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Women's 21: Louise Bawden / Taliqa Clancy Australia (11) def. Xinxin Wang / Chen Xue China (38), 15-21, 21-19, 17-15 (0:52)

Louise Bawden, Australia – "Good fighting in our team. I think that we just know that if we keep sticking at it, we'll create some opportunities. We had to create a lot of opportunities before we capitalized and before we could really get that kick in our game, credit China. They did really well. I battled with their serving, it wasn't easy to get the pass going the way we needed to create some good rhythm on our offense and give "T" some opportunities as well. She hung really tough and was really aggressive at the net and that won us a lot of clutch points toward the end. It was just about making strong decisions. We didn't get pushed around by the fact that things weren't really working out."

Taliqa Clancy, Australia – "We were just trying to reinforce our game style and what we need to bring to the court. It's important for us to separate the phases, sideout and service so we could keep that service pressure. We had a pretty set idea (for defense) and we had to adapt a bit to what the game was actually offering."

Women's 22: Lauren Fendrick / April Ross United States (14) def. Nicole Laird / Jessyka Ngauamo Australia (35) 21-11, 21-18 (0:33)

April Ross, United States – "Our serving was much better today. I also felt better about my setting off of her passing. We executed the scouting report and built off of these things."

Lauren Fendrick, United States – "We were very excited to win our second match. Our goal is to win this tournament and this pool, and in our next match we have a chance to do that."

Nicole Laird, Australia – "This was much different than playing on the outside courts. The ball was hard to see against the background of the crowd...our preparation was good. It was a tough matchup."

Jessyka Ngauamo, Australia – "This was my first time playing in front of a huge crowd like that. It took getting used to, but they supported us even when we weren't at our best...We took too much time to focus on our side of the court. We let distractions take over."

Women's 25: Talita Antunes / Larissa Franca Brazil (1) def. Nicole Branagh / Emily Day United States (25) 21-15, 21-9 (0:32)

Talita Antunes, Brazil – "We played almost perfect. We made some mistakes, but that is normal. We were almost at 100 percent...We love the heat, we love when it's hot. For Brazilians, it's easy because on the tour we play when it's like that, so when we see the sun, we think, 'OK, I'm ready.'"

Emily Day, United States – "They played great, and we played so-so. They caught up to every shot that was not in the right place. They played a perfect game. When you play the best team in the world, you have to play your best to beat them, and we didn't today."

Nicole Branagh, United States – "They played a perfect match. They got to every single ball, which put pressure on us. We need to bounce back."

Women's 26: Victoria Bieneck / Isabel Schneider Germany (24) def. Katharina Holzer / Teresa Strauss Austria (48) 21-19, 21-13 (0:33)

Isabel Schneider, Germany - "The first set was really close. The Austrians played really well. We had a good game plan which worked out pretty well but we struggled a little bit on side out so therefore the set was close. In the second set our side out was most stable and I think we served a bit better".

Victoria Bieneck, Germany - "The Austrians are really young and not so experienced and I think they were a bit impressed about the crowd, they had a lot of support. We made a lot of pressure to them and I think they are not so used to it. But I think they have a lot of potential, they have a lot of space to grow and Austria can be proud to have these young players".

Katharina Holzer, Austria - "Like yesterday, it was an amazing feeling to play in front of this crowd. There were goosebumps everywhere. The first set was pretty good, it was always close. In the second set I had some trouble with my settings in some very important moments of the game. Overall, I think it was a good performance".

Teresa Strauss, Austria - "It was really hot and exhausting. But the crowd was amazing and pushed us. The first set was really great, but I had many mistakes on my receiving in the second set. Now we try to focus and to concentrate for the next game".

Women's 27: Chantal Laboureur / Julia Sude Germany (2) def. Lidiannis Echeverria / Leila Martinez Cuba (26) 21-16, 21-14 (0:33)

Chantal Laboureur, Germany – "We only saw their game from yesterday and taped it but only that and the FIVB profile. We watched that video and they played quite similar to yesterday so we could see some things. (Difficult to adjust during the match?) Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Here we could manage it and adapt to the game because they changed their tactics a little bit. We still have space to improve in some things but all in all our base, we're OK with this."

Julia Sude, Germany – "We focused more on our stuff, on what we can do better. All the other stuff concerning them is just a bonus. If we have a good sideout, then they are under pressure, we knew where to serve so they had a lot of troubles to receive and so we had it easier in in block defense. We have different targets in every game and we try to fix them or improve them. Of course not every day is like yesterday or the day before but we are always trying to stay stable and this season it has worked well."

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Women's 28: Elsa Baquerizo / Amaranta Navarro Spain (23) def. Andrea Galindo / Claudia "Gorda" Galindo Colombia (47) 21-14, 21-17 (0:38)

Elsa Baquerizo, Spain – "We saw some videos of them playing NORCECA, I think. We didn't know them that well. We had to change a bit because they changed sides, they made us think a little more. Today we struggled a little more on sideout. Yesterday we were more consistent on sideout. On defense, we were OK. (On facing Germany in Pool B decider) We'll have to see some matches like everybody does and see how they're playing. I know them from other years and I've played them a lot."

Amaranta Fernandez Navarro, Spain – "If they do something different, you have to be ready to change. We knew we had to adapt when they changed. Our reception was tougher today and we struggled a little bit."

Women's 29: Agatha Bednarczuk / Eduarda "Duda" Lisboa Brazil (3) def. Julie Gordon / Camille Saxton Canada (27) 27-25, 15-21, 15-7 (0:50)

Agatha Bednarczuk, Brazil - "We're happy about the result, but not totally pleased about our performances. I feel that we made too many mistakes. The Canadians played really well and we expected that. We studied them a lot and, as long as they usually play on the qualification tournaments, they are growing. They are very sound technically".

Duda Lisboa, Brazil - "It was a very tough game. The Canadians had a good momentum since they had won their first match and they really wanted to beat us. We trailed them during the first set but managed to make some good plays in the end that gave us the victory. The second set was not good for us and they were serving much better. We forgot what that had happened and putted all of our energy in the court to win the third set".

Julie Gordon, Canada - "We're happy with how we played the first two sets. I think we could have done better in the third. We respect those girls a lot, they fought throughout and they are true competitors. We're playing well and enjoying our first experience at the World Championships. We're happy so far, but we keep working every day to improve our game".

Camille Saxton, Canada - "We're just preparing for one match at a time, so we really did not set an expectation for the tournament. The plan is to play each match and see how we make out of it since it's our first World Championships. We're just here to do our best and work hard".

Women's 30: Madelein Meppelink / Sophie van Gestel Netherlands (22) def. Gaudencia Makokha / Naomie Too Kenya (46) 21-5, 21-7 (0:21)

Sophie van Gestel, The Netherlands – "We're happy with the win, we're happy we won a game now in the World Championships. We didn't know the team so we didn't know what to expect. It was a cardio workout and quite an intense game (despite the 23-minute match time)."

Madelein Meppelink, The Netherlands – "We really played point by point and we expected everything. We played good, we were in control of our own game and that made it easy. We focused on our own game especially because yesterday we didn't at the level we can play and it's always a bummer when you lose. Now a day rest and bring it to Brazil."

Naomie Too, Kenya – "Here at the World Championships we are getting more experience, we are getting more skills to prepare for the next time."

Women's 33: Summer Ross / Brooke Sweat United States (5) def. Tatyana Mashkova / Bakhtygul Samalikova Kazakhstan (29) 21-15, 25-23 (0:33)

Summer Ross, USA – "We know Ukraine is going to come out firing so we have to bring it. We are going to play our game – we know what we have to do. Just come in aggressive and then we have all our shots. We have to pass first. We gave up back to back aces and I didn't even touch the ball, I let both balls drop. She (Mashkova) has an incredible serve and it comes from a high point since she is tall."

Brooke Sweat, USA – "Kazakhstan had a really good tournament in Poland. They have been playing really good and serving tough. Both have really good serves, and that kind of killed us at the end. They are a solid team and we're excited to get that win in two – I did not want to go three with them. When we played in the stadium (for their first match) it was extremely windy, some of the windiest ball I've played in a while. It took us a while to get adjusted to it but it was a fun atmosphere. We just want to keep playing better and better each match. We're trying not to worry too much about the future."

Tatyana Mashkova, Kazakhstan – "We had set point several times. We were feeling good but had some mistakes, some that were close to the line that were out. Our next match will be tough as we play a team from Austria. I think we can win because one girl just started playing beach. But we have to prepare well because they play at home and a lot of fans will come. We need to be ready for shouting and everything. It doesn't matter for us though because when we play we just focus on the game."

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Women's 34: Valentyna Davidova / Ievgeniia Shchypkova Ukraine (20) def. Lena Plesiutchnig / Cornelia Rimser Austria (44) 21-13, 16-21, 15-7 (0:46)

Ievgeniia Shchypkova, Ukraine - "We had some good moments and other not so good, but the most important thing is that we won the match. It was great to play on center court and feel the energy of the fans".

Valentyna Davidova, Ukraine - "In the first part of the game we made a few mistakes, especially on the mental side, and they made a difference. It is the first time we are competing in the World Championships and it is an honor to have the chance to play on center court and enjoy this amazing atmosphere".

Cornelia Rimser, Austria - "We did not start the first set well as we had some issues on our side out. We decided to give everything on the second set and try again and we did really well, putting a lot of pressure on the serve. Unfortunately we did not have the power to switch the game again in the third set. In the end, we are happy to win one set and let's see what comes next".

Lena Plesiutchnig, Austria - "I think we can take some really good positives from this game. We won one set and that means a lot to us. We will have a new chance on Tuesday and we will give everything".

Women's 35: Barbora Hermannova / Marketa Slukova Czech Republic (6) def. Erika Bobadilla / Gabriela Filippo Paraguay (30) 21-11, 21-17 (0:30)

Barbora Hermannova, Czech Republic – "It's never easy, but we stayed in our game that we wanted to play. We were strong on the service. In the first set, it worked very well. In the second, we lost a little bit and didn't serve as hard as in the first one but we were still fighting for the balls and when we could make a point, we did. When you win the pool here, it doesn't matter for the seeding much. It means you can have an easier draw for the eliminations but I think it was expected it would be between us and Finland for first spot. We are looking forward to playing them because for sure it will be a tight game. We know each other very well."

Marketa Slukova, Czech Republic – "It was actually that close (18-17 in the second) because they made some good balls and we made a few errors. We were not consistent and not pressuring them so much on the service so they could catch a little bit of rhythm. But we knew if we played our game --- of course, there can come some type of ace or something --- and stayed really focused, that was the thing we wanted to do on our side and it worked out in the end."

Women's 36: Taru Lahti / Riikka Lehtonen Finland (19) def. Natalia Alfaro / Karen Charles Costa Rica (43) 21-15, 21-9 (0:30)

Riikka Lehtonen, Finland – "That means a lot (to be 2-0 in Pool F). We have had problems in pool. We are happy that now we are going past the pool and that was the first target for this tournament, to focus one by one and grow during the tournament. We were really well focused today and our game was a little more relaxed. It means a lot. Now the way is open. We have played against them (Czech Republic's Marketa Slukova/Barbora Hermannova) only once this year in Porec and that was a tight game. We know them well, they know us well, we practiced a month together in South Africa in March. So OK, we are friends off the court and on the court, obviously. But it's going to be an exciting game."

Taru Lahti, Finland – (More relaxed today?) "Yes, absolutely. Today we were really ready and focused all during the game and that is important."

Women's 37: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan Canada (7) def. Marta Menegatti / Rebecca Perry Italy (31) 21-16, 21-13 (0:32)

Sarah Pavan, Canada – "Their body language showed a little bit of frustration and when that happens we're thinking to keep the pressure on because out here all it takes is a couple points for them to get their feeling back. We wanted to make sure we stayed consistent when we got our chances and we did. Our goal obviously is to win every match in pool to get us ready for playoffs. China's a good team and we haven't seen them that much here at all so we're taking them very seriously. We want to go 3-0 and solidify a first-place spot going into playoffs."

Melissa Humana-Paredes, Canada – Consistency. We did a good job of managing the elements, not that it was too, too windy out there but we used the wind a little bit to our advantage for sure and managed each side. Our serve was a big threat and they struggled with their pass and that made it easier for us to defend. We played a pretty solid game."

Becky Perry, Italy – "There's a reason why they're No. 2 in the world, I'll say that. But we didn't play well. They're a new team but both of them are incredibly experienced. It's hard to put them in difficulty in sideout because they're really good at finding solutions even when they don't pass well. That's tough. They sided out well and we didn't."

Women's 38: Manon Nummerdor-Flier / Marleen van Iersel Netherlands (42) def. Fan Wang / Yuan Yue China (18) 22-20, 19-21, 15-12 (0:52)

Manon Nummerdor-Flier, The Netherlands – We've been struggling for awhile, we're a new team and we're looking for victories and there's progression but we're not always getting results how we want them. To have this in the World Championships against a good team like China. (Heading into the tiebreak) It's ours. We're not going to let this slip. We kept our strategy like we played and that felt good. Our service game was strong, China was playing really well so they didn't give us any points.

Marleen van Iersel, The Netherlands – We were saying to not change anything, to just keep pushing on our serve and do not pull back and put the focus on the sideout. We knew that the difference in the second set was so small that if we kept what we were doing it would come our way. Manon did a real good job today and we were together well. Our block defense has been our focus the last couple weeks and we're very happy that we got to see it in the game today."

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Women's 43: Nina Betschart / Tanja Hüberli Switzerland (10) def. Ana Gallay / Virginia Zonta Argentina (34) 21-15, 19-21, 15-12 (0:50)

Tanja Huberli, Switzerland – “In the middle of the second set we were serving really good and getting a lot of points out of service. But then we could not hit the point we wanted to, we were serving Gallay and we were actually trying to serve the other player. We were really inefficient serving and we were struggling on serve reception too so that's one of the reasons we lost the second set. In the third set we just wanted to play our game and keep calm. At the beginning of third set we had some tough positions and the referees saw some really close net positions – I would have seen it otherwise. But that's how it is. Maybe that is why it was so emotional at the end, every player was more on edge.”

Nina Betschart, Switzerland – “We started really well in the first set. In the second set we were in front by six points or so, but then we started having problems receiving. We weren't having a good pass or set and then it gets difficult. Argentina fought really well. It was close suddenly and we are really happy we won. I think its pretty important to win the pool. Normally you get a little bit opponent because you get a third and not a winner or second of the group. I think tomorrow will be a tough but important game. But it is nice to play for the group win because if you lose it isn't really bad.”

Women's 44: Heather Bansley / Brandie Wilkerson Canada (15) def. Norisbeth Agudo / Gabi Brito Venezuela (39) 21-11, 21-11 (0:28)

Heather Bansley, Canada – “It worked well for us. They gave up a lot of points but we wanted to stay focused on our side of the court and improve on a few things and we were able to do that. (On calling timeout early in the second). We had a long rally, we were scrambling and having some fun and then we gave up the next point and we just wanted a nice breather. Just reset. (On facing Switzerland in the final Pool J match) They've had a good season and they're a good team. They're kind of a similar make-up to us with a big blocker and fast, quick defender. I think it will be very competitive. Our goal is to win our pool.”

Brandie Wilkerson, Canada – “We wanted to improve on our pass-set consistency, executing the shots we want, making sure we're communicating right. Those are all things where it doesn't matter who's on the other side of the net that we have to do.”

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Match 23: Clemens Doppler / Alexander Horst Austria (12) def. Aaron Nusbaum / Ryan Vandenburg Canada (37) 21-12, 21-15 (0:38)

Clemens Doppler, Austria - "It was a very game for us. Serving is our weapon and we used it very well, being aggressive on it. We were also very consistent on our side out and we fought for every ball. I think today it was very hard to play against us. But the most important thing is to have fun on the court. When that happens, you play more relaxed and that is what we did. This is our goal, to have fun and enjoy this amazing atmosphere".

Alexander Horst, Austria - "We have a perfect start so far, two games, two 2-0 wins. Although, it was hard for us because we did not know much about our opponents and it is not easy to play against a team you do not know. We controlled the game with our serve and a good side out and if we play like this we can beat any team. We can always do things better, but in the end we can definitely be pleased about what we did today".

Aaron Nusbaum, Canada - "It was amazing to be on center court. This was the biggest crowd we have ever played in front of and it took us a while to settle in and forget about the surroundings. But I think they played a really good match. They executed really well and I think we need to absorb the pressure a little bit better to be closer to them, which we did in the end, but it was too late".

Ryan Vandenburg, Canada - "We started slow. It's not easy to play in front of this big crowd and against a very experienced team, which has been Austria's best team for years. It took us a little bit to catch up. We played well in the second half but they played a little bit better on that set and we just got to shake it off and go to the next one".

Men's 24: Ben Saxton / Chaim Schalk Canada (13) def. Rahman Raoufi / Bahman Salemiinjehboroun Iran (36) 20-22, 21-16, 15-13 (0:48)

Chaim Schalk, Canada – "It was good, we grinded it out and we won. That's what we need, when you don't play your best but you win. We found the points when we needed them. They (Iran) are a good team. It is going to be a battle Tuesday. Doppler and Horst (of Austria) are a really good team and they're going to have 10,000 people in front of them. I think we are just going to go out and enjoy it and find our rhythm. Every game we need to take a step forward in this tournament, get a little stronger every game, that's the goal moving forward. I think we have a good shot there."

Ben Saxton, Canada – "I was just struggling and not seeing the court very well. We made a little adjustment in the second set: we switched sides and I started jumping higher. That helped and we got more consistent and made the plays we needed to make. It was really hot. We figured it out and won the close one that we needed to. We've been struggling a little bit this year so we switched sides at the start of this tournament to see if the other way would work out better. We haven't been winning the closes ones until this one. We've been right down to the wire in a lot of our games and not closing it out. So it's nice to have one like this and hopefully that will help us turn the corner."

Rahman Raoufi, Iran – "This is the first time Iran has qualified for the World Championships. Today we were very close to winning. We won in the first set but then things didn't go our way in the next two sets. I think next match will be even better for Iran."

Men's 27: Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins Latvia (2) def. Markus Bockermann / Lars Fluggen Germany (26) 21-19, 21-15 (0:39)

Aleksandrs Samoilovs, Latvia – "We had good crowd support. At the beginning of the season they (Germany) were playing really good but last week they played just great. We get seeded third here and get in the same pool with the team that won a four-star event the week before."

Janis Smedins, Latvia – "The goal is to play each match like the last one, we are only focused on the next match. We are not looking at any other matches, we are just preparing for this one, that is all. We played a little bit better with the service today, and they didn't move their legs as good. It wasn't a bunch of aces, but serves in different directions, and they had a few problems while Alex had some good blocks and had one or two balls on defense. We put the pressure on them. We had led by four or five points but then they came back."

Markus Bockermann, Germany – "We won the last game against those guys, so it was their turn to win. We really wanted to win, especially after last week. It's really hard after big success to find them in the next tournament. They can play really well; they've been number one in the world in the last couple years so we can't expect to win every time. If we win the next match we will have to play lucky loser because we have a bad point ratio right now. We just want to win and focus on the game, not worry about every point. We just want to keep on winning."

Men's 28: Jefferson Santos Pereira / Cherif Younousse Qatar (23) def. Jhonatan Golindano / Carlos Rangel Venezuela (47) 21-18, 22-24, 15-10 (0:53)

Jefferson Santos Pereira, Qatar – "It was really hot, and we had the opportunity to finish the match 2-0. Then they came back and it was really hot in the third set and difficult. Nobody could run anymore. It was good luck to finish with a win."

Cherif Younousse, Qatar – "Today we were so anxious to finish the game. We were not playing in the same high level. My partner made two aces and then I had some, so that was the difference. We are going to be prepared better to play in this weather next time."

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Men's 31: Evandro Goncalves / Andre Loyola Brazil (4) def. Karel Pina / Daisel Quesada Cuba (28) 21-17, 21-19 (0:38)

Evandro Goncalves, Brazil - "This was a tricky game for us since we did not have much information about the Cubans as they do not compete in the World Tour. We figured their game out during the match and had to make some adjustments. We had very good spirits, my serve was consistent and Andre helped a lot with some blocks. We're glad we won our first two matches and advanced to the next round".

Andre Loyola, Brazil - "It was a tough game. We did not know much about them but we prepared for a physical game, because that's what you can expect from Cuban teams. Evandro's serve was very good and that was the difference on the first set. Our blocking and defense also worked well. On the second set, it was close until the end, when we had a block and they made a mistake to close the match".

Karel Piña, Cuba - "We knew it would be hard as Brazil is a very good team. We really wanted to win the match but unfortunately it did not happen. We knew we were in a very tough pool in the World Championships. But it is not over yet. We still have our last game and hopefully we can win it and advance to the second round".

Men's 32: Maarten Van Garderen / Christiaan Varenhorst Netherlands (45) def. Lombardo Ontiveros / Juan Virgen Mexico (21) 21-19, 21-13 (0:36)

Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands – "I think our block defense through the whole game was good, good execution of our plan. We missed a couple of sideouts in the first set, which was a difference in their favor of about four points. We kept sticking to the plan and we made it up again. Huge shout out to my partner because after missing two or three sideouts he kept on hitting and playing defense and after that killing the rally balls – amazing."

Maarten Van Garderen, Netherlands – "I'm new in this sport but I know that everything that happened is past you and doesn't help you certainly if you make mistakes to play better. We kept thinking in our heads and we made some very good plays at the right moment. After the first set I think we came into the match better. For sure after this win we can play a little more free against Cuba. There are two ways to look at playing a team you don't know about. If you know a team very well you start to look more to them instead of yourself. We are a good team with some good qualities, and maybe not knowing the opponent helps you to look at your game and improve your game. Even though we won 2-0 there are a lot of things to improve."

Lombardo Ontiveros, Mexico – "Some days you try to do everything you have to do, everything that is in your hands, but it's impossible. It's impossible to give two or three points in a row with the teams here. You always want to win and do your best but sometimes it doesn't work. But we will try the next match and see what happens."

Men's 35: Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Nikita Liamin Russia (6) def. Rihards Finsters / Edgars Tocs Latvia (30) 21-14, 21-16 (0:33)

Nikita Liamin, Russia – "It is important because one team from Africa in our pool is not so strong so this was an important victory for us. It's my first time in a World Championships, it's a big tournament. The first game was very difficult and I was nervous. But now it's okay, it's more like a regular tournament."

Men's 36: Dries Koekelkoren / Tom van Walle Belgium (19) def. Mohamed Abicha / Zouheir Elgraoui Morocco (43) 21-13, 24-22 (0:33)

Dries Koekelkoren, Belgium – "I wanted to finish the game too beautiful and do something special on match point. I tried two times then I said forget this, I want to finish the game. It was not that we got stressed. It was not my best game as I was struggling a little bit and didn't get in my normal rhythm. But Tom was pushing me good and he played a very decent game so that was enough for today. I have to be better from my side to beat Russia. Russia is a very tough team, but when we play our best level we can beat them."

Tom van Walle, Belgium – "That was the main goal, to go 2-0. We knew that these were the two matches that we had to take in order to be comfortable against Russia. If you have to play with pressure against Russia it is going to be a hard game. Now we can play free and relax a little bit when we play. On paper we are better but we still have to prove it. Now against Russia we can play our own game and relaxed and I think it will be good for our own game."

Men's 41: Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera Spain (9) def. Mohammad Ashfiya / Ade Rachmawan Indonesia (33) 21-14, 21-15 (0:32)

Pablo Herrera, Spain – "We have to play 100%, as Canada is playing really, really good. For sure it will be a tough game. Being 3-0 would give us more confidence for the single elimination. With three victories in the pool you would feel great for the rest of the single elimination."

Adrian Gavira Collado – "For sure our next match will be difficult, we lost to them (Canada) in Long Beach. They play really strong and sideout well. We are happy with the victory but we will fight for to win the pool. (On what Spain has to do different against Canada) "It's a secret. We don't know yet. We have been preparing for Austria and Indonesia, now we will work for the plan against Canada."

Ade Rachmawan, Indonesia – "I hope my teams wins the next match and we go to the next round. I need to get my performance up. We play a good Austrian team, so it won't be easy."

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Men's 42: Sam Pedlow / Sam Schachter Canada (16) def. Martin Ermacora / Moritz Pristauz-Telsnigg Austria (40) 21-11, 18-21, 15-11 (0:51)

Sam Schachter, Canada – “It was electric. You have to get used to the sounds and the conditions, but it energized us too. It's tough to play against the home crowd, especially that size. Austrian fans know all the cheers and get into it.”

Sam Pedlow, Canada – “It's fun to be the villain. The crowd was dense with a lot of colors, so we had to focus on passing. If you focus on yourself, the rest will take care of itself.”

Martin Ermacora, Austria – “It was emotional to play in front of so many fans. We were able to stabilize our sideout. We fought hard. We will be good in our next match if we play at this level.”

Moritz Pristauz, Austria – “Never expected a crowd of this size. The last two days, it wasn't packed yet at 12, but now there weren't any empty seats. It's fun to play out there and get the crowd energized.”

Men's 43: Alexander Brouwer / Robert Meeuwsen Netherlands (10) def. Adrian Carambula / Alex Ranghieri Italy (34) 21-16, 21-19 (0:39)

Robert Meeuwsen, Netherlands – “When we play on center court, we get a little hyped. They tried different tactics. We've won six matches against them, but that doesn't mean the seventh will be the same. We have to work hard.”

Alexander Brouwer, Netherlands – “During warm-ups, we wore ice vests. Officials helped by bringing us ice. It is important in order to stay healthy and strong throughout the weekend.”

Alex Ranghieri, Italy – “Beautiful day, beautiful audience but we didn't play our best. We tried our best, now we need to stay focused.”

Adrian Carambula, Italy – “We played a good team. We fought, but it was not enough. It was hot, but once you get on the court, you focus and it doesn't matter”

Men's 44: Michal Bryl / Grzegorz Fijalek Poland (15) def. Marco Cairus / Mauricio Vieyto Uruguay (39) 27-25, 21-11 (0:39)

Michal Bryl, Poland – “I don't know what happened against Uruguay. I was really stressed. The guys were playing really good and they scared us. We were lucky to win that first set. Every match is important, we are always going for the win. The next match is against The Netherlands – the World Champs. For me it will be a new experience, the first time for this game, so we want to fight and win it.”

Grzegorz Fijalek, Poland – “They played very well and in the first set we made a lot of mistakes in the sideout. But we found the rhythm in the second set and played much better in the service and defense so it was in our control. It is never easy to play against a team you don't know anything about. We were very happy to win our second match, but now we must focus on our match on Tuesday.”

Mauricio Vieyto, Uruguay – “The matches are really hard but we have to maintain the sideout and defense. If we adjust that we will be better off. The heat in the second set was too much.”

Marco Cairus, Uruguay – “The first set was really, really close. We were really tired in the second set though. Between the heat and being tired, the second set was tough.”