

Brazil v Russia & Argentina v Cuba in Men's U23 Top Four

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Cairo, Egypt, August 23, 2017 - Undefeated Brazil meet defending champions Russia and Argentina take on Cuba as the 2017 FIVB Volleyball Men's U23 World Championship comes down to the semifinals on Thursday after a day of intense action here on Wednesday in desperate bids by teams to stay alive in the competition.

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CAIRO (EGYPT) 24.08.17 15:00 (LOCAL) 24.08.17 13:00 (GMT)		PLAYOFF 5-8-MEN	MATCH 032 SCHEDULED
LIVE Scheduled	IRAN	15:00 MY TIME 24.08.17	JAPAN Match Centre >
CAIRO (EGYPT) 24.08.17 15:00 (LOCAL) 24.08.17 13:00 (GMT)		SEMIFINALS-MEN	MATCH 033 SCHEDULED
LIVE Scheduled	BRAZIL	15:00 MY TIME 24.08.17	RUSSIA Match Centre >
CAIRO (EGYPT) 24.08.17 17:30 (LOCAL) 24.08.17 15:30 (GMT)		SEMIFINALS-MEN	MATCH 034 SCHEDULED
LIVE Scheduled	ARGENTINA	17:30 MY TIME 24.08.17	CUBA Match Centre >
CAIRO (EGYPT) 24.08.17 20:00 (LOCAL) 24.08.17 18:00 (GMT)		PLAYOFF 5-8-MEN	MATCH 031 SCHEDULED
LIVE Scheduled	EGYPT	20:00 MY TIME 24.08.17	CHINA Match Centre >

In Pool A Cuba did away with Mexico 4-1 (15-7, 15-9, 24-26, 15-13, 15-11) to claim the second qualifying ticket behind Brazil who had secured their semifinal spot a day earlier. Brazil themselves, wrapped up their pool play obligations with a 4-0 (15-9, 15-12, 15-7, 16-14) sweep of Japan.

But hosts Egypt were the sensation of the day as they knocked Poland out of the competition 4-1 (15-13, 15-7, 32-30, 13-15, 17-15) and remained alive to play another day - for positions 5-8.

In Pool B Argentina dismissed China 4-0 (15-8, 15-9, 15-9, 15-9) to secure their own semifinal ticket, and then found themselves at the top of the standings (thus avoiding Brazil in the semifinals) after Russia lost to Iran 4-3 (15-11, 12-15, 10-15, 15-13, 13-15, 20-18, 15-11) - though the defending champions had already secured their presence in the top four after going 3-2 up.

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CAIRO (EGYPT)	🕒 23.08.17 15:00 (LOCAL) 🕒 23.08.17 13:00 (GMT)	POOL A-MEN	MATCH 025 COMPLETE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LIVE Replay	BRAZIL	4-0 15-9 15-12 15-7 16-14	JAPAN Match Centre >
CAIRO (EGYPT)	🕒 23.08.17 15:00 (LOCAL) 🕒 23.08.17 13:00 (GMT)	POOL B-MEN	MATCH 026 COMPLETE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LIVE Replay	ARGENTINA	4-0 15-8 15-9 15-9 15-9	CHINA Match Centre >
CAIRO (EGYPT)	🕒 23.08.17 17:30 (LOCAL) 🕒 23.08.17 15:30 (GMT)	POOL A-MEN	MATCH 027 COMPLETE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LIVE Replay	CUBA	4-1 15-7 15-9 24-26 15-13 15-11	MEXICO Match Centre >
CAIRO (EGYPT)	🕒 23.08.17 17:30 (LOCAL) 🕒 23.08.17 15:30 (GMT)	POOL B-MEN	MATCH 028 COMPLETE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LIVE Replay	RUSSIA	3-4 11-15 15-12 15-10 13-15 15-13 18-20 11-15	IRAN Match Centre >
CAIRO (EGYPT)	🕒 23.08.17 20:00 (LOCAL) 🕒 23.08.17 18:00 (GMT)	POOL A-MEN	MATCH 029 COMPLETE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LIVE Replay	EGYPT	4-1 15-13 15-7 32-30 13-15 17-15	POLAND Match Centre >
CAIRO (EGYPT)	🕒 23.08.17 20:00 (LOCAL) 🕒 23.08.17 18:00 (GMT)	POOL B-MEN	MATCH 030 COMPLETE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LIVE Replay	TURKEY	4-2 15-10 17-19 14-16 15-11 15-12 15-13	ALGERIA Match Centre >

All matches in Cairo are played under a [new scoring system currently being tested](#): a best-of-seven, 15-point set format.

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RANK	TEAMS	TOTAL	MATCHES		RESULT DETAILS								POINTS	SETS			POINTS		
			WON	LOST	4-0	4-1	4-2	4-3	3-4	2-4	1-4	0-4		WON	LOST	RATIO	WON	LOST	RATIO
1	BRAZIL	5	5	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	20	4	5.000	365	285	1.280
2	CUBA	5	3	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	10	16	13	1.230	418	407	1.027
3	EGYPT	5	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	8	15	13	1.153	413	382	1.081
4	JAPAN	5	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	7	13	14	0.928	358	374	0.957
5	POLAND	5	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	6	11	13	0.846	354	350	1.011
6	MEXICO	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	20	0.100	232	342	0.678

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			WON	LOST	4-0	4-1	4-2	4-3	3-4	2-4	1-4	0-4		WON	LOST	RATIO	WON	LOST	RATIO
1	ARGENTINA	5	4	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	13	19	8	2.375	385	316	1.218
2	RUSSIA	5	4	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	12	19	7	2.714	374	323	
3	IRAN	5	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	11	18	8	2.250	379	332	1.141
4	CHINA	5	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	8	15	0.533	281	316	0.889
5	TURKEY	5	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	4	9	18	0.500	342	384	0.890
6	ALGERIA	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	3	20	0.150	259	349	0.742

Poland, Turkey, Mexico and Algeria are all out of the tournament, as the final ranking begins to take shape:

- 9. Poland
- . Turkey
- 11. Mexico
- . Algeria

All matches are available to watch live or on demand on the [FIVB YouTube Channel](#).

Summary Statistics - 2017 FIVB Volleyball Men's U23 World Championship

Highest Scorer by Day

- 21 – Zhou Liying of China v Turkey on 18 August
- 29 – Hisham Ewais of Egypt v Cuba on 19 August

- 25 – Kenta Takanashi of Japan v Cuba on 20 August
- 23 – Kamil Semeniuk of Poland v Japan on 21 August
- 24 – Hisham Ewais of Egypt v Poland on 23 August

Top Scoring Performances

- 29 – Hisham Ewais of Egypt v Cuba on 19 August
- 25 – Kenta Takanashi of Japan v Cuba on 20 August
- 24 – Hisham Ewais of Egypt v Poland on 23 August
- 23 – Kamil Semeniuk of Poland v Japan on 21 August
- 22 – German Johansen of Argentina v Russia on 21 August

Top Individual Blocking Performances

- 6 – dogukan Ulu of Turkey v Algeria on 23 August
- 5 – Aleksei Kononov of Russia v Argentina on 21 August
- 5 – Ivan Iakovlev of Russia v Iran on 23 August
- 4 – ten players

Top Team Blocking Performances

- 16 – Russia v Iran on 23 August
- 14 – Russia v Argentina on 21 August
- 13 – Iran v Russia on 23 August
- 12 – Cuba v Egypt on 19 August
- 12 – Poland v Japan on 21 August
- 12 – Iran v Turkey on 21 August

Top Individual Serving Performances

- 3 – Romulo Silva of Brazil v Mexico on 18 August
- 3 – Sergei Pirainen of Russia v Algeria on 18 August
- 3 – Aleksei Kononov of Russia v Algeria on 18 August
- 3 – Masato Matsuoka of Japan v Mexico on 19 August
- 3 – Javad Karimisouchelmaei of Iran v China on 19 August
- 3 – Jakub Zwiech of Poland v Japan on 21 August

Top Team Serving Performances

- 11 – Egypt v Mexico on 21 August
- 10 – Brazil v Mexico on 18 August
- 9 – Russia v Algeria on 18 August
- 8 – China v Turkey on 18 August
- 7 – Poland v Mexico on 20 August

Highest Scoring Sets

- 32-30 Egypt v Poland (3rd set) on 23 August
- 26-24 Mexico v Cuba (3rd set) on 23 August
- 22-20 Brazil v Poland (2nd set) on 19 August

22-20 Brazil v Poland (3rd set) on 19 August

20-18 Egypt v Mexico (5th set) on 21 August

20-18 Iran v Russia (6th set) on 23 August

Highest Scoring Matches

198 – Iran v Russia 4-3 (15-11, 12-15, 10-15, 15-13, 13-15, 20-18, 15-11) on 23 August

189 – Russia v Argentina 4-3 (11-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-13, 8-15, 15-12, 16-14) on 21 August

187 – China v Turkey 4-3 (19-17, 12-15, 11-15, 15-8, 15-10, 10-15, 15-10) on 18 August

184 – Brazil v Cuba 4-3 (13-15, 15-13, 11-15, 11-15, 15-11, 15-8, 15-12) on 21 August

180 – Egypt v Japan 4-3 (15-10, 15-13, 12-15, 15-8, 9-15, 13-15, 15-10) on 18 August

180 – Cuba v Japan 4-2 (15-13, 19-17, 14-16, 13-15, 16-14, 15-13) on 20 August

172 – Egypt v Poland 4-1 (15-13, 15-7, 32-30, 13-15, 17-15) on 23 August