

World Baseball Classic: Pool C - Chinese Taipei vs Czechia

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Team Chinese Taipei

Hai-Jui Tseng

Pregame Press Conference

Q. Your previous two games, your offense struggled. When you played against Australia, they use a lot of lefties and I think today's game against the Czech Republic they are going to use a lefty, too. What's your game plan?

HAI-JIU TSENG: First of all, good morning to everybody. Yes, previous two games was not something we wanted, and that we were so disappointed of the result. But that's past and we are all professional, and our mind has been already changed. When we arrived here in Tokyo Dome, all of our focus is try to get this game. And we have no more space left so we try to do the best. And what's your second question, please?

The previous two rounds, offense is struggling against lefties, of course. We are still working on the offense. When we face off the lefties, the things we have to do is try to take a good look at it, and try to pick up the pitch where we can hit and swing hard.

Q. Today's starting pitcher, jersey No. 48, what is the reason why you put him as a starter and what is your expectation for him?

HAI-JIU TSENG: Yes, the reason why we put Chen on is we have a starting rotation and we have a plan. And it is as a game plan, who is going to pitch. We planned, and I am expecting more for the offense, to score first and then try to get a win.

Q. Obviously the last two days is not what you've wanted but a lot of fans have been really impressed by the support and the cheering from the Taiwanese fans, the music and everything. Can you tell me what that means to you, and to the team to have all of them here?

HAI-JIU TSENG: As you mentioned, the result was not something but we had a huge fans behind us, and they



touched to us, to all of us. Whenever we play, all the fans gave us extra energy, and we are thankful.

What we can do for them is try to get a first win of the tournament in order to get a reaction from the fans, and we are playing the rest of the two games with our fans.

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