

# United Cup

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## Team China

## Zhang Zhizhen

## Zhu Lin

### Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: Tough luck today, Team China. Could you say a few words about your respective matches.

ZHU LIN: Yeah, it was a very tough match for me. I mean, Mboko, she played really well today. I mean, for the beginning of the set, I think I'm pretty play well, into the game really quick today. Also I serve well in the first set. I think she start to level up in the second set. I don't know if I am too tired from yesterday or she just play great performance.

I think I did my best. Even though I lost matches, it's still a great tennis, I play some great tennis. I think I receive a lot of positive energy from the match. I think it's a good things.

ZHANG ZHIZHEN: For me is a little bit different. Start pretty not that good. First game I missing two forehand. I mean, that two forehand was just missing little bit, but it was good choice anyway. After that, didn't have any chance to break him. He was serving really well today. At least in beginning I have some chance. He save by he serve.

Second set it was quite okay for me. Today actually I would say I playing not bad. He had two unbelievable return to break me. Also my serve, on my first serve, was a little bit low percentage I feel. In the end I see the result is around 60. I think many thing I went for the wrong choice for the serve.

Well, anyway, it cost from yesterday. But it's okay, yeah. Two great match, as she said. Hopefully have a good start.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

**Q. How important was the crowd tonight in helping you stay in the matches?**



ZHU LIN: I mean, even for yesterday, there is a lot of crowd coming to watch us and supporting. Even like the Aussie crowd. Also a lot of Chinese people.

I really like this atmosphere. I like to play in front of lot of people because they bring, like, good energy. You can really enjoy on the court no matter what the score. You up, you down, you really enjoy the match.

It's quite important to have a lot of people that can come to watch tennis. Especially this group tennis, group tournament, it's very entertaining. It's just really good to watch I think.

ZHANG ZHIZHEN: Yeah, for me, as well. Pretty like to play. For example today every time was down, but the crowd was still supporting me and supporting the China team. Love it.

Even the last game I was trying my best. I heard them, the crowd, a lot. I made a full return, he playing too good. I'm really enjoying to playing here. The court was not too big, so make it feel like everything just very close, just in front of my - how do you say - of my face. I really enjoying this court, yes.

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