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A large photograph of Zhang Jike, a Chinese table tennis player, celebrating a victory. He is wearing a red Chinese national team shirt with a yellow star and the Chinese flag. He has his mouth open in a shout and his right fist is raised in the air. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MAGAZINE, ONE WHICH VISITS THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD

Read about what happened in the table tennis world since our last issue; not only about the World Cups for men and women but also the Asian Games and European Team Championships which witnessed the outstanding triumph of Portugal, the host country.

The Liebherr Men's World Cup is a wonderful event with a large following; more than 10,000 during were present over the three days with huge media coverage throughout the world. There were some great matches, especially from the African champion, **Quadri Aruna**, who left the arena to a great standing ovation after his superb performance.

He displayed talents and became embroiled in spectacular points; he is a player with great charisma.

Charisma is of course what our sport needs and **Zhang Jike** is by far the most popular Chinese table tennis player, owing to his personality.

Sport loves this kind of players, like tennis loved **John McEnroe** in the past but on the other hand, there is the limit between sporting charm and acceptable behaviour on how to celebrate victory. Damaging court surrounds crossed the line.

It is difficult to control emotions in the heat of a contest or when victory has been secured in a dramatic contest. I watched the match with my son and I had to tell him that such behaviour was not acceptable.

Top level sport sets the example; thus quickly the International Table Tennis Federation reacted by withholding the prize money of US\$ 45,000.

**Zhang Jike**, to his credit apologised; the money will be allocated to a Fair Play Award; let us hope we never see a repeat. The matter is closed.

Undoubtedly, our sport needs players like **Zhang Jike**, Olympic and World champion; players with character, players the public loves to watch.

**Philippe Saive**

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LIEBHERR MEN'S WORLD CUP

## TITLE SECURED IN DRAMATIC FINAL BUT **ZHANG JIKE** PAYS PRICE OF SUCCESS

The winner in Paris three years earlier, **Zhang Jike** regained the Liebherr Men's World Cup title in the ISS Dome in the German city of Düsseldorf on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October. He clinched gold in one of the most dramatic finals ever witnessed since the tournament was first staged in 1980.

Occupying the second seeded position in the competition, he beat Chinese National Team colleague and top seed, **Ma Long** in scintillating final to arrest the title.

**Zhang Jike**, the master of the big occasion won in seven games (8-11, 11-4, 13-11, 7-11, 2-11, 11-5, 12-10) and celebrated in a manner for which with good grace he later apologised.



### PRIZE MONEY WITHHELD

Overcome by the moment, emotional, he put his foot through two of the surrounds guarding the court; it was spur of the moment reaction and one which he regretted when the adrenalin flow had calmed in ferocity. The decision of the Jury is that he will not receiving any prize money for his actions.

*"I am very sorry for what I did", said **Zhang Jike**. "It was not acceptable behaviour and I am sorry."*

We all make mistakes and let us at least give some credit to **Zhang Jike**. I am not condoning his actions but it takes a brave man to apologise publicly.

**The prize money that was withheld from the winner Zhang Jike at the Liebherr 2014 Men's World Cup for kicking sponsorship surrounds will go towards promoting fair play in table tennis.**

**Zhang Jike** was deprived of his \$45,000 prize money for kicking two sponsorship surrounds, part of the playing equipment during his celebration after defeating compatriot **Ma Long** 4-3, to secure his second Men's World Cup crown in Dusseldorf, Germany.

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Executive Committee proposes that the fine will go towards funding an annual Fair Play award, to reward players for their good will on and off the table tennis court.







ITTF President **Thomas Weikert** stated: "The ITTF encourages all players to show strong emotions when playing table tennis. Unfortunately **Zhang Jike** showed destructive and negative emotion after his Men's World Cup victory, which left the competition jury no option, but to fine him or to disqualify him which would have had the consequence not only losing the prize money, but also the title and the ranking points. We are glad that we kept his title, as it was a brilliant performance by the Olympic champion."

*It is good that the ITTF to be able to reinvest the money that **Zhang Jike** was fined into rewarding fair play amongst our players, with an annual Fair Play award."*

The man sanctioned, **Zhang Jike** was also pleased that his prize money was going to a good cause: "I am happy that the money will be offered to a Fair Play award. This will give a good example to the younger players."

## UNDER PRESSURE

*"This was a perfect victory, I have been under a great deal of pressure, with people questioning my form", said **Zhang Jike**. "I am now very satisfied and very relieved, I would like to congratulate **Ma Long** on an amazing final; we really put on a table tennis exhibition."*

## MAGDEBURG REPEATED

Gold for **Zhang Jike**, silver for **Ma Long**; it was bronze for the host nation's **Timo Boll** in what was a repeat of their contest four years earlier in Magdeburg when they had duelled for third place.

On that occasion **Timo Boll** won in seven games (11-7, 11-7, 8-11, 10-12, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7); in Düsseldorf it was one game less (2-11, 11-7, 11-8, 6-11, 11-2, 11-9).



## UNCOMFORTABLE AGAINST LEFT HANDERS

*"Despite being a left hand player, I always have had a problem playing a left handed player like me", said **Jun Mizutani**. "Against **Timo Boll**, I could not receive his service while his topspin was difficult for me to control; I am not happy that I am finishing fourth for the third time at the World Cup."*

In addition to 2010, **Jun Mizutani** finished in fourth place in Paris in 2012; on that occasion he was beaten in the play-off match by Korea's **Joo Saehyuk** (11-3, 11-4, 11-9, 11-6).



## MA LONG AND ZHANG JIKE BOOK FINAL PLACES, TIMO BOLL FACES JUN MIZUTANI FOR BRONZE

The top two seeds, China's **Ma Long** and **Zhang Jike** emerged successful at the semi-final stage of the Liebherr 2014 Men's World Cup in the German city of Düsseldorf on the morning of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Impressively, **Ma Long**, the no.1 seed, accounted for Japan's **Jun Mizutani**, the no.4 seed [11-9, 11-4, 11-6, 11-7], before **Zhang Jike**, the no.2 seed, prevailed in a much closer encounter.

He overcame the host nation's **Timo Boll**, the no.6 seed, in a full distance seven games encounter [11-7, 5-11, 11-8, 16-14, 6-11, 6-11, 11-6].

### ADAPTING TO NEW BALL

It was a testing time for **Zhang Jike**. "I am trying to adapt to the new ball because the sound is a bit different from the celluloid ball", said **Zhang Jike**. "I am not used to it but with time I will get used to it."

**Zhang Jike** will adapt; that is not in doubt and when crisis loomed he responded. "Playing against **Timo Boll** has always been tough because he is about the only player that always gives the Chinese a tough match", added **Zhang Jike**. "So it is a bit hard beating him."



### TOPIC OF MOMENT

Acclimatising to the new ball is very much the topic of the moment.

"The ball is a bit okay but I think there is big difference between this new ball the previous one", said **Timo Boll**. "The difference still has an effect but I think it is not a problem for me."

Defeat for **Timo Boll** but the German star was philosophical.

"The match against **Zhang Jike** was a great match especially playing in Germany", added **Timo Boll**. "It was fun but it was sad that I lost; I think **Zhang Jike** has the ability to win the title."

Most certainly **Zhang Jike** has the ability and had produce his best to beat **Timo Boll**; an impressive effort. One match earlier it had been an equally, if not more impressive performance from **Ma Long**.







## PROBLEMS RECEIVING SERVICE

*"Today I could not receive his service and this really affected me; whenever he was serving, he won points", said Jun Mizutani. "I respect Ma Long a great deal because he doesn't have any weak point."*

**Ma Long** is noted for his powerful forehand but also from the backhand he is extremely safe and secure.

*"His techniques in all the department of the game are very high", added Jun Mizutani. "I have played in two World Cup semi-finals; I thought I might do better this year; unfortunately, I lost to Ma Long. I will work hard and try next time."*

Defeat at the hands of **Ma Long** and in the two previous penultimate round duels it was defeat against Chinese stars. In 2010 in Magdeburg he lost to **Zhang Jike**, in 2011 in Paris to **Wang Hao**.

## FIRST GAME IMPORTANT

Disappointment for **Jun Mizutani**, it was a sense of satisfaction for **Ma Long**.

*"I think this competition is okay because all the players have adapted to the new ball despite its difference to the old ball", said the victor. "Playing against Mizutani has not always been easy; it is always hard to beat him, the first game was very important because if he had won the first game, it would have been a bit hard for me."*

Now a familiar face awaits. *"I know a lot of people are looking forward to the final between Zhang Jike and me", concluded Ma Long.*

Most certainly and it is most difficult to predict a winner.

## JOURNEY'S END FOR QUADRI ARUNA BUT DEFEAT WITH HONOUR

All good things come to an end; eventually for Nigeria's **Quadri Aruna** his adventures at the Liebherr Men's World Cup in the Germany city of Düsseldorf terminated but it took the most successful player on planet earth to end his voyage of discovery.







**“When he won the first game I did not understand his style...”**

The no.17 seed, he was beaten by China's **Zhang Jike**, the no.2 seed, the reigning Olympic and World champion.

Defeat but it was defeat with honour for the 26 year old African; he did not bid farewell without a whimper; he extended the 2011 champion to six games (6-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-7, 8-11, 11-8).

## NEW EXPERIENCE

*“Initially I thought the game would end four-nil but when I won the first game I gained confidence; when we started he could not control my service but later his service was a bit difficult for me to control”, said Quadri Aruna. “Also, I made a lot of mistakes; I am happy that I played against the Olympic and World Champion and the game was so close.”*

It was a new experience for **Quadri Aruna**.

*“It was the first time I have played against a Chinese player and it was not one-sided”, added Quadri Aruna. “It is also a dream come true for me in this competition; beating three top players in a row is good for my career, I will continue to work hard with what I have been able to achieve at this World Cup.”*

## WORTHY OPPONENT

Pride in defeat and **Zhang Jike** was well aware he had beaten a worthy adversary.

*“The match was very competitive; Quadri Aruna is a good player”, said Zhang Jike. “When he won the first game I did not understand his style but when we got into the second game I adapted and I started to win.”*

## REVERSAL OF FORTUNES

Success for **Zhang Jike** as the penultimate day came to a conclusion; there was also success for **Timo Boll**, the Men's World Cup winner in 2002 and 2005 and a reversal of fortunes. Occupying the no.6 seeded position in the draw; he accounted for colleague, **Dimitrij Ovtcharov**, the no.3 seed, in four straight games (11-8, 11-8, 11-5, 11-1) and thus reversed the result of one year.

At the Liebherr 2013 Men's World Cup was staged in the Belgian town of Verviers, **Dimitrij Ovtcharov** had overcome **Timo Boll** in five straight games (11-3, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-6) to secure third place.



# RESULTS

## Round of 16

✓ Ma Long (CHN)	4-0						
✗ Matsudaira Kenta (JPN)	11-7	11-4	11-4	11-2	/	/	/

✓ Tiago Apolonia (POR)	4-0						
✗ Marcos Freitas (POR)	11-6	11-9	11-2	11-5	/	/	/

✓ Chuang Chih-Yuan (TPE)	4-2						
✗ Chen Chien-An (TPE)	11-8	11-3	2-11	9-11	11-8	12-10	/

✓ Jun Mizutani (JPN)	4-0						
✗ Panagiotis Gionis (GRE)	11-2	12-10	13-11	11-3	/	/	/

✓ Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)	4-3						
✗ Sharath Kamal Achanta (IND)	9-11	11-7	11-6	8-11	11-5	11-13	12-10

✓ Timo Boll (GER)	4-1						
✗ Adrien Mattenet (FRA)	9-11	15-13	11-7	11-9	11-9	/	/

✓ Quadri Aruna (NGR)	4-2						
✗ Peng Tang (HKG)	7-11	11-9	12-10	11-8	9-11	11-3	/

✓ Jike Zhang (CHN)	4-0						
✗ Adrian Crisan (ROU)	11-8	11-9	13-11	11-8	/	/	/

## Quarter-finals

✓ Ma Long (CHN)	4-0						
✗ Tiago Apolonia (POR)	12-10	11-8	11-6	11-1	/	/	/

✓ Jun Mizutani (JPN)	4-1						
✗ Chuang Chih-Yuan (TPE)	5-11	13-11	11-6	11-6	15-13	/	/

✓ Timo Boll (GER)	4-0						
✗ Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)	11-8	11-8	11-5	11-1	/	/	/

✓ Jike Zhang (CHN)	4-2						
✗ Quadri Aruna (NGR)	6-11	11-7	11-4	11-7	8-11	11-8	/

## Semi-finals

✓ Ma Long (CHN)	4-0						
✗ Jun Mizutani (JPN)	11-9	11-4	11-6	11-7	/	/	/

✓ Jike Zhang (CHN)	4-3						
✗ Timo Boll (GER)	11-7	5-11	11-8	16-14	6-11	6-11	11-6

## Match for third place

✓ Timo Boll (GER)	4-2						
✗ Jun Mizutani (JPN)	2-11	11-7	11-8	6-11	11-2	11-9	/

## Final

✓ Jike Zhang (CHN)	4-3						
✗ Ma Long (CHN)	8-11	11-4	13-11	7-11	2-11	11-5	12-10









ITTF WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

## LOVE AFFAIR WITH LINZ CONTINUES, **DING NING** WINS WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Winner of the Women's World Cup in Singapore in 2011, the only other occasion that she has competed in the prestigious annual tournament, China's **Ding Ning** repeated the feat in the Austrian city of Linz on the early evening of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

In Singapore, at the final hurdle, she had beaten colleague, **Li Xiaoxia** in the final in five games (11-9, 11-5, 7-11, 14-12, 11-9); in Linz she prevailed in four straight game (11-7, 11-9, 13-11, 11-5).

Third place went to Japan's **Kasumi Ishikawa**; she overcame Hungary's **Georgina Pota** in a contest that went the full seven match distance (11-9, 8-11, 6-11, 11-3, 7-11, 11-9, 11-4) to secure her best ever finish in a Women's World Cup one her third appearance.

She made her debut in Singapore in 2011 but did not advance beyond the group stage; one year ago in Kobe she was beaten in the quarter-finals by Singapore's **Feng Tianwei**.



*"It's been a really good experience..."*



"It's been a really good experience once again in this city", continued **Ding Ning**. "I hope I can play in more tournaments here!"

## SECOND MEETING

It was the second time that **Kasumi Ishikawa** and **Georgina Pota** had met in a World ranking event; on the one previous occasion success had gone the way of Hungarian but that was over three years ago in March 2011.

On the ITTF World Tour at the Polish Open, **Georgina Pota** had prevailed in six games in their second round Women's Singles encounter.

## CROWD SUPPORT

Crowd support was very much on the side of **Georgina Pota**, the Hungarian capital city of Budapest being only some four hours by car from Linz.



## QUICKER TO ATTACK

A fine effort by **Kasumi Ishikawa** but the day belonged to **Ding Ning**, in the final she was the quicker to attack, she was the more incisive; the forehand top spin stroke in fluent motion; the backhand block as safe as the Great Wall of China.

"I'm delighted to be here in Linz, in Upper Austria", said **Ding Ning** who has very happy memories of the region; it was in Linz but in a different venue that she was crowned World Junior champion in 2005.

Throughout the tournament the backhand counter topspin play of **Georgina Pota** had proved potent; it was that talent in particular which had guided the Hungarian to the concluding day of action. Conversely for **Kasumi Ishikawa**, a fast forehand top spin to follow the service or heavy top spin on the first attack was very much her formula for success; most certainly imparting heavy rotation on the ball early in the rally was vital if **Kasumi Ishikawa** was to succeed.

The contest went the full seven games, at the change of ends Kasumi Ishikawa led 5-2; it was a telling lead. **Kasumi Ishikawa** never relaxed the grip.





## MASTERMIND, KONG LINGHUI GUIDES DING NING AND LI XIAOXIA TO FINAL

Guided by **Kong Linghui**, the owner during his career of every major title the sport has to offer, China's **Ding Ning** and **Li Xiaoxia**, the respective top two seeds, emerged successful at the semi-final stage of proceedings at the 2014 Women's World Cup in Linz on the afternoon of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

*"It took a lot of effort to win."*

However, both endured testing times. **Ding Ning** was extended to six games by Japan's **Kasumi Ishikawa**, the no.3 seed, (11-6, 11-3, 7-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-7) before **Li Xiaoxia** defeated Hungary's **Georgina Pota**, the no.10 seed, in one game less.

Nevertheless, for **Kong Linghui** it was mission accomplished.

*"I'm both happy and relieved", he smiled. "Now I can sit back and enjoy the final!"*



### CONSISTENCY LEVEL

**Li Jiao** of the Netherlands, who had suffered defeat against **Ding Ning** in the first round of proceedings, highlighted the major problem facing **Ding Ning** was that she did not miss.

The level of consistency in the play of Chinese women seems to increase with each generation; added to that factor is the ability to absorb the attacking play of the opponent and turn it to advantage.

Against **Ding Ning**, the task for **Kasumi Ishikawa** was to try to match that level of consistency against an adversary who is arguably a few degrees stronger in her attacking strokes.

### KEEPING PACE

In the first two games she was unable keep pace with **Ding Ning**; in the third game **Kasumi Ishikawa** adjusted to the pace of the play.

She was more positive; she maintained the level to secure the fourth game and level matters, very much succeeding in the same manner as **Ding Ning** had succeeded in the first two games. Consistent, especially from the backhand with a rapid fire forehand on the first attack, when the chance arose the policy had proved the winning formula in the opening two games for **Ding Ning**; it was the winning formula for **Kasumi Ishikawa** in the third and fourth games.

### UNDER PRESSURE

Under pressure, increasingly **Ding Ning** resorted time and again to her trademark squat style service; it did bring success on the majority of occasions but eventually the extra degree of consistency exerted by **Ding Ning** bore fruit. **Kasumi Ishikawa** was playing at the very limit.

**Ding Ning** was under pressure but the extra pressure she exerted with her high level of consistency prevailed; a brave effort from **Kasumi Ishikawa** but eventually it was the fact that in every department of the game, **Ding Ning** held the vital advantage, not a great difference but a telling difference.

### AN EFFORT

*"It took a lot of effort to win", said Ding Ning. "Initially I felt fine but in the third game Kasumi played more aggressively, much faster and I was not able to control the rhythm of the play."*

The play of **Kasumi Ishikawa** moved up a gear.

*"Certainly I felt challenged", added Ding Ning. "In the fifth game we were level at the start but then my blocking play improved and that made a difference."*



# RESULTS

## Round of 16

✓ Ding Ning (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Jiao Li (NED)						
11-3	11-4	11-4	11-5	/	/	/

✓ Melek Hu (TUR)	4-0					
✗ Elizabeta Samara (ROU)						
11-5	11-7	14-12	11-7	/	/	/

✓ Sayaka Hirano (JPN)	4-1					
✗ Jiaduo Wu (GER)						
11-9	11-6	11-3	3-11	11-9	/	/

✓ Kasumi Ishikawa (JPN)	4-2					
✗ I-Ching Cheng (TPE)						
11-7	10-12	8-11	11-5	11-6	12-10	/

✓ Huajun Jiang (HKG)	4-1					
✗ Hyowon Seo (KOR)						
11-9	11-7	11-6	2-11	11-8	/	/

✓ Georgina Pota (ROU)	4-0					
✗ Ho Ching Lee (HKG)						
11-2	11-8	11-9	11-5	/	/	/

✓ Jia Liu (AUT)	4-1					
✗ Iveta Vacenovska (CZE)						
6-11	14-12	11-9	11-7	11-8	/	/

✓ Li Xiaoxia (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Petrissa Solja (GER)						
11-3	11-9	11-4	11-6	/	/	/

## Quarter-finals

✓ Ding Ning (CHN)	4-1					
✗ Melek Hu (TUR)						
11-9	11-4	11-9	9-11	11-9	/	/

✓ Kasumi Ishikawa (JPN)	4-2					
✗ Sayaka Hirano (JPN)						
11-5	11-3	12-10	7-11	3-11	11-5	/

✓ Georgina Pota (ROU)	4-3					
✗ Huajun Jiang (HKG)						
8-11	11-9	11-13	7-11	11-6	11-9	11-7

✓ Li Xiaoxia (CHN)	4-3					
✗ Jia Liu (AUT)						
7-11	11-3	11-6	11-3	9-11	14-16	11-4

## Semi-finals

✓ Ding Ning (CHN)	4-2					
✗ Kasumi Ishikawa (JPN)						
11-6	11-3	7-11	9-11	11-6	11-7	/

✓ Li Xiaoxia (CHN)	4-1					
✗ Georgina Pota (ROU)						
3-11	11-5	11-6	11-8	11-8	/	/

## Match for third place

✓ Kasumi Ishikawa (JPN)	4-3					
✗ Georgina Pota (ROU)						
11-9	8-11	6-11	11-3	7-11	11-9	11-4

## Final

✓ Ding Ning (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Li Xiaoxia (CHN)						
11-7	11-9	13-11	11-5	/	/	/













ASIAN GAMES

## FAVOURITE CITY, ONCE AGAIN **XU XIN** WINS IN INCHEON, ASIAN GAMES TITLE SECURED

Top spot on the World Ranking list retained, when the official order of merit was issued by the International Table Tennis Federation one day earlier; first position also applied to China's **Xu Xin** one day later on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon.



The no.1 seed, he won the Men's Singles title beating 17 year old colleague **Fan Zhendong**, the no.2 seed in the final in six games (11-6, 5-11, 11-13, 11-7, 12-10, 11-8), having overpowered the host nation's **Joo Saehyuk**, the no.8 seed, at the semi-final stage (11-2, 11-5, 11-2, 11-7).







A devastating penultimate round performance from **Xin Xin**, whose early timing and powerful forehand gave the Korean hero minimal time to draw breath.

Equally, in the impressive scale of victories, **Fan Zhendong** was not far behind his 24 year old compatriot. He overcame Chinese Taipei's **Chuang Chih-Yuan** without surrendering a single game (11-8, 11-9, 11-8, 11-7).

## IMPORTANT PLATFORM

*"This is an important platform for me to prove myself and move closer to my Rio Dream; hence this victory is really meaningful to me", said **Xu Xin**, who had sunk to the floor in emotion after recovering from a two games to one deficit to beat **Fan Zhendong**.*

*"The final was very tough both of us played at a high level; I think the most important factor lies in the crucial points and my mentality", said **Xu Xin**. "In the third game, I missed a game point and lost the game but I was able to adjust quickly for the fourth game; I believe that was the key to the victory."*

## THIRD MEETING

Success for **Xu Xin** and his second win on the international stage against **Fan Zhendong** in what was their third meeting.

In late November he was beaten by **Fan Zhendong** in seven games at the semi-final stage of the Men's Singles event at the GAC

Group 2013 ITTF World Tour Swedish Open in Stockholm but when the pair met again, he turned the tables.

Earlier this year in January at the GAC Group 2013 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals in Dubai, at the same stage as in Stockholm, he accounted for **Fan Zhendong** in five games en route to securing the title.







## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, MILESTONE WIN FOR CHINA, SUCCESS FOR LIU SHIWEN

Favourite for gold, top seed **Liu Shiwen** won the Women's Singles title at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October and in so doing fulfilled the goal set when proceedings in the table tennis events had commenced one week earlier.

Furthermore, the success marked a milestone for her country; it was no less than China's 150<sup>th</sup> gold medal of the Games.

In all Chinese final she overcame **Zhu Yuling**, the no.3 seed, in four straight games (11-6, 11-4, 13-11, 11-7) to secure the title in a contest between two of the most consistent players on planet earth in the art of close to the table counter top spin play.

*"I kept telling myself to stay focused and fight for every point."*

### STRAIGHT GAMES WINS

Impressive in the final, both had been imposing in the penultimate round, securing victories without surrendering a single game.

**Liu Shiwen** ended Korean hopes by overcoming the machine gun like attacking play of **Yang Haeun**, the no.8 seed (11-3, 11-5,



11-1, 11-7); whilst at the same stage, **Zhu Yuling** upset the pecking order by defeating the more powerful **Feng Tianwei** of Singapore, the no.2 seed (13-11, 13-11, 14-12, 11-8).

### MAINTAINED FOCUS

*"I'm very excited to have won the title!"* smiled **Liu Shiwen** after her success against Zhu Yuling. *"I didn't think too much about the final score and I never thought that I would win four-nil; during the match, I kept telling myself to stay focused and fight for every point."*

Two matches on the concluding day of play, eight games played, eight games won and only one by the minimal two point margin; impressive to say the least.

*"I think I performed better than I expected in both my matches today",* added **Liu Shiwen**. *"I felt nervous during the past few days, especially in my team matches but today was the final day of competition and I could go all out to win."*









## NEXT GOAL

Success in Incheon, now **Liu Shiwen** looks forward. "After the Asian Games, as we are changing table tennis balls, I will be spending time adapting to the new balls", concluded **Liu Shiwen**. "My goal now is to qualify for Rio 2016."

The Rio 2016 Olympic Games had been uppermost in the mind of **Liu Shiwen** ever since she was not selected for the London 2012 Olympic Games; however, there are other major tournaments in the meantime, the 2015 World Championships will no doubt be high on the **Liu Shiwen** agenda.

## TARGET REACHED

However, in Incheon it was mission accomplished as it was for **Zhu Yuling**.

"My goal for the Singles event was to reach the finals and I accomplished it; though I lost, I did my best", reflected **Zhu Yuling**. "She's very strong and I think there's more for me to catch up; her techniques are more advanced; her skills are better than mine."

Success for **Liu Shiwen** as seeding predicted in the final. It was also success as history predicted.

## SIXTH VICTORY

It was the sixth time that the pair had met on the international stage; it was the sixth time that **Liu Shiwen** had won.

On the GAC Group ITTF World Tour, she prevailed in 2012 at the Harmony Open; then in 2013 in Kuwait and Qatar, before earlier this year succeeding in China. In addition, she won when the pair met at the semi-final stage of the Women's Singles event at the Liebherr 2013 World Championships in Paris.

In Incheon, she succeeded once again; at her first attempt.

## TARGETS

She has won the ITTF World Tour Grand Finals, the Women's World Cup, the Asian Games.

Now in the next two years can **Liu Shiwen** add the World title, the Olympic title? That is the question.



# RESULTS

## Men's Singles | Round 2

✓ Xu Xin (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Purshottam Bajracharya (NEP)						
11-4	11-2	11-3	11-2	/	/	/

✓ Chen Chien-An (TPE)	4-0					
✗ Albahrani Husain (KUW)						
11-2	11-5	11-2	11-5	/	/	/

✓ Padasak Tanviriyavechakul (THA)	4-3					
✗ Sharath Kamal Achanta (IND)						
6-11	12-10	5-11	11-9	6-11	12-10	11-9

✓ Gao Ning (SIN)	4-0					
✗ Bilegt Batkhisig (MGL)						
11-3	11-2	11-2	11-1	/	/	/

✓ Joo Saehyuk (KOR)	4-1					
✗ Choe Il (PRK)						
11-3	11-8	8-11	11-5	11-7	/	/

✓ Jiang Tianyi (HKG)	4-0					
✗ Naif Mohammed Aljadai (KSA)						
11-2	11-3	11-4	11-3	/	/	/

✓ Noshad Alamiyan (IRI)	4-0					
✗ Muhammad Rameez (PAK)						
11-6	11-5	11-4	11-7	/	/	/

✓ Jun Mizutani (JPN)	4-0					
✗ Muneer Ahmed Ali Aldhubhani (YEM)						
11-2	11-2	11-5	11-6	/	/	/

✓ Chuang Chih-Yuan (TPE)	4-0					
✗ Muhammad Asim Qureshi (PAK)						
11-3	11-7	11-3	11-5	/	/	/

✓ Kim Donghyun (KOR)	4-0					
✗ Kirill Gerassimenko (KAS)						
13-11	11-8	11-7	11-3	/	/	/

✓ Soumyajit Ghosh (IND)	4-0					
✗ Thavisack Phathaphone (LAO)						
11-5	11-7	11-5	11-4	/	/	/

✓ Pak Sin Hyok (PRK)	4-3					
✗ Tang Peng (HKG)						
13-11	11-9	10-12	4-11	11-9	1-11	11-7

✓ Koki Niwa (JPN)	4-0					
✗ Abdulaziz Abbad Alabbad (KSA)						
12-10	12-10	11-5	11-8	/	/	/

✓ Afshin Noroozi (IRI)	4-0					
✗ Omar Ahmed Ali (YEM)						
11-3	11-4	11-2	11-3	/	/	/

✓ Li Hu (SIN)	4-0					
✗ Lkhagvasuren Enkhbat (MGL)						
11-1	11-2	11-6	11-5	/	/	/

✓ Fan Zhendong (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Chang Hoi Wa (MAC)						
11-1	11-5	11-2	11-4	/	/	/

## Men's Singles | Round 3

✓ Xu Xin (CHN)	4-3					
✗ Chen Chien-An (TPE)						
10-12	6-11	11-5	10-12	11-3	11-7	11-8

✓ Gao Ning (SIN)	4-0					
✗ Padasak Tanviriyavechakul (THA)						
11-7	11-8	11-4	11-8	/	/	/

✓ Joo Saehyuk (KOR)	4-3					
✗ Jiang Tianyi (HKG)						
11-6	11-8	11-1	11-9	/	/	/

✓ Jun Mizutani (JPN)	4-1					
✗ Noshad Alamiyan (IRI)						
11-4	11-7	6-11	11-6	11-5	/	/

✓ Chuang Chih-Yuan (TPE)	4-2					
✗ Kim Donghyun (KOR)						
11-9	11-4	10-12	11-6	11-13	17-15	/

✓ Pak Sin Hyok (PRK)	4-1					
✗ Soumyajit Ghosh (IND)						
3-11	11-7	11-8	13-11	11-8	/	/

✓ Koki Niwa (JPN)	4-1					
✗ Afshin Noroozi (IRI)						
8-11	11-5	11-7	11-9	13-11	/	/

✓ Fan Zhendong (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Li Hu (SIN)						
12-10	11-7	11-6	11-3	/	/	/

## Men's Singles | Quarter-finals

✓ Xu Xin (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Gao Ning (SIN)						
13-11	11-6	11-5	11-5	/	/	/

✓ Joo Saehyuk (KOR)	4-2					
✗ Jun Mizutani (JPN)						
13-11	7-11	8-11	11-7	14-12	11-3	/

✓ Chuang Chih-Yuan (TPE)	4-1					
✗ Pak Sin Hyok (PRK)						
11-6	11-8	5-11	11-7	11-8	/	/

✓ Fan Zhendong (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Koki Niwa (JPN)						
11-4	11-6	12-10	11-7	/	/	/

## Men's Singles | Semi-finals

✓ Xu Xin (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Joo Saehyuk (KOR)						
11-2	11-5	11-2	11-7	/	/	/

✓ Fan Zhendong (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Chuang Chih-Yuan (TPE)						
11-8	11-9	11-8	11-7	/	/	/

## Men's Singles | Final

✓ Xu Xin (CHN)	4-2					
✗ Fan Zhendong (CHN)						
11-6	5-11	11-13	11-7	12-10	11-8	/



## Men's Doubles | Round 3

✓ Fan Zhendong / Xu Xin (CHN)			3-1		
✗ Soumyajit Ghosh / Harmeet Desai (IND)					
11-9	9-11	11-1	11-5	/	
✓ Tang Peng / Wong Chung Ting (HKG)			3-1		
✗ Kim Donghyun / Jeong Sangeun (KOR)					
7-11	13-11	11-5	11-3	/	
✓ Gao Ning / Li Hu (SIN)			3-1		
✗ Chiang Hung-Chieh / Huang Sheng-Sheng (TPE)					
12-10	11-8	6-11	11-4	/	
✓ Seiya Kishikawa / Jun Mizutani (JPN)			3-0		
✗ Abdulaziz Alabbad / Naif Mohammed Aljadai					
11-4	11-5	11-3	/	/	
✓ Kim Hyok Bong / Pak Sin Hyok (PRK)			3-1		
✗ Chen Feng / Yang Zi (SIN)					
5-11	11-7	11-6	11-9	/	
✓ Kenta Matsudaira / Koki Niwa (JPN)			3-0		
✗ Sharath Kamal Achanta / Amalraj Anthony					
11-5	11-5	11-4	/	/	
✓ Kim Minseok / Lee Jungwoo (KOR)			3-1		
✗ Jiang Tianyi / Leung Chu Yan (HKG)					
11-7	11-6	8-11	11-2	/	
✓ Ma Long / Zhang Jike (CHN)			3-0		
✗ Noshad Alamiyan / Afshin Noroozi (IRI)					
11-4	11-7	11-3	/	/	

## Men's Doubles | Quarter-Finals

✓ Fan Zhendong / Xu Xin (CHN)			3-0	
✗ Tang Peng / Wong Chung Ting (HKG)				
11-6	13-11	11-1	/	/
✓ Gao Ning / Li Hu (SIN)			3-1	
✗ Seiya Kishikawa / Jun Mizutani (JPN)				
11-9	14-12	8-11	11-3	/
✓ Kenta Matsudaira / Koki Niwa (JPN)			3-1	
✗ Kim Hyok Bong / Pak Sin Hyok (PRK)				
10-12	11-7	11-6	11-9	/
✓ Ma Long / Zhang Jike (CHN)			3-2	
✗ Kim Minseok / Lee Jungwoo (KOR)				
11-6	11-13	12-10	4-11	11-6

## Men's Doubles | Semi-finals

✓ <b>Fan Zhendong / Xu Xin</b> (CHN)					4-1	
✗ <b>Gao Ning / Li Hu</b> (SIN)						
11-13	11-8	11-5	11-8	11-9	/	/
✓ <b>Ma Long / Zhang Jike</b> (CHN)					4-1	
✗ <b>Kenta Matsudaira / Koki Niwa</b> (JPN)						
8-11	11-9	11-4	11-8	11-9	/	/

## Men's Doubles | Final

✓ Ma Long / Zhang Jike (CHN)	4-0				
✗ Fan Zhendong / Xu Xin (CHN)					
14-12	11-3	11-7	11-8	/	



## Women's Singles | Round 2

✓ Liu Shiwen (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Seanggdavieng Douangpanya (LAO)						
11-4	11-3	11-1	11-7	/	/	/

✓ Ri Mi Gyong (PRK)	4-0					
✗ Suthasini Sawettabut (THA)						
14-12	11-8	11-5	11-6	/	/	/

✓ Lin Ye (SIN)	W/O					
✗ Batkhishig Batsiakan (MGL)						
/	/	/	/	/	/	/

✓ Lee Ho Ching (HKG)	4-0					
✗ Neda Shahsavari (IRI)						
11-5	11-2	11-8	11-6	/	/	/

✓ Yang Haeun (KOR)	4-0					
✗ Maryam Alqasimi (BRN)						
11-3	11-1	11-4	11-6	/	/	/

✓ Cheng I-Ching (TPE)	4-0					
✗ Muena Mohamed (MDV)						
11-2	11-2	11-5	11-1	/	/	/

✓ Manika Batra (IND)	4-0					
✗ Ma Chao (MAC)						
11-7	11-4	11-9	11-6	/	/	/

✓ Kasumi Ishikawa (JPN)	4-0					
✗ Beh Lee Wei (MAS)						
11-1	11-4	11-6	11-9	/	/	/

✓ Zhu Yuling (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Lee Rou You (MAS)						
11-5	11-3	11-2	11-3	/	/	/

✓ Ng Wing Nam (HKG)	4-2					
✗ Ankita Das (IND)						
11-8	11-5	4-11	11-7	9-11	11-4	/

✓ Seo Hyowon (KOR)	4-0					
✗ Rahia Kashif (PAK)						
11-3	11-3	11-4	11-2	/	/	/

✓ Ai Fukuhara (JPN)	4-0					
✗ Shrestha Nabita (NEP)						
11-2	11-1	11-2	11-2	/	/	/

✓ Lee I-Chen (TPE)	4-0					
✗ Fathimath Jumana Nimal (MDV)						
11-1	11-3	11-5	11-5	/	/	/

✓ Nanthana Komwong (THA)	4-0					
✗ Enkhjin Barkhas (MGL)						
11-9	11-4	11-5	11-4	/	/	/

✓ Feng Tianwei (SIN)	4-0					
✗ Yuliya Ryabova (KAZ)						
11-1	11-4	11-4	11-5	/	/	/

## Women's Singles | Round 3

✓ Liu Shiwen (CHN)	4-1					
✗ Ri Mi Gyong (PRK)						
11-9	11-8	6-11	11-9	11-4	/	/

✓ Lee Ho Ching (HKG)	4-2					
✗ Lin Ye (SIN)						
11-7	11-8	7-11	10-12	11-7	11-8	/

✓ Yang Haeun (KOR)	4-3					
✗ Cheng I-Ching (TPE)						
12-10	4-11	11-8	14-12	6-11	8-11	11-8

✓ Kasumi Ishikawa (JPN)	4-0					
✗ Manika Batra (IND)						
11-9	11-6	11-7	11-8	/	/	/

✓ Zhu Yuling (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Ng Wing Nam (HKG)						
11-4	15-13	11-3	11-9	/	/	/

✓ Seo Hyowon (KOR)	4-3					
✗ Ri Myong Sun (PRK)						
12-14	12-10	6-11	11-7	11-5	11-13	11-8

✓ Ai Fukuhara (JPN)	4-3					
✗ Lee I-Chen (TPE)						
10-12	11-4	8-11	11-6	11-3	7-11	11-6

✓ Feng Tianwei (SIN)	4-1					
✗ Nanthana Komwong (THA)						
8-11	11-4	11-6	11-7	11-5	/	/

## Women's Singles | Quarter-finals

✓ Liu Shiwen (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Lee Ho Ching (HKG)						
11-8	11-3	11-7	11-7	/	/	/

✓ Yang Haeun (KOR)	4-1					
✗ Kasumi Ishikawa (JPN)						
9-11	11-6	11-5	11-9	11-7	/	/

✓ Zhu Yuling (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Seo Hyowon (KOR)						
11-4	11-3	11-8	11-8	/	/	/

✓ Feng Tianwei (SIN)	4-3					
✗ Ai Fukuhara (JPN)						
11-9	11-9	11-6	7-11	3-11	8-11	11-6

## Women's Singles | Semi-finals

✓ Liu Shiwen (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Yang Haeun (KOR)						
11-3	11-5	11-1	11-7	/	/	/

✓ Zhu Yuling (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Feng Tianwei (SIN)						
13-11	13-11	14-12	11-8	/	/	/

## Women's Singles | Final

✓ Liu Shiwen (CHN)	4-0					
✗ Zhu Yuling (CHN)						
11-6	11-4	13-11	11-7	/	/	/



### Women's Doubles | Round 3

✓ Liu Shiwen / Wu Yang (CHN)	3-0				
✗ Lin Ye / Zhou Yihan (SIN)					
12-10	11-4	12-10	/	/	
✓ Park Youngsook / Yang Haeun (KOR)	3-0				
✗ Poulomi Ghatak / Ankita Das (IND)					
11-6	11-6	11-3	/	/	
✓ Kim Jong / Kim Hye Song (PRK)	3-1				
✗ Doo Hoi Kem / Tie Yana					
11-9	11-6	5-11	11-7	/	
✓ Kasumi Ishikawa / Sayaka Hirano (JPN)	3-0				
✗ Cheng I-Cheng / Huang Yi-Hua					
11-9	12-10	11-8	/	/	
✓ Lee Ho Ching / Ng Wing Nam (HKG)	3-0				
✗ Nanthana Komwong / Suthasini Sawettabut					
11-9	11-9	12-10	/	/	
✓ Jeon Jihee / Lee Eunhee (KOR)	3-1				
✗ Ri Myong Sun / Kim Song (PRK)					
6-11	11-5	13-11	11-7	/	
✓ Ai Fukuhara / Misako Wakamiya (JPN)	3-2				
✗ Chen Szu-Yu / Lee I-Chen (TPE)					
6-11	6-11	11-8	11-9	11-6	
✓ Chen Meng / Zhu Yuling (CHN)	3-0				
✗ Nanthana Komwong / Suthasini Sawettabut					
11-9	11-9	12-10	/	/	

### Women's Doubles | Quarter-Finals

✓ Liu Shiwen / Wu Yang (CHN)	3-0				
✗ Park Youngsook / Yang Haeun (KOR)					
11-6	11-7	11-8	/	/	
✓ Kim Jong / Kim Hye Song (PRK)	3-2				
✗ Kasumi Ishikawa / Sayaka Hirano (JPN)					
3-11	11-8	8-11	12-10	11-9	
✓ Lee Ho Ching / Ng Wing Nam (HKG)	3-1				
✗ Jeon Jihee / Lee Eunhee (KOR)					
11-5	11-4	6-11	11-9	/	
✓ Chen Meng / Zhu Yuling (CHN)	3-0				
✗ Ai Fukuhara / Misako Wakamiya (JPN)					
11-5	11-3	16-14	/	/	

### Women's Doubles | Semi-finals

✓ Liu Shiwen / Wu Yang (CHN)	4-1				
✗ Kim Jong / Kim Hye Song (PRK)					
11-5	7-11	11-9	11-8	11-4	/ /
✓ Chen Meng / Zhu Yuling (CHN)	4-1				
✗ Lee Ho Ching / Ng Wing Nam (HKG)					
4-11	11-9	11-5	11-4	11-4	/ /

### Women's Doubles | Final

✓ Chen Meng / Zhu Yuling (CHN)	4-2				
✗ Liu Shiwen / Wu Yang (CHN)					
12-10	11-6	8-11	8-11	11-3	12-10 /



### Mixed Doubles | Quarter-Finals

✓ Jiang Tianyi / Lee Ho Ching (HKG)			3-0	
✗ Fan Zhendong / Chen Meng (CHN)				
11-9	11-9	11-8	/	/

✓ Kim Minseok / Jeon Jihee (KOR)			3-2	
✗ Koki Niwa / Sayaka Hirano (JPN)				
11-4	12-10	8-11	10-12	11-6

✓ Seiya Kishikawa / Ai Fukuhara (JPN)			3-2	
✗ Cheung Yuk / Jiang Huajun (HKG)				
11-8	8-11	5-11	11-9	11-3

✓ <b>Kim Hyok Bong / Kim Jong</b> (PRK)			3-2	
✗ <b>Zhou Yu / Wu Yang</b> (CHN)				
8-11	11-8	8-11	11-7	11-5

### Mixed Doubles | Semi-finals

✓ Jiang Tianyi / Lee Ho Ching (HKG)					4-3	
✗ Kim Minseok / Jeon Jihee (KOR)						
11-8	7-11	13-11	8-11	9-11	11-8	11-3

✓ Kim Hyok Bong / Kim Jong (PRK)					4-1	
✗ Seiya Kishikawa / Ai Fukuhara (JPN)						
3-11	11-4	11-9	11-7	11-9	/	/

### Mixed Doubles | Final

✓ Kim Hyok Bong / Kim Jong (PRK)					4-1	
✗ Jiang Tianyi / Lee Ho Ching (HKG)						
12-10	12-10	10-12	11-6	11-6	/	/











## EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

# THE HERO OF THE HOUR, THE PRIDE OF PORTUGAL WAS **MARCOS FREITAS**

Amid scenes surely never previously witnessed in table tennis are in Lisbon; Portugal won the Men's title at the TMS 2014 European Team Championships on the evening of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.



After beating **Steffen Mengel** in the opening contest in three straight games (11-8, 11-8, 11-8), he overcame **Timo Boll** in the fourth match of the engagement (12-10, 5-11, 11-6, 11-9) to seal a dramatic, tensioned packed three-one success.

Sandwiched in between, **Timo Boll** had accounted for **João Monteiro** in the second match (11-7, 11-1, 11-8), before **Tiago Apolonia** gave the host nation great hope by defeating **Dimitrij Ovtcharov** (11-7, 11-2, 11-13, 11-9).

Success for Portugal, it was a reversal of the result early in the tournament when Germany had won three-one and a very different contest.

## PLAYERS IN FORM

Two players in form, two young men who earlier this year have enjoyed success on the international stage and have imposed themselves on the World order, confronted each other in the first match of the final.

**Steffen Mengel** wore the colours of Germany for Portugal it was **Marcos Freitas**. Urged forward the passionate crowd approaching 2,000, the vast majority in support of the host nation, the top spin attacking play executed by **Marcos Freitas**



prevailed against the arguably powerful and expansive efforts of **Steffen Mengel**.

He won the first game and led 8-5 in the second; his consistency level grew and a rhythm to his play was established. A critical stage of match, **Jörg Rosskopf**, the German Coach called "*Time Out*"; **Steffen Mengel** reduced the arrears to one point but never gained parity.



## TOOK RISKS

Two games to nil ahead, **Marcos Freitas** was in the ascendancy; **Steffen Mengel** took risks in the third game. **Marcos Freitas** went ahead 9-2, **Steffen Mengel** recovered somewhat to win the next three points, prompting **Perdro Rufino**, the Portuguese coach, to call "*Time Out*", the move being to stifle any momentum that **Steffen Mengel** may have been establishing.

Tension was clearly mounting in the **Marcos Freitas** body, he could see the winning post; eventually, playing consistently he succeeded.

The Master of Ceremonies announced in both English and Portuguese "**Marcos Freitas** three, **Steffen Mengel** zero; Portugal one Germany zero."

## TIMO BOLL LEVELS MATTERS

An early lead for Portugal, matters were soon rectified by **Timo Boll**; close moments in the opening game but **Timo Boll** never in arrears, the German dominated the second and moved 5-3 ahead on the third.

Portuguese coach, **Pedro Rufino** called "*Time Out*", matters were looking bleak for **João Monteiro**; soon they were even bleaker. At 10-7 with mistakes few and far between from the racket of **Timo Boll**, the German held three match points at 10-7.

**João Monteiro** saved one match point but no more as the service changed to **Timo Boll**'s turn. It was back to basics, when it's close do what you do well, **Timo Boll** did that; forehand service, move round the backhand, forehand top spin; good night.

## INTRIGUING CONTEST

Matters level **Tiago Apolonia** faced **Dimitrij Ovtcharov**; notably earlier in the year at the DHS Europe Cup in Lausanne, the two met in opening match in the first stage. **Tiago Apolonia** emerged successful in a best of five games encounter but then never won another match in the whole tournament!

Later in a close seven games encounter at the semi-final stage of Men's Singles event at the GAC Group 2014 ITTF World Tour German Open, **Dimitrij Ovtcharov** had won by the minimal margin in the deciding game.

However, there was a further ingredient to add to the equation; **Dimitrij Ovtcharov** was not in the best physical shape, still recovering from dental surgery, whilst **Tiago Apolonia** was arguably not in the best of form.





At the quarter and semi-final stages in Lisbon, he had played in the third position in the matches against both Russia and Sweden; on both occasions he had suffered defeats. In the former he lost to **Alexander Shibaev**, in the latter to **Jon Persson**.

## A NEW MAN

Cometh a new day, cometh a new challenge, cometh a new **Tiago Apolonia**; full of energy, fast around the court he won the first two games, the second in dominant fashion. At 10-9 in the third he held match point; German coach **Jörg Rosskopf** called "Time Out".

**Dimitrij Ovtcharov**, saved the match point before holding game point at 11-10 and then again at 12-11; at the second attempt he converted. Memories of the contest one day earlier when **Tiago Apolonia** had surrendered five match points against **Jon Persson** flashed across the mind. Was it to be déjà vu?

It was not but one wondered at the start when **Tiago Apolonia** trailed 4-6; he won the next five points before the margin was reduced to 9-8 in favour of Portugal. There was a nervous tension in the air. **Pedro Ru-fino** called "Time Out".

The players returned; outrageous fortune for **Tiago Apolonia**; an un-returnable edge ball; two match points. **Dimitrij Ovtcharov** saved the first; then the MEO Arena erupted, 2,000 Portuguese on their feet in adulation. It was advantage Portugal.

## ELECTRIC ATMOSPHERE

An electric atmosphere pervaded the arena as **Marcos Freitas** and **Timo Boll** returned to the hall to do battle; scintillating rallies with

**Timo Boll** leading 10-8 in the first before losing the next four points, advantage Portugal.

Totally focused **Timo Boll** returned to win the second game with a degree of comfort before in the third **Marcos Freitas** established a lead which was reduced to 9-6; **Pedro Rufino** called "Time Out". A shrewd move, **Marcos Freitas** won the next two points and then led 3-0 in the fourth game.

## MORE DRAMA

Now, **Jörg Rosskopf** called for the break. **Marcos Freitas** moved ahead 5-1, **Timo Boll** levelled at 5-all. There was nothing to choose between the gladiators, at 8-all they were level, the stage at which the ball had cracked, it needed replacing.

Sheer drama, honours shared on the next two points then on the **Timo Boll** service, match point to **Marcos Freitas**. Sheer pandemonium; the chance converted, the roof lifted off the MEO Arena.

Portugal for the first time ever; success for host nation, Portugal proved worthy winners but great credit to Germany, in defeat they conducted themselves magnificently.



## EMOTION

Now for Portugal, Dubai awaits; they qualify for the World Team Cup next January and maybe for **Pedro Moura**, the President of the Portuguese Table Tennis Federation more moments of emotion.

The national anthem played, he could not hold back the tears, tears of emotion, tears of joy; the day belonged to Portugal.

## BRAVE AUSTRIAN EFFORT IN VAIN, GERMANY RETAINS EUROPEAN WOMEN'S TEAM TITLE

Germany retained the Women's Team title won just under one year ago in Schwechat, Austria; when they beat Austria by three matches to nil in the final in Lisbon on the afternoon of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Shan Xiaona beat **Sofia Polcanova** (5-11, 10-12, 11-4, 11-9, 11-7) to be followed by **Han Ying** who accounted for **Liu Jia** (9-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 12-10) and **Petrissa Solja** who concluded matters by defeating **Li Qiangbing** (11-4, 11-3, 11-9).

In the group stage, Germany had beaten Austria by three match to nil; it was the same result again but in a different manner.

## SOFIA POLCANOVA CONSISTENT

**Shan Xiaona** gave Germany the start desired but she was extended the full five games distance by **Sofia Polcanova**, a player who has proved a most worthy opponent on this year's GAC Group 2014 ITTF World Tour.

Notably she won the Under 21 Women's Singles title at the first tournament of the year in Hungary and whilst she may not have recorded wins that are headline news; equally there have been no disasters.

Consistency has been a hallmark of her play and it was that level of consistency that caused **Shan Xiaona** problems; especially in the first two games when the Germany was clearly nervous and not able to find a rhythm to her play.



## FAST ATTACKS

Winner of the Women's Singles title at the GAC Group 2014 ITTF World Tour German Open earlier this year; right handed, penhold grip, short pimped rubber, **Shan Xiaona** excels with fast attacking play from the forehand and angled blocks from the backhand to achieve success.

However, if early in the rally, the first attack is not driven fiercely, she can experience problems; against **Shan Xiaona** she experienced problems. Controlled top spin and subtle variations from the Austrian wrought errors from the German racket.

## VITAL TIME OUT

**Sofia Polcanova** led 5-3 in the fourth game and by two games to one; it was a critical stage in the contest. **Shan Xiaona**, focused and determined, to her credit recovered; she secured a close fourth game to level. In the fifth game it was role reversal.

**Shan Xiaona** went ahead 5-3, Austrian coach **Liu Yanjun** called "Time Out"; alas for Austria the break did not have the same result as it had one game earlier for Germany. **Shan Xiaona** never relinquished the advantage; German held the early lead.

## INTENSE DUEL

A hard fought contest; the second duel on court was no different in intensity, just different in style. The attacking skills of the left handed **Liu Jia** faced the technically very correct defensive attributes of **Han Ying**.

Over the years **Liu Jia** has experienced problems against those who extol the backspin art but if anyone has improved against that style of play, it is **Liu Jia**.

She does not have the artillery to overpower a defender in the mode of a **Zhang Yining** or a **Li Xiaoxia**, whose relentless top spin play eventually drills holes in opponent's rackets; **Liu Jia** has to find an alternative solution.



## PATIENCE

Long points, variation, patience and wait for the key to unlock the safe; those are the qualities shown nowadays by **Liu Jia** in opposition to defenders.

Against **Han Yin**, those qualities won the first two games with **Han Ying** electing for "Time Out" when trailing 7-9 in the second game, a decision which was to work in favour of her adversary.

## DEFENCE REMAINS FIRM

Trailing by two games to nil, **Han Ying** responded; the defence stood firm; she recovered to capture the fourth and fifth games as arguably the fact **Liu Jia** could not insert relentless pressure worked in favour of the Germany.

Moments of hesitation perhaps from **Liu Jia**, **Han Ying** recovered to win the third and fourth games; in the fifth game it was parity at 8-all, **Han Ying** won the next two points, to her great credit, **Liu Jia** saved both match points. However, she could not save a third. **Han Ying** celebrated, Germany celebrated.

## CLOSE CONTEST ANTICIPATED

Two close contests, a third was anticipated; when the two teams met in the group stage of proceedings **Petrissa Solja** had beaten **Li Qiangbing** by the very narrowest of margins in the deciding seventh game (7-11, 11-7, 11-4, 9-11, 11-9).

In the final it was a very different story, it was only in the third game that **Li Qiangbing** really offered resistance. At 5-3 in favour of **Petrissa Solja**, **Li Qiangbing** elected for "Time Out"; she challenged **Petrissa Solja** but the advantage was always with Germany.

Matters progressed to 7-6 in favour of **Petrissa Solja**; German coach **Jie Schöpp**, not prepared to take any risks called "Time Out". It was a prudent move; at 10-8 **Petrissa Solja** held two match points; **Li Qiangbing** saved the first, not the second.

## GOOD MANNERS

**Petrissa Solja**, raised her arms in the air; she politely shook hands with her opponents and officials before receiving the greetings of her colleague.

## REACTION FROM JIE SCHÖPP

*"The first match between **Shan Xiaona** and **Sofia Polcanova** was very important for us", said **Jie Schöpp**. "Both players were very nervous, but **Shan Xiaona** played at top level."*

Delighted with **Shan Xiaona**; **Jie Schöpp** was understandably equally pleased with **Han Ying** and **Petrissa Solja**. *"In the second match, **Han Ying** found herself in new situation at this tournament", smiled **Jie Schöpp**. "She lost two games; **Liu Jia** played really well."*

Throughout the defensive skills of **Han Ying** have been solid and totally reliable; equally the attacking skills of **Petrissa Solja** have been most impressive. *"Petrissa gave solid performance", concluded the German coach. "Our team proved they are in top shape; throughout the tournament they were at the top of the game."*

Top shape most certainly; it was silver for Austria, gold for Germany, the title retained and retain in most skilled and professional manner.



**Josep Antón Velázquez** defends his "World's Best Table Tennis Trickshot" title.

**"...it twice is something really unbelievable!"**

#### Notes to the Editor:

The STIGA 2014 ITTF Trick Shot Showdown was launched on 3 June 2014 to find the world's best table tennis trick shot. Over the 4 months, the videos were viewed more than 1 million times on YouTube and Youku.

ITTF PRESS RELEASE

# 2015 WORLD'S BEST TABLE TENNIS TRICK SHOT ANNOUNCED

The STIGA 2014 ITTF Trick Shot Showdown has successfully concluded with Spain's **Josep Antón Velázquez's** entry being crowned as the world's best trick shot, the same title he won last year.

The second STIGA Trick Shot showdown was a huge success with over 60 people submitting their best trick shots, which together obtained more than 1 million views on YouTube and Youku.

**Josep's** winning trick shot, involves him serving a ball through a hole in a wooden plank, the ball then spins on a right angle towards the other side of the table, where **Josep** hits another ball through another hole to hit the original ball. It must be seen to be believed: <http://bit.ly/TSSWinner>.

**Josep's** amazing trick shot, gathered over 150,000 views, and the technical difficulty in execution impressed both fans and the ITTF Expert Panel alike by garnering 36% of the overall vote count. Fans' votes contributed 60% of the total vote count, while the ITTF Expert Panel scored the remaining 40%.

On his win, **Josep** commented: "I'm so glad, winning last year was really awesome but achieving it twice is something really unbelievable! I'm so happy and thankful to all the friends and people that have made it possible!"

For his stellar performance, he has won a 4-day trip for 2 persons to Bangkok for the GAC Group 2014 World Tour Grand Finals, happening 11 - 14 December 2014. In addition, he walks away with US\$4,000 cash and a one-year sponsorship from STIGA, a world leader in the sport of table tennis for over 60 years.

A notable mention goes to **R. Ganapathi Subramanian**, who came a close second with this amazing trick shot: <http://bit.ly/TSSSecond>.

"STIGA 2014 ITTF Trick Shot Showdown became, once again, a success for the sport of table tennis", said STIGA CEO Mats Bands-tigen. "A lot of really amazing trick shots from all around the World. That **Josep Antón Velázquez** became the winner once again is incredible! Congratulations **Josep**, we are really impressed!"

ITTF Marketing Director **Steve Dainton** added: "The Trick Shot challenge in its second year has again proven to be a fun idea. Thanks again to STIGA for their support and next year look out for some rule changes that will make it even bigger and better."



Visit <http://ITTF.com/trickshot> for more information and view all the submitted trick shot videos: <http://bit.ly/StigaTSS>.





Natalia Partyka will now have the chance to play in her 6<sup>th</sup> Paralympics at Tokyo 2020.

*“The ITTF is extremely happy and proud to be among the 16 sports selected in the first round to be on the programme of the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo...”*



## ITTF PRESS RELEASE

# TABLE TENNIS INCLUDED IN 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES

Table Tennis has been confirmed as one of the first 16 sports that will make up the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Governing Board made the decision that Table Tennis will again be in the Paralympic Games during their meeting in Berlin, Germany on 7 October 2014.

On the decision, ITTF CEO **Judit Farago** stated: “The ITTF is extremely happy and proud to be among the 16 sports selected in the first round to be on the programme of the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo. It proves the firm position of Table Tennis since the first Paralympic Games in 1960 in Rome.

*The decision of the IPC Governing Board means that we successfully met the criteria of worldwide participation, athlete classification, anti-doping programme and others. Our integrated para Table Tennis competition programme involves over 3,500 classified players and yearly 20 international tournaments which surely will further increase in the period leading up to the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo.”*

Table Tennis was included in the first Paralympic Games in Rome 1960, and has been included in every edition since, which means that Tokyo 2020 will be the 16<sup>th</sup> time Table Tennis will be in the Paralympic Games.

Table Tennis was one of the most popular sports at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, with 99% day tickets sold for the event and immense media interest.

Table Tennis also produced one of the moments of the London 2012 Paralympic

Games, with this amazing shot by **David Wetherill**: [http://youtu.be/riR\\_Syhb6s](http://youtu.be/riR_Syhb6s) being seen by over 6 million people on YouTube alone.

The decision to include Table Tennis in the 2020 Paralympic Games comes right after the extremely successful ITTF Para World Table Tennis Championships, which was held last month in Beijing, China.

The event had 3 hours live broadcast on CCTV, which was seen by over 18 million people across China. The event also attracted 1.2 million impressions on Facebook, 153,000 on Twitter and TV news reports on several national TV stations, including BBC in the UK.

Joining Table Tennis in the 16 confirmed sports for the 2020 Paralympic Games are: athletics, archery, badminton, boccia, equestrian, goalball, powerlifting, rowing, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, triathlon, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby and wheelchair tennis.

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will be held from 25 August - 6 September 2020.



# WORLD RANKING LIST - MEN



**XU Xin (CHN) • No. 1**



**MA Long (CHN) • No. 2**



**FAN Zhendong (CHN) • No. 3**

Top 3

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<span style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white;">2</span>	<span style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white;">3</span>	<b>MA Long</b>	CHN	3023
<span style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white;">3</span>	<span style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white;">2</span>	<b>FAN Zhendong</b>	CHN	2985
4	4	ZHANG Jike	CHN	2886
5	7	MIZUTANI Jun	JPN	2765
	6	WANG Hao	CHN	2712
6	5	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	2697
7	8	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE	2688
8	9	BOLL Timo	GER	2653
	10	YAN An	CHN	2580
9	12	FREITAS Marcos	POR	2545
10	11	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR	2527
11	13	GAO Ning	SIN	2501
12		JOO Saehyuk	KOR	2448
13	17	APOLONIA Tiago	POR	2435
14	16	TANG Peng	HKG	2412
14	15	NIWA Koki	JPN	2412
16	14	BAUM Patrick	GER	2408
17	22	CHEN Chien-An	TPE	2367
18	19	GACINA Andrej	CRO	2335
	20	KIM Minseok	KOR	2330
19	18	STEGER Bastian	GER	2326
20	21	GIONIS Panagiotis	GRE	2318
	23	CHO Eonrae	KOR	2314
21	27	MATSUDAIRA Kenta	JPN	2300
	24	FANG Bo	CHN	2297
22	25	ZHAN Jian <sup>^</sup>	SIN	2294
23	28	CRISAN Adrian	ROU	2281
		MAZE Michael	DEN	2280
24	26	GARDOS Robert	AUT	2275
25	29	MURAMATSU Yuto	JPN	2271
26	30	SHIONO Masato	JPN	2263
27	34	LEE Jungwoo	KOR	2258
28	31	MENGEL Steffen	GER	2257
29	33	KISHIKAWA Seiya	JPN	2248
30	73	ARUNA Quadri	NGR	2246
31	36	YOSHIDA Kaii	JPN	2232
	32	JUNG Youngsik	KOR	2230
32	43	YU Ziyang	CHN	2225
33	39	TSUBOI Gustavo	BRA	2223
34	58	MATTENET Adrien	FRA	2221
35	35	JIANG Tianyi	HKG	2216
35	38	FRANZISKA Patrick	GER	2216
35	40	TAKAKIWA Taku	JPN	2216
		OH Sangeun	KOR	2214
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39	42	MORIZONO Masataka	JPN	2210
39	40	GERELL Par	SWE	2210
41	44	ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	IND	2196
42	37	SHIBAEV Alexander	RUS	2195
43	48	WONG Chun Ting	HKG	2190
44	45	MONTEIRO Joao	POR	2185
45	46	PITCHFORD Liam	ENG	2181
46	50	KARLSSON Kristian	SWE	2174
47	57	CHIANG Hung-Chieh	TPE	2173
47	49	WANG Zengyi	POL	2173
49	51	CHEN Weixing	AUT	2169
50	53	CHAN Kazuhiro	JPN	2165



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51	53	TOKIC Bojan	SLO	2156
53	52	FEGERL Stefan	AUT	2151
54		KIM Hyok Bong	PRK	2150
55	55	FILUS Ruwen	GER	2149
55	56	TAN Ruiwu	CRO	2149
57	59	ASSAR Omar	EGY	2148
58	64	WANG Eugene ^	CAN	2145
59	62	LEBESSON Emmanuel	FRA	2144
60	63	SMIRNOV Alexey	RUS	2143
61	61	SKACHKOV Kirill	RUS	2142
61	69	LIANG Jingkun	CHN	2142
63	65	CALDERANO Hugo	BRA	2135
64	80	LI Hu ^	SIN	2130
65	66	LUNDQVIST Jens	SWE	2127
66	67	HABESOHN Daniel	AUT	2124
67	67	KOU Lei	UKR	2121
68	70	GAUZY Simon	FRA	2118
69	71	HE Zhiwen	ESP	2117
		KIM Junghoon	KOR	2117
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71	75	GORAK Daniel	POL	2100
72	73	BOBOCICA Mihai	ITA	2094
73	76	PROKOPCOV Dmitrij	CZE	2092
74	76	LIVENTSOV Alexey	RUS	2089
75	87	ZHOU Qihao	CHN	2088
	81	ZHOU Kai	CHN	2087
76	78	KREANGA Kalinikos	GRE	2087
77	79	MATSUMOTO Cazuao	BRA	2082
78	82	PATTANTYUS Adam	HUN	2080
79	83	HUANG Sheng-Sheng	TPE	2078
		VANG Bora	TUR	2073
80	84	DRINKHALL Paul	ENG	2069
81	85	YOSHIMURA Maharu	JPN	2068
82	86	VLASOV Grigory	RUS	2067
	88	JANG Woojin	KOR	2062
83	103	CHEN Feng ^^	SIN	2061
83	89	WANG Yang ^	SVK	2061
85	90	LI Ahmet ^	TUR	2057
86	90	MACHADO Carlos	ESP	2048
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88	93	STOYANOV Niagol	ITA	2046
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	93	WU Zhikang ^^	SIN	2046
90	96	YOSHIDA Masaki	JPN	2045
		ELOI Damien	FRA	2043
91	97	MACHI Asuka	JPN	2040
92	98	CHEUNG Yuk	HKG	2039
93	99	KOSIBA Daniel	HUN	2037
93		KIM Nam Chol	PRK	2037
93		ALAMIYAN Noshad	IRI	2037
96	100	MATSUDAIRA Kenji	JPN	2033
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98	103	PERSSON Jon	SWE	2022
	106	KANG Dongsoo	KOR	2021
99	107	CHTCHETININE Evgueni	BLR	2016
		PRIMORAC Zoran	CRO	2014
100	109	KARAKASEVIC Aleksandar	SRB	2013
	103	LASHIN El-Sayed	EGY	2012

Nigerian's **Aruna Quadri** continues his mesmerizing rise in international table tennis, as he has been listed as world number 30 in November's International Table Tennis world ranking.

This marks the highest ever ranking for an African table tennis player, which shows the rise of the continent in professional table tennis.

The historic ranking position for the 26 year old from Lagos, Nigeria, who now plays professionally in Portugal, comes on the back of an unforgettable LIEBHERR 2014 Men's World Cup, where **Quadri** made the quarterfinals.

On his way to the quarterfinals, the charismatic Nigerian beat world number 27 **Kenta Matsudaira** (JPN), world number 37 **Alexander Shibaev** (RUS) and world number 16 **Tang Peng** (HKG) to announce himself on the world stage.

The father of one was ranked a lowly 237 in February this year, so to rise so quickly to number 30 in the world is a testament to his extraordinary talents.

Upon hearing the news, an emotional **Quadri** stated: "It's just like am dreaming. When I saw the world ranking, I started to cry because I was so happy. All my hard work and motivation has turned the impossible, into possible."

**Quadri** was not the only Men's World Cup star to jump in the rankings. **Marcos Freitas** (POR) moves from 12<sup>th</sup> to ninth, **Tiago Apolonia** (POR) from 17<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> and **Chen Chien-An** (TPE) moved from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.

Asian Games Champion **Xu Xin** (CHN) continues to lead the way at the top of the world rankings, with the runner up from the LIEBHERR 2014 Men's World Cup **Ma Long** (CHN) moving into the second position. Youth Olympic Games Champion **Fan Zhendong** (CHN) drops down to third, above the LIEBHERR 2014 Men's World Cup Champion **Zhang Jike** (CHN) in fourth.

See all rankings



# WORLD RANKING LIST - WOMEN



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**Li Xiaoxia (CHN) • No. 3**


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2	2	<b>LIU Shiwen</b>	CHN	3161
3	3	<b>LI Xiaoxia</b>	CHN	3119
4	4	FENG Tianwei	SIN	3014
5	5	ZHU Yuling	CHN	2909
6	9	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN	2887
7	7	CHEN Meng	CHN	2871
8	6	WU Yang	CHN	2869
9	8	HAN Ying 	GER	2795
10	10	SEO Hyowon	KOR	2782
11	16	FUKUHARA Ai	JPN	2753
12	13	LIU Jia	AUT	2734
13	11	YU Mengyu	SIN	2729
14	14	LEE Ho Ching	HKG	2700
15	12	LI Fen 	SWE	2690
16	15	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU	2676
17	26	POTA Georgina	HUN	2668
18	17	HIRANO Sayaka	JPN	2663
19	23	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG	2632
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25	24	ISHIGAKI Yuka	JPN	2586
26	19	SHAN Xiaona 	GER	2584
27	22	PAVLOVICH Viktoria	BLR	2581
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29	27	JEON Jihee 	KOR	2572
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31	28	LIU Gaoyang	CHN	2559
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45	38	LI Xue 	FRA	2471
46	42	PESOTSKA Margaryta	UKR	2459
		SEOK Hajung	KOR	2457
47	57	CHEN Xingtong	CHN	2445
		MONTEIRO DODEAN Daniela	ROU	2441
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55	49	SZOCS Bernadette	ROU	2402
55	52	WINTER Sabine	GER	2402
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58		RI Mi Gyong	PRK	2397
59	55	PARK Youngsook	KOR	2390
60	54	PARTYKA Natalia	POL	2387
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63	59	EKHOLM Matilda	SWE	2358
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76	68	BARTHEL Zhenqi	GER	2316
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89	84	MADARASZ Dora	HUN	2257
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92	88	ZHANG Lily	USA	2241
93	89	HE Zhuojia	CHN	2239
94	90	TASHIRO Saki	JPN	2237
95	91	SAKAI Haruka	JPN	2227
96	92	MITTELHAM Nina	GER	2223
97	93	ONO Shiho	JPN	2222
97	93	KATO Kyoka	JPN	2222
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	96	YAMANASHI Yuri	JPN	2213
100	98	SO Eka	JPN	2207

There were also some big movers in the women's rankings after a busy October. **Kasumi Ishikawa** (JPN), who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the ITTF 2014 Women's World Cup has moved from ninth to sixth, and **Georgina Pota** (HUN) who lost to **Ishikawa** in the third place play off has moved up nine places to a career best of 26<sup>th</sup> in the world.

Women's World Cup Champion **Ding Ning** (CHN) tops the world rankings for the second consecutive month ahead of her teammates **Liu Shiwen** and **Li Xiaoxia** who sit in second and third respectively.

See all rankings



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