



# FIBA 3x3

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## FIBA 3x3: FACTS AND FIGURES

### WHO is FIBA:

- A non-profit organization established in 1932, comprised by over 200 national federation members and the sole world governing body for basketball recognized by the IOC.
- FIBA has developed 3x3 as second basketball discipline to attract the urban youth and provide more opportunities for its member associations and players worldwide.

### WHAT is 3x3:

- **SIMPLE:** Half-court, 1 hoop, 2 teams, 3 players + 1 substitute, no in-game coaching
- **FAST:** 10-minute games, 12-second shot clock, no halftime
- **ENTERTAINING:** Game over at 21 pts, non-stop music, fan engagement
- **URBAN;** Played in iconic location in the heart of the cities, 3x3 tournaments are more than just basketball; they are an urban cultural festival with dancers, MCs and DJs

### WHEN is the 3x3 season:

- **Challengers**, the pre-qualification to the World Tour begin in April and end in September
- **World Tour** from July to October
- **National Team** from May to October

### WHERE is 3x3 played:

In National Team competitions: Yearly World Cup, U18 World Cups, Continental Cups, U18 Continental Cups, U23 Nations League

In the Professional Season which includes World Tour and Challengers where players gain ranking points and prize money

In Grassroots tournaments: 3x3 originated in the streets where it is continued to be played at grassroots levels.

### HOW to watch 3x3:

- 50k spectators on site per event
- Broadcast in 100+ countries
- 110 million views on social media



## FIBA 3x3 WORLD TOUR

The FIBA 3x3 World Tour is the pinnacle event of an 'open' network of FIBA-endorsed 3x3 tournaments. Any group of four players - regardless of their nationality - representing a city can qualify for the FIBA 3x3 World Tour by winning a qualifying tournament which will lead to the World Tour.

Each Masters has 12 teams competing for a ticket to the final and prize money. The top 12 teams in the World Tour season standings - including the winners of each Masters – qualify for the Final.

### PAST WT WINNERS

Year	Winners
<b>2012</b>	San Juan (PUR)
<b>2013</b>	Brezovica (SLO)
<b>2014</b>	Novi Sad (SRB)
<b>2015</b>	Novi Sad Al Wahda (UAE)*
<b>2016</b>	Ljubljana (SLO)**

\*Formerly known as Novi Sad (SRB)

\*\*Formerly known as Brezovica (SLO)

### 2017 WT MASTERS Calendar:

Masters	Location	Date	Winners
<b>1</b>	Saskatoon, CANADA	July 15-16	Ljubljana (SLO)
<b>2</b>	Utsunomiya, JAPAN	July 29-30	Novi Sad Al Wahda (UAE)
<b>3</b>	Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC	August 5-6	Novi Sad Al Wahda (UAE)
<b>4</b>	Lausanne, SWITZERLAND	August 25-26	Novi Sad Al Wahda (UAE)
<b>5</b>	Debrecen, HUNGARY	August 31-September 1	Liman (SRB)
<b>6</b>	Chengdu, CHINA	September 23-24	
<b>7</b>	Mexico City, MEXICO	September 30–October 1	
<b>FINAL</b>	Beijing, CHINA	October 28-29	

## WORLD TOUR CHENGDU MASTERS

### 6th Masters of the season

The sixth stage of the FIBA 3x3 World Tour 2017 is held in Chengdu, China, on 23-24 September 2017.

The 3x3 World Tour Chengdu Masters will be staged in the heart of the city, on Hong Xing Road Plaza.

The 12 participating teams compete for two days for the pride to represent their city, a USD 20,000 cheque and a chance to qualify for the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Bloomage Beijing Final on October 28-29 2017

### WORLD TOUR STANDINGS

Q= Qualified \* = Shortlisted for WT final

TEAM	<u>WT Bloomage Beijing Final 2017</u>	TOUR PTS	<u>WT Saskatoon 2017</u>	<u>WT Utsunomiya 2017</u>	<u>WT Prague 2017</u>	<u>WT Lausanne 2017</u>	<u>WT Debrecen 2017</u>	<u>WT Chengdu 2017</u>	<u>WT Mexico City 2017</u>	W %	PTS AVG
1. Novi Sad AlWahda	Q	370		1st (Q) 100 pts	1st 100 pts	1st 100 pts	3rd 70 pts			89%	19.6
2. Ljubljana	Q	276	1st (Q) 100 pts	11th 16 pts	2nd 80 pts		2nd 80 pts			70%	17.3
3. Liman	Q	220	5th 50 pts	3rd 70 pts			1st (Q) 100 pts			75%	19.5
4. Zemun	*	160		5th 50 pts	3rd 70 pts	7th 40 pts				60%	16.9
5. Saskatoon	*	150	2nd 80 pts		5th 50 pts	9th 20 pts				60%	17.7
6. Krakow	*	145		7th 40 pts	6th 45 pts	4th 60 pts				50%	17.6
7. Riga	*	130				3rd 70 pts	4th 60 pts			75%	19.1
8. Kranj	*	85				5th 50 pts	8th 35 pts			50%	15.5
9. Piran	*	80		2nd 80 pts						80%	20.0
10. Lausanne	*	80				2nd 80 pts				80%	18.0
11. Belgrade	*	75			8th 35 pts		7th 40 pts			50%	16.5
12. Humpolec	*	75	8th 35 pts		7th 40 pts					33%	15.5



## COMPETITION FORMAT

The following events are featured at each World Tour event:

### Main Event

The 12 teams are divided into 4 pools of 3 teams playing in a round-robin first round against their two respective pool opponents. The top-two placed teams from each pool advance to a standard knock-out round which starts at the quarter-finals stage.

The winners of the 7 Masters, (Saskatoon, Utsunomiya, Prague, Lausanne, Debrecen, Chengdu and Mexico City) plus the best teams in the World Tour standings at the end of the season (between 5 and 11 depending if a team has won more than one stop) qualify for the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Bloomage Final, which will be staged in Beijing on October 28-29 2017.

### Bloomage Dunk Contest

Dunkers have 75 seconds and 3 attempts per round to complete a dunk. An attempt means the dunker had the intention to dunk and he or the ball touched the rim and/or the backstop unit. The only exception to the 75-second-rule is the third round of the final where there is no time limit. The 75 seconds start running once the dunker's name is called up. The first successful dunk is considered the valid one. A dunk is considered successful if the ball does not leave the ring in an upward vertical direction after it has left the dunker's hand. The dunks are marked (0, 5-10) by each one of the 3 members of the jury.

### Professional Dunkers:

- Rafal "Lipek" Lipinski (Poland) (4-time 3x3 World Tour Final Dunk Contest Winner + FIBA 3x3 Dunk World Champ 2017)
- David Carlos (Philippines)
- Wnjian Jiang (China) –

### Laoshan Shoot-Out Contest

The Shoot-Out Contest qualification takes place on the first day and the final on the second.

#### Qualification:

- A maximum of one player per team participates in the qualification
- Each player shoot ten balls from the top of the arc in the shortest amount of time
- Participants are ranked by successful shot and by time in case of tie
- The best 4 qualify for the final

#### Final:

- There are three racks of five balls worth one point from three different spots behind the arc and one rack of three 'moneyballs' worth two points from the end line (11 metres)
- Time limit is a 60-second shot-clock.



## AWARDS AND PRIZES

### Awards

An **MVP (Most Valuable Player)** will be named by FIBA at the end of the event based on the player's performances during the whole tournament.

An **MSP (Most Spectacular Player)** will be named by the fans on the social media one week after the event based on the player's exciting plays during the whole tournament.

### Prizes

*Team competition:*

Winning team: \$20,000

Runner-up team: \$10,000

*Dunk Contest:*

Dunk Contest winner: \$2,000

Dunk Contest second and third: \$500

### Media Services

If you are a media professional and you wish to apply for a media accreditation to this event, please register in the FIBA Media Portal at <https://apps.st-software.com/fiba-publicregistration/en-US/Account>. You will only be able to request an accreditation after registration. The application period for this event will open on Sunday 23 July and close on Sunday 23 September. You will be notified of the success of your application before Saturday 22 September or 1 day later if you applied after that day. All applicants are responsible for their own visas. All TV broadcasters interested in acquiring TV rights should contact: For further information, please contact: [annie.oshea@fiba.com](mailto:annie.oshea@fiba.com)

## SCHEDULE OF PLAY

### Pools

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
Novi Sad Al Wahda (UAE) Tokyo (JPN) Qing Dao (CHN)	Ljubljana (SLO) Hamamatsu (JPN) Beijing (CHN)	Zemun Master (SRB) Kranj (SLO) Shenzhen (CHN)	Riga (LAT) Piran (SLO) Haidian (CHN)

### DAY 1

	Main Court
4.00 PM	Intro - Entertainment
4.30 PM	Pool A 1: Novi Sad Al Wahda vs. Qing Dao
4.50 PM	Pool B 1: Ljubljana vs. Beijing
5.10 PM	Break / Entertainment
5.15 PM	Pool C 1: Zemun Master vs. Shenzhen
5.35 PM	Pool D 1: Riga vs. Haidian
5.55 PM	Games and entertainment for Fans
6.10 PM	Pool A 2: Tokyo vs. Qing Dao
6.30 PM	Pool B 2: Hamamatsu vs. Beijing
6.50 PM	Break / Entertainment
6.55 PM	Pool C 2: Kranj vs. Shenzhen
7.15 PM	Pool D 2: Piran vs. Haidian
7.35 PM	Shoot-Out Qualifier
7.55 PM	Pool A 3: Novi Sad Al Wahda vs. Tokyo
8.15 PM	Pool B 3: Ljubljana vs. Hamamatsu
8.35 PM	Break / Entertainment
8.40 PM	Pool C 3: Zemun Master vs. Kranj
9.00 PM	Pool D 3: Riga vs. Piran

## DAY 2

4.45 PM	Intro - Entertainment
5.15 PM	QF 1: A/1 vs. D/2
5.25 PM	Break / Entertainment
5.45 PM	QF 2: C/1 vs. B/2
6.10 PM	QF 3: B/1 vs. C/2
6.35 PM	Games and entertainment for Fans
6.45 PM	QF 4: D/1 vs. A/2
7.15 PM	Set-up / Video
	Shoot-Out Final & Prize Ceremony
7.30 PM	Semi-Final 1: Winner of QF 1 vs. Winner of QF 2
7.55PM	Break / Entertainment
	Semi-Final 2: Winner of QF 3 vs. Winner of QF 4
8.30 PM	Set-up / Video
	DUNK Contest Final
9.00 PM	Final 1: Winner of SF 1 vs. Winner of SF 2
9.25 PM	Prize Ceremony





## NOVI SAD AL WAHDA (UAE)

**Players:** Dusan Bulut, Dejan Majstorovic, Marko Savic, Marko Zdero

**Seed at WT Stop:** 1

**World Rank:** 1

**How they qualified to Chengdu:** After finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Huai An Challenger

**Also qualified to:** Utsunomiya (1<sup>st</sup>), Prague (1<sup>st</sup>), Lausanne (1<sup>st</sup>), Debrecen (3<sup>rd</sup>), Mexico and Bloomage Beijing Final

**Team Song:**

**2017 World Tour Record:**

World Tour	Rank
Utsunomiya	1
Prague	1
Lausanne	1
Debrecen	3

**2017 Challenger Record:**

Challenger	Rank
Nanjing	6
Huai An	2
Ulaanbaatar	2
Lipik	1
The Hague	1
Bucharest	3
Berlin	1

**Team info:**

They are Red Bull sponsored Athletes.

Represent Novi Sad, their Serbian hometown and their occasional residence of Al Wahda, a neighbourhood of Abu Dhabi in the city-based (and not national team) competition which the FIBA 3x3 World Tour is.

First-ever fully professional 3x3 team

Bulut, Savic and Zdero grew up in the same neighbourhood and have been friends since childhood.

Won the World Cup three times for Serbia (2012, 2016 and 2017)

## World Tour History

**Years at the WT:** 5

**Total appearances:** 18

**Wins:** 12 (Prague 2013, Prague 2014, Tokyo Final 2014, Manila 2015, Rio de Janeiro 2015, Abu Dhabi Final 2015, Utsunomiya 2016, Debrecen 2016, Beijing 2016, Utsunomiya 2017, Prague 2017 & Lausanne 2017)

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** 1 (Istanbul Final 2013)

### ***NOVI SAD AL WAHDA HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY***

Opponent	Record	Games
<b>Ljubljana</b>	3-2	Istanbul Final 2013 – Final – L Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Semi-finals – W Prague Masters 2016 – Semi-finals- L Debrecen Masters 2016 – Final – W Prague Masters 2017 – Final - W
<b>Kranj</b>	6-0	Istanbul Final 2013 – Semi-finals – W Tokyo Final 2014 – Semi-finals - W Abu Dhabi Final 2015 - Final – W Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Quarter-finals – W Lausanne Masters 2017 – Quarter-finals – W Debrecen Masters 2017 – Quarter-finals - W
<b>Riga</b>	1-0	Lausanne Masters 2017 – Semi-finals – W
<b>Piran</b>	5-0	Utsunomiya Masters 2017 – Final - W Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Final – W Abu Dhabi Final 2015 – Semi-finals –W Istanbul Final 2013 – Quarter-finals- W Prague Masters 2013 – Semi-finals – W
<b>Hamamatsu</b>	0-1	Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Semi-finals - L

### ***NOVI SAD AL WAHDA HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017***

Opponent	Record	Games
<b>Ljubljana</b>	1-0	Prague Masters – Final – W
<b>Kranj</b>	2-0	Lausanne Masters 2017 – Quarter-finals – W Debrecen Masters 2017 – Quarter-finals - W
<b>Riga</b>	1-0	Lausanne Masters 2017 – Semi-finals – W
<b>Zemun</b>	0-2	Huai-An Challenger – Final – L Bucharest Challenger – Semi-finals – L
<b>Piran</b>	1-0	Utsunomiya Masters – Final - W

## PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
6	Dejan 'The Maestro' Majstorovic [Day-yan My- store-ovitch]	2.00m / 100kg	28	Serbia	2 (2)
4	Dusan Domovic Bulut aka 'MrBullutproof' [Do-shan Dough-maw- vitch Boo-loot]	1.91m / 90kg	31	Serbia	3 (3)
3	Marko Savic [Marko Sa- vitch]	1.96m / 112kg	30	Serbia	1 (1)
5	Marko Zdero	1.90m /93kg	32	Serbia	6 (4)

### Player Stats

Dejan Majstorovic

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-17)

**Total Appearances:** 16

Later addition to the team (in 2014)

Top scorer and MVP of FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2017

Former number one 3x3 player in the World

**Hidden talent:** Table tennis

Achievements

**MVP:** Utsunomiya Masters 2017 & Lausanne Masters 2017

**National Team:** Member of Serbian National team that won FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2016 and 2017.

Runner-Up at FIBA 3x3 Europe 2016 Cup, FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2014 and Bronze Medalist at the inaugural European Games (2015)



**Instagram account:** Dejan.Majstorovic8

Dusan Bulut

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-17)

**Total Appearances:** 17

Achievements

**MVP:** Manila 2015, Rio 2015, Abu Dhabi 2015, Utsunomiya 2016, Debrecen 2016, Beijing 2016, Prague 2017

**National Team:** Member of Serbian National team that won FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2012, 2016 and 2017.

Runner-Up at FIBA 3x3 Europe 2016 Cup and Runner-Up at FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2014 and Bronze Medallist at inaugural European Games (2015)

Star profile video: <https://youtu.be/8eqTrfMtljw>

Facebook Page: Dusan Domovic Bulut

Twitter: MrBullutproof

Instagram: Dusan.Bulut

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Marko Savic

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-17)

**Total Appearances:** 17

Achievements

**National Team:** Member of Serbian National team that won FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2012, 2016 and 2017.

Runner-Up at FIBA 3x3 Europe 2016 Cup, FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2014 and Bronze Medalist at the inaugural European Games (2015)

Instagram: Marko\_savic\_17

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Marko Zdero

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-17)

**Total appearances:** 16

Achievements

**National Team:** Member of Serbian National team that won FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2012, 2016 and 2017.

Runner-Up at FIBA 3x3 Europe 2016 Cup, FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2014 and Bronze Medalist at the inaugural European Games (2015)

Instagram: zdero13



## LJUBLJANA (SLO)

Players: Blaz Cresnar, Jasmin Hercegovac, Ales Kunc & Zelimir Zagorac

**Seed at WT Stop:** 2

**World Rank:** 2

**How they qualified to Chengdu:** After finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Absolute Chinese Taipei Challenger (Piran finished 2<sup>nd</sup> but they were already qualified)

**Also qualified to:** Saskatoon Masters (1<sup>st</sup>), Utsunomiya (11<sup>th</sup>), Prague (2<sup>nd</sup>), Debrecen (2<sup>nd</sup>) & Bloomage Beijing Final

**Instagram account:** Ljubljana3x3

**Twitter accounts:** 3x3Ljubljana

**Team song:** "Thunderstruck" by AC/DC

### 2017 World Tour Record:

World Tour	Rank
Saskatoon	1
Utsunomiya	11
Prague	2
Debrecen	2

### 2017 Professional Record:

Challengers	Rank
Nanjing	2
Penang	1
Huai An	5
Ulaanbaatar	4
The Hague	14
Lipik	9
Bucharest	4
Ljubljana	2
Chinese Taipei	3

### World Tour History

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-17)

**Total Appearances:** 16

**Wins:** 4 (Istanbul Final 2013, Prague Masters 2016, Abu Dhabi Final 2016 and Saskatoon Masters 2017)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 5 (Lausanne Masters 2013, Beijing Masters 2015, Debrecen Masters 2016, Prague Masters 2017 & Debrecen Masters 2017)

### ***LJUBLJANA HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY***

Opponent	Record	Games
<b>Novi Sad Al Wahda</b>	2-3	Istanbul Final 2013 – Final - W Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Semi-finals – L Prague Masters 2016 - Semi-finals - W Debrecen Masters 2016- Final – L Prague Masters 2017 – Final - L
<b>Kranj</b>	2-1	Lausanne Masters 2013 – Final - L Istanbul Final 2013 – Pools – W Debrecen Masters 2016 – Quarter-finals – W
<b>Riga</b>	1-0	Debrecen Masters 2017 – Semi-Finals – W
<b>Zemun</b>	1-1	Lausanne Masters 2015 – Pools – L Prague Masters 2017 – Semi-finals - W

### ***LJUBLJANA HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017***

Opponent	Record	Games
<b>Novi Sad Al Wahda</b>	0-1	Prague Masters –Final - L
<b>Liman</b>	0-3	Lipik Challenger – Pools – L Ljubljana Challenger – Final – L Ulaanbaatar Challenger – Semi-finals - L
<b>Kranj</b>	0-2	Lipik Challenger – Pools – L Huai An Challenger – Pools - L
<b>Riga</b>	1-2	Bucharest Challenger – Semi-finals – L Debrecen Challenger – Semi-finals – W Taipei Challenger – Semi-finals - L
<b>Zemun</b>	1-1	Nanjing Challenger 2017 – Final –L Prague Masters 2017 – Semi-finals - W

## PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
7	Blaz 'Birdman' Cresnar [Blash Shray- snar]	2.16m / 112kg	31	Slovenian	7 (3)
4	Jasmin Hercegovac [Yas-mean Hair- tsay-go-vatch] Aka "Iceman"	1.90m /96kg	40	Slovenian	4 (1)
5	Ales Kunc [A-lesh Koontz]	2.07m / 100kg	44	Slovenian	5 (2)
15	Zelimir Zagorac	2.04m	36	Slovenian	13 (5)

### Player Stats

Blaz Cresnar aka Birdman

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-17)

**Total appearances:** 16

**National Team:** Member of Slovenian National team that won silver at FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup 2014

Jasmin Hercegovac

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-17)

**Total appearances:** 16

Achievements

**MVPs:** Prague Masters 2016 and Abu Dhabi Final 2016

**National Team:** Member of Slovenian National team that won silver at FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup 2014

**Instagram:** Hercegovac3x3

Star profile video: <https://youtu.be/to6aBHZDNgs>



Ales Kunc

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-17)

**Total appearances:** 15

**Achievements**

Kunc represented Slovenia at two Eurobaskets (Europe Cup in traditional basketball)

Won the Shoot-out contest at the Prague Masters 2017

**National Team:** Member of Slovenian National team that won silver at FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup 2014

Star profile video: <https://youtu.be/o0toxUrtBkU>

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Zelimir Zagorac

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 3

He is replacing Tomo Cajic (the MVP of the Saskatoon Masters) who will miss the rest of the season due to a back injury.

**Achievements**

Zagorac represented Slovenia at the 2006 FIBA World Championship (basketball). His younger brother Sasa played on the Slovenian team that won the Eurobasket this year.





## ZEMUN MASTER (SRB)

Players: Bogdan Dragovic, Marko Dugosija, Lazar Rasic and Nikola Vukovic

**Seed at WT Stop:** 3

**World Rank:** 4

**How they qualified to Chengdu:** Winning the Huai An Challenger

**Also Qualified to:** Utsunomiya (5<sup>th</sup>), Prague (3<sup>rd</sup>), Lausanne (7<sup>th</sup>) and Mexico Masters

**Team song:** THCF – B2 – Cast Iznad svega

**2017 World Tour Record:**

Masters	Rank
Utsunomiya	5
Prague	3
Lausanne	7

**2017 Challengers Record:**

Challenger	Rank
Nanjing	1
Odense	6
Lipik	5
Sibiu	2
Huai An	1
Bucharest	2

### World Tour History

**Years at the WT:** 3 (2015-17)

**Total appearances:** 6

### ZEMUN HEAD to HEAD IN WT HISTORY

Opponent	Record	Games
Ljubljana	1-1	Lausanne Masters 2015 – Pools – W Prague Masters 2017 – Semi-finals - L
Riga	0-1	Lausanne Masters 2017 – Pools - L

## **ZEMUN HEAD to HEAD in 2017**

Opponent	Record	Games
Ljubljana	1-1	Nanjing Challenger – Final – W Prague Masters – Semi-finals - L
Novi Sad Al Wahda	2-0	Huai An Challenger – Final – W Bucharest Challenger – Semi-finals - W
Kranj	1-0	Huai An Challenger – Semi-finals – W
Riga	0-2	Bucharest Challenger – Final – L Lausanne Masters – Pools - L

## **PLAYER PROFILE**

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
3	Bogdan Dragovic	1.95m / 88kg	27	Serbia	20 (12)
5	Marko Dugosija	1.98m / 100kg	26	Serbia	19 (11)
4	Lazar Rasic	1.96m /95kg	30	Serbia	15 (9)
6	Nikola Vukovic	2.03m /115kg	27	Serbia	16 (10)

### **Player Stats**

Bogdan Dragovic aka “Dragon”

**Years at the WT:** 3 (2015-17)

**Total appearances:** 6

**Instagram:** Bogibatina5

**Toughest player to guard:** Dejan Majstorovic

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Marko Dugosija



**Years at the WT:** 2 (2016 & 2017)

**Total appearances:** 3

**Instagram:** Dugi\_11

#### **Achievements**

Won the Beijing Masters last year replacing Novi Sad Al Wahda's Dejan Majstorovic (Injured)

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Lazar Rasic

**Years at the WT:** 3 (2015-17)

**Total appearances:** 6

**Instagram:** Lazarsen

**Toughest player to guard:** Dusan Bulut

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Nikola Vukovic

**Years at the WT:** 3 (2015-2017)

**Total appearances:** 6

**Instagram:** Nikola\_vufi\_

**Toughest player to guard:** Mike Hicks

#### **Achievements**

MVP of the Nanjing Challenger

Star Profile: <https://youtu.be/VOZ3Uq5HsqE>



## RIGA (LAT)

Players: Agnis Cavaris, Edgars Kruminis, Karlis Lasmanis & Nauris Miezis

**Seed at WT Stop:** 4

**World Rank:** 5

**How they qualified to Chengdu:** Winning the Absolute Taipei Challenger

**Also qualified to:** Lausanne Masters (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Debrecen Masters (4<sup>th</sup>)

**National Team:** Same team that won the FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup 2017 in Amsterdam (defeated Serbia featuring the players of Novi Sad Al Wahda in the semi-finals)

**Team Song:** "Mans Lielais Singls" by Gacho

**2017 World Tour Record:**

Masters	Rank
Lausanne	3
Debrecen	4

**2017 Challenger Record:**

Challengers	Rank
Moscow	1
Bucharest	1
Taipei	1

### World Tour History

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total Appearances:** 3

### ***RIGA HEAD TO HEAD IN WORLD TOUR HISTORY***

Opponent	Record	Games
Novi Sad Al Wahda	0-1	Lausanne Masters – Semi-finals – L
Zemun	1-0	Lausanne Masters – Pools – W
Kranj	1-0	Debrecen Masters – Pools – W

Ljubljana	0-1	Debrecen Masters – Semi-finals - L
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### ***RIGA HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017***

Opponent	Record	Games
Kranj	2-0	Moscow Open – Final – W Debrecen Masters – Pools - W
Ljubljana	1-0	Bucharest Challenger – Semi-finals – W
Novi Sad Al Wahda	0-1	Lausanne Masters – Semi-finals – L
Zemun	2-0	Bucharest Challenger – Final – W Lausanne Masters – Pools – W
Ljubljana	2-1	Bucharest Challenger- Semi-finals – W Debrecen Challenger – Semi-finals – L Taipei Challenger- Semi-finals – W
Piran	1-0	Taipei Challenger – Final - W

### **PLAYER PROFILE**

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5	Edgars Krumins	1.95m / 110kg	31	Latvian	27 (4)
4	Karlis Lasmanis	2.00m / 88kg	23	Latvian	26 (3)
3	Nauris Miezis	1.92m / 88kg	26	Latvian	14 (1)

#### **Player Stats**

Agnis Cavars

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)



**Total appearances:** 3

**Favorite Song:** "In the club" by 50 Cent

Achievements

**National team:** Member of the Latvian national team that won the Europe Cup 2017 in Amsterdam

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Edgars Krūmiņš

**Signature move:**

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 2

Achievements

**National team:** Member of the Latvian national team that won the Europe Cup 2017 in Amsterdam

**Instagram:**

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Kārlis Lasmaņis

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 2

Achievements

**National team:** Member of the Latvian national team that won the Europe Cup 2017 in Amsterdam

**Instagram:** Klasmanis

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Nauris Mieziņš

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 3

**Favorite song:** "Despacito" by Justin Bieber

Achievements

**National team:** Member of the Latvian national team that won the Europe Cup 2017 in Amsterdam. Was named MVP of the tournament.

**Instagram:** miezis\_n



## PIRAN (SLO)

Players: Anze Srebvt, Gasper Ovnik, Simon Finzgar and Adin Kavagic

**Seed at WT Stop:** 5

**World Rank:** 7

**How they qualified to Chengdu:** Based on their FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking (finished 3<sup>rd</sup> last year).

**Also Qualified to:** Utsunomiya (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Mexico City

**Twitter:** Piran3x3

**Team Song:** "TNT" – AC/DC

Won the FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup in 2016.

### 2017 World Tour Record:

Masters	Rank
Utsunomiya	2

### 2017 Challenger Record:

Challengers	Rank
Lipik	7
Sao Paulo	1
Ljubljana	5
Taipei	2

### World Tour History

**Years at the WT:** 6 (2012-17)

**Total appearances:** 13

**Wins:** 1 (Lausanne 2014)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 4 (Madrid 2012; Lausanne 2015, Utsunomiya 2016 & Utsunomiya 2017)

### **PIRAN HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY**

Opponent	Record	Games
<b>Novi Sad Al Wahda</b>	0-5	Utsunomiya Masters 2017 – Final - L Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Final – L Abu Dhabi Final 2015 – Semi-finals –L Istanbul Final 2013 – Quarter-finals- L Prague Masters 2013 – Semi-finals - L
<b>Ljubljana</b>	1-1	Lausanne Masters 2015 – Semi-finals – W Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Quarter-finals - L
<b>Hamamatsu</b>	1-1	Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Pools – L Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Quarter-Finals - W

### **PIRAN HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017**

Opponent	Record	Games
<b>Ljubljana</b>	1-0	Sao Paulo Challenger – Semi-finals – W
<b>Novi Sad</b>	0-1	Utsunomiya Masters –Final – L
<b>Piran</b>	1-1	Lausanne Masters 2014 – Pools – L Lausanne Masters 2014 – Pools – W
<b>Riga</b>	0-1	Taipei Challenger 2017 – Final - L

### **PLAYER PROFILE**

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
5	Anze Srebovt	1.97m / 115kg	25	Slovenian	23 (7)
6	Gaspar Ovnik	1.90m /100kg	35	Slovenian	25 (9)
4	Simon Finzgar	1.96m / 88 kg	37	Slovenian	22 (6)
7	Adin Kavgic	1.97m / 105kg	30	Slovenian	24 (8)





## Player Stats

Simon Finzgar

**Years at the WT:** 6 (2012-2017)

**Total appearances:** 13

Finzgar is a former number one 3x3 player in the World

Simon Finzgar and Adin Kavgic are part of an exclusive group of 3 players who have played in all 6 editions of the FIBA 3x3 World Tour (Mensud Julevic – Kranj – is the third one)

**National Team:** Member of the Slovenian national team that won the Europe Cup in 2016, finished third at the World Cup in 2016 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Europe Cup 2017

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Gasper Ovnik

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2013-2017)

**Total appearances:** 11

**Favorite song:** Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers - I Won't Back Down

**National Team:** Member of the Slovenian national team that won the Europe Cup in 2016, finished third at the World Cup in 2016 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Europe Cup 2017.

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Anze Srebovt

**Years at the WT:** 4 (2014-17)

**Total appearances:** 10

**National Team:** Member of the Slovenian national team that won the Europe Cup in 2016, finished third at the World Cup in 2016 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Europe Cup 2017.

Instagram account: srebovt10

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Advin Kavgic

**Years at the WT:** 6 (2012-2017)

**Total appearances:** 13



**Toughest player to guard:** Alexandr Pavlov

**National Team:** Member of the Slovenian national team that won the Europe Cup in 2016, finished third at the World Cup in 2016 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Europe Cup 2017.

Simon Finzgar and Adin Kavgic are part of an exclusive group of 3 players who have played in all 6 editions of the FIBA 3x3 World Tour (Mensud Julevic – Kranj – is the third one)



## KRANJ (SLO)

Players: Boris Jersin, Mensud Julevic, Jasmin Perkovic & Sinisa Stemberger

**Seed at WT Stop:** 6

Team Rank: 9

**How they qualified to Chengdu:** Thanks to the team ranking (finished 6<sup>th</sup> last year)

**Also qualified to:** Lausanne (5<sup>th</sup>) & Debrecen (8<sup>th</sup>)

**Team Song:** "Insomnia" by Faithless

2017 World Tour Record:

Masters	Rank
Lausanne	5
Debrecen	8

2017 Challenger Record:

Challenger	Rank
Huai An	4
Lipik	6
Moscow	2
Ljubljana	4

### World Tour History

**Years at the WT:** 6 (2012-17)

**Total appearances:** 13

**Wins:** 2 (Lausanne Masters 2013 & Prague Masters 2015)

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** 2 (Lausanne Masters 2014 & Abu Dhabi Final 2016)

### KRANJ HEAD to HEAD IN WT HISTORY

Opponent	Record	Games
<b>Novi Sad Al Wahda</b>	0-6	Istanbul Final 2013 – Semi-finals – L Tokyo Final 2014 – Semi-finals - L Abu Dhabi Final 2015 - Final – L Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Quarter-finals – L Lausanne Masters 2017 – Quarter-finals – L Debrecen Masters 2017 – Quarter-finals - L
<b>Ljubljana</b>	1-2	Lausanne Masters 2013 – Final - W Istanbul Final 2013 – Pools – L

		Debrecen Masters 2016 – Quarter-finals – L
<b>Riga</b>	0-1	Debrecen Masters 2017 – Pools – L
<b>Piran</b>	1-1	Lausanne Masters 2014 – Pools – W Lausanne Masters 2014 – Pools - L

### ***KRANJ HEAD to HEAD in 2017***

<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Games</b>
<b>Riga</b>	0-2	Moscow Open – final – L Debrecen Masters 2017 – Pools - L
<b>Ljubljana</b>	2-0	Lipik Challenger – Pools – W Huai An – Pools - W
<b>Novi Sad Al Wahda</b>	0-1	Lausanne Masters 2017 – Quarter-finals – L Debrecen Masters 2017 – Quarter-finals – L
<b>Zemun</b>	0-1	Huai An Challenger – Semi-finals – L
<b>Hamamatsu</b>	1-0	Huai An Challenger – Quarter-finals - W

### **PLAYER PROFILE**

<b>Jersey</b>	<b>Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name</b>	<b>Height/Weight</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>World Ranking (National Ranking)</b>
3	Boris Jersin	1.83m / 90kg	32	Slovenian	31 (10)
5	Mensud Julevic	2.01m / 105kg	31	Slovenian	32 (11)
7	Jasmin Perkovic	2.04m / 110kg	36	Croatian	39 (1)
4	Sinisa Stemberger	1.95m / 85kg	38	Croatian	40 (2)



## Player Stats

Boris Jersin

**Years at the WT:** 4 (2014-17)

**Total appearances:** 10

**Favorite song:** "Shook Ones, Part 2" by Mobb Deep

**Hidden talent:** Football (Soccer)

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Mensud Julevic

**Years at the WT:** 6 (2012- 17)

**Total appearances:** 13

**Favorite song:** "Danger Zone" by Kenny Loggins (Top Gun Score)

**Hidden talent:** Brazilian Ju Jitsu

## Achievements

Julevic is part of an exclusive group of 3 players who have played in all 6 editions of the FIBA 3x3 World Tour (3 players so far including Simon Finzgar and Adin Kavagic (Piran)).

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Jasmin Perkovic

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 3

**Signature Move:** Lockdown defender

**Hidden talent:** Best driver in Slovenia

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Sinisa Stemberger

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 3

**Signature Move:** 2-pointer in your face

**Favorite song:** "Best of you" by Foo Fighters

**Hidden talent:** History



## HAMAMATSU (JPN)

Players: Rohit Bakshi, Palpreet Singh Brar , Bikramjit Gill & Inderbir Gill

**Seed at WT Stop:** 7

**World Rank:** 11

**How they qualified to Chengdu:** Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Xebio League (Tokyo won it, but they were already qualified after winning the JBA Japanese Championships)

**Also qualified to:** Saskatoon (9<sup>th</sup>) & Mexico

**Team Song:** "Singh is Kinng" feat. Snoop Dogg & Akshay Kumar

**2017 World Tour Record:**

Masters	Rank
Saskatoon	9

**2017 Challenger Record:**

Challengers	Rank
Penang	6
Huai An	7

### World Tour History

**Years at the WT:** 2 (2016-17)

**Total Appearances:** 4

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 1 (Abu Dhabi Final 2016)

### *HAMAMATSU HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY*

Opponent	Record	Games
Ljubljana	0-2	Utsunomiya Masters 2016 - Pools -L Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Final - L
Novi Sad Al Wahda	1-0	Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Semi-finals – W
Piran	1-1	Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Pools – W Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Quarter-Finals - L



## HAMAMATSU HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
Kranj	0-1	Huai An Challenger – Quarter-finals - L
Tokyo	0-1	Xebio Final – Final - L

## PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
	Rohit Bakshi		35	Indian	1,588 (4)
	Bikramjit Gill	2,01m /100kg	25	Canadian	33 (1)
	Inderbir Singh Gill	1.83m / 82kg	30	USA	37 (1)
	Palpreet Singh Brar	2.04m / 110kg	23	Indian	110 (1)

### Player Stats

Rohit Bakshi

**Years at the WT:** 2 (2016-17)

**Total appearances:** 2

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Inderbir Singh Gill aka “The General”

**Years at the WT:** 2 (2016-2017)

**Total appearances:** 5

**Favorite song:** “Love yourz” by J. Cole

Played college basketball in Canada

Instagram: [inderbirgill12](#)

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Bikramjit Gill aka “The Bearded King”



**Years at the WT:** 2 (2016-2017)

**Total appearances:** 5

Favorite song: "Sanctuary" by French Montana

Hidden talent: Step dancing

Instagram: 6eardedking

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Palpreet Singh Brar aka "The Beast"

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 2

Instagram: Palpreet15

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## TOKYO (JPN)

Players: Takeshi Ando, Masahiro Komatsu, Tatsuhito Noro & Keita Suzuki

Seed at WT Stop: 8

World Rank: 29

How they qualified to Chengdu: Winning the JBA Japanese Championships

Team song: "The Next Episode" by Dr.Dre

### World Tour History

Years at the WT: 3 (2012 & 2016-17)

Total appearances: 3

### TOKYO HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
Hamamatsu	1-0	Xebio .EXE Premier League Final – Final - W

### PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
	Takeshi Ando	1.88m /85kg	38	Japanese	707 (38)
	Masahiro Komatsu	1.91m / 89kg	33	Japanese	146 (7)
	Tatsuhito Noro	1.88m / 85kg	29	Japanese	97 (3)
	Keita Suzuki	1.80m / 82kg	36	Japanese	101 (5)



## Player Stats

Takeshi Ando

**Years at the WT:** 2 (2016-17)

**Total appearances:** 2

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Masahiro Komatsu

**Years at the WT:** 2 (2016-17)

**Total appearances:** 2

**Instagram:** komasa92

### Achievements

National Team: Represented Japan at the FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2016 in Guangzhou, China (11<sup>th</sup>)

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Tatsuhito Noro

**Years at the WT:** 2 (2016-17)

**Total appearances:** 2

**Instagram:** tatsuhito\_noro

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Keita Suzuki

**Years at the WT:** 5 (2012-14 & 2016-17)

**Total appearances:** 5

**Instagram:** bonafire7

**Twitter:** bonafire7

### Achievements

National Team: Represented Japan at the FIBA 3x3 World Cup in 2016 in Guangzhou, China (11<sup>th</sup>) & in 2014 in Moscow, Russia (20<sup>th</sup>)

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## Qing Dao (CHN)

Players: Chen Liu, Yongjie Liu, Jiayi Wang & Xuefeng Wang

**Seed at WT Stop:** 9

**World Rank:** -

**How they qualified to Chengdu:** After winning the CBA Chinese Tour

### World Tour History

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

### PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
	Chen Liu	1.92m /100kg	27	Chinese	1,142 (6)
	Yongjie Liu	2.00m /135kg	25	Chinese	4,878 (124)
	Jiayi Wang	1.86m / 86kg	33	Chinese	1,143 (7)
	Xuefeng Wang	2.00m /130kg	29	Chinese	3,673 (69)

### Player Stats

Chen Liu

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

Achievements

National Team: Represented China at the FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2016 in Guangzhou (18<sup>th</sup>)

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Yongjie Liu

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Jiayi Wang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

Achievements

National Team: Represented China at the FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2016 in Guangzhou (18<sup>th</sup>)

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Xuefeng Wang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1



## Haidian (CHN)

Players: Zhuang Chen, Shuo Wang, Han Yang & Meng Zhang

Seed at WT Stop: 10

World Rank: -

How they qualified to Chengdu: After competing in the MCC Bloomage Qualifier

### World Tour History

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1 (2017)

### HAIDIAN HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
Beijing	0-1	World Tour Chengdu Qualifier – Final – L
Shenzen	0-1	World Tour Chengdu Qualifier – Semi-Final - L

### PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
	Zhuang Chen	2.00m / 90kg	29	Chinese	-
	Shuo Wang	2.00m / 135kg	24	Chinese	-
	Han Yang	1.86m / 80kg	28	Chinese	-
	Meng Zhang	1.95m / 90kg	28	Chinese	-



## Player Stats

Zhuang Chen

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Shuo Wang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Han Yang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Meng Zhang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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## Beijing (CHN)

Players: Tao Liu, Jinbo Wang, Peng Wang & Ziyi Zhang

Seed at WT Stop: 11

World Rank: -

How they qualified to Chengdu: Hosts wildcard

### World Tour History

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

### BEIJING HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
Haidian	1-0	World Tour Chengdu Qualifier – Final - W

### PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
	Tao Liu	2.01m / 90kg	29	Chinese	-
	Jinbo Wang	2.05m / 150kg	25	Chinese	-
	Peng Wang	1.98m / 100kg	26	Chinese	
	Ziyi Zhang	1.90m / 85kg	23	Chinese	-



## Player Stats

Tao Liu

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Jinbo Wang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Peng Wang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Ziyi Zhang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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## Shenzen (CHN)

Players: Arnold Michael Louis, Yuantao Mei, Jing Wang & Junsong Wang

Seed at WT Stop: 12

World Rank: -

How they qualified to Chengdu: After winning the MCC Bloomage Qualifier

### World Tour History

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

### ***SHENZEN HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017***

Opponent	Record	Games
Haidian	1-0	World Tour Chengdu Qualifier – Semi-Final - W

### PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
	Arnold Louis	2.05m / 105kg	27	USA	-
	Yuantao Mei	1.85m / 95kg	30	Chinese	-
	Jing Wang	1.96m / 95kg	39	Chinese	-
	Junsong Wang	1.95m /135kg	25	Chinese	-



## Player Stats

Arnold Louis

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

Twitter: three\_4

Instagram: three\_4

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Yuantao Mei

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Jing Wang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1

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Junsong Wang

**Years at the WT:** 1 (2017)

**Total appearances:** 1



## FIBA 3x3 OVERALL STATS and RECORDS

### ALL-TIME

**Biggest Win in WT History:** 21-4 (+17)

RJ Madureira vs Sao Paulo YMCA, WT Rio de Janeiro Masters 2013

**Most points scored by an individual player in a game in WT history:** 19

Corey Campbell (Team Denver, WT San Juan Masters 2013)

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