MEDIA NOTES – SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

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

QUARTERFINAL RECAP (Friday)

- Upset day on Championship Court: Noe Khlif (FRA) knocked out Men's Singles World No.1 Christopher Haworth (USA) 13-11, 11-3, his first win over Haworth after losing their two previous PPA meetings.

- The top Women's Singles seed went with him. Kaitlyn Christian (USA) lost her bid for a third straight Women's Singles title in Asia to Judit Castillo (ESP) 11-9, 5-11, 12-10. [2] seed Chao Yi Wang (TPE) also fell, to Andie Dikosavljevic (AUS), leaving the Women's Singles semifinals without a top-two seed.

- The most dramatic match of the tournament: Federico Staksrud (ARG) defeated home favorite Hong Kit Wong (HKG) 8-11, 11-9, 12-10, a 12-10 decider that echoed their MB Hanoi Cup meeting earlier this year.

- Ben Johns (USA) and Gabriel Tardio (BOL) won the brothers' quarterfinal, defeating Collin Johns (USA) and Len Yang (USA) 11-3, 11-3. Ben now leads the brothers' Men's Doubles head-to-head 3-0.

- Fifteen-year-old Tama Shimabukuro (USA) reached two semifinals, beating Skechers Shenzhen Open champion Grayson Goldin (USA) 11-9, 8-11, 11-6 in the Men's Singles and advancing in the Men's Doubles with JW Johnson (USA).

- The Australians Sahra Dennehy (AUS) and Danni-Elle Townsend (AUS), who had upset two seeds earlier in the Women's Doubles, were stopped by [1] seeds Anna Bright (USA) and Anna Leigh Waters (USA).

SEMIFINAL PREVIEW (Saturday)

- Men's Singles: Noe Khlif (FRA), fresh from beating World No.1 Christopher Haworth (USA), faces 15-year-old Tama Shimabukuro (USA) in a rematch of the Leapmotor Kuala Lumpur Cup final. The other half pits [2] seed Federico Staksrud (ARG) against [3] seed Hunter Johnson (USA).

- Women's Singles is wide open, with no top-two seed left. Judit Castillo (ESP) plays Kiora Kunimoto (USA), and Andie Dikosavljevic (AUS) meets Sahra Dennehy (AUS) in a rematch of last week's Australian Pickleball Cup, where Dikosavljevic defeated her.

- The dragon is on the line. Dennehy and Shimabukuro can each complete the Follow the Dragon medal set by winning their semifinal and reaching a final. Shimabukuro has two chances, in the Men's Singles and the Men's Doubles.

- Men's Doubles: [1] seeds Ben Johns (USA) and Gabriel Tardio (BOL) face Shimabukuro and JW Johnson (USA), and [2] seeds Federico Staksrud and Hayden Patriquin (USA) play Connor Garnett (USA) and Dylan Frazier (USA).

- Women’s Doubles: [1] seeds Anna Bright (USA) and Anna Leigh Waters (USA) meet Sofia Sewing (USA) and Catherine Parenteau (CAN), while Tyra Hurricane Black (USA) and Jorja Johnson (USA) face Rachel Rohrabacher (USA) and Parris Todd (USA).

- Mixed Doubles: [2] seeds Anna Bright and Hayden Patriquin play [3] seeds Jorja Johnson and JW Johnson, while World No.1s [1] seeds Ben Johns and Anna Leigh Waters face Hunter Johnson (USA) and Ting Chieh Wei (TPE).