

## 2017 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships presented by A1 - July 28 QUOTES

**Women's 7: Laura Ludwig / Kira Walkenhorst Germany (4) def. Mahassine Siad / Imane Zeroual Morocco (45) 21-10, 21-12 (0:25)**

**Kira Walkenhorst, Germany** - (On the week off) "It was good to recover again. It was a tough tournament in Long Beach two weeks ago so it was good to get some energy back plus it was good to practice with another team. It was good but we need more ways to get back into our top performance. We didn't know the team so it was more important to pay attention to our side. It was good for us to focus on ourselves and working on details. (On 3 German teams in Pool D) "German Championships! To play in the World Championships you never want to play against your country. It always feels different."

**Laura Ludwig, Germany** – "All in all I think it was good that we practiced last week after Long Beach. We had lots of games there and I think it was perfect for getting in rhythm and then we could work on details and technique. Now we just go 100 percent from game to game and get more and more competition feeling and the competition mood, going for every ball we can. It's not that difficult to evaluate (this match) because when we are concentrating on the things we want to do then we can say we are satisfied with this. We did a lot of things where we afterward we said we were satisfied, like passing, setting and also the serving and not letting them get into the rhythm. (On 2 German opponents coming up) "We didn't play so many tournaments this year and that's why we didn't see so many teams anyway. We focus really on ourselves and this is more important."

**Women's 8: Karla Borger / Margareta Kozuch Germany (21) def. Nadja Glenzke / Julia Grossner Germany (28) 21-16, 21-17 (0:39)**

**Karla Borger, Germany** – "It's kind of funny because it's Deutschland vs. Deutschland and we're in Group D. It doesn't matter at all because we haven't played that many games all season and we always ask to play the country quota so it's good. And nobody goes out so it's a fair country quota. We played really good on block defense. I felt pretty comfortable in moving on defense and we dug a lot of balls we did good stuff in the right moment."

**Maggie Kozuch, Germany** – "It was really tight. The first game in a tournament is always a difficult and also against the Germans. It was the first time to play in an official match against them. We were a little bit nervous, which is normal, and I think they were as well. Until 15-15 we went point by point. It looks like we won 21-16 and 17 so it looks like it was easy but it was not. I'm really happy we could somehow keep calm, go forward and be patient and not to maybe freak out because we want to make like three points in one instead of step by step. I was really happy about that."

**Women's 10: Tatyana Mashkova / Bakhtygul Samalikova Kazakhstan (29) def. Valentyna Davidova / Ievgeniia Shchypkova Ukraine (20) 21-18, 21-16 (0:34)**

**Tatyana Mashkova, Kazakhstan** - "I have some experience in World Championships but I'm playing with a new partner, she's younger. I tried to help her to do some things better and we won. We were a little bit nervous with it being our first match here, and we played against a good, hard team. Today was a little bit weird with the wind, it wasn't a hard wind but depending on what side it can help or hurt. I think we played better than our opponent because we had fewer mistakes."

**Ievgeniia Shchypkova, Ukraine** - "The first game the wind played a factor. We thought we could win but it was a good game. We will go watch video and talk about the team we are playing (Australia); we want to win that one."

**Women's 13: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan Canada (7) def. Manon Nummerdor-Flier / Marleen Van Iersel Netherlands (42) 21-13, 23-21 (0:33)**

**Sarah Pavan, Canada** - "Our sideout was pretty consistent in the first set. We took care of our side really well and when we got transition chances we were scoring them. In the second our sideout wasn't as crisp and we were making more errors so we let them kind of sneak in a little bit. We squeaked it out and we wanted this one to kind of get our rhythm going. (at 21-21) We've been in this situation a lot this season and one thing that I've been really about with our team is we are able to maintain our composure when it's close like that. Having been through it and come out the other side with a win so many times in that situation we were feeling OK."

**Marleen van Iersel, The Netherlands** - "The biggest difference is we got our own error rate down. We made more pressure with the serve and we took better care of our own sideout, that's what got us into the second set."

**Manon Flier-Nummerdor, The Netherlands** - "(Nerves in first WC?) Oh yes, always, I think that's the excitement of the tournament. But that's nice, that's healthy and it helps you. We knew it was a tough opponent and if we played good, we'd still have a chance. That's what we saw in the second set. It would have been great to have a tiebreak to compete so that's kind of a disappointment we didn't make that."

**Women's 14: Fan Wang / Yuan Yue China (18) def. Marta Menegatti / Rebecca Perry Italy (31) 19-21, 21-10, 15-6 (0:44)**

**Fan Wang, China** – "Vienna is cool and the sun is good. In China the weather is hot and here it is good. Italia is a new team and it is the first time (we met). They (Becky Perry) are tall and hits hard and so fast."

**Becky Perry, Italy** – (On the change after the first set) "We couldn't side out and after a few in a row they gained confidence. We didn't keep our confidence. We tried to bring that into the third set and we were able to receive better in the third set but not set and attack and sideout better. Kind of a sideout game we lost."

**Marta Menegatti, Italy** – "In the first set we were happy with our sideout because they were serving well all the time. But as Becky said we played worse in the second and third and that's it."

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**Women's 18: Kelly Claes / Sara Hughes United States (16) def. Jamie Broder / Taylor Pischke Canada (33) 21-15, 21-14 (0:33)**

**Sara Hughes, United States** – “We experienced a lot in Poland but our mindset here is to come out and play every match to the best of our ability and end up on the podium. I can't believe we are actually here; we're so excited.”

**Kelly Claes, United States** – “It was disappointing getting a 17th last week (in Poland) but this is our first year and we are out here learning and trying to tweak things. So it's a great learning experience for us. We just have to play every game our hardest. We have nothing to lose so we are going to work our butts off. When the season started we didn't think we'd get into this so having some good finishes and being able to come here is an amazing opportunity and experience in itself. It's unreal and exciting to be here, but we want to do the best we can and we believe we can make it to the podium.”

**Taylor Pischke, Canada** – “It is difficult having your first match together be in the World Championships. But we definitely saw some good things and we can take that into the next round. We have to learn and grow together as a team. We just need to work on the team chemistry; we have only practiced together three days.”

**Jamie Lynn Broder, Canada** – (on this tournament format) “I think it's going to be a really good opportunity for us to analyze that match, especially because it was our first one as a team. We can look at things we want to change and execute better. For us this format definitely helps and is a positive thing.”

**Women's 19: Nina Betschart / Tanja Hüberli Switzerland (10) def. Norisbeth Agudo / Gabi Brito Venezuela (39) 21-18, 21-15 (0:34)**

**Tanja Huberli, Switzerland** – “It's really nice to have success when you see you're working every day. It gives you a lot of self confidence, a lot of motivation, like motivation for the upcoming games or upcoming years. Whatever you're doing, you feel confident and you're sure you're on the right way. For sure we have a better base level. We can win games without our best plays. Last year we had to play really good so we could beat a lot of teams.”

**Nina Betschart, Switzerland** – “Now we're really into our rhythm and I'm happy to come here and compete in my first World Championships. We are really a team. We are always a team. We try to push each other and stay together and we have most of the time a good block-defense. The sideout is sometimes not so good but on good days we can make a lot of pressure with our block-defense. We have a lot of good coaches. They have a lot of patience and they have a picture in mind and they know what we need to get there and they can explain it really well. (On inspiration of having 2 Swiss Oly teams) It did inspire me. It was really cool for me as a young player to see that we Swiss players can compete against the best players in the world, we can win against Brazilians or Americans. It helped me believe in it and keep going.”

**Women's 20: Heather Bansley / Brandie Wilkerson Canada (15) def. Ana Gallay / Virginia Zonta Argentina (34) 21-12, 21-10 (0:29)**

**Heather Bansley, Canada** – “For us we want to focus each single point at a time, we want to win every point at a time. And knowing that will help us get better and improve and focus. Anything can happen out here, we've seen it all year long and we're just working on our consistency. It's a long tournament so we have a little more time between our matches to focus on our opponents and prepare. We'll try to use that time wisely. The key is not to over-analyze. Our coach Evie (Matthews), he's good at helping us stay a little more relaxed. I know I can get a little analytical and into it but we have a good dynamic where it's a mix of both.”

**Brandie Wilkerson, Canada** – “I think we've grown to know each other better and gotten more comfortable with each other on the court. We kind of amplify each other's strengths and we're there for each other's weaknesses. We've learned how to play together as a team, so it's exciting to watch us grow as a unit and not just as individual players kind of trying something out. Our common goal is to play hard and win and fight for every point. With comes the skill and everything else.”

**Women's 23: Katharina Schutzenhofer / Stefanie Schwaiger Austria (12) def. Varapatsorn Radarong / Tanarattha Udomchavee Thailand (37) 21-16, 20-22, 17-15 (0:54)**

**Katharina Schutzenhofer, Austria** – “We are very happy that we won the game. It was a really close game, and it was great being at home.”

**Stefanie Schwaiger, Austria** – “It was an amazing crowd. We didn't expect so many people. We were surprised. They gave us energy.”

**Varapatsorn Radarong, Thailand** – “We were very happy to play well in front of so many people.”

**Tanarattha Udomchavee, Thailand** – “We played together well. It was a close match.”

**Women's 24: Krystyna Kolocova / Michala Kvapilova Czech Republic (13) def. Ekaterina Birlova / Nadezda Makroguzova Russia (36) 27-29, 27-25, 15-10 (0:01)**

**Krystina Kolocova, Czech Republic** – “I remember once I played like 30-something but only in one set. In the second set (facing four match points) we didn't want to give it up so we were fighting every single ball. For sure we were lucky, they had two really close balls where they could end the game but it didn't happen and we took a chance and we made it into the third. It's something that makes us even stronger but we were lucky we didn't lose.”

**Michala Kvapilova, Czech Republic** – “Our defense worked out pretty well in the third set and our serve got a little better. We beat a really good team so that's a really good start for us in the World Championships so now we have this one win already behind us and we can go through every match and play every point and just enjoy it.”

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**Women's 39: Taiana Lima / Elize Maia Brazil (32) def. Fernanda Alves / Barbara Seixas Brazil (8) 10-21, 21-16, 17-15 (0:47)**

**Taiana Lima, Brazil** – “Our pool is really hard, with two Brazil teams and Switzerland. The first win is a very important start to the tournament because another match will be really hard. I am very happy. Last championship I played against Barbara. After each point Barbara was very vocal, it shows how important each point is. Whenever you play against one of them it is always close, 2-1 in games.”

**Barbara Seixas, Brazil** – “I feel really happy honestly. I know that you always want to win, but it's the first game and we have a long way to go. So I am not going to be too disappointed. I am happy to have a new partner and I hope that we can really come back and enjoy the atmosphere. We don't have much time to be sorry. We need to slow down the rhythm a bit, rest, prepare and talk about what we need to do in the next match.”

**Fernanda Alves, Brazil** – “Good to start against a really good team, when you get those challenges you get stronger. Now we have more time to get ready for next opponent and there is no need to panic.”

**Women's 40: Joana Heidrich / Anouk Vergé-Dépré Switzerland (17) def. Liocadia Manhica / Vanessa Muianga Mozambique (41) 21-10, 21-8 (0:23)**

**Joana Heidrich, Switzerland** – “In Fort Lauderdale we had trained only two months together so it was not a lot. But we were committed to our team. It was also hard to act on the court for each other in stressful moments. That's changed a lot. We also changed sides (Anouk is now on the left). So everything makes it easier to pass.”

**Anouk Verge-Depre, Switzerland** – “We have more confidence because we know where to set and our coach said we shouldn't always think about how to do it best but to focus on playing and fun and that made a big difference to have a different activation on the court. We know we can be a hard opponent for every team on this tour and that gives us a lot of confidence. We're not like beating them every time but we know we can have tough matches against them.”

**Women's 45: Louise Bawden / Taliqna Clancy Australia (11) def. Nicole Laird / Jessyka Ngauamo Australia (35) 19-21, 22-20, 15-7 (0:49)**

**Louise Bawden, Australia** - “It was just a matter of staying really connected to the moment and finishing off the plays. We knew what we needed to do but in the first set it was a little bit windy and a little bit nervous I'm sure not executing at the level we need to beat these guys. (Aussie vs. Aussie) It's a different feeling and it's difficult because those barriers that you normally have with an opposition aren't quite the same so yeah, that was tough. And I want to see these girls do really well here, too, so it's hard to have to come here head to head.”

**Taliqna Clancy, Australia** - “In the first set I wasn't feeling the rhythm with my ump serve and I wasn't able to create the ball speed I needed. I stuck it out over time and I was lucky enough at the end when I got my service the wind did pick up so I was like ‘This is the license, ust throw it up and hit it.’ It was good we found our rhythm and did get the win.”

**Nicole Laird, Australia** - “It's a strange dynamic. We know each other so well, train with each other daily back home so there's a real determination to really crush. It's a bit of a different feeling. The focus is on ourselves and being out there instead of trying to squish them down. It's a strange thing to explain but it's strong competition still and no one's foot was off the pedal.”

**Jessyka Ngauamo, Australia** - (On coming back from a deficit to win the first set) “In the tech timeout we both looked at each other and said we've got to put our foot down and stay to our strength. We had a lot of unforced errors in the first half of the set and by cutting those out we were able to capitalize on our opportunities.”

**Women's 46: Lauren Fendrick / April Ross United States (14) def. Xinxin Wang / Chen Xue China (38) 21-17, 20-22, 15-9 (0:51)**

**April Ross, United States** – “My toe is 90% healed...Austrian fans are the best in the world. The atmosphere was great. They had a lot of energy.”

**Lauren Fendrick, United States** – “We are super excited. We had a hiccup with April's injury, but she has done a great job playing through pain.”

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**Men's 3: Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins Latvia (2) def. Jhonatan Golindano / Carlos Rangel Venezuela (47) 21-19, 21-11 (0:33)**

**Aleksandrs Samoilovs, Latvia** – (on two 17ths coming into World Championships) “We have to enjoy playing games and get our confidence back. It’s very important in the first opening game because we haven’t seen that Venezuelan team. When you play a team you have never seen, you can’t make a plan so you have to improvise during the game. It’s hard because preparing for the World Championships they have a bunch of our games and are able to analyze us.”

**Janis Smedins, Latvia** – “We have a lot of experience but not good results for us. We (Latvia) medaled in the Olympic Games, the European Championships, but not the World Championships. So that’s our national goal – to get a medal in the World Championships... just like everyone else. The Google didn’t help us; last five days I Googled them and nothing, just names and photo, nothing about how they play. The wind makes like a circle, and you can make a lot of mistakes with the serve. I changed my serve; at first I had a three-step approach but then with the wind I did a one-step serve and I had less mistakes and more points.”

**Men's 4: Jefferson Santos Pereira / Cherif Younousse Qatar (23) def. Markus Bockermann / Lars Fluggen Germany (26) 21-19, 21-15 (0:36)**

**Jefferson Santos Pereira, Qatar** – “This was a great first match. We were able to enjoy this game. There was a great atmosphere on center court.”

**Cherif Younousse, Qatar** – “Everything will be better now that we won our first game. Now we know what we need to do to win.”

**Men's 7: Evandro Goncalves / Andre Loyola Brazil (4) def. Maarten Van Garderen / Christiaan Varenhorst Netherlands (45) 20-22, 23-21, 15-7 (0:57)**

**Evandro Goncalves, Brazil** – “We are a new team, so we are taking it step-by-step. We have a lot to improve.”

**Andre Loyola, Brazil** – “The wind was a problem in the first set because it was swirling. We didn’t play well at first, but Evandro’s service made the difference. He kept us in the match.”

**Maarten van Garderen, Netherlands** – “Match point proved we were close to winning. We ended the match very badly.”

**Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands** – “We had a chance. I am disappointed in that regard. But they are a tough opponent, so there is no shame.”

**Men's 8: Lombardo Ontiveros / Juan Virgen Mexico (21) def. Karel Pina / Daisel Quesada Cuba (28) 26-24, 21-19 (0:40)**

**Lombardo Ontiveros, Mexico** – “Somebody told me that I should operate on my knee but I injected plasma instead and it’s been good. The first set was crazy because of the wind. You have to stay calm, stay focused, and when the opportunities are there you have to take them. The Cubans played good in the first set. For us, we train with this weather but in the World Championships there is more pressure so you have to know how to deal with it. We come here with confidence.”

**Daisel Quesada, Cuba** – “It is my first FIVB tournament. For me it is salvation. We got way behind in the first set but we fought back and made it close.”

**Men's 11: Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Nikita Liamin Russia (6) def. Mohamed Abicha / Zouheir Elgraoui Morocco (43) 21-16, 21-14 (0:32)**

**Nikita Liamin, Russia** – “It was the first game but we won and that is very important for us. This is our first World Championships, it’s a big tournament. The gold medals we won this season help our team coming into this event.”

**Viacheslav Krasilnikov, Russia** – “It’s a big tournament and a big responsibility for us. We try to show our best like always, doesn’t matter which category of tournament it is. We just need to focus on the game.”

**Zouheir Elgraoui, Morocco** – “We don’t have a lot of experience. We find it difficult to play, but we fight. We really haven’t had any experience playing people of this caliber before.”

**Men's 12: Dries Koekelkoren / Tom van Walle Belgium (19) def. Rihards Finsters / Edgars Tocs Latvia (30) 21-14, 19-21, 15-13**

**Tom van Walle, Belgium** - “It wasn’t a nice win but it was an important win. We knew if we put them under pressure they would break, but if we didn’t do it we’d start bad like we did in the second set. Then they start to play well and it gets really difficult when they are in rhythm. You need to stay focused all the time.”

**Dries Koekelkoren, Belgium** - “I think we are in a good flow. We are working with a new coach this season (coached Nummerdor). We had to get used to him and he had to get used to us. Now it starts working and there is a good chemistry. The structure is paying off and we really want to make a step to the top of the world. You can focus on the games now; the coaches take care of hotels and flights, in the beginning we had to do all of that ourselves.”

**Edgars Tocs, Latvia** - “We were a little bit nervous, first big competition for us. We were rushing, trying strong jump serves but the wind was changing all the time. The second set had less mistakes, more like easy balls, and we were playing like we had nothing to lose. In the third we started out 0-3 so the ending was not very good.”

**Rihards Finsters, Latvia** - “We have had some close matches with them. It’s about believing and experience. All times, at the end of a set something goes wrong, I don’t know why.”

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**Men's 17: Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera Spain (9) def. Martin Ermacora / Moritz Pristauz-Telsnigg Austria (40) 21-15, 21-14 (0:35)**

**Pablo Herrera, Spain** - "It's never easy to start a tournament facing a local team, especially here where the Austrian really support their teams. It was complicated to play with this wind as it makes really difficult to throw the ball and hit it over the head. We're happy we won and we're confident for the next game".

**Adrián Gavira, Spain** - "It was fantastic to play our first game against an Austrian team in this amazing stadium. Now we have one day to rest and get ready to face Indonesia. We are already focused on this match".

**Martin Ermancora, Austria** - "Beach volleyball is very popular in Austria, but we didn't expect to have a packed stadium on Friday. Maybe we were too nervous. Last night I didn't sleep that well. We have to find out rhythm again and do better on the next games".

**Moritz Pristauz, Austria** - "I'm very happy that the tournament finally started. It's not quite often that you play the World Championships at home in front of your friends and you family. The first game did go so well for us but we are looking forward to compete better in the next matches. They putted a lot of pressure on us with their serving and it was difficult to play our game because of the wind. They are older players and they have played way more matches like this".

**Men's 18: Sam Pedlow / Sam Schachter Canada (16) def. Mohammad Ashfiya / Ade Rachmawan Indonesia (33) 21-13, 21-12 (0:30)**

**Sam Pedlow, Canada** – "As a team we have always confidence. Our goal every week is to keep improving on our results. It was great to podium in Long Beach but in our hearts we know we can come here and fight for a medal. Coming off one of the most dense Olympic qualifications in a few cycles, it's nice to have a little bit of a slower pace this year. I find it a blessing, my body feels better this year than it has in a long time. I like this schedule. I wouldn't want to do it for four years but the year after the Olympics, it's okay."

**Sam Schachter, Canada** – (on the format of the World Championships) "Definitely tough to establish a new routine when you've been training and competing a certain way the whole year. In the past majors its actually been a kind of light schedule. So it's an adjustment for sure, but it's an easier adjustment than having to play more games. We are just making sure we stay active on our off days, taking care of ourselves, and making sure we're prepared for the competition. It's also better for the fans, because you are getting better teams playing, with more energy. You have a fresh team versus a fresh team so the winners are like the most skilled, not the most enduranced team."

**Ade Rachmawan, Indonesia** – "It's exciting to be part of this. I have played since January and as a team we have played together three months."

**Men's 19: Alexander Brouwer / Robert Meeuwssen Netherlands (10) def. Marco Cairus / Mauricio Vieyto Uruguay (39) 21-15, 22-20 (0:31)**

**Alexander Brouwer, The Netherlands** – "It wasn't exactly how we wanted to play our first match. We wanted to put all of our skills out on the court today but that didn't really work out. But I am really happy that we won 2-0 and fought back in the second set after having a difficult time. We weren't playing as neat as we normally do. Of course it was some windy circumstances but normally as Dutch we have everything under control in reception and setting but today was a bit sloppy."

**Robert Meeuwssen, The Netherlands** – "We made some mistakes by ourselves but they played well. Of course it's their first time and they were playing with everything they had to see how far they could come. They did really well and played nice. We made a bit too many errors and we made it too difficult for ourselves. We haven't played many games the past month so we need to find a rhythm. We won so that's the most important thing."

**Marco Cairus, Uruguay** – "We are really excited to be here. We were expecting a big difference in the level of play but in that second set we were really close. We just made some small mistakes and had a lack of experience."

**Mauricio Vieyto, Uruguay** – "This is a big venue and big championship. We are really motivated and excited to play."

**Men's 20: Michal Bryl / Grzegorz Fijalek Poland (15) def. Adrian Carambula / Alex Ranghieri Italy (34) 21-18, 21-15 (0:40)**

**Grzegorz Fijalek, Poland** - "It was not easy, because they are a good team. We played well. The wind conditions kept changing, so it was not easy, but we served well."

**Michal Bryl, Poland** - "I was a little nervous playing in my first world championships. They are a good team and we have practiced in the wind, so this is a good start."

**Alex Ranghieri, Italy** - "This is a really nice location and we great support from the fans, but hopefully we will give them a better how next time. We need a better sideout than that."

**Adrian Carambula, Italy** - "We need to sideout more consistently. It was hard to get going today."

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**Men's 47: Clemens Doppler / Alexander Horst Austria (12) def. Rahman Raoufi / Bahman Salemiinjehboroun Iran (36) 21-19, 21-15 (0:38)**

**Clemens Doppler, Austria** - "I'm happy that we won 2-0. We knew that we had to start the game playing aggressively to get the rhythm. We didn't find our rhythm on serving but we had some aces and I think it's important that you risk on serving. We never thought that we'd have full stadium in the first day. It was perfect, a very positive atmosphere. I don't know what's going to happen on Sunday, but we really look forward to it".

**Alexander Horst, Austria** - "It was sensational. We didn't know what to expect since it's the first time we have a tournament like this in Vienna. We were sure that some people would come because the Austrian love beach volleyball, but to have such a crowd like this on the first day in a 10,000-stadium is just amazing. They are a good team, they are the Asian champions".

**Rahman Radoufi, Iran** - "It was a very important match for us since it's the first time Iran competes in the World Championships. We didn't play a bad match, but Austria did really well, especially on serving and we couldn't handle it".

**Bahman Salemiinjehboroun, Iran** - "It was a big game for us. Playing our first World Championship match in the center court against the home team wasn't easy. It was not a good start for us but hopefully we will play better against Canada".

**Men's 48: Ben Saxton / Chaim Schalk Canada (13) def. Aaron Nusbaum / Ryan Vandenburg Canada (37) 21-14, 21-19 (0:34)**

**Ben Saxton, Canada** – (On opening vs. Canada) "That's pretty much what we've been doing all year. We always seem to get Canada first. It's nice to come out on top in that first game. We just wanted to get out there and make sure we were as smooth as possible and we did pretty well today."

**Chaim Schalk, Canada** – "We actually don't know that team very well. They're not on the World Tour very often but we want to always start a tournament focusing on our side and figuring out our sideout, transition, get some defense going. We know we can beat everyone if we take of ourselves so that's going to be the thought process going into every game, just deal with our stuff, deal with the wind. The conditions weren't perfect here so it's great that we dealt with it."

**Aaron Nusbaum, Canada** – "I don't think we've ever played against Chaim and Ben and this is the first time on the World Tour kind of stage so a little bit of nervousness coming out of it. The first set, we let that go; the second set, we just missed some conversion opportunities but I think we're ready to go for the next one."

**Ryan Vandenburg, Canada** – "All we have to do is shake this one off and look forward to the next one. It's the first game of World Championships for everybody so I think everybody has a little bit of nerves. After the first few points you settle down a little bit. They played well in that first set and we were on our heels a little bit but we got off to a good start in the second set. But like Aaron said we just didn't convert our opportunities."