

China Open

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Zhu Lin

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Chinese questions.

Q. Can you tell us something about your team. What kind of changes do you see with a new member coming in?

ZHU LIN: This week my foreign coach is not here because he is in Guangzhou helping with other activities. He used to be the coach for Saisai. Also I have my family members with me. The coach is from Serbia.

There's some adjustments to my team, but not big changes. I have good people around me. I think I've been very focused this year, focusing on my matches. I'm happy with my team members.

Q. You've been playing very well. A breakthrough in the US Open. In Osaka, as well as Guangzhou. Good performance in the finals. You withdrew from one of the events. Coming into Beijing, how do you feel about your physicality?

ZHU LIN: Because in the middle of this year I was injured. Coming into the North American season, I was finally slowly getting my game back.

The Asian Games was very important. I had to make sure that I'm 100% ready. So after Osaka, I had a short time for adjustment. If I was going to play Guangzhou again, I wouldn't be ready for the Asian Games. That's why I decided to withdraw from Guangzhou.

Beijing is different. It's a WTA 1000 level event. Next year, going to the Paris Olympics, is also very important. I've been resting for two days, so I think I'm fresh enough for the match tomorrow.

Q. You're familiar with your first-round opponent, Tsurenko. Regarding your preparation for the first round as well as the overall event, could you talk about that?

ZHU LIN: I feel like this year I've been playing the same players over and over again. Not much difference. I feel a

bit different compared to the beginning of this year.

The China Open, it's been four years, I'm very happy to be back here. I hope I can stay as long as possible in Beijing.

I'm very familiar with my opponent in the first round. The third encounter this year. She is a very tough player. She's really, really tough. I would like to be more patient in my game. I will focus on my rest, have a good rest, then focus on my match tomorrow.

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