



Statistics and Fact Sheet – Day 7

Results of Day 7 (5 May)

CHN (WR2) vs SWE (WR12) Men's Semifinal 3-0 – The home crowd filled the Halmstad Arena with an audience of over 3500 present for the Swedish team in their first appearance in the top four men's teams since 2004. It was not enough however and China won 3-0 to reach their 26th mens' team final. The Chinese men have not lost a match yet, and Xu Xin (WR4) has won all six of his matches 3-0.

CHN (WR1) vs JPN (WR2) Women's Final 3-1 – Team China had a shaky start with Mima Ito (WR7) coming back from 8-10 down in the 5th game to beat Liu Shiwen (WR10). Much like the semifinal against Hong Kong and the group match against Singapore, the Chinese players were able to win the next three matches. They have won the women's team event for the 21st time, a record unmatched by any other country.

GER (WR1) vs KOR (WR5) Men's Semifinal 3-2 – Germany will play in their 6th men's team final after beating Korea Republic. Germany reached the final in 2004, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 1969 as "West Germany" but they have never won it. In 1969 Japan beat West Germany in the final, and in every other final German was in China was the champion.

❖ China WR2 vs Germany WR1 – Men's Final – Table 1 at 14:30 Day 8 (6 May)

CHN bt. RUS 3-0	Group Match 1	GER bt. POL 3-0
CHN bt. CZE 3-0	Group Match 2	GER bt. AUT 3-0
CHN bt. BRA 3-0	Group Match 3	GER bt. IND 3-0
CHN bt. POR 3-0	Group Match 4	GER bt. FRA 3-0
CHN bt. PRK 3-0	Group Match 5	GER bt. KOR 3-1
-Bye-	Main Draw First Round	-bye-
CHN bt. AUT 3-0	Quarterfinal	GER bt. BRA 3-1
CHN bt. SWE 3-0	Semifinal	GER bt. KOR 3-2

- ▶ **Fan Zhendong** (CHN) age 21, WR1 BEST WR1 (4/2018) 6 wins, 0 losses =1500WR pts
2016 World Cup Champion, 2017 World Tour Grand Finals Champion, 2017 World Championships Runner Up, nine time World Tour titleholder including 2018 Hungarian Open and 2017 China Open where he beat Ma Long 4-0 in the final.
- ▶ **Xu Xin** (CHN) age 28, WR4 BEST WR1 (1/2013) 6 wins, 0 losses
2013 World Cup Champion, 2-time World Tour Grand Finals Champion, 4-time Asian Cup Champion, 3-time World Doubles Champion, 2014 Asian Games Champion, was ranked number one in the world for most of 2014.
- ▶ **Ma Long** (CHN) age 29, WR6 BEST WR1 (1/2010) 5 wins, 0 losses
His first world title was 2004 World Junior Champion, since then he has won every world title available as well as the Asian Champs, Cup, and Games. Ma recently lost to Timo Boll at the 2017 World Cup. He will be 30 years old in October.
- ▶ **Lin Gaoyuan** (CHN) age 23, WR5 BEST WR4 (1/2018) 2 wins, 0 losses



2017 Asian Cup Champion, 2017 Austrian Open Champion. Known for his loss to Timo Boll from 10-5 up in the 7th game at the 2017 World Cup, and for his losing the same lead against Xu Xin at the 2017 World Championships.

- ▶ **Wang Chuqin** (CHN) age 17, **WR145** **BEST WR104** (12/2017) 1 wins, 0 losses
Runner Up at 2018 Hungarian Open, bronze medallist at 2017 World Junior Championships. At this age Ma Long and Fan Zhendong were already winning World Tour titles.
- ▶ **Timo Boll** (GER) age 37, **WR2** **BEST WR1** (1/2003) 7 wins, 1 loss
World Cup Champion 2002/05, silver 2008/12/17. European Champion 2002/07/08/10/11/12, World Tour Grand Finals Champion 2005, and 19 World Tour titles. Europe Top 16 Cup Champion 2002/03/06/08/10/18. Oldest ever **WR1** in March 2018.
- ▶ **Dimitrij Ovtcharov** (GER) age 29, **WR3** **BEST WR1** (1/2018) 5 wins, 2 losses
2017 World Cup Champion, 2012 Olympic Games Bronze, 2017 European Champion.
- ▶ **Ruwen Filus** (GER) age 30, **WR21** **BEST WR18** (1/2018) 5 wins, 1 loss
2015 Belarus Open Runner Up, 2017 Hungarian Open Semifinal, 2013 Czech Open Semifinal.
- ▶ **Bastian Steger** (GER) age 37, **WR23** **BEST WR18** (9/2014) 1 win, 2 losses
2017 Slovenia Open Champion, 2010 World Tour Grand Finals Runner Up, 2009 Polish Open Runner Up, has been in the German team for over a decade along with Timo Boll.
- ▶ **Patrick Franziska** (GER) age 25, **WR24** **BEST WR24** (4/2018) 3 wins, 2 losses
2012 World Tour Grand Finals U21 Champion, 2017 Korea Open Runner Up, 2018 German Open Semifinal. Seen by many as the successor for Timo Boll in the German Team.