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Flash Quotes

Day 3 - 02 June 2018

FAN Zhendong (CHN) after defeating LIN Gaoyuan (CHN) 4-2 in MS SF:

FAN Zhendong:

"I was too tired to fully concentrate on the balls after the first three games. I took the lead at the first half of the fourth and fifth games, but Gaoyuan never gave up. It was indeed a tough match. I made some adjustments at the sixth set. It's a valuable match. I think there is a quite favorable atmosphere in Shenzhen , and hope I can win those two finals."

LIN Gaoyuan:

"First I thought I played well. The scores remained quite close and I failed to handle critical balls at beginning. I was a little tired indeed."

WANG Manyu (CHN) after defeating ITO Mima (JPN) 4-1 in WS SF:

WANG Manyu:

"I was fully prepared on strategy under the guidance of Coach Xiao.. I won because I prepared comprehensively. she played quite aggressively and had a different style when receiving the serve."

"Ding Ning is a quite competitive and have more experience, skills. I will do my best in all aspects."

DING Ning (CHN) after defeating SHIBATA Saki (JPN) 4-0 in WS SF

DING Ning:

"I never met her. She won two matches yesterday and I have done lots of preparations especially on receiving the serve. Overall, I played well. I haven't played in the finals for a long time, and I participated in less matches. Now I feel quite excited. Hope I can have a good performance tomorrow. Young players certainly have more advanced skills than us. It's a challenge for me and I have been making adjustments."

MA Long (CHN) after defeating LIANG Jingkun (CHN) 4-3 in MS QF

MA Long:

"During the whole match, our scores remained deadlocked and were quite close. Liang Jingku played well with many good shot, putting some pressure on me. In the third and fourth games , I didn't consider too much about tactics except making some changes in serving. He has his own way of playing but ultimately it was some unnecessary mistakes made. I didn't play backhand on purpose. Liang has a great backhand and plays with high speed, so I was forced to fight with backhand."

"I wanted to have a bigger lead but the score was always very tight and I was unable to play my own game. It is part of the game and happens naturally. It's a narrow win. Both Liang and me played well. I didn't give up after losing the first two games. Though I have played many in many ITTF events, I am still eager to win."

LIN Gaoyuan (CHN) after defeating MIZUTANI Jun (JPN) 4-3 in MS QF

LIN Gaoyuan:

"I was fully prepared, but Mizutani Jun was quite competitive. He is a comprehensive player, who could easily notice others' mistakes and attack them. Overall, the situation was quite difficult; I did my best to get every point and finally beat him. Furthermore, it was a home match in my hometown and the fans cheered me widely. Those helped me a lot especially mentally."

"I was really nervous before the match. It's difficult to prepare, not technically but mentally. I tried to be totally focused on the match."

"I played more decisively in the final game. Though he isn't an aggressive player, he hardly make mistakes. The instructions of my coach and the cheers of audiences made me more determined to win."

"I have consumed a lot of energy and have suffered some injuries. But I will hold on and play to my best regardless of I meet at the court. The opponent won't throw the match and let you win just because of your tiredness, you have to beat them."

ITO Mima (JPN) after defeating ISHIKAWA Kasumi (JPN) 4-2 in WS QF:

ITO Mima:

"I played quite well at the first game. Even though I lost the second game, I started the third game in a good form and had the confidence to win. (At the HK Open) I was leading the match by 3-1 at first but lost in the end. The interval between China Open and HK Open is quite short. I will try as hard as before and hope to lead the game from the start"

HAN Ying (GER) after losing to WANG Manyu (CHN) 4-1 in WS QF:

HAN Ying:

“Overall, I played well, but the only pity was I that took too long to get into the zone. I feel that I only managed to play my best table tennis at the end.”

“I planned to see the world through table tennis. China is quite far away from Europe and at the time I had teammates playing there but no female players so I thought I would take the chance to try.”

“Overall, Germany has made lots of efforts on table tennis and achieved remarkable results. But the men's team is better. There are some players coming through that have potential but more practice is required. I was relatively relaxed for the first two years and tried to find out if I could play another Olympics. Since I have continued to play till now, I have decided to just go for it. Right now, I will keep practicing and fighting for it.”

Day 2 - 01 June 2018**LIANG Jingkun (CHN) after defeating GAUZY Simon (FRA) 4-0 in MS R32:**

LIANG Jingkun:

I was able to enter the zone quickly and prepared well for the match. Additionally, I was able to adjust to changes on court better. I trained well during the team training. After which, I continued to practice with my coach."

I fought back when trailing against Niu Guankai and won. Overcoming such a difficult obstacle, I believe my luck will improve from here on.

LIN Gaoyuan (CHN) after defeating JEONG Sangeun (KOR) 4-0 in MS R32:

LIN Gaoyuan:

"I thought played well today. Having played two matches before this, I was able to get into the zone faster. Also, I have made some adjustments in my strategy to counter my opponent, that why it went well for me."

"I will have a match tonight and need to make the best use of time to rest. This match was quite energy-consuming, and I was barely in control of the final game. I will need to use this time to recover."

HARIMOTO Tomokazu (JPN) after defeating ZHANG Jike (CHN) 4-0 in MS R32:

HARIMOTO Tomokazu:

"I'm really excited to win. I never thought I could win for 4-0. I am really happy with the result. I will always be serious whoever my opponent is. I think I won today mainly because I played quite well with my backhand and forehand today."

SUN Yingsha (CHN) after losing to HAMAMOTO Honoka (JPN) 3-4 in WS R32:

SUN Yingsha:

"My opponent played well and she fought well. I wasn't decisive enough on the court. No I did not let up, I can't let go of any points playing against a Japanese player. I've considered that she might play aggressively but I never knew she would be aggressive for four straight games. I wasn't able to adjust to her aggression, but mainly it was my own fault for not being decisive and playing a little too conservatively. No, I did not think I would but it's normal to lose after playing badly. Lately I feel that

am not in my best form. The problem mainly lies with me that I am not able to find my best form back.”

WU Yang (CHN) after losing to ITO Mima (JPN) 4-0 in WS R32:

WU Yang:

“I failed to apply and prepare the proper strategy and I didn't play well. I was playing my opponent's game instead of my own. Tactics was the problem. Since the ball became bigger it did have some effect on my technique. Overall, my playing style doesn't fit well with the bigger balls and I can't fully play to my ability.”

CHEN Xingtong (CHN) after defeating POLCANOVA Sofia (AUT) 4-0 in WS R32:

CHEN Xingtong:

“I am not feeling tired yet, I have good physical strength. My opponent has improved a lot, but her overall ability is still weaker. She is tall and relatively slow in speed, so I was quick in transition and attacked faster.”

“I might play against Han Ying. She is an experienced chopper. I will try my best. I am mentally prepared to face her for the second time. She is strong competitor and cannot be underestimated. I will fight for every point. Just compete normally, and finish the matches one by one.”

WANG Manyu (CHN) after defeating HASHIMOTO Honoka (JPN) 4-1 in WS R32:

WANG Manyu:

“She has made a lot progress lately and is one of the top foreign choppers. Indeed I'm tired, but I just need to prepare myself well for the match and do my best. I was prepared for a tough match as it was my first time playing against her. I was prepared for a 7 games match, but it was more comfortable than expected. When I was ahead of the first game by 8 to 7, my opponent made some changes in her serve which was new and I could not really adapt.”

“I never played against her. Hopefully I could control the rhythm and successfully use the strategy I have prepared. I will focus on myself first and then make some adjustments at the match.”

LIN Gaoyuan & CHEN Xingtong (CHN) after defeating LEE Sangsu & JEON Jihee (KOR) 3-1 in XD SF:

LIN Gaoyuan:

"It was a relatively tough match. Our opponents were competitive, but we were prepared and tried to attack their weaknesses which was why we had a good first game. Though we had some difficulties in the middle, we are glad to win. We were a bit sloppy in the 3rd set. We adjusted quickly in the 4th set and refocused ourselves, allowing ourselves to win in the end. I will try to have enough rest, have myself recovered and keep myself in a good condition."

CHEN Xingtong:

"He plays well in the Mixed Doubles event. The game we lost will help us with the matches to come. I am not doing anything special to prepare. We have played with each other and I think our teamwork will only get better. We make sure we are always well prepared and adjusted for every match. We started the match with something different, so that the opponents can't adapt and commit more mistakes. I think I was more involved in today match."

FAN Zhendong & LIN Gaoyuan (CHN) after defeating JANG Woojin & LIM Jonghoon (KOR) 3-2 in MD SF:

FAN Zhendong:

"For us, the first game got off to a good start but we didn't play well in the second and third games. We were slightly affected mentally and needed to readjust ourselves to turn it around. We played against them once. I thought they are in a good form both in the singles and doubles events and made some preparations for them strategically. After getting comfortable in the second and third games, we started becoming more sloppy with our play."

"The biggest fear in doubles is making silly mistakes. I was feeling quite comfortable until the nerves crept in. It is something that I have to try to avoid. We were guessing their strategies and deciding whether we should change to improve our chance of winning. In the fifth game, we got more familiar with our opponent's strategy but continued to guess how they will play."

LIN Gaoyuan:

"We lost the second and third games because of we failed to readjust ourselves fast enough but it is still ok given that we won the fourth and fifth game."

MA Long & XU Xin (CHN) after losing against IONESCU Ovidiu (ROM) & ROBLES Alvaro (ESP) 3-2 in MD SF:

MA Long:

"No, it was the first time facing them and the style of play was a little different for us."

XU Xin:

“We had some problems with the critical points. At match point, our opponents was able to deal with it better. They were bolder and more aggressive, which posed a great threat to us. They were decisive in their play and I think they were free of additional pressure, playing many quality shots. On our end, we had trouble with our receive.”

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LIN Gaoyuan & CHEN Xingtong (CHN) after defeating WONG Chun Ting & DOO Hoi Kem (HKG) 3-0 in XD QF

LIN Gaoyuan:

"Our opponents were competitive and fully prepared. We had some difficulties at the beginning, but we adapted quickly thanks to the fans. I was able to work well with her."

CHEN Xingtong:

"The male opponent were good at putting spin on the ball and driving, making it hard for me. He was perfect, we won with great ease."

LIAO Cheng-Ting & LIM Jun-Yu (TPE) after losing to MA Long & XU Xin (CHN) 3-0 in MD QF

LIAO Cheng-Ting:

"We had some practice before the match but our opponent were very strong. For us, it was about gaining some experience. They were better at controlling the ball and better at adapting to the game."

LIM Jonghoon (KOR) after defeating XU Xin (CHN) 4-1 in MS R32:

LIM Jonghoon:

"I'm also a left-hander so it's a great pleasure and honour to win. Actually, I wasn't that nervous, and Xu Xin wasn't in top form today. I will do my best for the rest of the tournament. Xu Xin did not play well today but he will be back after recovering his form. For me, I will prepare myself well for the matches to come."

"He has a good back spin, but he failed to control it at this time, so I took my chance and coped with it accordingly. His mistakes allowed me to take my chances. I like Xu Xin and have learned a lot from him. I started to watch his game video at around 15 years old."

MA Long & XU Xin (CHN) after defeating CHEN Chien-An & CHUANG Chih-Yuan (TPE) 3-0 in MD R16:

MA Long:

“We were fully prepared. Although we were in a rather passive with our play at the beginning but we made it in the end.”

XU Xin:

“We prepared well for the match. From the first game to the last, we worked well together in terms of tactics.”

XU Xin (CHN) after losing to LIM Jonghoon (KOR) 4-1 in MS R32:

XU Xin:

“It was my first time playing against him, but I heard that he defeated Zhou Yu. I lost the match mainly because I failed to adjust myself to the game. I was ill-prepared and failed to prepare for the opponent’s speed. He played aggressively and hard. It’s the character of South Korean players to fight hard. Their aggressive style of play can put the Chinese team under pressure.

“I am a little bit exhausted after participating quite lots of matches. I still have some events at this competition. Losing this match helped me to clear my mind. It doesn’t matter, for players, having more games is always better than having lesser games.”

DING Ning & ZHU Yuling (CHN) after defeating CHEN Xingtong & SUN Yingsha (CHN) 3-1 in WD QF:

DING Ning:

“The opponents were quite competitive, and they were fully prepared. But overall, we still had the upper hand.

ZHU Yuling:

“It is better than as expected. Even if there were still some areas that we can improve, we will continue to adjust ourselves throughout the competition.”

FAN Zhendong (CHN) after defeating Jeong Youngsik (KOR) 4-2 in MS R32

FAN Zhendong:

“My opponent was very quick, and I made some silly mistakes in the first game. I started to play better after that. In the fourth, I failed to handle some balls properly and gave the opponent a chance to win. I was aware of difficulties after the first game and had to be patient in my play.”

“It indicates that I am recognized by my opponents, but I just need to focus on my games. Now I will focus more on the whole match instead of being too focus on just a few points

HIRANO Miu (JPN) after losing to GU Yuting (CHN) 4-2 in WS R32:

HIRANO Miu (JPN):

"I played so hard to win the penultimate game and was exhausted at the final one. I was in poor physical condition six month ago and only went back to training when I was better. I am fine with others studying my game as I only need to improve myself constantly."

"I like TV dramas, so when there was chance available, I took it. Acting is difficult, but a separate issue from table tennis. As an player, I must practice hard every day. There's still gap between me and the Chinese players. They are tactically better and mentally stronger than us."

"Although I've got a new coach, we are still in a team, so everything is good between us, and I enjoy practice every day."

DING Ning (CHN) after defeating CHE Xiaoxi (CHN) 4-1 in WS R32:

DING Ning:

"There is still some distance between how I played and how I want to play ideally. I will need to review my game. There have been some changes to how the game is played and everyone has a better understanding of it, these are what I am lacking in"

"I always struggle a little when playing against CHE Xiaoxi and matches against her are tough. I will take this match as good practice and keep improving myself."

"I am not affected by the attention and treat both victories and defeat equally. I look at the big picture instead of focusing on each individual match."

FENG Tianwei (SGP) after defeating JI Eunhae (KOR) 4-0 in WS R32:

FENG Tianwei:

"I make sure to get enough nutrition and rest. My priority is to organize my team. Everyone in the team is united always say that we should always strive to get that extra point. I think we have a bright future."

ZHU Yuling (CHN) after defeating ANDO Minami (JPN) 4-1 in WS R32:

ZHU Yuling:

"I feel a little nervous for my first game and haven't adapted to the venue yet. I had to continuously motivate myself and adapt quickly as the opponent was playing well. I thought that her serve was good, perhaps I could learn to do it."

"(In the third game) My opponent got used to my rhythm and the rallies became longer. I struggled slightly to keep it going."

"I get to conserve my energy and the league also uses ball boys. I think I will be able to get used to it quickly"

FAN Zhendong & Lin Gaoyuan (CHN) after defeating LAM Siu Hang & NG Pak Nam (HKG) in MD R16:

FAN Zhendong:

"Although it was the first time to meeting our opponents in an international competition, I felt the match went according to plan. No matter where we play in China, there are always a lot of fans cheering for us. I hope we are able play well at home."

"It is normal to feel nervous during a competition but regardless of how we feel, what is important is that we win our matches. I hope we can improve on our performance in the next few rounds."

"Every year in China Open, we play in front of home crowd. I hope we can do our best and not disappoint. We have different pairings in each competition. We hope to work well together but it is very hard to assess as we have only played one match together."

Lin Gaoyuan:

"I am very happy to see all the fans here cheering for us. This is my second match after the mixed doubles and I feel the nervousness in the air but I think that it will help me with the following matches. There is something to learn from each match"

MA Long & XU Xin (CHN) after defeating CHEN Chien-An & CHUANG Chih-Yuan (TPE) in MD R16:

MA Long:

"This is not my first time here and we are familiar with our opponents. We won each game by 2 point. 11-9 in all three games, our opponents were also finding ways to beat us and are actually rather strong. Fortunately we managed to beat them."

XU Xin:

"I think we did not play to our best in this first match but we had more experience on our side."

CHEN Xingtong & SUN Yingsha (CHN) after defeating OKTARIYANI Novita & SINTYA Rina (INA) in WD R16:

CHEN Xingtong:

"I hope we can be the champions. It is common to have close matches in competitions, we are still young and can manage the increased number of matches."

SUN Yingsha

"In theory, they (DING Ning & ZHU Yuling) are stronger than us, we still hope to win. We will try our best."

ZHANG Jike & WANG Manyu (CHN) after defeating HO Kwan Kit and LEE Ho Ching (HKG) in XD R16:

WANG Manyu:

"I felt excited and nervous. We practiced just a little while because our playing styles are similar and he is a very reliable partner."

ZHANG Jike:

"It was good. We were kind of nervous at the first game and gradually returned to form. It didn't take me much time to incorporate with Manyu. It has been a while since my last corporation with Coach Xiao. We practiced for around 20 minutes before the match. Our opponents have done some analysis about us and it was a tough match. For me, mixed doubles or singles makes no difference. I need the tension of games to work myself into shape."

DING Ning & ZHU Yuling (CHN) after defeating DWIJAYANTI Gustin & INDRIANI Lilis (INA) in WD R16:

DING Ning:

"I'm feeling ok. It was my first match in this competition and our opponents' playing style was a bit uncomfortable for us that why I needed some time to adapt. For me, there is not much difference between matches. I haven't played doubles for a long time, but I will do my best."

ZHU Yuling:

"I am not very familiar with today's opponent. It is only the first match, let's wait till the second match to see."

ISHIKAWA Kasumi & HIRANO Miu (JPN) after defeating ZENG Jian & ZHOU Yihan (SGP) in WD R16:

ISHIKAWA Kasumi:

“(After Hong Kong) I had to make adjustments to my mentality and technique. After several days of practice, I feel like I am back to my best.”

HIRANO Miu:

“I will do my best to play well for the first match”

Qualifications Day 2 - 30 June 2018

Vladimir SAMSONOV (BLR) after losing to Bojan TOKIC (SLO) 4-1 in Preliminary R64:

Vladimir Samsonov:

"I think I didn't play well and he a very good game. It was very difficult because he played faster and more aggressive while I made some mistakes."

LIN Yun-Ju (TPE) after defeating FANG Bo (CHN) 4-1 in Preliminary R64:

LIN Yun-Ju:

"I managed to get some preparation for today's match. To play against an elite player like Fang Bo, I had to focus on my own game and not get affected by any other things. I thought I was a little lucky to win the match today."

ZHANG Jike (CHN) after defeating KIM Minhyeok (KOR) in Preliminary R64:

ZHANG Jike:

"I feel good and managed to find my rhythm today. I have watched and studied KIM Minhyeok's game to prepare myself but I thought that my opponent played well."

"In the fourth game, the pace of play picked up and I had to adjust myself to slow it down. The younger players are able to adapt to the new balls faster but for me, I have to mentally prepare myself for something new each game and focus on winning each point."

"In the past, the second day of play for me would have been the quarterfinals but now I have to fight through qualifications. It is necessary for me to use these matches to get back my form."

LIANG Jingkun (CHN) after defeating UEDA Jin (JPN) in Preliminary R64:

Liang Jingkun:

"I was motivated for today after coming back from 3-0 down to win yesterday. I felt that I was in good form and adapted quickly during my match. Although I have not played much in the past six months, I have been playing table tennis for a long time and have enough experience to overcome it."

"I talked to my head coach and watch videos to prepare myself for today's game. Furthermore, I have played against players from the Japan before and I felt prepared for it. I also knew that his short balls and backhand strokes were not the best so I chose to play accordingly to win the match."

WANG Chuqin (CHN) after defeating Morizono MASATAKA (JPN) in Preliminary R64:

WANG Chuqin:

"I felt comfortable and had a clear idea of what I wanted to do from the start but was playing a little more conservative in terms of my strategy."

"I felt some pressure during the qualification stages and at times I was slightly affected by my opponents' morale. However, I gained some experience at the World Team Championships to helped me manage it."

WU Yang (CHN) after defeating SZOCS Bernadette (ROM) in Preliminary R32:

Wu Yang:

"I am very happy today and thought I played well. It was my second match at the China Open and it helped me get into zone after a relatively easy match yesterday. My opponent was competitive and played well which made it harder for me to win. Overall, I managed to maintain the upper hand in the match."

"I wanted to try out new tactics for my following matches but was slightly out of practice and made some mistakes at the start. I was then able to adjust quickly to get myself back."

"In the fourth game, my opponent tried to win the game but I didn't want to let up. At 10-8 I tried to end the match and got a little nervous and sloppy. I struggled for a bit before managing to win it."

"She is one of the stronger European players and plays with a clear mind. Her style of play is very quick and she has a good drop shot as well."

Qualifications Day 1 - 29 June 2018

Vladimir SAMSONOV (BLR) after defeating UDA Yukiya (JPN) 4-1 in Preliminary R128:

Vladimir SAMSONOV:

"First of all, I am happy to be here happy to be in China and for the first time in Shenzhen. It's difficult to start and you need time to adjust the conditions. I play against the player who is young but already can play really well, he played so aggressively and he was really tough on me. Luckily, he was missing some critical balls. Anyway, I was satisfied. I look forward to the following matches."

"Actually I am not officially enrolled. I have a watching position, not in an official position of ITTF. Now I am more concentrated on my game."

Fang BO (CHN) after defeating STOYANOV Niagol (ITA) 4-2 in Preliminary R128:

Fang BO:

"Actually, it doesn't matter. For me, the table makes no difference. I just need to be fully engaged in the game."

"Just so so. I am not alert enough. Because I haven't been in a competition for a while and I need to adjust."

"I haven't played such kind of games before. It was a good chance to broaden my horizon."

"Yes, kind of nervous. I haven't been played for a long time."

"He told something about the game, such as how to adjust and adapt, how to prepare for the following games. Yes, kind of nervous. I haven't been played for a long time. I haven't played such kind of games before. It was a good chance to broaden my horizon."

ZHANG Jike (CHN) after defeating ORT Killian (GER) 4-1 in Preliminary R128:

ZHANG Jike:

"I have to start from qualifications at nearly every competitions now. Last time that I played these qualifications was ten years ago in 2008. Lots of young players are new faces to me. They are all competitive with their own advantages. I need to get ready for all kinds of difficulties and do my best with a common heart."

"I feel a little strange about playing. Even having played for over ten years, I feel different today; I need two or three months to feel right about games. For example, I feel strange about playing and have to improve the fluency."

“Yes, now the spinning of my ball is slower. The rounds have increased, which requires more energy and strength. My major problem is not strength but energy. For example, before I could win by just one or two go -rounds, but now it doubles. And more go- rounds are more energy-consuming.”

“First of all, I need to be more familiar at games and reinforce the training of basic skills.”

“I talked about it with coach Liu yesterday. Lots of young players are new faces to me and it is hard for me to know their strengths. Though I ranks relatively far down top 100 list, they still regard me as an arch rival and would do their best. So I need to play in full sail to build up confidence. I will be well prepared.”

JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR) after defeating LAI Chi-Chien(TPE) 4-0 in Preliminary R128:

JEOUNG Youngsik:

“I haven’t been to China for a long time. I am happy winning the first match”

“About the format of qualifications that impact on me, actually I feel more stressed, but it can save more strength because less matches are needed under this format.”

“For the HK open, though I found my opponents competitive, I believed that I could have won. However, these were indeed tough games.”

YAN An (CHN) after defeating PURKANI Luki Muhammad (IND) 4-0 in Preliminary R128:

YAN An:

“The opponent is not particularly strong and I hope to adapt myself to the venue through this game.”

“Anyhow, I believe I could be on the world ranking list. Whatever the format is, I would be fully prepared.”