

**Uncle Pop 2018 ITTF Women's World Cup
28 - 30 September 2018, Chengdu (CHN)**

Flash Quotes

Day 3 (30 Sep)

DING Ning (CHN) after defeating ZHU Yuling (CHN) 4-0 to win her third ITTF Women's World Cup title:

"I'm very happy with my victory, and I think I'm really fortunate to be able to win the title on all three occasions I played. It's indeed something to be excited about. I think this is definitely one of my best matches this year, I have been having ups and downs over the past few months, but today I played really well, and I see this as a new starting point."

"Today, even though I was able to win 4-0, it's definitely not an easy match, especially towards the latter of the match, both of us played at a very high level. I was able to stay calm and implement my strategies firmly."

"I also want to thank my fans who have been cheering and supporting me!"

ZHU Yuling:

"I have not played with DING Ning for a long time. I think today she did well and took the upper hand from the beginning of the match. I did not enter into match rhythm and played quite conservative. That is the reason why I lost 0-4 today."

CHENG I-Ching (TPE) after defeating ISHIKAWA Kasumi (JPN):

"I am very satisfied with my performance today. I made some special tactics in flow and receive before the match and I carried out very well. My mental strength has grown after this victory."

"I did not expect that I could win 4-1. Kasumi is a strong player but I entered into match rhythm very quickly today."

DING Ning after beating KASUMI Ishikawa 4-0:

"I did not expect that I can beat her in 4-0. Last time we met in Bulgaria, we had a very tough match."

About how to prepare the final:

"I feel very calm now. As I said before, I am not in the best form now, so I am very satisfied that I can enter into final. I hope I can carry out some new skills that I have practiced recently."

KASUMI Ishikawa:

"I felt she had upper hand throughout the match. It was a pity that I could not win a single game off her."

"I did not do well in the first three strokes today. DING Ning made a lot of variations in rallies and I was not able to adopt in time."

"I still have one match to play in this afternoon. I hope I can play well."

Day 2 (29 Sep)

CHENG I-Ching (TPE) came back from 0-2 to defeat DOO Hoi Kem (HKG) 4-2:

"I just told myself to calm down even I was 0-2 behind. I think the key to this victory is that I carried out the tactic very firmly on court. In the semi-final, I will meet China's ZHU Yuling. I will just try my best and enjoy the match."

ZHU Yuling (CHN) after beating POLCANOVA Sofia (AUT) 4-0:

"Today I came with full preparations. This is my first time to compete with Sofia and I had foreseen that I would meet some difficulties. I am very satisfied with my performance."

"Today she had a very good mindset and very strong in attacking. That's why the score was very close in the second and third match"

SUH Hyowon (KOR) after beating LAY Jian Fang (AUS) 4-3:

"It was a tough match as expected. I think my focus in the last set was the key to winning the match. DING Ning is the world top level player. I have played with her several times before. I think I will get well prepared for this quarter final and give out my best to show the audience a wonderful match."

DOO Hoi Kem (HKG) after defeating SZOCS Bernadette (ROU)

"I made many mistakes in the receive in the beginning of fifth game. I was very confused and very conservative in that match."

About her emotional celebration after winning the match:

"I played world cup two times before but all lost in the first round. This time, I told myself to win this match first. I made it so I felt very happy now."

CHENG I-Ching (TPE) after beating POTA Georgina (HUN) 4-0 :

"I think the most important thing is to believe myself on the court. The match was really tough and the score was really really close, I am very happy that I won finally. Actually I was a bit nervous before the match, but I carried out the tactics very well during the match"

ZHU Yuling (CHN) after beating EKHOLM Matilda (SWE) 4-0 :

"This was my first match in this tournament, so I was a bit stressed at the very beginning. My opponent had played two matches yesterday already so she entered into the match rhythm quicker than me."

About coming back from 3-8 to 11-8 in the first game:

"I made some research and watched her match footage before. I knew she did really well in the first three strokes and can easily enter into the match rhythm, so I had already foreseen this would happen."

EKHOLM Matilda (SWE):

"I think she is a much better player than me. This is the difference."

Day 1 (28 Sep)

SAMARA Elizabeta (ROU) after defeating CHEN Szu-Yu (TPE) 4-3 to top her group:

"I'm very happy with my performance today. My mood before the Women's World Cup wasn't good, because I lost in the first round at the European Championships in Alicante, but this is another event."

"My goal today was to top the group, and I'm glad to be able to make it. In both matches today, I had to save match points to win, this morning against Dina, and now against Chen Szu-Yu, whom I have never beaten in the past. I lost both my encounters to her in the past, but I was just very positive in the match, when I was trailing, I told myself everything is possible!"

EKHOLM Matilda (SWE) after winning 4-2 against LI Jie (NED):

"I am very pleased to win this match. I played with LI Jie several times before but I often lost very closely. Today things work somehow and I am very happy now."

"Next round I play against one more defensive player, but I have already prepared for this. She plays differently, so it will be the different match. I hope I can do it today too."

SAMARA Elizabeta (ROU) after coming back from 1-3 down to defeat MESHREF Dina (EGY) 4-3 in her first group match:

"I was 1-3 down in the first four game and in the sixth game, she got two match points. She improved a lot. Last time I play against her I also won 4-3. It was always difficult for me to play first match. I am happy with my performance today."

About her expectation in this tournament:

"I do not know, I need to play match by match. First of all, it will be the qualifying for main draw and then let's see."

MESHREF Dina (EGY) :

"I think maybe it is a lesson to learn. I am very excited to have match points but I need to not think too much about the score, just need to play every point. I am a little disappointed with this but it's a lesson to learn and I hope I can do better in the second match."

Training Day (27 Sep)

DING Ning (CHN) on playing her third World Cup:

"I have played several world tours here in this venue so I am very familiar and comfortable with the condition here."

"This is my third world cup, I feel very calm now."

"I did not make any specific expectation for this event. My body condition is normal but my competition form is not very ideal recently so I need to make full preparation for difficulties. For sure I will fight my best for each match."

Miu HIRANO (JPN)'s coach ZHANG Cheng on HIRANO's form in Chengdu:

"Miu did not get too much systematic training for nearly 15 days before the Women's World Cup due to her school work, she had to go to school every morning. But we are trying our best for her to recover to her best form."

ZHU Yuling (CHN) on playing on home soil as the defending Champion:

"It's been a year since I won the title, of course I hope to win it again, but I think it's important for me to stay calm and just put in my 100% into each match and play my best. I think it doesn't matter if I'm the defending Champion or not, I am sure every player will try to play their best to challenge me. Everyone wants to win against China, so we need to make full preparations."
