

Universal 2019 Pan America Cup

Saturday 2nd February: Quotes of the Day

Men's Singles

Quarter-Final

Marcelo Aguirre (Paraguay) bt Nikhil Kumar (United States) 11-7, 5-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-8

"He is a very talented player; we both have the same style of play. He plays with high quality, he is smart, an intelligent player. It was vital that I was strong with my first attack and kept him under pressure; my first match in the tournament, winning the first game was important, it gave me confidence." Marcelo Aguirre

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Kanak Jha (United States) bt Alberto Miño (Ecuador) 9-11, 9-11, 11-7, 8-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-6

"The first match for me in the tournament you are never really sure and I was not sure how to play against him. Recently he beat me quite comfortably in the German Bundesliga. He is good with the counter attack, after the second game I changed my service; sidespin and topspin. In the seventh when was down 1-4 I kept a clear head, did not panic and kept cool." Kanak Jha

Quarter-Final

Gustavo Tsuboi (Brazil) bt Jeremy Hazin (Canada) 11-8, 8-11, 12-10, 11-7, 11-5

"I started very aggressively, I won the first game reasonably comfortably but then he came back; in the opening game I had a good rhythm to my play but in the second game he changed the pace of the game and I lost my good rhythm. He played quite slowly, he blocked the ball well and I made mistakes. After winning the third game, I increased the speed of my play, I put more spin on the ball and I found a good rhythm to my play." Gustavo Tsuboi

Quarter-Final

Hugo Calderano (Brazil) bt Brian Afanador (Puerto Rico) 11-9, 11-4, 11-9, 11-9

"I was down 5-7 in the first game and came back to win. It was difficult but of course your first game in a tournament is never easy. Brian is strong, he's good in the rallies and he serves well; once I became used to his play I felt comfortable and was able to control the match. It's not easy to play when the crowd is not on your side but for me it was a great privilege to play in front of such a big crowd, really very good." Hugo Calderano

"I'm a little sad I could not win the match but happy for the support of all these people. I will keep training every day and continue to do my best." Brian Afanador

Women's Singles

Quarter-Final

Wu Yue (United States) bt Gui Lin (Brazil) 11-4, 12-10, 11-2, 11-8

"Gui Lin did not play well today, last year I lost against her at the Pan American Championships in Santiago, so I prepared really thoroughly for the match. Today I was consistent and I was able to adapt and make changes when need but I must stress Gui Lin was not in form." Wu Yue

Quarter-Final

Bruna Takahashi (Brazil) bt Yadira Silva (Mexico) 11-7, 11-6, 11-9, 9-11, 5-11, 11-8

"Maybe I became a little passive after losing the fourth game; I was played to her backhand, later I changed the direction of the play more, switched the direction to her forehand. Throughout the match she served well, playing from my backhand I felt confident." Bruna Takahashi

Quarter-Final

Zhang Mo (Canada) bt Lily Zhang (Canada) 11-9, 8-11, 14-12, 11-8, 9-11, 10-12, 11-6

"It's always easier when you are leading, the 5-1 lead in the seventh game was crucial. I have played Lily so many times; she is used to how I play, used to the rhythm of my play and the short pimples on my forehand. For me, it's often an advantage to play someone new who is not used to my style. Playing Lily is always difficult, she is good in the rallies, she doesn't make many errors and her services are good." Zhang Mo

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Adriana Diaz (Puerto Rico) bt Alicia Cote (Canada) 11-9, 11-8, 11-2, 12-10

"It's an honour to be here; I want to give my best for Puerto Rico. I am very happy, very glad to have the Puerto Rican people supporting me, tomorrow I will give everything. Thank you all, it's a dream to play in your own country, I can't believe that all these people came to see me play." Adriana Diaz