

**Seamaster 2018 ITTF World Tour
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Flash Quotes

Day 4 - 27 May 2018

Kazuhiro YOSHIMURA (JPN) after defeating CHO Seungmin (KOR) 4-1 to take the Men's Singles title:

"I am extremely happy to win this match. The win will be a boost of confidence in me and a highlight of my table tennis career."

"I watched his semi final match last night and studied his playing style carefully. I was able to find his weak points of his play and attacked towards them successfully. That's my winning strategy of the final today."

"I was able to take the lead and played more aggressively than CHO. I have better performance than CHO and I think it's the reason I won the final."

CHO Seungmin:

"It's my birthday today, so I really wanted to win here in Hong Kong, but it's a pity that I didn't get the title. It'll be an unforgettable birthday."

WANG Manyu (CHN) after defeating CHEN Xingtong (CHN) 4-2 to win the Women's Singles title:

"I'm satisfied with my performance in the finals. After losing the women's doubles final earlier, I was able to recover quickly and fully focus into preparing the women's singles."

HO Kwan Kit (HKG) / WONG Chun Ting (HKG) after defeating Masataka MORIZONO (JPN) / Yuya OSHIMA (JPN) to take the Men's Doubles title:

WONG Chun Ting:

"I'm very thankful for all the support from the fans here. Actually few years back i participated here at the Hong Kong Junior Open, but I was only the runner-up then, and now I finally won Gold, I'm very happy."

Masataka MORIZONO:

"We are not affected by the cheering from the crowd for our opponents, we are in fact very happy to be playing in front of all the spectators here."

CHEN Xingtong (CHN) / SUN Yingsha (CHN) after defeating CHEN Ke (CHN) / WANG Manyu (CHN) 3-0 to take the Women's Doubles title:

SUN Yingsha:

"I think we played well today, in terms of both our prematch preparations and the on court implementation of our strategies."

"It's also my partner's birthday today, so it's also considered my present to her."

CHEN Ke:

"I think we played normal, but our opponents played better today."

Day 3 - 26 May 2018

Kazuhiro YOSHIMURA (JPN) after defeating LIM Jonghoon (KOR) 4-3 in the Men's Singles Semifinals:

"I was extremely happy to win this match to get into the final. When I was leading 8-3 at the 7th game, I thought I would win and when Lim Jonghoon lead ahead of 10-8, I seriously thought that I would lose the match."

"Now I'm going to rest well and hope to play my rhythm at the final."

CHO Seungmin (KOR) after defeating ZHOU Qihao (CHN) 4-2 in the Men's Singles Semifinals:

"I'm quite nervous this match but at the same time enjoyed it very much. I've tried my best and I'm very happy with it. Before the match, I watched YouTube videos to study Zhou Qihao's strategies."

"Next I will study my opponent through youtube videos to prepare for the final."

CHEN Xingtong (CHN) after defeating HE Zhuojia (CHN) 4-1 in the Women's Singles Semifinals:

"I am quite satisfied with the result. It's within my expectation. I have played with Wang Manyu many times before and I lost more than I won. I hope I could play my high level in the final."

WANG Manyu (CHN) after defeating Mima ITO (JPN) 4-3 in the Women's Singles Semifinals:

"Ito has been in great form lately. She played very well especially in the first and second games. She could interpret my skills very well and that gave me great pressure. I got used to her play in the third and fourth games and it got better."

"I am not going to think about the next opponent now. The most important thing for now is to rest and keep my good level in the next round."

Kazuhiro YOSHIMURA (JPN) after defeating LEE Sangsu (KOR) 4-0 in the Men's Singles Quarterfinals:

"Lee Sangsu has a higher ranking than me but it didn't give me any pressure. I just tried to play in my own pace and it worked. The main reason I won this match was the good service receive. I will be playing with Lim Jonghoon (KOR) next round. I don't think much about my opponent, I will try to play my own routine and get the champion of the tournament."

CHO Seungmin (KOR) after defeating Maharu YOSHIMURA (JPN) 4-3 in the Men's Singles Quarterfinals:

"I prepared the match by watching youtube videos of Yoshimura's play. The first 3 games I played with own rhythm and it worked. At the 4th game Yoshimura changed his tactics and I couldn't get used to it. I picked up his new tactics and played well in the 7th game. I am looking forward playing with ZHAO Qihao in the semi final."

ZHOU Qihao (CHN) after defeating Jon PERSSON (SWE) 4-1 in the Men's Singles Quarterfinals:

"It's my first time to play against Persson. I have seen his last match with Wong Chun Ting (HKG) and knew that he's a very strong player. I was quite nervous but I did good preparations so I'm happy with my performance. Next round I will be playing against either Yoshimura (JPN) or Cho (KOR). I haven't played with either of them. I will go back and study their style."

HE Zhuojia (CHN) after defeating LIU Shiwen (CHN) 4-3 in the Women's Singles Quarterfinals:

"I have done lots of preparations for this match. It's been a breakthrough for me. It's a invaluable learning opportunity for me as I've learnt a lot from all these experienced players. My goal is to advance step by step, of course ultimate goal will be going to Asian Games, to the Olympic Games."

CHEN Xingtong (CHN) after defeating ZHANG Rui (CHN) 4-2 in the Women's Singles Quarterfinals:

"I lost the first two games. I couldn't find my rhythm and my backhand was too passive. Then I got used to the opponent and could play in much better quality. ZHANG is a strong player. The next round would be playing against one of my teammates. I don't think much about it. I just want to play in better quality and have improvement in every single match."

WANG Manyu (CHN) after defeating SUH Hyowon (KOR) 4-2 in the Women's Singles Quarterfinals:

"Suh Hyowon is a defensive player and I have done lots of preparations and trainings targeted on defensive players, especially receiving serve. I am satisfied with my performance of this match."

"My next opponent will be Mima Ito. I have played with her a few times. She is an attacking player so I need to adjust my practice after facing Suh Hyowon."

Mima ITO (JPN) after defeating LEE Eunhye (KOR) 4-2 in the Women's Singles Quarterfinals:

"I started slowly and there was a big difference (2-7) in the first game. I took the first two games but then Lee got the third and fourth game. Lee was a tall player. I tried different angles on the court but she could return all so I got quite tired."

"I am happy that I could win the match. Lee has defeated some strong players during the first and second round. She defeated No. 1 seed Ishikawa and I was quite surprised. I knew that she is a strong player so I tried my best from the very beginning. Lee is very talented and I expect I would meet her more frequently in the major tournaments from now on. I will also improve my skills so that I could be able to win against her in the next matches."

Day 2 - 25 May 2018

HO Kwan Kit (HKG) / WONG Chun Ting (HKG) after defeating Jin UIEDA (JPN) / Maharu YOSHIMURA (JPN) 3-2 in the Men's Doubles Semifinals:

WONG Chun Ting:

"The 5th game is the most critical set and I was very nervous. I tried to stay focus to win every single point."

HO Kwan Kit:

"We could get the 5th game because we trust each other and we won because we were not afraid to try different tactics."

Masataka MORIZONO (JPN) / Yuya OSHIMA (JPN) after defeating Patrick FRANZISKA (GER) / Jonathan GROTH (DEN) 3-1 in the Men's Doubles Semifinals:

Masataka MORIZONO:

"Both the opponents are very strong. It's our first time to play with them. We took the second set and it got much easier after that."

Yuya OSHIMA:

"We are very tired after the matches. We need to rest and practise well before the final on Sunday."

CHEN Ke (CHN) / WANG Manyu (CHN) after defeating DOO Hoi Kem (HKG) / LEE Ho Ching (HKG) 3-2 in the Women's Doubles Semifinals:

CHEN Ke:

"We played a good match. It was a tight game and we were trying hard to close the game but then lost some important points. DOO and LEE played well today."

CHEN Xingtong (CHN) / SUN Yingsha (CHN) after defeating Hina HAYATA (JPN) / Mima ITO (JPN) 3-1 in the Women's Doubles Semifinals:

CHEN Xingtong:

"We are happy to win the match. I actually didn't know they are the first seed for WD. But both of them are very strong players with delicate skills."

SUN Yingsha:

"We lost a few match points at the final set but we got back to our focus and finally winning the last few points."

Jon PERSSON (SWE) after defeating WONG Chun Ting (HKG) 4-2 in the Men's Singles Round of 32:

"I know that he is a really good player, so I need to play my games even if I was down 2-0. I need to play and make this and then I took two very close games and this was the key also in the end."

"I played him one time in ETTU cup semifinals with my club and then I actually beat him 3-1, but then I lost in the World Championships 3-1. So it was a revenge for me today."

"Today I think I was good in my defence. I blocked good and when he attacked I was a little bit calmer than in the World Championships. I always try to play a little bit harder and now I kept it on the table and that was the key."

"My serves was much better today than in the World Championships. He always had problems with my serves than at the World Championships so this was also one key point for me."

Marcos FREITAS (POR) after defeating Quadri ARUNA (NGR) 4-2 in the Men's Singles Round of 16:

"It was a very tough match and I'm happy to win as I lost twice to Aruna before. He is a very strong player with powerful forehand. I tried some new tactics today. I was quite upset after losing the match points at 1-3. But I gained back my concentration and played well at the 6th game. I will focus on the following matches and try to stay focus as Lim Jonghoon is a very strong player."

LIU Shiwen (CHN) after defeating SUN Yingsha (CHN) 4-0 in the Women's Singles Round of 16:

"I had a quick match. I could play my own rhythm and performed well today. I will have a rest to prepare for the next match."

SUH Hyowon (KOR) after defeating WANG Yidi (CHN) 4-2 in the Women's Singles Round of 16:

"At the beginning of the game, she couldn't receive my serve well so I was able to attack. However she adapted to my serve, so I changed my strategy by staying close to the table to defend."

"I had some difficulties receiving her serve, which allowed Wang to make a strong third ball attack. During the game, my main focus was to receive her serve well."

"I will meet a tough opponent, Wang Manyu, in the next round, but i will go into the match with a challenging mindset."

ZHOU Qihao (CHN) after defeating Patrick FRANZISKA (GER) 4-1 in the Men's Singles Round of 16:

"I haven't played as a national team member of CHINA team for a while so I was a bit nervous. Next round I will be playing against Jon PERSSON (SWE). I haven't played against him before. Tonight I will be having a video review and study his style of playing."

Masataka MORIZONO (JPN) / Yuya OSHIMA (JPN) after defeating LEE Sangsu (KOR) / JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR) 3-1 in the Men's Doubles Quarterfinals:

"We are happy to get into the semi final. The past record is 1W3L so we are very satisfied with our performance today. We understand our opponents very well and we've done lots of preparations for this match. We will try our best in the semi final and hope to get into the final."

Patrick FRANZISKA (GER) / Jonathan GROTH (DEN) after defeating LAM Siu Hang (HKG) / NG Pak Nam (HKG) 3-1 in the Men's Doubles Quarterfinals:

"We are happy to win the match. Lam & Ng are very strong. The last few points in the last set were quite difficult as the opponents tried to change the rhythm and played some high risk balls. We played good backhand this match and could close the game."

DOO Hoi Kem (HKG) / LEE Ho Ching (HKG) after defeating YU Mengyu (SGP) / ZENG Jian (SGP) 3-0 in the Women's Doubles Quarterfinals:

"The match was faster than expected. We have done lots of preparations for this match as both opponents are very strong in singles."

"We expect the next round would be a tough one and we will try our best to play and get the medal at the home stadium."

Day 1 - 24 May 2018

LEE Sangsu (KOR) after defeating ZHU Linfeng (CHN) 4-3 in the Men's Singles Round of 32:

"The game is very special to me because I had the chance to play with a Chinese player."

"The sixth game was the most critical and I knew I could win the match after winning the sixth game. My goal for this Open is of course to become the champion. But first I need to focus on the match tomorrow with either Ueda or Yoshida."

Quadri ARUNA (NGR) after defeating Yukiya UDA (JPN) 4-3 in the Men's Singles Round of 32:

"I'm very happy to play in Hong Kong Open. It's my first time in Hong Kong and I feel like home because of the warm weather. I still have no chance to see the city but I like it very much already. I am currently playing without a coach and I feel more relaxed and I've got used to it already. I look forward to see Hong Kong."

DOO Hoi Kem (HKG) after losing 1-4 to HE Zhuojia (CHN) in the Women's Singles Round of 32:

"I couldn't find my own pace in the first 3 sets and couldn't find a way to get points. There are lots of improvements in my skills. I would like to thank all the family and friends who came to support me. I have partnered with Lee Ho Ching for a long time and try my best in the Women's Double tomorrow."

LIU Shiwen (CHN) after defeating LEE Zion (KOR) 4-0 in the Women's Singles Round of 32:

"It's my first match here in Hong Kong Open and I'm glad to win. My goal is to play every match well and maintain a high level performance. Next round I'll be facing a very strong opponent (also my teammate) and I will try my best to play the match."

Maharu YOSHIMURA (JPN) after defeating ZHANG Jike (CHN) 4-3 in the Men's Singles Round of 32:

"I am glad that I won the match. Zhang is a player I respect a lot and I knew that it's his first match after a long rest. I am happy to have the chance to play with him. It is a precious experience for me to learn and I'm looking forward to play with Omar Assar the next round."

WONG Chun Ting (HKG) after defeating Daniel HABESOHN (AUT) 4-0 in the Men's Singles Round of 32:

"It was a good match. I am happy with my play at the match. I have just returned from Europe so I am still a bit tired."

"But the previous men's double match earlier today gave me a good chance to warm up and get used to the arena environment."

Sofia POLCANOVA (AUT) after defeating Miyuu KIHARA (JPN) 4-2 in the Women's Singles Round of 32:

"It was a tough match. I won Kihara 1 year ago but she has improved a lot since then."

"I started slowly in this match as it was my first match in Hong Kong. I needed time to get used to the new environment. But after 3 games, I picked up my pace and played better and better. I look forward to the next match."

LEE Eunhye (KOR) after defeating top seed Kasumi ISHIKAWA (JPN) 4-0 in the Women's Singles Round of 32:

"This is our first encounter and she's such a good player, so I had to fight for each and every point in the match. Today I think I won because of my mentality, just fighting through the match against her."

"I played the qualifications to be here, but it's only her first match, so I think that's why I was able to adapt faster and better in the match."