

2017 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships presented by A1 - August 1 QUOTES

Women's 49: Talita Antunes / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Victoria Bieneck / Isabel Schneider Germany (24) 21-16, 21-18 (0:33)

Talita Antunes, Brazil – “Almost all our games against them we go three sets, but today we won in two so I think it was better today. The first step we did, but there is more, it is a long tournament. I’m happy that we won our pool. We played better match by match, I think that is most important. It’s hot, and I like that, but I know that it’s not easy. When it’s so hot it’s easy to lose your mind and you get tired so fast. When it’s windy you have to change your game, if you try to do the same that won’t work. For Brazilians, this weather is normal for us, we play in this almost all the time. We played better today than we did yesterday and we played better yesterday than day before. So I hope that tomorrow we can play even better.”

Isabel Schneider, Germany – “Playing against Larissa and Talita was fun although we lost. We can take a lot of good things from it through, we had a really stable sideout. We will play game by game, now our focus is on the lucky loser game and hopefully we can make it through to the bracket.”

Victoria Bieneck, Germany – “They are for sure one of the best teams in the world. You really have to play two sets on a very high level to beat them. They played really well today. We were close, we had some chances. The wind actually made it a bit better and we didn’t have any problems. We’ll take the sun over the rain.”

Women's 50: Nicole Branagh / Emily Day United States (25) def. Katharina Holzer / Teresa Strauss Austria (48) 21-19, 21-11 (0:34)

Emily Day, United States – “This Austrian team is really good. It was our first time seeing them in this tournament. They are young and I am expecting that we will be seeing them a lot in the future.”

Nicole Branagh, United States – “We had a tough game against Brazil, a big game against Germany and this game. We had some tough moments with the wind, but we are excited to be moving on it. We will keep building...It’s warm out there. We try not to think about it when we play, because that just adds to the burden.”

Katharina Holzer, Austria – “We are really enjoying playing here in Vienna. It is a great opportunity to play in front of an amazing crowd...I love [Teresa]. I knew her before just from saying hello, but now we are really good friends.”

Teresa Strauss, Austria – “I think we performed really well. I am proud of us. The second set was windy, which made it hard to set the ball, but that happens...We are learning a lot. It is a good experience to play top teams and on center court.”

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Women's 51: Chantal Laboureur / Julia Sude Germany (2) def. Elsa Baquerizo / Amaranta Navarro Spain (23) 21-17, 21-16

Julia Sude, Germany – “The Spanish team knows quite good how to play in the wind because they practice in Tenerife. I like to play in the wind but we have to adjust a little bit, especially the service. We have tactics and we were talking a lot to each other and it worked out in the end. For sure this is a different tournament than the others, it's a different rhythm. Also we have to get used to being number two in the world and almost always the favorite. We try to be focused only on the volleyball. Our whole life we have worked to be in this situation to be the favorite, now we are happy to be in this position.”

Chantal Laboureur, Germany – “It might look from the outside to be very clear, but inside we have to fight for every point. For the next games we have to keep more pressure on the serve and use the break chances we have, we lost some today and we have to improve this. The wind is not so consistent, so that makes the play more difficult. We have to focus more and mover our legs more. I have my gold medal with me still (from Gstaad) so it reminds me of this victory. It's been amazing the past few weeks and we hope we can keep the level like this. In the beginning we would be a little bit nervous playing in the centre court with a huge crowd and in this big tournament, but now we get more and more comfortable.

Elsa Baquerizo, Spain – “We knew it would be tough, they are playing very, very well this year. They played better than us this time. We'll just wait and see who we have next and reorganize our game a little bit because today was a bit crazy. We struggle a bit with the win, they served pretty well. We didn't have too many mistakes in reception but they just played better. We didn't finish the defenses that we got and they did, so that was the difference.”

Women's 52: Lidiannis Echeverria / Leila Martinez Cuba (26) def. Andrea Galindo / Claudia "Gorda" Galindo Colombia (47) 21-16, 21-14

Lidianny Echevarria Benitez, Cuba – “We are very happy about this. Now we have to check who we will play and we want to get another win. It's a well-organized tournament, there are very strong opponents and the best thing is we can learn from the best of the best. In every game from every team we can learn so much so we can grow as a team and as players. No, we are not nervous. We're ready for the next matchup and the next challenge.”

Women's 53: Madelein Meppelink / Sophie van Gestel Netherlands (22) def. Agatha Bednarczuk / Eduarda "Duda" Lisboa Brazil (3) 21-19, 21-15 (0:34)

Madelein Meppelink, Netherlands – “The first game against Canada in this tournament we didn't play our best game, so that made us sharper as we knew what we had to do. I think it all came out in this game. We Dutchies like a bit of wind so maybe that luck was on our side. We played a really good game. Now we have to play point by point, and give everything each point. We did that really well in this game.”

Sophie van Gestel, Netherlands – “I am very happy that we won, and happy how we played. There was some wind but we played well with the wind. At first we had a little stress with this being the World Championships but now we have more confidence. We won the first set 21-19 but it was a good team so we knew they would come back. They are one of the top teams, they win medals.”

Agatha Bednarczuk, Brazil – “We started the first set very well. But in the end of the set we didn't have good sideouts and they had good serves and changed the game. In the second set they were better in the service than us so this was the big difference. They played very well. When you have a good serve the wind can really help as well.”

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Women's 54: Julie Gordon / Camille Saxton Canada (27) def. Gaudencia Makokha / Naomie Too Kenya (46) 21-9, 21-10 (0:24)

Camille Saxton, Canada – I do (point calculations) more than her. I didn't think it would actually happen but now, yeah, I do think about that stuff. I think it's awesome. We didn't really have expectations coming into the tournament, we just wanted to play our best. We played really well in pool play against some hard teams. We're happy to be in the round of 32 and excited for the playoffs and we'll do our best there.

Julie Gordon, Canada – No, I don't think about (the points) at all. The way every tournament is set up, I try to think of it as mini-tournaments. If you have to play in the qualifier, that's one tournament. Pool play is a separate tournament. First round, another tournament. It doesn't affect the way I play. We're happy we got the win. It's quite windy out today. The conditions are quite different than they have been the last two days. A couple of points weren't as controlled as we would have liked.

Women's 57: Valentyna Davidova / Ievgeniia Shchypkova Ukraine (20) def. Summer Ross / Brooke Sweat United States (5) 21-17, 16-21, 15-11 (0:46)

Valentyna Davidova, Ukraine – "It is one of the best wins of our career. It was a big wind, it's very difficult to play. We blocked well, we played defense well and had good serves."

Brooke Sweat, USA – "It was tough but we made it even tougher on ourselves. We had so many chances but our setting and our rhythm was just way off and we never changed it. We're not going to beat any teams playing like that so we have a lot regrouping to do. I'm happy we still won pool but that's a crappy way to go out and I'm really pissed about it. It didn't matter what they did. Our side was so ugly it did not matter what was happening on the other side of the court. With this wind, we wanted to be good at every contact. If we're really good on pass and set we can make a good shot but we weren't good at those two and we made so many unforced errors and just kind of gave it them."

Summer Ross, USA – "I'm disappointed in that game but I'll find my rhythm next game and come out better. It was just weird. I'll have to re-watch it. (On being in the round of 32) It's awesome. I can't wait to redeem ourselves in the next game."

Women's 58: Tatyana Mashkova / Bakhtygul Samalikova Kazakhstan (29) def. Lena Plesiutchnig / Cornelia Rimser Austria (44) 21-15, 21-14 (0:32)

Tatyana Mashkova, Kazakhstan – "I am happy that we won the game with Austria because they have a lot of fans here. It doesn't matter to us where we are in the pool as we are moving on, it was a good result. Each game we play with more confidence, and I hope next round will be lucky for us. At the beginning of the match we concentrated on our sideout. We know how we will play on defense and block in each situation."

Cornelia Rimser, Austria – "It was really windy, and one side was extremely tough to play. They put big pressure on reception on us. We had good periods when we had it under control but then the wind would come up when we didn't expect it. It's a pity that it's over now for us. It's amazing to play here, it's our home tournament. We played two games on the centre court which we really enjoyed. We were a little bit disappointed when we heard we were playing on court two because it's really an adventure on the centre court with all the fans behind and the good atmosphere. Maybe we could have played better until the end. We will enjoy it anyways and watching it and cheering for Austria."

Lena Plesiutchnig, Austria – "We started out well but I had problems with the heat and the wind, and with my body – I didn't have enough power. We had some good times but we didn't serve that good."

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Men's 59: Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Nikita Liamin Russia (6) def. Dries Koekelkoren / Tom van Walle Belgium (19) 21-16, 21-15 (0:16)

Nikita Liamin, Russia – “It was a very important game for us because it means first place in our group. Today was very difficult because it was very windy. Sometimes it helped, sometimes it didn't. It's very good for us but now all teams are very strong and will have to concentrate.”

Tom Van Walle, Belgium – “It made it extra difficult. Without wind they are a really good team and we had some problems with the wind. We didn't put pressure on them as much we'd like and they just kept siding out pretty clean. We first tried (to serve) Nikita, and then after we tried Krasilnikov and they stayed really clean on their sideouts and we didn't. (Advancing to round of 32) Yeah, that's really nice, that was our main goal from the beginning but still we would have liked to have put pressure on the Russians because we played them in Gstaad and we won the game.”

Men's 65: Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera Spain (9) def. Sam Pedlow / Sam Schachter Canada (16) 21-16, 24-22 (0:42)

Pablo Herrera, Spain – “We played really good. We are confident because we won three games and our pool. Now we will rest.”

Adrian Gavira, Spain – “We are happy with our three match victories and winning our pool. Now we are playing in a new tournament with single elimination...We are playing really well lately. We have confidence after our first three matches. Now we rest.”

Sam Pedlow, Canada – “They played well, and we weren't able to execute in the key moments of the match. We had uncharacteristic errors that we need to clean up. We are able to beat those guys. We are disappointed but optimistic because we can and improve if we make adjustments.”

Sam Schachter, Canada – “They played better than us today. This is a team we can beat. We got caught off guard with the wind. I didn't play my game.”