

## Minsk 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> European Games

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Quotes of the Day

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10.00 am: Women's Team Round One – Kim Vermaas (Netherlands)

### **BELARUS 0-3 NETHERLANDS**

Kim Vermaas and Britt Eerland beat Daria Trigolos and Nadezhda Bogdanova (9-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-9); Li Jie overcame Viktoria Pavlovich (11-4, 9-11, 11-8, 11-3).

*"It was hard to play in front of the Belarus crowd. They were very enthusiastic. All three matches were close, started with the doubles. I played with Britt Eerland and it was tough start. Viktoria also had a chance against Li Jie but in finish we were better." Kim Vermaas*

10.00 am: Women's Team Round One – Filippa Bergand (Sweden)

### **SPAIN 1-3 SWEDEN**

Filippa Bergand and Matilda Ekholm lost to Zhang Xuan and Galia Dvorak (11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9), later Filippa Bergand beat Maria Xiao (11-6, 14-16, 11-7, 11-4).

*"I waited a few days here to play, practising with the girls. However, when we started it was less difficult than I thought it would be. I was not under pressure," Filippa Bergand*

10.00 am: Women's Team Round One – Natalia Partyka (Poland)

### **POLAND 3-0 RUSSIA**

Natalia Partyka and Natalia Bajor beat Olga Vorobeva and Yana Noskova (11-6, 4-11, 11-7, 11-7); later Natalia Partyka overcame Yana Noskova (6-11, 8-11, 11-7, 15-13, 11-6).

*"It was much harder than the score predicts. In the last match Noskova I had two match points against me. She was so fast. I had to change my style and adapt my game. I had to slow her down. I changed my service, direct the first top spin to the middle in order to make game less quick." Natalia Partyka*

4.00 pm: Women's Team Quarter-Final – Elizabeta Samara (Romania)

### **SWEDEN 1-3 ROMANIA**

Elizabeta Samara and Daniela Dodean beat Filippa Bergand and Matilda Ekholm (12-10, 11-6, 13-11), later Elizabeta Samara lost to Matilda Ekholm (11-4, 10-12, 13-11, 11-8)

*"Our tactics were to win the opening doubles match and count on Bernadette in both singles. My match against Matilda was very open. It is difficult for me to play against left handers and especially difficult to play against Matilda. However, after we won the doubles we were not under pressure. We*

were sure Bernie would be successful. I am very proud that Nadia Comaneci came to see us. It is great honour."

#### 4.00 pm: Women's Team Quarter-Final – Dora Madarasz (Hungary)

##### HUNGARY 3-0 UKRAINE

Dora Madarasz and Szandra Pergel beat Tetyana Bilenko and Ganna Gaponova (5-11, 11-2, 11-4, 11-5); later Dora Madarasz overcame Ganna Gaponova (11-1, 11-6, 12-10).

*"It is my first match here and I was nervous. Victory in the doubles helped boost my confidence. In addition, when I entered the arena to play singles it was much easier, because it was 2-0 already. It is hard to play against Gaponova. I lost against her at the World Championships, it was valuable lesson. I did not rush this time. I put more power in my first spin. She managed to adapt, but it was too late,"*  
Dora Madarasz

#### 4.00 pm: Women's Team Quarter-Final – Han Ying (Germany)

##### GERMANY 3-1 NETHERLANDS

Han Ying beat Li Jie (13-11, 11-2, 11-7) and Kim Vermaas (11-7, 11-6, 11-5)

*"I feel much better than in singles event. I am happy with my performance but we all worry about the condition of Petrissa's injury. She has problem with her elbow." Han Ying*

#### 7.00 pm: Men's Team Quarter-Final – Dimitrij Ovtcharov & Patrick Franziska (Germany)

##### GERMANY 3-0 ROMANIA

Timo Boll and Patrick Franziska beat Hunor Szocs and Cristian Pletea (11-2, 11-5, 14-12), later Dimitrij Ovtcharov accounted for Ovidiu Ionescu (13-11, 11-6, 12-10), followed by success for Patrick Franziska in opposition to Cristian Pletea (7-11, 12-10, 11-8, 11-3).

*"Ovidiu has played very well here. I saw him beat Samsonov this morning. On the other side, I was not very confident. In the opening game I was down 4-9, but I kept on trying and I played better and better." Dimitrij Ovtcharov*

*"Timo and I had not played together for a month, so we started the doubles match with caution. We were focused from the start so we did not face any difficulties. We moved well and I really felt good playing in doubles. Pletea put me under pressure in singles match. We are often together at training, he will be in the same club with me next season; he knew me well. He is very talented young player and he played without stress." Patrick Franziska*

#### 7.00 pm: Men's Team Quarter-Final – Anders Lind (Denmark)

##### GERMANY 3-0 ROMANIA

Anders Lind and Tobias Rasmussen lost to Daniel Habesohn and Robert Gardos (11-9, 11-8, 14-12), later Anders Lind beat Robert Gardos (9-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-3, 13-11)

*“Almost every game against Gardos, I was in arrears but I managed to win. I kept playing the game he expected. I played to his backhand and I was going nowhere with that tactics; then I changed it, changed the service and played to the middle; I forced him to move more. I recovered from 4-9 down in the decisive game to win the match 13-11.” Anders Lind*