



Competition Day 3 - Thursday 18th May 2017

CHN v JPN

3-0

(25-9 / 25- 13 / 25-19)

Today's first game saw a clash between the two Asian teams of the tournament. CHN started strongly with an ace with WANG Y.N. (7) at the serve. She went on to serve several aces until JPN asked for a time out at 6-0. She was stopped at 7-0 and JPN got the chance to serve and bring the score at 7-2 before CHN took over and got to the first technical time out.



ZHAO M (13) then took her turn at the serve and led the team to 10-2 before a hit from ZHANG X (9) went out. JPN served at 10-4 but lost the ball again with a touch out. CHN scrambled a bit and gave the ball away to JPN at 13-7. A great

serve from SUMITOMO (3) gave JPN some hope again but the CHN block soon stopped this.

The second time out at 16-8 in favour of CHN helped JPN regain some composure and win a battle at the net. A strong serve from KANEKI (7) destabilised the CHN receiving line but this was soon forgotten with a block from GONG (6). At 18-9 and with WANG Y.N. back on the serve, JPN asked for a second time out in order to stop her. After a fantastic rally and a powerful hit from ZHAO M. (13), the set went to CHN at 25-9.

The start of the second set was a bit more even but strong hitting from ZHAO M. (13) and XU J. (10) prevented JPN from scoring more points. CHN was leading 5-2 but JPN did not give up. They fought hard in defence to save some tricky balls but CHN still got to the first technical time out at 8-5.

A lack of concentration got JPN closer to the score at 9-8 but that was short-lived and CHN increased their lead with some strong serves again from ZHAO M. (13). After some scrappy but winning rallies, CHN got to the second technical time out at 16-10. Strong serving from ZHANG X (9) forced JPN to take a time out at 20-12 to slow down the game but CHN still reached 22-13. A series of mistakes on the JPN side sped up the end of the set and CHN won it 25-13.



In the third set, WANG Y.N. (7) was back at work with the serve helped by the strong hits from XU J. (10) to get to 3-0. However she could not repeat the series from the first serve and gave the ball away by serving out. JPN tried to fight back but had to concede again and the ball was back on the CHN side.

CHN kept a steady play but were penalised for lifting on several occasions. This did not really impact on the score however even if JPN kept on fighting and blocking, coming back to the score at 15-8. With WANG Y.N (7) serving again, the technical time out was reached at 16-8.

CHN started letting their concentration slip and JPN reached 18-11 but a powerful middle hit from ZHANG X (9) stopped them again.

At 21-13, OSADA (12) was substituted for SAITO (5) and scored two aces in a row with her windmill serve. CHN struggled to finish the set, making some errors at the net and allowing JPN to creep back at 22-17. HATA (2) scored at the wing but it was not enough to prevent CHN from reaching set and match ball at 24-18. WANG Y.N. (7) tried to finish the set but a block touch out prevented her from doing so. The game was ended by a strong hit from XU J. (10) at 25-19.

Best scorer: CHN – XU JIE – 16 points
JPN – NISHIIE – 8 points

UKR v USA
0-3
(16-25 / 22-25 / 23-25)

The game started with UKR MANANKOVA (10) serving and losing the serve due to a net touch. ERICKSON (6) started her hitting show straight away at the net but PRYVALYKHINA (1) answered back. With SHIFFLETT (3) at the serve, USA took a comfortable lead at 6-1. ERICKSON (6) made good use of UKR hands at the block and then went on to serve an ace to take USA to the first technical time out at 8-2. Then BURKLAND took over at the net and hit a powerful attack to reach 9-4. UKR reacted with a block on NIEVES (16) and good defence from PRYVALYKHINA (1) followed by a first hand hit from MANANKOVA (10) took UKR closer at 10-8. BURKLAND (7) put an end to it and went on to serve.



SHIFFLETT (3) got through the block and UKR had no other choice but to ask for a time out at 14-8 in favour of USA. The second time out at 16-9 gave UKR some time to concentrate again and got the ball back due to a serving error.

MILLER (10) came in for EDWARDS (17) at 17-11. MANANKOVA (10) served an aced and then got blocked by ERICKSON (6) at 18-12. With PRYVALYKHINA (1) in the front row, UKR had the opportunity to make a difference but this was not to happen. At 21-14, PRYVALYKHINA (1) got substituted for BEZPROZVANNA (7). BURKLAND (7) went on to serve at 23-16 and finished the set 25-16.

The second set saw USA serve out and lose the serve followed by a strong hit from PRYVALYKHINA (1) seeing UKR shortly lead at 2-0. Then, the USA scoring machine got into gear and starting piling in points. EDWARDS (17) serving took the score to the first technical time out at 8-3 in favour of the USA. Several hard hits and serves later, USA was still leading 13-7 and UKR lack of

communication between the players got the coach to ask for a time out. UKR regained some confidence and added a few more points to the scoreboard however USA got to the second time out at 16-10.

DOSTY (8) then came in for KANAHELE (14) to bring some additional height at the net. UKR then substituted KOZYNA (11) for KOZIAR (9) at the serve and gained a few more points, taking UKR to only 2-point difference at 18-16 in favour of USA.

Some mistakes at the net followed by an ace from SAVCHENKO (4) cost USA a few points and saw UKR creep back at 21-20 for USA. NIEVES (16) at the serve followed by EDWARDS (17) frontcourt took the team to 24-21 and served out. An ace from MANANKOVA (10) prompted USA Coach Bill HAMITER to take his first time out of the game at 24-22. A hit from ERICKSON (6) wrapped up the game in favour of USA 25-22.

Third set and first ace from UKR BEZPROSVANNA (7). Then NIEVES (16) took over at the serve and the lead by 1 point at 2-1. At 4 all and with a hit out, USA had to refocus and BURKLAND (7) found the diagonal in the 2 meters zone levelling the score at 5 all. After a net error and strong serves from PODLIESNA (3), UKR was leading for the first time 8-5 at the technical time out.



UKR put the pressure up and kept on serving and blocking hard to lead 11-6. After a serving error, the ball was back in USA side but not for long. A great block from UKR stopped USA but BURKLAND (7) backcourt retaliated and killed the ball to give the ball back to USA still lagging behind at 12-8. UKR tried to put a stop to KANAHELE (14) serves by asking for a time out at 12-10 in their favour. With strong serves and hits from ERICKSON (6), USA came back to the score at 12 all. Both teams fought point for point to the technical time out in favour of USA at 16-15. UKR kept putting pressure and were leading 17-16 but served out. A net fault from UKR gave the serve back to USA and 1-point lead at

18-17 but this was short lived. UKR got the serve back but netted it. USA was once again in the lead 19-18 but lost it due to a net error. At 22-19 in favour of USA and with KANAHELE (14) serving, UKR asked for a time out to slow things down. UKR got the serve back at 20-23 and got a point off an error by USA. ERICKSON (6) put an end to it with a stonking hit and gave set and match point to USA at 24-21. After some confusion at the net, UKR found themselves 24-23 but ERICKSON (6) again killed the ball and gave the victory to her team 25-23.

Best scorer: USA – ERICKSON - 20 points
 UKR – PODLIESNA - 9 points

NED v RUS
0-3
(14-25 / 9-25 / 19-25)

The last game of the day saw the two European teams meet again for what promised to be a hard fought battle.

RUS started well with strong serving and hitting but the score was very soon levelled at 3 all. SMIRNOVA (13) put the pressure on the serve straight away and got to 5-3 in favour of RUS. NED crept back to 5 all only to serve out. MEDNIKOVA (3) hit hard through the middle but a block in from NED saw them come back at 6-7. The first technical time out went to RUS on a net touch from NED at 8-6. With PANINA (5) at the serve, RUS took off and got a 7-point lead helped by ARBATSKAIA (8) through the wing. NED took at time out to slow them down at 13-6 in favour of RUS.

This worked as NED took the serve back but only to lose the ball to a hit from ARBATSKAIA (8) again taking RUS to 14-7. RUS increased the pressure on the serve with Captain IVANOVA (1) but a hit out saw the ball go back to NED at 15-8 for RUS. The second technical time out again was in favour of RUS at 16-8.



RUS took off and piled on the points to get to a 10-point lead at 20-10. Strong serving from SMIRNOVA (13) with an ace forced NED to take a time out. At 22-11, ZHAO (12) served for NED but a net touch on her side gave the ball back to RUS with PANINA (5) serving. A strong block from STINISSEN (1) and KOPPERS (7) stopped the progression of RUS but only momentarily and RUS was soon at 24-14 with IVANOVA (1) serving. It took one strong hit from ARBATSKAIA (3) to finish the set 25-14.

RUS started strongly in the set with a 5-point lead thanks to serves from KARASEVA (10) getting the team to 5-0. A block touch out got the ball back

from NED and RUS kept going with the serving fest. RUS got to the first technical time out at 8-1. KUNSTMAN (9) followed suit and added a few more points to the scoreboard. Some confusion with the NED substitution at 11-1 in favour of RUS saw the NED coach get a yellow card for protesting. This fired up the players who reacted by hitting down the ball to get the serve back. They did not manage to hang on to it and let RUS serve another two points to get to 13-3.

A hit out from RUS gave another well-needed point to NED at 5-13 but BISAEVA (6) killed it. RUS got a 10-point difference to reach the second technical time out at 16-6. NED put pressure on the serve but got blocked and BISAEVA (6) repaid the favour by serving hard with a couple of aces getting to 20-7. NED asked for a time out to motivate the players. BISAEVA (6) continued to serve and got RUS to a score of 23-8. A mistake on the NED side saw the balls temporarily come back to RUS then back to NED. However the RUS block stopped the effort from NED. RUS won the second set 25-9.

In the third set, NED got their chance to start well but served out. Then RUS made some errors at the net and the score evened out at 2 all. With ZHAO (12) serving, NED started scoring and got their spirits up. BISAEVA (6) put an end to it by hitting powerfully on the outside but NED got the ball back and took a 5-3 lead. RUS crept back at 6 all with serving from PERMIAKOVA (2). However NED clawed back in and got to the first technical time out at 8-7. RUS got the ball back and KARASAEVA (10) served hard, gaining some points thanks to the block. RUS took a 3-point lead at 11-8. This was short lived as NED came back to the score at 12-13. RUS put the pressure on again and got to the second technical time out at 16-13. NED came back at 17-17 with VAN DER HAAR (5) serving and KOPPERS (7) blocking. However the ball was lost and RUS got to serve again.



A series of serves out from both teams saw the score go to 19 all. KARASEVA (10) took RUS to a 22-19 lead and NED had no other choice than to call a time

out. KARASEVA (10) continued to serve steadily and soon gave a set and match ball to RUS at 24-19. She finished the game with an ace.

Best scorer: NED – VAN DER HAAR (KRAMP) – 7 points
 RUS – ARBATSKAIA – 14 points