

**Sun International 2016 World Junior Table Tennis Championships  
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**6 December 2016 (Day 7) Flash Quotes**

**HARIMOTO Tomokazu JPN / RYUZAKI Tonin JPN after winning 4-3 against  
CASSIN Alexandre FRA / SEYFRIED Joe FRA to reach the boys' doubles final:**

**RYUZAKI Tonin:**

"It's a really tough match against the French, and we are very happy to win 4-3 in the end. They are very strong today, and made very little mistakes in the match, and Seyfried's flick is really good."

"Our goal here in Cape Town is definitely for the Gold medal, tomorrow we will play out best for it."

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**DIACONU Adina ROU / DRAGOMAN Andreea ROU after defeating LIU Qi HKG /  
WONG Chin Yau HKG 4-3 to reach the girls' doubles final:**

**DIACONU Adina:**

"It's amazing, we have never played a final at the World Junior Championships before. It's our first time, and our first medal in doubles. We are very happy and very proud of ourselves, I can't describe the feeling right now."

"From the beginning we know they play very good together because they knocked out the Chinese pair. We were very focused but they started very good for a 2-0 lead, and then we played like we have nothing to lose and just played our best, and everything went very good."

"At the start we made some easy mistakes and the first game was close, after that game we will feeling a little down, but after that we just played more confidently. We could feel that they were nervous as well, as they started making easy mistakes."

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**YANG Shuo (CHN) after defeating AN Jaehyun (KOR) 4-2 to reach the boys'  
single semifinals:**

"I think I performed well today. I was lucky in the first two games, I had a few edge balls and net balls. In the fourth and fifth games, I lost because I'm still inexperienced, he was changing his tactics a lot in these two games, and I wasn't able to adapt in time."

"In between the games, Coach Liu told me to stay firm in the match. An's advantage lies in the fact that he's more experienced in playing international tournaments, in terms of skills I think I'm still better, especially during rallies where I have a higher chance of winning."

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**DIACONU Adina (ROU) after beating KIM Youjin (KOR) in the quarterfinal of  
the girls' singles:**

"It was not that easy based on the result. I was so stressed during the match but I remained focused from the beginning to the end. I knew that I had nothing to lose because I just want to give my best. I don't know how many Romanian players have won any world title and it is amazing for me making it to the medal zone in this competition. Now I want to focus on the doubles."

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**MAK Tze Wing (HKG) after beating SUN Yizhen (CHN) 4-3 in the quarterfinal of the girls' singles:**

"Of course I was surprised with the victory because Chinese players are very strong. In this competition, every player is outstanding and for me I just want to enjoy myself and play my best. Being last junior championships, I am so excited making the medal zone and I must thank the Hong Kong Table Tennis Federation for investing a lot in us in order to be strong mentally for this kind of competition. I must also thank our coaches for their dedication at ensuring that we play better in this competition."

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**HIRANO Miu (JPN) after losing 0-4 to SHI Xunyao (CHN) in quarterfinal of the girls' singles:**

"I think the Chinese player deployed another tactic today to overcome me. Winning them in the team event has nothing to do with my loss. And I have learnt my lessons from all the defeats and I hope to practice before heading to World Tour Grand Finals in Qatar. The loss here will not affect my performance in Doha as I will try my best over there."

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**SIPOS Rares (ROU) after beating number three seed, KIZUKURI Yuto (JPN) 4-3 in round 32 of the boys' singles:**

"It is a big win for me particularly that I lost two matches against Japanese in the team event to miss out from becoming the first Romania team to win a medal at the World Championships. I am so excited that I defeated a player better than me because he was ranked number three while I was rated 25 in the competition. The secret for me is good tactics because in Europe we train five hours while in Asia they train like eight hours. So to beat any Asia, you have to be faster and show better quality against them. You don't have to play their style because if you do that, you will lose. My target is to enjoy myself and win as many matches as possible."

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**ITO Mima (JPN) after losing to KIM Youjin (KOR) 3-4 in the round of 32 of the girls' singles:**

"It was that easy playing against my opponent today because I made a lot of mistakes in the match and everything went wrong for me as well. I was actually hoping to win the title but the fact that I lost was not a great thing to me. I hope to use this defeat as a springboard for the next championships."

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**HIRANO Miu (JPN) after beating SHCHERBATYKH Valeria (RUS) 4-1 in the girls' singles round of 32:**

"I think my performance was not bad in the match to be able to secure the victory against Shcherbatykh. She played well in the match, playing very aggressively for each point."

"My goal now is to get the singles title here in Cape Town."

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