

QUBICAAMF World Cup

The QUBICAAMF World Cup was held from 13th until the 20th of November 2015 in Las Vegas. A total of 86 countries were present at this tournament.

Bowling Center:

Sam's Town Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas
USA

Team Switzerland

The team members that were representing Switzerland in the tournament were:

- Tanya Cuva
- Harn-Chieh Kwan

We left Zurich Thursday and flew via New York to Las Vegas, Nevada. The trip to Sam's town took us 18 hours and went without any problems. At 00:30 we arrived at our destination and we checked in, had a bite to eat and I went to sleep while the rest exploited the casino a bit.

Unofficial Practice

I booked a pair of lanes the next day at 12:30. When we put the balls on the rack we found out that Harn-Chieh's spare ball was damaged during travel at the finger bridge. We practiced for 2 hours and all was going well until Harn-Chieh dropped a bowling ball on his finger. We registered the bowling balls and after that we watch some other bowlers.

Official Practice

Our official practice started on Saturday early morning with Tanya. The lane pattern was officially announced at the team managers meeting that morning. Because the bowling was recently renovated and some new approach panels were installed Tanya had more problems with a consistent approach than ball choice. She had problems with hitting her target but told me she would figure it out and we needed not to worry. After some time she settled and the rest of the practice time went good.

It was Harn-Chieh's turn at 11:30 and it was clear to see he had problems with his finger. It was stiff and swollen. We went to the pro shop to open up finger hole a bit. He practiced very well despite his injury but I told him to stop after a half hour to put his finger in ice. I was afraid that the next day it was going to be even worse if he continued practicing.

At 16:00 was the opening ceremony at the banquet hall in the Casino.

Sunday Men First 8 Games

Harn-Chieh was starting first and his finger was still swollen but ok. He was very nervous and was missing his target a lot. After a few ball changes he settled down a bit and did ok until the 6th game. 5 open frames with splits, wash outs and missing easy spares gave him a very low game of 136 end tumbled down the leader board. He recovered and played ok in the last two games finishing with 1536 pins.

Women First 8 Games

Tanya started at 13:30 and the warm up went well. She needed to change the ball very early because of the conditions. Her first 5 games were very good and was in the top 5. Then she ran out of steam and she told me she did not eat because of cramp in her stomach. She tried hard but could not push the ball through the front part of the lanes as in the first couple of games. She finished with a respectable 1608. In the evening we went to a drug store to get her medication for her stomach.



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Monday Women Second 8 Games

At 08:00 it was Tanya to start her second set of 8 games. The lanes were playing a bit different than the day before and she could not play the same line. I told her to move where the rest was playing; more deeper, but she could not do this. She tried but she had too many wash outs and move back to the outside. She finished with a total score of 1525 that was a bit disappointed because she did not play how the lanes that day wanted her to play.

Men Second 8 Games

For Harn-Chieh the time was 13:00 to start and before he started I asked him to just relax the swing and not to throw bullets where the ball lands just before the arrows. He played overall very well and kept calm and composed, only had one low game with a few splits and missed spares. His total score over the 8 games was 1574.

Men Third 8 Games

Harn-Chieh started his last 8 games at 08:00 and he warmed up very well and had a great carry. As soon the games started he turned in to the same bad habit bowler as before by throwing the ball instead of rolling the ball out of his hand. It went from bad to worse that day and was arguing about his ability to do well. He really lost it in third game and he closed himself off from everybody. His games were mediocre and way below his ability. His total score over last 8 games was 1446.

Women Third 8 Games

At 13:30 it was Tanya's turn to bowl her last set. Her stomach was better and she was in a good mood. In the beginning she opened a few easy spares that was a surprise for me and for her but did not get her down until we moved to lanes 5 and 6. I was already told that this pair was the everything but nice to the bowler and Tanya could not find a decent line to the pocket or play to stay out of trouble. Knowing it was the carry she kept on controlling her emotions and was determined to finish good and to qualify for the next round. With 660 plus over the last three games she proved she is the number one, and made it to the next round.

Women Top 24 - 8 Games

Wednesday at 09:00 it was the top 24 that continued. With the position Tanya was in it was almost impossible to get into the top 8, so the goal was to get as high as possible. Unfortunately this did not work out that way. She played a bit over under and could not release the ball consistently. Her strike percentage was the lowest over the last 8 games than the games before and ended up in a final 21st position.

Summary of the games

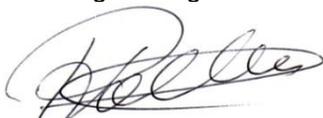
Personally this event was a not that bad for the Swiss. I still think Harn-Chieh can do much better. Tanya was good even we expected that she had to make the top 24 and she did that.

Conclusion:

Both players had the right equipment to tackle the lanes, but again when you play at home on too easy patterns your ability of accuracy goes down because you do not need it. The evening of the banquet I went down with Harn-Chieh to try out a new drilling. He played 260 plus with ease on the house pattern. His motivation is very high to do better but needs as well some help on the mental side. Tanya needs to get more out of her comfort zone during training and play more deep.

Both players learned a lot and I look forward to the next event and hope they implement the things they learned for the next time.

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