

## 2017 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships presented by A1 - August 4 QUOTES

### Women's 101: Talita Antunes / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Maria Antonelli / Carolina Salgado Brazil (9) 21-17, 21-17 (0:32)

**Talita Antunes, Brazil** – “I think we are playing good. I can't say that no one can stop us, but if we play good together and strong, it is hard for anyone to beat us. When I play against Brazil we try to do something different because we know each other so well. We play here on the FIVB Tour and on the Brazilian tour. Today we did better than them. Yesterday when we played Brazil, they served so well. So today for us it was important to be careful about their serves. I think we did our best.”

**Maria Antonelli, Brazil** – “Against this team you cannot have the mistakes that we had. Three points we didn't concentrate enough and they made the points. We were wanting a better game, but it's okay. It's our first World Championship together. Of course I am not happy right now, but they deserve it. Now I hope they win this tournament, they're the only Brazil team left. So now I cheer for them. We could have played better, but that's the game. Next time we prepare more and fix what we did wrong. I am proud of my partner and what we did in Austria. A lot of teams lost before us, so let's think about the future. This is the beginning for me and Carolina.”

**Carolina Salgado, Brazil** – “They are a great team, an amazing team. To beat them you have to play your best and we didn't play our best today. They served much better than us, we made some mistakes that could make the difference. We tried, but we didn't serve so good. Our defense system of the blocks and defense didn't work so well today. I think every time you get on the court anything can happen. But if they play their best it is hard to beat them because they are a great team. But everyone here can win this tournament, there are so many good teams – the Germans, the Americans, the Canadians.”

### Women's 102: Laura Ludwig / Kira Walkenhorst Germany (4) def. Summer Ross / Brooke Sweat United States (5) 21-15, 21-14 (0:31)

**Laura Ludwig, Germany** – “Yes, we're back. I like to say that. We are coming closer and closer to Ludwig/Walkenhorst Beach Volleyball and that's what we wanted, that's what we were aiming for this tournament and I'm so happy and satisfied that it's working. In the beginning it was back and forth and they did a really good job. They were adapting well to the opponent but we just wanted to take the game over with our service, put them more under pressure and also they did a good job of block defense and that's why we switched to show them another picture and they didn't expect it I guess. For us it was working and we are definitely confident. (On Larissa/Talita): They are having a strong season, they have already won tournaments, they have had good matches. Definitely we can play them really good, we proved we can win against them and now we go for our best game and we will see what happens. Today was actually pretty cold compared to the other days.”

**Kira Walkenhorst, Germany** – “We played pretty good and we want to do it again. I'm really happy we won this match today. We played good Beach Volleyball again. After this match, yes (we are back). Of course it's not that easy and not all the time like last year but we are playing better game by game as a team. Today we had some balls, they looked like they were far away and we wouldn't get them but we got them and took the point. It was like last year and I hope we keep this for the next two games.”

**Brooke Sweat, USA** – (Was it a bad day or were Laura/Kira better?) “I think it was a little of both. We came out expecting to beat them like we beat them last time and we can't do that against any team, especially this team. It looks like Kira's shoulder and knee are a little better. I don't know if we were completely ready. (On Kira's shoulder improvement): It's a huge difference. We can't just pull every time and expect to dig like we did previously. It changes the game completely and we didn't adjust. They know how to do volleyball here and it's so fun to play an event like this. Bummed to end like this but it was an incredible experience and we're really happy we were here playing.”

**Summer Ross, USA** – “I wasn't making enough moves on the block or the right moves. It wasn't our game, I got dug on a lot of rallies and they ended up winning the rally. They played really well, we didn't play well and the combo showed in the score. We had so many good games here and I'm excited. This is a good way to finish this FIVB Tour and we'll move onto Manhattan (Beach).”

### Women's 103: Lauren Fendrick / April Ross United States (14) def. Heather Bansley / Brandie Wilkerson Canada (15) 21-16, 21-10 (0:38)

**April Ross, USA** – “There's a lot of intensity and for sure we are getting in a rhythm. That one day off was good for recovery and put a little hitch in our giddyup. Now with three days of competition in a row we're feeling pretty good in rhythm. A lot of times in the second match (of the day), knock on wood, you sometimes feel better so hopefully that continues. I hyperextended my knee a little bit when I came down, so that is why you see us filling the divots. But thankfully I am fine. I think a lot of our chemistry has to do with our long-term relationship and just getting along so well. One of the reasons I wanted to play with Lauren is she is all in, she is super-focused and she has the same goals as me. You never have to doubt that so when you are both on the court you are in sync.”

**Lauren Fendrick, USA** – “It feels good to at least tie my career high. But our goal is to win this tournament, so it's one more step in the direction. Every win feels good and obviously nothing is guaranteed. We are still working and focused. I am really excited to rest and recover here a little bit and go through the preparations and see what happens. (on both sets ending on an ace by Ross) She is one of the best servers in the world. Having her on the back line is always a threat. Glad she is on my side. I heard that she is leading in aces in all the years at World Championships. (on semifinal match against a team they lost to 21-8, 21-15 in Poland last month) We're going to look at the video and side out better and score some more points. I think we are a better team now so I am excited.”

**Brandie Wilkerson, Canada** – “I think they definitely brought their 'A' game, which we expected them to and hoped for them to. It was just a matter of us controlling our opportunities. We had so many opportunities that we created and I'm very happy about, it's just a matter of turning that into a point. We are both familiar with each player (on USA) individually, but it was interesting to see the team dynamic. We had a game plan, it was just about executing that. In the bigger picture, I am happy about tying a career best at the World Championships. I think I'll be happier once I take a step back and appreciate this event and all the steps we've been through. We're always wanting more, and that's kind of how we got here, is always wanting more than what we've done this whole season.”

**Heather Bansley, Canada** – “It is a really good competition this year, lots of competitive teams. I'm pretty disappointed with our performance today and the loss. But I think that we can be happy with a fifth with us being a new team and this being Brandie's first World Championships. So it is bittersweet. Our game plan was to go after Lauren today and she was pretty consistent. They generated a lot of points on their transition too, which took a some of the pressure off their serve receive. We needed to do a better job on our side of siding out and keeping the pressure on them. They are also a new team and I've progressively seen them getting better the last few tournaments. They are definitely playing much better this week than they have in the past. This is the tournament to bring it, that's what all the good teams want to be doing, is peaking for World Championships. So I have to give credit to them, they played well and consistent.”

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**Women's 104: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan Canada (7) def. Chantal Laboureur / Julia Sude Germany (2) 21-15, 21-16 (0:40)**

**Melissa Humana-Paredes, Canada** – “We just stuck to our game plan and really dug deep there. The conditions aren't favorable, it's really hot out there, but we managed it really well. Our service was real aggressive, our sideout was steady and we were getting tons of touches on the block and on defense. It was a really smooth game on our part. (On calling timeout with 15-13 lead in second set): That was just kind of to recoup, take a minute, settle down a little bit. We also wanted them to think about what they had to do, let them think about their serve and just got back to basics on our side.”

**Sarah Pavan, Canada** – “Those two (Laboureur/Sude) are a pair of fighters out there, they never give up. They're crafty, they're scrappy and we wanted to make that even if they made great plays that we didn't let that rattle us and we stayed with our game plan. Melissa played fantastic in the backcourt, she was reading everything and digging all their shots which I think made them a little frustrated. We kept them off the net a little bit with our serve and when they weren't in system that caused them problems.”

**Chantal Laboureur, Germany** – “We know their strength is the high block and Melissa can work good on defense so it's not easy to put the ball down on their court. This was definitely our problem today. We had good break chances, we good reception but the attack was our problem. We tried a lot of things but we couldn't break their rhythm and we couldn't find our rhythm. (On the second-set timeout): It was the point where we got closer and we thought we could change the momentum maybe but every time we got a little bit closer, they put a little bit more pressure and they were away already.”

**Julia Sude, Germany** – “We lost in two sets, we're a little disappointed but they deserved to win because we didn't play very well. Of course we are disappointed we didn't reach the semifinals but all in all we found the rhythm in the World Championships so we are very happy about the result and the season is not finished yet. Of course Sarah is 196cm. They have a very consistent serve and block defense system. You have to have precise reception, then you have a lot of options to attack. Otherwise, Sarah is standing there, Melissa is running and has an easy job behind Sarah. We didn't play our best volleyball and this combination was not very good for us.”

**Women's 105: Laura Ludwig / Kira Walkenhorst Germany (4) def. Talita Antunes / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) 21-19, 21-16 (0:37)**

**Kira Walkenhorst, Germany** – “Actually I'm really happy we got back to our service game. We put a lot of pressure on them. It was really important that in this match we got it because if you make only easy serves against Larissa and Talita, a good team, they will sideout every ball. So it was important we found it in this game. Actually, it was pretty good that we put a lot of pressure on both of them and now I was free to change something in blocking. (On playing for gold): It's amazing. Actually, I can't believe it right now. The last month we worked really hard and actually I didn't believe we could get it or could go to the final. Of course there was a lot of hope we could come back to our game and make a good result here. But to be in the final now is amazing.”

**Laura Ludwig, Germany** – “Actually, I'm speechless. I didn't expect to be so good but it means we didn't lose Beach Volleyball in the last weeks. It was tough but we practiced hard for the last four years so we didn't lose our Beach Volleyball, we just had to find it and feel it and get back our confidence. That's what we did. It's unbelievable. I still can't believe we made it (to play for gold). I had those pictures in my head but I couldn't believe we could really do it. I believed in it, but I can't believe I'm sitting here now. (On the serving): It's a secret. This was the first time trust my shoulder again on serves. Before, I wasn't attacking there. And now was the first time I threw up the ball, perfect throw, then a perfect touch and shot contact on the ball and it worked out this time.”

**Larissa Franca, Brazil** – “We repeated the same strategy we had used on the last two matches against them, which we won, but something was not working well between Talita and I today. In a game like this, where details really matter, it's hard to win if things don't go the way you planned. The bronze medal match is important for us and we will fight to be on the podium. I hope we can play the way we were doing before this match.”

**Talita Antunes, Brazil** – “I think they played much better than us. OK, the first set we lost but in the second set we played so bad. It's always hard against them, they are the Olympic gold medalists. Today was a German day, not our day. They served so well. They are a team with a good serve. A little bit disappointed in our passing. I think in the tournament we didn't make mistakes but today they served so well. Tomorrow is one more match so we have to forget about today. It's important to win a bronze. We're in the World Championships and the tournament is so nice. OK, we lost the semifinal but the tournament is not dead. We are going to put all our energy into tomorrow.”

**Women's 106: Lauren Fendrick / April Ross United States (14) def. Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan Canada (7) 19-21, 21-16, 15-11 (0:55)**

**Lauren Fendrick, USA** – “You can't just let her (Sarah) just be big. You have to find things to make her do thing to make her do things to make her uncomfortable and block a little smaller. She still had a lot of blocks. But we stayed with our game plan and didn't let those plays affect the next play. There definitely was no dagger. I didn't feel comfortable at any point until that last ball went out. They are a great defensive team and they score really well, so I knew we had to beat them to scoring those points. I had to side out better than I started, obviously with three blocks that were against me in the first set. And we had to put a little more pressure on them defensively. I think I could start the game, instead of trying to feel things out. I haven't played a lot on the right side, so maybe that's part of it. Why not have your first medal at the World Championships?”

**April Ross, USA** – “Actually that's not the first time that fast start has happened in this tournament to us. We learn what they are doing in that time period and we don't freak out, we don't panic. We learn, we put in the log, and we use it later. We know we can play defense, we know we can serve, so we know if we believe and just stay in it and keep chipping away that we're going to have a chance. Our rhythm got a little better, and we changed the defensive scheme a little bit, and we kept our serve on. In the first set we were touching things, we were doing the right plays. Lauren did a great job getting in their face. Laura is an amazing person and Kira is a great girl, and I look forward hopefully a really good battle tomorrow. So much respect for that team and we'll approach it the same way we have all tournament.”

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**Sarah Pavan, Canada** – “The things we did very well all tournament, that match we didn’t. Our sideout was not good. They made some adjustments as far as moving the ball around, they weren’t swinging as much. We weren’t able to turn the balls into second and third sets like they were in the first. We got ourselves into a little bit of a hole in both of those sets and we had to fight our way back. I can’t take anything away from them. They played very well. But it’s hard to swallow when we know we weren’t good today. We’re going to prepare hard tonight and do everything we can tomorrow because we do want to be on the podium. Coming in we said we wanted to be on the podium. Bronze is definitely not what we anticipated or wanted. We’re playing a great team (Larissa/Talita), we lost a really close one to them in Poland and we’re going to use that as motivation, we’re going to use today as motivation. We worked really hard this week, we played some great volleyball. It sucks that we didn’t play our best in the semifinal but if we can end this week on the podium and represent Canada up there, when all is said and done and this emotion is put away, I think we’ll be able to be real happy about it.”

**Melissa Humana-Paredes, Canada** – “Our sideout wasn’t there and we weren’t defending like we normally do. We usually put them in trouble with our serves and we’re able to turn a lot of points. In the second and third sets we weren’t really doing that unfortunately. They played amazing. They were able to transition and turn a lot of balls and made it hard for me to sideout. They were just good grinders and great fighters. They were definitely moving it around and were hard to read, unfortunately. I was just kind of stuck in the corner there. They were scrambling and running and fighting on those long rallies and coming out on top of those. We ran out of gas there and we’re going to have to recoup tonight and come out stronger tomorrow for sure. It’s been a great week and we’ve had some great matches and we’ve improved every game, unfortunately not this game. Tons of learning experiences which is exciting. There’s a lot to improve on and I learned a lot just from that game alone and I’m going to implement that tomorrow.”

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**Men's 93: Maarten Van Garderen / Christiaan Varenhorst Netherlands (45) def. Nivaldo Diaz / Sergio Gonzalez Cuba (24) 21-13, 21-23, 15-13 (0:52)**

**Christiaan Varenhorst, The Netherlands** – "I think we had a great game plan with excellent work from this guy (teammate Maarten van Garderen) and the start went really well for us. I think the first switch was 6-1 so from there on we could play really comfortable. In the second set they became better and more aggressive. We had one or two match points and unfortunately we didn't take it. In the end we kept on going, kept on fighting and we won. (On quarterfinal matchup with Spain): They have a tough serve and I expect a tough serving game from their side, they are really good with ball control, so it's going to be a difficult match."

**Men's 94: Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera Spain (9) def. Gustavo "Guto" Carvalhaes / Pedro Solberg Brazil (8) 21-19, 17-21, 15-13 (0:51)**

**Adrian Gavira, Spain** - "The Brazilians played really well and it was a very tough battle. I'm so happy that we won and all I want now is to celebrate with my family. It was very hot and I felt a little tired in the second set. I got some rest before the third and Pablo was huge on side out and defense. I believe we can get something big on this World Championship".

**Pablo Herrera, Spain** - "I think the key was changing our serves to Guto in the tie-break. That gave a couple of early points and we were more comfortable to side out. Adrian was very well on the game. Now we play The Netherlands and Varenhorst was a silver medalist two years ago. I have no doubt that it will be a very hard game".

**Pedro Solberg, Brazil** – "It was the small details, they played better but it could have gone for both. There was not a lot of difference, the game was pretty tight, 53-53 total points. They played great, we also played pretty good. It's part of the game, winning and losing. I'm used to losing, I'm used to winning. I'm not going to die, life keeps going. I'm going to go home try to be here the next time and my thoughts are trying to win every time."

**Gustavo "Guto" Carvalhaes, Brazil** – "The difference was my sideout was not really good and the sideout is everything in volleyball. Nothing more than the sideouts. The tactics were really good and the only problem was my sideout. Today I was not very happy. They've played together a long time and we are in our first year together and I think that made a difference here. All the games were difficult. For my first World tournament I'm playing but Pedro, I don't think the tournament was good because last time he was third and now he's ninth."

**Men's 95: Ben Saxton / Chaim Schalk Canada (13) def. Alison Cerutti / Bruno Oscar Schmidt Brazil (5) 21-19, 19-21, 15-13 (0:55)**

**Chaim Schalk, Canada** – Like Ben was saying, they're never going to stop, they're going to keep coming at you. You just have to focus on the next point and we did that all game. That's the name of the game, trying to keep your head cool and you know they're coming at you. I like to breathe and stay as relaxed as possible. (On having match point serve coming your way): I want it. Honestly, I hope they come at me. I want the ball. I want to be able to have a chance to finish the match, that's how I feel. It doesn't always work out but I know that I'm confident enough that it's going to work out most of the time. I like to be in those moments, that's why I play this game. It's so fun, it puts you in those positions where you're under pressure and the best players are going to be able to respond and make those plays and I want to see that ball. (On his stomach ailment from Thursday): Feeling better today, a little bit. I wasn't feeling too good yesterday. I was more concerned yesterday because I was real under the weather in the morning. Today I was still a little bit low on energy but it's also so hot, I'm happy we have the rest of the day to recover.

**Ben Saxton, Canada** – Just keep siding out. We stayed steady the whole time, we didn't let them get any runs, more than one point at a time. That was the key, keeping our sideout game good and we'll get one point here and there just the same as they were and it ended up going down to the wire. It's up there, for sure. It's the second time we've gotten to the quarters in Worlds beating the reigning Olympic and World Champions, that's pretty good. We knocked them out, so I'd say that's pretty big.

**Bruno Oscar Schmidt, Brazil** – "They had more energy than us and it was very important in those conditions and they played smart. What can I have positive from this tournament? Good question. It's a long tournament, I was very concentrated in small times. In this tournament we played up and down. We had a not tough match yesterday, we won 2-0, so sometimes it's better to have a match like this and it will help you in the rest of the tournament."

**Men's 96: Evandro Goncalves / Andre Loyola Brazil (4) def. Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins Latvia (2) 24-22, 21-19 (0:46)**

**Evandro Goncalves, Brazil** – (On the first set turnaround) "In the first set, it was one of the most exciting turnarounds of our careers. We did not start well, but we putted them under pressure with Andre's serves and blocks and they made some mistakes because of it. That moment was crucial for us at it boosted our confidence and made us play so much better until the end of the match." (On the team's strategy and the final point) "We had to adjust to play with each other. We are both blockers and more comfortable on the right side, so we had to figure things out to make it work. We are trying to feel what's the best way to go on each match. If Andre is blocking better, he stays at the net and I go for defense." (About the defense of the last point) "I think the ball was going out, but I had no time to avoid it, so I putted my chest on it and only hoped that it went high enough that we could keep playing. Fortunately I scored the point right after it and we won the match."

**Andre Loyola, Brazil** – (On advancing to the quarterfinals) "It means a lot for us, especially this being our first season and our first World Championships together. It is important on every sense. It is a good result for us, it makes us feel more confident and so much more. We are happy because we are being to able to do everything we discuss before the games. Serving and blocking are what we do better and it's really good when they work. We know we defeated a very good team and that really motivates us to keep going forward."

**Janis Smedins, Latvia** – "We did everything until 19 points, we just needed to get the last two and we didn't do it. Of course they served good and had some good pressure with the service. We had some options to make some sideouts but we didn't have enough confidence to do it. I don't know why. We just need to be relaxed because the pressure is on that side. I don't know why we didn't side out for five times, two of the times it was aces. In the second set they felt the rhythm and it was much tougher. It was a very close match but they played better. They played a good second set in side out and almost no mistakes. All the points came really hard for us. It's been ups and downs this season. We've had some problems with the health also this year, we are not showing our best game."

**Aleksandrs Samoilovs, Latvia** – "I lost concentration at the end of the first set. It was a huge mistake. With Evandro's serves you can lose concentration, you have to have 100% concentration to go for every ball. He was serving really good and he caught me with the short serves and his jump serves. It was a very close game. We played much better in the first set but at the end of the first set they had very good serves. We had problems with reception so that was harder to attack."

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**Men's 97: Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena United States (3) def. Christopher McHugh / Damien Schumann Australia (35) 21-14, 19-21, 16-14 (0:50)**

**Phil Dalhausser, USA** – “Thank God we pulled it out. We played them in Moscow earlier in the year and we served the left sider the whole time. We should have adjusted earlier and served the right sider. Nick played great. Definitely the intensity helped. We're always going to stick together. Anytime I would make a mistake he'd be like 'come on, let's go' instead of getting angry at me. It's stifling out there, it's warm. We're kind of playing with house money right now so we'll see what happens. (on the joust won by Schumann to make it 14-13 Australia in the third set) I just went to high and that's why he won it, he just hit it off me. I knew he didn't net, but maybe there's a little tiny net, you never know. But if there isn't then it's a timeout, so it worked out.”

**Nick Lucena, USA** – “Usually we can coast with no emotion and kind of play through a game. But in those situations you can't, you have to leave it all out there. I know Phil was a little bit tired, it was hot out there. They were serving him some, and he made a great block at 14-all. If they were going to beat us I wanted them to get our best so I was trying to get our best out of Phil. That's probably my best side out game of the tournament, which is good timing. I still didn't pass that well, they served tough. I made a key error at 12-11, so I put us in that situation, but we were able to grind it out and come out on top. They made a lot of errors in Moscow, just like they did in the first set today. But they steadied out, I thought they played their game. Chris played really well. I thought we stayed on our strategy a little too long, we should have tested Damien out more. But it worked in the end. They served tough and we didn't pass well. That combination put us down in a hole, but my hat's off to them – they served lights out.”

**Damien Schumann, Australia** – “I was a bit shaky early, suppose a bit overwhelmed with the stadium and the situation. But it was good to show that when we bring out best game that we can compete with those guys, the best teams in the world. Because I'm so small everyone is pretty big and intimidating. The joust was good, I was pretty sure I didn't touch the net but I didn't know for sure. (on difference between the match in Moscow and today) We had about three games that day I think, so it's nice to just have one game a day. Once you play somebody once you get a feeling. They still belted us in the first set and they are still one of the best teams in the world. We knew what we were expecting at least.”

**Christopher McHugh, Australia** – “When we play our game, we can compete against anybody. This one hurts. A lot. It is the end of our season, so we will prepare for next season. It is our first season, so we will keep improving.” (On Moscow) “It was snowing, so it was trying conditions. Especially for a team playing their third match of the day against a team with fresh legs.”

**Men's 98: Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Nikita Liamin Russia (6) def. Sam Pedlow / Sam Schachter Canada (16) 21-14, 21-18 (0:36)**

**Nikita Liamin, Russia** – “Our sideout was the difference. Canada is a very strong team. It was very hot again and we were lucky to win and there will be another strong team in the next round.”

**Sam Pedlow, Canada** – “They did a better job in the heat. Liamin did a good job of keep swinging high and we couldn't get a beat on him. We had our chances. We let them go on two two-point runs when we were up by two. If you keep letting team back in at that level, they're going to win. They had a beat on us defensively. They touched a lot of balls and we unnecessarily getting beat off the top of my block. I'd say they were a little more on the ball and we definitely felt the pressure the whole game, just never got into that rhythm that we had against Nicolai/Lupo. It was kind of the same feeling we had against Spain. I think the goal this year was to be playing on Sunday here and it's disappointing that we're not. I'm not unhappy with our finish here, I'm happy with a ninth-place finish because it's something to build on for next year. It's our first year together and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do with a real offseason and come back next year stronger. I think our performance this year – I think we were the most consistent team on Tour so I'm hoping the FIVB realizes that if a team plays at that high level and is one spot outside the top 10, I'm hoping they give us a wild card. This result isn't going to get us in the top 10 but you can see we're the only team among those top teams that will be that close.”

**Men's 99: Piotr Kantor / Bartosz Losiak Poland (7) def. Dries Koekelkoren / Tom van Walle Belgium (19) 21-19, 19-21, 15-7 (0:52)**

**Bartosz Losiak, Poland** – “It was not so good for serving because we lost it at the end of the first set. But the 1-2-3 action was for us a good tactic. In the middle of the second we missed some of the actions. It was close but finally we lost. We started the tiebreak really focused my partner with his block and serve. The quarterfinals is our best result. For us it's the second World Championships. We played in Poland and finished 17 th so for now it is a good result but we're looking and thinking for the next game. They've had a good last month but you have to keep this level. We're thinking about medals but first we're thinking about cooler weather.”

**Dries Koekelkoren, Belgium** – “We missed some chances in the first and in the second we kept the aggression, we kept pushing. We did some really good things and played at a high level. We did some good things with our sideout, sometimes they pushed us hard with their serve so that gave us problems. We had some blocks, some defense but you know against this team it's always hard to get a system working. (On taking a medical timeout down 9-3 in the third): My knee and back were a little bit hurting but it also was a little bit tactical of course. The tiebreak was already gone. I had to do something. Now for sure we are little bit disappointed but I think we can be happy to reach the final 16, that's a good result for us. We did some really good things this tournament.”

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**Men's 100: Clemens Doppler / Alexander Horst Austria (12) def. Jefferson Santos Pereira / Cherif Younousse Qatar (23) 26-24, 24-22 (0:50)**

**Clemens Doppler, Austria** – “It was an emotional win beating this very good team from Qatar in an unbelievable fight. It's a dream come true but we're still hungry for more. I cannot describe it in words, it's the most emotional win in my whole career. I think everyone in the audience who saw this, all the crazy people, over 10,000 people in the stands, were screaming. I feel so lucky that we have this World Championship at home, that we are able to play in front of this audience, and then going to the quarterfinals. I'm just at the moment the happiest person in the world I think. We weren't nervous, we were very focused, and very determined. It was very important to come back in that first set. It was 38 degrees in the centre court so we didn't want to play three sets. That's why I didn't jump serve I was just float serving, because I have to play all the side outs. You have to deal with the heat, deal with the game. We said in the timeout we want to win in two sets. I think right now it's not very easy to play against us in the centre court. (on how many points the crowd is worth) Many, many, many. Especially the points at the end of the set. With this type of crowd you risk a little bit more at the end. You have to risk against all those teams because they are so good. If you play easy and play safe, you don't win. With this kind of firing up from the people, maybe it's easier to risk, and those are for sure the five percent of plays that you need to win.”

**Alexander Horst, Austria** – “I am very happy of course. This is our first quarterfinals at a World Championships. We always finished ninth, so I am happy we've gotten this far. We are going to enjoy it for the next few moments, then focus on our next match. We have to concentrate on our next match against Poland. It is going to be really tough, because they are one of the best teams in the world. We know them really well. The last time we played, they beat us, so we are hoping for revenge. Especially in close games, the crowd fires us up. We can't give up, even if we want to. They fire us up and push us harder.”

**Cherif Younousse, Qatar** – “We had a good start. We were so anxious to finish the game. The other team was more relaxed than us. Our defense, my block, and my partner's defense, wasn't as good. I only made two blocks, and I usually make four minimum. The thing we need is to finish a game. At the beginning of the pool nobody expected we'd be first or that we would be in the round of 16. The last World Championships we finished fifth, now people will start to know us very well. I think we could have done better but today wasn't our day. Our main goal was to finish in the semifinals.”