

2009 SWATCH FIVB World Championships

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SEMIFINAL MATCH No. 1—

Harley Marques Silva, Brazil – After two-set semifinal win over Germans David Klemperer/Eric Koreng – “It was a hard match yesterday (3-set win over USA’s Jennings/Fuerbringer), and we had to take it a little bit easy in the first set today. Our serves were not good, neither were the blocks. They had 6-3 on us, but we knew what we had to do, so we didn't stress or got nervous. We just stayed on the court. Now we have one more match left, and we just enjoy being here, getting so much support from the crowd. They really give us a lot of energy. It's fantastic to play here on the centre court in Stavanger.”

David Klemperer, Germany – After semifinal loss Brazil's Alison/Harley – “We tried to go out hard, and managed to have a good start, but they came back even stronger. The Brazilians were the better team today. They were better than us, but I think we made a good fight. It was a great match and a lovely audience. We managed to put the pressure on them in the start, but they pressured us even more. We tried to play aggressively.”

Eric Koreng, Germany – Following semifinal loss to the Brazilians – “It was a very aggressive play we made out there, maybe even a bit too much. I had a good start, and in the beginning I had Alison a lot of times. I had a good feeling, but he came back strong. It is always difficult when you meet a team first time, and they are fresh together. I think they are close to being a perfect team. We will see. But I think they are very good, also I loved the crowd. The audience cheers very loud and are great. It's always great spectators here in Stavanger.”

SEMIFINAL MATCH No. 2--

Jonas Reckermann, Germany – After three-set semifinal win over America's Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers – “We've shown now by beating three world class teams in a row, that we deserve a place in the final, and that we're up there on that level. We beat Gibb/Rosenthal, Emanuel/Ricardo and now the Olympic winners and the defending champions Rogers/Dalhausser. That shows the quality of our game. Not only are we confident in our play, but we are able to change our play according to the opponents and what they are doing. We've got more than one weapon.”

Julius Brink, Germany – After semifinal win over the Americans – “We showed that we are strong. It was a very big game for us, and a great match. Now it's up to us in the last match of the tournament. we deserve to be there. We have shown that.”

Todd Rogers, United States – After semifinal loss to Germany's Bink/Reckermann – “They were exceptional today, and Julius Brink was the man of the match, he made the difference. Now in the bronze final we are up against another German team, Klemperer/Koreng. We practiced with them for three weeks earlier this season, so we really know each other well.”

Phil Dalhausser, United States – After semifinal loss to Germany – “Brink/Reckermann deserve to be in the final. It's also good for the sport that the two best teams play for the title, Brink/Reckermann and Alison/Harley really are the two hottest teams on the tour

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BRONZE MEDAL MATCH--

Todd Rogers, United States – After two-set Bronze Medal win over Germany's David Klemperer/Eric Koreng – “What we've achieved in the last couple of years is incredible, but of course we wanted the gold medal. Germany finished fourth and is also in the run for the gold medal. What they've done is not an accident. They have a good junior system, and all four of the best German's are quite young. Klemperer, Koreng and Brink in their 20's, and Reckermann aged 30. Germany has also had many world tour titles, and that's inspiring for the young players.”

Phil Dalhausser, United States – After Bronze Medal win over Germany – “After training with them for three weeks we knew what to do. We know how they play, and we managed to use it to our advantage.”

David Klemperer, Germany – After Bronze Medal Match loss the American's – “To start off with 0-5 is not good. Not much worked in this match for us. They came on angry for losing their final spot, and even if we defended like crazy, it was impossible to keep them away. Phil was serving really great in this match. We still think we have done very well, bettering our seed, and had some great matches here.”

Eric Koreng, Germany – Following Bronze Medal match loss to the Americans – “We'd like to have won, but we did have a good tournament overall, it just ended badly today. It was American retaliation against Germany we felt out there from their loss in the semifinals. But they are one of the very best team of the world. We're still going up, and that feels good, though we'd very much like to have medals today. We'd like to have won, but Germany is up among the very best nations in the men's tournament. We showed it this year at the world championships.”

GOLD MEDAL MATCH—

Jonas Reckermann, Germany – After two-set Gold Medal match win over Brazil's Alison Cerutti/Harley Marques – “In the second set we managed to better with our serves, blocks and finishes much better, although they did what they could to beat us. My shoulder is hurting and they knew it and gave me a hard time. They put me in trouble in the second set, especially Alison with his attacks. There's a big atmosphere, and it's amazing to play here. It's really unbelievable. It feels like I'm dreaming. I'm just waiting for someone to come and wake me up and say, hey Jonas, wake up, it's the semi final or something. But, instead, we are the world champions. WOW. Finally! We've always missed the medals, but now we're able to show the world that we can do it.”

Julius Brink, Germany – After Gold Medal match win over the Brazilians – “We knew we had to defeat the world's best teams to win the gold medal this week. We defeated the best teams in the world today and it's great to know that Germany will now be listed as a world champion along with the Americans and the Brazilians. We worked very hard and those training sessions paid off these past 10 days. In the gold medal match, the serves were the most important thing, and there were a lot of tactical serves, not so many smashing hard ones. Jonas in the second set was magnificent. He won it all by himself. We have come a long way, but we have a big step up before we reach Phil (Dalhausser) and Todd (Rogers) level, and I'm sure they and Alison and Harley are going to beat us again in tournaments later. But we got them both today. How good is that?”

Harley Marques Silva, Brazil – After Gold Medal match loss to Germans – “I'd sure like to win, but still, we lost to a better team today. I admit I thought we had the second set and was prepared for the third, and then they came on too strong. We weren't able to stop them. We tried. It was a crazy five minutes, like Jonas (Reckermann) says, but they deserved to win. They were better today, and I'm happy for my silver medal.

Alison Cerutti, Brazil – After Gold Medal match loss to Germans – “I think we did very well, but we couldn't win the final.”