



Statistics and Fact Sheet – Day 6

Notable results and upsets from Day 6 (4 May)

JPN (WR2) vs COR (WR--) **Women's Semifinal 3-0** – The Japanese team won 3-0 with the only real threat coming from Kim Song I (WR49) against Kasumi Ishikawa (WR3). Before their match here they had played twice with one win each. On this occasion each player had several match points before Ishikawa in their favour came through 16-14 in the 5th game.

CHN (WR1) vs HKG (WR4) **Women's Semifinal 3-1** – Hong Kong started strong with Wai Yam Minnie Soo (WR36) beating Ding Ning (WR11) in what was the first team match Ding Ning had lost since the 2010 final where China was defeated by Singapore. Soo won 3-0. China then proceeded to win the next three matches although the second match with Zhu Yuling (WR2) and Doo Hoi Kem (WR17) was in 5 games for the second time this year between the pair, in a repeat of their Asian Cup meeting.

GER (WR1) vs BRA (WR10) **Men's Quarterfinal 3-1** – Germany fielded a weakened team with Timo Boll on the bench with a nerve injury in his lower spine. Dimitrij Ovtcharov also affected by injury played in the 3rd position, along with Ruwen Filus and Bastian Steger. Brazil's Hugo Calderano (WR12) failed to win two matches, beating Steger and losing to Filus 11-9 in the 5th game. This is his second loss after Ma Long beat him in the group stage.

SWE (WR9) vs ENG (WR12) **Men's Quarterfinal 3-0** – Sweden reached the final 4 for the first time since 2004 and will play against China in the semifinal at 11:00am on Day 7 (5-May) The 3-0 victory came as something of a surprise, England was undefeated until then. Liam Pitchford (WR65) experienced his first loss of the championships against Mattias Karlsson (WR20) 11-9 in the 5th (a common result in the big matches of the day!).

KOR (WR5) vs JPN (WR3) **Men's Quarterfinal 3-1** – Japan sent Kenta Matsudaira (WR14) instead of Koki Niwa (WR9). Korea Republic played the semifinal in 2016 against China and lost 0-3. This time they will meet 1st seeds Germany, who are weakened by injured players and might not send their strongest team.

❖ **China WR1 vs Japan WR2 – Women's Final – Table 1 at 14:30**

Reigning champions China play for their 21st world team title, while Japan try to win their 9th, the last women's team gold for Japan was 1971 in Nagoya, Japan. China has lost two matches in this championships, which is the worst result for them since they lost the 2010 final to Singapore. Japan has not yet lost an individual match here and defeated the united Korea (COR) team in the semifinal.

The 2016 final in Kuala Lumpur was also China vs Japan, the scores are as follows:

- › 2016 WTTTC Final Match 1 – Liu Shiwen bt. Ai Fukuhara 11-5, 11-6, 11-8 (3-0)
- › 2016 WTTTC Final Match 2 – Li Xiaoxia bt. Kasumi Ishikawa 6-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-3, 11-5 (3-2)
- › 2016 WTTTC Final Match 3 – Ding Ning bt. Mima Ito 8-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-1 (3-1)



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China and Japan's results at this championships are as follows:

CHN bt. IND 3-0	Group Match 1	JPN bt. UKR 3-0
CHN bt. BLR 3-0	Group Match 2	JPN bt. EGY 3-0
CHN bt. RUS 3-0	Group Match 3	JPN bt. HUN 3-0
CHN bt. SGP 3-1	Group Match 4	JPN bt. AUT 3-0
CHN bt. SWE 3-0	Group Match 5	JPN bt. USA 3-0
-Bye-	Main Draw First Round	-bye-
CHN bt. AUT 3-0	Quarterfinal	JPN bt. UKR 3-0
CHN bt. HKG 3-0	Semifinal	JPN bt. COR 3-0

- ▶ **Chen Meng** (CHN) age 24, **WR**1 **BEST WR**1 (4/2018) 4 wins, 0 losses
2017 WT Grand Finals Champion, 8 times WT singles champion.
- ▶ **Zhu Yuling** (CHN) age 23, **WR**2 **BEST WR**1 (11/2017) 4 wins, 0 losses
2017 World Cup Champion, 2017 Asian Cup Champion, 2016 WT Grand Finals Champion.
- ▶ **Wang Manyu** (CHN) age 19, **WR**5 **BEST WR**5 (2/2018) 3 wins, 1 loss
- ▶ **Liu Shiwen** (CHN) age 27, **WR**10 **BEST WR**1 (1/2010) 5 wins, 0 losses
2009/12/13/15 World Cup Champion (Runner Up in 2017), 2013 Asian Champion.
- ▶ **Ding Ning** (CHN) age 27, **WR**11 **BEST WR**1 (11/2011) 5 wins, 1 loss
2015/17 World Champion, 2016 Olympic Champion, 2011/14 World Cup Champion.
- ▶ **Kasumi Ishikawa** (JPN) age 25, **WR**3 **BEST WR**3 (2/2017) 7 wins, 0 losses
Won pivotal match in semifinal against Kim Song I (COR) 16-14 in the 5th game to ensure her winning record and Japan's undefeated record in Halmstad.
- ▶ **Miu Hirano** (JPN) age 18, **WR**6 **BEST WR**5 (7/2017) 6 wins, 0 losses
Won all matches 3-0 in the leadup to the final. Hirano was the 2016 World Cup Champion and the 2017 Asian Cup Champion, has been in three World Tour finals, winning the 2016 Polish Open, and was the Japanese national champion in 2017.
- ▶ **Mima Ito** (JPN) age 17, **WR**7 **BEST WR**5 (7/2018) 5 wins, 0 losses
Current Japan national champion. Former youngest ever WT winner in 2015 German Open.
- ▶ **Hina Hayata** (JPN) age 17, **WR**18 **BEST WR**11 (1/2018) 1 win, 0 losses
- ▶ **Miyu Nagasaki** (JPN) age 15, **WR**81 **BEST WR**73 (12/2017) 0 wins, 0 losses

❖ Sweden **WR**9 vs China **WR**2 – Men's Semifinal – Table 1 at 11:00

SWE bt. ROU 3-0	Group Match 1	CHN bt. RUS 3-0
SWE bt. HKG 3-2	Group Match 2	CHN bt. CZE 3-0
GER bt. SWE 3-0	Group Match 3	CHN bt. BRA 3-0
SWE bt. SLO 3-1	Group Match 4	CHN bt. POR 3-0
SWE bt. EGY 3-0	Group Match 5	CHN bt. PRK 3-0
SWE bt. TPE 3-2	Main Draw First Round	-bye-
SWE bt. ENG 3-0	Quarterfinal	CHN bt. AUT 3-0

- ▶ **Anton Kallberg** (SWE) age 20, **WR**62 1 win, 1 loss
- ▶ **Kristian Karlsson** (SWE) age 26, **WR**19 5 wins, 4 losses
- ▶ **Mattias Karlsson** (SWE) age 26, **WR**20 7 wins, 1 loss
- ▶ **Truls Moregard** (SWE) age 16, **WR**319 1 win, 0 losses
- ▶ **Jon Persson** (SWE) age 31, **WR**63 4 wins, 2 losses
- ▶ **Fan Zhendong** (CHN) age 21, **WR**1 5 wins, 0 losses
- ▶ **Xu Xin** (CHN) age 28, **WR**4 5 wins, 0 losses
- ▶ **Ma Long** (CHN) age 29, **WR**6 4 wins, 0 losses
- ▶ **Lin Gaoyuan** (CHN) age 23, **WR**190 2 wins, 0 losses
- ▶ **Wang Chuqin** (CHN) age 17, **WR**145 1 win, 0 losses