



China crush Germany in women's final

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China made it three golds out of three in Rio as their women's team swept aside Germany in the team final.

Singles silver medallist Li Xiaoxia struck the first blow by beating Han Ying 3-0 (11-9, 11-3, 11-7) and the world No 1 Liu Shiwen, who did not play in the individual event, doubled the advantage when she overcame Petrissa Solja 3-0 (11-3, 11-5, 11-4).

Liu then joined singles gold medallist Ding Ning to complete victory by taking the doubles against Solja & Shan Xiaona, though the German pair put up a fight before succumbing 3-1 (11-6, 11-5, 9-11, 11-7).

In the bronze medal match, Japan beat Singapore 3-1, coming from behind after Yu Mengyu beat Ai Fukuhara 3-2 (4-11, 11-5, 11-3, 4-11, 11-5) in the opening match.

Kasumi Ishikawa levelled by defeating Feng Tianwei 3-0 (12-10, 11-6, 11-7) and the Japanese doubles pair of Fukuhara & Mima Ito beat Mengyu & Zhou Yihan 3-1 (9-11, 11-9, 11-1, 14-12).

Ito's defeat of Feng in three (11-9, 11-4, 11-6) then sealed bronze.

China have the chance to complete the clean sweep of golds today when their men's team face Japan in the final at 11.30pm UK time. Before that, the bronze medal match at 3pm sees Germany take on Korea.

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