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Flash Quotes

16 April 2017 (Final Day) Flash Quotes

FAN Zhendong (CHN) beat JEONG Sangeun (KOR) 3-0 (11-5, 11-5, 11-8) to defend his Men's Singles title:

"JEONG has had a good tournament in both the team & singles event, defeating my teammate MA Long, and earlier today, coming back three straight games to beat Koki NIWA."

"I didn't expect that I would win 3-0 in the final, I came into the match mentally prepared for any difficulty, and came with the mindset to fight for every point in the match."

About China losing the Women's Singles medal and whether that gave him more pressure to win the Men's Singles title:

"We did have faced some upsets from others in the tournament, but to me, that shouldn't be something for me to be thinking about, and it's beyond my control. Instead, I was focusing more on my opponent, his strategies and my own mindset in the final."

JEONG Sangeun:

It's been a tiring but happy trip here for the Asian Championships. I've never thought if I will win or lose in the matches, or who my opponent will be, I was just trying to play each and every match to my best.

CHEN Meng / ZHU Yuling (CHN) beat CHEN Ke / WANG Manyu (CHN) 3-1 (11-8, 6-11, 11-7, 11-9) to win the Women's Doubles title:

ZHU Yuling:

"We are very happy to win this title here. CHEN Meng and I will be partnering for the Women's Doubles event for the World Championships next month too, and we will aim for the Gold in Dusseldorf as well."

JEONG Sangeun (KOR) beat NIWA Koki (JPN) 3-2 (6-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-7, 13-11) to reach Men's Singles Final:

"At first I didn't plan to play long rallies against him. When I was 0-2 behind, my coach told me to serve short at his forehand, make him flick and play rallies against him. I have advantage playing rallies against him, so in this way I can come back point by point. At the beginning, I want to serve different balls, long, short, but then I think too much so I make some errors. After that I decide to keep it simple, serve short, and play rallies."

“The fifth game, when I was 6-10 behind, my mental status was quite relaxed. I thought I was losing so I just planned to get as more points as I could. When 8-10, it’s my turn to serve. I decided to turn my body after the serve, if he plays forehand then just let him win. If he uses backhand I’ll fight for the last chance. I didn’t think too much then.”

“Whenever I play table tennis, I never think of how to get in final. I just fight, one match by one match. In final, it’d be great if I perform well and win the match, if not, I’ll take lessons from it and practiced more when I’m back. It’d be tough and I’ll do my best.”

“I didn’t expect so many Chinese audiences cheering for me.”

FAN Zhendong (CHN) beat ZHANG Jike (CHN) 3-1 (12-10, 11-4, 5-11, 11-4) to reach Men’s Singles Final:

“I am really appreciated that we have ZHANG Jike in our team. He is my role model and always bring us positive energy. As you can see from this tournament, he is recovering from the injury. I can learn a lot from him. For fans, today’s match is really exciting.”

“No matter who I will face in the final, the one and only goal is to win the title. Chinese team have lost many matches to foreign players in this tournament, I hope I can shoulder more responsibility in the new Olympic cycle.”

CHEN Ke / WANG Manyu (CHN) beat ITO Mima / HAYATA Hina (JPN) 3-0 (11-7, 11-9, 11-8) to reach the Women’s Doubles Final:

CHEN Ke:

“We had to be bold in changing our serves, and not take chances. I think we were fighting in that match with the mentality that we are a young pair.”

WANG Manyu:

About having a 8-3 lead in the second game, but ITO / HAYATA catching up to 9-9:

“I think the issue lies in that we weren’t focusing into the details, and still hesitating when we hit the ball, and not adapting in time during the match.”

“It was a crucial timing, after the time out at 9-9, we had to give it a final fight, we had to be bold and aggressive at the point.”

15 April 2017 (Day 7) Flash Quotes

HIRANO Miu (JPN) beat CHEN Meng (CHN) 3-0 (11-9, 11-8, 11-7) to win the Women’s Singles title:

With her victory, Hirano is the first non-Chinese player to win at the Asian Championships since 1996.

“I’m very happy and surprised with the victory. I have never thought that I could defeat the Chinese players, let alone upsetting three in a row. Previously against Ding Ning, I have never won, not even a game off her.”

“This time in Wuxi, my strategies are thorough, and I came with a good mindset to challenge my opponents and just fight my way through. I didn’t do any special preparations for the match, I slept for a while after eating, and watch some match footages after I woke up, nothing different from before.”

“I learnt a lot from my participation in the Chinese Super League last year, I think my improvements definitely has got to do with that.”

“Since I could win the title here at the Asian Championships, I hope to continue my good form and performance into the World Championships for the title in Dusseldorf.”

“The Chinese have great skills and techniques, this competition made me feel that the difference between our level have narrowed, and I will work harder to make the difference even smaller between us.”

About her being vocal about her dreams to win Gold in Dusseldorf & Tokyo2020, and if she will be afraid that her dreams will be unattainable, as the Chinese players will usually not voice out their desire to claim Gold:

“I think it’s not important if I can or cannot win, setting the goal to win is most important to me and there’s nothing to be secretive or hide.”

Chen Meng:

“To prepare this match, I watched a lot of her previous matches. The first game our score was very tight; we play best of 5, after losing the first game, I have some pressure. She performed very well today, some balls are unbelievable.”

“We are using different balls here at the Asian Championships, but I think that’s not the reason I lost. Everyone is using the new balls. What matters is the strategy and adjustment during the match, and the control of the landing points of the ball.”

Chinese Women’s Team Head Coach KONG Linghui:

“It’s a normal score in the final, Hirano was dominating the entire match over CHEN Meng, and her techniques are indeed more advanced than ours.”

“CHEN Meng had difficulties receiving her serves and did not have any advantage in her first three strokes. We will definitely have to study HIRANO’s strengths during our closed training for

the Championships. Three consecutive victories against our top players has proven her capabilities.”

FAN Zhendong / LIN Gaoyuan (CHN) beat FANG Bo / ZHOU Yu (CHN) 3-1 (5-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-6) to win the Men’s Doubles title:

FAN Zhendong:

“We were looking forward to claiming the title even before the match started, and remained positive throughout, when we were preparing & when we met with difficulties in the match.”

“After losing the first game today, I think we did well to turn the tides around in our favour to win the next three games. All four of us are very familiar with each other, Fang Bo and Zhou Yu are a strong pair as well, and we all have a strong desire to win.”

LIN Gaoyuan:

“This is my first Asian Championships, and I really wanted to win a title, our aim for Gold is clear right from the start. After we confirmed our place in the final, we were prepared for any difficulties. When we lose the first game, we remained calm to fight back point by point.”

NIWA Koki (JPN) beat XU Xin (CHN) 3-1 to reach Men’s Singles Semifinals:

“Because we play best of five, I want to be the one that seizes the initiative. In that way I will have chance to win.”

“Xu Xin plays pen-hold grip, so his backhand is a disadvantage, during the match my strategy is to play him at forehand first and then attack his backhand, which is very successful in the end. I receive his serve by flicking the ball. He serves long at my backhand but that doesn't cause me too much trouble. I still flick the ball successfully. I know Xu Xin won't easily give up, so when I was 10-5 ahead, I'm really stressful. I keep telling myself to seize the chance, and I win the match.”

Miu HIRANO (JPN) beat ZHU Yuling 3-0 to reach the Women’s Singles Final:

“I’m very very happy to be able to win today. Zhu Yuling is very strong, so I’m very excited to be able to defeat her and make it into the final.”

ZHU Yuling:

“I didn't play my first 3 strokes well, not firm enough in handling that. The second game, when I was leading, I also did not receive her serve well. I wasn't very sure when playing the first 3 strokes and I have hard time controlling the game in my own pace. I can't attack because of her playing style. Then again it's the serve that caused me troubles when 8-4, 9-7 in the second game. We have to go back and study more on Hirano's serves, made several errors while trying to receive her serves, and that disturbed our rhythm.”

Chinese coach LI Sun:

“It’s a crucial path for Zhu Yuling’s development, she’s too eager to win, so she wasn’t able to play and carry out the planned tactics.”

14 April 2017 (Day 6) Flash Quotes

CHEN Xingtong / ZHOU Yu (CHN) beat ITO Mima / MORIZONO Masataka (JPN) 3-1 to win the Mixed Doubles title:

Zhou Yu:

I think we came into the match with a good mindset because table tennis is firstly a combination of good skills and mindset. Although we have not paired for long, we have trust in each other. Representing the Chinese team, there’s for sure no problem with our skills, so our mentality is better than our opponent’s.

Yesterday when Ito and Morizono were competing with Fang Bo & Wang Manyu, we were observing at the side. They are very aggressive in their play , so we have to find problems and solutions in terms of tactics and strategies. They are a very strong and determined pair, no matter how much we are leading, their desire to come back remains strong, just like in their match against Fang Bo & Zhou Yu.

In the fourth game when we were leading 3-1, we started to play with more caution, controlling our first three stroke, and finding the opportunity to attack.

Chen Xingtong:

About the ITO Mima / MORIZONO Masataka:

I think Morizono trains very hard, everytime we go into the practice hall, he’s always training there, and it’s not just these few days, but during other events as well. So my impression of him is that he’s a very determined player. Mima Ito on the other hand, even though she’s very young, she’s already at the Olympic level, with innovative and aggressive playing style. She’s a main competitor of our team.

About winning the title with Zhou Yu:

After winning the first title together, of course we hope to pair again to win another. I think the reason why we were able to build trust and understanding between us is because he really talks a lot. Usually it’s tougher to communicate between between opposite genders, but because both of us talk a lot, it makes communication between us easier and compensates the fact that we were a new mixed doubles pair.

HIRANO Miu (JPN) beat DING Ning (CHN) 3-2 to reach Women’s Singles Semifinals:

“My overall level have improved a lot recently, I just try to play my best form on court. Last year on my birthday, Mima beat Ding Ning at the Olympic Qualifications as well, so I think my birthday is rather special. It’s a very memorable birthday for me today.”

“Competing with such a high level player like Ding Ning, especially while, 0-2 down and 5-9 behind in the third game, I feel I had to give my best fight and wasn’t thinking too much at that point.”

“Initially my goal was just to try and win this match against Ding Ning, but now that I have done that, I hope to aim for the Gold medal.”

“I hope my good form will continue into the World Championships.”

FENG Tianwei (SGP) beat HAYATA Hina (JPN) 3-1 to reach Women’s Singles Quarterfinals:

“I think I played well and I’m pleased with my performance today.”

“I saw her performance in the Team event and she plays very aggressively, so I was mentally prepared for a tough match against her. It’s a challenge, because I’m training on my own now, and facing these young and upcoming players, so I also see it as an assessment of effectiveness of my training regime.”

“At the start of the fourth game, I wasn’t receiving her serves well, so I had to be more certain and firm in that and catch up slowly.”

“Hayata has a lot of potential, her playing style and techniques are new, and it’s the trend where table tennis is now developing.”

HO Kwan Kit / WONG Chun Ting (HKG) beat LEE Sangsu / JANG Woojin (KOR) 3-0 to reach Men’s Doubles Semifinals:

WONG Chun Ting:

“We were well prepared for any difficulties that could happen before going the match.”

“The first game was crucial, our strategies and tactics all carried out well, and they got nervous. When trailing behind in the second game, we were still patient and tried our best to catch up point by point.”

“They played good as well, but I think we were able to win because we had thought of the different scenarios in the match and the solutions, so we were able to adapt fast to any situation in the match.”

WU Yang (CHN) beat ITO Mima (JPN) 3-2 to reach Women's Singles Quarterfinals:

"My overall performance is good. Have encountered some problems on the court but I fixed them. I have never played against Mima Ito before, for today's match I watched the clips of her previous match so I know a bit of her technique and her strategy. She's rather fast, very fast. The 3rd game, I was 1-4 behind, I feel I'm playing too safe. So I changed my strategy. Throughout the whole match, I did not quite catch the pace of the match. She is TOO fast. And then XiaoZhan tell me to slow down a bit, to play in my own tempo. So I get better after."

"Almost no spin on the ball, it's quite a disadvantage for the choppers like me. Really challenging."

"In Qatar Open, my physical and mental condition is not well, and I did not realized that until I'm on court. But then, it's too late. These days we have used this ball for training, but we used 729, still there are some differences."

DING Ning (CHN) beat SAWETTABUT Suthasini (THA) 3-1 to reach Women's Singles Quarterfinals:

"This is our first encounter, she played really well today and the quality of her strokes are good as well. She was very aggressive in the game, and made some shots that were not within my expectation. I think I was able to win because I was well prepared today."

SAWETTABUT Suthasini:

"My feeling is okay right now. I can play with the best player. In the first game, I keep concentrating and attack when I have the chance. Today with Doo Hoi Kem, I play well."

JEONG Sangeun (KOR) beat MA Long (CHN) 3-1 to reach Men's Singles Round of 16:

About his last encounter with Ma Long in 2011 where he led 9-6 in the deciding game, but lost 3-4:

"Overall, it's the way how Ma Long plays, I am comfortable with it. I have more chance to attack. Last time I lost, I was a bit tired and frustrated. Today's victory has nothing to do with that match."

"I was trying to get as much score as I can. Today I'm fortunate to have some lucky scores, after I won the first game I think Ma Long is a bit nervous. And then 2-0, this time my mental status has been calm and stable. The last game I lost a little bit but I came back."

MA Long:

"We had a very tight match during our last encounter as well. I lost the first game when I had the initial lead. After losing that game, I wasn't handling the situation well, especially in a best of 5

games situation. The ball used is also different from what we have been using, so it affected as well, causing me having some unnecessary errors.”

“Actually in the fourth game, I started well with a 3-0 lead, but at that time, I was penalised for a fault service and that did affected me afterwards. Jeong Sangeun was playing very aggressive and well. On the other hand, I made many errors and that gave him more chance.”

SAWETTABUT Suthasini (THA) beat DOO Hoi Kem (HKG) 3-0 to reach Women’s Singles Round of 16:

“I’m really pleased with the win; it’s the first time I’ve ever beaten her.”

“At the end of the third game I just tried to stay relaxed; during the match I tried to play with control from my backhand and powerfully from my forehand. Also, returning her service I tried to play over the table whenever possible.”

13 April 2017 (Day 5) Flash Quotes

ZHANG Jike (CHN) beat ALDMAISY Zeyad (JOR) 3-0 in the Men’s Singles Round 2:

About the exhibition point to end the match:

“I think the audience likes to watch these kind of rallies, that’s why we had the rally as the last point of the match.”

“I prepared well. From now on, every match I play would be part of my recovery., the recovery process has been tough for me. Recently my injury and the fever in Qatar has seriously affected my training, I hope I can recover soon.”

“I was able to win 3-0 as I was well prepared for the match, and my opponent didn’t gave me much pressure, hopefully they will be able to improve their level higher in the future.”

“Since I usually take a while to get into a match, for the following matches I will try to concentrate into the match as fast as I can.”

KIM Kyungah (KOR) after beating LEE Ho Ching (HKG) 3-1 in the Women’s Singles Round 2:

“I’m happy to win the match. I enjoy this game and the tournament. I really love playing table tennis, and I want to keep competing with the other players, which is very interesting. As for the following games and the WTTC as well, I enjoy playing table tennis, that’s how I prepare.”

PATKAR Madhurika (IND) after losing to DING Ning (CHN) 0-3 in the Women's Singles Round 2:

"When I went onto the table I just want to enjoy, play freely. That's what I did. The fact that she's a world champion doesn't affect me too much. I think that mindset helped me. I was just playing on my strokes and she was getting uncomfortable with my rubber. But then she wins the first game and then she get confidence, and she wins the match."

ITO Mima / MORIZONO Masataka (JPN) beat FANG Bo / WANG Manyu (CHN) 3-2 to reach the Mixed Doubles Final:

MORIZONO Masataka:

"I'm speechless, so happy; unbelievably happy."

"In the fifth game we went behind because we were too aggressive, Mima told me I must play with more control; I was focused on attack, attack and attack. At 7-10 down I thought we had no chance but Mima kept talking to me, always encouraging me. Playing the Chinese pair, Fang Bo has such a strong forehand so against him we tried to play towards the middle and towards his backhand. Wang Manyu is so safe, she doesn't make mistakes and she is good from the backhand, against her the direction was middle and forehand."

CHEN Xingtong / ZHOU Yu (CHN) beat TAZOE Kenta / MAEDA Miyu (JPN) 3-0 to reach Mixed Doubles Final:

CHEN Xingtong:

"Since we already step into the final, no matter who we'll play, we will fight our best for Gold. I must focus on my forehand receiving the serve."

ZHOU Yu:

"I'll take a look of their match footages later, but I think most importantly, it is my mental state that matters. Tomorrow I will be more aggressive and attack more."

KIM Kyungah / SUH Hyowon (KOR) beat NG Wing Nam / Minnie SOO Wai Yam (HKG) 3-2 to reach Women's Doubles Quarterfinals:

KIM Kyungah:

"Suh Hyowon is different, she makes changes. Kim Bokrae was just solid defence, no attacking play, Suh Hyowon is much more prepared to attack, especially from the forehand; Park Miyoung is somewhere in between. I think the Hong Kong pair has improved a lot against defence and we have only been practising together for about two weeks, so today was a test."

SUH Hyowon:

“Kim Kyungah knows tactically exactly what to do; she is the senior player, she is the team captain.”

CHEN Ke / WANG Manyu (CHN) beat DOO Hoi Kem / LEE Ho Ching (HKG) 3-2 to reach Women’s Doubles Quarterfinals:

CHEN Ke:

“We have prepared a lot for this match because they are rather strong players. We had some troubles while playing against them, thanks to the coach's instruction and our impromptu performance on court, in the end, we performed better than them.”

HO Kwan Kit / WONG Chun Ting (HKG) beat Sharath Kamal ACHANTA and Sanil SHETTY (IND) 3-2 to reach the Men’s Doubles Quarterfinals:

WONG Chun Ting:

“Our focus was not so good at the beginning of the fifth game; I think they became anxious and they started to make mistakes.”

HO Kwan Kit:

“In the first half of the fifth game they played very well but they became nervous towards the end.”

GAO Ning / PANG Xuejie (SGP) beat Harmeet DESAI / Soumyajit GHOSH (IND) 3-2 to reach Men’s Doubles Quarterfinals:

PANG Xuejie:

“In the first game I received from Harmeet, he uses the pendulum serve and I felt confident receiving; that gave us an advantage. They were not aggressive, they are both good with control and blocking play but in doubles I think that is difficult; the second game we were down 5-9 and came back to win, so that gave us confidence. In the fifth game, as in the first game I received from Harmeet, I was comfortable returning his serves, we played long and deep, at the change of ends we led 5-2; that gave us a distinct advantage.”

GAO Ning:

“I found it difficult returning Harmeet’s service; it wasn’t until the second half of the fifth game that I was able to adjust.”

12 April 2017 (Day 4) Flash Quotes

MORIZONO Masataka / ITO Mima (JPN) after beating CHEN Chien-An / CHENG I-Ching (TPE) 3-0 to reach the Mixed Doubles Semifinals:

Mima ITO:

“At the last Asian Championships in 2015, we only finished top 8 and didn’t win any medal, but this time, we made it into the semifinals for a medal finish so we are very happy! We will continue to do our best tomorrow in the semifinals.”

TAZOE Kenta / MAEDA Miyu (JPN) after beating LEE Sangsu / YANG Haeun (KOR) 3-2 to reach the Mixed Doubles Semifinals:

TAZOE Kenta:

“Our overall performance is very well I think. In semifinal we will meet China’s Zhou Yu and Chen Xingtong, they’re very powerful players and their world ranking is better than us. We will try our best to win.”

ZHOU Yu / CHEN Xingtong (CHN) after beating WONG Chun Ting / DOO Hoi Kem (HKG) 3-1 to reach the Mixed Doubles Semifinals:

CHEN Xingtong:

“I think this match is at the highest level. Tomorrow we will play against Tazoe Kenta and MAEDA Miyu; we will watch the clips of their previous matches and focus on how they play the first three strokes.”

ZHOU Yu:

“Wong Chun Ting and Doo Hoi Kem are strong players and the way they play their first three strokes has caused us troubles. This is our first time paired for mixed double, I think the victory really gives us confidence to play the following matches.”

China after beating Korea Republic 3-0 to win the Men’s Team Final:

FAN Zhendong:

“We were fully prepared for any difficulties during the match under the guidance of Coach Qin, we have thought what difficulties we might face as well as how we should tackle it. I want to thank our coaching team for their trust in me to put me in the first playing position.”

“Today in my first and third game, Lee Sangsu played the first few points well, and that gave me pressure, I had to come back from behind to win both game. I think our team did well overall. I hope that I will play well for the individual events as well, and have good results in the last event before the World Championships, and continue my performance into the World Championships in Dusseldorf.”

Coach QIN Zhijian:

“Today we gave Fan Zhendong to play in the first position as it’s the new Olympic cycle, his age is suitable, and has a lot of potential, so we should give him more chance to play in big events.

Ma Long is in the second position, his main role is to make the team feel secure with his presence as the Olympic Champion. Even though Xu Xin will only play one match in the final, his match is crucial to the victory of the team. He has been in this role several times in the past in the World Championships as well.”

“Jike didn’t play the final as we want him to have some rest and get ready for the individual events. Our medical team will also give him better support.”

“The Asian Championships is using the same equipment as the World Championships in Dusseldorf, with the Nittaku balls and DHS black top table. As such, we have sent our best line up here for them to get use to the bounce and spin of the balls, in preparation for the World Championships.”

11 April 2017 (Day 3) Flash Quotes

China after beating Japan 3-0 to win the Women’s Team title:

LIU Shiwen:

“Miu Hirano has improved significantly over the past year, and a very strong competitor.”

“Before this match, I’m well prepared. Today I was able to mobilise myself quite well. After winning the first game, I lost focus and was too eager for victory when leading at 8-5 in the second game, and that costed me that game. The scores were very tight after that as well, but this match also let me know my opponent better, it’s a better situation for preparing for future major events.”

Coach KONG Linghui:

“All three of them (Ding Ning, Liu Shiwen & Zhu Yuling) fought well today and were well prepared. Each encounter with the Japanese team in the gold medal match is a rehearsal for Tokyo 2020, so I also gave each of my players more pressure. Today, I think they played to their level. Actually our overall strength is better than them, so we just have to do enough preparation work from our end.”

China after beating Chinese Taipei 3-0 to reach the Men’s Team Final:

MA Long

“This is the second match for us, and we came well prepared. The whole condition is getting better as well.”

About the final:

“The Korean team came to China to train and are very powerful now. Even though Jeoung Youngsik didn’t play because he’s injured, the whole Korean team is still very competitive. In the final, I will position myself well and play my best against them.”

ZHANG Jike:

Last night we went back to hotel very late and since I haven’t played for a long time, I feel the physical condition and the overall reaction is not very good. I want to play, but I’m also afraid that I can’t play well.”

“I had a long chat with Coach Qin Zhijian last night since the injury on my ankle has affected my performance for a very long time. There’s not much time for me and Qin to communicate and get familiar with each other before. He is more familiar with Ma Long and their cooperation is very strong. That’s also one of the reasons why Qin insist on me playing today, because he needs to know how far I can go if I’m not in form.”

Korea Republic after beating Japan 3-0 to reach the Men’s Team Final:

LEE Sangsu:

“Japan table tennis is good, before this match we practiced and prepared well, so I think this time we play very good. In final we play against China, I’ll be very happy if we win. We will play as well as possible, and just have fun. Enjoy the game. As for the men’s single, my goal is to win Fan Zhendong first, I hope, and after that step by step.”

JEOUNG Youngsik :

“Tomorrow I won’t play Men’s doubles. As for the men’s singles, I’ll check if my wrist is fine two or three days after, if it’s ok, I’ll play, if it’s still a bit serious I won’t play. We still have the World Championships coming up next month so I don’t want to risk my injury getting more serious.”

China after beating Hong Kong 3-0 to reach Women’s Team Final:

Coach KONG Linghui:

“We had a pre-match preparation meeting and watched Hong Kong match videos last night. Today our players enter into the match rhythm very quick and play better than yesterday.”

About Finals against Japan:

“Japan is one of our major opponents. Their player are young in the age but rich in the experience. The finals will be tougher.”

ZHU Yuling:

“We watched Hong Kong team match videos yesterday night. Though met some difficulties during the match, I solved it smoothly. This is my second match in this tournament. Hope I can perform better in the finals in this afternoon.”

CHEN Meng on recovering from 3-7 to 12:10:

“In the third game, I am a bit affected by her service spin. But I just put my emphasis on the first three strokes. The first match is always difficult, but I think my performance today is better than expected.”

10 April 2017 (Day 2) Flash Quotes

China after beating Korea DPR 3-0 in the Men’s Team Quarterfinals:

Coach QIN Zhijian:

“The trio performed to their level today, there was some tense moments during the matches, but I’m pleased to see the members of the Rio 2016 team playing again. It is different now to when I was at the Olympic Games; there I sat in the tiered seating, here I was on the bench. Ma Long was stable as usual; Xu Xin had some problems so we needed to talk. I am familiar with Ma Long and Xu Xin; it takes longer with Zhang Jike because I am less familiar with him. Overall of course, I’m pleased we won the match.”

MA long:

“Today my performance is okay. I’m a bit nervous but I think it’s normal since this is my first match.”

XU Xin:

“The first two games are more difficult. I won the first game by a narrow margin and lost the second game. This is my first match, I must adapt as fast as I can.”

ZHANG Jike:

“After winning the first game smoothly, I lost a bit my pace during the second game. I make more errors during the rallies in the fourth game. My arm did hurt a bit today during the match, and also the new ball somehow affect the matches. I will concentrate on the following matches, try not to be affected by these factors, and hopefully I can reach my goal in this ATTC.”

China after beating Chinese Taipei 3-0 in the Women’s Team Quarterfinals:

DING Ning:

“I have never played Liu before and it took time to get used to the spin and speed on the ball. After the first game Coach Kong Linghui told me not to rush, not to be anxious, just play one point at a time.”

Chinese Taipei LIU Yu-Hsin:

“It’s the first time I’ve ever played Ding Ning; I just tried my best and just try to win. I tried to play as strong as I could from start to finish.”

Chinese Taipei after beating India 3-1 in the Women's Team Qualification Semifinals:

CHENG I-Ching:

"It's the first time that I'd played Mouma, it was difficult adapting to the tempo of her play and here the ball comes with less spin than usual; similarly against Manika it was a case of adapting to the speed of the ball."

CHEN Szu-Yu:

"The fact the ball comes slowly and with not much spin made it difficult for me; against Manika it was only in the fifth game that I became confident."

Thailand after beating Vietnam 3-2 in the Men's Team Qualification Quarterfinals:

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"I knew if I could win we had a chance; I think the major reason I won was that I blocked well from the backhand and could create angles."

Padasak TANVIRIYAVECHAKUL:

"I changed my service and receive of service for the second match; I tried to be more positive. I am really tired; I only arrived back from Sweden yesterday."

India after beating Kazakhstan 3-0 in the Women's Team Qualification Quarterfinals:

Coach Arup BASAK:

"The win was as we expected; today Mouma played very well. Manika won the first match but at times she was not focused. I was pleased with the way Sutirtha played; in the first two games she was very safe, in the third she was much more positive. The players are having to adjust, the ball comes back low with little spin."

Malaysia after beating Iran 3-2 in the Women's Team Qualification Quarterfinals:

LEE Rou You:

"Neda attacked very strongly, so against her I tried just to make no mistakes, keep the ball on the table; play with good control. I think I served well and I was able to attack strongly after my service. In the last match it was difficult to adapt to her style of play; she uses long pimped rubber on the backhand and I'm not used to playing against that style. It was hard to read the spin. I became nervous as the fifth game progressed but I tried not to show any nerves."

Korea Republic after recovering from 0-2 to beat Hong Kong 3-2 in the Men's Team Quarterfinals in the Championships Division:

LEE Sangsu:

"In the first match I was tense, my first match of the tournament; playing Wong Chun Ting I made fewer mistakes, I was able to attack his service."

JANG Woojin:

"I lost to Wong Chun Ting, he's a top player, I thought Jeoung Sangeun had a chance to win and bring us back into the match; against Ho Kwan Kit I felt that the pressure was on him rather than me, so I was able to play freely."

Hong Kong after beating Thailand 3-0 in the Women's Team Quarterfinals in the Championships Division:

LEE Ho Ching:

"I was well prepared, two years ago at the Asian Championships in Pattaya I won three-two; she is powerful but today I think I was faster than her."

DOO Hoi Kem:

"My service caused her problems; she could not read my services. I don't think I played that well today, my biggest problem was that the ball does not bounce high, it comes through very low, not so much spin."

Minnie SOO Wai Yam:

"I was happy to play to her backhand but most important was that I was strong on the first three attacks."

Korea Republic after beating Korea DPR 3-0 to reach the Women's Team Semifinals in the Championships Division:

YANG Haeun:

"In the first game I focused on trying not to make any mistakes; in the second I played more aggressively and more to her forehand, from the backhand the ball came back with such heavy backspin; from the forehand there was less spin. Kim Kyungah told me that the ball was coming back slower than is usual and I should be prepared."

SUH Hyowon:

"I kept defending, playing with backspin but my colleagues kept encouraging me to topspin from my forehand more often; they kept telling me you can do it, you can do it."

KIM Kyungah:

"I wasn't nervous; I missed playing table tennis and I'm just happy to be playing once again."

Malaysia after beating Vietnam 3-2 in the Women's Team first stage:

HO Ying:

"I have lost to Nguyen Thi Nga before in very close matches; today I lost 11-9 in the fifth and the other two games I lost just as close, I had leads and lost. I was so angry with myself; before the last match I was nervous."

Singapore after advancing to the Women's Team Qualification Quarterfinals in the first stage:

FENG Tianwei:

"I think this is the first time for Singapore team and a first for me having to play the qualifications into the Championships Division, but I believe it will be a good warm-up for us for the next few matches."

"My teammates all played well today and I hope we can all play our best tomorrow in the knockout to enter the Champion Division."

Comments on the Japanese team:

"The Japanese team's overall strength is very strong, they are the biggest opponent to the Chinese team at the moment. Although this time they sent many young players to compete, but those players are very strong, and have high world rankings. They play very well in the international events. Japan puts a lot money, resources in table tennis industry in recent years, almost each player has her own coach. Overall, I think they have improved drastically lately."

Goals for the Singles event:

"I won a bronze medal in the last Asian Championships in Thailand, so this time I'm also aiming to take home a medal."

Chinese Taipei after beating Singapore 3-2 in the Men's Team Quarterfinals in the Championships Division:

Coach CHIANG Peng-Lung on his victory at the 2000 Asian Championships in Doha:

"Chinese Taipei never won, it was always the Chinese so it was a big surprise back then for me. I think the fact that I've played in the Asian Championships gives me the experience to know how the players feel and better pass on the knowledge to the new generation of players."

LIAO Cheng-Ting:

"I'd not played Gao Ning before, it was difficult playing against him. After I won the first game, he changed his tactics; his defence, his blocking play is very good. Before, the last match I was nervous but after winning the first game I became more confident; certainly winning last year in Doha has helped my self-belief."

Thailand after beating Turkmenistan 3-0 in the Men's Team First Stage:

Pattaratorn PASSARA:

"I think in the past two years my speed and power has improved, in the third game today I made mistakes, my movement was not good."

Iran after beating Turkmenistan 3-0 in the Women's Team First Stage:

Coach Keyvani FATI:

"Our team is improving all the time, we have been in Tehran for 15 days preparing, training six to seven hours each day, we arrived three days ago. Maryam is always very calm and she is now much better again a backspin return."

Neda SHAHSAVARI beat Oguljennet NYAZGYLYJOVA:

"I kept changing my services; she could not read my services; I felt confident before the match."