MEDIA NOTES – THURSDAY OCTOBER 22

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 32 RECAP (Wednesday)

- A clean day for the favorites. Every top-8 seed across all five draws won and moved into the round of 16, with not an upset in sight, and most of them did it in straight games.

- Christian Alshon (USA) and Noe Khlif (FRA), the only two players seeded in all three of their draws, each went three for three. Alshon came through in the [4]-seeded Men's Singles, the [3]-seeded Men's Doubles and the [4]-seeded Mixed, while Khlif swept the [8] Men's Singles, [5] Men's Doubles and [7] Mixed, opening his singles with an 11-1, 11-1 win. Both are now into the round of 16 in all three draws.

- World No.1s Ben Johns (USA) and Anna Leigh Waters (USA) played their first match of the event together, winning the Mixed Doubles 11-3, 11-3 over Hannah Blatt (CAN) and Grayson Goldin (USA). It was their first match on court in Hong Kong this week.

- A Hong Kong twist on Championship Court: home favorite Hong Kit Wong (HKG), who won the Men's Singles title at last year's Hong Kong Open, beat his own Men's Doubles partner Eunggwon Kim (KOR) in the Men's Singles 11-5, 11-5, then teamed up with him to win their Men's Doubles. Wong is alive in both the singles and the doubles.

- Hong Kong's Nok Yiu Tang (HKG) kept her strong week going, winning her Women's Singles 11-9, 11-3 over Mihae Kwon (KOR). The two Hong Kong Mixed pairs both went out.

- Fifteen-year-old Tama Shimabukuro (USA) had the busiest day of anyone, winning three times: the [6]-seeded Men's Singles 11-1, 11-1 over Timothy Foo (MAS), the [4]-seeded Men's Doubles with JW Johnson (USA), and the Mixed on Championship Court with Sahra Dennehy (AUS). He is into the round of 16 in all three.

- The closest call of the day went to [2] Women's Singles seed Chao Yi Wang (TPE), who needed a 14-12 second game to see off Allyce Jones (USA).

ROUND OF 16 PREVIEW (Thursday)

- Partner duel, women's edition. Nok Yiu Tang (HKG) faces her Women's Doubles partner Chao Yi Wang (TPE) in the Women's Singles round of 16, before the two reunite later in the day as the [7] seeds in the Women's Doubles. It mirrors Wednesday, when Hong Kit Wong beat his doubles partner Eunggwon Kim in the singles and then won alongside him in the doubles.

- Home test in the Men's Doubles: Kim (KOR) and Wong (HKG) take on [8] seeds Collin Johns (USA) and Len Yang (USA), with Yang the leader of the

Men’s Doubles medal count on the tour this year.

- Men’s Singles World No.1 Christopher Haworth (USA) meets Vietnam’s Hien Truong (VIE), who fought through in three games on Wednesday.

- [3] seed Hunter Johnson (USA), the winner of the Men’s Singles title at last week’s Australian Pickleball Cup, faces Tyson McGuffin (USA), and Christian Alshon (USA) draws Skechers Shenzhen Open champion Grayson Goldin (USA), both in the Men’s Singles.

- [1] seed Kaitlyn Christian (USA) continues her Women’s Singles title bid against Ho Tam (VIE). Christian is two from two in Women’s Singles in Asia this year, with titles at the MB Hanoi Cup and the Leapmotor Kuala Lumpur Cup, and a win here would make it three straight.

- The World No.1s are back out together. Ben Johns (USA) and Anna Leigh Waters (USA) play Alix Truong (USA) and Haworth in the Mixed, with Haworth pulling double duty as the Men’s Singles No.1, and Johns and Gabriel Tardio (BOL) go again in the Men’s Doubles.

- Fifteen-year-old Tama Shimabukuro (USA) and Dennehy (AUS) step up to [7] seeds Catherine Parenteau (CAN) and Noe Khlif (FRA) in the Mixed.

- The Women’s Doubles round of 16 opens for the top seeds, with [1] seeds Anna Bright (USA) and Waters in against Jamie Haas (USA) and Rika Fujiwara (JPN).