WTT CHAMPIONS CHONGQING 2025 PRESENTED BY AITO
MEDIA NOTES DAY 6 – SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025

LOCATION	Huaxi LIVE Yudong Arena
MAIN DRAW	11 – 16 March 2025
PRIZE MONEY	USD 800,000
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EVENT TALKING POINTS

- This is the first **WTT Champions** event of the 2025 season.
- Chongqing is hosting its second-ever WTT Champions event following the success of WTT Champions Chongqing 2024.
- In all, there are six WTT Champions events on the **WTT Series 2025** calendar with **Incheon**, **Yokohama**, **Macao**, **Montpellier** and **Germany** set to host WTT Champions action later this year.
- WTT Champions is located at the second tier of the WTT Series event pyramid, sitting above WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender.
- **WTT Champions Chongqing 2025** offers equal prize money. The **Men's Singles** and **Women's Singles** champions walk away with a winner's cheque of **USD 60,000**, in addition to **1000 ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking** points.
- **SUN Yingsha** and **FAN Zhendong** were crowned **Women's Singles** and **Men's Singles** champions at last year's WTT Champions event held in Chongqing.
- This is the 4th stop on this season's WTT Series, following **WTT Star Contender Doha 2025**, **WTT Contender Muscat 2025** and **Singapore Smash 2025**.
- The next stop on **WTT Series 2025** sees the action head to **India**, with **WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025** taking place from **25-30 March**.

DAY 5 RECAP

- Defending champion SUN Yingsha navigates demanding test against Satsuki ODO (6-11, 14-12, 14-12, 11-7) – Women's Singles QF
- CHEN Xingtong denies debutant KUAI Man a spot in the semifinals (11-7, 11-5, 12-10) – Women's Singles QF
- Top seed LIN Shidong fights back to see off LIN Yun-Ju (6-11, 11-3, 7-11, 11-3, 11-7) – Men's Singles QF
- Felix LEBRUN falls short as LIANG Jingkun holds on (8-11, 11-9, 12-10, 3-11, 11-5) – Men's Singles QF

DAY 6 MATCH SPOTLIGHT

[1] SUN Yingsha (CHN) vs [3] WANG Yidi (CHN) – WS SF | 11:00 (GMT+8) | WTT H2H 8:3
LAST WTT MEETING: Sun 4-3 SF @ Singapore Smash 2025

- These Chinese superstars have met five times at WTT Champions events, with Sun winning three of those five encounters.
- Top seed Sun is the defending Women's Singles champion, lifting the trophy at WTT Champions Chongqing 2024.
- Sun is the most successful player at WTT Champions level, holding five Women's Singles trophies to her name.
- Wang is going for her second WTT Champions title, claiming the Women's Singles honours at WTT Champions Frankfurt 2023.
- Since that title win, Wang has reached six Women's Singles finals on the WTT Series but has emerged second best on all six occasions.
- Last year in Chongqing, Wang exited at this very hurdle (4-0 loss to Wang Manyu).

[2] WANG Manyu (CHN) vs [4] CHEN Xingtong (CHN) – WS SF | 11:45 (GMT+8) | WTT H2H 5:2
LAST WTT MEETING: Wang 4-3 FINAL @ WTT Finals Fukuoka 2024

- This rivalry dates back 13 years, with the first international clash between Wang and Chen coming at youth level in 2012.
- Wang is on a run of five consecutive victories over Chen, with the latter player's last win in the match-up coming at WTT Finals Women Nagoya 2023 (Chen won 3-0).
- Winner of the very first WTT Champions title (WTT Champions ESS 2022), Wang has since gone on to strike success twice more at this level (WTT Champions Macao 2023, WTT Champions Frankfurt 2024).
- Wang is one win away from matching her WTT Champions Chongqing 2024 effort, finishing runner-up last year in Chongqing.
- Chen is a former WTT Champions finalist herself (WTT Champions Macao 2022), however she still chases her first title at this level.

[4] Tomokazu HARIMOTO (JPN) vs [2] WANG Chuqin (CHN) – MS SF | 12:30 (GMT+8) | WTT H2H 0:4
LAST WTT MEETING: Wang 4-0 FINAL @ WTT Finals Fukuoka 2024

- This is the fifth time these players have clashed at a WTT event, and the 13th time in all international competition.
- Tomokazu Harimoto was the winner of the very first WTT Champions Men's Singles title (WTT Champions ESS 2022).
- The Japanese star already has one singles title to his name this season, prevailing at WTT Star Contender Doha 2025 in January.
- Against opposition from China, Harimoto boasts a 40%-win record (10/25) when competing on the WTT stage.
- Wang Chuqin is yet to drop a game this week, clearing the opening three rounds by 3-0 scorelines.
- Last season Wang finished in the runner-up spot at WTT Champions Chongqing 2024.
- Wang recently lost his grip on the World No.1 spot, falling to World No.2 after 47 consecutive weeks at the ITTF Table Tennis World Rankings summit.

[1] LIN Shidong (CHN) vs [3] LIANG Jingkun (CHN) – MS SF | 13:15 (GMT+8) | WTT H2H 2:1
LAST WTT MEETING: Lin 4-2 FINAL @ Singapore Smash 2025

- This is a repeat of last month's Men's Singles final at Singapore Smash 2025, a match Lin won over six games.
- That win saw Lin complete the triple crown in Singapore, adding to the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles successes he achieved at that event.
- Lin Shidong has won two of the last three WTT Champions events, claiming the Men's Singles honours at WTT Champions Macao 2024 and WTT Champions Frankfurt 2024.
- Liang's last victory over Lin on the WTT stage came a couple of seasons back, prevailing 4-2 in the Men's Singles final at WTT Star Contender Goa 2023.
- The No.3 seed is going for his second WTT Champions title, lifting the Men's Singles trophy at last year's WTT Champions Incheon 2024.
- Away from WTT action Liang recently held the upper hand against Lin, coming out on top 4-3 in the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup 2025 semifinals.

WTT CHAMPIONS CHONGQING 2025 FINALS

- **WS FINAL | 18:30 (GMT+8)**
- **MS FINAL | 19:30 (GMT+8)**