

03 October 2015 Flash Quotes

FAN Zhendong (CHN) after winning 4-2 against CHUANG Chih-Yuan (TPE) in the Men's Singles Semi-finals:

"It was a tough match, especially in the first few games when CHUANG was leading. He played well today. It was only after winning the fifth game when things became easier for me"

"CHUANG is a very strong opponent, I had to stay calm and have faith in myself that I could take the match."

CHUANG Chih-Yuan after losing the match:

"I think I played well, but he's a stronger player than I am."

"FAN seems to be under pressure today. That affected him and made this seem like a closer match."

"The turning point was in game 3 when I had a 9-3 lead, but he managed to come back to take that game."

XU Xin (CHN) after beating WONG Chun Ting (HKG) 4-1 in the Men's Singles Semi-finals:

"I won the first 2 games easily, the last 3 matches were very tight, I guess that was when he changed his mentality to go all out to fight."

"His standard has improved a lot. I heard his goal for this tournament is to win a medal for his team, and I'm happy that he has reached his goal. Even though there were some play we withdrawals and upsets along the way here, his level of play has certainly reached new heights."

"We interact a lot off the courts, since we are two of the very few penholders left playing on the international arena. Our coaches are brothers, so our teams have a close relationship, and I would sometime give him advice as well."

FAN Zhendong (CHN) after beating XU Xin (CHN) in the Men's Singles Final to win 4 gold medals (Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Men's Team, Mixed Doubles) at the 2015 ITTF-Asian Championships:

"Playing in 4 events has been a great challenge for myself, it has been tiring, but also very rewarding!"

"Of course I'm very excited to win 4 medals here at the Asian Championships, especially in the Men's Singles! I have lost to XU Xin several times after playing full 7-games matches in international tournaments, so I had a lot of desire to win this match against him."

"It was a difficult match, even though I was well prepared and was able to carry out my strategies. I had the chance to end the match in the fourth, fifth and even sixth game, because I was leading, but I guess I became more reserved when I was close to winning, and that caused me those three games."

XU Xin on missing the gold medal:

"It's definitely an exciting match, also difficult mentally and strategically."

"He has been having great performance lately, and will be playing for the Men's World Cup for the first time later this month, so I think that gave him a lot of confidence."

"It was a real pity that I didn't hold on to the opportunity to take the first and third game when I had the game point. It was hard to fight back from 0-3 down, though I managed to level things at 3-3 eventually. In the seventh game, I believed that I had the chance to win, up till 9-7 in the game and so on, but the opportunity slipped and I lost the decider 11-9."

KIM Hye Song / RI Mi Gyong (PRK) after beating HIRANO Miu / ITO Mima (JPN) in the Women's Doubles Gold medal match:

"We are very happy to be the champions. We can't wait to share our happiness with our people and our leader."

Before the match we studied our opponents, so we were confident we knew how to play them. The crucial game was the 2nd one, when we



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came back from 2-9 down to win. This broke their spirit and we started to believe that we could win.

We are now more motivated to train harder and become even better players and win more big titles like this."
