

2017 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships presented by A1 - August 2 QUOTES

Women's 93: Talita Antunes / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Joana Heidrich / Anouk Vergé-Dépré Switzerland (17) 21-19, 21-16 (0:37)

Talita Antunes, Brazil - "It was very hot and we needed to be strong mentally to play in these conditions because our minds get exhausted really fast. I think the Swiss struggled a little more with that since they made some mistakes they are not used to. Now we prepare to do our best against Brazil, which is always difficult, since we know each other really well".

Larissa Franca, Brazil - "It was important that we started the game strong. We lost to them the last time we met in The Hague. This is a tournament where it's vital to be mentally strong at all times because this is the only way you can play at your best. We need to keep doing what we've been doing. We are making the right decisions and that's the way to go".

Joana Heidrich, Switzerland - "I'm really disappointed now. We started the match really well, but in the end we made some stupid mistakes and the first set just slipped from our hands. It was tough. In the second set we had a chance to take the lead, but our side out was not good".

Women's 94: Maria Antonelli / Carolina Salgado Brazil (9) def. Taiana Lima / Elize Maia Brazil (32) 21-9, 21-19 (0:36)

Maria Antonelli, Brazil - "The trickiest thing in a tournament like this is keeping a good balance and we managed to do that since our last game. We were really focused on this match and we studied their game a lot last night. Carol was a warrior, she brought the energy we needed while I tried to have my mind clear to think about the strategy and give her some information during the match".

Carol Salgado, Brazil - "It's too hot and we had to be very strong to deal with it. We didn't play many matches together, but we starting to figure out who we are as a team. Elize and Taiana are a very good team and this is a match that both teams can win. We've played them several times this year already and it's a very nervous game for us. Now we look forward to the quarterfinals and hopefully we can compete for a medal".

Taiana Lima, Brazil - "We didn't play at all in the first set. We also started the second set in bad shape, but we improved slowly and in the end it was close. That's how the match was supposed to be. They were the better team and we didn't deserve to win. We had good moments in the tournament, but also too many ups and downs and, in a tournament like this, we got to be more consistent if you want to succeed. This is the lesson we learned here".

Women's 95: Summer Ross / Brooke Sweat United States (5) def. Kristyna Kolocova / Michala Kvapilova Czech Republic (13) 17-21, 22-20, 15-12 (0:45)

Summer Ross, USA – (on getting three of her five blocks after the scores was 7-7 in the third set) "Thank goodness my blocks were in crucial moments, but it felt like I didn't block very well that match, so I have a lot to learn still. They came in key times though. I was getting a little read on them, I could feel when they were going to hit line and Brooke was going to dig them angle. It feels so amazing I am just so happy to be playing again. I am loving Austria; we don't want to leave. We played so hard that first set but we still kind of lost by a lot of points. We always know that we can win the next set if we don't win the first."

Brooke Sweat, USA – "They have come a long way this year. They are a really good team and they've had some really good results this year. We knew that it was going to be a battle and a close match. We are excited to come away with that win."

Kristyna Kolocova, Czech Republic – "Our game has gotten better, but I think it could have been even better than it was today. We could have beaten them. We are progressing and doing better and better."

Michala Kvapilova, Czech Republic – "It's been six months since we have played them. I think we made progress in that time. I played a little bit better especially in the first set because I adjusted from the match in Ft. Lauderdale. But in the third I made some mistakes and that was the difference. We are fighters, we play for every point, so that's why sometimes the matches go three sets. Also we are a young team and we make some mistakes but we always come back and play until the end."

Women's 96: Laura Ludwig / Kira Walkenhorst Germany (4) def. Kelly Claes / Sara Hughes United States (16) 21-16, 21-16 (0:32)

Kira Walkenhorst, Germany – "In our first two matches, we never won against this team, so I am really happy...They are a young team. They are good with blocks and on defense. They also have the typical American optimism."

Laura Ludwig, Germany – "They are a young team with nothing to lose. They play amazing beach volleyball. They look so relaxed when they play. We focused more on our side, and that was the key...I love watching them play. They are relaxed and always dancing. They are focused and polite. They are really impressive. They have had good results and a great future."

Kelly Claes, United States – "This was a really good learning experience. I am proud of our team. We wanted to go further, but I am proud of where we are...This was a really cool atmosphere with great fans. It hurts to lose, but you learn more when you lose and push through it."

Sara Hughes, United States – "Our strategy was to go after Kira on the side out but we switched to Laura because she was nearly perfect...This was amazing. We went straight from college to playing against the world's best, literally, the Olympic gold medalists. We want that experience. We know we are the young ones, but know we belong."

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Match 97: Heather Bansley / Brandie Wilkerson Canada (15) def. Lidiannis Echeverria / Leila Martinez Cuba (26) 21-19, 16-21, 17-15 (0:56)

Heather Bansley, Canada – “Our sideout was fairly consistent in the first set. We were on top of them defensive-wise. We started the second set strong but then just kind of let down a little bit and got a little bit too comfortable. They got in a rhythm siding out and we started to feel the pressure so we let them into the match which forced a third set. The Cuban teams are in NORCECA so we have seen them before. We are fortunate enough to have a nice team here to support us with video so we were able to scout their matches from earlier in the tournament. We have to give credit to the rest of our team scouting and match reports and all of us working together to come up with a plan.”

Brandie Wilkerson, Canada – “We just made sure we were on the same page. In the second set we were trying different things and we got a little bit loose maybe, so we had to make sure we tightened up our shots. We had to stay confident and refresh, and focus on every point. Today the heat is okay. I think it’s just part of the game. We’re exerting everything we have for the game and then cooling down as fast as possible.”

Leila Ortega, Cuba - “Their strategy was really efficient and they didn’t make many mistakes. Even though we took it to three sets and it could have gone either way. We had played them before, so we knew what to expect and just wanted to play with no pressure. Our result in this tournament was amazing. We agreed that our goal would be to make out of the pool and we ended up as one of the best 16 teams here after losing a very tough match. It was very good.”

Women’s 98: Lauren Fendrick / April Ross United States (14) def. Barbora Hermannova / Marketa Slukova Czech Republic (6) 19-21, 23-21, 15-9 (0:57)

Lauren Fendrick, United States – “The Czech team is really tough and really good. I am proud that we stuck with the game plan. We stayed together, stayed with it and fought together...This is still like the preseason for us. Each much we are learning and getting better.”

April Ross, United States – “That was up there [with the best comebacks I’ve been a part of]. Yesterday was a comeback too. We want to come out of the gate strong. I am stoked with the way Lauren and I played in the third set. We want to play with the aggression of the third set tomorrow...In the third set, I don’t know how many blocks [Lauren] had, but that was a game changer.”

Marketa Slukova, Czech Republic – “We struggled with our set up. They are a very experienced team. In important moments, that pushed them further...In the second set, we got really far down and then came back, but we couldn’t execute the points we needed to. We had our chances.”

Women’s 99: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan Canada (7) def. Nina Betschart / Tanja Hüberli Switzerland (10) 21-17, 23-21 (0:39)

Sarah Pavan, Canada – “They were serving me and got a couple of aces on me. I wasn’t taking care of my sideouts. But when it mattered I went back to the basics and thinking about my form. I was able to get the points when it mattered. (On not losing a set yet in the tournament) To be honest I didn’t even know we didn’t lose a set, but that’s pretty exciting. In the third set a lot of things can happen. It’s so short you never really know. We try to take care of business as soon as possible. The big thing is we never really panic and we try to be consistent. Even if we do give up points, we’re confident in our team and we trust each other. I think that’s the big thing that helps carry us through when the times get tough. Even this morning we were able to pull out a close one even when we got down because we never stop believing.”

Melissa Humana-Paredes, Canada – “It was an absolutely different game in Moscow. I think they came out guns blazing, they had absolutely nothing to lose. We were a bit more tentative and they were far more aggressive in the beginning. They did a lot of homework, they did their scouting, they did their research and it showed. That first set was a battle; there were no easy points. They were catching all my balls so I definitely had to figure out and adjust very quickly. And then the second set was even harder. Kudos to them; they played phenomenally and we didn’t play our best today so it was good that we were able to manage it out. It would have been torture if it went three.”

Nina Betschart, Switzerland – “I think in Moscow we had a lot of pass and set and they could put a lot of pressure on us. Today we did a better job. We tried to be with ourselves and make our actions really well. I think it was just a better game for us. It was amazing to play here. From the first day on there were a lot of people and a lot of Swiss people cheering for us. I really enjoyed it. To play World Championships is a great experience with a little more pressure than the other tournaments. I think we can take this experience with us.”

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Women's 100: Chantal Laboureur / Julia Sude Germany (2) def. Taru Lahti / Riikka Lehtonen Finland (19) 21-17, 21-19 (0:42)

Julia Sude, Germany - "They changed their strategy on the second set, started putting more pressure on their serves and it was a problem for us to receive. We regained our aggressiveness and I'm glad we won 2-0. The Canadians are having a very consistent season. I believe they were in the podium in each tournament they played over the last couple of months. They have a very tall blocker, so we need to make something different and be really smart on how we play this game".

Chantal Laboureur, Germany - "We have our entire staff here and I think that's why we're playing so well. We feel comfortable with their presence here and their support help us to perform at our best. We are really forward to play the Canadians. We've played them once and we won the game, but it was a while ago and we have to see what they developed since then".

Riikka Lehtonen, Finland - "The score shows the match was really close. We were there, especially on the second set, and we could have had the lead on them. They made the little things better and that was the difference. We've played them before and it was not even close, so we are a lot better now. That's what we are happy about, but, of course, we lost, so we're disappointed as well".

Taru Lahti-Liukkonen, Finland - "We played quite well, but a few side out mistakes we made on important moments of the game helped them to win it. We tried to push the game with our serve since we knew we had to keep them away from the net. We managed to get some digs, but we know we should have done better on the side out".

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Men's 77: Nivaldo Diaz / Sergio Gonzalez Cuba (24) def. Robin Seidl / Tobias Winter Austria (32) 21-16, 21-19 (0:35)

Nivaldo Diaz, Cuba - "It's great that we already matched what we did two years ago (in the last edition of the World Championships). We hope we can keep advancing. We are in good shape, we've been playing very well and we hope we can get good results. We'll face the best teams of the tournament now and we need to keep our positive approach".

Sergio Gonzalez, Cuba - "We prepared really well for this match. Any game is dangerous and any team here can beat you, so you got to prepare the best possible way to get the results. Now, the teams that are already alive in the tournament are all very good and we won't have any easy matches".

Robin Seidl, Austria - "We're disappointed. We wanted to win, our goal was to make it at least to the next round. It's a pity that we missed it. Now we have to recharge, analyze our mistakes and make better the next time. I played the best match of my live here in Vienna with the energy of the fans".

Men's 78: Maarten Van Garderen / Christiaan Varenhorst Netherlands (45) def. Saymon Barbosa / Alvaro Filho Brazil (1) 21-17, 21-18 (0:37)

Maarten Van Garderen, Netherlands – "Obviously that is a great team (Brazil), but we showed a great level as well. Christiaan is in charge and I am following his lead and in this tournament everything is going quite smoothly. It's crazy; I started playing beach volleyball three months ago. It's amazing how the guys give me confidence after a difficult stop and a difficult change. But now it feels like I've been playing for a couple of years already. It feels so secure and the cooperation with Christiaan is just amazing. I'm really happy about how things are going. I have zero regrets, but the future is still uncertain. I accepted this challenge to maybe have a small door to the Olympics. Later this month I go back to my indoor team in Italy. It's a possibility I would continue as a beach volleyball player if I won a medal here. Once again I will put all my energy in the next match and into this tournament. The decision will be made later on, maybe next year."

Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands – "After the Olympics I had some time off and I started thinking about a new partner. It was quite clear that he was the perfect fit, so that's why we approached him. We knew that he played indoors, but I called and he said he was open to anything. He said he had a contract that he had to finish his indoor season. But he was willing to play this summer, kind of like a tryout since he had never played beach volleyball before. After the indoor season we'll sit down and talk about it. I think he should play beach volleyball. This team is working and I'd like to see it go on. I think we are proving we are playing really well, maybe our best match of the year. But we have two incredibly hard matches before the semifinals."

Saymon Barbosa, Brazil - "Their strategy really worked against us today. We beat them in The Hague earlier this season, but they were the better team today. Of course we expected to go one or two steps further on this tournament, but it's only our first season together and we had some pretty good results. We keep believing in our team, we keep working hard and preparing for the next tournaments."

Men's 79: Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera Spain (9) def. Michal Bryl / Grzegorz Fijalek Poland (15) 21-19, 21-19 (0:x34x)

Adrian Gavira Collado, Spain – "We played well. The match was a big battle and was close throughout. (on being one of two teams here that have not lost a set, along with Brazil's Alison and Bruno) We have confidence but it doesn't matter. You can win all your sets and one bad day and you go out. We want to play well and we will try to win."

Pablo Herrera, Spain – "We know each other very well, we enjoy it. Playing with him (Gavira), he never has a bad face for me. We are both very aggressive players and I think we have the same mentality – 'push, push, push.' This is the key."

Grzegorz Fijalek, Poland – "It was a good game for us and a good tournament, but we lost 2-0. It was a good game for us, the first time my partner was in the World Championships. It was a good experience for him. We have a lot of good results and good games this year, and also a lot of bad ones. It must be like this because we are a new team and one is 23 years old, so it was a good lesson for him and also for me."

Men's 80: Gustavo "Guto" Carvalhaes / Pedro Solberg Brazil (8) def. Martin Ermacora / Moritz Pristauz-Telsnigg Austria (40) 21-23, 21-16, 17-15 (1:00)

Pedro Solberg, Brazil - "I didn't start the match playing well. It was hard, but I'm glad that even not playing so well I had the help of my partner and we managed to get a win. They are playing really well and could have bet us. They are young and strong and they only need a little bit of experience. That might have been the difference for us".

Guto Carvalhaes, Brazil - "We are glad we won. They are young, but really strong and good. It was really tough and they demanded the best of us. It could have gone either way and I'm pleased that the little details brought us this win. It was the second time against Austria in the center court for us, but that's good as it helps us to get better".

Moritz Pristauz, Austria - "Right now there's more disappointment than joy, but I think we played good volleyball out there and that's something we can be proud of. It's hard to explain the reasons why we lost the game, but it was a tight match. It was pretty good World Championships. It was the first for us, and immediately at home, playing in front of this crowd, it's something I won't forget so fast".

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Men's 81: Alison Cerutti / Bruno Oscar Schmidt Brazil (5) def. Rihards Finsters / Edgars Tocs Latvia (30) 21-15, 21-7 (0:28)

Edgars Tocs, Latvia – “We played with them before, we know that it’s difficult to receive the serves but that wasn’t the problem. The problem was the setting. We played them close to the net and Alison is eating them up like cupcakes. In the first we tried to play fast, different combinations but the power was gone and they started to serve more aggressively. That was the key. Tough loss. It could have been better but the physical conditions were difficult with the heat. We could have played better and it would have been nicer if we played the last game more respectably and closer so it doesn’t look so damaging.”

Men's 82: Ben Saxton / Chaim Schalk Canada (13) def. Esteban Grimalt / Marco Grimalt Chile (20) 23-21, 21-16 (0:38)

Ben Saxton, Canada – “I was playing around with my hands the whole game. He (Esteban) was going around me, under me a lot. Only on a couple I managed to get low to actually touch him. He was hitting fast and low with hard shots. It was tough to get some blocks but I finally got some at the right times. I was fortunate. We started way behind in the first. It was just about finding our own consistency basically and we started siding out better and then we made the points we needed to for the rest of the match. From when we were down 11-7 onward we were in control of the match I think. It means we’re one step further. (On Chaim Schalk’s illness) You could see he was gassed. It’s funny because he was making tons and tons of plays. Everyone was so gassed out there, it’s hard to see the court so there’s going to be a lot more digs, a lot more blocks, a lot more defensive plays. At the end of the game they were serving him. I don’t know if they should have been because I was giving away points like crazy. He played so consistently and well even though he was feeling a little bit under the weather. I think he’s going to be fine.”

Esteban Grimalt, Chile – “It was a very close first set. They did good on the last block. I saw one space and he changed the block so it was a good way to end the set for them. I feel tired, the weather is difficult for all the players and they did better than us. We didn’t play bad and we hoped to get more and advance to the next round but we didn’t. Now it’s time to rest, prepare for the next season and do better the next time.”

Men's 83: Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins Latvia (2) def. Ryan Doherty / John Hyden United States (22) 23-21, 18-21, 15-12 (0:50)

Aleksandrs Samoilovs, Latvia – “The second set we had a few mistakes in side out. That was a really good team. They destroyed Poland and had a very tough fight against Dalhausser and Lucena. We were prepared for it to be a very tough match. It’s so hot out here you need any little support that can give you minimum more energy. They played in the final last week (in Poland). Nowadays the ranking doesn’t mean anything. It was the first time we have played this team. We have played Hyden before but never Doherty, so we had to improvise during the match. They were serving all the time in the middle and quite a good serve, so we had a little trouble. Before the tournament started I thought there were about 20 teams that could win here. We have to play Brazil and Evandro is the most dangerous server on the tour. If we have good reception I think we can beat them.”

John Hyden, USA – “Every team out here is tough. We played well but didn’t take care of our chances in the first and that’s why we lost. We had a bunch of chances and didn’t come through with them. We should have won that first game and then come out in the second like we did. We just didn’t pick up the plays that we needed to. They are both really good players. But Smedins is one of the best side out players in the world. He made some mistakes so we got on him a little bit but he’s usually at the top of his game all the time. They adjusted well but we just couldn’t score points in the second set. We had our chances in the first, and if you can’t score in the later half of the match you had better win in the first part of the match. They are just a solid team. (on closing from 9-13 in the third set to 11-13) That’s very frustrating, we had a swing for 12-13 and they’re on the ropes and we let them off. That’s a huge point in the game. If you want to win you have to come up with plays like that. It’s all the small little plays like that that win matches.”

Ryan Doherty, USA – “They played a lot better in that third game, we were pretty evenly matched the whole way through. They served real tough and got us in some passing trouble and got a few aces out of it, and that turned out to be the difference. They are two really good players, super physical. We weren’t scoring too many points off Lion King so we went at Smedins, and we got a few early in the second but can’t rely on those types of guys to make mistakes all day. We were going to have to make some plays and unfortunately we didn’t make enough to win. We made too many mistakes and they got too many blocks off of us going on two; that could have turned the tide for us if we transitioned a few more of those. The event is fantastic, it’s really impressive. Obviously we wanted to do better than 17th, we’ve had some solid finishes.”

Men's 84: Evandro Goncalves / Andre Loyola Brazil (4) def. Martins Plavins / Haralds Regza Latvia (29) 21-13, 21-18 (0:33)

Evandro Goncalves, Brazil - "We played a lot better than last match. Our side out worked really well and that's how we play. We really wanted to do better on it since it was where we struggled against the Mexican. Blocking was not so good, but our defense was there when we needed it. And it all started with good serving, that put pressure on them. I'm really satisfied that we advanced, but also about how we played."

Andre Loyola, Brazil - "This being my first World Championships there is obviously some pressure, but I'm managing to stay calm. I believe so much in our team and I really think we can go a lot further and that confidence really helps me to keep focused. We are taking it step-by-step and next game is always the most important, it doesn't matter if it's pool play or the elimination round."

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Men's 85: Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena United States (3) def. Adrian Carambula / Alex Ranghieri Italy (34) 21-18, 21-17 (0:42)

Phil Dalhausser, United States – “We had a good game plan. We tried to keep Alex out of it, but he got involved. He is a big, physical force at the net...It is very hot out there. The training staff did a great job giving us ice water and cold towels.”

Nick Lucena, United States – “The win was good, but I am not too proud of my performance. I have a little injury that I'm trying to get over. It's been a long season and I'm trying to get through the final push...I try not to focus on the heat. Otherwise it will spiral for you.”

Alex Ranghieri, Italy – “I cannot explain my thoughts. It was a tough loss, especially when the numbers were on our side. We have to do a better job.”

Adrian Carambula, Italy – “This doesn't feel very good. Nobody likes to lose, especially when it's win-or-go-home. It felt like we were right there, but we made some errors...We need to improve a little bit of everything. We've been consistent, but we have to be a little bit better.”

Men's 86: Christopher McHugh / Damien Schumann Australia (35) def. Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb United States (18) 21-19, 28-26 (0:43)

Damien Schumann, Australia – “Oh, definitely (one of the best wins of their career). Those Americans. Jake Gibb's got experience and Taylor's obviously a jet as well. So to get over the top of them in a close game is a massive, massive win for us. I believe we've been fairly consistent for most of the year and we're going to get better each time we play.”

Chris McHugh, Australia – (On his red card in the second set): “I have to apologize to the officials for that. It's not the spirit of the game, it's certainly not the way Australia wants to be seen. It's a cooker out here, emotions are definitely running high, it's the World Championships, everybody wants to win. The tournament so far has been amazing. Every game is so, so tough. I don't think we really had any expectations. We've been slowly progressing this year and to be in the top 10 is for sure a goal. We don't want to put a roof on anything, we just want to keep punching through and see what happens. We play a different game to everybody else out here. Jake's a really good player and has been for a long time. We can play with anybody in the world on our day and Damien passed really well so I could hit from all parts of the court. All the teams in the world are aware of what we do and it's up to them to stop it.”

Taylor Crabb, USA – “That was exactly it, that's their game and we didn't stop their game and that's why we had trouble. They're a different team, you don't really see that from any other team out here. We thought we prepared well but not good enough. (On having a 19-17 lead plus six set points in the second): I don't really remember. It was hot out there. I don't know exactly what happened after that. They tied it up and battled for another eight points. We really thought we were hitting our stride coming in here. We played great ball the last two weeks. They're an awkward team with the on-2 ball and we weren't ready for it today. (On Damien Schumann): He's a great little scrappy defender. They did a good job on scrappy plays to get the ball back up to the net to make a play on it. We didn't really do that.”:42)

Men's 87: Sam Pedlow / Sam Schachter Canada (16) def. Daniele Lupo / Paolo Nicolai Italy (11) 21-19, 21-19 (0:36)

Sam Schachter, Canada – “I think that was a lesson we could build off in Rio. We were a little tired and that was a different scenario, third match of the day, now we had a day off and we're fresh so we're able to put the same push on in the second set as we did in the first. We tried a couple strategies that once we went to stability and calmed down a bit and stopped running all over the place because Lupo is so crafty, you're trying all these things. Once we calmed down in the second set we were great. The key to our success today was our sideout. We didn't let any aces go, we didn't let any errant sets hurt us, we just controlled our side of the net. We haven't gotten worse than a top-10 result this year so we're staying on standard.”

Sam Pedlow, Canada – “Were just trying to build the tournament. If you look at our match against Spain, we were on edge, a little too activated. You could see here we used a little more variety and played more of our game instead of just trying to go big vs. big and at the end of the game, that's what worked best for us. They bounced between (serving) both of us and that's a testament to both of us siding out well today. It came down to our relationship and I think we were a little stronger mentally at the end of the game. I think when we have fun, we do well and we're having a whole lot of fun right now.”

Paolo Nicolai, Italy – “It was a tough match because we won in three in Rio. We know we are playing a great team. I'm not so happy with the way we played, we played too much waiting for the other side of the court instead of playing to make points. Too much patience, too much waiting for them to make a mistake but they didn't. Maybe I'd try to push harder and be more aggressive. We went here with other goals but we also know that now on the World Tour there are a lot of great teams so you can't think about 'OK, we'll start playing by the quarterfinals.' You have to play every match and today they played better than us. We can play better.”

Men's 88: Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Nikita Liamin Russia (6) def. Oleg Stoyanovskiy / Artem Yartzutkin Russia (14) 16-21, 22-20, 15-10 (0:46)

Nikita Liamin, Russia – “The first set was difficult and my sideout was not good. The second set I think it's the character of our team and that we can do it. The game was difficult because we train together and we and the Russia team know some secrets. I think we won the tiebreaker because of our service and we did a normal sideout. We're happy we're in the next round.”

Oleg Stoyanovskiy, Russia – “I don't know, they played better in the second set, we made a lot of mistakes, some nervous things. We were leading. Maybe we thought the win was already here, but it was too early. It's really hard because we are teammates, we are friends, we know each other really well and it's always hard to play them. We would like to improve our results and we didn't manage it. We had some good games here.”

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Men's 89: Piotr Kantor / Bartosz Losiak Poland (7) def. Lombardo Ontiveros / Juan Virgen Mexico (21) 21-12, 18-21, 15-9 (0:41)

Bartosz Losiak, Poland – “Last week we played at home against this team and we lose 2-1. We played really bad in Olsztyn but this is a new day. We really analyzed that game, watched video, and thought how we could change our game so that we could beat them. The first set was real easy for us. The second we missed four balls and it was hard to finish the set. We controlled the tiebreaker. So we are real happy that we beat this team that we lost to last week.”

Lombardo Ontiveros, Mexico – “Their concentration was perfect, maybe not in the second set. But they made the necessary adjustment to get back to that concentration. (on having to play two teams seeded seventh or better, a team that finished fifth in the Olympics, and a 45th-seeded team that just knocked off the tournament's top seed) Pool play was crazy. But pool play is one thing and single elimination is a whole other thing, that's crazy right now. We need to keep working and try to do it better and see what happens next year.”

Men's 90: Dries Koekelkoren / Tom van Walle Belgium (19) def. Alexander Brouwer / Robert Meeuwssen Netherlands (10) 17-21, 22-20, 15-8 (0:48)

Tom Van Walle, Belgium – “The biggest win at the biggest tournament of the year. We have beaten top 10 teams before but now it's in the World Championships. Those guys are here to win it, to get the medals and they are really focused. We hung in there. In the beginning we struggled because they play a different kind of Beach Volleyball because they are so high, so strong and we have to get used to that level. Winning the second set gave us a confidence boost and we started of the third set really strong with a lot of good serves and some block defense that gave us an advantage. (On Koekelkoren's dig that turned into a set for a point from Van Walle): That was amazing. It was a backhand dig and it landed on the net and I just had to touch it. That gave us a boost and also gave us confidence to go, go, go.”

Dries Koekelkoren, Belgium – “Maybe it's a cliché but it's the result of hard work. We are working with a new coach since April and he had to get to know us and we had to get to know him. Since Baden (CEV Austrian Masters) the click was there. We had some structure some rhythm to analyze and now we get better and better.”

Robert Meeuwssen, The Netherlands – “We didn't start as relaxed as possible. That's just part of the tournament. In the second set, bad passing and some chances that we didn't finish and we were trying to push ourselves to get some points. We got some chances and we were not as clean as we should be with those chances. Tom was serving pretty well and we called timeout to interrupt his serve because when he gets his rhythm, he gets better and better. He kept doing that efficiently and we didn't handle it well enough. We had all these complaints in the past weeks with Alex and his injury, now everything was going well again so no excuses on that part. We were playing well in this tournament, this is where you want to perform and to lose like this is terrible.”

Men's 91: Clemens Doppler / Alexander Horst Austria (12) def. Theo Brunner / Casey Patterson United States (17) 18-21, 21-19, 15-10 (0:51)

Clemens Doppler, Austria – “It is hard to describe this feeling. There's pressure to play here. People expect us to go far. You have to play 100 percent to win against a team like that. I am proud that we came back after a deficit. This was one of the most emotional matches ever...Our tactics changed with the serve. We reacted, which is one of our strengths that we can adapt. We are old, so we have played in a lot of situations and can make adjustments.”

Alexander Horst, Austria – “Our World Championships have been amazing. We both live in Vienna and have people here cheering and screaming for us. The last few points were so emotional...I told Clemens we couldn't lose, not today, not in front of our fans that we love.”

Casey Patterson, United States – “We are used to people cheering against us. Ever since I partnered with Gibb, the fans have not been on my side because they want the older guys to lose...They serve relentlessly and all over the place. They don't just pick one guy. They spray the ball all over the court.”

Theo Brunner, United States – “I'm bummed. We had a good chance in the second set to win in two. It got away from us in the third set...The crowd was good. It was fun to play against them and try to quiet them.”

Men's 92: Jefferson Santos Pereira / Cherif Younousse Qatar (23) def. Kacper Kujawiak / Mariusz Prudel Poland (27) 21-19, 25-23 (0:38)

Jefferson Santos Pereira, Qatar – “We're really happy to play in the big competitions. I don't know why but we always like to play in the big tournaments. We focus in with the big crowd, it's really good. Sometimes we just enjoy the matches, having fun playing Beach Volleyball. I never played against this team so I wanted to see (during the match) how we would play against them. We made some mistakes but it was normal just to see how could play against them. It was good to finish (in two sets) because it was really hot to play another set and now we can rest for tomorrow. I don't want to expect anything, just to play and see what it's like. Let's see what is the best we can do. We are two powerful players so this is dangerous. We are a dangerous team and we can beat anybody. We focus to play our best and then we can beat anybody.”

Mariusz Prudel, Poland – “We made too many mistakes on easy balls sometimes. That was a problem. We didn't have good setting but they played good so congrats for them and it's finished for us. We had our chances but these are all good teams so the fewer mistakes decides who wins. We expected more games of course we played our best for this time and we will concentrate for our next season and play better Beach Volleyball.”