MEDIA NOTES – FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

DATES	October 19-25, 2026
LOCATION	Kai Tak Arena, Hong Kong China
WEB & SOCIAL	Website ○ YouTube ○ Facebook ○ Instagram ○ Douyin
HASHTAGS	#HangSengBankHongKongSlam #PPATourAsia
MEDIA CONTACT	media@upa-asia.com
PRO PRIZE MONEY	Up to US$1.1 million
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Pro Events: Men's Singles + Women's Singles + Men's Doubles + Women's Doubles + Mixed Doubles

Provisional Pro Schedule:
• Monday October 19 - From 9:00 (GMT+8) Qualifying
• Tuesday October 20 - From 9:00 (GMT+8) Round of 64
• *Wednesday October 21 - From 9:00 (GMT+8) Round of 32*
• Thursday October 22 - From 9:00 (GMT+8) Round of 16
• Friday October 23 - From 9:00 (GMT+8) Quarterfinals
• Saturday October 24 - From 9:00 (GMT+8) Semifinals
• Championship Sunday October 25 - From 13:00 (GMT+8) Gold medal matches

Format: All matches are best of 3 games. Games are played to 11 points (must win by 2) using traditional side-out scoring (only the serving player/pair can score points).

Prize Money & World Pickleball Ranking Points:

	SINGLES	DOUBLES	MIXED	POINTS
GOLD	14,000	56,000	46,000	1500
SILVER	7,500	30,000	26,000	1200
SEMIFINAL	3,800	15,000	12,600	750
QUARTERFINAL	1,900	7,600	6,400	300

All prize money is in US$. The above table represents prize money for PPA Pros on a Gold Contract. For information on prize money for other categories of signed Pros please contact players@upa-asia.com

ROUND OF 16 RECAP (Thursday)

- The story of the day set up the quarterfinal of the week: a Ben Johns (USA) vs Collin Johns (USA) Men's Doubles meeting. Ben and Gabriel Tardio (BOL) advanced, and Collin and Len Yang (USA) got there by ending Hong Kong's hopes, defeating the home pair of Eunggwon Kim (KOR) and Hong Kit Wong (HKG) 11-3, 8-11, 11-5. It is only the third time in PPA history the brothers have met in Men's Doubles, and Ben leads the head-to-head 2-0.

- Wong lost in the Men's Doubles but stayed alive in the Men's Singles, reaching the quarterfinals with an 8-11, 11-0, 11-2 win over Francis Chi (USA).

- Nok Yiu Tang's (HKG) week ended. She lost her Women's Singles tie to her doubles partner Chao Yi Wang (TPE) 11-8, 11-4, and the pair then went out of the Women's Doubles together, defeated by Mari Humberg (BRA) and Cailyn Campbell (USA).

- After a seed-proof Wednesday, the doubles draws bit back. [7] Men's Doubles seeds Armaan Bhatia (IND) and Augustus Ge (USA) fell to Vietnam's Quan Do (VIE) and Hien Truong (VIE), 11-5, 13-11.

- The Women's Doubles saw three seeds go out, [5] Ting Chieh Wei (TPE) and Lacy Schneemann (USA), [7] Tang and Chao Yi Wang, and [8] Allyce Jones (USA) and Kaitlyn Christian (USA), with Jones and Christian beaten by the unseeded Australians Sahra Dennehy (AUS) and Danni-Elle Townsend (AUS).

- In the Mixed, Dylan Frazier (USA) and Kaitlyn Christian knocked out [5] seeds Rachel Rohrabacher (USA) and Gabriel Tardio 12-10, 14-12, and 15-year-old Tama Shimabukuro (USA), with Dennehy, upset [7] seeds Catherine Parenteau (CAN) and Noe Khlif (FRA) 11-7, 12-10.

- The singles stayed chalk: every Men's and Women's Singles seed reached the quarterfinals.

QUARTERFINAL PREVIEW (Friday)

- The headline act: Ben Johns (USA) and Gabriel Tardio (BOL) face Collin Johns (USA) and Len Yang (USA) in the Men's Doubles, brothers on opposite sides of the net for only the third time in PPA history, with Ben leading the head-to-head 2-0.

- Home hope in the Men's Singles: Hong Kit Wong (HKG) meets [2] seed Federico Staksrud (ARG), a rematch of their MB Hanoi Cup quarterfinal earlier this year, which Staksrud edged 7-11, 11-6, 12-10.

- Men’s Singles World No.1 Christopher Haworth (USA) takes on [8] seed Noe Khlif (FRA), while 15-year-old Tama Shimabukuro (USA) draws Skechers Shenzhen Open champion Grayson Goldin (USA). [5] seed Connor Garnett (USA) meets [3] seed Hunter Johnson (USA) in the fourth quarterfinal.

- A loaded Women’s Singles quarterfinal field: six of the eight players left have won a Women’s Singles title on the PPA Tour Asia this year. [1] seed Kaitlyn Christian (USA) faces [5] seed Judit Castillo (ESP), who defeated her at the Australian Pickleball Cup. The other quarters are [6] Yufei Long (CHN) v [4] Kiora Kunimoto (USA), [3] Sahra Dennehy (AUS) v [7] Rika Fujiwara (JPN), and [2] Chao Yi Wang (TPE) v [8] Andie Dikosavljevic (AUS).

- The World No.1s stay busy. Ben Johns and Anna Leigh Waters (USA) play their Mixed Doubles quarterfinal against Jonathan Truong (USA) and Jessie Irvine (USA), and remain live in the Men’s and Women’s Doubles too.

- The giant-killing Australians, Dennehy and Danni-Elle Townsend (AUS), step up to [1] seeds Anna Bright (USA) and Waters in the Women’s Doubles quarterfinals.

- Shimabukuro and Dennehy, fresh from their seed scalp, meet [2] Mixed seeds Anna Bright and Hayden Patriquin (USA).