lauri	Kerminen	18.01.93	185	80	332	290	9		72	81	Kuzbass emerovo (RUS)
5	Mäkinen Peetu	Mäkinen	19.08.95	200	84	330	310					Team Lakkapää (FIN)
6	Seppänen Niklas	Seppänen	30.06.93	193	84	335	320	9		54	63	Nice VB, FRA
7	Kouki Eemeli	Kouki	26.10.91	194	84	340	330			16	16	Hurrikaani-Loimaa (FIN)
8	Krastins Elviss	Krastins	15.09.94	192	85	335	315			46	46	Vammalan Lentopallo (FIN)
9	Siirilä Tommi	Siirilä	05.08.93	203	102	350	325	1		48	49	Kokkolan Tiikerit (FIN)
10	Kaislasalo Samuli	Kaislasalo	03.08.95	203	94	350	325					LEKA Volley (FIN)
11	Sinkkonen Sauli	Sinkkonen	14.09.89	201	94	345	330			30	30	Rantaperkiön Isku (FIN)
12	Helenius Jan	Helenius	13.10.96	183	74	320	300			15	15	Rantaperkiön Isku (FIN)
13	Ropponen Antti	Ropponen	17.08.95	190	87	340	318			5	5	Kokkolan Tiikerit (FIN)
14	Kaurto Markus	Kaurto	31.08.93	196	85	345	320			5	5	Team Lakkapää (FIN)
15	Porkka Henrik	Porkka	14.01.98	202	82	360	330					Keimolan Kaiku
16	Ojansivu Olli-Pekka	Ojansivu	31.12.87	197	90	344	325	9		148	157	Kokkolan Tiikerit (FIN)
17	Savimäki Joni	Savimäki	28.01.91	192	90	349	320					Liiga-Riento (FIN)
18	Jauhiainen Miki	Jauhiainen	08.07.97	205	85	355	325					Rantaperkiön Isku (FIN)
19	Pennanen Eetu	Pennanen	18.09.92	183	78	335	318					Lentopalloseura ETTA (FIN)
20	Kurppa Mauri	Kurppa	06.04.93	185	90	330	315					Hurrikaani-Loimaa (FIN)
21	Haapakoski Niko	Haapakoski	01.05.96	192	74	325	312					Lentopalloseura ETTA (FIN)

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

#### LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
05.07.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Povo de Varzim	3-1	25-18	25-20	18-25	25-23	
04.07.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Povo de Varzim	3-2	25-17	22-25	25-17	24-26	15-13
27.06.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Espoo	2-3	18-25	25-20	25-18	18-25	13-15
26.06.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Espoo	0-3	15-25	20-25	26-28		
14.06.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Almere	1-3	25-22	20-25	14-25	19-25	
13.06.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Almere	0-3	20-25	14-25	18-25		
06.06.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Vaasa	3-1	25-23	28-30	25-14	25-23	
05.06.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Vaasa	3-0	25-19	25-23	25-22		
31.05.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Kortrijk	1-3	27-29	25-23	16-25	10-25	
30.05.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Kortrijk	1-3	18-25	25-20	24-26	14-25	

#### STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Hakala, A.	12.05.84 (32y1m)	Youngest	Porkka	14.01.98 (18y5m)	<b>23y</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Jauhiainen	205cm	Shortest	Helenius	183cm	<b>194cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Porkka	360cm	Shortest	Hakala, A.	320cm	<b>339cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Kouki	330cm	Shortest	Kerminen	290cm	<b>317cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Tervaportti	164	First	Hakala, A.	0	<b>30</b>



## FRANCE

FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

10

## BEST RESULT

1<sup>st</sup> 2015

## LAST RESULT

1<sup>st</sup> 2015

France captured the 2015 FIVB Volleyball World League title with an impressive sweep of their Group 2 matches and an even more striking performance in the Group 1 Final Six in Rio de Janeiro. That performance came after finishing runners-up in Group 2 in 2014 when they lost to hosts Australia in the final. At the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship they topped a second round pool ahead of hosts Poland and progressed all the way to the third-place match, before losing in straight sets to Germany.

France finished second to Brazil in the 2006 World League but they have had their share of disappointment in subsequent seasons. In 2009, they narrowly missed making the Final Six, falling at the last hurdle to Argentina. They suffered another setback in 2010 when they again missed the finals and finished 12<sup>th</sup>. The Frenchmen have qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games after finishing third at the World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Japan. France made their Olympic debut in 1988 in Seoul, Korea, finishing eighth overall. They returned at Barcelona 1992. They missed the next two cycles and came back in Athens 2004.

## COACH: LAURENT TILLIE



Laurent Tillie took over France's men's team in 2012. His first international coaching job was with the Czech Republic's men's team from 2005 to 2006. In the intervening period he was the coach of French club team AS Cannes, from August 2001 to June 2012. Tillie played 406 matches for France, captaining the side from 1991 to 1992. Tillie, from Algiers, won two European Championships medals with the team, taking home bronze in 1985 and silver in 1987. He also played at the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games. As a club player he won seven French league titles, two French Cups and a CEV Cup. His son Kevin has also represented France, as did his father Guy.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Aguenier Jonas	Aguenier	28.04.92	202	92	340	310	13		59	72	AS Cannes
2	Grebennikov Jenia	Grebennikov	13.08.90	188	85	345	330	13		153	166	AS Volley Lube
3	Henry Médéric	Henry	20.06.95	212	106	345	327					Arago de Sète
4	Rouzier Antonin	Rouzier	18.08.86	200	102	350	330	22		209	231	Arkas Spor
5	Clevenot Trevor	Clevenot	28.06.94	199	89	335	316			21	21	TOAC TUC
C 6	Toniutti Benjamin	Toniutti	30.10.89	183	73	320	300	22		171	193	Zaksa Kedzierzyn
7	Tillie Kevin	Tillie	02.11.90	200	85	345	325	13		107	120	Zaksa Kedzierzyn
8	Brizard Antoine	Brizard	22.05.94	194	96	340	310					TOAC-TUC
9	Ngapeth Earvin	Ngapeth	12.02.91	194	101	358	327	22		152	174	Modène
10	Le Roux Kevin	Le Roux	11.05.89	209	98	365	345	22		121	143	Halbank Ankara
11	Lyneel Julien	Lyneel	15.04.90	191	87	345	325			103	103	Resovia Rzeszow
12	Boyer Stephen	Boyer	10.04.96	196	85	335	314					Chaumont VB 52
13	Pujol Pierre	Pujol	13.07.84	186	90	335	315	20		209	229	AS Cannes
14	Le Goff Nicolas	Le Goff	15.02.92	206	115	365	328	13		91	104	Berlin
15	D'Almeida Horacio	D'Almeida	11.06.88	202	109	355	330			4	4	Chaumont VB 52
16	Marechal Nicolas	Marechal	04.03.87	198	93	338	327	22		142	164	Skra Belchatov
17	Lafitte ranck	Lafitt	08.03.89	203	94	350	330	13		86	99	Arago de Sète
18	Rossard Thibault	Rossard	28.08.93	193	85	350	320			9	9	Arago de Sète
19	Takaniko Toafa	Takaniko	29.05.85	194	92	340	330			40	40	GfCA VB
21	Sidibe Mory	Sidibe	17.06.87	194	92	367	330	13		101	114	Palembang Bank SunculBabel
22	Henno Hubert	Henno	06.10.76	188	92	330	310	27	5	214	246	Tours VB

C=Captain, L=Liberò, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
19.07.15	SRB	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Final 1-2	Rio de Janeiro	3-0	25-19	25-21	25-23		
18.07.15	POL	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Semifinals	Rio de Janeiro	3-2	25-23	25-23	19-25	22-25	17-15
17.07.15	USA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Final Round	Rio de Janeiro	1-3	21-25	22-25	26-24	20-25	
15.07.15	BRA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Final Round	Rio de Janeiro	3-1	27-29	25-21	31-29	25-19	
11.07.15	BUL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Final 1-2	Varna	3-0	25-16	25-20	25-21		
10.07.15	ARG	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Semifinals	Varna	3-0	25-13	25-20	25-17		
04.07.15	KOR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Brest	3-1	23-25	25-23	25-18	25-15	
02.07.15	KOR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Castelnaud-le-Lez	3-0	26-24	25-18	25-21		
27.06.15	JPN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Rouen	3-2	23-25	22-25	25-20	25-23	15-10
25.06.15	JPN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tours	3-0	25-20	25-19	25-21		

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Henno	06.10.76 (39y8m)	Youngest	Boyer	10.04.96 (20y2m)	26y7m
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Henry	212cm	Shortest	Toniutti	183cm	197cm
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Sidibe	367cm	Shortest	Toniutti	320cm	345cm
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Le Roux	345cm	Shortest	Toniutti	300cm	323cm
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Henno	246	First	Henry	0	106



# GERMANY



**FIVB  
 WORLD  
 RANKING**

**9**

**BEST RESULT**

5<sup>th</sup> 2012

**LAST RESULT**

16<sup>th</sup> 2014



Germany are coming off one of the most successful periods in their history after finishing fifth in the 20 Olympic Games in London and reaching the final round of the FIVB Volleyball World League for the first time in 2012 – also placing fifth – under coach Vital Heynen. The Germans then came a creditable seventh in the 2013 World League. Among the highlights of 2013 were wins over Russia and Bulgaria at the European Championship in Poland. Heynen set his sights high for his team but they failed in their campaign at the 2014 World League, finishing at 1<sup>st</sup> overall. However, they captured bronze at the 2014 World Championship. They missed the 2015 season of the World League and focused on the European Games where they won gold.

Germany's historical records encompass the achievements of the GDR (East Germany) along with West Germany and include the former's gold medal triumphs at the 1969 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup and the 1970 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship, plus a silver medal from the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. More recently the Germans won the European League in 2009 and came ninth at Beijing 2008.

**COACH: VITAL HEYNE**



Vital Heynen has a long history of success, first as a player in his native Belgium then as a coach. He won Belgium's player of the year award in 2004 and was named best setter in the CEV Champions League the same year. He appeared in 150 matches for the national team. As a coach, he guided Noliko Maaseik to league titles in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012, and added Belgium Cup titles in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012. He was voted the country's coach of the year three times. He was appointed Germany coach in 2012 and later that year guided the squad to fifth place at the Olympic Games in London, gold at the 2014 World Championship in Poland and gold at the 2015 European Games in Baku. Heynen has also worked with teams in Turkey, the Netherlands and Poland. Earlier this year, it was announced that Heynen will assume the position of head coach of the Belgian men's national team starting January 2017.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Fromm Christian	Fromm	15.08.90	204	99	345	324			55	55	Sir Safety Perugia
2	Schott Ruben	Schott	08.07.94	192	85	326	309					Berlin Recycling Volleys
L 3	Späth-Westerholt Thilo	Späth-Westerholt	08.06.87	187	86	321	301			22	22	VfB Friedrichshafen
4	Karlitzek Moritz	Karlitzek	12.08.96	191	91	335	310					TV Rottenburg
5	Kühner Sebastian	Kühner	15.03.87	203	94	360	341	11		29	40	Berlin Recycling Volleys
6	Kaliberda Denys	Kaliberda	24.06.90	193	95	343	314	19	5	115	139	Sir Safety Perugia
7	Westphal Dirk	Westphal	31.01.86	203	92	354	331	12		67	79	Nantes Rezé Métropole Volley
C 8	Böhme Marcus	Böhme	25.08.85	211	116	360	330	21	8	192	221	MKS Cuprum Lubin
9	Zimmermann Jan	Zimmermann	12.02.93	190	82	340	312			31	31	United Volleys Rhein Main
10	Reichert Moritz	Reichert	15.03.95	194	85	336	314			1	1	united volleys Rhein-Main
11	Kampa Lukas	Kampa	29.11.86	196	90	335	320	13	6	128	147	Czarni Radom
12	Tille Leonhard	Tille	17.03.95	182	72	325	312					VSG Coburg/Grub
13	Hirsch Simon	Hirsch	03.04.92	204	96	352	344			18	18	Ninfa Latina
14	Strohbach Tom	Strohbach	27.05.92	196	83	338	329			27	27	TV Rottenburg
15	Broshog Tim	Broshog	02.12.87	205	112	340	332	10		53	63	Noliko Maaseik
L 16	Zenger Julian	Zenger	26.08.97	190	80	330	315					YS Friedrichshafen/VCO Berlin
17	Sossenheimer David	Sossenheimer	21.06.96	193	85	325	313					TV Ingersoll Bühl
18	Klein Georg	Klein	22.08.91	201	94	348	335			3	3	Topvolley Antwerpenn
19	Malescha Daniel	Malescha	28.04.94	203	90	330	315					TSV Herrsching
20	Collin Philipp	Collin	28.10.90	204	98	342	335			53	53	Tours VB
21	Krick Tobias	Krick	22.10.98	210	85	350	330					united volleys Rhein-Main

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**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
21.09.14	FRA	WCh 2014 M	Place 3-4	Katowice	3-0	25-21	26-24	25-23		
20.09.14	POL	WCh 2014 M	Semifinals	Katowice	1-3	24-26	26-28	25-23	21-25	
17.09.14	IRI	WCh 2014 M	Pool G - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Katowice	3-0	25-15	25-21	25-19		
16.09.14	FRA	WCh 2014 M	Pool G - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Katowice	0-3	15-25	24-26	22-25		
14.09.14	CAN	WCh 2014 M	Pool F - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Katowice	3-0	28-26	25-22	25-23		
13.09.14	RUS	WCh 2014 M	Pool F - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Katowice	0-3	17-25	18-25	24-26		
11.09.14	BUL	WCh 2014 M	Pool F - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Katowice	3-1	25-16	25-15	23-25	25-17	
10.09.14	CHN	WCh 2014 M	Pool F - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Katowice	3-0	25-19	25-22	25-17		
07.09.14	KOR	WCh 2014 M	Pool B - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Katowice	3-0	25-13	25-16	25-21		
06.09.14	FIN	WCh 2014 M	Pool B - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Katowice	3-1	25-20	19-25	26-24	25-19	

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Böhme	25.08.85 (30y9m)	Youngest	Krick	22.10.98 (17y7m)	<b>24y5m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Böhme	211cm	Shortest	Tille	182cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Kühner	360cm	Shortest	Späth-Westerholt	321cm	<b>340cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Hirsch	344cm	Shortest	Späth-Westerholt	301cm	<b>322cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Böhme	221	First	Schott	0	<b>43</b>





FIVB  
 WORLD  
 RANKING

49

BEST RESULT

5<sup>th</sup> 2004

LAST RESULT

25<sup>th</sup> 2015



After a 10-year absence, Greece were back for the 2015 edition of the FIVB Volleyball World League. They finished second in Group 3's Pool G with a 4-2 win-record. The Greeks played five tie-breakers, winning three. Their easiest match was their 3-0 win over Mexico. They are now 49<sup>th</sup> in the FIVB rankings. They have missed the last two editions of the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship, although they competed in the previous four, finishing sixth on home soil in 1994 and seventh in 2002. They were runners-up in last year's European League, losing to Montenegro in the gold medal match.

The Greeks have featured at one Olympic Games, the 2004 edition in Athens, where they finished joint-fifth. In their last appearance at the European Championship in 2009 they ended in eighth place. The team formed in 1952 but their first official match was not played until 1967 when they lost to Turkey in the Mediterranean Games. In 1986 they qualified for the World Championship for the first time and took 13<sup>th</sup> place in Paris. A memorable year for the team was 1987 when they won bronze at the European Championship, their biggest success to date.

COACH: DRIKOS SOTIRIOS



Sotirios Drikos served as an assistant coach of Greece's national team from 2011 to 2013 before his appointment as head coach in 2013. He then oversaw Greece's men's team's silver medal performance in the 2014 European League. Before their appearance at the 2015 World League, Greece had not featured in the tournament since 2005. Drikos, from Piraeus, has also spent time coaching multiple Greek club teams, winning two Greek Cups and one national championship in the process. Drikos, who completed specialised schooling in sports coaching, has written several articles on the subject, which have been published in international journals.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Filippov Dmytro	Filippov	04.12.90	198	84	343	320			65	65	Olympiakos S.C.
C 2	Tzourits Mitar	Tzourits	25.04.89	211	95	360	350			103	103	DIATEC TRENTO
3	Gkaras Dimitrios	Gkaras	12.11.85	181	74	282	280			21	21	P.A.O.K.
4	Papalexiou Georgios	Papalexiou	28.08.99	202	79	292	282					MAS Niki Aiginioi
5	TERZIS Athanasios	Terzis	17.03.79	193	85	335	325			29	29	PAOK
6	Stivachtis Konstantinos	Stivachtis	22.05.80	186	80	305	295			33	33	Olympiakos S.C.
7	Petreas Georgios	Petreas	19.11.86	201	92	342	320			122	122	GFC Ajaccio
8	Tzioumakas Georgios	Tzioumakas	23.01.95	202	85	332	312			48	48	Sir Safety Perugia
9	ZISIS Dimitrios	Zisis	02.04.94	183	72	290	280			19	19	Ao Foinikas Syrou
10	Andreadis Andreas	Andreadis	14.01.82	205	99	260	315	5		96	101	Ao Foinikas Syrou
11	Roumeliotakis Ioannis	Roumeliotakis	25.06.89	188	82	322	305					A.O.Kifisia
12	Smaragdus Nikolaos	Smaragdus	12.02.82	202	89	328	318	5		183	188	PAOK
13	Koumentakis Rafail	Koumentakis	05.05.93	203	84	330	310			44	44	CMC Romagna
14	Dalakouras Anestis	Dalakouras	18.06.93	196	82	307	328			21	21	Ethnikos Alexandroupolis
15	Fragkos Andreas-Dimitrios	Fragkos	21.12.89	200	93	320	315			75	75	Narbonne Volley
16	Maroulis Athanasios	Maroulis	09.07.88	191	83	336	320			11	11	Panathinaikos S.C.
17	Protosaltis Athanasios	Protosaltis	12.09.93	185	73	325	316			43	43	Narbonne Volley
18	Aspiotis Anastasios-Stamatios	Aspiotis	19.03.91	201	80	335	320			37	37	APS Kyzikos Neas Peramou
19	Palentzas Nikolaos	Palentzas	06.04.91	198	88	330	315			10	10	Iraklis A.C. Volleyball
20	Pelekoudas Panagiotis	Pelekoudas	08.11.89	202	97	348	339			60	60	GAS Pamvochaikos
21	Kokkinakis Menelaos	Kokkinakis	21.01.93	193	79	325	305			66	66	Olympiacos SC

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
21.06.15	CHN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	2-3	25-21	21-25	32-34	25-18	13-15
20.06.15	SVK	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	3-2	14-25	17-25	25-16	25-19	15-10
19.06.15	MEX	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	3-0	25-16	25-18	30-28		
14.06.15	SVK	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	3-2	20-25	15-25	25-20	25-20	19-17
13.06.15	CHN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	2-3	22-25	25-20	25-18	28-30	13-15
12.06.15	MEX	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	3-2	20-25	21-25	25-21	25-19	16-14
30.05.09	ROU	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Póvoa de Varzim	3-2	19-25	25-18	32-30	24-26	15-13
29.05.09	DEN	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Póvoa de Varzim	3-0	26-24	25-19	25-20		
28.05.09	POR	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Póvoa de Varzim	1-3	21-25	25-18	20-25	22-25	
27.05.09	SLO	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Póvoa de Varzim	1-3	22-25	25-23	18-25	19-25	

STATISTICS

Age	Oldest	TERZIS	17.03.79 (37y3m)	Youngest	PAPALEXIOU	28.08.99 (16y9m)	26y11m
Height	Tallest	TZOURITS	211cm	Shortest	GKARAS	181cm	196cm
Spike	Highest	TZOURITS	360cm	Shortest	ANDREADIS	260cm	321cm
Block	Highest	TZOURITS	350cm	Shortest	GKARAS	280cm	313cm
Caps	Most	SMARAGDIS	188	First	PAPALEXIOU	0	52



IRAN

FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

8

BEST RESULT

4<sup>th</sup> 2014

LAST RESULT

7<sup>th</sup> 2015

In the 2015 FIVB Volleyball World League, Iran came third in Group 1's Pool B in which the United States and Poland progressed to the next round. However, they took encouragement after defeating every team in their pool, including a double sweep of USA in Russia. Although they still have some way to go, Iran are on the rise and can present a good challenge to the world's elite teams. They have made rapid improvement in recent seasons, including their 2014 World League campaign, culminating in a fourth place finish in Group 1 following a straight-set defeat to their Italian hosts in the bronze medal match.

Iran will participate in their first Olympic volleyball tournament after finishing second at the Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Japan to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Iran have featured in the past three FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championships and were sixth at the 2014 edition in Poland, where a strong Russian side defeated them in the final round. They also defeated Japan to win the gold medal at the Asian Games in Incheon, Korea in 2014.

## COACH: RAUL LOZANO



Raul Lozano was born in La Plata, Argentina. He played as setter for the national team in his prime but his greatest achievements have come as a coach. Lozano is considered one of the best coaches

in the world. He began coaching youth teams in his hometown, then levelled up to take the responsibility for various clubs in Italy, Greece and Poland. He directed the national teams of Spain in 1994-1997 and 1999-2000, Poland in 2005-2008, and Germany in 2008-2011. He led Spain to a silver medal finish in the World University Games in Japan and a fifth place finish in the World League and World Cup in 1999. Lozano's biggest success was Poland's silver medal in the 2006 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship, for which he also received a state award – the Knight's Cross of Polonia Restituta – granted by the Polish president Lech Kaczynski for his outstanding contribution to the development of Polish sport.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Mahmoudi Shahram	Sh.Mahmoudi	20.07.88	198	95	347	332			4	4	Sarmayeh Bank
2	Ebadipour Ghara H. Milad	M.Ebadipour	17.10.93	196	78	350	310	3		6	9	Shahrdari Urmia
3	Faezi Saman	S.Faezi	23.08.91	204	87	343	335	2		4	6	Paykan
C	4 Marouflak ani Mir Saeid	S. Marouf	20.10.85	189	81	331	311	36		145	181	Shahrdari Urmia
5	Ghaemi Farhad	F. Ghaemi	28.08.89	197	73	355	335	30		60	90	Paykan
6	Mousavi Eraghi Seyed Mohammad	Seyed	22.08.87	203	86	362	344	2		5	7	Sarmayeh Bank
7	Zarini Hamzeh	H. Zarini	18.10.85	198	98	351	330	40		150	190	Kalleh Mazandaran
L	8 Zarif Ahangaran V. Farhad	F.Zarif	03.03.83	165	60	290	271	12		80	92	Sarmayeh Bank
9	Gholami Adel	A. Gholami	09.02.86	195	88	341	330			1	1	Sarmayeh Bank
10	Ghfour Amir	A.Ghfour	06.06.91	202	90	354	334	11		30	41	Paykan
11	Davoodi Rahman	R. Davoodi	18.02.88	195	95	348	328	4		3	7	Matin Varamin
12	Mirzajanzpour M. Mojtaba	M.Mirzajanzpour	07.10.91	205	88	355	348	4		3	7	Paykan
13	Mahdavi Mehdi	M.Mahdavi	13.02.84	191	96	330	310	60		100	160	Sarmayeh Bank
14	Manavinezhad Mohammadjavad	M.Manavinezhad	27.11.95	200	84	340	320			8	8	Paykan
15	Sharifat Mostafa	M.Sharifat	16.09.87	204	85	332	313			3	3	Matin Varamin
16	TASHAKORI Armin	A. Tashakori	12.08.86	200	94	352	343					Saipa
17	Alavi Seyed Amin	A. Alavi	22.09.89	194	85	340	335					SAMEN
18	Behbodi Alireza	A.Behbodi	10.03.79	192	90	334	320	2		5	7	Ardakan
L	19 Marandi Mahdi	M. Marandi	12.05.86	172	69	295	280					Paykan
20	Mobasheri Demneh Alireza	A. Mobasheri	10.06.88	190	90	345	320			15	15	Sarmayeh Bank
21	Fallah Zarchoub L. Mohammad	M.Fallah	03.03.93	190	90	330	310					Student

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Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-18	25-11	25-23		
22.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	23-25	27-29	24-26		
21.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	25-27	25-27	22-25		
18.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-2	22-25	23-25	25-18	25-21	15-12
17.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	1-3	25-20	19-25	22-25	21-25	
16.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	0-3	19-25	23-25	21-25		
13.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	0-3	24-26	18-25	20-25		
12.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	2-3	25-18	25-23	15-25	20-25	11-15
10.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-0	25-20	25-17	25-15		
09.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-1	25-17	21-25	25-14	25-20	

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	A.Behbodi	10.03.79 (37y3m)	Youngest	M.Manavinezhad	27.11.95 (20y6m)	<b>28y1m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	M.Mirzajanzpour	205cm	Shortest	F.Zarif	165cm	<b>194cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Seyed	362cm	Shortest	F.Zarif	290cm	<b>339cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	M.Mirzajanzpour	348cm	Shortest	F.Zarif	271cm	<b>322cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	H. Zarini	190	First	A. TASHAKORI	0	<b>39</b>



# ITALY



## FIVB WORLD RANKING

4

### BEST RESULT

1<sup>st</sup> 2000

### LAST RESULT

5<sup>th</sup> 2015



Italy have competed in all 27 editions of the FIVB Volleyball World League. They finished fifth in the year's edition after claiming bronze in Florence in 2014. The Azzurri have eight titles, one fewer than Brazil, and they will be looking to repeat their 1995 heroics when they beat the South Americans in the final in Rio de Janeiro. Italy have qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games through the 2015 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup, where they finished as runners-up behind USA, defeating world champions Poland on the last day of the round robin tournament in Japan. At the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship, Italy finished joint-1<sup>st</sup>.

Although Italy won a bronze medal at the 1948 European Championship it was only in the early 1970s that they became a major force in the sport. They won a bronze at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games before a lengthy period of domination under Julio Velasco's guidance. From 1989 to 2005, Italy won three World Championships, one FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup, six European Championships, eight World Leagues and three Olympic medals (silver in 1996, bronze in 2000 and silver in 2004). They claimed bronze at London 2012.

### COACH: GIAN LORENZO BLENGINI



Gianlorenzo Blengini was appointed as the temporary head coach of the Italy men's team on August 1, 2015, and led the team that won silver at the World Cup and bronze medal at the European Championship. He was promoted from the role of assistant coach after working under former coach Mauro Berruto, who stood down in July 2015. At club level he coached Vibo Valentia from 2011-12 and Latina between 2014-15, when he led them to the semifinals of the Italian league. He led Italian outfit Lube Civitanova Macerata in 2015/16 season.

### TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Candellaro Davide	Candellaro	07.06.89	200	88	340	320					Pallavolo Molfetta
2	Nelli Gabriele	Nelli	04.12.93	210	100	355	320			7	7	Trentino Volley
3	Sottile Pasquale	Sottile	17.08.79	186	73	332	310			20	20	Top Volley
4	Vettori Luca	Vettori	26.04.91	200	95	345	323	13		85	98	Modena Volley Punto Zero
5	Juantorena Osmany	Juantorena	12.08.85	200	85	370	340			20	20	Lube volley
6	Giannelli Simone	Giannelli	09.08.96	198	92	342	265			30	30	Trentino Volley
7	Rossini Salvatore	Rossini	13.07.86	185	82	312	301	13		75	88	Modena Volley Punto Zero
8	Maruotti Gabriele	Maruotti	25.03.88	195	92	348	340	1		67	68	Top Volley
9	Zaytsev Ivan	Zaytsev	02.10.88	204	100	370	355	18	8	143	169	Dynamo Moscow
10	Lanza Filippo	Lanza	03.03.91	198	98	350	330	13		68	81	Trentino Volley
11	Buti Simone	Buti	19.09.83	206	100	346	328	13		91	104	Sir Safety Umbria Volley
12	Cester Enrico	Cester	16.03.88	202	93	336	321			8	8	Lube volley
13	Colaci Massimo	Colaci	21.02.85	180	75	314	306	10		38	48	Trentino Volley
14	Piano Matteo	Piano	24.10.90	208	102	352	325	11		65	76	Modena Volley Punto Zero
C 15	Birarelli Emanuele	Birarelli	08.02.81	202	95	340	316	20	16	160	196	Sir Safety Umbria Volley
16	Antonov Oleg	Antonov	28.07.88	198	88	340	310			32	32	Trentino Volley
17	Anzani Simone	Anzani	24.02.92	204	100	350	330	10		40	50	Blu Volley Verona
18	Sabbi Giulio	Sabbi	10.08.89	201	92	352	325	9		86	95	Volley Lube
19	Botto Iacopo	Botto	22.09.87	191	76	345	320			8	8	Vero Volley
20	Fedrizzi Michele	Fedrizzi	21.05.91	192	80	354	325			10	10	Pallavolo Molfetta
21	Sbertoli Riccardo	Sbertoli	23.05.98	188	85	326	246					Power Volley

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23.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-1	26-24	22-25	25-22	25-19	
22.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-2	22-25	25-20	25-21	20-25	16-14
21.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-15	26-24	25-18		
18.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-0	25-16	25-22	25-18		
17.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-0	25-18	25-23	25-22		
16.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-0	25-19	25-23	25-21		
13.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-0	25-21	25-20	25-15		
12.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	0-3	18-25	23-25	27-29		
10.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-1	20-25	26-24	25-22	25-13	
09.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-0	25-17	25-18	25-15		

### STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Sottile	17.08.79 (36y10m)	Youngest	Sbertoli	23.05.98 (18y)	<b>27y6m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Nelli	210cm	Shortest	Colaci	180cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Juantorena	370cm	Shortest	Rossini	312cm	<b>344cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Zaytsev	355cm	Shortest	Sbertoli	246cm	<b>317cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Birarelli	196	First	Candellaro	0	<b>58</b>


**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

14

**BEST RESULT**6<sup>th</sup> 2008**LAST RESULT**13<sup>th</sup> 2015

Japan will compete in the FIVB Volleyball World League for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time, seeking to surpass their sixth-place finishes in 1990, 1993 and 2008. Last time out, Japan finished in joint-fifth in Group 2 with five victories out of twelve matches. Japan missed out on qualification from their World League Group 2 pool in no small part due to a rampant French side winning all their matches on the way to capturing the gold medal at the finals in Rio de Janeiro. They finished joint-bottom of Group 2 with Korea after winning just one of their Pool D matches in 2014, exiting the competition at the first stag .

Japan won a bronze medal at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games, silver at Mexico 1968 and gold at Munich 1972. Subsequent decades have been less successful. Japan missed three successive Olympic Games before returning to the stage at Beijing 2008 where they failed to win a match. They failed to qualify for the London 2012 Olympic Games and will also miss the Rio 2016 Olympic Games after finishing seventh at the Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Tokyo. They also failed to qualify for the 2014 FIVB Volleyball World Championship – the first edition the had missed in 54 years.

**COACH: MASASHI NAMBU**


Masashi Nambu has been J apan's men's national team coach since February 2014. That year he led the team to a silver medal at the Asian Games and an equal-11<sup>th</sup> finish i Group 2 of the World League. They improved to equal-fifth in Group 2 of the 2015 World League. Nambu wants to build a strong platform to help Japan reach the Olympic Games. Nambu, who was born in Osaka, also coached club side Matsushita P anasonic Panthers from 2002 to 2014. It was there that he won Best Head Coach of the Year honours three times and led his team to three domestic titles . As a player he earned Top Six honours at the 1997 and 1999 Kurowashiki All-Japan Tournaments.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
C 1	Shimizu Kunihiro	Shimizu	11.08.86	193	94	345	335	5	5	136	146	Panasonic Panthers
2	Takahashi Kentaro	K.Takahashi	08.02.95	201	93	345	330			15	15	University of Tsukuba
3	Nagano Takeshi	Nagano	11.07.85	176	65	315	300	5		53	58	Panasonic Panthers
4	Fukuzawa Tatsuya	Fukuzawa	01.07.86	189	84	355	345	5	5	110	120	Panasonic Panthers
5	Tomimatsu Takaaki	Tomimatsu	20.07.84	191	83	350	340			27	27	Toray Arrows
6	Yamauchi Akihiro	Yamauchi	30.11.93	204	72	348	328			29	29	Panasonic Panthers
7	Kuriyama Masashi	Kuriyama	14.07.88	189	89	340	330			12	12	Suntory Sunbirds
8	Yanagida Masahiro	Yanagida	06.07.92	186	78	335	305			17	17	Suntory Sunbirds
9	Takahashi Shinji	Takahashi	16.07.80	182	76	315	305			5	5	Jtekt Stings
10	Fukatsu Hideomi	F.Hideomi	01.06.90	180	70	330	305			29	29	Panasonic Panthers
11	Ishikawa Yuki	Ishikawa	11.12.95	191	74	345	330			17	17	Chuo University
12	Dekita Takashi	Dekita	13.08.91	199	92	350	330			37	37	Sakai Blazers
13	Watanabe Shunsuke	Watanabe	11.04.88	181	70	325	300					Toray Arrows
14	Sakai Daisuke	Sakai	22.10.81	180	76	320	305	5		29	34	Suntory Sunbirds
15	Onodera Taishi	Onodera	27.02.96	202	97	330	320					TOKAI University
16	Yamada Shuzo	Yamada	27.11.92	193	78	340	323					Toyoda Gosei Trefuerza
17	Sekita Masahiro	Sekita	20.11.93	177	70	320	305					Panasonic Panthers
18	Yoneyama Yuta	Yoneyama	29.08.84	185	83	340	320	5		91	96	Toray Arrows
19	Denda Ryota	Denda	03.07.91	191	88	345	327					Toyoda Gosei Trefuerza
20	Hoshino Hidetomo	Hoshino	29.09.90	187	87	331	313					Toray Arrows
21	Sano Sho	Sano	17.12.91	190	86	340	325					Toray Arrows

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23.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	2-3	29-27	17-25	25-21	17-25	13-15
22.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	1-3	26-24	25-27	21-25	19-25	
21.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	24-26	22-25	21-25		
18.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	2-3	25-22	25-23	18-25	21-25	12-15
17.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-0	33-31	26-24	25-19		
16.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-0	25-21	25-19	25-19		
13.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	0-3	21-25	20-25	15-25		
12.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-0	25-17	25-15	25-21		
10.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-1	25-17	25-21	25-27	25-18	
09.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	1-3	23-25	25-21	11-25	14-25	

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Takahashi	16.07.80 (35y11m)	Youngest	Onodera	27.02.96 (20y3m)	<b>26y9m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Yamauchi	204cm	Shortest	Nagano	176cm	<b>189cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Fukuzawa	355cm	Shortest	Nagano	315cm	<b>336cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Fukuzawa	345cm	Shortest	Nagano	300cm	<b>320cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Shimizu	146	First	Watanabe	0	<b>31</b>


**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

40

BEST RESULT

28<sup>th</sup> 2015

LAST RESULT

28<sup>th</sup> 2015

Kazakhstan made their debut in the 2015 edition of the FIVB Volleyball World League. They are now ranked No.40 in the world. In their second appearance, they are pitted against Greece, Puerto Rico and Chinese Taipei in Group 3's Pool C, which will be played in Kozani, Greece. They will have a chance to perform better when they have home advantage in Almaty in the second week, when they face Spain, Germany and Chinese Taipei in Pool F. Under coach Andrey Patravok, the team did not qualify for the Poland 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship and last competed in that event in 2006, when they finished 21<sup>st</sup>, two places lower than their only other appearance in Argentina 2002. At the 2014 Asian Games they won three of their seven matches. A defeat to Chinese Taipei gave them an overall rank of 10<sup>th</sup>.

Since Kazakhstan's independence in 1992 they have competed at 10 Asian Championships. Their best result was a silver medal in 1993 and a year later they took fourth at the Asian Games. More recently in 2015 they finished ninth at the Asian Championships after winning over Pakistan in a classification match. In 2014, they took third in the AVC Cup in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**COACH: RAFAIL GILYAZUTDINOV**


Rafail Gilyazutdinov was named Kazakhstan coach in early 2016 having carved out an impressive career in the Kazakhstan Championship. He started working as a coach in 2001 with Condensat

where he picked up a silver medal during the 2003 and 2004 Kazakhstan Championships. In 2004 he was named assistant coach of the Kazakh men's team, while in 2007 he also took the helm of Almaty VC where he has helped deliver three Kazakhstan Championship titles. Prior to becoming a coach Gilyazutdinov was a professional volleyball player in Kazakhstan, Turkey, Cyprus and Saudi Arabia.

**TEAM ROSTER**

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L 1	Fartov Roman	Fartov	02.12.92	184	83	325	315					Pavlodar VC
2	Kuznetsov Anton	Kuznetsov	25.09.89	204	91	346	335			90	90	Almaty
3	Bimurza Nursultan	Bimurza	10.03.94	195	75	335	320					Almaty VC
C 4	Stolnikov Alexandr	Stolnikov	17.07.88	197	95	340	325			20	20	Atyrau VC
5	Kuznetsov Sergey	Kuznetsov	26.10.93	197	89	330	315			120	120	Atyrau VC
6	Issin Almaz	Issin	28.05.90	194	77	345	335					Pavlodar VC
7	Bazarkulov Asset	Bazarkulov	01.03.87	202	87	340	330					Altay
8	Gabdulin Kanat	Gabdulin	04.03.85	194	85	330	325			20	20	Almaty VC
9	Mironenko Vitaliy	Mironenko	18.05.85	187	90	331	329			20	20	Pavlodar
10	Michshenko Maxim	Michshenko	10.09.90	197	94	355	315			12	12	Esil
11	Akimov Damir	Akimov	22.09.91	202	100	360	330					Altay
12	Kadirzhanov Nodirzhan	Kadirzhanov	06.09.91	203	85	340	330			5	5	Almaty VC
13	Erdstein Vitaliy	Erdstein	05.05.92	205	90	350	335			30	30	Almaty VC
14	Kostiv Sergey	Kostiv	25.01.87	201	99	350	335					Essil VC
15	Prokofyev Vladimir	Prokofyev	09.02.93	203	94	345	330					TNK-Kazchrome
L 16	BADASHEV Mirlan	Badashev	05.08.89	173	79	320	300					Altay
17	Donets Vassily	Donets	10.07.88	195	90	340	325					Altay
18	Vorivodin Vitaliy	Vorivodin	31.07.90	194	101	347	335			60	60	Almaty VC
19	Mamedov Maxim	Mamedov	19.07.87	200	88	340	320			10	10	TNK-Kazchrome
20	Rezanov Sergey	Rezanov	22.11.94	196	86	354	330			20	20	Ushkyn-Iskra
21	Bobkov Mikhail	Bobkov	31.08.96	199	86	340	320			7	7	Almaty

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21.06.15	VEN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cairo	2-3	16-25	25-17	19-25	25-20	9-15
20.06.15	ESP	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cairo	0-3	23-25	18-25	21-25		
19.06.15	EGY	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cairo	1-3	19-25	16-25	25-20	23-25	
14.06.15	ESP	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Taraz	1-3	25-22	19-25	19-25	16-25	
13.06.15	EGY	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Taraz	0-3	18-25	14-25	21-25		
12.06.15	VEN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Taraz	3-2	25-22	31-33	25-23	28-30	15-9
30.08.09	IRI	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Komaki	1-3	18-25	14-25	25-23	16-25	
29.08.09	KOR	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Komaki	2-3	25-23	25-18	16-25	19-25	5-15
28.08.09	JPN	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Komaki	1-3	20-25	25-17	21-25	16-25	
24.05.09	TPE	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Taipei	3-0	29-27	25-18	26-24		

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Gabdulin	04.03.85 (31y3m)	Youngest	Bobkov	31.08.96 (19y9m)	<b>25y10m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Erdstein	205cm	Shortest	Badashev	173cm	<b>196cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Akimov	360cm	Shortest	Badashev	320cm	<b>341cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Kuznetsov	335cm	Shortest	Badashev	300cm	<b>325cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Kuznetsov	120	First	Fartov	0	<b>20</b>



## KOREA



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

23

BEST RESULT

6<sup>th</sup> 1995

LAST RESULT

18<sup>th</sup> 2015

Korea will contest their 11<sup>th</sup> successive FIVB Volleyball World League hoping to surpass their recent high point of a ninth-place finish in 2007 or even their all-time best mark of sixth in 1995. In 2015 they finished fourth in Pool D in Group 2, with only two victories in 12 matches. The previous year, they finished joint-las in Group 2 with Japan. They were bottom of Pool E, winning just three of their 12 matches. In the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship they could not progress beyond the first round and took an overall ranking of joint-17<sup>th</sup> as they missed out on qualification from their pool by two points, with their solitary win coming against bottom side Tunisia. Their season concluded with the Asian Games on home soil, but they had to settle for third place, defeating China in the bronze medal match.

Korea's first notable appearance on the international stage was at the 1956 World Championship. They have since featured in eight Olympic Games, although they have been absent from the last three. In the World League, Korea finished 1<sup>st</sup> in 2008, 14<sup>th</sup> in 2009, 16<sup>th</sup> in 2010, 13<sup>th</sup> in 2011, 14<sup>th</sup> in 2012, and 15<sup>th</sup> in 2013. They were 11<sup>th</sup> at the 2007 World Cup.

## COACH: KIM NAM SUNG



Kim Nam Sung took over as head coach of his native country's men's team this year. He started coaching at age 29 at Sungkyunkwan University. He placed the name of the university on the Korean volleyball map and discovered many talents that have starred in the national teams and at the country's clubs. Among his achievements with the national team were the victories at the 1987 Youth World Championship, 1989 AVC Championship and the 1995 University Games. The Korean Volleyball Association unanimously chose him to return and head the national team at the 2016 World League.

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## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Lee Kang-Won	Lee Kangwon	05.05.90	198	91	330	312			9	9	KB Insurance
2	Han Sun-Soo	Han Sunsoo	16.12.85	189	80	310	297			125	125	Korean Airlines
3	No Jaewook	No Jae-Wook	10.07.92	191	86	310	300					Hyundai Capital
4	Park Jin-Woo	Park Jinwoo	18.03.90	198	78	340	318			6	6	Woori Card
5	Kim Yo-Han	Kim Yohan	16.08.85	200	95	335	326	5		128	133	KB Insurance
6	Kim Hak-Min	Kim Hakmin	04.09.83	193	81	327	319			74	74	Korean Airlines
7	Jin Seong-Tae	Jin Seongtae	03.02.93	197	85	315	305			17	17	Hyundai Capital
8	Park Sang-Ha	Park Sangha	04.04.86	198	89	327	315			50	50	Woori Card
9	Kwak Myoungwoo	Kwak Myoungwoo	08.04.91	193	83	310	300			1	1	OK Savings Bank
10	Bu Yong-Chan	Bu Yongchan	30.11.89	175	65	290	284			53	53	KB Insurance
11	Choi Min-Ho	Choi Minho	28.04.88	198	86	330	312			60	60	Hyundai Capital
12	Son Hyun Jong	Son Hyunjong	08.04.92	197	79	315	305			16	16	Moonil High School
13	Jeong Seong-Hyeon	Jeong Seonghyeon	18.05.91	180	69	290	280					OK Savings Bank
14	Song Hui-Chae	Song Huichae	29.04.92	191	76	305	295			36	36	OK Savings Bank
15	Moon Sung-Min	Moon Sungmin	14.09.86	198	89	329	321	5		142	147	Hyundai Capital
16	Choi Hong-Suk	Choi Hongsuk	26.06.88	195	80	328	320			67	67	Woori Card
17	Seo Jae-Duck	Seo Jaeduck	21.07.89	195	88	315	305			51	51	Korea Electric Power Corp.
18	Jung Jiseok	Jung Jiseok	10.03.95	194	87	310	300			6	6	Korean Airlines
19	Kim Hyeongjin	Kim Hyeongjin	10.03.95	187	77	305	292			14	14	Hongik University
20	Jo Jaesung	Jo Jaesung	01.08.95	193	79	300	285			7	7	Kyung Hee University
21	Im Donghyeok	Im Donghyeok	03.09.99	199	86	245	240					Jecheon Industrial High School

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
26.06.15	CZE	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Liberec	2-3	22-25	25-16	25-16	23-25	12-15
04.07.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Brest	1-3	25-23	23-25	18-25	15-25	
02.07.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Castelnau-le-Lez	0-3	24-26	18-25	21-25		
27.06.15	CZE	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Liberec	1-3	28-30	18-25	25-18	21-25	
21.06.15	JPN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Osaka	0-3	21-25	20-25	18-25		
20.06.15	JPN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Osaka	0-3	17-25	17-25	17-25		
14.06.15	JPN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Suwon	3-0	25-20	25-21	25-18		
13.06.15	JPN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Suwon	1-3	20-25	25-20	21-25	19-25	
07.06.15	CZE	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cheonan	3-1	27-29	25-18	25-20	25-21	
06.06.15	CZE	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cheonan	2-3	25-20	19-25	25-18	20-25	12-15

## STATISTICS

Age	Oldest	KIM Hak-min	04.09.83 (32y9m)	Youngest	Lim Donghyeok	03.09.99 (16y9m)	25y9m
Height	Tallest	Kim Yohan	200cm	Shortest	Bu Yongchan	175cm	193cm
Spike	Highest	Park Jinwoo	340cm	Shortest	Lim Donghyeok	245cm	313cm
Block	Highest	Kim Yohan	326cm	Shortest	Lim Donghyeok	240cm	301cm
Caps	Most	Moon Sungmin	147	First	No Jae-Wook	0	42



## MEXICO

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## BEST RESULT

25<sup>th</sup> 2014

## LAST RESULT

30<sup>th</sup> 2015

Mexico debuted in the 2014 edition of the FIVB Volleyball World League and finished joint-fifth Group 3. Their opening round of matches were held in Mexico City and it was there that they were able to secure the two wins, against Turkey and Tunisia, that secured them third place in Pool F. In 2015, however, Mexico failed to win a single match. At the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in Poland, Mexico finished fifth in their first round pool with the solitary win coming against Egypt.

Long in the shadow of regional powerhouses the United States and Cuba, and to a lesser extent Canada, Mexico's international record stretches back to 1955 when they took the silver medal at the Pan American Games in Mexico City. They won bronze in the 1959 and 1975 editions of the competition. They have also won three silver medals and two bronzes at the NORCECA Championship. Mexico have had five appearances at the World Championship over the years, with 10<sup>th</sup> place in 1974 being their best result, but have participated only twice since 1982. They won the Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Mexico City to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

## COACH: JORGE MIGUEL AZAIR LOPEZ



Jorge Azair led Mexico to their World League debut in 2014. He said that the new-look side was making a new start. Azair guided them to their first elite international tournament in 19 years when they qualified for the 2010 World Championship, tying for 13<sup>th</sup> place at the tournament in Italy. He has won a string of national titles in his country's university league and guided the University of Nuevo Leon Tigers to glory in 2015.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Vargas Daniel	Vargas	01.09.86	197	94	340	330	12		124	136	Raision Loimu
2	Márquez Ramírez Iván Arturo	Marquez	02.01.92	195	79	312	292		2	3	5	Nuevo Leon
3	Macías Vargas Marco Antonio	Macias	12.02.85	193	86	344	330			3	3	Changos De Naranjito
4	Ruiz De La Cruz Gonzalo	Ruiz	28.04.88	186	87	345	325			2	2	Imss Atn
L 5	Rangel Jesus	Rangel	20.09.80	190	82	337	330	16		161	177	Nuevo Leon
6	Perales Jesus Alberto	Perales	22.12.93	197	88	328	304			80	80	Nuevo Leon
7	Quiñones Jorge	Quiñones	13.11.81	186	80	330	325	5		27	32	Virtus
8	Ramírez Ignacio	Ramirez	17.09.76	185	83	328	318			30	30	Nayarit
C 9	Guerra Carlos	Guerra	03.08.81	196	95	348	335	10		150	160	Chenois Geneve Volleyball
10	Rangel Pedro	Rangel	16.09.88	192	85	340	324	31		187	218	Nuevo Leon
11	Barajas Jorge	Barajas	07.05.91	188	80	320	317	11		108	119	Colima
12	Martell Jose	Martell	21.10.76	195	85	350	340	5		60	65	Imss Valle De Mexico
13	Cordova Samuel	Cordova	13.03.89	200	89	353	335	1		17	18	Baja California
14	Aguilera Tomas	Aguilera	15.11.88	202	95	350	340	1		15	16	Chihuahua
16	Chávez Pasos Miguel Antonio	Chavez	13.05.96	202	73	335	293			3	3	Sonora
17	Orellana Nestor	Orellana	07.01.92	192	84	332	327	10		49	59	Nuevo Leon
L 19	Mendoza Perdomo José Roberto	Mendoza	31.05.93	170	71	290	265			2	2	Jalisco
20	Duarte Julian	Duarte	19.06.94	200	98	321	302			31	31	Nuevo Leon
21	Martinez Jose	Martinez	23.01.93	200	100	345	334			57	57	Virtus
23	Garay Nava Ridl Alexis	Garay	09.06.97	194	74	326	299			55	55	Jalisco
24	Moreno Alejandro	Moreno	06.09.94	191	80	338	320			3	3	Nuevo Leon

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
21.06.15	SVK	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	1-3	25-22	23-25	23-25	17-25	
20.06.15	CHN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	1-3	11-25	23-25	25-18	15-25	
19.06.15	GRE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	0-3	16-25	18-25	28-30		
14.06.15	CHN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	0-3	21-25	22-25	21-25		
13.06.15	SVK	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	0-3	21-25	19-25	19-25		
12.06.15	GRE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	2-3	25-20	25-21	21-25	19-25	14-16
07.09.14	EGY	WCh 2014 M	Pool C - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Gdansk	3-2	16-25	25-20	25-21	21-25	15-10
06.09.14	CAN	WCh 2014 M	Pool C - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Gdansk	0-3	17-25	18-25	19-25		
05.09.14	RUS	WCh 2014 M	Pool C - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Gdansk	1-3	25-21	20-25	14-25	17-25	
03.09.14	CHN	WCh 2014 M	Pool C - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Gdansk	1-3	25-20	19-25	20-25	20-25	

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Ramirez	17.09.76 (39y9m)	Youngest	Garay	09.06.97 (19y)	<b>27y8m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Aguilera	202cm	Shortest	Mendoza	170cm	<b>193cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Cordova	353cm	Shortest	Mendoza	290cm	<b>334cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Martell	340cm	Shortest	Mendoza	265cm	<b>318cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Rangel	218	First	Ruiz	2	<b>61</b>



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BEST RESULT

22<sup>nd</sup> 2015

LAST RESULT

22<sup>nd</sup> 2015



Montenegro competed at the 2015 edition of the FIVB Volleyball World League for the first time since the country's independence in 2006 when they entered as Serbia and Montenegro. They were the lowest-ranked side in the tournament in joint-86<sup>th</sup> place, but they took heart from their 2014 campaign when they were crowned champions of the European League. In what was their first gold medal in a major international competition, they won their pool with six wins from eight matches, defeated Macedonia at the semifinal stage and beat Greece in a two-legged final. Last year, they put on another impressive performance when they won five of their six matches in the Group 3 Preliminary Round. They lost the Group 3 final to Egypt.

Montenegro will rely on the likes of European League MVP Milos Culafic to push them on this season. Competing as Serbia and Montenegro from 2003 to 2006, they finished second in the 2003 and 2005 World Leagues, equal-fifth at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games and fourth at the 2006 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship. The team's head coach is Serbian Slobodan Boskan, who played in the Yugoslavia team which won the gold medal at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

**COACH: SLOBODAN BOSKAN**



Montenegro's men's team had never before featured in the tournament. Before becoming head coach of Montenegro's men's team, Boskan, who was born in the city of Novi Sad, won gold medals as a player with Yugoslavia at the 2000 Olympic Games and 2001 European Championships. He also played for the French club team Tours VB when they won the 2004/05 European Champions League title. Boskan also currently serves as the coach of Montenegro club team Budvanska Rivijera Budvam and owns Serbian club side OK Dunav Volley.

Serbian Slobodan Boskan led Montenegro men's national team to gold medal success in the 2014 European League in his first year in charge. Prior to the 2015 World League,

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Minic Aleksandar	Minic	09.11.86	205	103	347	340					Vojvodina Novi Sad
2	Dabovic Simo	Dabovic	09.04.87	195	93	335	335			24	24	Foinikas Syros
3	Babic Luka	Babic	07.07.94	211	103	350	339					Budvanska Rivijera
4	Cuk Gojko	Cuk	10.10.88	209	101	345	335					Chaumont
5	Strugar Rajko	Strugar	11.04.95	193	85	330	320					Orange Nassau
C	Cacic Vojin	Cacic	31.03.90	203	101	355	340					Samen Al Hojay Sports Club
7	Radonic Nikola	Radonic	30.07.94	191	78	0	0					Ok Borac
L	Lakcevic Nikola	Lakcevic	14.07.95	190	89	315	305					Budvanska Rivijera
9	Bojic Marko	Bojic	13.11.88	201	88	355	335					Palembang Bank Sumsel Babel
10	Radunovic Balsa	Radunovic	12.08.92	205	93	350	330					Al Hilal
11	Cuk Bozidar	Cuk B.	13.06.92	201	97	335	325					Lugano
12	Bojic Slobodan	Bojic	11.08.92	200	92	348	335					Tnk Kazhrome
13	Radovic Bojan	Radovic	27.09.92	203	100	340	330					Buducnost
14	Milic Blazo	Milic	22.11.87	210	88	345	335					Orestiada
15	Delic Jovan	Delic	28.03.93	197	84	340	325					Novi Pazar
16	Vukasinovic Marko	Vukasinovic	30.07.93	196	88	348	330					Orestiada
17	Jecmenica Ivan	Jecmenica	17.03.90	202	90	350	340					Budvanska Rivijera
18	Culafic Milo	Culafic	13.08.86	205	100	360	340					Toulouse
L	Popovic Ljubomir	Popovic	14.11.88	182	87	300	295					Jedinstvo

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
05.07.15	EGY	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Final 1-2	Bratislava	2-3	20-25	25-21	23-25	25-23	9-15
04.07.15	CHN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Semifinals	Bratislava	3-1	25-21	25-21	22-25	25-15	
21.06.15	TUR	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	2-3	21-25	25-23	23-25	25-23	12-15
20.06.15	PUR	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	3-1	25-19	28-26	22-25	25-13	
19.06.15	TUN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	3-0	25-23	25-21	27-25		
14.06.15	TUR	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	3-1	25-22	23-25	26-24	25-23	
13.06.15	PUR	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	3-0	25-22	25-23	25-21		
12.06.15	TUN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	3-0	25-18	25-20	25-16		
31.05.09	BEL	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Liberec	0-3	31-33	23-25	22-25		
30.05.09	UKR	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Liberec	3-1	25-22	25-23	16-25	25-20	

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Culafic	13.08.86 (29y10m)	Youngest	Lakcevic	14.07.95 (20y11m)	<b>25y3m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Babic	211cm	Shortest	Popovic	182cm	<b>200cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Culafic	360cm	Shortest	Radonic	0cm	<b>324cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Minic	340cm	Shortest	Radonic	0cm	<b>312cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Dabovic	24	First	Minic	0	<b>1</b>



June 16 > 19	A2
June 23 > 26	D2
July 1-3	G2

# NETHERLANDS



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BEST RESULT

1<sup>st</sup> 1996

LAST RESULT

13<sup>rd</sup> 2015



The Netherlands ended a three-year absence from the FIVB Volleyball World League by returning in 2013 with a 14<sup>th</sup>-place finish. They finished fourth in Group 2 in 2014 after topping Pool E. The Dutch failed to qualify for the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship. In 2015, they finished second in World League Group 2's Pool E with nine wins and three losses. They started with three straight victories before losing at home against Belgium in straight sets. They made another three-match winning run but Portugal were able to stop them before they won two more matches against Finland and Belgium for a joint-fifth finish. Coach Guido Vermeulen now guides the Dutch team.

The 1990s were a glorious decade for the Dutch. They finished second in the inaugural World League in 1990 and repeated the feat the following year. In 1992 they took silver at the Olympic Games in Barcelona and four years later they won gold at Atlanta as well as winning the World League title. They were runners-up at the 1994 World Championship and won two silver medals and two bronzes in successive European Championships from 1989 before taking gold on home soil in Eindhoven in 1997.

## COACH: GIDO VERMEULEN



Guido Vermeulen transitioned to the Netherlands' men's team in 2014 after coaching Spain's women's team from 2008 to 2012 and the Dutch women's team from 2012 to 2014. He also served as the Dutch junior men's team coach for five years, winning a silver medal with them at the 2004 Junior European Championships. His first major international coaching experience came when he was an assistant coach for his home country's women's team from 1994 to 1998. They won the 1995 European Championship and finished fifth at the 1996 Olympic Games. At a club level, Vermeulen has coached teams in his birth city of Amsterdam, as well as in Italy and Spain.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Van Haarlem Daan	van Haarlem	15.03.89	198	89	332	323			12	12	Vase Kladno
2	Keemink Wessel	Keemink	29.05.93	197	81	337	326					Inter Rijswijk
3	Van Garderen Maarten	Van Garderen	24.01.90	200	89	359	338			90	90	Ravenna
4	Ter Horst Thijs	Ter Horst	18.09.91	204	94	364	344			119	119	Copra Elior Piacenza
L 5	Sparidans Dirk	Sparidans	05.03.89	181	86	326	300			28	28	Euphony Asse Lennik
C 6	Diefenbach Jasper	Diefenbach	17.03.88	195	90	345	330			65	65	Montpellier Volley
L 7	Jorna Gijs	Jorna	30.05.89	196	85	340	310			154	154	Noliko Maaseik
8	Van Bemmelen Bas	van Bemmelen	18.08.89	207	92	350	336			120	120	Duren
9	Gommans Ewoud	Gommans	17.11.90	202	89	340	320			34	34	AS Cannes
10	Rauwerdink Jeroen	Rauwerdink	13.09.85	200	92	350	320			276	276	Ziraat Bankasi Ankara
11	Overbeeke Robin	Overbeeke	21.03.89	198	92	347	328			95	95	Euphony Asse-Lennik
12	Van Dijk Kay	van Dijk	25.06.84	214	102	365	355		5	204	209	Al-Ain
13	van Rekom Floris	van Rekom	08.05.91	196	82	352	332			26	26	Nantes Rezé
14	Abdel-Aziz Nimir	Nimir	05.02.92	201	86	365	350			154	154	Poitiers
15	Koelewijn Thomas	Koelewijn	18.12.88	206	100	360	350			118	118	AZS Olsztyn
16	ter Maat Wouter	ter Maat	07.05.91	200	90	351	338					VDK Gent
17	Parkinson Michael	Parkinson	23.11.91	203	98	365	350			12	12	Düren
18	Andringa Robbert	Andringa	28.04.90	192	85	330	310			81	81	Euphony Asse Lennik
L 19	Dronkers Just	Dronkers	07.06.93	187	78	330	308					Abiant Lycurgus
20	Plak Fabian	Plak	23.07.97	197	83	330	326					Talentteam Papendal/Arnhem
21	Hoogendoorn Sjoerd	Hoogendoorn	17.02.91	198	85	354	332			28	28	Argos Volley

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
04.07.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Antwerp	3-0	25-23	25-22	25-17		
03.07.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Antwerp	2-3	25-22	20-25	25-23	31-33	14-16
27.06.15	FIN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Espoo	3-2	25-18	20-25	18-25	25-18	15-13
26.06.15	FIN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Espoo	3-0	25-15	25-20	28-26		
20.06.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Groningen	2-3	25-15	21-25	23-25	25-21	11-15
19.06.15	POR	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Groningen	3-0	25-18	25-21	25-23		
14.06.15	FIN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Almere	3-1	22-25	25-20	25-14	25-19	
13.06.15	FIN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Almere	3-0	25-20	25-14	25-18		
07.06.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	s-Hertogenbosch	0-3	12-25	17-25	14-25		
06.06.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	s-Hertogenbosch	3-2	25-21	25-18	14-25	22-25	15-9

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Van Dijk	25.06.84 (31y11m)	Youngest	Plak	23.07.97 (18y10m)	<b>26y</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Van Dijk	214cm	Shortest	Sparidans	181cm	<b>199cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Van Dijk	365cm	Shortest	Sparidans	326cm	<b>347cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Van Dijk	355cm	Shortest	Sparidans	300cm	<b>330cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Rauwerdink	276	First	Keemink	0	<b>77</b>


**FIVB  
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 RANKING**

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## BEST RESULT

1<sup>st</sup> 2013

## LAST RESULT

4<sup>th</sup> 2015

In 18 FIVB Volleyball World League participations, reigning world champions Poland's best finish as a first place in 2012, which came after a bronze medal in the previous year. In 2015, they reached the final round of the premier annual men's tournament, but lost in the semifinals to eventual champions France. In the bronze medal match, they were swept by USA.

Poland boasts a long and vibrant volleyball tradition, with the national team having played an important role in the development of the sport since their appearance at the inaugural FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in 1949. They won their first World Championship gold in 1974. Thirty years later they seized their second gold medal when they hosted the 2014 World Championship.

The Poles dominated the international scene in the mid-1970s. They have participated in the Olympic Games eight times, winning gold in Montreal in 1976. They first appeared in the Olympics in 1968 and finished in fifth place. In the last three cycles, they earned three equal-fifth place finishes. They qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games by winning the Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Japan.

**COACH: STEPHANE ANTIGA**


Stephane Antiga led Poland's men's team to a historic gold medal in front of their home fans at the 2014 World Championships after signing a three-year agreement to coach the team in 2013. Poland just missed out on another medal when they finished fourth in the 2015 World League. Antiga's coaching career follows a successful run as an international and clubplayer. Suresnes-born Antiga represented his national team of France that won silver medals at the 2003 and 2009 European Championships and in the 2006 World League. He also won a bronze medal with France at the 2002 World Championships. In club competitions he won league titles in France and Poland and Spain.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Nowakowski Piotr	Nowakowski	18.12.87	205	90	355	340	19	6	157	182	Asseco Resovia
2	Muzaj Maciej	Muzaj	21.05.94	208	86	360	320					Asseco Resovia
3	Konarski Dawid	Konarski	31.08.89	198	93	353	320			38	38	ZAKSA
5	Zalinski Wojciech	Zalinski	08.01.88	195	88	340	330					Cerrad Czarni
6	Kurek Bartosz	Kurek	29.08.88	205	87	352	326	6	6	202	214	Asseco Resovia
7	Klos Karol	Klos	08.08.89	201	87	357	326	13		53	66	PGE Skra
8	Wrona Andrzej	Wrona	27.12.88	205	95	350	265			27	27	PGE Skra
10	Wojtaszek Damian	Wojtaszek	07.09.88	180	76	330	301			20	20	Asseco Resovia
11	Drzyzga Fabian	Drzyzga	03.01.90	196	90	325	304	21		64	85	Asseco Resovia
12	Lomacz Grzegorz	Lomacz	01.10.87	187	80	335	315	6		59	65	Cuprum
C 13	Kubiak Michal	Kubiak	23.02.88	191	80	328	312	13	6	108	127	Halkbank
15	Gacek Piotr	Gacek	16.09.78	185	78	325	305	17		97	114	LOTOS Trefl
17	Zatorski Pawel	Zatorski	21.06.90	184	73	328	304	21		48	69	ZAKSA
18	Mozdzonek Marcin	Mozdzonek	09.02.85	211	93	358	338	19	13	184	216	Cuprum
19	Lemanski Bartlomiej	Lemanski	19.03.96	217	103	360	345					AZS Politechnika Warszawska
20	Mika Mateusz	Mika	21.01.91	206	86	352	320	21		67	88	LOTOS Trefl
21	Buszek Rafal	Buszek	28.04.87	194	81	345	327	13		33	46	ZAKSA
22	Bednorz Bartosz	Bednorz	25.07.94	201	84	350	315					Indykpol AZS
23	Bieniek Mateusz	Bieniek	05.04.94	210	98	351	326			16	16	Effector
24	Woicki Pawel	Woicki	29.06.83	183	80	330	305		7	86	93	Transfer Bydgoszcz
25	Szalpuk Artur	Szalpuk	20.03.95	201	93	350	335			16	16	Cerrad Czarni

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	1-3	24-26	25-22	22-25	19-25	
22.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-1	24-26	27-25	25-21	25-19	
21.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-1	17-25	25-19	25-23	25-15	
18.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-0	25-15	25-22	25-17		
17.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-0	25-20	25-23	25-18		
16.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-1	23-25	25-15	25-19	25-19	
13.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-1	25-27	25-23	25-16	25-23	
12.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-2	18-25	23-25	25-15	25-20	15-11
10.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-1	25-18	19-25	25-21	27-25	
09.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-1	26-28	27-25	25-19	25-22	

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Gacek	16.09.78 (37y9m)	Youngest	Lemanski	19.03.96 (20y2m)	<b>27y</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Lemanski	217cm	Shortest	Wojtaszek	180cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Muzaj	360cm	Shortest	Drzyzga	325cm	<b>344cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Lemanski	345cm	Shortest	Wrona	265cm	<b>318cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Mozdzonek	216	First	Muzaj	0	<b>71</b>

PORTUGAL



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

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BEST RESULT

5<sup>th</sup> 2005

LAST RESULT

18<sup>th</sup> 2015



Portugal have been a regular feature of the FIVB Volleyball World League over the last five year . In 2015, however, they only produced one victory in 12 matches. They had a 0-7 losing run before snapping it with a 3-2 triumph over the Netherlands in Groningen. Since the start of the 2014 World League, however, Portugal have jumped from 38 to 27 in the world rankings. The Portuguese team did not qualify for the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship under young new coach Hugo Silva, who was previously an assistant. Now, the team is looking for a new beginning under Brazilian coach Francisco Santos.

Portugal made their international debut at the 1948 European Championship when they came fourth. The Portuguese first qualified for the World League in 1999. The team's best performance to date in the competition was the joint-fifth place they achieved in 2005. In 2007, Portugal hosted the Final Four of the European League and the team came close to claiming a first international trophy before losing 3-1 in a dramatic final against Spain. They broke their duck in 2010 when they took the gold medal in the European League in Spain. They have yet to qualify for an Olympic Games.

COACH: JOSE FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS



Brazilian coach Jose Francisco dos Santos, better known as Chico, will return to guide the Portuguese men's national team in 2016, after his first stint in 2006. Dos Santos has coached in Greece, Spain and Peru. He worked with compatriot Bernardo Rezende with the Brazilian women's national team from 1998 to 2000 and with the men's team from 2001 to 2012. The men's team had a long reign in important competitions, including the World League, World Championships and the Olympic Games. He was part of the coaching staff of the Brazilian side that won the World Championship title in 2002 and 2010, and claimed Olympic medals at Athens 2004 (gold), Beijing 2008 and London 2012 (both silver).

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Keller Gil Marcel	Marcel	08.05.90	208	94	352	333			110	110	Monteros Voley Club
2	Cunha Bruno	Bruno	18.08.97	193	90	320	308			21	21	Vitoria SC
3	Guerreiro Afonso	Afonso	28.12.94	197	70	319	300			14	14	AA S Mamede
4	Cveticanin Filip	Filip	19.06.96	199	90	320	310			31	31	Castelo da Maia GC
5	Ferreira Marco	Marco	04.10.87	202	94	359	337			118	118	SC Espinho
C 6	Ferreira Alexandre	Alex	13.11.91	202	87	361	346			135	135	Ziraat Bankasi
L 7	Casas Ivo	Casas	21.09.92	180	71	290	278			113	113	SL Benfica
8	Da Silva Violas Tiago	Violas	27.03.89	193	82	326	303			152	152	AJ Fonte Bastardo
9	Martins Phelipe	Phelps	02.03.91	201	91	307	289			36	36	SC Espinho
10	Rosa Andre	Rosa	26.01.97	184	80	312	295			24	24	Esmoriz GC
11	Oliveira Joao	Joao	31.07.95	196	80	330	318			48	48	SL Benfica
12	Martins Lourenco	Martins	30.04.97	195	78	308	298			24	24	Castelo da Maia GC
13	Sequeira Valdir	Valdir	22.11.81	196	86	351	344			236	236	Maccabi Tel Aviv
14	Silva Fabricio	Fabricio	24.10.81	196	96	347	320			14	14	SC Espinho
15	Tavares Rodrigues Miguel	Miguel	02.03.93	188	68	315	293			85	85	LPR Piacenza
16	Gaspar Hugo	H. Gaspar	02.09.82	200	83	354	343	12		172	184	SL Benfica
L 17	Fidalgo Joao	Fidalgo	02.11.86	172	67	307	285			24	24	AJ Fonte Bastardo
18	Reis Lopes Andre	Andre	12.09.82	193	86	342	332			220	220	SL Benfica
19	Pereira Diogo	Diogo	21.06.97	200	70	310	300			21	21	VC Viana
20	Rocha Francisco	F. Fabiao	05.07.91	194	88	313	291			58	58	CA Madalena
21	Monteiro Jose	Ze Pedro	21.10.91	183	70	301	290			24	24	AJ Fonte Bastardo

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
05.07.15	FIN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Póvoa de Varzim	1-3	18-25	20-25	25-18	23-25	
04.07.15	FIN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Póvoa de Varzim	2-3	17-25	25-22	17-25	26-24	13-15
28.06.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Póvoa de Varzim	0-3	26-28	23-25	18-25		
27.06.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Póvoa de Varzim	1-3	25-22	17-25	22-25	21-25	
20.06.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Groningen	3-2	15-25	25-21	25-23	21-25	15-11
19.06.15	NED	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Groningen	0-3	18-25	21-25	23-25		
14.06.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Luik	2-3	13-25	27-25	28-30	25-23	13-15
13.06.15	BEL	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Luik	0-3	16-25	21-25	23-25		
06.06.15	FIN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Vaasa	1-3	23-25	30-28	14-25	23-25	
05.06.15	FIN	WL 2015 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Vaasa	0-3	19-25	23-25	22-25		

STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Fabricio	24.10.81 (34y7m)	Youngest	Bruno	18.08.97 (18y9m)	<b>25y4m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Marcel	208cm	Shortest	Fidalgo	172cm	<b>194cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Alex	361cm	Shortest	Casas	290cm	<b>326cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Alex	346cm	Shortest	Casas	278cm	<b>310cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Valdir	236	First	Afonso	14	<b>81</b>



# PUERTO RICO



**FIVB  
 WORLD  
 RANKING**

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**BEST RESULT**

16<sup>th</sup> 2011

**LAST RESULT**

28<sup>th</sup> 2015



Puerto Rico will be competing in the FIVB Volleyball World League for just the fourth time and will be looking to improve on last year's showing when they finished joint-last in Group 3 with Tunisia. They are led by Javier Gaspar, who was appointed head coach in 2015.

Puerto Rico's first appearance in the competition came in 2011, when they failed to win a match after being drawn in a tough pool with Brazil, the United States and Poland. At the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in Poland, the Central American side recorded a historic victory over Italy in their only win in Pool D. They won just three sets in the tournament and missed out on qualification to the second round by two points. They have qualified for the previous two World Championships, and recorded wins over Cameroon and Australia in 2010. Their standout result is a sixth-place finish in their only FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup appearance in 2007. At a continental level they are regular competitors in the Pan American Games, and have won gold at the 2002, 2006 and 2010 Central American and Caribbean Games. In the NORCECA Championship they finished second in 2007 and third in 2009.

**COACH: JAVIER GASPAR**



Javier Gaspar was appointed as the head coach of Puerto Rico men's team in May 2015 after David Aleman left the position. Gaspar has vast experience at club level in Puerto Rico, as he has led both men's and women's teams of the Los Mets de Guaynabo club. He steered the men's team to the national league title in the 2013/14 season, and was named 2011 Manager of the Year while in charge of the women's team. As a player he represented the USA national team, and was a star of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playing for Penn State between 1985 and 1988. He was inducted into the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) Hall of Fame in 2015.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Morales Steven	Morales	07.04.92	195	82	346	317			16	16	Caribes de San Sebastian
2	Goas Edgardo	Goas	27.01.89	197	95	345	330			36	36	Arecibo
3	Lopez Kevin	Lopez	24.04.95	188	68	245	238					National Team
4	Del Valle Dennis	Del Valle	27.01.89	175	58	300	290	8		39	47	Guaynabo
5	Nieves Pedro	Nieves	29.06.93	198	92	312	305					National Team
6	Llinas Giovanni	Llinas	22.10.94	195	84	326	314	8		22	30	National Team
7	Iglesias Arturo	Iglesias	22.11.95	183	68	246	243					National Team
8	Rivera Eddie	Rivera	16.06.92	181	69	248	242					Guaynabo
9	Martinez Albino Jonathan	Martinez	27.10.93	193	77	306	298					National Team
12	Irizarry Joseth	Irizarry	29.04.96	186	68	246	242					National Team
14	Negron Brian	Negron	15.02.96	199	88	302	297	8		6	14	National Team
15	Rodriguez Jonathan	Rodriguez	16.09.97	193	82	243	238					National Team
16	Archilla Ricardo	Archilla	05.11.91	198	88	342	306			16	16	National Team
17	Sierra Pedrito	Sierra	21.07.89	196	89	305	298			16	16	Fajardo
19	Santiago Jair	Santiago	24.08.95	205	86	310	302					National Team
20	Sánchez Sequiel	Sanchez	24.03.90	191	89	325	305	8		16	24	Naranjito
21	De Jesus Arnel	De Jesus	30.07.90	186	73	245	239					National Team
22	Rivera Josue	Rivera	14.04.92	192	82	335	310			16	16	National Team
23	Quiñones Jose	J. Quiñones	20.02.79	192	88	335	315			5	5	Adjuntas
24	Cabrera Rivera Arnel	Cabrera	11.10.94	0	0	0	0					

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**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
21.06.15	TUN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	3-1	29-27	25-16	18-25	25-19	
20.06.15	MNE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	1-3	19-25	26-28	25-22	13-25	
19.06.15	TUR	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	0-3	16-25	16-25	13-25		
14.06.15	TUN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	1-3	17-25	25-20	17-25	19-25	
13.06.15	MNE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	0-3	22-25	23-25	21-25		
12.06.15	TUR	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	2-3	18-25	26-24	20-25	25-21	10-15
07.09.14	IRI	WCh 2014 M	Pool D - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Kraków	0-3	17-25	22-25	14-25		
06.09.14	ITA	WCh 2014 M	Pool D - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Kraków	3-1	19-25	25-19	25-23	25-22	
04.09.14	USA	WCh 2014 M	Pool D - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Kraków	0-3	15-25	8-25	20-25		
02.09.14	BEL	WCh 2014 M	Pool D - 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Kraków	0-3	19-25	17-25	20-25		

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Quiñones	20.02.79 (37y3m)	Youngest	Rodriguez	16.09.97 (18y9m)	<b>23y11m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Santiago	205cm	Shortest	Cabrera	0cm	<b>182cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Morales	346cm	Shortest	Cabrera	0cm	<b>283cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Goas	330cm	Shortest	Cabrera	0cm	<b>271cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Del Valle	47	First	Lopez	0	<b>11</b>



FIVB  
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RANKING

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BEST RESULT

LAST RESULT



Qatar's debut in the 2016 FIVB Volleyball World League is groundbreaking, as this will be the senior national team's first-ever appearance in the premier annual men's tournament. Qatar will take part in Group 3 along with Slovenia, Tunisia, Venezuela, Greece and Puerto Rico. Qatar's participation in the World League comes following recent positive results at the 2015 Asian Championship where they finished in fourth place. The team is currently ranked 31<sup>st</sup> in the world.

Qatar first appeared at the continental championships in 1989, when they finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place, followed by progressively improving finishes of 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 1993 to 1997. From 1999 to 2013, Qatar could not break through and the highest finish they achieved was seventh in 2005. However, they came back in 2015 with their highest-ever finish of fourth. The Qataris also finished fourth at the Asian Games in 2006 when they hosted the event in Doha.

**COACH: ROBERTO PIAZZA**



Roberto Piazza was named coach of the Qatar men's team earlier this year, replacing Argentine coach Juan Manuel Cichello. The 48-year-old will lead Qatar into their first appearance at the 2016 World League. Piazza brings two decades of coaching experience with him, most recently a stint as assistant coach to the German team that won gold at the Azerbaijan 2015 European Games. Recently he coached Greek side Olimpiacos. Piazza played for Parma and Piacenza in the Italian league and won two European Cups. He started coaching at Parma, which he guided to win Italian titles and two Italian Cups. He also led Treviso to three Champions League titles, seven Italian titles and seven Italian Cups, then coached Dinamo Moscow for two seasons, where he won one Russian League title and one Russian Cup.

TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Georgiev Borislav	Bobi	12.05.92	198	95	340	315					Police S.C.
2	Jumah Mohamed	Jumah	14.04.85	199	70	335	325			90	90	Alarabi S.C.
3	Stevanovic Milos	Milos	27.09.88	192	85	320	310			40	40	Aljaish S.C.
4	Renan Ribeiro	Renan	30.12.89	195	90	330	315			50	50	Alarabi S.C.
L 5	Sulaman Saad	Sulaiman	30.06.87	178	75	290	275			90	90	Alrayyan S.C.
6	Chigbo John	John	04.04.89	201	95	340	325			40	40	Police S.C.
7	Djukic Bojan	Bojan	06.06.91	193	85	330	315			20	20	Aljaish S.C.
L 8	Stevanovic Marko	Marko	25.07.87	185	80	295	275			20	20	Aljaish S.C.
C 9	Ali Bairami	Ali.e	15.06.83	190	87	345	325			100	100	Alrayyan S.C.
10	Sadikh Ndir	Abubakr	02.02.86	198	90	345	330			50	50	Police S.C.
11	Diab Ahmad	Ahmad	15.02.90	207	90	349	330			25	25	Alarabi S.C.
12	Dahi Waleed Mubarak	Mubarak	01.04.91	201	92	330	315			50	50	Alrayyan S.C.
13	Wadidie Raimi	Raimi	-	188	80	350	340			30	30	Alsadd S.C.
14	Garcia Jorge	Jorge	31.03.91	202	90	350	335					Alarabi S.C.
15	Ivovic Ilija	Ilija	12.11.90	190	88	330	315			20	20	Aljaish S.C.
16	Ibrahim Ibrahim	Ibrahim	15.01.85	206	90	360	336			90	90	Alarabi S.C.
17	Abunabot Belal	Belal	01.01.91	200	95	355	330			10	10	Alrayyan S.C.
18	Luiz Queiroz Franca Andre	Andre	-	195	90	323	300			20	20	Alrayyan S.C.
19	Faye Birama	Birama	-	210	95	350	335			30	30	Alrayyan S.C.
20	De Oliveira Guimarães Thiago	Thiago	07.08.91	200	90	340	320			20	20	Alarabi S.C.
L 21	Abdulrahman Mohammed	Bologi	02.10.84	180	85	290	270			30	30	Alarabi S.C.

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LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
11.06.09	BAN	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Nakhon Pathom	3-0	25-16	25-23	25-22		
10.06.09	THA	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Nakhon Pathom	1-3	23-25	20-25	25-20	21-25	
09.06.09	INA	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Nakhon Pathom	1-3	25-19	28-30	23-25	21-25	
04.05.09	OMA	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Muscat	3-1	26-24	25-19	24-26	25-23	
03.05.09	UAE	WCh Qualifier - Asia 2010 M	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Muscat	3-0	25-22	25-13	25-18		

STATISTICS

Age	Oldest	-	-	Youngest	-	-	-
Height	Tallest	Birama	210cm	Shortest	Sulaiman	178cm	196cm
Spike	Highest	Ibrahim	360cm	Shortest	Sulaiman	290cm	333cm
Block	Highest	Raimi	340cm	Shortest	Bologi	270cm	316cm
Caps	Most	Ali.E	100	First	Bobi	0	39

June 16 > 19	C1
June 23 > 26	D1
July 1-3	H1



# RUSSIA



### FIVB WORLD RANKING

3

#### BEST RESULT

1<sup>st</sup> 2013

#### LAST RESULT

7<sup>th</sup> 2015



Russia have participated in 24 editions of the FIVB Volleyball World League, missing the competitions in 2004 and 2005. They finished second in 1993, 1998 and 2000. They finally captured their first gold medal in 2002. After returning to the competition in 2006, they finished either second or third until 2010. In 2011 and 2013, they again won gold. During this period, Russia also took gold at the 2011 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup, at the London 2012 Olympic Games and at the 2013 European Championship, that earned them a debut entry to the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup, where they lost the final. They won the European Olympic Qualification Tournament in January, which qualified them for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games where they will attempt to defend their title.

The USSR Volleyball Federation joined the FIVB in 1948 and the following year they sent a team to compete in the first FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship. They regularly topped podiums at the Olympic Games, World and European Championships and the World Cup, winning three Olympic titles (1964, 1968 and 1980), six World Championships, four World Cups and 12 European championships.

#### COACH: VLADIMIR ALEKNO



In July 2015 Vladimir Alekno took over Russia's men's team for the third time, following stints in charge from 2007 to 2009 and 2010 to 2012. He replaced Andrey Voronkov, who resigned shortly after the team's fourth-place finish in Pool B of Group 1 in the 2015 World League. Alekno coached Russia to gold at the London 2012 Olympic Games, the 2011 World Cup and 2011 World League. He also led Russia to bronze at the 2008 Olympic Games, 2008 and 2009 World League, and silver at the 2010 World League. Alekno and his team will make another Olympic appearance in Rio de Janeiro after his team qualified through the continental qualifier. Alekno coaches Russian club Zenit Kazan, with whom he has won domestic, cup and European league titles. He also had domestic and cup wins with Russia's Dynamo Moscow and France's Tours Volleyball.

#### TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Kobzar Igor	Kobzar	13.04.91	198	86	337	315			3	3	Zenit Kazan
2	Divis Lukas	Divis	20.02.86	201	91	356	334					Lokomotiv
3	Kovalev Dmitry	Kovalev	15.03.91	198	82	340	330			10	10	Ural
4	Khtey Taras	Khtey	22.05.82	205	109	351	339	15	15	123	153	Belogorie
5	Grankin Sergey	Grankin	21.01.85	195	96	351	320	30	15	198	243	Dinamo
6	Gutsalyuk Alexander	Gutsalyuk	15.01.88	205	105	362	345					Zenit Kazan
7	Volkov Dmitry	Volkov D.	25.05.95	201	88	340	330					Fakel
C 8	Tetyukhin Sergey	Tetyukhin	23.09.75	197	89	345	338	24	29	389	442	Belogorie
9	Berezhko Yury	Berezhko	27.01.84	196	93	346	338	11	15	112	138	Dinamo
10	Markin Alexander	Markin	28.07.90	196	94	350	330			9	9	Dinamo
11	Ashchev Andrey	Ashchev	10.05.83	202	105	350	338	1		31	32	Zenit Kazan
12	Bakun Kostyantyn	Bakun	15.03.85	204	96	348	325			5	5	Gazprom-Yugra
13	Muserskiy Dmitriy	Muserskiy	29.10.88	218	104	375	347	20	8	105	133	Belogorie
14	Volvich Artem	Volvich	22.01.90	208	96	350	330	12		50	62	Lokomotiv
15	Poletaev Victor	Poletaev	27.07.95	197	86	360	340			15	15	Zenit Kazan
16	Verbov Alexey	Verbov	31.01.82	183	79	315	310	17	16	170	203	Zenit Kazan
17	Mikhaylov Maxim	Mikhaylov	19.03.88	202	103	345	330	9	16	135	160	Zenit Kazan
18	Volkov Alexander	Volkov A.	14.02.85	210	90	360	335	17	15	139	171	Ural
19	Kliuka Egor	Kliuka	15.06.95	203	93	360	350			9	9	Fakel
20	Ermakov Artem	Ermakov	16.03.82	188	80	323	313	12		59	71	Dinamo
21	Krotkov Valentin	Krotkov	01.09.91	195	84	340	330					Yugra-Samotlor

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#### LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-2	27-29	25-17	21-25	25-17	15-13
22.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	23-25	24-26	17-25		
21.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	15-25	24-26	18-25		
18.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-0	25-20	26-24	25-18		
17.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-0	25-21	25-16	25-19		
16.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Toyama	3-0	26-24	25-16	25-18		
13.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-0	26-24	25-18	25-20		
12.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-1	25-19	21-25	25-18	25-20	
10.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-0	25-17	25-16	29-27		
09.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	1-3	28-26	25-27	19-25	22-25	

#### STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Tetyukhin	23.09.75 (40y8m)	Youngest	Poletaev	27.07.95 (20y10m)	<b>28y11m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Muserskiy	218cm	Shortest	Verbov	183cm	<b>200cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Muserskiy	375cm	Shortest	Verbov	315cm	<b>348cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Kliuka	350cm	Shortest	Verbov	310cm	<b>332cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Tetyukhin	442	First	Divis	0	<b>89</b>



# SERBIA



## FIVB WORLD RANKING

12

### BEST RESULT

2<sup>nd</sup> 2015

### LAST RESULT

2<sup>nd</sup> 2015



Despite their undeniable success in the FIVB Volleyball World League, Serbia are yet to take the title. Between 2003 and 2009 they appeared in four finals and lost on each occasion. In 2003, 2005 (both times participating as Serbia and Montenegro) and 2009 their tormentors were Brazil, while in 2008 the United States beat them 3-1. Several standout players earned individual awards during this era, including Ivan Miljkovic, who remains the only player to be named the World League's MVP four times. Serbia's performance dipped in 2011 and 2012 when they finished both editions in ninth place. They made a slight improvement when they placed eighth and sixth in 2013 and 2014, respectively. They bounced back in 2015 as they entered the Final Six and won silver.

Serbia finished level-ninth at the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship. Before that, they consistently won medals at other international events, including bronzes at the 2010 World Championship and 2003 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup, but their crowning glory came competing as Yugoslavia at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Having won bronze four years earlier in Atlanta, they defeated Russia in the final to win gold.

### COACH: GRBIC NIKOLA



Nikola Grbic was named Serbia's men's team coach in February 2015, just five months after he began coaching. His first big assignment produced a silver medal for Serbia at the 2015

World League. Before taking up coaching, Zrenjanin-born Grbic had a storied international playing career as one of the top setters in the world. He won two Olympic Games medals with Yugoslavia, helping the team to win gold in 2000 and bronze in 1996. Grbic also won silver with Serbia in the 2008 World League and bronze at the 2010 World Championships. He was named European Player of the Year in 2007 and inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2013. Along with coaching his native country, Grbic is also the head coach of Italian club team Sir Safety Perugia.

### TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Okolic Aleksandar	Okolic	26.06.93	205	90	347	320			21	21	Crvena Zvezda Beograd (Srb)
2	Kovacevic Uros	Kovacevic	06.05.93	197	90	340	320	9	5	101	115	Calzedonia Verona (Ita)
3	Katic Milan	Katic	22.10.93	202	99	345	331			8	8	Hdi Istanbul (Tur)
4	Petric Nemanja	Petric	28.07.87	202	86	333	320	9		60	69	Dhl Modena (Ita)
5	Brdjovic Aleksa	Brdjovic	29.07.93	204	90	355	330	9		53	62	Gazprom Ugra Surgut (Rus)
6	Skundric Goran	Skundric	23.11.87	197	94	340	320			6	6	Cvm Tomis Constanta Romania
C 7	Stankovic Dragan	Stankovic	18.10.85	205	94	355	330	17	5	186	208	Cucine Lube Civitanova (Ita)
8	Ivovic Marko	Ivovic	22.12.90	194	89	365	330	9		51	60	Belogorie Belgorod (Rus)
9	Jovovic Nikola	Jovovic	13.02.92	197	75	335	315	9		106	115	Gi Group Monza (Ita)
10	Nikic Milos	Nikic	31.03.86	194	79	350	330	19	11	156	186	Dhl Modena (Ita)
11	Buculjevic Maksim	Buculjevic	20.09.91	192	83	320	307			6	6	Crvena Zvezda Beograd (Srb)
12	Blagojevic Aleksandar	Blagojevic	05.08.93	197	87	330	310			6	6	Crvena Zvezda Beograd (Srb)
13	Jakovljevic Nemanja	Jakovljevic	06.11.86	198	90	343	325			6	6	Crvena Zvezda Beograd (Srb)
14	Atanasijevic Aleksandar	Atanasijevic	04.09.91	200	92	350	329	9	5	100	114	Sir Safety Sicoma Perugia (Ita)
15	Dokic Tomislav	Dokic	27.02.86	204	97	355	325	7		89	96	Foinikas Sc Syros Island (Gre)
16	Luburic Drazen	Luburic	02.11.93	202	90	337	331			8	8	Lpr Piacenza (Ita)
17	Majstorovic Neven	Majstorovic	17.03.89	193	90	335	325			33	33	Cerrad Czarni Radom (Pol)
18	Podrascanin Marko	Podrascanin	29.08.87	203	100	354	332	28	11	175	214	Cucine Lube Civitanova (Ita)
L 19	Rosic Nikola	Rosic	05.08.84	192	85	330	320	16	5	132	153	Dragons Lugano (Sui)
20	Lisinac Srecko	Lisinac	17.05.92	205	90	355	342	9		75	84	Pge Skra Belchatow (Pol)
21	Krsmanovic Petar	Krsmanovic	01.06.90	205	98	354	330			2	2	Upcn Volley Club (Arg)

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### LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
19.07.15	FRA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Final 1-2	Rio de Janeiro	0-3	19-25	21-25	23-25		
18.07.15	USA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Semifinals	Rio de Janeiro	3-2	25-23	25-21	25-27	20-25	15-12
17.07.15	POL	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Final Round	Rio de Janeiro	3-2	18-25	25-22	22-25	25-22	15-13
15.07.15	ITA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Final Round	Rio de Janeiro	2-3	23-25	25-14	23-25	25-20	9-15
05.07.15	AUS	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Melbourne	2-3	22-25	25-22	25-13	21-25	12-15
04.07.15	AUS	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Melbourne	3-1	25-22	25-21	29-31	25-18	
28.06.15	ITA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Beograd	3-2	26-24	21-25	26-24	23-25	17-15
26.06.15	ITA	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Novi Sad	3-1	25-23	25-20	25-27	25-21	
20.06.15	AUS	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Beograd	3-0	25-23	25-20	25-20		
18.06.15	AUS	WL 2015 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Novi Sad	3-0	31-29	27-25	25-19		

### STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Rosic	05.08.84 (31y10m)	Youngest	Luburic	02.11.93 (22y7m)	<b>26y3m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Okolic	205cm	Shortest	Buculjevic	192cm	<b>199cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Ivovic	365cm	Shortest	Buculjevic	320cm	<b>344cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Lisinac	342cm	Shortest	Buculjevic	307cm	<b>325cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Podrascanin	214	First	Krsmanovic	2	<b>75</b>



## SLOVAKIA



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

35

BEST RESULT  
23<sup>rd</sup> 2015

LAST RESULT  
23<sup>rd</sup> 2015



Slovakia made their FIVB Volleyball World League debut in 2014 and, after losing three matches and winning three in Pool G, they qualified for Group 3 s Final Four. After losing their semifinal in straight sets to Turkey, they lost the third-place match 3-1 to China. Last year, there was less pressure on the team as they hosted the Final Four in Bratislava. However, they lost to eventual Group 3 winners Egypt in the semifinal. They bounced back to finish third in the group with a 3-2 win over China. Now ranked 35<sup>th</sup> in the FIVB world rankings, they will play the Netherlands, Portugal and Turkey in Group 2's Pool A.

Since the break-up of Czechoslovakia in 1993, Slovakia have not competed at a World Championship or Olympic Games. They have been regular competitors in continental tournaments, steadily improving. They won the European League in 2008 and 2011, and finished third in 2007 and 2014 when the honour was split with Macedonia. At the 2011 European Championship, Slovakia mentored by coach Emanuele Zanini, finished fifth. In 2013 they narrowly missed out on qualification for the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship.

## COACH: MIROSLAV PALGUT



Fifty-year-old Miroslav Palgut follows in the footsteps of Italian mentor Alberto Giuliani, who was Slovakia's coach at the 2015 CEV Volleyball European Championship. Palgut's extensive experience with the national team in various roles as second assistant coach and scout was a big consideration when he was appointed. He is the first Slovakian coach appointed at the helm of the national team since 2013, after Stefan Chrtiansky. He succeeded two Italian mentors Flavio Gulinelli and Alberto Giuliani. Palgut was the coach of the Slovakian national team at the Baku 2015 European Games, where they finished fifth. He also coached in clubs in Austria, Poland and his native Slovakia.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
2	Krisko Tomas	Krisko	19.12.88	202	91	350	328			37	37	VK Dukla Liberec (CZE)
C 3	Kohut Emanuel	Kohut	21.07.82	206	97	359	345			181	181	Piacenza (ITA)
4	Ondrovic Peter	Ondrovic	28.03.95	199	95	347	325			16	16	TSV Herrsching e.V. (GER)
5	Kubs Matej	Kubs	26.05.88	188	82	341	315			93	93	SPU Nitra (SVK)
6	Palgut Filip	Palgut	23.09.91	202	90	348	330			18	18	Posojilnica AICH/DOB (AUT)
7	Michalovic Peter	Michalovic	26.05.90	200	95	349	335			58	58	Callipo Sport SRL (ITA)
8	Sopko Martin	Sopko	30.01.82	195	90	354	330			180	180	Mirad Presov (SVK)
9	Mlynarcik Peter	Mlynarcik	29.11.91	200	98	350	330			11	11	SK Aich/Dob (AUT)
10	Kasper Peter	Kasper	12.03.85	201	105	345	330			32	32	SPU Nitra (SVK)
11	Turis Martin	Turis	27.08.93	181	183	325	310					SPU Nitra (SVK)
12	Patak Matej	Patak	08.06.90	197	88	353	330			68	68	AZS Czestochowa (POL)
13	Chrtiansky Stefan	Chrtiansky	17.08.89	207	97	350	335			88	88	Hypo Tirol Innsbruck (AUT)
15	Zatko Juraj	Zatko	05.06.87	192	87	347	320			184	184	SPU Nitra (SVK)
16	Presinsky Radoslav	Presinsky	14.01.89	206	100	345	327			29	29	AERO Odolena Voda
18	Kostolani Lubos	Kostolani	28.11.90	203	95	352	335			22	22	TV Bühl (GER)
19	Gavenda Filip	Gavenda	13.01.96	200	88	359	330			2	2	Powervolley Milano (ITA)
21	Halaj Jan	Halaj	17.06.91	189	87	316	300					Mirad Presov (SVK)
22	Mikula Marek	Mikula	23.02.88	196	88	341	323			5	5	VK Ostrava (CZE)
23	Petras Michal	Petras	05.12.96	191	79	352	320					COP Trenčín (SVK)
24	Ludha Marek	Ludha	19.11.93	200	90	349	327					SPU Nitra (SVK)
25	Tarabus Jan	Tarabus	27.08.95	202	98	350	325					Spartak Vkp Komarno (Svk)

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## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
05.07.15	CHN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Final 3-4	Bratislava	3-2	17-25	26-28	25-20	29-27	15-13
04.07.15	EGY	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Semifinals	Bratislava	1-3	23-25	25-22	25-27	23-25	
21.06.15	MEX	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	3-1	22-25	25-23	25-23	25-17	
20.06.15	GRE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	2-3	25-14	25-17	16-25	19-25	10-15
19.06.15	CHN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Thessaloniki	2-3	25-20	25-23	19-25	20-25	13-15
14.06.15	GRE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	2-3	25-20	25-15	20-25	20-25	17-19
13.06.15	MEX	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	3-0	25-21	25-19	25-19		
12.06.15	CHN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tepic	2-3	25-23	25-21	17-25	17-25	15-17
29.06.14	CHN	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Final 3-4	Bursa	1-3	25-21	37-39	23-25	19-25	
28.06.14	TUR	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Semifinals	Bursa	0-3	22-25	21-25	24-26		

## STATISTICS

Age	Oldest	Sopko	30.01.82 (34y4m)	Youngest	Petras	05.12.96 (19y6m)	26y
Height	Tallest	Chrtiansky	207cm	Shortest	Turis	181cm	198cm
Spike	Highest	Kohut	359cm	Shortest	Halaj	316cm	347cm
Block	Highest	Kohut	345cm	Shortest	Halaj	300cm	326cm
Caps	Most	Zatko	184	First	Turis	0	49





FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

25

BEST RESULT

LAST RESULT



Slovenia will make their debut in Group 3 of the FIVB Volleyball World League after an impressive performance in 2015 when they finished as runners-up in the European Championship under Italian coach Andrea Giani. Slovenia caused one of the biggest upsets in the competition, defeating favourites Italy in a semifinal, after beating world champions Poland in the quarterfinals. Slovenia went down in the final in straight sets to 2015 World League winners France but nonetheless, they improved their status in the FIVB world ranking from 39<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> place.

The Slovenian squad have set one goal for the season – to win Group 3 of the 2016 World League. Coach Giani's team will prepare locally in Kranjska Gora, then proceed to Montes Claros, Brazil for their foreign preparations with Bernardo Rezende's team.

#### COACH: ANDREA GIANI



Slovenia appointed Italian coach Andrea Giani in 2015 and finished as runners-up to World League champions France in the same year's European Championship. Giani spent his playing career in Parma and Modena, winning five Italian championship crowns and collecting five Italian Cup victories. With Italy, he was capped a record 474 times. He also won three Olympic medals, three consecutive world titles and four European titles. Giani started his coaching career just after his retirement as a player in 2008, becoming the head coach of Italian A1 League team Modena, winning the CEV Challenge Cup in his first season at the helm. In 2009-10, he was named head coach of A2 League team Roma, which he led to the A1 League in his first season in charge. In 2012-13, he moved to BluVolley Verona. Giani also served as an assistant coach with the Italian national team from 2011-2014, winning silver at the European Championships in 2011 and 2013, and a bronze medal at the Olympic Games in London.

#### TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Stern Tonček	Stern	14.11.95	200	93	346	312					Calcit Volleyball
2	Pajenk Alen	Pajenk	23.04.86	203	92	366	336					Fenerbahçe
3	Štern Žiga	Štern	02.01.94	191	82	329	308					Calcit Volleyball
4	Bregar Miha	Bregar	25.10.93	199	90	330	308					Mok Krka
5	Šket Alen	Šket	28.03.88	205	92	358	340					Latina
6	Gasparini Mitja	Gasparini	26.06.84	200	93	346	333					Paris Volley
7	Kök Matej	Kök	11.12.96	198	85	345	314					Astec Triglav
L 8	Hribar Klemen	Hribar	17.07.90	185	85	320	393					Calcit Volleyball
9	Vincic Dejan	Vincic	15.09.86	200	90	345	330					Beauvais Oise Uc
10	Stalekar Saso	Stalekar	03.05.96	210	90	345	314					Calcit Volleyball
11	Koncilija Danijel	Koncilija	04.09.90	200	92	342	312					Aich Dob
12	Klobucar Jan	Klobucar	11.12.92	195	85	335	308					United volleys rhein-mein
L 13	Kovacic Jani	Kovacic	14.06.92	186	79	318	305					AS Cannes
14	Pokeršnik Jan	Pokeršnik	15.12.89	197	84	355	335					ACH volley
15	Koncilija Mario	Koncilija	04.12.92	200	90	335	310					ACH volley
16	Ropret Gregor	Ropret	01.03.89	191	81	334	322					Hypo tirol innsbruck
C 17	Urnaut Tine	Urnaut	03.09.88	200	84	345	330					Trentino diatec
18	Cebulj Klemen	Cebulj	21.02.92	202	91	345	328					Cucine Lube Civitanova
19	Kök Aleš	Kök	11.12.96	198	88	335	308					Astec Triglav
20	Purić Diko	Purić	02.10.93	202	93	336	317					ACH volley
21	Donik Ziga	Donik	21.09.95	191	80	336	312					ACH volley

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#### LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
16.08.09	SVK	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Gdynia	2-3	23-25	25-23	21-25	25-21	12-15
15.08.09	FRA	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Gdynia	1-3	25-27	18-25	25-20	15-25	
14.08.09	POL	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Gdynia	0-3	16-25	23-25	15-25		
31.05.09	POR	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Póvoa de Varzim	1-3	21-25	25-20	16-25	21-25	
30.05.09	DEN	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Póvoa de Varzim	3-0	25-19	25-22	25-22		
28.05.09	ROU	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Póvoa de Varzim	2-3	25-22	20-25	13-25	25-13	12-15
27.05.09	GRE	WCh Qualifier - Europe 2010 M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Póvoa de Varzim	3-1	25-22	23-25	25-18	25-19	

#### STATISTICS

Age	Oldest	Gasparini	26.06.84 (31y11m)	Youngest	Kök	11.12.96 (19y6m)	24y7m
Height	Tallest	Stalekar	210cm	Shortest	Hribar	185cm	198cm
Spike	Highest	Pajenk	366cm	Shortest	Kovacic	318cm	340cm
Block	Highest	Hribar	393cm	Shortest	Kovacic	305cm	323cm
Caps	Most	Stern	0	First	Stern	0	0

June 16 > 19	B3
June 23 > 26	F3
July 1-3	



# SPAIN



**FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING**

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**BEST RESULT**

5<sup>th</sup> 2003

**LAST RESULT**

25<sup>th</sup> 2015



Spain competed at every FIVB Volleyball World League between 1995 and 2004, but 2014 was only their second participation after 2008 in the following 10 years. They finished joint-fifth in 2014 in Group C having taken third place in Pool G. In 2015, Spain were second in Preliminary Round Pool H with five wins and one loss. They progressed to the final round but only finished joint-fifth. Spain's best result in the tournament is fifth which they achieved in 1999, 2002 and 2003. After a 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the Italy 201 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship, they did not qualify for the 2014 edition. Their best result in that competition was an eighth-place finish at their debut event in 1998.

The high point of Spain's volleyball history came at the 2007 European Championship. Coached by Andrea Anastasi, they won every match in both group stages before beating Finland in the semifinal and hosts Russia in the final. Spain have also achieved continental success in the European League, winning the competition in 2007 and taking silver three times since. They have competed at two Olympic Games, finishing ninth at Sydney 2000 and eighth at Barcelona 1992.

## COACH: FERNANDO MUÑOZ



Fernando Muñoz succeeded Argentine coach Julio Velasco as coach of the Spanish men's national team in 2011. Muñoz is a native of Spain and one of the most respected coaches in the national league. He worked as coach of the Ciudad Medio Ambiente Soria men's club in the Spanish Superliga. He has a wealth of experience working for various club teams, helping to raise their status in various competitions. Muñoz spent five seasons with local club Unicaja Almería and also coached CMA Soria and Eade Iversur. He has also coached overseas clubs like Eurosport Brutium Cosenza of Italy and Arkas Izmir of Turkey.

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Colito Lopes Augusto Renato	Colito	23.01.97	195	90	350	340					UBE L'Illa Grau (ESP)
2	Reñé Giralt Sergi	Reñé	31.08.97	203	85	338	330					CV Sant Martí (ESP)
C 3	Noda Blanco Sergio	Noda	23.03.87	191	87	338	325	9		160	169	Emma Villas Siena (ITA)
4	Sánchez Ignacio	I. Sánchez	24.02.91	191	76	332	321					Río Duero San José (ESP)
5	Vigil Alejandro	Vigil	11.02.93	204	89	348	330			30	30	CAI Voleibol Teruel (ESP)
6	Ruiz Borja	B. Ruiz	26.07.92	200	87	340	330					Unicaja Almería (ESP)
7	Villena Andrés J.	Villena	27.02.93	194	88	356	330			30	30	Unicaja Almería (ESP)
8	Ferrera Mario	Ferrera	18.01.87	187	85	330	310			11	11	Unicaja Almería (ESP)
9	Rocamora Blazquez Daniel	Rocamora	27.05.88	203	104	348	332			103	103	Unirea Dej (ROU)
10	Fernández Valcarcel Jorge	Fernández	04.05.89	201	90	345	325	9		119	128	Paris Volley (FRA)
11	De Amo Miguel Angel	De Amo	16.09.85	185	79	342	320			17	17	Unicaja Almería (ESP)
12	Osorio Gerard	Osorio	29.03.93	200	89	346	331			27	27	Ushuaia Ibiza Voley (ESP)
L 13	Llabres Antoni	Llabrés	20.11.91	189	77	330	320			15	15	CV Unicaja Almería (ESP)
14	Fornes Miguel Angel	Fornés	06.09.93	202	94	354	339			24	24	Narbonne (FRA)
15	Jiménez Carlos	Jiménez	12.08.95	192	65	320	309			6	6	Río Duero San José (ESP)
16	Mora Sabaté Carlos	Mora	19.03.90	197	88	340	320			12	12	SVG Lüneburg (GER)
17	Ruiz Francisco J.	F. Ruiz	07.06.91	178	70	334	310			35	35	CAI Voleibol Teruel (ESP)
18	González Limón Juan Manuel	González	11.01.94	192	83	334	315			18	18	Unicaja Almería (ESP)
19	Sánchez Carreres Javier	J. Sanchez	21.01.96	190	76	320	310					CV 7 Islas Vecindario (ESP)
20	Macarro Tortajada Daniel	Macarro	18.11.93	198	90	335	325					Río Duero San José (ESP)
L 21	Sanllehi David	Sanllehi	20.06.91	188	75	338	320					Herbiers (FRA)

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
21.06.15	EGY	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cairo	1-3	14-25	18-25	25-19	18-25	
20.06.15	KAZ	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cairo	3-0	25-23	25-18	25-21		
19.06.15	VEN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Cairo	3-0	25-18	26-24	25-21		
14.06.15	KAZ	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Taraz	3-1	22-25	25-19	25-19	25-16	
13.06.15	VEN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Taraz	3-1	25-16	21-25	25-22	25-23	
12.06.15	EGY	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Taraz	3-2	22-25	25-21	25-27	25-22	15-9
15.06.14	SVK	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Kosice	3-2	27-29	25-21	22-25	25-17	15-10
14.06.14	PUR	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Kosice	2-3	22-25	25-20	25-20	20-25	13-15
13.06.14	CHN	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Kosice	2-3	25-22	19-25	25-22	20-25	14-16
08.06.14	PUR	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Carolina	3-2	26-24	18-25	25-20	21-25	19-17

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	De Amo	16.09.85 (30y9m)	Youngest	Reñé	31.08.97 (18y9m)	<b>24y4m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Vigil	204cm	Shortest	F. Ruiz	178cm	<b>194cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Villena	356cm	Shortest	Jiménez	320cm	<b>339cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Colito	340cm	Shortest	Jiménez	309cm	<b>323cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Noda	169	First	Colito	0	<b>30</b>



**FIVB  
 WORLD  
 RANKING**

**16**

**BEST RESULT**

27<sup>th</sup> 2014

**LAST RESULT**

30<sup>th</sup> 2015



Tunisia are entering the FIVB Volleyball World League for the third successive year. They made their World League debut in the 2014 season and in 2015 finished bottom of Group 3's Pool F with just one win against Puerto Rico. They have competed at every FIVB Volleyball World Championship since 2002, finishing joint-21<sup>st</sup> overall in 2014. At a continental level, they have won a medal at each African Championship in which they have competed, apart from in 2009 when they finished fifth. At the 2015 African Volleyball Championship, Tunisia finished with the silver medal. Their FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup performances have been consistent in recent outings having finished 12<sup>th</sup> in 1995, 1999, 2007 and 2015. They finished 1<sup>st</sup> in 2003 but failed to match their joint-best finishes of eighth in 1981 and 1991.

Eight-time African champions Tunisia have participated in six Olympics, with a best finish of ninth at Los Angeles 1984. They have also appeared in 1972, 1988, 1996, 2004 and 2012, but failed to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games after finishing third at the Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Mexico.

**COACH: FETHI MKAOUAR**



Fethi Mkaouar first guided Tunisia's men's team from 1994 to 1996, before returning in 2010. He oversaw their World League debut in 2014 when they won one match, a feat they repeated in the 2015 competition. Mkaouar and Tunisia have had better luck in regional tournaments, winning African Championships silver in 2013 and 2015 and gold at the 2012 Arab Volleyball Championships. Mkaouar was in charge of Tunisia's Olympic Games teams that finished equal-11<sup>th</sup> in 1996 and 2012. He also spent time as head coach of Bahrain's men's team.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Korbosli Tayeb	Korbosli T	05.06.93	188	75	280	270					C O Kelibia
2	Kadhi Ahmed	Kadhi A	19.04.89	199	99	345	318	3		25	28	E.S.Sahel
3	Garfi Elye	Garfi	08.06.93	202	90	350	340					E.S.Tunis
4	Messaoud Bahri	Messaoud B.	21.06.91	185	80	320	290	7		14	21	C.S.Sfaxien
5	Ben Abbes Oualid	B. Abbes O.	19.06.80	186	76	331	308					C.S.Sfaxien
6	Ben Othmen Miladi Mohamed Ali	B.Othmen M.	12.05.91	188	73	315	289	2		5	7	E.S.Tunis
7	Karamosli Elyes	Karamosli E	22.08.89	198	99	345	320	1		2	3	E.S.Tunis
8	Miladi Nabil	Miladi N	28.02.88	196	73	355	340	1			1	E.S.Tunis
C 9	Ben Cheikh Mahdi	Ben Cheikh M	13.05.79	184	85	320	305					E.S.Tunis
10	Nagga Hamza	Nagga H	29.05.90	191	84	326	311	10		15	25	E.S.Sahel
11	Moalla Ismail	Moalla I	30.01.90	195	84	324	308	15		30	45	Ezzamalek SC
12	Taouerghi Anouer	Taouerghi A	17.08.83	178	74	302	292	15		35	50	E.S.Sahel
13	Jerbi Haykel	Jerbi H.	04.04.88	199	81	280	290					E S Sahel
14	Ben Hassine Bilel	B. Hassine B	22.06.83	195	88	330	315	15		30	45	E.S.Tunis
15	Kaabi Hichem	Kaabi H	13.09.86	194	84	360	345	3		4	7	E.S.Tunis
16	Ben Slimene Khaled	Ben Slimene K	14.12.94	193	78	290	285					C O Kelibia
17	Jouini Chokri	Jouini C	25.04.89	196	72	355	330	1		2	3	E.S.Tunis
18	Ben Tara Wassim	Ben Tara W	03.08.96	199	87	340	320					ASUL LYON
19	Ayech Mohamed	Ayech M.	31.03.91	198	86	324	310	2		3	5	E.S.Sahel
20	Agrebi Omar	Agrebi O	26.08.92	205	82	325	310			2	2	C.S.Sfaxien
21	Brini Karim	Brini K	01.03.85	183	79	312	302					SAYDIA

C=Captain, L=Liberero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	19-25	21-25	17-25		
22.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	19-25	17-25	19-25		
21.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	2-3	25-23	21-25	25-23	17-25	11-15
18.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	0-3	14-25	19-25	27-29		
17.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	0-3	18-25	23-25	22-25		
16.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	0-3	21-25	19-25	19-25		
13.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	0-3	20-25	19-25	20-25		
12.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	2-3	25-19	18-25	25-22	26-28	13-15
10.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	0-3	17-25	16-25	27-29		
09.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	1-3	17-25	25-21	14-25	20-25	

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Oldest</b>	Ben Cheikh M	13.05.79 (37y1m)	<b>Youngest</b>	Ben Tara W	03.08.96 (19y10m)	<b>27y5m</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>Tallest</b>	Agrebi O	205cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Taouerghi A	178cm	<b>193cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Kaabi H	360cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Korbosli T	280cm	<b>325cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	<b>Highest</b>	Kaabi H	345cm	<b>Shortest</b>	Korbosli T	270cm	<b>309cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	<b>Most</b>	Taouerghi A	50	<b>First</b>	Korbosli T	0	<b>12</b>



# TURKEY



FIVB  
WORLD  
RANKING

36

BEST RESULT

22<sup>nd</sup> 2014

LAST RESULT

25<sup>th</sup> 2015



Head coach Emanuele Zanini could be proud of his team on their FIVB Volleyball World League debut in 2014 when they reached the Final Four in Group 3 after finishing second in their pool behind Cuba. On home soil in Bursa, they swept Slovakia in their semifinal before losing in five sets to Cuba in the final. Zanini's side did not qualify for the 2014 FIVB Volleyball World Championship but in the 2014 European League they finished fourth in Pool B behind Slovenia, Macedonia and Austria and eighth out of 10 teams overall. In 2015, Turkey finished joint-fifth in World League Group 3. They earned five victories and had one loss to the hands of Montenegro in the preliminary round.

The team's record in top-level competition dates back to the 1950s, when they finished 22<sup>nd</sup> in the 1956 FIVB Volleyball World Championship and 12<sup>th</sup> in the 1958 European Championship. After competing in the 1963, 1967 and 1971 European Championships, they had to wait 36 years for their next appearance. They have made three appearances in World Championships, losing to Russia, Australia and Serbia and Montenegro in their most recent campaign in 1998.

## COACH: EMANUELE ZANINI



In 2013, Zanini spent four seasons as Slovakia's men's team coach. He guided them to European League championships in 2008 and 2011 and was named the country's Coach of the Year in 2010. Zanini was also an assistant coach and trainer with Italy's men's team from 1999 to 2000, when they won gold medals at the 1999 European Championships, the 1999 and 2000 World Leagues and bronze medals at the 1999 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup and 2000 Olympic Games. He has coached club teams in Italy, Slovakia, Austria and France.

Italian Emanuele Zanini led Turkey's men's team in their first World League appearance in 2014, in which they finished second in Group 3. Before taking up his post with Turkey in

## TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
C 1	Kiyak Ulas	Kiyak	11.08.81	187	82	335	310					Halkbank
2	Gokgoz Gokhan	Gokgoz	06.01.93	200	94	345	327					ARKAS
3	Hayirli Ozkan	Hayirli	27.05.84	201	93	329	320			13	13	I.B.B.
4	Gungor Baturalp Burak	Gungor	28.07.93	189	70	345	330					Ziraat Bankasi
L 5	Yesilbudak Hasan	Yesilbudak	11.01.84	192	82	320	310					Halkbank
L 6	Mert Burak	Mert	23.10.90	185	81	315	295					I.B.B.
7	BASARAN ?brahim	Basaran	13.07.85	204	93	345	320					Maliye Milli Piyango
8	Subasi Burutay	Subasi	15.07.90	195	97	345	325					Halkbank
9	Coskun Serhat	Coskun	18.07.86	198	82	348	338					Maliye Milli Piyango
10	Eksi Arslan	Eksi	17.07.85	198	80	340	322			48	48	I.B.B.
11	Emet Ibrahim	Emet	15.01.86	210	97	348	332					Galatasaray
12	Savas Vahit Emre	Savas	07.03.95	200	87	332	318					Ziraat Bankasi
13	Yatgin Ogulcan	Yatgin	28.04.97	197	87	320	309					Fenerbahce
14	Gunes Faik Samet	Gunes	27.05.93	203	96	343	330					Halkbank
15	Toy Metin	Toy	03.05.94	202	95	348	328					Fenerbahce
16	Yenipazar Murat	Yenipazar	01.01.93	193	74	339	322					I.B.B.
L 17	DENGIN Caner	Dengin	15.12.87	190	77	310	298					Halkbank
18	Cin Kadir	Cin	07.05.87	204	95	343	326					IBB
19	Gulmezoglu Yigit	Gulmezoglu	28.12.95	194	81	355	320					Arkas
20	Koc Mustafa	Koc	23.02.92	202	90	360	345					Arkas
21	Filiz Firat Ezel	Filiz	29.10.88	198	100	345	330					Belediye Plevne

C=Captain, L=Liberio, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

## LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
21.06.15	MNE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	3-2	25-21	23-25	25-23	23-25	15-12
20.06.15	TUN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	3-1	25-20	25-22	21-25	25-18	
19.06.15	PUR	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Istanbul	3-0	25-16	25-16	25-13		
14.06.15	MNE	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	1-3	22-25	25-23	24-26	23-25	
13.06.15	TUN	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	3-0	26-24	25-18	25-18		
12.06.15	PUR	WL 2015 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Podgorica	3-2	25-18	24-26	25-20	21-25	15-10
29.06.14	CUB	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Final 1-2	Bursa	2-3	26-24	19-25	25-20	21-25	14-16
28.06.14	SVK	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Semifinals	Bursa	3-0	25-22	25-21	26-24		
15.06.14	CUB	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tunis	3-1	33-35	25-14	25-17	25-19	
14.06.14	MEX	WL 2014 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Prel. Round	Tunis	3-0	25-22	25-18	29-27		

## STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Kiyak	11.08.81 (34y10m)	Youngest	Yatgin	28.04.97 (19y1m)	<b>26y7m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Emet	210cm	Shortest	Mert	185cm	<b>197cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Koc	360cm	Shortest	Dengin	310cm	<b>339cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Koc	345cm	Shortest	Mert	295cm	<b>322cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Eksi	48	First	Kiyak	0	<b>3</b>


**FIVB  
 WORLD  
 RANKING**
**5**
**BEST RESULT**

 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

**LAST RESULT**

 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015


The United States are entering a fourth season under head coach John Speraw. They were not able to defend their crown and settled for bronze at the 2015 edition of the FIVB Volleyball World League, but they bounced back to take the title at the 2015 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup, where they also qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. In 2014, they defeated arch-rivals Brazil in the World League final in Florence, the second time they have topped the podium at the tournament. However, it was a different story at the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship where they were ranked joint-seventh overall. In 2013 the US team took the gold medal in the NORCECA Championship, finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the World League and fifth in the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup.

The US, ranked No.5 in the world, are aiming for a return to the glory days of the 1980s and 1990s when they won two Olympic gold medals (1984 and 1988) and a bronze (1992). They also triumphed at the World Cup in 1985 and the World Championship in 1986. They reclaimed Olympic glory when they defeated Brazil 3-1 to take gold at Beijing 2008, but failed to defend their title in 2012, losing 3-0 to Italy in the quarterfinal.

**COACH: JOHN SPERAW**


John Speraw took over as head coach of the US men's team in March 2013 and guided them to victory in the World League the following year in 2014. Previously, the California native was an assistant coach for the USA men's Olympic teams that won gold in 2008 and finished fifth in 2012. Speraw was also an assistant coach for the United States silver medalist team at the 2012 World League, deputising for head coach Alan Knipe for four matches in his absence due to a family matter. Despite his national role, Speraw remains the head coach at the University of California in Los Angeles. It was there that he won two national championships as a player.

**TEAM ROSTER**

No.	Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
1	Anderson Matthew	Anderson	18.04.87	202	100	360	332	16	6	160	182	Zenit Kazan
2	Russell Aaron	Russell	04.06.93	205	98	356	337			35	35	Sir Safety Conrad Perugia
3	Sander Taylor	Sander	17.03.92	196	80	345	320	9		58	67	BluVolley Verona
C 4	Lee David	Lee	08.03.82	203	105	350	325	17	14	246	277	Paok Thessaloniki
5	Shaw James	Shaw	05.03.94	203	98	354	338			16	16	Stanford University
6	Lotman Paul	Lotman	03.11.85	200	102	336	312	18	6	156	180	SCC Berlin
7	Shoji Kawika	K. Shoji	11.11.87	190	79	331	315	9		102	111	Arkas Spor
8	Priddy William Reid	Priddy	01.10.77	194	89	353	330	25	22	227	274	A.S. Volley Lube SRL
9	Troy Murphy	Troy	31.05.89	202	99	360	350			78	78	Trefl Gdansk .A.
10	Jaeschke Thomas	Jaeschke	04.09.93	198	84	348	330			24	24	Asseco Resovia SA
11	Christenson Micah	Christenson	08.05.93	198	88	349	340	9		71	80	A.S. Volley Lube
12	Holmes Russell	Holmes	01.07.82	205	95	352	335	9	6	121	136	Asseco Resovia
13	Mcdonnell Daniel	Mcdonnell	15.09.88	200	90	355	345			15	15	USA Men's Volleyball Team
14	Ma'a Micah	Ma'a	16.04.97	192	84	323	307			5	5	Pacific Rim Volleyball Academy
15	Patch Benjamin	Patch	21.06.94	203	90	368	348			11	11	Brigham Young University
16	Jablonsky Jayson	Jablonsky	23.07.85	198	91	345	335			77	77	Paok Thessaloniki
17	Holt Maxwell	Holt	12.03.87	205	90	351	333	18		112	130	Dinamo Moscow
18	Muagututia Garrett	Muagututia	26.02.88	205	92	359	345	9		38	47	Tianjin Men's Volleyball Club
20	Smith David	Smith	15.05.85	201	86	348	314	15	6	100	121	Tours Volley-Ball
21	Watten Dustin	Watten	27.10.86	182	80	306	295			40	40	Nancy Volley M.J.
22	Shoji Erik	E. Shoji	24.08.89	184	83	330	321	9		102	111	SCC Berlin

C=Captain, L=Libero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

**LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS**

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-1	25-20	25-21	17-25	25-20	
22.09.15	RUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	3-0	25-23	26-24	25-17		
21.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	1-3	25-17	19-25	23-25	15-25	
18.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-0	25-14	25-19	29-27		
17.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-1	20-25	25-19	25-22	25-21	
16.09.15	VEN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	3-0	25-18	25-16	25-20		
13.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-0	25-20	25-13	25-21		
12.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-0	25-18	25-23	29-27		
10.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-0	25-21	25-20	25-17		
09.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hiroshima	3-1	25-23	21-25	25-11	25-14	

**STATISTICS**

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Priddy	01.10.77 (38y8m)	Youngest	Ma'a	16.04.97 (19y2m)	<b>27y9m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Russell	205cm	Shortest	Watten	182cm	<b>198cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Patch	368cm	Shortest	Watten	306cm	<b>347cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Troy	350cm	Shortest	Watten	295cm	<b>329cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Lee	277	First	Ma'a	5	<b>96</b>



# VENEZUELA



## FIVB WORLD RANKING

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### BEST RESULT

7<sup>th</sup> 2005

### LAST RESULT

30<sup>th</sup> 2015



Venezuela qualified for the 2015 edition of the FIVB Volleyball World League following Germany's withdrawal from the competition. In 2014 - in their first appearance in the competition after a five-year absence - they finished bottom of their Group 3 pool with only one win against Kazakhstan. In 2003 they finished eighth with four wins in the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup. In the 2015 World Cup, they were 11<sup>th</sup> overall. Coached by Italian Vincenzo Nacci, Venezuela were one point short of a place in the second round of the 2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in Poland. Their only win came against Cameroon.

Venezuela made their Olympic debut in Beijing in 2008, when they completed their participation at equal-ninth. They failed to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games after a winless Men's World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Japan. The strengths of Brazil and Argentina have prevented Venezuela from winning the South American Championships, but they have nine silver and 12 bronze medals in an event in which they have never finished outside the top four. As a mark of their consistency, Venezuela have now qualified on 11 occasions for the World Championship.

### COACH: VINCENZO NACCI



Vincenzo Nacci took over as coach of the Venezuelan men's team in 2014, describing his role as a new adventure and an honour. Before the 2015 World League, Venezuela had not appeared in the event since 2009 when they finished last in 16<sup>th</sup> place. Nacci also guided multiple club teams at various levels in his home country of Italy, and has experience coaching youth teams. His first head coaching role came with Italian club Volley Corigliano during the 2008/09 season, earning them promotion from Serie B1 in the 2010/11 season. He later coached club side Virtus Potenza, where he also spent time as a player, but gave the role up when he took over the helm of Venezuela.

### TEAM ROSTER

No. Name / First Name	Nickname	Birthdate	H	W	S	B	WC	OG	OTH	Total	Club
L 1 Briceno Regulo Alberto	Briceno	13.02.89	175	85	332	327	1		14	15	Aragua
2 Barreto Pena Jhonlenn Cruz	Jhonlenn	14.05.87	185	80	330	325					
3 Gonzalez Fernando	Fernando	30.06.89	194	84	333	328			10	10	Chubut Voley
L 4 Mata Héctor	Mata	27.01.91	179	77	310	304			12	12	Anzoategui
5 Rodriguez Gonzalez Emerson Alexander	Emerson	02.02.93	2	96	0	0					
6 Paez Diaz Carlos Julio	Paez	09.11.91	192	82	342	337			8	8	Carabobo
7 Valencia Gonzalez Edson Alberto	Valencia	02.12.87	195	92	330	325			1	1	Huracanes
8 Salerno Hector	Hector	18.06.91	196	76	358	351			4	4	Aragua
9 Carrasco José	Chema	20.05.89	195	89	345	347			15	15	Yaracuy
C 10 Pinerua Kervin	Pinerua	22.02.91	191	85	339	334	1		12	13	Miranda
11 Miguel Luis	Luis	13.05.95	200	78	334	330					Distrito Capital
12 Perez Zerpa Julio Andres	Julio	04.07.95	195	79	338	334					Zulia
13 Chourio Pirela Jesus Danian	Jesus	02.01.91	201	88	345	340			8	8	Zulia
14 Montoya Martine Maximo Antonio	Maximo	26.06.89	198	86	347	343	1		14	15	Apure
15 Abreu Roberth	Roberth	05.05.96	200	89	340	333					Yaracuy
16 Rojas Guevara Andy Agustin	Andy	02.10.77	197	95	315	318	7		28	35	Unicaja Almeria
17 Viloría Paul	Paul	30.06.95	201	92	343	338					Distrito Capital
18 Quijada Jonathan	Jonathan	25.09.95	203	82	346	341					Aragua
19 Rivas Quijada Willner Enrique	Willner	02.04.95	194	81	339	336					Distrito Capital
L 20 Garcia Marquina Oscar Enrique	Oscar	16.09.95	168	76	320	315					Barinas
21 Yrigoyen Bethancourt Richard Alexander	Richard	05.02.95	196	79	335	320			1	1	Cojedes

C=Captain, L=Liberero, H=Height, W=Weight, S=Spike (in cm), B=Block (in cm)

### LAST 10 FIVB RESULTS

Date	V	Competition	Phase	Location	Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
23.09.15	AUS	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	1-3	16-25	21-25	25-22	21-25	
22.09.15	EGY	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	1-3	18-25	25-20	18-25	20-25	
21.09.15	CAN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Tokyo	0-3	18-25	22-25	23-25		
18.09.15	ITA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	0-3	16-25	22-25	18-25		
17.09.15	JPN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	0-3	31-33	24-26	19-25		
16.09.15	USA	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Osaka	0-3	18-25	16-25	20-25		
13.09.15	POL	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	1-3	27-25	23-25	16-25	23-25	
12.09.15	TUN	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	3-2	19-25	25-18	22-25	28-26	15-13
10.09.15	IRI	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	0-3	20-25	17-25	15-25		
09.09.15	ARG	WCUP 2015 M	Round Robin	Hamamatsu	2-3	32-30	15-25	26-24	13-25	10-15

### STATISTICS

<b>Age</b>	Oldest	Andy	02.10.77 (38y8m)	Youngest	Roberth	05.05.96 (20y1m)	<b>24y9m</b>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest	Jonathan	203cm	Shortest	Emerson	2cm	<b>184cm</b>
<b>Spike</b>	Highest	Hector	358cm	Shortest	Emerson	0cm	<b>320cm</b>
<b>Block</b>	Highest	Hector	351cm	Shortest	Emerson	0cm	<b>316cm</b>
<b>Caps</b>	Most	Andy	35	First	Jhonlenn	0	<b>7</b>

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