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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Kae Rader

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) is busily preparing for the $1.5 billion Summer Olympic Games to be held July 20-August 4, 1996. More than 50,000 volunteers are expected to pitch in. Most of the events will be held in the heart of Atlanta and in the park 25 kilometers east of Atlanta.

Table tennis will join fencing, handball, judo, weightlifting and wrestling in the Georgia World Congress Center. Gymnastics will be housed just around the corner at the Omni.

USTTA officials Wendell Dillon, Rufford Harrison and Jimmy McClure are already engaged in meetings with ACOG, the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), and the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

Sometime prior to the summer of 1994, ACOG will hire a manager for each Olympic sport. A detailed job description and salary range have not yet been developed. However, the table tennis position most likely will begin in the spring, when the manager will be required to visit Atlanta at least once a month. The job will then evolve into a full-time position, requiring relocation to Atlanta no later than early 1995, and perhaps in the fall of 1994, through the duration of the Olympic Games.

The manager would assume all playing site responsibilities including:

- Security
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- Award ceremonies
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- Knowledge of a foreign language would be an asset

If you are interested in receiving further information, please write to USTTA headquarters. We will forward the job description when it becomes available. ACOG will accept resumes and applications, interview and make the hiring decision.

THE RTP

The Restructuring

by Sheri Soderberg Pittman

USTTA Vice President

At our Executive Committee meeting, which was held after the U.S. Open in Indiana on June 20, we passed a motion to restructure our junior development plan. For at least the past dozen years, our Junior Training Program (RTP), based at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, has been practically synonymous with our junior and Olympic hopefuls.

For quite some time, our RTP program has been unsatisfactory and unacceptable. Active members may be familiar with some of the problems of our RTP. To put it bluntly, despite all of the administrative and technical support that the Olympic Training Center afforded us, the RTP was not producing players of an internationally competitive quality.

An altitude of the training center rendered it ineffective for competition at sea level, as air density greatly affects the flight of the ball. (Try playing at 5-6,000 feet altitude, and you'll see the difference.) Since almost all competition occurs at sea level, the location itself hindered progress.

The RTP's site isolated the developing players from cities on the tournament circuit, as well as from most high-level practice partners and match competition. In this sport, there is no substitute for intense real-life competition.

A third concern of ours was that applications for the RTP had dropped off to the point that for the available spots, we had only 12 applications. And, among those 12 applications, the best 10, regardless of promise or talent, were accepted by fiat.

There are, of course, several factors beyond our control that one major consideration that deserves mentioning is that our Olympic hopefuls for the most part have not been produced by the RTP.

We reached the unanimous conclusion (with one abstention) that our RTP ought to be relocated to a site that was at sea level, was conveniently located on the tournament circuit, could attract elite-level junior applicants, and could more realistically promote the development of future Olympians.

Unfortunately, we were not in the position to entertain bids from possible sites at this meeting. Despite the fact that our decision would necessarily suspend the program for this academic year, we could not allow the current situation to continue as it was. We felt that the overall restructuring of our junior development plan was in the best interests of all involved.

Under this plan, junior development will continue to be a major USTTA priority. Our national coaches will hold training camps at various locations throughout the United States for juniors. The actual sites will be chosen through a bidding process which is currently being designed. Our tentative expectation is for this program to run through this coming academic year. This will give our highly capable world-class coaches the opportunity to meet and to evaluate youngsters throughout the country.

ATTENTION, COACHES! I am now setting up USTTA Coaching Committees—AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We need volunteers for the following USTTA Coaching Committees—both chairmen and committee members:

- Testing and Certification Committee
- Coaching Materials Committee
- Grass Roots Coaches Committee
- Elite Coaches Committee

It is possible that other committees will be set up as well, as needed.

If you are interested in working on or chairing one of these committees, please contact me as soon as possible, at 16980 Oakmont Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877, 301-330-4334, 301-330-2945 (fax).

We will have an organizational meeting at the U.S. Nationals this December in Las Vegas. Let me know if you can help out!

COACHING REPORT

by Larry Hodges

National Coaching Chairman

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Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the question Mr. Sakai asks at the end of his article in the September/October issue of Table Tennis Today. What he is asking whether the objective of a rating system should be to give players an incentive to play. I agree that that should be the objective of the United States Table Tennis Association but it is not so clear that it should be the objective of a rating system.

The two extremes of rating systems are those of the United States Chess Federation (although that has been modified) and the American Contract Bridge League. The former tried to make the current USTTA system and was devised to serve as a measure of a player's current strength. The rating of the player going into a tournament is combined with his performance in that tournament to produce a final tournament rating.

The bridge system is entirely a matter of accumulating points. In it the claims made by Mr. Sakai in the next-to-last paragraph of his article hold true: 'you cannot go down by having a bad tournament and 'every tournament you play in you will have a chance to come up only'. This system is certainly designed to favor those who can play as often as possible.

From Mr. Sakai's description of the new system proposed for the USTTA, it will sit somewhere between the chess ratings and the bridge league's. If, for example, a player plays in one tournament in a four-month period and has a disastrous result, the new rating will be lower than the old one. The effect of the new rating system would be to reduce the impact of a single bad tournament out of a number played in a four-month period, but it would not produce ratings that would never go down. If the only idea of the rating system is to encourage play, then following the lead of the bridge league, the new system would work. If the ratings are intended to give some indication of current playing strength, then the possibility of declining ratings must be allowed. With that comes the temptation for players to dump matches. The major improvement in this respect of the new rating system is that it prevents point-dumping within a four-month period. The importance of that problem should determine whether the new system is adopted.

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Could there ever be that much regluing going on even without the ban? Certainly not at the NJTTC and very probably not at any other tournament...

Mr. Harrison Responds...

Dear Editor,

Like Bob Jones, I’m a retired research chemist and I profess no special knowledge of toxicology—no more, that is, than any research chemist worth his salt will profess, for no chemist today can afford to be ignorant of the toxicity of any thing that he handles with.

With that background, I have to say that Bob is absolutely correct: The ITTF’s action last December was indeed a political response to the police raid in Osaka, and I don’t think they will ha any opportunity to reply to this reply.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Barns
Berkeley Hts., NJ

Mr. Harrison Responds...

Dear Editor,

As far as I can tell, there has been no direct measurement of the exposure to solvents for players at tournaments, so the actual health hazard is completely unknown. However, it may be suggestive to make a quantitative calculation based on some reasonable assumptions.

Importantly, have any involved juniors, and in particular those at the age of puberty? I’m not aware of any. Second, there are transdermal (through the skin) effects in addition to the effects due to inhalation. And chronic effects sometimes do not manifest themselves for decades, by which time it is too late for any remedial action to be effective.

No, we don’t know anything will happen in thirty years to today’s regluing habits. But when an alternative exists (premixed, essentially solvent-free adhesives), why should we take the risk? And why should those juniors take the risk?

Yes, it was a politically motivated action in December, but I think it was the correct one.

Sincerely,
Rufford Harrison
Chairman, ITTF Equipment Committee

Dear Editor,

Do you know of any classroom in the United States where each year all the students in that grade are taught to play table tennis in a tournament lasting four to six weeks? I can think of one—Menominee, Michigan, just across the Menominee River from Marinette, Wisconsin. The school is the Lincoln Elementary School and the teacher who originated this yearly activity is Gladwin Anderson.

Each year all the students in this grade, the fourth grade, are taught to play under the supervision of Mr. Anderson, himself a skilled player. The grade has four sections, with each section competing within itself until at the end of the allotted time period two champions emerge, one boy, one girl. Then the two champions from each section compete to determine the two class champions.

As an added attraction Mr. Anderson decided some six years ago that the champions might like to be challenged by the oldest pair of active players in this area. And that is when the local newspaper wrote that the champions were challenging the oldest pair of players and the entire city reaped a lot of political hay using rotten glue-sniffing. The resulting headlines were...”Ah, they have finally reined in the illegal and very dangerous practice of glue-sniffing. The resulting headlines were...” After all, an overdose of glue is episodic rather than continuous.

Certainly not at the NJTTC and very probably not at any other tournament.

Mal Anderson presented a table of Threshold Limit Values (TLV) and LEL (and other data) for some solvents. (Incidentally, the TLV of hexane in his table was given as 50 ppm. My handbook says it is 70 ppm. Interestingly, hexane is probably the parameter of greatest usefulness to the present problem. He defined the TLV as “the maximum concentration that can be safely breathed.”) The complete definition of TLV is “The average concentration of toxic gas to which the normal person can be exposed without injury for 8 hours per day for 5 days a week for an unlimited period.” Including the time average makes an enormous difference especially in a gluing case when the glue fumes of gas is episodic rather than continuous. For example, if a concentration of trichloroethylene (the worst substance in Mal’s list) of 3,000 ppm (60 times the TLV) is breathed for 1 minute, the exposure averaged over 8 hrs would be 1/8 of the TLV. This shows that if one gets a real snoot full momentarily, there is no reason to panic.

As far as I can tell, there has been no direct measurement of the exposure to solvents of players at tournaments, so the actual health hazard is completely unknown. However, it may be suggestive to make a quantitative calculation based on some reasonable assumptions.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because I am looking for an American pen pal. My name is Henry. I am 18 years old. I am in my last year of school before going to the University to study oceanography. I speak English but my mother tongue is French.

Could you please find for me a pen pal, about 18, a girl, if it is possible? I’d be very happy.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I thank you in advance.

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by Dr. Azmy Ibrahim

"The Forgotten Minority, The Referees & Umpires"

I would like to start this article by expressing my sincere appreciation to the USTTA, its Executive Committee, its President, its Director, and the organizers of U.S. Open. It was really a great pleasure for me to observe the organization they gave to the officials in the welcoming party. Not only did they thank them in general, but the names of each referee and umpire were announced individually. Another plus for the USTTA is the establishment of the Officials' Committee, and USTTA is doing things to draft its own laws. And thirdly, the USTTA Executive Committee forwarded the new penalty point rule to the Officials Committee for its recommendations.

A positive step in the process of cooperation between those who draft the laws and those who implement them is progress. I am not even noticing. There is nothing really wrong with that, in fact there is a saying, "the best umpire is the one who nobody notices that he/she is there." However, we all talk about referees and umpires when there is a problem. It is sad to see that even those who write about this sport, like Larry Hodges, Tim Boggan, etc. and takes pages to write about a match, never mention the names of the umpires of that match.

This reminds me of a story which took place at World Doubles Cup, in Las Vegas, last year. Mic Mac Chan, an International Umpire from Australia, was going to umpire a quarterfinal game. Before the game, he went to the announce the game and with his senses heightened, he looked him and said, "I did not come all the way from Australia, and spend $2,400.00 out of my pocket and you don't even announce my name as the game umpire." And that was the beginning of announcing the names of umpires to the end of the tournament. Referees and Umpires usually pay their own travel fare. Those who have private businesses try to conduct their own business by telephone and fax. Those who take vacations, most of the time leave their families and loved ones away, so they can concentrate on their duties at the tournament.

A new page is in the making, the Officials Committee seems to take as many steps as possible to recruit, and encourage umpires who may active. A system of monetary compensation is being developed. The recommendations will include a partial travel payment, according to the distance of travel, the number of days served at the tournament, and the rank of the umpire. A free hotel room will be provided for every two umpires, and a meal allowance will be given for days served playing at the tournament. Referees and umpires are allowed to play in two events during the tournament, provided that they arrange for someone to cover their time. A proposal will be sent to the USTTA, asking to waive the fees for these two events. Clubs are asked to encourage and pay the initial Umpires exam fee for those who are interested in taking it. Clinics and Open events may be held. A system of monetary compensation is being developed. The recommendations will include a partial travel payment, according to the distance of travel, the number of days served at the tournament.

USTTA CERTIFIED UMPIRES AND REFEREES

Shown below are the names and ranking level of all USTTA-certified umpires and referees which we have on file. Please notify USTTA Headquarters of any changes to the list. If you have been certified as an umpire in the past but your name does not appear on this list, you must provide verification of certification. We encourage all USTTA-certified umpires to become certified as Club Umpires or to move up in rank if you have been previously certified. To obtain an application for an umpire exam, you may contact USTTA Headquarters at 719-578-4583.

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. When will the following rule be enforced, "the player will not lose a point if the ball strikes his racket or racket and hand without having touched his court, provided the ball has passed over the playing surface or beyond his end line" a) September 1, 1993 b) September 1, 1993 c) September 1, 1994.
2. When will the following rule be enforced, "the surface of one side of the racket blade must be bright red and the other black, whether or not both sides are covered" a) June 1, 1993 b) September 1, 1993 c) September 1, 1994.
3. When will the following rule be enforced, "the use of liquid glue to attach racket coverings will be banned in International Competitions" a) September 1, 1993 b) June 1, 1994 c) September 1, 1994.

Find the answers for these questions on page 12.
Las Vegas, Nevada December 15-19 by Lane Macy

The U.S. Table Tennis National Championships, which determine the 1993-1994 National Champions and National Team, will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, known to many as "The Entertainment Capital of the World," December 15-19, 1993. The visitors and residents of Las Vegas see clear skies and sunshine 300 days each year. When the sun is not out, neon colors fill the sky and light up the nights. There is a constant buzz of energy in the air.

To satisfy the hours of non-table tennis competition, athletes and spectators can enjoy nearby scenic attractions, indoor activities, gambling, outdoor sports and restaurants of all varieties. Visitors must get out and take in the Las Vegas sights and those just outside the city. After all, the tournament doesn't last all day.

On the outskirts of Las Vegas are numerous outdoor attractions, such as the Hoover Dam, a man-made dam which separates Nevada on one side and Arizona on the other; Ethel M. Chocolates and Cactus Garden, a gourmet chocolate factory and 2 1/2 acre cactus garden; a trip to Death Valley, an impressive sight for a size comparison, the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere; Valley of Fire, a 26,000 acre, open-air archaeological "museum" of early Indian civilization made of incredible shapes of wind-carved sandstone; and Lake Mead, the largest man-made body of water in the United States, where one can swim, water ski, or just relax.

Indoor attractions include numerous museums, such as the Guinness Book of World Records Museum, Imperial Palace Auto Collection, Las Vegas Art Museum, A-1 Casino Slots Museum, and the Las Vegas Natural History Museum.

Of course one cannot miss the city's most popular attraction and past-time. Gambling is legal in Las Vegas. Hotels and casinos line up along what is commonly called "the strip." The luxurious Las Vegas casino setting offers blackjack, poker, baccarat, crap, roulette, wheel of fortune, keno, pai gow, red dog, and bingo. There are also opportunities to bet on your favorite sports team or the horses at any of the 10 tracks. Some love the slot machines, bowling rinks and miniature golf courses are scattered throughout the city, and an 18-hole Frisbee golf course can be found at Fantasy and Lion's Memorial Park. If you are in for a little excitement, the Excalibur Hotel and Casino has a film which simulates a runaway train in the Swiss Alps or another signifying a death-defying roller coaster ride.

For the athlete, there are a number of outdoor sports to choose from, featuring more than 20 golf courses, 200 tennis courts, year-round horseback riding and excellent winter skiing at Mount Charleston/Lee Canyon. Walking the city streets is also a great way to exercise and take in the sights.

When table tennis competition is not in progress, take a break and head to one of the many restaurants surrounding you. From Mexican, Italian, Oriental, seafood, to an all-American steakhouse, there is plenty to choose from, featuring more than 20 golf courses, 200 tennis courts, year-round horseback riding and excellent winter skiing at Mount Charleston/Lee Canyon. Walking the city streets is also a great way to exercise and take in the sights.

If you are hungry, an array of restaurants surround you, with everything from American Continental, Italian, Oriental, seafood, Mexican, Middle Eastern, to an all-American steakhouse... All-you-can-eat breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets can be found in many hotels, cafes and casinos. Look for the best deals when planning your weekend in Las Vegas.
As I'm beginning this report, the tournament singles and doubles teams are still going on, but the U.S. team is now on the cover after the loss today by Lily and Wei in doubles. They were a few points short of making the round of eight.

The last two weeks went by really quickly. This is no laid-back, semi-vacation job. What with managing both men's and women's teams, videotaping everything in sight and endless meetings, I've used about every hour of every day, so far. I must have made the walk from hotel to playing hall at least 500 times! I love it though. (Send nurse.)

I'm thinking that it's going to be hard to describe the events here. The numerical results are fairly easy to report: the men's team finished 20th, down from 15th, and the women's team went up from 17th to 14th. We again didn't win any singles or doubles titles, adding to a 40+ year streak. Pretty simple huh? average results, end of report.

But that doesn't tell the story of what really happened here; how hard the team fought—how well they really played. Both men's and women's teams played in the first division. This was a real challenge for us because in many cases we're sending part-time players and students up against highly paid pro's. Jim Butler, Dan See-miller and Lily Yip are really our only highly paid pro's. Jim Butler is headed for the top of the first division. We came close. time after time. Jim Butler had a dozen matches won. Lily could get a net. Lily would kill in a ball. Back and forth until Denmark finally lost. Lily never said a word, never complained about the nets. She just got more and more determined to win anyway. It was one of those special moments.

After that display of good old USA fighting, the match stood one to one—but Denmark was all but finished. Lily and Wei killed them in doubles and, fresh with new confidence, Wei closed out the tie with a solid win of her own in the fourth. So gone are my earlier worries about the women's team after Insook, Wei and Lily stepped up to the plate. They will be even stronger next time.

COACHING:

Everybody knows that I am a good friend with the coaches, Li Zhenshi and Zhang Li. But I think that any impartial team member, anyone, would have been happy with their performance here. They were tireless, working for hour after hour reviewing videotape, analyzing, figuring out the best order and the best strategy. We used their Chinese system for match preparation. (Which is not unlike the NFL by the way). First, the coaches would review film and establish a team strategy and suggested lineup. Then in a team meeting, selected video clips would be shown and strategy and lineups discussed. Players objections and questions could be raised and discussed. When we left the meeting everybody knew what the game plan was, and why. In most cases, coach Li was so uncanny at predicting the team orders that each of our players knew who they were most likely to play, and could review videotape and ask specific questions about their probable opponent. It was much better than just showing up at the table as we have done all too often in the past.

I should also mention that the coaches are real celebrities here—it's impossible for them to walk the 200 yards between hotel and cafeteria without being stopped at least 20 times by old friends, former opponents, coaches, fans, autograph seekers. Oginura even stops to chat. As, arguably, the two best players in the world for a five year period, and, unarguably, the best doubles players in the world over that same period, they are very much sought after as coaches among the Chinese. Coach Li's most famous student, Wang Tao, came to see Li before every one of his matches (he won doubles and mixed doubles again). Many of the Chinese wore out the carpeting coming up for advice. Those who know them, know that they eat, sleep, and live table tennis every waking hour of every day. We are lucky to have them.

The coaches really tried their best to prepare the teams for each and every match. This was the first time we had the benefit of really top quality coaching for both teams and it was a big help. The coaches would watch video of the opponents for hours (sometimes until 3 AM) analyzing, figuring out our best lineup and strategy. Of the 10 men's team ties, Coach Li correctly figured out the opponent's order in nine of them. In those nine, we had our best styles against them every time, giving us our best chance for an upset (China for example). I know it helped team confidence to know that we had the best advice available, and that we had prepared at an equal or better level than our opponent.

VIDEOTAPE:

The video system we used should be kept and improved upon. The idea is that it's impossible to know every one of the two thousand players here, so it's useful to film them, and have our coaches study them. This is particularly good for us since we don't play against these players very often as many other teams do. With film, we can know if they have choppers, blockers, pen-holders, etc. and take

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best advantage of our many varied styles.

We knew for example that on the men's team Dan is our best against chop. Khoa plays a good two winged attack. Sean has the best power.... One of our strengths is our diversity, but we need knowledge to deploy it.

Video-taping at a major tournament requires at least two cameras. We used four, and sometimes that was barely enough. Because the draws are done only after completion of each stage of the tournament (new rules), possible opponents sometimes need to be taped. For example, at one stage of the men's team event, we had a tie to decide up to eight places—the most important tie of the tournament in terms of final placement. We could have played eight teams (England, Romania, Nigeria, Croatia, Mexico, Brazil, etc.), but we only had two hours after the draws were done before our match! Fortunately, we were able to tape each possible opponent ahead of time, and then do some quick study after the draws were done. (We beat them three to zero).

To have these tapes ready, we had to plan ahead and also tape several matches at the same time. It would not have been possible for the coaches to study all of these teams ahead of time even, because we didn’t know who they were and, in any case, they played at the same time our team played. We were lucky that Walt Rosen and Diego Schaff were with us because they volunteered to use their own camera’s to tape matches.

We used four mm cameras, three of which were Hi-8. This is the best format since it offers excellent resolution even in slow motion mode, and the tapes are small and easy to transport. We used about thirty, two hour tapes. If we had another camera, I would have filmed all of our team’s matches also, using another fifteen tapes. One major problem was that the U.S. TV system is not compatible with Europe, or for that matter, almost anywhere else. This is a problem we ran into in Cuba a few years before we couldn’t bring our own TV either because Europe has different power, both volts and cycles, than ours. The problem was solved by purchasing a world VCR machine which can translate our signal into any format necessary. This became more and more important in the future because after September 1, 1993, all coaching at the table will be illegal.

In order to use our coaching edge, we are going to have to learn to prepare players ahead of time.

DOUBLES EVENTS

Another problem is that we did not prepare adequately for doubles events. In fact, I think that we need to put more emphasis on our doubles. Lily and Wei have played together. In a special ruling, not widely distributed, we were allowed to use any doubles we wanted to. This was great, but nobody had any doubts that Germany would play Rosskopf and Fettner in doubles in China in 1995?!

The USTTA should insist that every member of the National team play in all doubles events in every sanctioned event. We should look for other ways to improve our doubles. At least we should identify our top doubles teams well in advance. Inevitably, some teams will have to be changed, players will retire or somebody won’t make the team. But unless and until we try, we can’t expect to succeed.

MORE EXPERIENCE

Another problem was that we always seemed to lose the close ones. With the exception of the great “make it or break it,” win over Denmark by the women’s team, we lost every close one, and there were lots of them. Many times our players had leads late in the game, even match points, only to lose close. I’m not sure exactly why this was, maybe we wanted to win too badly, maybe we simply choked. In any event, though, that was the case, we would be better if we had more experience in major international competition.

Along the same lines, I noticed that we also seemed to have a problem whenever we were called for anything by an umpire. For example, many times we made more service fault calls than we are used to in the U.S., and they also drew yellow and red cards with less provocation than our umpires. Some of these calls were probably bad calls but the big problem was that we always lost the next point after every call! We need to get more experience and we need to practice taking calls and not losing concentration. Some of the younger players need to learn that many people on the planet live to take their licks at Americans. We can get tougher and limit the loss to one point, not five.

GLUE BAN

The glue ban/no-ban situation was impossible. Three months prior to the world’s speed glue was banned, then with no go, certain legal glues were approved. This was great, but nobody had any. My emergency orders of legal glue were impounded at customs, so believe it or not, we went up to the day before the tournament before Butterfly was able to get us some legal speed glue. We had no idea if it played differently or not. Again, the situation was crazy.

We ended up sending all of our racks through a pre-tournament racks check. In a special ruling, not widely distributed, this completely eliminated the possibility of a disqualification through this preliminary check. Some glue test or other will likely be used in the future, so we should make note of it.

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September/October 1993
AMY FENG DOMINATES OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

Four Gold Medals!

Sean O'Neill Lights Torch at Opening Ceremonies
by Bob Fox, Commissioner

Women's Olympic Festival Gold Medalist Amy Feng (center), Silver Medalist Lily Yip (R) and Bronze Medalist Tawny Banh.

The playing site was at the new gym connected to the Natatorium where the competition was headed up. They were supported by Wayne and Linda Schultz, both of whom stayed up to all hours to make the site for the Festival. Sean O'Neill was featured on the front page of the paper for the lighting of the Torch to the next day and was rightfully pleased. In the final round, Todd Sweeris pushed Butler/Chui for the bronze. In an exciting finals with Yip, Feng won her 10th consecutive game. Feng easily beat Yip/Kim for the gold medal. The men's team event most of the players were waiting for, the team event. Mixed doubles competition, the top two players and bottom two players from each region played together and all made it to the semifinals. Sean O'Neill won another medal as he beat both David Zhuang (4-2) and Darko Rop (5-1), while Sean (1-5), beating only Chi-Sun Sung in the first day on competition continued having difficulties as he lost to both Zhuang and Rop. The doubles team of Danell and May provided the win for the medal.

The match to be played in the final round, Bud was able to start a first with a loop, she would usually win. In the semi-finals, however, it was all Yip, 12, 8, 13, over Banh (Yip was able to move Banh out of position regularly with her control) and Feng (too consistent and controlled for the young chopper) over Sung, 9, 11, 14, to set up the expected gold medal match. However, Tawny Banh (loop, push, loop, push, push, push...) avenged her earlier loss to Virginia Sung in the semi-finals to first-in-the- air win the bronze medal. In the final, Amy coolly continued her dominance of the field by beating Lily Yip in three straight games for her fourth gold medal (while Lily earned her third silver medal).

On the men's side, Zhuang and Rop from the North and O'Neill and Sweeris from the East advanced to the quarterfinals as expected. In the South round robin, Butler advanced, 3-0, and Brian Pace played well and advanced to the top eight. In the bronze medal match, Jane Chui's (4-2) two 3-game losses to Tawny Banh (4-2) and Virginia Sung (4-2) proved to be the difference as Tawny and Virginia Sunh and Sung/Renee advanced, 3-0, and Brian Pace played well and advanced to the top eight. The West, playing with an alternate Fu Lap Lee in the singles, needed a tie-breaker to determine who would advance. Khoi Nguyen, Dhiree Narotam and De Tran all finished with 3-1 records—De Tran and Dhiree advanced.

In the bottom half of the quarterfinals, Zhuang beat Brian Pace in four with some room to spare. O'Neill moved into the medal round with a hard fought four-game win over Narotam. In the top half, De Tran held to beat a hard charging Todd ("Wait until next year's Festival in St. Louis") Sweeris in four games to advance to the semifinals. Top seeded Jim Butler was playing for his life (and a bonus from his sponsor?), losing the first game to Rop at 20, winning the second at 11 and losing the third at 21. He won the fourth game at 17 and the battle went into the fifth. Darko, nursing a very sore shoulder through the entire competition but showing no ill effects against Jim, was playing tough, hard, experienced table tennis. As it looked as though Jim would hold on, until, serving at 19-19, he missed two straight serves (like winners off Darko's service return, and Rop had the upturn of the tournament!)

In the top half of semifinals, Darko made...
Darko Rop (left, and inset) upset top seeded Ein Butler in the quarters, deuce in the fifth, and went on to win the silver medal for men’s singles.

short work of De Tran, winning three straight games fairly easily, 14,15,14. His constant short work of De Tran, winning three straight too much for De Tran to handle.

topspin pressure off of both sides was just decided to all-out attack nearly every point to

evened international level players, faced off for the gold. Surprisingly, playing together for the North, they were unable to win a first, the North team were Terri Weaver and Steve Steblay who also did extra work in setting

Butterfly, and to all the staff. The Tournament Director was Shonie Aki, Chief Referee was George Chaniewcz, and Larry Kesler was the Chief Umpire. For the North team were Terri Weaver and Steve Steblay (who also did extra work in setting up the results format on the computer); South, Roy J. Reid and Richard Butler. Kathy Reed and Ty Hoffman supported the East teams, and Lan Young and Bob Partridge were the staff for the West. All of these fine people worked especially hard to make this Festival a success for our athletes. My appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all of their work.

Olympic Festival Results

Women's Singles—Final: David Zhuang d. Darko Rop 19,15,16,17; SF: Feng d. Sean O'Neill 17,19,14,18; Rop d. De Tran 14,15,14; SF: Zhuang d. Brian Pace 10,17,19; O'Neill d. Dhiren Narotam 23,18,12,17; Tran d. Todd Sweeris 17,16,14. Preliminary Round Robins:

Group 1: 1st Jim Butler 3-0 (d. Eric Owens 7,9); 2nd Brian Pace 2-1 (d. Eric Owens 7,9); 3rd Brian Pace 1-2 (d. Eric Owens 15,14,15); 4th Clark Yeh 15,19,14;

Group 2: 1st De Tran 3-1 (d. Dhiren Narotam 11,8,12,15); 2nd Dhiren Narotam 3-1 (d. Khoo Nguyen 15,14); 3rd Clark Yeh 13,16,19; 4th Fu-Lap Lee 17,18,15; 5th Clark Yeh 0-4.

Group 3: 1st Sean O'Neill 3-0 (d. Todd Sweeris 11,12,10; d. Derek May 13,13; d. Barry Dattel 11,10); 2nd Todd Sweeris 2-1 (d. Derek May 10,17; d. Barry Dattel 12,11); 3rd Derek May 1-2 (d. Barry Dattel 11,14); 4th Barry Dattel 0-3.

Group 4: 1st David Zhuang 3-0 (d. Darko Rop 16,17,16); 2nd Randy Cohen 14,16; 3rd Darko Rop 2-1 (d. Randy Cohen 10,12; d. Jason St. George 8,16); 4th Randy Cohen 1-2 (d. Jason St. George 11,17,11); 5th Clark Yeh 0-4.

Women's Singles—Final: Amy Feng d. Lily Yip 17,16,14; SF: Feng d. Virginia Sung 9,11,14; Yip d. Tawny Banh 12,8,13; QF: Feng d. Alice Kimble 9,13,9; Sung d. Kristey Reed 8,15,11; Banh d. Jamie Fu 7,16,17,16; Yip d. Blancie Alejo 7,7,12.

Preliminary Round Robins:


Group 2: 1st Virginia Sung 3-0 (d. Tawny Banh 13,18,13; d. Toshi Gresham 15,13,11; d. Joannie Fun 11,12); 2nd Tawny Banh (d. Toshi Gresham 19,9; d. Joannie Fu 5,10); 3rd Joannie Fu (d. Toshi Gresham 16,21); 4th Toshi Gresham 0-3.

Group 3: 1st Jane Chui 3-0 (d. Donna Sakai 5,17,19; d. Kristey Reed 15,13; d. Bev Patterson 6,14); 2nd Kristey Reed 1-2 (d. Donna Sakai 14,17); 3rd Bev Patterson 1-2 (d. Kristey Reed 11,17,18); 4th Donna Sakai 1-2 (d. Bev Patterson 15,19,16).

Group 4: 1st Lily Yip 3-0 (d. Alice Kimble 6,12; d. Marta Zunrowski 10,10; d. Anth Hu 5,4); 2nd Alice Kimble 2-1 (d. Marta Zunrowski 7,9; d. Anth Hu 9,19); 3rd Marta Zunrowski 1-2 (d. Anth Hu 16,24).

Mixed Doubles—Final: Jim Butler/Amy Feng d. David Zhuang/Jane Chui 19,11,19; SF: Butler/Feng d. Peggy Rosen/Darko Rop 14,18,14; Zhuang/Chui d. Sean O'Neill/Lily Yip 17,19,21; Brett O'Neill/Vipd. Rop 12,16; QF: Brett O'Neill d. Todd Sweeris/Alice Kimble 11,11,10; Rop/Soren d. Khoa Nguyen/Tawny Banh 16,18; Zhuang/Chui d. Dhiren Narotam/Virginia Sung 15,24,12; O'Neill/Yip d. Derek May/Marta Zunrowski 12,17.

Men’s Doubles—Final: Darko Rop/David Zhuang d. Sean O'Neill 21,18; Bronze: Ngam/Blanca Alejo 13,16,19; SF: Rop/Zhuang d. Khoa Nguyen/ Dhiren Narotam 10,10; O'Neill/Sweeris d. Jim Butler/Eric Owens 21,18; Bronze: Nguyen/ Chui 18,15,13; d. Randy Cohen 18,17; d. Fu-Lap Lee 17,18; d. Fujin 18,17; d. Clark Yeh 18,19; d. Tran 018,15,19; d. Lu 12,19; 4th Lu 12,19; 5th Clark Yeh 0-4.

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Preliminary Round Robins:

Sylvia Lee (second from right) reacts to winning the gold medal for women’s teams.

The winning team (L-R): Blair Kesler and Steve Steblay who also did extra work in setting up the results format on the computer; South, Roy J. Reid and Richard Butler. Kathy Reed and Ty Hoffman supported the East teams, and Lan Young and Bob Partridge were the staff for the West. All of these fine people worked especially hard to make this Festival a success for our athletes. My appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all of their work.

Olympic Festival Quiz

Can anyone name the sites of the previous 11 Olympic Festivals? (Answers on page 22.)
Normal Yeh and Barney J. Reed had fun at the Junior Nationals—and won under 18 doubles as well. Barney also won under 16 boys and made the finals of under 18 boys, while Norman won under 16 doubles, the under 2000’s, and made the semifinals of under 16 boys.

Nothing ever changes until someone tries out something new—and something new was the theme of the first Junior Nationals as a tournament by itself.

Never before had a large-scale tournament been put together just for our junior players with:

- $4,200 in huge trophies and plaques;
- $7,000 in cash
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- Rating events ranging from under 2300 down to under 800 and unrated;
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- Entry blanks mailed to every junior in the USATT.

In all, there were 10 championship singles events, 6 championship doubles events, 3 championship team events, and 7 rating events. Players from the host Potomac Country Table Tennis Club and the nearby National Table Tennis Center dominated the events, winning 6 of the 10 championship singles events (down from the previous year’s 7, when the events were held in Rochester, Minnesota).

Under 18 Girls’ Champion Virginia Sung

Sunny was rested in the singles—and Maryland won the first two matches easily. In the doubles, it was decided to play Sunny and Jack Davis. They led the first two games 2-1 and 17-12, and lost both! In the next two matches, California pulled off a 500 and 400 point upset against an increasingly nervous Maryland team. Congratulations to the Beaumont brothers for their great clutch play. However, even higher congratulations to the Florida team of T.J. Beebe, Anthony Tomino, and Mike Lai, who won the finals 30-0 over the Beaumonts—both, to the ending, won 19 in the third in the doubles before going down.

At exactly 6:03 pm on the first day, we had a little unscheduled excitement when the power went out during an electrical storm. This threw off the doubles schedule, which was to have been completed that night. It was continued the following night, which led to a long, long, and hectic second day. Who scheduled that thunderstorm, anyway?

A big thank you to the large contingents from Florida and New Jersey. Marty Prager and Terese Terranova led a group of 10 juniors from Florida, while Chris Lehman, David Zhuang, Lily Yip, Andre Anderson and Larry Byavl brought 8 players down from New Jersey. Both contingents brought home plenty of hardware, cash and prizes.

There were also 10 players from various parts of New York.

The tournament concluded with four showcase events for spectators and media, which were televised: the boys’ under 18 and under 14 finals, the girls’ under 14 finals, and an exhibition by Cheng Yinghua and Jack Huang, ranked #1 and #3 in the U.S. (and coaches for the numerous local players). All the TV broadcasts that night showed Jack leaping into the stands off to the side and lobbing three balls back from way away. It was an exciting tennis night!
Under 14 boys' runner-up Deepak. "I want that trophy!" Jain and under 12 & under 14 boys' champion Sunny Li. Wait'll next year!

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**Junior Nationals Results**

**1st**

Under 10 Boys—Final: Keith Albert 5-6; 2nd Keenan Bowens 4-1; 3rd Michael Hsu 3-2; 4th Vladimir Gorovitz 2-3, 5th Kartik Venkatram 1-4; 5th Charles Fan 0-0.

Under 18 Girls—Final: 1st Victoria Sung 4-4; 2nd Kristey Reed 2-2; 3rd Jessica Shen 1-3; 4th Laura Lin 1-3; 5th Vivian Lee 1-3.

Under 16 Girls—Final: 1st Vivian Lee 3-0; 2nd Karen Chang 2-1; 3rd Jessica Shen 1-3; 4th Laura Lin 1-3; 5th Vivian Lee 1-3.

Under 12 Girls—Final: 1st Jessica Shen 3-2; 2nd Laura Lin 2-1; 3rd Vivian Lee 1-2; 4th Angela Lee 0-3.

Under 10 Girls—Final: 1st Jessica Shen 3-2; 2nd Laura Lin 2-1; 3rd Vivian Lee 1-2; 4th Angela Lee 0-3.

Under 14 Girls—Final: 1st Jessica Shen 3-2; 2nd Laura Lin 2-1; 3rd Diana Hsu 2-1; 4th Stacy Schoenberg 0-3.

Under 10 Girls—Final: 1st Caroline Oppenheimer 3-2; 2nd Salima Suvak 2-1; 3rd Katherine Wu 1-2; 4th Jacqueline Beebe 0-3.

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The four top ranked seniors in the U.S.: Min Shi-Li (2516), Xin Peng (2476), Dave Sakai (2392) and Rey Domingo (2389). #4 seed Domingo defeated #3 seed Sakai in the over 40 finals, with the top two seeds each losing in the semifinals.

Rey can sense the threat of a very determined Ali, and pulls out the third again at 18, after being behind by five. In the fourth, Rey takes a quick lead, and it looks like Hejazi has just about called it quits after knowing that his chance to win the match was slipping away. Domingo wins 21-3 to advance to the semifinal.

Ali Hejazi meets Rey Domingo in one semifinal, to a rematch of their over 20 final at Laguna Hills two years ago. In this match, Ali Hejazi survived a five-game war. This time, however, he served an amazing number of aces and won the final three straight at 12, 19, 21.

In the other semifinal, Bohdan Dawidowicz (2392) meets Parviz Mojaverian in one quarterfinal, with Parviz looping, drop-shotting, and smashing his way through Bohdan for his first win ever over the Desert Defender. (I know Bohdan sorely misses his practice sessions with Insook.)

The winner of the Bohdan-Parviz match was to meet the winner of myself (2392) and Californian Mark Wedret. I thought to myself before the match, "It shouldn't be that hard--after all, how many times have I given him five or six points in practice games, and come out ahead?" Well, I wasn't ready for the way Mark was playing. After leading by two or three points the whole game, we both anti-loops (with his against my infrared) and inverted loops straight to take the first game after catching me at 17-all.

The second game I regrouped and won at 10. In the third, I was shocked as Mark just hit and looped everything in sight, to win 21-10. In the fourth, I was able to keep the ball short to his backhand, but I win the next two games, and win 21-16. In the fifth, I capitalize on my first lead in the fifth, 19-18. The next two points are mine after very hard counter-driving rallies, 21-18. I have escaped!

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In the other semifinal, I meet Parviz, who promptly breaks loop backhand winnerto my wide backhand). When he was a youth, and he is now the head coach at Augsata College.) The first game had both players jousting for position from their respective backhands. Xin was able to sneak out the first game at 19 by basically hitting short and forehand to Attila's middle. Game two found the tables reversed, with Attila taking advantage of an off-the-table spin game, which nullified the severity of Xin's attack. Attila wins at 19. Game three begins with Xin getting off to a 7-3 start. Ali Hejazi comes from behind and forced Attila's middle. Game two found the tables reversed, with Attila taking advantage of an off-the-table spin game, which nullified the severity of Xin's attack. Attila wins at 19. Game three begins with Xin getting off to a 7-3 start. Ali Hejazi comes from behind and forced Attila's middle. Game two found the tables reversed, with Attila taking advantage of an off-the-table spin game, which nullified the severity of Xin's attack. Attila wins at 19. Game three begins with Xin getting off to a 7-3 start. Ali Hejazi comes from behind and forced Attila's middle.
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ion was well-founded as I coasted to a 14-4
lead. In the second game, and lost the match
19,15,15. Wait till next year!

In another quarters, the long-time team
of Lim Ming Chui and Suguru Araki de-
feated Malek & McCoullum at 11,22. and
Sakai d. Ali Hejazi, 17,10,10.
Over 50 -Final: William Sharpe d. Hiep Cung,
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Rockier, 18,19; SF: Monasterial d. Jack Loth, 19,19;

Tuong d. Paul Lin, 15,21,18.
U1900: David Chiu d. Samuel Matossian, 9,19,12.
U1600: Wes Wolfe d. Dana Hanso, 6,18.
U1450: Terry Timmins d. Norman Chernega, 18,19,21.
U1200: Mary Lee d. Mary McElvan, 19,14.
Over 40 -Final: Rey Domingo d. David Sakai,
19,15,15; SF: Domingo d. Xin Peng, 13,16,17.
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16,19,18,22; Min d. Parviz Mojaverian, 20,26.
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SF: Wangd. Bobd Dawidowsik, 10,14,10;
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Rockier d. Richard Badger, 25,17,18.
Over 75 -Final: Jack Loth d. John
Hanna, 17,13,20; SF: Loth d. Don
Larson, 22,19; Hanna d. William
Roseblatt, 9,9.
Over 40 Women's Singles-Final:
Bella Livshits d. Donna Sakai, 7,9;
Sakai d. Etsuko Shioya, 11,15.
Draw Doubles: Peng/Potet d. David
Sakai/Livingston, 19,16.
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Irving/Briderick, 19,20,13.
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Table Tennis Today 19
INTERVIEW WITH TODD SWEERIS
Youngest U.S. Team Member
by Larry Hodges
August 13, 1993

Todd has made great strides this past year, with wins over nearly every top U.S. player—David Zhuang (twice), Dan Seemiller (twice), Sean O’Neill, Dhiren Narotam, John Onsfeld, Darko Rop, and many others. He also has a great win over Dave Sakai—in cards...

Old-timers will remember Todd as that really small person always at Dell Sweeris’ heels at tournaments during the late 1970’s and early 1980’s.

TTToday: How did you get started in table tennis?
Todd: Well, both of my parents were national champions, and they played a lot. It just came natural around my house to play, because I’d see both of my parents playing. So I just began to play.

TTToday: Tell us about your parents, Dell and Connie.
Todd: Both my parents were accomplished players. My father was on the U.S. team many times. He was a really good doubles player—he won several men’s doubles titles, and a lot of mixed doubles titles with my mom—I think four times. My mom won the triple crown in 1971 at the U.S. Open, winning women’s singles, women’s doubles, and mixed doubles. She was a part of the Ping Pong Festival, I had one of my best tournaments, with wins over David Zhuang and others.

TTToday: What are your goals in table tennis?
Todd: Short-term would be mental goals. I’ll give you an example. At the Olympic Festival, the thing that really let me down was return of serve. I tried to force the forehand as much as I can, and when I get stuck, I play backhand. Or, depending on the style I’m playing against, I might go backhand to backhand. I guess I play more of an all-around game. I probably have one of the most all-around games among the U.S. team, with a mixture of offense and blocking defense.

TTToday: Compared to other members of the U.S. team, you were a late bloomer. Todd: Right now things are going well. I thought I was a little disappointing about making the U.S. team was that I never had the “high” of making the U.S. team, because I didn’t know for sure if I was going until about a month before, so that was a little disappointing. The USTA ‘s wasn’t sure if they were going to send four or five players, but I ended up going.

TTToday: What equipment do you use?
Todd: I use a Butterfly Mazuzon blade, with a straight handle, with Tackiness drive 2.2 hard sponge on the forehand, and Sriver 2.2 regular on the backhand. I regulate about four times a day during a tournament on the forehand, and one or two times on the backhand.

TTToday: And you use only legal cues, of course!
Todd: Of course! I wouldn’t take advantage of my opponents!

TTToday: What physical training do you do for table tennis?
Todd: When I’m training seriously for a tournament, I’ll run three times a week, about three miles. One or twice a week. I’ll do sprints, about 10 or 15 sprints of about 40 yards. I do weight training about three times a week.

About once or twice a week, many of the players from the National Table Tennis Center get together and play basketball together—Sean O’Neill, Dhiren Narotam, Jason St. George, Brian Lonergan, Rocky Wang, Larry Hodges, and others.

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TTToday: What are your interests outside table tennis?
Todd: Anyone who knows me knows I’m an avid sports fan. You name it—basketball, football, baseball, I’m always watching it. I also enjoy playing all kinds of sports—table tennis, tennis, some golf.

TTToday: Tell us about the University of Maryland Table Tennis Team.
Todd: We won the college nationals this year. My teammates were Huazhang Xu, Rocky Wang, and T.C. Lee.

TTToday: Tell us about your academic career.
Todd: I’m attending University of Maryland, and hope to major in finance, or something in business. I’m a freshman, right here, Larry Hodges.

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Todd: I like the Miami Dolphins, the Baltimore Orioles, and the Golden State Warriors.

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Todd: I’m attending University of Maryland, and hope to major in finance, or something in business. I’m a freshman, almost a sophomore, and I’ve got my tutor right here, Larry Hodges.

TTToday: I hear you’re taking English 101 this fall?
Todd: I’m not sure if I’m taking it or if Larry’s taking it for me!

TTToday: Todd, jump!
Todd: How high?
TTToday: I think we’ll work together really well this fall! What else do you do in your free time?
Todd: I’ve recently discovered John Grisham’s books. I read The Firm, and now I’m reading The Client.

TTToday: Who are your favorite opponents?
Todd: Dhiren Narotam and Derek May, because it seems like whenever we play, we have the funnest points. My favorite doubles partner is Jessica Shen.

TTToday: What’s the funniest thing that’s happened in your table tennis career?
Todd: Around 1987, I went to see one of the “Friday the 13th” movies with you (Larry Hodges). Afterwards, I was scared to death, and joked about using a baseball bat and hitting Jason, the bad guy. Anyway, this huge man was behind us—I mean HUGE! He somehow thought we were talking about him, and said, “You talking to me?” We tried to explain, but he really thought we were making fun of him or something.

Well, it should have been scary, but instead it was really funny. You see, we shared a room at the Olympic Training Center with the U.S. Tae Kwon Do team—and they’d come to the movie with us. While the huge man was talking to us, about eight members of the U.S. Tae Kwon Do team, all friends of mine, were standing right behind him, waiting to see if we’d need any help. Nothing happened, but the huge man never did figure out why you and I started laughing.

TTToday: You’ve had quite a few nicknames over the years. Can you give us a sampling?
Todd: I used to be “The Toad,” and then “Tubby.” Also “Tub-a-lard,” then “Teddy,” and now most people call me “Tubby.”

TTToday: Those nicknames are interesting, because they make it sound as if you’re overweight, which you aren’t.

Back in 1989, I went through a really frustrating rough period, and tried a sampling. It was like the first big jump of my career, and it really helped my confidence a lot.

TTToday: What advice do you have for our up-and-coming players?
Todd: If you are struggling a little bit, and you’re not number one or number two in your age group, don’t worry, just keep training hard, and you can still do it.
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Answer to Olympic Festival Quiz (from page 15):

1. The International Olympic Committee was established **in 1894**.

2. "Ask Li Zhenshi—he'll play tennis anytime." Rocky Wang, speaking of U.S. Men's Table Tennis Coach Li Zhenshi, to player looking for tennis partner.

3. "You have a loop and I don't!" T-shirt that USTTA Executive Committee Member (and Olympic Festival participant) Donna Sakai wants made up for herself.

4. "But I only won one match!" Jason St. George, upon learning he had been chosen for random drug testing at the U.S. Olympic Festival.

5. "It smells like toxicated waste!" Sunny Li, describing the smell of the new "legal" speed glues.

6. "This is unbelievable!" Alan Lee, News Anchor for local NBC TV station in Maryland, upon seeing 11-year-olds Sunny Li and Jessica Shen warming up before a TV special.

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AGE EVENTS: Must qualify as of October 23, 1993

RATING EVENTS: Based on Sept./Oct. publication in Topics. Unrated players are subject to evaluation by tournament staff as to estimated level and eligibility.

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A Look at Two Show Biz Quotes

by Tim Boggan

The July 5, 1993 New York Times had an article by William Grimes on "Gershwin Family Memories" as recounted by 82-year-old George and Ira's singer/dancer sister Frances ("Frankie") Gershwin Godowsky. The following passage in particular caught my eye:

"The Gershwin family lived in New York City on 103d Street at Riverside Drive, keeping a kind of entrance and there'd be people standing all around, with very exciting Ping-Pong games going on," Mrs. Godowsky said. Surprised? Not if you know the teenage background of her father, Alfred E. Aarons, 1934 World Singles Champion. Ruth was living at 130 Riverside Drive at the time. But, say we're skeptical, how can we check out the known-to-be-mischievous Mickey Rooney's claim?

As I read, recognizable names—just names, for the most part—appeared: deHannor Lloyd Holmes, King Kong's Fay Wray, MGM's Dr. Kildare, Lew Ayres, Larry "Buster" Crabbe (Flash Gordon), Robert Cummings; Bob Hope; Anthony Quinn—sure, they all played, loved the sport, or rather the game...But where was Mickey? Tyrone Power (Zorro) got a mention, as did Loretta Young, Jimmy Stewart, the Henry Morgans...Described as "clever" players were Peter Lorre and Judy Garland—though not necessarily as a Mixed Doubles combo. Edward G. Robinson, Jean Hersholt—Ah!

There, in an article by Rose Strazder, Viennese stage star in the spring of '38 with MGM, was the line: Freddie Bartholomew and Mickey Rooney are players of almost professional skill. The mischievous Mickey apparently did play. We don't have to take just his word for it. For since the USTTA and its Topics magazine and California were not very good partners in Table Tennis during those years, we have to turn to Ginger Rogers' account of her triumphs for any news of a "Southern California" open: "Encouraged by friends, and chiefly as a lark, I entered the Women's Table Tennis Championships of Southern California at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Pitted against champions from far and near I fought my way through the preliminaries and into the finals where Alice Marble, who is now our lawn tennis queen, beat me out."

Truth or illusion, these stories, these claims? Probably, as in the films many a hero triumphs for any news of a "Southern California" open:

"...particularly (since of course the USTTA was trying at the time, very amatuerishly and to the chagrin of many members, to "use" the Hollywood stars to hype the game) those Topics with Dick Powell, Jane Withers, Marsha Hunt, Jimmy Durante, Ginger Rogers, and Betty Grable on the covers."

U.S. Table Tennis Historian Takes a Look at Two Show Biz Quotes

by Tim Boggan

The July 5, 1993 New York Times had an article by Alex Witchel, "At 73, Still the Star, Still the Child," on the long-time well-known actor Mickey Rooney, currently starring on Broadway in "The Will Rogers Follies."

The following passage in particular caught my eye:

"I lost my hair because of tennis and Ping-Pong," he says. "I was the Southern California Ping-Pong champion for five years. But I took too many showers and the soap was not Vital Sassoon."

Come on. Can he really believe this? Can he really believe he was the Southern California Champ for five years? Can we?

...Who might we try to compare The Mick with? Erwin Klein?...Perhaps he comes to mind, for he was the Southern California Men's Champion at 11, and for how many years thereafter. But, say we're skeptical, how can we check out the known-to-be-mischief-voen Rooney's claims?

From 1938 to 1940, say at age 18-20, a table tennis champion's age, Mickey was unquestionably one of Hollywood's—indeed, the world's—most popular actors. Boys' Club or Boys Town fast-hands exponent he may have been, but a Ping-Pong star as well? Moreover, when "And Hardy's Double Life" opened in New York in 1943, Mickey was in his early 20's— and, from the photo of a scene in that movie I see reproduced in the Times, unless he had the most miraculous toupee of the day, he sure had all his hair.

Well, anyway, trying to be thorough—did he even play the game?—I checked out all the early Topics, from 1933-43...particularly (since of course the USTTA was trying at the time, very amatuerishly and to the chagrin of many members, to "use" the Hollywood stars to hype the game) those Topics..."
The coaches and players mutually respect each other. In general, the Swedish coaches do not bark orders at their players. Nor do the players defy their coaches. Best of all, the coaches tend to focus on the long-term growth of their players. If the coaches have done their job right, they become almost indispensable at match time. In other words, the coaches teach their players to think for themselves. The players' positive experience with the self-reliance they gain through this method increases each player's level of confidence and boosts the teammates' overall belief in themselves.

They question accepted strategies. For a long time, the accepted strategy was to try to blow through your opponent with sheer force or to rely on spin to win the point. In 1989, when Waldner won the world championships, his main weapon was a stroke that normally was associated with wimpy defense: the block.

Jean-Philippe Gatien of France employed a similar strategy to win the world championships in Sweden this year. By sidestepping the basic reliance on devastating spin or a powerful offense, these players necessarily acquire greater depth and breadth in their understanding and ability. Among the players in the world, the elite players almost unanimously identify Waldner as the sport's master.

The team is supported by its people. Not only is table tennis covered on Swedish television, it is covered live. Newspapers feature the players in their sporting section's headline stories. Magazines run huge pictures of the team. The press creates a sense of excitement. Even the crowd at the world championships seemed to be there for the Swedes. Once their players lost, the fans dispersed. But, of course, not before they showed their appreciation for, in this case, Waldner.

The players assume a sense of responsibility to the sport that goes beyond their own self-interest. After winning the world championships in 1991, Jorgen Persson became the president of the Club of Table Tennis Professionals (CTTP). Similar to the high marks Waldner has as a player, Persson is regarded not only as an accomplished player, but also as the most professional and sincere player on the elite circuit.

Persson's feverish drive to further the sport through the CTTP's efforts led him to dedicate his entire day's break between the final of the team championship and the start of the individual competition to CTTP-directed activities with the players, the press and table tennis officials. As we all know, the next day he got creamed by France's Patrik Chila. Yet, at the tournament party, he had a smile on his face.

Another event at the tournament party illustrates this point. Waldner, who was to receive a cash prize, designated the money to Sweden's junior development. His generosity revealed his appreciation of the importance of continuing the cycle by giving back to the system that produced him.

The team stays focused on their ultimate goal. Rarely do the Swedes exhibit outbursts of anger. This is because one loss means that there is no consequence. They realize that performance levels rise and fall. They prioritize. Their energy is focused on winning big, not on winning every time.

Focusing on their goals takes some of the pressure off of the players. Yes, there is still pressure at the big events, but at other tournaments they feel freer to experiment. This is because one loss means that there is no consequence. They realize that performance levels rise and fall. They prioritize. Their energy is focused on winning big, not on winning every time.
World Class Table Tennis will come to the United States once again. On September 19, 1993, the 2nd Sears International Table Tennis Tournament will be played at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine (Chicago), IL. Last year’s champion, Peter Karlsson from Sweden, is unable to defend his title this year, but the field is stronger than ever with the following lineup:

- Eric Lindh: Three-time world team champion/ Olympic medalist
- Jim Butler: U.S. Champion and runner-up from last year’s event
- Koji Matsushita: #1 rated player in Japan
- Alan Cooke: Current English doubles champion and two-time singles champion
- Dan Seemiller: Five-time U.S. Champion
- Khoa Nguyen: U.S. team member
- Joe Ng: Several Canadian Championship titles
- Darko Rop: Former Yugoslavia team member

With this world class draw, and $15,000 in prize money, the Sears International Table Tennis Tournament has become a premier tournament in this country, with more prize money for both first and second than any other U.S. tournament. First prize is $6,000, second prize is $4,000, with all players guaranteed prize money.

Last year the tournament received publicity in the press and in the local TV news—The Chicago Tribune, Daily Herald, USA Today were some of the papers covering the event. The event will once again be broadcast on cable TV in October and November via the Prime Network and Sport Channel throughout the country.

We would like to thank our sponsors for making this year’s event possible: Sears Roebuck & Company, Brother International, BP Oil, Craftsman Tools, Holiday Inn, William Rainey Harper College, USTTA, and Harvard Sports.

In addition to the Sears International Table Tennis Tournament, Harvard Sports in partnership with the Schaumburg Table Tennis Club will be staging a USTTA sanctioned tournament, Sears/ Harvard Table Tennis Open. The tournament will be held on Saturday, September 18, 1993, at the beautiful William Rainey Harper college gymnasium.

Entries for the Sears/ Harvard Table Tennis Open will be limited to the first 120 players signing up. To receive an entry blank or for further information, please call Primo at (708) 837-8053. Sixteen Ping Pong Brand International tables (with barriers) and Harvard three-star balls will be used at this event.

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OPPOSING THE PENHOLD PLAYER
by Danny Todd, Missouri State Coaching Director

In the last 12 years or so, playing table tennis at the University of Missouri-Columbia. I have had the opportunity to play many penhold-style players. Because my wife, Judy, is a foreign student advisor for MU, she channels many players from China, Taiwan, Thailand, Korea, Indonesia, etc. into the MU table tennis club. Many have been well-traveled in their home country, some even having played on school teams. Many American players, when faced with this style of play, don't know how to react to it as they see balls flying past them at incredible speeds. I would like to share with you some of the tactics that have worked well for me.

It is often difficult to match a good penhold player shot-for-shot in speed. We must, therefore, try to outwit them tactically, causing them in-and-out and side-to-side as much as possible. The Swedish and Yugoslavian players do this very well, making it difficult for the penhold player to cover the entire table with the forehand. Let's look at some of the tactics that favor the European shakehand style of play.

The penholder player usually stands on the extreme backhand wing to receive serve. They will be looking to use the forehand whenever the opportunity exists. If your service is placed short to the forehand, such as a short chop, the penhold player will be forced to reach over the table to return it. This is uncomfortable for the penhold player, because their swing usually begins well below the table edge, which is prevented by this type of serve. A more passive return will be forced either a push or a weaker forehand topspin roll. Such a serve will often be placed to your backhand (if you are both right handed). This is the time to take the initiative! A well-placed backhand drive or loop crosscourt to the backhand side after your opponent has been stretched across the table will often force a backhand block. This block will usually be loose enough to drive, loop or kill down the opponent's forehand. A former world champion, Johnny Leach of England, used to say "Play a person's strength, but score points on his weakness." So, against a penhold player, score points against the backhand.

A forehand loop to the backhand works well, also often forcing a block. However, I have often observed penhold players, once they have grooved the opponent's spin, begin to kill loops that are placed to their forehand side. I do not, therefore, recommend going to the forehand often—just occasionally enough to throw your opponent off balance.

Another serve that works well against the penhold player is deep to the backhand. Many penhold players are unable to hit a consistent backhand drive, so this serve may produce a loose return and open up the spin on each serve is a critical element in the effectiveness of your serve. No-spin and heavy chop short to the forehand are both good alternatives. An occasional deep serve is recommended when you notice your opponent standing over on the backhand side, anticipating a serve there.

When serving to the backhand, mix topside with chop and topspin, aiming deep into the corner. Probably the best responses to a loose return are a good backhand drive crosscourt directly into your opponent's backhand.

When your penhold opponent is serving, a favorite serve is to your backhand at the shortest possible angle. Expect topside to be mixed with either chop or topspin. If you can, drive or loop this serve either down the backhand, or straight down the forehand line. Remember, if the serve is from the extreme backhand wing, draw an imaginary line to your opponent that splits the table in two and stand there to prepare for your return. This line will usually be a little on your backhand side, and will allow you to have greater opportunity to return the ball.

Some players like to go way back on defense (1-15 feet) and lob the penhold player's aggressive drives. I believe that, unless you are forced back, you shouldn't really use this tactic, which leaves the penhold player the opportunity to drop shot at will, or to kill the ball at extreme angles impossible to return. If you are forced back, a lob or chop to the center of the table is the best option. This cuts down significantly on the ability of your opponent to kill at the vicious angles which make a return virtually impossible. I have noticed the Europeans have had some success going back no more than five to seven feet—just enough to get to the fast drives of the penhold player and counter-forehand loop low over the net, which makes the ball very difficult to kill.

So, in your next match with a penhold player, don't get tied up in knots from watching balls whisk past you. Take control of the game, and put tactics in your favor. I think you'll be pleased with the results.

TOPSPIN DEFENSE
by Larry Hodges
USTTA National Coaching Chairman

Look through almost any table tennis instructional book or video, go almost any table tennis camp, and you'll hardly ever see or learn anything about topspin defense. (Also known to many as "fishing." It seems to fall through the cracks for most coaches—it's not quite popular, but it's not quite your basic forehand or backhand drive or loop either. As a result, it is often sort of shunted aside and ignored.

Then watch any tape of the best players in the world—especially the Europeans, including the World Champion Swedes—and you'll see topspin defense over and over.

What is topspin defense? Toppin defense is a halfway shot, half lob, half loop or drive. It is done from well away from the table, against either a smash or a loop kill. The ball crosses the net anywhere from a foot high on up. It should have good topspin, and sometimes sidespin as well. The ball should land deep on the table, and bounce outward, due to the topspin and relatively low trajectory. It should be done against an aggressive drive, loop or smash.

Toppin defense is much easier and effective with inverted rubber, but it can be done with other surfaces as well, with less spin.

Although lobbing is a type of topping defense, topping defense is more effective if the ball is kept lower, one to four feet over the table, and arcing downward rapidly. This way the opponent has less clearance for smashing, with the ball bouncing mostly outwards instead of up.

How does one execute topping defense?

Start off eight or more feet from the table. As the ball approaches, start with racket just below the ball, and use mostly forward, slightly upward stroke for contact. Contact the ball on the back (unlike lobbing, where you'd contact the ball underneath). If you have a good loop, just think of it as a soft drive. If you're a good counterdrive, think of it as a counterdrive with a little extra topspin. Try to keep the ball deep, relatively low, and with good topspin.

To fully appreciate topping defense, you have to see it in action. Get a tape of some of the best European players—Jan-Ove Waldner, Mikael Appelgren, or Andrei Gruba, for example. (Not to say that some of the Asian players can't play topping defense as well!) Or watch some of the top U.S. players with excellent topping defense games—Hunzhang Xu, Cheng Yinghua, Jim Butler, or Jack Huang, for example.

U.S. #2 player Jack Huang likes to lob and topping defend.
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**The Mature Athlete and the NJTTC**

by Rhoda Sanokoff

People tend to remember their firsts; first date, first car, first... just ask the athletes. Often, an experienced table tennis player can tell you his first rating and recall the details of his early years as if they happened yesterday.

It seems that the more time and space between memories, the more the memories are when they are recalled. Some seniors preserve the past with collections of memorabilia; photos, trophies, pins, and t-shirts, but best of all are the armchair stories and observations, some of which have been gathered for this special issue.

Parviz sat shoeless and cross-legged on the floor in the one breezy corner of the Rutgers University gym. He was reading an Iranian newsletter. It was well over 100 degrees outside, and as he reached for his water bottle he said, “I never use these things. But today it’s a different story. I have to keep cool and be careful not to exhaust myself during the warm-up.”

Parviz Movajarian did pace himself in tennis to win the Over 40 Singles Event at the Garden State Games. Later he won the doubles with David Zhuang.

Keep in mind that a July heat wave in New Jersey can be brutal. Little wary heat-lines rise off the pavement, and the air is so thick and still that you can hear insects humming. But even in the terrific heat and humidity inside the gym, Parviz showed the determination that is his trademark. As of the U.S. Closed in Las Vegas, he is ranked 3rd over-40 in the country.

While he rested, Parviz talked about how he played as a youngster in his native Iran, and he admits to having to work harder than most days to beat younger players. But at the Garden State Games, in a room where the rating points are exchanged, the pressure pretty much blended with the heat. After a while some participants in the fencing competition next door came in to watch, just as Parviz had finished his semi-final match. They shook their heads in amazement at the sweat-soaked man, and he shrugged. With a wry smile Parviz offered a simple explanation for his perseverance, “I do it for the exercise,” he said.

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Enter table tennis to the rescue. I had played some table tennis as a youth, but didn't get serious about it until 1990 when I was 65 and heading up some tournament play in our local church. I then became involved in the annual Arizona Senior Olympic table tennis playoffs and a strong Phoenix Valley Table Tennis Club that plays twice weekly and puts on several U.S. Table Tennis Association sanctioned tournaments each year.

My testimony is: "Bravo for table tennis." I now cannot afford not to play regularly for two reasons:
1. I have a managerial desk job as Director of Activities at a large retirement community in Glendale, AZ. I get plenty of daily walking on the job, as well as a fast mile and a half walk each morning before going to the office. But this is not vigorous enough to make the "old bod" (now 68) sweat. A husky table tennis experience twice a week plus some extra workout time on my table tennis ball robot machine and I can go to bed well relaxed.
2. Secondly, as mentioned before, the rapid reflex reactions by the eyes and whole body demanded by rapid fire table tennis has helped hold the vertigo at bay.

After two operations last winter I was not able to play table tennis for 2 months. The vertigo began knocking at my door, but as soon as I got back on my regular table tennis playing it disappeared.

I have in my files suggested exercises from a specialist on vertigo from the Mayo Clinic. The exercises, that are to be done regularly, are developed to elicit the feeling of vertigo, then react to counter that feeling.

In my table tennis play, not only do I go after as hard and as fast a paced game as my skill level permits, I also make a special effort to quickly react to a ball hit off the table on my end. I try to catch it or nail it on the first bounce. These continuously demanding fast hand/eye reactions seem to be an adequate antidote for my vertigo tendencies.

Many people who have problems with vertigo (which can immobilize one from normal living) may be able to do the counter exercises suggested by doctors, due to age, being confined to bed or a wheelchair...but anybody who has enough adventuresome spirit and interest to try table tennis, to wipe out vertigo, well might find their savors from a very discouraging handicap.

How old can you be and still play table tennis? My experience has shown me that there are very alive and high quality table tennis players way up into the late 70's. My goal is to get this game under control by the time I'm 80!

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Ms. Cathy illness

"Shhh...Children come and sit around the piano for a minute. No, we're not going to sing a song right now. I have something important to talk to you about. Yesterday Molly told us about her daddy. She brought in a big shiny trophy that her daddy won at ping pong. I'm sorry, dear. We can only guess what her daddy did. All babies are cute, and I might add, pathetically helpless.

Mr. Slight Offbeat, Night-School Instructor, New Jersey

"Welcome to Table Tennis Personality 101. Be sure to check the number on your card, as personality in sports courses are now being offered in two-person volleyball and white-water rafting. You want to be sure that your card says Room B. Also, the pre-requisite for this course is at least 6 months of table tennis experience. If you do not have this, report directly to the gym where Ms. Probecis will sign you up.

First I am going to write the title of the book on this course on the board. We'll be using the popular Snipes and Sweat, which can be purchased at any bookstore for $21.95.

I am your instructor, and as I am only an adjunct at this, I have not been given an office, nor was I assigned a mailbox. In fact, the secretary informs me that I should not expect to be given one. Also, please do not, as was done last semester, attach anything to the bumphers or the hood.

Now, the basic principle of this course is that there are identifiable sources of frustration in table tennis, and concrete ways of dealing with them. If you can take a closer look at yourself and your behaviors, you can make frustration work for you, and even turn it into something productive.

Is your personality outgoing or subdued? Are you the more serious and thoughtful type or are you gregarious? Maybe you like to get a rise out of another person by teasing. Or you might be a "people person" who is easy-going. Every club has a few players who seem secure and universally well-liked, who seem to be able to leave their problems at the door. A closer look at this friendly type reveals a person who plays to win, but loss doesn't trouble him. He smiles a lot, shakes hands, and generally attracts positive attention. Sociable people are nice to be around. But even if it's not your nature, there are some things you can try:

a. You can talk to people outside your immediate group of friends
b. You can avoid spreading rumors, or speaking negatively about anyone
c. You can ask a player of lower ability to hit with you
d. You can establish eye contact

The following are four sources of frustration in table tennis:
1. Expectations, Too High: This is a case of your mind can, but your body can't. In your sleep you are performing like Cheng Yinghua. Your body is a tight coil of energy. But when you actually play, you find that you can't perform as well as you would like. It is a rude and frustrating awakening.

2. Confidence, Too Low: You can do everything in practice. Your shots look good and you feel good. Try a new serve? No problem. Down the line? Easy. But you find that you can't do this in a game. Since you figure you'll get burned anyway, you revert back to the old style. The new way is too risky. Then you get mad at yourself for not being able to apply what you have practiced.

3. Disbelief: In this frustration factor you might say things like "I never miss this shot. I forced him to pop it up perfectly. How did I hit it long? It was there. I CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED IT!"

4. Competition: These sources of frustration include sensitivity to a variety of things around you...

Olfactory: (sensitivity to smells): As a group, science teachers seem to be particularly adept at this, having to distinguish between dead animals and leftover lunches in 90 degree classrooms. But you can get up the scent of Vegetable Lo Mein at fifty feet, then you are also sensitive, and this can be a big distraction for you that can cost you valuable points. You must train yourself not to think about food during a match.

Also, some players will tell you that certain food produce energy, and they will seek out snacks and power drinks in health food stores. Watch out for the kinds of food that you eat; it can range from the very healthful to the nutritionally awful. I have seen players put away liters of soda at a time, insisting that the sugar gives them a lift. On the other hand, one player I know uses the time between bites of his third banana at a recent NYC tournament. "Potassium," he said.

Auditory: (sensitivity to sound/noise): A hearing test is being conducted in table tennis, also. If a player is particularly sensitive to whispers on the sidelines, you can imagine how loud a ringing pay phone would sound to him during a tense deuce-in-the-third.

Talking: Some players talk to themselves while they play. Or they talk to other people. Some whisper. Talking is not just a Major Distraction, it is, as one person told me, "contagious." If you have fairly loose jaw hinges, just know that what you say, as well as how much you say, and to whom are still more clues to your personality.

Now that you know some of the sources of frustration, what can you do about them? You can extend behavior that do you pull back from things that annoy you, and let the aggravation blow over? Maybe make a face to show that you're bothered by something? This is the STEM approach.

Other players are more physical. You'll see them hit harder or faster, slap their thighs, practice the correct motion vigorously in the air, or "take a walk" away from the table. This is the SIMMER approach.

Still others show their annoyance or anger with outright shouting or shouting. This is the BOIL.

You may have seen somebody throw a paddle or kick a wall. Everyone has a personal way of releasing tension. But you'd better know your limit, and what kind of behavior is acceptable to your other players. Hopefully you get back your focus and control quickly without harming anyone. Also, you can try to increase your understanding of others' displays so that their activity does not interfere with your own game.

Put yourself through what bothers you. If you don't like to play on a particular table, do it. It's not going to hurt you. Get more information: I know a player who hates "fan club applause" (applause by the friends and family of his opponent when his good shots are greeted by silence). Ask an experienced player how he handles it.

Remember the principle of being yourself, and remember to put it on a mental "ridiculous pet peeve" list. If it's a problem from home or work, give it a rest awhile. You can work it out later.

Now that you know certain aspects of your personality rise to the surface during table tennis as responses to frustration. You don't have to become more aggressive, but you can learn to think tough. Just listen to the vocabulary around a club; players don't want to "bruise" or "nick" one another; they want to "crush" or "torture" or "kill." A good player told me, "I'm a nice, calm guy, but during the game I want to be ruthless. I just can't win unless I think of something that makes me angry."

Playing table tennis is like being on an emotional roller coaster. Realize that your feelings can plummet from elation to disappointment in a matter of seconds. If you are able to deal with the distracters, you can better concentrate on one point as a time. Your behavior and responses let people know if you tend to be a Pollyanna or a pirate, or don't let your opponent know what bothers you. Remember, that friendly or fierce face that you see in the mirror is the same one staring your opponent. So, I've said it. It is better to avoid it.

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TABLE TENNIS, PHYSICISTS, AND CHESS MASTERS
by Laurence W. Johnson

A number of very great physicists, mathematicians and chess champions have been active and enthusiastic table tennis players. Werner Heisenberg and Edward Teller worked together at the University of Leipzig (Germany) in the 1920's, where Heisenberg was a young genius establishing quantum mechanics and Teller was a doctoral student under Heisenberg.

The recent scholarly biography, "Uncertainty, the Life and Science of Werner Heisenberg," by David C. Cassidy, 1991, recounts how table tennis matches among members of the physics seminar became a special aspect of intense scientific meet-

ings. Edward Teller, overcoming the serious handicap of having lost a foot in a trolley car accident, was the top player in the group. Heisenberg, in a 1973 interview, recalled,

"He became an excellent player just because he wanted to become one. There I could see the force in the man, When he was 20 I remarked on his outer fact that he couldn't change, he really would try with all his strength to make up for it—and he did make up for it.

Professor Heisenberg had a long tour of the Far East about this time (1927-8) and his extensive table tennis practice during the tour raised his game so that he could take No. 1 place from Teller upon return. Teller later came to the United States and became famous as one of the inventors of the hydrogen bomb.

TABLE TENNIS IN ISRAEL
by Joel Kenet

Early this May, having won a scholarship to do psychological research at Tel-Aviv University, I arrived in Israel with vague notions about table tennis players there. I knew there were players; someone at my club informed me of the name of at least one top-level player, but I wanted to know what was going on down in the trenches, at the club level where most of us play. My first effort to find players proved successful; I let my fingers do the walking through the Tel-Aviv yellow pages. Having limited Hebrew ability, this was no easy chore, but I worked my way through the pages containing the logos of Butterfly, Stiga, and Nittaku...goldmine!

I hiked to the location listed (Bash-Gal Sports, 20 Noah Mosc St., tel. 695 3172) the next day, and was referred to Giora, a friend of mine who displayed obvious knowledge of table tennis. He listened to my story, and immediately dialed a phone number, which wasn't answered, so he gave it to me: Ofir Einy, 647-6260. I called him the week before. I didn't give this much hope, however, because the Veteran's Center on Merritt Island where our club meets has a busy schedule. They were very supportive, and agreed to work in 30 hours for the clinic the next month or two.

My friend, player and coach, Ofir Einy explained thoroughly warm-up and sound trouncing from his extensive table tennis practice during the week before our first match. The players seemed to show new energy even after missed points. The players played on a table, hitting as many forehands or backhands cans and candy placed at various places on the table, hitting as many forehands or backhands.

The Veteran's Center offered plenty of room for our four tables and excellent lighting. As the season progressed we noticed that one of Lily's strongest points was the ability to sense when the students were tired of the drills and practice. She would shift into fun games and competitions that still helped them, like a smile on their faces. The players seemed to show new energy even after six or seven hours of play. One good example of this was when the students had a break between the end of the morning and the end of the afternoon. When the kids returned, they were more than happy to refer visiting Americans to the Veteran's Center for table tennis. It's a wonderful place to be.

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DEEP SOUTH CLINIC & A.A.U. TOURNAMENT

by Randall Hess, USTTA Regional Coach

9-12, back row: Victor Yakubov, Beverly Patterson (assistant coach), Dallas Donohoe, Richard Caplin; Emily Patterson, Randall Doss, standing behind Emily, Tanja Caplin, and Carol Merritt, front row: Kieth Giera, Geoff Aiken, and Angela Lee. Not pictured: Carol Patterson.

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3. Thomas Kreidel (GER)
4. Manuel Robles (ESP)
5. Mike Dempsey (USA)
6. Neil Robinson (GBR)
7. Dany Chouteu (FRA)
8. Bruno Benedetti (FRA)
9. Nosira Sule (NGR)
10. Michel Pecart (FRA)

Andrè Anderson (USA)
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Women's: Angela Chiang, 4-11, 11-7, 11-6, 11-3.

Friday, April 16

2nd Round:

Men's: Teng-Jie Shiau, 11-8, 11-9, 11-4.
Women's: Angela Chiang, 11-3, 11-3, 11-3.

Saturday, April 17

3rd Round:

Men's: Teng-Jie Shiau, 11-5, 11-1, 11-2.
Women's: Angela Chiang, 11-6, 11-7, 11-1.

Quarterfinals:

Men's: Teng-Jie Shiau, 11-5, 11-1, 11-2.
Women's: Angela Chiang, 11-6, 11-7, 11-1.

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Men's: Teng-Jie Shiau, 11-5, 11-1, 11-2.
Women's: Angela Chiang, 11-6, 11-7, 11-1.

Finals:

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Women's: Angela Chiang, 11-6, 11-7, 11-1.

ROSE CITY OPEN

Portland, Oregon
July 3, 1993

Quang Bui is back on the tournament circuit in the northwest, at least half-time. After falling asleep against Ron Carver, he regained some of his old form to win our championship 21-13 in the fourth. Ron who himself has lost a step since the old days, says there is still no safe place to return the ball to Bui, unless you kill it. The most exciting match of the day was Carver's 22-20 (fifth game) victory in the semis over Celso Luiz Pereira. Celso seemed to injure his wrist in the third game but showed great heart in taking the match to the limit. He frequently blocked Ron out of position and then would smash. Ron persevered from 16-19 behind to win the final game on sheer determination by missing only one of about 60 loops in the final 7 points. But disappointed Joseph Chen in three straight games in the other semi-final.


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1992-1993

Women’s results at end) standings were as follows: Israel 3-0; CIS 2-0.

Chareli's quarterfinal match, when during a serve change, he tossed off and used his water bottle. The umpire said he could not drink water. Dattel called for the Referee, and the match was stopped.

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