



Competition Day 4 - Friday 19th May 2017

NED v USA

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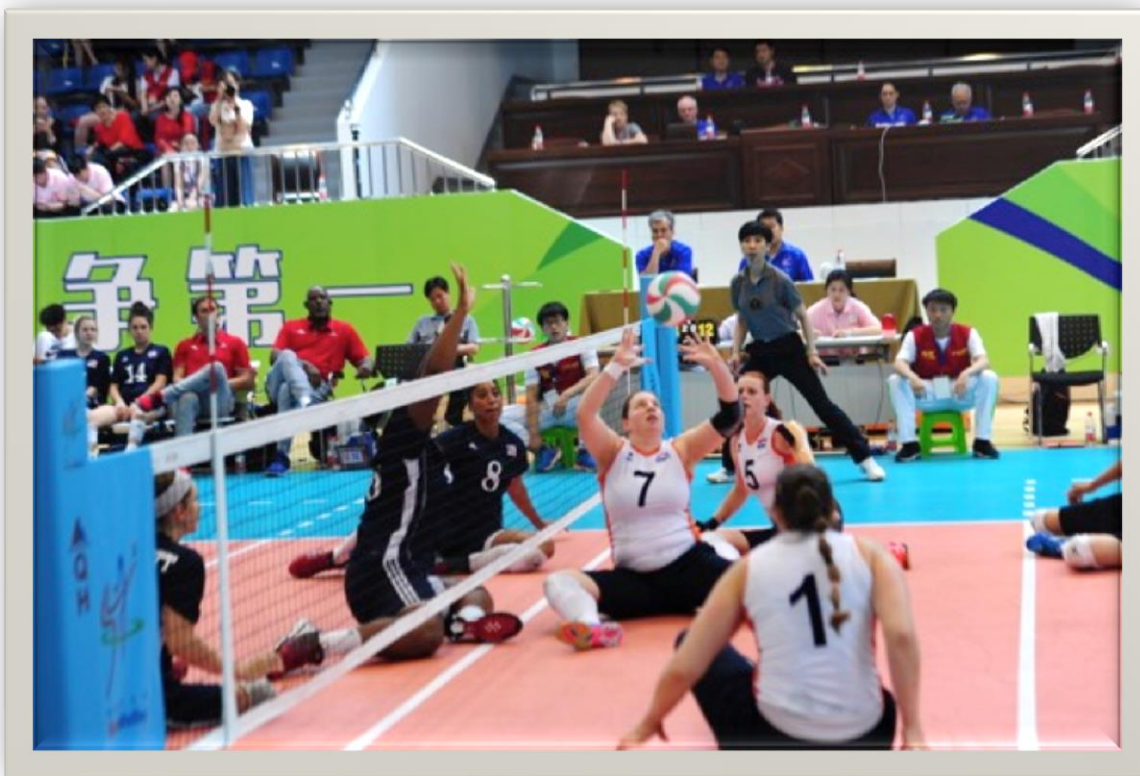
(13-25 / 7-25 / 16-25)

The first game of Day 4 saw USA play NED with USA serving to start the match. First hit from VAN DAM (10) got NED their first point at 1-0 followed by an ace from VAN DER HAAR (5). ERICKSON (6) started hitting and got the ball back for USA at 2-3 but the NED block was there and stopped USA. NED got to a 5-2 lead with strong serves from BRANDSMA (6). USA got the ball at 5-6 and ERICKSON (6) started serving. NED pushed forward and got to the first technical time out at 8-6 in their favour.



USA refocused and BURKLAND (7) hit a killer down the line allowing USA to serve again at 7-8. Good play frontcourt from USA saw them take the lead at 9-8 for the first time in the set thanks to serving from BAKER (18). A strong hit from NIEVES (16) forced NED to take a time out at 12-8 in favour of USA. A great backcourt from ERICKSON (6) took USA one step closer to the second technical time out. NED got ZHAO (12) substituted to slow USA down but they still reached the second technical time out at 16-8 in their favour. BURKLAND (7) took over the serve with an ace at 17-9. Several balls were hit out but touched by NED and the score went up to 21-11 for USA. NED had to ask for a time out to refocus the team. They managed to grab a few more points off USA to get to 23-13 but a serve out gave the set ball to USA at 24-13. Miscommunication between the NED players saw the set go to USA 25-13.

In the second set, there was a change in the line up for USA with DOSTY (8) replacing KANAHELE (14). ERICKSON (6) got the ball back for USA and NIEVES (16) followed suit with several serves to take USA to 4-0. STINISSEN (1) tried hitting diagonally but without luck and NED had to take a time out at 6-0 in favour of USA.



Then USA got to the first technical time out at 8-1 after some fighting at the net from both sides. A three-woman block from NED could not stop BURKLAND (7) from going through the middle. DOSTY (8) served an ace to take USA to 10-1. NED momentarily got the ball back only to let it go at 12-2. ERICKSON (6) served out and NED had another chance to score some points. BURKLAND (7) put an end to that and took USA to a 14-3 lead. A strong hit from NIEVES (16) took USA to the second technical time out at 16-3. A hit from VAN DER HAAR

(5) gave the ball back to NED but this was stopped by a strong hit from NIEVES (16).

BURKLAND (7) went on to serve and put two aces in a row. ERICKSON (6) got substituted for EDWARDS (17) and on the NED side, ZHAO (12) came in for VAN DAM (10). BURKLAND served another two aces to 22-4 and STINISSEN (1) got subbed for KOPPERS (7). NED had to ask for a time out to regroup at 23-4. A powerful hit from DOSTY (8) took USA to set point but SHIFFLETT serve got blocked. With a serve out from VAN DER HAAR (5), USA took the second set 25-7.



For the third set, the USA scoring machine got under way from the first serve with SHIFFLETT (3) taking the team to a 3-0 lead. NED got the serve but hit out two serves in a row. With USA back in the serve, DOSTY (8) served an ace and then ZHAO (12) blocked the second one. With LIST (6) serving an ace back and VAN DER HAAR (5) wiping the ball off the block, NED was back in the saddle at 6 all. A block on BURKLAND (7) and second hand from ZHAO (12) saw NED lead 8-6 at the first technical time out.

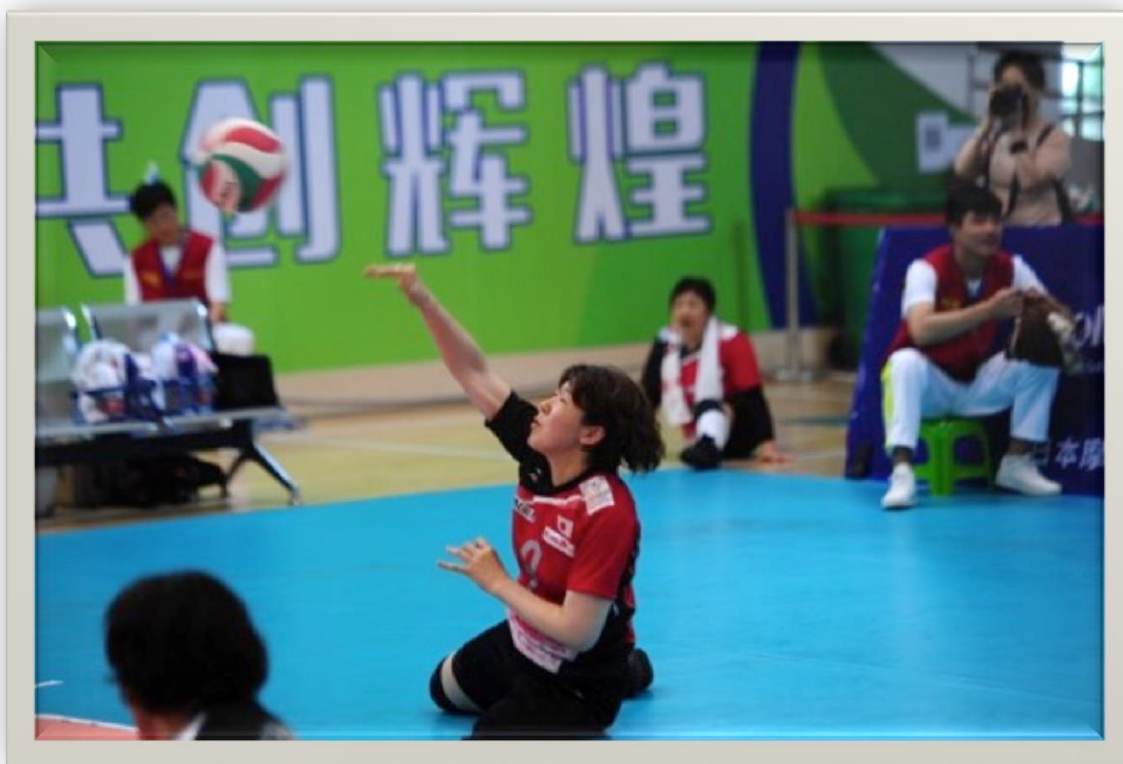
With BRANSDMA (6) serving, NED took a 2-point lead at 10-8 and then with a series of block took the score to 12-9. With a serve in the net, the ball went back to USA and two aces for BURKLAND (7) took the score to 13-12 in favour of USA. NED took a time out to break down the rhythm. A great hit from DOSTY (8) saw USA get to the second time out at 16-12. BURKLAND kept her serving fest going until she got blocked by VAN DER HAAR (5) at 18-13 in favour of USA. NED lost the ball and got it back at 15-19 but it was short lived. USA kept the lead going to 23-15 with NIEVES (16) at the serve. DOSTY (8) again hit hard diagonally and NED took a last time out at 24-15. NED managed to score one

more point with a hit in the net from USA but DOSTY closed the set with a hit and gave the game to USA 25-16 – 3 sets to 0.

Best scorer: NED – VAN DER HAAR – 7 points
 USA – BURKLAND – 19 points

JPN v RUS
0-3
(11-25 / 10 – 25 / 18-25)

The first set started with JPN taking an early lead at 2-1 but with IVANOVA (1) at the serve, it was short-lived. She was soon cruising away and took the score to 6-2 for RUS. A hit out from RUS gave the ball to JPN and KIKUCHI (9) got an ace in. However JPN got stopped by MEDNIKOVA (3) strong hit at 5-7. First technical time out went to RUS at 8-6.



ARBATSKAIA (8) went to serve and SMIRNOVA (13) blocked JPN. RUS soon got to the second technical time out at 16-8 with strong serves from ZAKREVSKAIA (15). She got blocked by KIKUCHI (9) at 17-9 in favour of RUS and JPN had the opportunity to get some point through the frontcourt, with the youngest player of the competition scoring (HATA – 2).

With a JPN serve out and the ball back with RUS, PANINA (5) again put the pressure on the score whilst ARBATSKAIA (8) finished the job at the net, taking RUS to an 11-point lead at 21-10. JPN asked for a time out at 22-10 to give time to the team to refocus on the game. RUS took the opportunity to get KUNSTMAN (9) in for IVANOVA (1). The RUS block allowed PANINA (5) to continue on her serving streak and she was soon serving for the set. A backcourt hit from NISHIIE (1) only delayed the unavoidable and RUS took the set 25-11.

JPN missed their chance to score first at the start of the second set as they lost the serve but soon got the ball back at 1-1. Then PANINA (5) with a crosscourt hit gave the ball to RUS. KARASEVA (10) got caught for lifting but HATA (2) served out so RUS started serving again at 3-2. SAITO (5) successfully blocked

ARBATSKAIA (8) but then JPN lost the ball again. RUS then reached the second technical time out at 8-3 in their favour.

JPN lost the serve again and SMIRNOVA (13) went to serve to get to 11-5. BISAIEVA (6) came in for ARBATSKAIA (8) at 12-5. PANINA (5) did what she does best and killed the ball again. BISAIEVA (6) increased the pressure on the serve but was blocked by KIKUCHI (9). RUS substituted PANINA (5) for PERMIAKOVA (2) to give a chance to all his players since RUS was leading by 8 points at 15-7.

A joust at the net between IVANOVA (1) and SAITO (5) took RUS to the second technical time out at 16-7. IVANOVA (1) then accelerated the play and SMIRNOVA (13) increased the score to 17-8. A series of hit out forced JPN coach to call for another time out at 19-8. After some great backcourt defence from JPN, RUS eventually proved to be too strong and won the set 25-10.



In the third set, RUS wasted no time in taking a significant lead thanks to IVANOVA (1) serves to get to 4-0. JPN tried to react but the hits from ARBATSKAIA (8) were too powerful. They still managed to get the ball back momentarily to get to 5-3 in favour of RUS. At the technical time out, RUS was just still leading 8-7 thanks to JPN throwing themselves at the ball in defence. BISAIEVA (6) came in to serve to stop the JPN from getting more points and it worked. PERMIAKOVA (2) came back on the court at 11-8 for RUS for PANINA (5). JPN asked for a time out at 14-8 in favour of RUS.

PERMIAKOVA (2) served but JPN got it back and KANEKI (7) placed a couple of aces until RUS put a stop to hit and reached the technical time out at 16-10. JPN got some additional points but so did RUS and the score was soon at 20-13. SMIRNOVA (13) again put pressure on the serve maybe a bit too much and out

the ball went. JPN had another chance to score but they could not since BISAeva (6) hit hard through the middle. RUS were 22-15 up at this point.



SAITO (5) served an ace but BISAeva (6) again hit down the line, taking RUS 2 points short from the set and match. JPN used RUS net fault to grab some well-needed points and reached 23-18 but a block out took RUS to set point. IVANOVA (1) finished the set and match at 25-18 with a hit down the line.

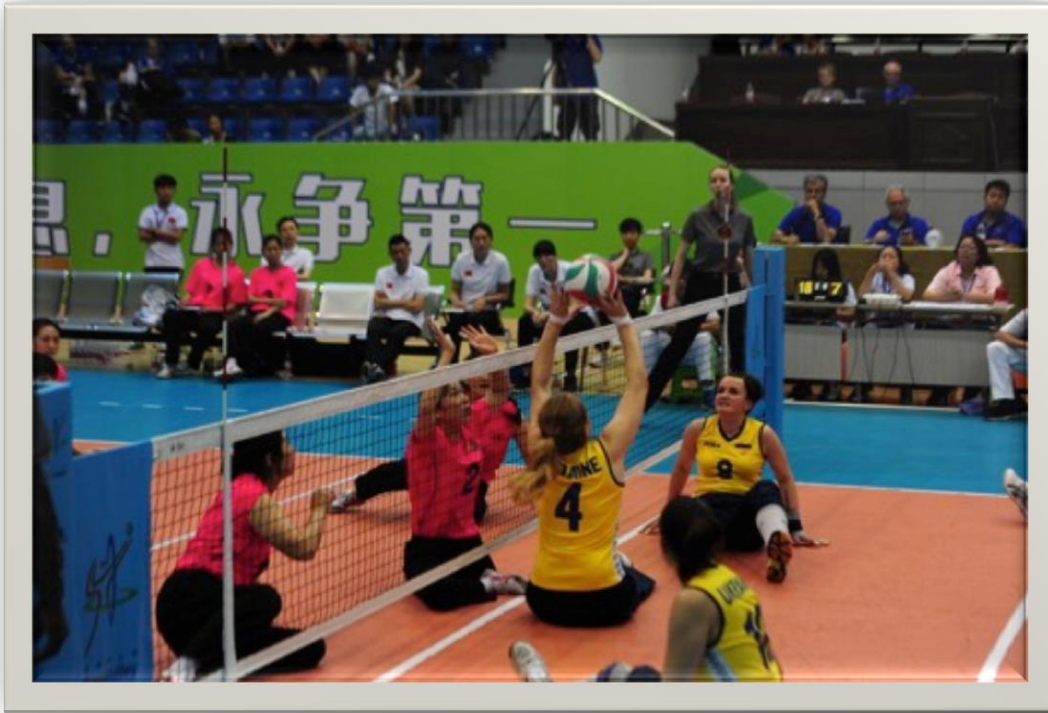
Best scorer: JPN – SAITO – 7 points
RUS – MEDNIKOVA – 15 points

CHN v UKR
3-0
(25-15 / 25-21 / 25-8

CHN started the last and third game of the day on a roll and were soon leading UKR 4-2. Miscommunication between UKR players and equally between CHN players saw the score being tied at 5 all. With WANG Y.N (7) on the serve, CHN started scoring without being stopped and reached the first technical time out at 8-6 in their favour. The series of serves were stopped by a lucky move from HURANSKA (8) but short lived as CHN took the serve back at 10-7. Captain XU J. (10) then hit hard cross-court and allowed ZHAO M.L (13) to continue serving. UKR tried to put a stop to it by asking for a time out at 14-7. CHN did that by themselves by hitting out and giving the ball back to UKR at 14-8. MANANKOVA (10) started serving but UKR was stopped at the net by the CHN block to reach the first technical time out at 16-10.



CHN continue to put pressure on the score with GONG B. (6) serving with no mercy. At 19-12 UKR temporarily got the serve back but it was out and CHN took off to 21-12. UKR asked for another time out. PRYVALYKHINA (1) hit down the line and got the ball back for UKR at 22-13. She got substituted for BEZPROZVANNA (7) but CHN block worked wonders and they were soon looking at finishing the set at 23-13. However they had to be a bit more patient and hit the ball a couple more times before they did so at 25-15.



CHN struggled to get in the third set and allowed UKR to start leading 3-0 but eventually got the serve back with captain XU J. (10) serving. CHN lost the serve and could not find their game at 5 all. Under the motivation of WANG Y.N. (7), they managed to get to a short lead at 6-5. Even PRYVALYKHINA (1) serve could not stop CHN from getting the serve back however a serve out saw the ball given to UKR. WANG Y.N (7) gave CHN their first technical time out at 8-7.

She then followed suit with some strong serves but PODLIESNA (3) cross-court stopped the CHN progress. A lift on the UKR side gave the ball back to CHN at 10-08. Neither team seem to be able to take the lead in the game as the serve kept going back and forth between them. Even though CHN was still ahead 14-12, they play was not up to the level which the public had been experiencing so far. UKR substituted KOZIAR (9) for KOZYNA (11) and PRYVALYKHINA powered through the CHN block getting closer at 14-15. CHN captain XU J. (10) hit backcourt and took the team to the second technical time out at 16-14.

CHN got their momentum back and increased the point difference to 6, leading 20-14. UKR then asked for a time out to put a stop to it. UKR then substituted PRYVALYKHINA (1) for BEZPROZVANNA (7) at 20-15. Surprisingly, CHN had to ask for a time after losing two points due to miscommunication between players and the score getting tight at 20-19 still in favour of CHN.

This worked well as CHN then surged ahead and scored another three points. UKR then asked for a time out at 23-19 to slow things down again. CHN touched the net and gave the ball back to UKR. With SAVCHENKO (4) serving and the frontcourt blocking, UKR crept back up at 21-23 but a strong hit from captain XU J. (10) gave CHN their first set point. They finished it at 25-21.

For the third set, there was a big fight at the net between the two teams but CHN served and hit hard to get to 4-1. UKR again had to take a time out to regroup. WANG Y.N. (7) served hard to get to the first technical time out with a 7-point lead at 8-1. ZHANG X.F. (9) kept the scoring festival going to 10-1 but a net touch from CHN gave the ball back to UKR. They could not capitalise on this and lost the ball. The hits went wide and so did the score divide with an 11-point difference at 13-02. UKR BEZPROZVANNA (7) reacted at the net and UKR got one more point but it was not enough and CHN reached the second technical time point at 16-05, after some good effort from PODLIESNA (3) at the serve.



With a touch out from CHN, UKR got a point back but the same happened on the other side and CHN was back with the serve at 17-6. At 18-7, captain XU J. (10) was having a ball serving hard. UKR asked for another time out. XU J. (10) kept on serving until 21-8 when HURANSKA (8) stopped her with a block. CHN reacted and got the serve back at 22-8. ZHANG X.F. (9) served a couple of aces and took the set 25-8, thereby giving the match to CHN 3-0.

Best scorer: CHN – WANG Y.N – 13 points
 UKR – PRYVALYKHINA – 8 points