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Busan (KOR)

Flash Quotes

7 July 2019

XU Xin (CHN) after winning 4:1 against MA Long (CHN) in Men's Singles final:

"Winning the title is not the reason I am feeling happy. I am happy because I beat Ma Long."

DING Ning (CHN) after winning 4:3 against SUN Yingsha (CHN) in Women's Singles semi-finals:

"Since this is the first time that I've made it to a final this year, in my mind I want to go all the way now. Since both players in the other semi-final are top competitors, and this was also a tough match, I will give my very best tonight."

XU Xin (CHN) after winning 4:2 against WANG Chuqin (CHN) in Men's Singles semi-finals:

"I have been winning a lot of matches here in Korea, so I am very satisfied with how my game is flowing right now."

"Wang Chuqin is very young and has been playing very well. I believe that he will continue to grow and leave a very good mark in the Chinese team."

MA Long (CHN) after winning 4:1 against JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR) in Men's Singles semi-finals:

"All matches are equally hard and it's about how you come through the tough moments that keeps you in the game. No matter who I meet in the final, I believe it's always going to be as hard as any other match."

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MA Long (CHN) after winning 4:2 against Kristian KARLSSON (SWE) in Men's Singles quarter-finals:

"I expected the match to be difficult. After all it is a quarter-final match, which goes to show that Kristian Karlsson was also in good form. I just tried to play my best. I think winning this match allows me to prove to myself that I am doing well. Of course my opponent having his own unique style of play was something that I had to overcome on court. It just goes to show that more of our opponents are starting to analyse the players from the Chinese team. So for us to be behind - we are used to being in front for most matches - it is good that we are put through different situations. It is a learning experience."

Kristian KARLSSON (SWE) after losing 4:2 against MA Long (CHN) in Men's Singles quarter-finals:

"I mean it's Ma Long and of course beating him is a very small chance, but I felt like I had a small chance today and I didn't take it. Of course I'm disappointed now, but I can learn a lot from this match. I think the 6th game of this match was one of the best that I've ever played, but I still lost it 11-8, so that says something about him as well. We all like to watch Ma Long play, so we know how he plays, but he made some clever changes towards the end of the match. We didn't play so close-up any more. He opened up the game and he is better there."

FAN Zhendong (CHN) after losing 4:2 against JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR) in Men's Singles quarter-finals:

"Actually I did have some chances in the match. I was leading 9-4 in the 4th game, but eventually lost, even though I was battling so hard to win it. Today the biggest problem came from my backhand, which is an obvious weakness, especially when we both played on our backhand."

JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR) after winning 4:2 against FAN Zhendong (CHN) in Men's Singles quarter-finals:

"I am so happy to have beaten Fan Zhendong, who is ranked among the best in the world. The most important moment in this victory was not the last game, but when I was behind 2-1. I managed to turn the table and make it 2-2. I have never seen any other match where the crowd had such enormous reactions. The cheers definitely gave me a lot of energy and it was an important contribution to the victory, so I want to thank them a lot for that."

DING Ning (CHN) after winning 4:1 against FENG Tianwei (SGP) in Women's Singles R16:

"We are old opponents, but today both of us had some changes in playing style. I can feel that she made some changes in her backhand recently to better cater to the ball, but she is not very fluent at how to apply reasonably."

JEON Jihee (KOR) after winning 4:1 against CHENG I-Ching (TPE) in Women's Singles R16:

"I'm coming through a tough period of injury and not winning, but I feel like I'm getting stronger and stronger now. It's a pleasing victory. I now face Ding Ning for the first time in over three years. It will be a good challenge."

JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR) after winning 4:0 against JANG Woojin (KOR) in Men's Singles R16:

"I don't feel really happy because this win came against my team-mate and he also had a foot injury. My next match is against Fan Zhendong. He's one of the top players, so I'm really quite excited about this challenge."

LEE Sangsu and JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR) after winning 3:1 against Tomokazu HARIMOTO and Koki NIWA (JPN) in Men's Doubles quarter-finals:

"We knew our opponents' weaknesses and managed to exploit them. The crowd were so loud and made it very exciting for us during the match. We will now prepare for our next match (against fellow Koreans and defending champions, Jang Woojin and Lim Jonghoon). We want to play the most attacking game possible, because we know that's the way to win."

4 July 2019

JANG Woojin (KOR) after winning 4:2 against XUE Fei (CHN) in Men's Singles R32:

"It is such a big crowd, I think that every point I win is because of them. I am very thankful and I hope that tomorrow and the days after there will even be more people to support me. In the beginning it was quite easy for me to make points, but towards the end it was getting harder and I was losing many points. But even when I was losing, the crowd was cheering for me and so I could gain a lot of energy from that. I felt quite a lot of pressure at the beginning, but I knew that I can always be first place. Like last year playing here in Korea brings a lot of motivation, because you want to give your best for all the Korean people watching."

Kristian KARLSSON (SWE) after winning 4:2 against Jun MIZUTANI (JPN) in Men's Doubles R32:

"It was the first time that I beat Mizutani, which is a nice feeling. I played a very good match. I rode my luck at times and took my chances. We were both quite agile around the table. Mizutani is a spectacular player to watch and made some incredible shots. I now play against my best friend, Mattias Falck, in the round of 16. It's always special to play against him. I know he feels the same way, so we'll see what we can give the audience tomorrow."

FAN Zhendong (CHN) after winning 4:3 against XU Chenhao (CHN) in Men's Doubles R32:

"He started very strongly and was playing very well. I found myself in an adverse situation, but I never thought I would lose. The celebration was not planned, but in that moment I felt happy and just wanted to cheer myself on."

Adam SZUDI and Szandra PERGEL (HUN) after winning 3:1 against Maharu YOSHIMURA and Kasumi ISHIKAWA (JPN) in Mixed Doubles R16:

SZUDI: "It was a great match from us. They couldn't really get into rhythm. Our game plan was to break their rhythm. We played well and were able to win in the end. Many people came to support us, so we would like to continue this momentum towards the upcoming tournaments."

PERGEL: "We are very happy that we could beat them. We already played against them in the World Championships, which was such a close match, so we knew that we had a chance and that by fighting hard and with a bit of luck, we could win."

3 July 2019

Manika BATRA (IND) after winning 4:3 against LIU Xi (CHN) in Women's Singles preliminary round 3:

"I feel so great. I've beaten a Chinese player and this was my dream, so I'm happy and will celebrate, but I have to concentrate now on the main draw, so I will focus on that. It was a rollercoaster of a match, but I was just saying in my head that I have to play patiently and enjoy the game. Going forwards, I'll just give my 100% as I have done, not get tense and play my best to win in the main draw. I like it here in Korea. The audience has been supporting me, so I'm happy for that."

Alvaro ROBLES (ESP) after winning 4:3 against Lubomir PISTEJ (SVK) in Men's Singles preliminary round 3:

"It was a very tough match. He has a very different style and I just tried to fight until the end. I didn't expect to win, I just focused every game, because I know him and I knew how difficult the match would be. Against him, it's always a lot of physical work and we are in a moment of the season with many tournaments, so it's not so easy to keep a high level of intensity, so it was a big fight today. It's a very special feeling to reach the main event. I will sleep well and enjoy tomorrow."

SHIN Yubin (KOR) after winning 4:2 against LIU Weishan (CHN) in Women's Singles preliminary round 2:

"I wasn't showing my full potential at the start of the match, because I was so nervous, so I wasn't even able to think about the game plan. Then my coach told me be confident from then on, so that's what I did. Facing more experienced opponents doesn't bother me that much. This is an opportunity for me to gain more experience. I can learn from my opponents. With such a big crowd here, I thought I would be more nervous about it, but I'm gaining more energy from them as they cheer me on!"

Maharu YOSHIMURA (JPN) after winning 4:3 against SUN Wen (CHN) in Men's Singles preliminary round 2:

"I lost to Sun Wen at the Japan Open regrettably, so today I was a bit nervous, but this time I showed more mental strength and fight. Last time I was unable to react in time on my backhand, but this time I was much quicker between my forehand and backhand strokes. My next match is against Japanese teammate, Yuki Hirano. I will approach that match with a new state of mind and fight consciously to win each contest in front of me."

Tristan FLORE (FRA) after winning 4:2 against Tomislav PUCAR (CRO) in Men's Singles preliminary round 2:

"I'm feeling quite happy now. I know Pucar very well. I played him two years ago at the World Championships: I won that match but was quite lucky. Today was a little bit the opposite: he has a better ranking than me, he's in good shape. I'm back from injury, but getting better and better, so it was a very different scenario. I was strong in my service and receive game. I think he didn't like how I serve and maybe with my backhand receive, he also wasn't sure how to serve. Overall, I think I played a good match today."

SEO Hyundeok (KOR) after winning 4:3 against Kirill GERASSIMENKO (KAZ) in Men's Singles preliminary round 2:

“It’s a meaningful victory for me. This is a home event for me in Korea, so it’s important to get through the first preliminary rounds, but now I’m hoping to go further. I already knew my opponent quite well. I knew I would have to fight hard right until the end. I think this mental approach to keep pushing helped me to victory. The Korean players are doing well at the event so far. We have our fans cheering us on and our coaches are all here to support us.”