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So members, plan now to attend this year's U.S. Open. It promises to be a great one. Hope to see you there!

PRESIDENT'S POINT
by Dan Seemiller
In this issue is a copy of the competitive plan for USA Table Tennis (page 16). This is one of several items that will be printed in the next few issues of Table Tennis Today.

Other items such as the budget & finance, sponsorship, and grassroots development will follow.

Also in this issue, you will read of the resignation of Executive Director Kae Rader (page 20). Kae has been offered a director level job with the U.S. Olympic Committee. Any member interested in applying for the Executive Director's position please call the office for more information.

The 1994 U.S. Open in Anaheim, California is moving along and we expect many world class players to attend. The prize money has substantially increased to $61,000, and the Anaheim Hilton and Convention Center are first-class facilities which are connected to each other. Disneyland as well as Southern California beaches should provide an excellent setting for a fabulous U.S. Open.

Many thanks go to the Local Organizing Committee, headed by Tournament Chairman Dr. J.T. Wang, Deputy Chairman Y.C. Lee, and Tournament Director Terry Timmins. Also thanks also to the many Southern Californians who have volunteered for the committees of the U.S. Open. Dr. Wang has spent in Southern California for some years now and is the driving force behind this year’s U.S. Open. Many thanks, Dr. Wang, for your important contributions and dedication to running a successful Open in Anaheim.

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How about a tournament for movie stars? I think we can build, or create the Wimbledon of TT. Those who did not notice the effect of $2000 prize on the last U.S. Open should rub their eyes again and again. It is a disgrace for the richest country in the world, which has the largest TV audience on the earth, to offer a tournament with a $2000 first prize. To add insult to injury, many people were asking why the majority of the world class players did not show up. Of course we should not ignore the timing of the tournaments. It is very close to the World Championships.

I am sure someone is going to ask the question, "what does all of this have to do with the "Officials' View" column? The answer is that we need the help of everyone. The officials are generally prominent individuals. They come from different walks of life.

Meanwhile, as we near the 1996 Olympic Games, we are confident that American table tennis players will have more chances to host international elite players. We have already received some acceptances of invitations to this year's U.S. Open by some of the top players in the world. "Fireworks" will surely be flying in Ana-

anxiety for some, for others it spells opportunity. Challenges usually inspire the decision-makers to take stock and reevaluate prior decisions before forging ahead. I, for one, am excited about the opportunities that crises somehow seem to cultivate.

Kae Rader's departure from the sport forces us to confront difficult questions as we try to determine which of the candidates under consideration would be to our sport's best advantage. The developing consensus among the E.C. members seems to be toward a greater emphasis on membership development. What can we do to attract sponsorships to us rather than a huge member- ship? And how many sports can claim to have as large of a participant base as the Invisible Sport? By converting ping pong enthusiasts into fans of invitations to this year's U.S. Open. It promises to be a great one. Hope to see you there!

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

by Kae Rader

Writing this, my last Executive Director’s Report, is a difficult task. Many of you know I resigned in February to become Director of Member Organization Grants for the U.S. Olympic Committee. Of course I am excited about this opportunity at the USOC, but leaving USA Table Tennis after nearly three years is bittersweet for me.

Serving as your Executive Director has allowed me to meet many wonderful people who are passionate about their favorite sport.

Certainly the experience has been challenging. During the past three years your Executive Committee and staff have made remarkable progress. In the next several issues of Table Tennis Today you will read about the sound fiscal policies, improved management practices and aggressive marketing that have led to many positive changes.

Highlights include:
• More than $1 million in sponsorship revenue - cash and inkind, has been raised
• A five figure budget deficit has been erased
• An ethics policy has been adopted
• A Competitive Plan aimed at significantly improving athlete performance has been designed and is being implemented
• Membership programs with clubs and Table Tennis manufacturers will begin this summer
• The national computerized ratings system was brought in-house
• The organization name and logo were changed to enhance marketability
• Tournament operations and marketing were greatly improved and they now break even or generate money instead of lose money

Thanks to many of you who contributed to these successes.

I hope you enjoy reading about the USATT’s progress in future issues.

In my new role at the U.S. Olympic Committee I will look forward to watching the USATT continue to grow. Best Wishes.

USA Table Tennis Headquarters is planning the souvenir program for the 1994 U.S. Open held in Anaheim, Calif. Those of you interested in submitting articles or photos for the program regarding our sport are encouraged to send them by the close of business Friday, May 5.

Send to: USATT Media Relations
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO. 80909

March/April 1994
EDITOR'S REPORT

by Larry Hodges

I received a number of letters, some bitterly complaining, about under-rated juniors sweeping many of the events at the 1993 Nationals in Las Vegas in December. (Readers might remember that junior players won the eight lowest rating events, from 100 to 1700.) But is this fair? Subjectively decide which ones are under-rated and drop them from events that they might be too good for? (With no way of warning them before they make the trip.) Default them afterwards if they win too easily? Shoot them? I kind of think something's going right when so many junior players improve so much. Perhaps we'll hear more about this...check out these names at the 2000 Olympics.

In the last issue of TTToday, in the writeup of the Southern Open, the under 1650 event was left out of the results. Jerry Bell defeated Igor Chernomazov in the final.

For the Jan/Feb issue of TTToday, Dave Saki is incorrectly named as "Honey Bun," in a photo caption. However, TTToday has been informed that the correct nickname should have been "Honey Bunny." TTToday regrets the error.

It was discovered after the fact that the under 22 events at the 1993 Nationals were not covered in the last issue—they sort of fell through the cracks! Congratulations to Under 22 National Champions Todd Sweetos & Towy Ball! (And runner-ups Chi-Sun Chui & Virginia Sung!)

COACHING REPORT

by Larry Hodges

National Coaching Chairman

Four more club coaches have been certified since last issue. They are: Edmund Sun, Troy, NY, 218-76-7973; Frank Remenyi, West Hills, CA, 818-877-0459; Arthur Thrusen, West Warwick, RI, 401-821-4053; Raul Miorin, Los Angeles, CA, 108-968-2920.

In addition, Lily Yip, of the Westfield club in New Jersey, has been certified as a National Coach by the USATT Coaching Committee.

We are still looking for volunteers to work on coaching committees—Testing & Certification; Grass Roots; Elite Coaches; and Coaching education. I'm limited in what I can do these days as coaching chairman—there simply isn't enough time in the day!

Dear Editor:

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Love to you and your family.

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Written by Malcolm R Anderson

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Dear Sean O'Neill:

Your article in the latest copy of TTToday is right on target: Clubs. Some of the association, but how to arrive at that state isn't as easy as talking about it. The problem is that, until the Clubs are somehow motivated, they don't do much to help themselves. Just one example will suffice: You know as well as anyone that the backbone of any major national association in the world is its clubs and the league play in which they take part. There's virtually no such play in this country, and the standard explanation is that distance is the great. But often there is. How many clubs are there in the Washington-Baltimore area? Do they have a league? Do they play each other?

Matches like these have untold advantages. They provide intra-club competition, to get on the club list. Both clubs played in YWCA's, where they paid something like $20 per player, which was too much. My comment. possibly did not help; they refused to pay their one dollar a week; and they let the club fold.

But, ok, let's say that there isn't "other club." Then start one. That's what we did in Delaware 30 years ago, and it worked like a charm. One of those clubs, a one-man operation in a very busy area, would never dream of playing against another club on the side of town. There's no such "other club"? Often not. But often there is. How many clubs are there in the Washington-Baltimore area? Do they have a league? Do they play each other?

State championships: What club is the champion of Pennsylvania? I suppose you don't know, and neither do I, probably because no club is. But we should encourage groups of clubs, particularly within a particular state, to get together and hold state championships, and of course we should publicize the results. This sort of event would be a smaller version of the USOTC. And if it tended to make the latter smaller, so much the better, for the USOTC ought to be a smaller, more professional run event limited to teams that qualify to get there. At present it's largely a fun event that is absolutely meaningless to spectators and that looks as if it should be made null: that's what TT is all about. A national championship should be quite different.

Team selection: Our team selection works quite well, but I think it could be used to strengthen the clubs, by having a qualifying round. Say your team trial involves 16 players, why not have another 16, in addition to the top 16 from the rating list, qualified by inter-club competition?

Awards: You suggested some types of award for clubs. You could give them, like the best run tournament, the best league (not necessarily the biggest; that wouldn't be fair), the best promotional event; the best local press coverage.

We do need to promote table tennis in TTToday — but not in the way it has been done in the past with a monthly profile, where you list the club and all its officers, etc. That is frankly boring to anyone from more than a few miles away from the club. A club that doesn't do something out of the ordinary. Say it forms a league operating in industrial cafeterias. Or it gets sponsorship to provide for a regular coach for juniors... Then it becomes of interest to everyone, since it can't compete with all the other clubs.

One other point: We have to convince our clubs and players that they are part of a valuable sport. I said above that one of those two Delaware clubs folded.

Both clubs played in YWCA's, where they paid something like $20 per player per year. Since each club was open two nights a week, and their memberships were reciprocal, that meant four nights of play per week for $20, or something like 10 cents per night. Even twenty years ago, that was dirt cheap. Sometimes I stopped playing (I took up sailing, which proved to be time-consuming), but while I was still very active in the USOTTA, the "one-man" in charge of one of the clubs called me, asking for help. The YWCA had, quite correctly, discerned that the TT club was using far more electricity, for lighting, than anyone else, and they felt they had to double the annual dues to $40. Still less than $1 per week, still only 20 cents per night — but the members felt it was too much. My comment, possibly representative of that, if that was the case, was table tennis to those players, then they certainly wouldn't worth my time. I did not help; they refused to pay their one dollar a week; and they let the club fold.

If any of you have strong opinions on the topics listed, or things you would like to hear them. The committee's main purpose is to aid in the development of table tennis worldwide, as well as to make sure that players have a voice in the ITTF. As an affiliated player of the USATT, you currently have three votes, so serve on the committee.

Jack Bhowan on issues related to the U.S. Olympic Committee; Scott Butler on subjects pertaining to the U.S. National Team; and myself for ITTF matters. We can only do our job if we hear from you. When we don't hear from you, we assume everything and everyone is happy. I know this is the never the case, so get involved and let us know how you feel.

The first free tip the column would like to offer (before taking your questions) is how to prevent first match jitters. At tournaments. Many players, even seasoned pros, have difficulty running on all cylinders for 9 a.m. matches against a capable opponent. Experience has shown that breaking sweat prior to playing the first ball will help loosen you up and calm your nerves. Jogging, stretching, and calisthenics are terrific warm-up exercises to get the blood flowing to all the major muscle groups. For those of you who are still nervous, try playing a warm-up game with someone at or below your level. Confidence is what we are trying to build. Attempt your best services and all your weapons; don't forget to move your feet! If lack of warm-up time is a factor, try closing your eyes and mentally picturing how you would feel after beating your first opponent. Imagine the look on your face as you shake their hand. If you have trouble visualizing victory, try picturing winning one game, then another. In order to win a match you have to believe you are capable of it; winning begins in the mind. This type of mental rehearsal technique is more commonly used by top athletes in all sports than any other. Mentally picturing yourself winning every match they play, not just the first one. It takes commitment to sit down and focus on the future, but the relaxed and positive feelings it produces are well worth the effort.

The ball’s in your court — go for it!

Overdrive
by Sean O'Neill
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I’ve recently returned from the ITTF Executive Board Meeting in Tokyo and have prepared the four Reports you will find in this issue on subjects I consider of most immediate interest to North American players and officials.

The only item North America placed on the Agenda for this Meeting was the “USTTA Proposal to delete age limit for International Umpires.”

APOLGORY FOR UMPIRES OVER 60

My apologia, or argument, which follows, was presented at the ITTF Executive Board Meeting in Tokyo, Jan. 6-9, 1994. Though it seeks to rebut the ITTF age discrimination Directive earlier favored by President Ogimura (I’d heard he’d wanted a more “youthful” look), it was given a very fair and open discussion by the Chair and was generally very well received by the 9-member Board and by the 5 other leading ITTF parties in the room. Gratifyingly, it prompted the 4-member, Ogimura-headed ITTF Executive Committee to recommend to the larger body of the ITTF Council a review of this Directive that, given the Board’s discussion which eventually I’ll summarize below, should result in said Directive being significantly modified or rescinded.

Thank you, Mr. President. I’ve come a long way and I appreciate the opportunity to address you and the Board.

Of course I want to speak against not the racist, not the sexist, but the ageist Directive that has found its way into our ITTF Handbook. That Directive that says that Match Officials at World Championships and World Title Games—such as the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics—be automatically rejected if they’re “more than 60 years of age.” If they’re too old, old, old.

I have two essential thoughts on the matter.

The first is that this Directive is not only silly, it’s shameful.

Can we here in this room really believe that spectators watching world-class table tennis from up in the stands or sitting rapt round their TV sets care precisely how old any vigorous, obviously knowledgeable umpire is? These spectators are not trying to decide—like those idling a few moments away at a “Guess My Age and Win a Prize” fairgrounds or festival booth—whether the umpire is 65 or 55 or 45. They’re watching the world-class players in action—or they’d better be.

So why close up a TV close-up, why would anyone really care if this or that umpire dyed his hair? Or if he/she wasn’t warned?...but, hey, just how toxic was this glue anyway?—what was the ITTF Executive Board’s, or better the ITTF Executive Committee’s, final recommendation?

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ITTF REPORTS

by Tim Boggin
North American Vice President

(See Also Olympic Games Quotas, pg. 22)

THE ATLANTA GAMES: 1995 Pre-Olympic World Cup (or Alternate Pre-Olympics) and 1996 Olympics

Rufford Harrison, ITTF Olympic Games liaison who, along with USTTA Olympic Games representative Jimmy McClure, has been keeping USTTA officials apprised of developments in Atlanta for the last year, reported to the Board on the progress that’s been made regarding the ’95 Pre-Olympic “warm-up” tournament, President Ogimura was still unable or unwilling to say whether TSP wanted to renew its World Cup contract that expires this December with the World Cup matches in Paris. Nor would he indicate that he was negating any such possibility...

However, as soon as Atlanta decides on a part-time or preferably full-time “Table Tennis Commissioner” (a decision perhaps is imminent), Ogimura is there to better understand the proposed multi-sport “Sport Olympics” for the Olympic Games (ACOG) has reserved the World Congress Center Olympic venue for Aug. 9-13, ’95 for this Pre-Olympic tournament (hopefully the World Cup, but, if necessary, a tournament of lesser stature, though with world-class players). ACOG has also agreed to fund all venue and hospitality costs for up to 200 players and officials, but they will not pay for anyone’s transportation and will not put up any prize money.

As for the ’96 Olympic Games, President Ogimura is signing a joint contract with ACOG that insures the ITTF’s jurisdiction over all equipment being used. That of course would hold true for the trial-run ’95 Pre-Olympic tournament as well.

If the truth be told, Ogimura, who was not in the best of health for this Atlanta tour, seemed to be rather pessimistic about the present-day marketing value of Table Tennis as a TV sport, seemed, about the present-day marketing value of Table Tennis as a TV sport, seemed, in one informed.

BAN OF TOXIC LIQUID SOLVENTS? PSA SHEETS?

The Agenda item “Liquid Glue/PSA Sheets—progress report” prompted a discussion initiated by Nils Bergstrom who urged postponement of the toxic glue ban due to take place June 1, 1994. At this point, Bergstrom argued, the mandated PSA sheets were just not satisfactory to the players; indeed, both the manufacturers and the players needed more time to adjust; the manufacturers had to produce thinner, better sheets and players faced with different (speed and spin) control problems had to be assured—were there really acceptable lacquers?—that a variety of suggested adhesives could be removed without damaging the ball. Also, of course, there were enforcement problems.

Surely the ITTF wasn’t afraid of this suggested postponement merely because they thought it would make them look weak? That was an argument I personally rejected.

The counter-arguments were that it just isn’t a good manufacturer (one who for months had already been stockpiling such sheets?) could guarantee that anyone who wanted PSA sheets could get them, that would put pressure on other manufacturers to go along with the ban; otherwise manufacturer after manufacturer would be no more prepared at some later date than any of the players would be: with a postponement, there would be no “right” time to come.

Certainly, we all expected the players, who wanted to win, to make any change before they absolutely had to.

And so the arguments applied, or didn’t—I stuck to some but not to others—just as they have in Table Tennis Today and in pubs and publications all over the table tennis world. And—can anyone say he/she wasn’t warned?...but, hey, just how toxic was this glue anyway?—what was the ITTF Executive Board’s, or better the ITTF Executive Committee’s, final recommendation?

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Why would you, necessarily, have it otherwise? Why would you insist on having a table tennis aficionado, an aging but still very capable man or woman, feel a little death before his or her time? Unnecessary.

My first thought, then, is that this is a stupid and shameful Directive, and so I’ve spoken to you, theoretically, from an ideal, humanitarian point of view.

My second thought is quite a practical one. It has to do with the drugged workers that in table tennis shop in Osaka—if so they were, or could be, from such glue sniffing as we’ve heard so many in our Federation said feared all the toxic publicity to our Sport from that? Then, well, in wanting to hold World Table Tennis events in the United States, will they not be sensitive to U.S. law? To the U.S. Federal Age Discrimination Act?

Perhaps our Federation does not have to worry about such ITTF Team Players as Rufford Harrison or myself trying doggedly to cause “problems.” But be sure the Federation will have to worry about the many activist humanitarians protesting to the Press and to the U.S. Olympic Committee any form of such sexist or ageist discrimination. And the U.S. Olympic Committee, as their lawyer has already made clear to our USTTA Executive Director, is quite sensitive about such issues.

It’s no accident that in my home state of New York no public or private university professor, providing he’s competent, can be made to retire at 60, 70, or any other age. That’s the law. And it’s no accident that such corporations as the Day’s Inn hotel chain or the financial service Travelers Company is leading the way in hiring those 55 and over for responsible job positions and who can do the job well? With mandatory safety training, or the ITTF: whether or not a worker with a uniformed machines? Or do you want a variety of recognizable human beings?

Unnec-

Surely we in this room pride ourselves on thinking not in the prototype, intrinsically, to the human spirit within; surely we see not simply with our eyes but with our minds. And in so doing, let us then please reconsider, and so rescind, this unfeeling, unnecessary, and sure to bring trouble upon us Directive.

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LOUISIANA OPEN & AMERICAN ALLSTAR SERIES FINAL

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
January 22-23, 1994
by Richie Owens

By all accounts, playing conditions were the best ever in Louisiana for the $11,450 American Allstar Series Final / Louisiana Winter Open, held January 22-23. The LSU Field House in Baton Rouge provided good lighting, excellent Pro-Turf flooring, and plenty of space for 25 tables and the 127 participants.

American Allstar Series Final

In the first semi-final, David Zhuang beat Todd Sweeris 2-1 (all matches were 2 out of 3) at which point David takes the next four points. As he has shown earlier, once David gets a comfortable lead, it is very difficult to catch him, and he pulled away to win at 15. Early in the first, Darko loosed a ball around the net so low that David could only look at it in disbelief. But when Darko did the same thing twice more later in the match, David blocked them for winners. It seemed that David just had to see the shots in the proper adjustment. This ability to key adjustments is one of his main strengths.

After the second game, his plan was to use the ball better to make Darko have to move more to get to his shots. He felt that Darko had adjusted to his tempo in the second, so he changed the pace for the third and wound up the victor.

In the semifinals, David Zhuang had little trouble with Danny Seemiller, winning 8 and 17. Darko squeaked by Sean O'Neill 18-14, 19 on the other side. Earlier, Amy Feng survived a scare by Brian Pace (+13, 15, 25) only to be beaten in the quarterfinals by fellow southpaw Danny Seemiller.

The Women's Singles was a rematch of the Allstar Series Final between Wei Wang and Amy Feng. Amy, who seems to be just a level higher than the other women, won again at 16 and 14. Joanne Fu and Susanne Schilhab again made the semifinals.

Amy Feng and Todd Sweeris owned the doubles events. They set up to beat Sean O'Neill/David Zhuang 21-7, 12 and in the Open Doubles and Wei Wang/Sean O'Neill 11-20, 22 in the Mixed Doubles.

Other notable performances included Randy Medcalf of Houston, who won the Under 1400, Handicap, finished 2nd in the Under 1800, and had a semi in the CCS Singles. Not bad for a 1369 rated player! And from Tennessee, the amazing Sourinthone, who seems to be just a level higher than all that hardware.

Houstonian Ovidriu Frusina came back from down 3-18 to 6-13, 13, 14, 15, 11; defeated Cathy Konno 11-12, 13-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-7 and placed 6th in the Open Singles. And from Tennessee, the amazing Sourinthone beat everyone.

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Amy Feng d. Todd Sweeris d. Sean O'Neill/Wei Wang 11-20, 22; SF: Feng/Sweeris d. Sam Smith/Allison Han 16,12; SF: Wang d. Wurdhichai/Chen 14,15.


U2250: Joe Cummings - Sam Smith SPLIT; SF: Cummings d. Scott Ryan n.s.; Smith d. Jacob Delson 13,18.


U1800: Allison Hand d. Randy Medcalf -16,19,9; SF: Han d. Saymek Sourinthone 17,18,16; SF: Medcalf d. Ovidrui Frusina DEQ.


U1500: Randy Medcalf d. George Both 10,20; SF: Medcalf d. Cathy Konno 14,15; Both d. Rusty Nonnemann 19,14.


AAA Singles: Brian Pace - Eric Owens SPLIT; SF: Pace d. Feng Xin 18,18; Owens d. Barney Reed 18,20.


BBB Singles: Dat Hoang d. Roland Schilhab 15,15,20; SF: Hoang d. Sam Smith 20,17; Schilhab d. Mel Evans 3,17.


B Singles: Martin Vela d. Mark Diricker 14,14; SF: Vela d. Allison Han 12,7; richtermer d. Wil- liam Beaumont 14,10.

CC Singles: Jay Sourinthone d. Lock Sourinthone 17,16; SF: Jay Sourinthone d. Jack Copedge 11,16; Lock Sourinthone d. Leo Brasset 18,21.

CC Singles: Larry White d. S.B. Chow 17,15; SF: White d. Lazaro Rosenburg 16,12; Chow d. Randy Medcalf -21,12,15.

C Singles: Don Drummond d. Ruben Cory 18,19; SF: Drummond d. Peter Sze 19,14; Cory d. Roger Rector 16,14,20.

Amy Feng looped her way to four titles.
MEIKLEJOHN NATIONAL SENIORS (OVER 40) TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

SUNDAy, June 25, 1994

A1. Draw Doubles 9:00 A.M.
   SATURDAY, June 25, 1994
   300* 200* 100* 100* (50*each for 5th to 8th) 12
   A2. O-50 10:00 A.M.
   400 200 100 100 12
   A3. U-1400 11:00 A.M.
   100 50 25 25 11
   A4. U-2300 12:00 N.
   300 150 75 75 13
   A5. O-60 1:00 P.M.
   200 100 50 50 11
   A6. U-1600 TBA
   100 50 25 25 11
   A7. O-60 Doubles TBA
   200* 100* 50* 50* 11
   A8. O-50 Doubles TBA
   200* 100* 50* 50* 11
   A9. U-1500 TBA
   100 50 25 25 11

B1. O-40 Doubles 9:00 A.M.
   400* 200* 100* 100* 11
   B2. U-1900 9:30 A.M.
   100 50 25 25 11
   B3. Women O-40 10:30 A.M.
   300 150 50 50 12
   B4. O-40 Singles 11:00 A.M.
   1000 500 300 300 15
   (200 each for 5th to 8th) 15
   B5. U-1750 12:30 P.M.
   100 50 25 25 11
   B6. U-2200 TBA
   200 100 50 50 11
   B7. U-2050 TBA
   100 50 25 25 11
   B8. U-4200 Doubles TBA
   200* 100* 50* 50* 11

MONDAY, June 27, 1994

CC. Novices (Only those who have never won a tournament prize - non-sanctioned)
   9:00 A.M.
   T T T T 3
   C1. Under 1100 9:30 A.M.
   T T T T 6
   C2. U-1200 10:00 A.M.
   T T T T 6
   C3. Over 75 11:00 A.M.
   50 25 12.5 12.5 8
   C4. O-70 10:30 A.M.
   100 50 25 25 9
   C5. U-2600 Doubles 11:00 A.M.
   100* 50* 25* 25* 8
   (Single max 1500)
   C6. U-1300 11:30 A.M.
   50 25 12.5 12.5 8
   C7. Women O-60 T.B.A.
   T T T T 6
   C8. Over 80 T.B.A.
   T T T T 6

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INTERVIEW WITH ANDERS THUNSTROM

Former Coach of Swedish World Championship Team

by Tim Boggan

At the ITTF Executive Board Meeting in Tokyo this January I met Anders Thunstrom, former Coach of the World Champion Swedish Team, and now the new ITTF Projects Director. At the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium where the Sasakiya Cup Global Youth Championships were just getting under way, the 32-year-old Mr. Thunstrom (pronounced TOON-strum) bore my embarrassing ignorance of him and his already well-known table tennis work with forbearance and generosity, and so gave me—and you—this get acquainted with him Interview.

INTERVIEWER: Anders, briefly, how did you come to be Coach of the Swedish Men’s Team? You began as a player, then got into coaching?

THUNSTROM: Well, I enjoyed table tennis my whole life—as a player and as a coach. When I was in my mid-20’s I had a big opportunity. For the ’86–’88 seasons, until the Seoul Olympics, I accepted the job of being the Swedish Junior Coach. This allowed me to work with such promising players as Thomas von Scheele and Peter Karlsson who, as you know, would go on to win the World’s Men’s Doubles in Chiba in ’91. Also, when Hans Kroon, the Coach of the Swedish Men’s Team, retired, I momentarily became the Captain of the National Men’s Team at the ’87 World’s in New Delhi.

INTERVIEWER: And that worked out well for you?

It sometimes happens when one is away from the Sport, as I was during this time, that he has reason to go back and become at least a little aware of what he’s missed. So it was with me—and, on returning from Tokyo, I found, from reading U.S. Team Captain Houssang Bozorgzadeh’s write-up of the ’87 World’s in Toppics, that the Swedish Men’s Team had earlier been down 2-4 to South Korea before edging them 5-4 (when Erik Lindh won all 3 of his matches) and had then just barely survived a 5-4 knockout quarter’s tie with West Germany (when, after losing his first two matches, Lindh again came through by winning the 9th match against Jorg Rosskopf, deuce in the 3rd). How exciting this must have been for Lindh—and Thunstrom. But, not knowing anything about Anders at the time of this Interview—well, I thought, didn’t anyway—the Delhi scene, and how much else that matters, I could not possibly have been privy to.

THUNSTROM: Well, we beat South Korea rather easily in the semis, but then in the final, with Walder sick, whatever chance we had of beating a very well prepared China just evaporated.

INTERVIEWER: So then you went back to coaching the Juniors, and someone else took over as Men’s Coach?

THUNSTROM: Yes, but after my contract with the Junior Team was up, I thought that maybe Coaching didn’t offer me such safe ground for the future and so I took a job with a Forwarding and Shipping Company and, in addition, began following a course of business study, took classes like Marketing and Economics, with an aim towards getting a diploma.

INTERVIEWER: And then you were suddenly offered the chance to coach the Swedish Men’s Team?

THUNSTROM: Yes, that job in Shipping didn’t work out very well. But I wanted to continue my business education, so I accepted only on the condition that the Swedish Association take over the expenses of the university-level classes that I continued to attend—which they did, and after Chiba I got my diploma.

INTERVIEWER: So then you started working with this Men’s Team when? And how did you begin?

THUNSTROM: I began July 1, 1990. And the first thing I did was to establish criteria that, with hard work, would allow us to continue being World Champions.

Some readers may not know that at Dortmund, in the ’89 World’s, the Swedes had inflicted a startling 5-0 defeat on the perennial winners, the Chinese, in the final of the Team’s, and that then the two Swedes Walder and Persson had fought it out in the final of the Singles, with Waldner winning in 5.

INTERVIEWER: So from the beginning it was very clear to Waldner, Persson, what for someone would be a very disappointing choice?

THUNSTROM: In Chiba, I picked Waldner, Persson and Appelgren because of his steady nerves and confidence—over Lindh. At the ’91 Chiba World’s, under the new Men’s Team format (one of the three players [call him A] must play if needed by two Singles matches, and the other two [call them B and C] must play the doubles and if need be the fourth [B] and fifth [C] singles match. In all the climactic matches, in the quarter’s, vs. Korea [won by Sweden 3-2]), the semis [the Czechoslovakia [won by Sweden 3-0], and the final vs. Yugoslavia [won by Sweden 3-2], Thunstrom played—and in the final they were all able to win, just enough, one singles match each—Waldner as A, Appelgren as B, and Persson as C).

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INTERVIEWER: And how did Lindh take this disappointment?

THUNSTROM: Well, we all have big egos of course. But I’m a guy that can clear the air. Lindh should be allowed to be disappointed, but he can’t say I picked the wrong team...because we won. But I gave a lot of credit to Lindh because he was loyal to the team. Also, it’s good that a player shows his disappointment; it means he wants to take responsibility and play. Still, I couldn’t pick Lindh because I felt

...and with 1993 World Championship Swedish Team: L-R, Jan-Ove Waldner, Peter Karlsson, Anders Thunstrom, Michael Appelgren, Jorgen Persson, Erik Lindh.
INTERVIEWER: Can you give me another specific example of when you had to make a choice that was sure to disappoint someone?

THUNSTROM: In the last World’s at Goteborg I didn’t play Appelgren—I went with Waldner, Persson, and Peter Karlsson. And I’ll tell you why. I think the Chinese are afraid of Waldner—his serves can fool them, and he can mix them up with his imaginative play. Persson is very steady, very calm. No matter what the situation, Persson is ready to play. When it comes to the important match, Persson is the best team player in Swedish history. Then, instead of going with Appelgren, who in Goteborg was far from his peak, I went with Karlsson because he was in 100% good shape and therefore a dangerous opponent for anybody. I also felt the Chinese hadn’t studied him as much as our other good players.

In the climactic Team matches at Goteborg (again the format had been changed)—against Belgium in the quarter’s (won by Sweden 3-0), against North Korea in the semis (won by Sweden 3-1), and against China in the final (won by Sweden 3-1)—all three Swedes won one match each in all three ties.

INTERVIEWER: What you say sounds reasonable, but I’m sure a rejected player or two might have had his own rationale for being chosen. Didn’t you ever make mistakes? And if you did, how did you keep your players from losing respect for you? How did you keep at least some of them from bad-mouthing you? And if they did that, what had to happen to the Team harmony you’re striving for?

THUNSTROM: Well, I certainly don’t believe in hiding from reactions. And if there were ever serious problems, those problems would have to be solved right away. But I never had to suspend any player. My statements about how I thought they were doing, whether I was pleased or displeased with them, got through to them in the way I’d make my playing selections—for a European League match, for example. When you had so many good players, and one or more of them had lost his place for whatever reason, that player knew he’d have to be quickly cooperative and focused again if he were to competitively win back his place. As for my making errors of judgment, I don’t think it’s good to “confess” a mistake every time you might make one, but after the season was over I’d connect one on one with the Team Members and ask them to comment on my decisions. I’d try to talk to them like a friend, ask them, “Did you see improvement in your play? Do you feel you have a future in Sweden?” Or ask them, “You were disappointed this season? Why?”

INTERVIEWER: So you really found all these players pretty approachable?

THUNSTROM: Yes, but that can’t be much of a surprise. They’ve all played together for so long, there has to be a camaraderie and a mutual respect among them. Of course their temperaments are different. Waldner, for example, is just naturally very easy to get along with. He always shows very polite behavior. He knows that he has nothing to worry about, that he’s going to get selected. Really, though, by this time everybody on the Team is pretty much a nice guy. They’re all growing up. Seven years ago, they would have been crazy. But now their proud temperaments are channeled to helping each other keep World titles in Sweden.

INTERVIEWER: Helping to keep World titles in Sweden—your role in that doesn’t appeal to you any longer? Here you are now, with wife and kids, settled in England, concentrating on marketing and public relations, ready to negotiate contracts for ITTF World Title events. Surely with successful World Championships behind you, you could have continued as Sweden’s National Coach. Why the change? What happened?

THUNSTROM: After the ’92 Olympics, I was really tired from being with my players during our long preparation. I told the Swedish Association I just had to get away for two months. And they said O.K. But then, after the World’s in Goteborg, I just lost my ability to give 100% to my players. I felt I had nothing left to sufficiently motivate myself or them. In all honesty I just could not bring myself to say, “All right, let’s all train, fight hard now to win the ’94 European Championships in Birmingham.” I felt the players would hear the lack of 100% conviction in my voice, see it in my manner. I felt they would soon get tired of listening to Anders and that instead of revitalizing them I would do just the opposite. So I thought, “You’ve had a good finish; you’ve nothing more as a coach to prove. It’s time to quit and start something fresh and interesting.” And then, I must say, I was surprised: I thought once everyone knew I’d given up coaching I’d be offered other jobs, other opportunities. But for too long all was quite silent. I tried to follow up on an inquiry about coming to the U.S.—Table Tennis needs the U.S.—but that didn’t work out. Anyway, I feel good about my new ITTF job and hope I can be very successful at it.

INTERVIEWER: I hope you can too, and I hope that what we in the States have lost in one way we’ve gained in another. Thanks for the Interview, Anders, thanks for letting us get to know you a little.

THUNSTROM: Thank you, Tim.
USATT PLAN FOR COMPETITIVE SUCCESS

Adopted by USATT Executive Committee

Vision Statement

USATT Table Tennis (USATT) is a United States association that enhances the competitive and recreational aspects of table tennis.

Mission

US Table Tennis analyzes resources, programs, and policies to improve the competitive and recreational aspects of table tennis.

Competitive Success of USA Table Tennis

The sport of table tennis requires at least 10 hours of full-time training for an athlete to become a contender at a university class level. European and Asian countries that dominate the sport because their athletes have been training full-time for many years.

There are 160 competitive table tennis associations in the U.S. The U.S. Women’s Team ranks 14th, the Men’s Team 20th.

Jimmy Butler was ranked No. 1 in the world. Yip ranked second in the world for women.

National Team Athletes

Participate in Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, and other international competitions if they qualify for the national team.

National Team Stipends

To receive the stipend, the athlete must be in compliance with the USATT Athlete Agreement, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Fielding the best team possible in the present, preparation for the future, and protection of all table tennis athletes.
- Adherence to the USATT Code of Conduct.
- Participation in Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, and other international competitions if they qualify for the national team.
- Participation in at least 2 exhibitions per year.
- Participation in at least 1 promotional appearance per year.
- Agreement to the USATT Code of Conduct.
- Note: Requirements in future years may include participation of an athlete as an assistant instructor for USATT grass-roots clinics.

The stipend is a salary that is given in return for the athlete's performance. The stipend is calculated based on the USOC's guidelines, the USATT's financial resources, and the needs of the athlete. The stipend is not a grant, as it requires the athlete to perform at a high level to receive it. The stipend is an important part of the athlete's compensation, as it provides a financial incentive to perform at the highest level possible.
must attend at least one summer camp at the U. S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, under the direction of national team coaches Zhenhui Li and Zhang Li. USATT pays a portion to each junior to help subsidize airfare. Housing and meals are provided by the OTC.

Selected team members are sent to the following competitions:

- **Open National Festival**
- **U. S. Open Teams (if budget allows)**
- Other national and international competitions or foreign exchange programs as budget allows.

Competitors are selected by trials or by criteria such as ratings, age, and eligibility, depending on competition requirements specific to each event.

**U.S. Olympic Festival**

The U.S. Olympic Festival is viewed by USATT as a competitive opportunity for top athletes and developing juniors. A new policy is being developed to reflect this philosophy.

**Develop a grassroots talent pool.**

**Junior Regional Championships**

USATT will facilitate junior regional championships. USATT Regional Coordinators are invited to solicit a junior regional championship event in each of the 12 regions. The championships may be held in tandem with an existing tournament in that region. Competition will determine boys and girls in these age categories: Under 18, Under 16, Under 14, Under 12. USATT provides medals, news releases, fact sheets, and other promotional assistance to the tournament director. Not only do these new championships assist junior development, but they should boost attendance at regional tournaments and enhance tournament marketability.

To be eligible, juniors must have resided for six months in their regions, be a U.S. citizen or possess a valid Alien Registration Card, and meet the age requirements on the first day of the junior championship event. Due to the developmental purpose of these championships, juniors may only participate in one category representative of their ages. For example, a player 13 years of age should enter the Under 14 category rather than the Under 16 or Under 18.

Winners of the Under 18, Under 16, Under 14, and Under 12 categories attend a week-long summer camp at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs under the direction of the National Team Coaches. There is a separate camp for boys and girls. Room, board, and assistance toward airfare is provided to the winners. Three separate camps are conducted; new countries are invited to have a coach from each region in attendance.

**USATT Club Program for Juniors with National Team Coaches**

The U. S. National Team Head Coach will conduct six camps for juniors at qualifying USATT clubs. USATT funds airfare; clubs provide housing and meals Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The National Team Head Coach determines who should attend each session.

To qualify, clubs apply in writing to USATT. They must have a strong junior program. The names and ratings of at least 15 juniors who agree to attend the clinic are submitted, along with the applicant’s fee. A list of their coaches is also required. A description of club facilities, operating hours, coach’s accommodations, and a proposed camp schedule and format must also accompany the application. In addition, clubs must request a certificate of insurance for camps from USATT Headquarters. Only the top six club applicants will be selected.

USOC Services

USAA Table Tennis asks the following USOC services to achieve its long-term competitive goal:

- Nine ASP grants, one for each U. S. National Team member.
- Nine insurance policies, one for each U. S. National Team member.
- U. S. Olympic Training Center facilities for national team, junior, and coaching camps.
- Meeting space for executive committee meetings at the Colorado Springs’ U.S. Olympic Training Center.
- Standard drug testing services to ensure USATT athletes are in compliance with USOC and IOC guidelines.
- Legal advice to ensure USATT’s policies are in accordance with eligibility guidelines, athlete rights, the Amateur Sports Act, etc.
- Government relations assistance so that top foreign-born athletes and coaches within the USATT plan can obtain visas to enter and leave the country to represent the U. S. at overseas competitions and gain U. S. citizenship as soon as possible. Filling the appropriate paperwork with the U. S. State Department, the U. S. Immigration Service, and foreign embassies can be costly and tricky. USOC officials could help cut the red tape, saving time and money spent on legal fees.
- Table tennis requires powerful mental and physical concentration. Athletes will benefit from sports psychology sessions at the OTC during camps. A training session with the national team and junior team would be extremely helpful. Athletes need to learn to deal with exercises such as visualization to practice and implement while training and competing.
- Video equipment will help coaches strategize against the USATT opponents. Coaches videotape opponents’ matches to learn playing styles and strategies. Coaches and athletes view the tapes and devise counter-strategies. The coach attends as many matches as possible during a day of competition, but can’t possibly view them all. Videotaping allows the team leader to tape matches the coach could not attend. This tactic is common among the top competitive teams.
- Videotaping at camps hosted by the OTC would be very helpful. The head coach is interested in talking with USOC sports science staff about the biomechanics of table tennis.
- Massage therapy is a key sports medicine need. Table tennis athletes frequently suffer back and arm ailments. Physical therapists are needed to help coaches establish preventative exercises - loosening up, stretching, etc., and therapy to treat an injury. Trainers are needed on-site during competition.
- Olympic Solidarity grants bring international coaching skills and experience to U.S. coaches.
- International Games Preparation support to provide two team officials with experience and ability, enabling USATT teams to perform their best.
- International relations grants which help USATT host first class international events increase USATT’s credibility and prestige among international constituents.

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March/April 1994
**NEW YORK CITY CLUB HAS GRAND OPENING**

by Tim Bogdan

Good news for New Yorkers! If, in this Ice Age, your blood still runs warm, and you’re not paralyzed by the cold, and you want to sweat, mix—in—who cares about rating points?—good-thawful play, the City now has the wai-in, inviting place for you. Yep. It’s the Westside Table Tennis Club. The approach, I heard, came about in the no longer flourishing 38th St. Mammoth Billiards Club closed (there’d apparently been some needed funds for their Pulmonary Division. In looking for opportunities to promote their Club’s reputation for entertainment in a safe, respective setting, Jack and Yoooda were eventually open to table tennis suggestions made to them by former regulars of the no longer flourishing 38th St. Mammoth Club. The approach, I heard, came about in the winter, enthusiastically endorsed.

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Gail Kendall, in scouting the City for table tennis response is forthcoming. Jack and Yoooda plan to take up more pool tables—and then the weekend daytime action will pick up, for likely there will be various tournament events. In the meantime, Catharina Fijok’s Women Athletes of New York Table Tennis League is scheduled to start on these courts. Saturday, Feb. 9.

Of course anyone can come in off the street and play at an hourly rate, but for aficionados the Club is presently offering bargain monthly or yearly memberships ($30 a month, $300 for 6 months, $350 for a year). Even I who live on Long Island couldn’t pass that up, especially when there’s metered parking right outside and a nearby garage willing to give players special reduced rates.

The Feb. 5 Grand Opening Party (actually it took place two weeks after the courts had opened) was a fun occasion and drew many circuit players curious about and thankful for a decent place to play, and also pleased at how many years of paying dues (I speak, for example, of Marty Reisman and Alfred Gill, of Shazzie Felstein and Gloria Amoury), to relax for a while among a community of old friends.

Doon Wong was a conscientious Master of Ceremonies—introduced the owners, saw to it that pictures were taken, and arranged the exhibitions. The first of the two “Friendly Game Matches” was between the high-rated, attractive juniors, 17-year-old Milagros Llosa and 15-year-old Inga Vityokova (with Tah Leibovitz umpiring), and the second, the feature match, a skillful attack-and-defend entertained to repeated applause, was between Coach Abass Ekn and Coach Shi-li Min (with Ajayi Obire umpiring). Afterwards, it was the Club’s pleasure to serve a buffet of sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, cookies, and soft drinks, and to open all tables for the rest of the afternoon and evening free of charge. This was a much appreciated gesture, and, as of this writing, a beginning number of memberships had been issued, and the Club has every prospect of succeeding.

Westside Coach Abass Ekn (Center) with club proprietors Jacob “Jack” Zuga (L) and Yehuda “Yoooda” Hodara (R).

**CHRIS MANGLITZ: In Memoriam 1957 - 1994**

by Larry Hodges

On February 9, 1994, someone broke into Chris Manglitz’s house in Hyattsville, Maryland, and shot & murdered Chris Manglitz and his wife, Katalin. Chris was 36. Their three orphaned sons are 8, 9 & 11. There are no known suspects. Chris was the most liked person I have met in table tennis. Always with a smile on his face, he was the ultimate in good sportsmanship. Beat him badly? “Nice playing!” he’d say. Lose badly to him? “You’ll do better next time!” Chris, who personified the best of the 1960’s “hippie” culture, was beloved by all who knew him.

Those active in tournament play especially Chris, or would recognize him. He was the tall (6’3”), bearded and long-haired (dark brown) player always cheering in the corner for Amy Feng, Todd Sweeers, Dan Seemiller, Dave Sakai, and others who Chris, the ultimate fan, had befriended.

He started playing in 1988, in a tournament held by Mark Vogel, a developer in Maryland. There he met Dave Sakai, who introduced Chris to the local clubs and tournaments. Soon, Chris was a fixture at major tournaments all over the country. His rating rapidly increased (although he never matched his enthusiasm), and at the time of his death, he had reached 1904, after having a great tournament at the Nationals.

He lived for doubles, his forte. He and Thomas Sampson were the perennial 4200 doubles-team-to-beat at tournaments at the monthly tournaments at his home club, the National Table Tennis Center (NTTC). He also won title after title in tournaments throughout the country. The decision on what tournament to travel to was not made by the cost of the air fare, or the prize money in the rating events—it was made by what doubles events were being offered. Top players such as Danny & Randy Seemiller, Hauzhang Xu, Amy Feng, John Onifade, and Dave Sakai sought Chris out as a doubles player—and none had a better record than Chris and his partners.

“In what other sport could I play doubles with some of the best athletes in the world?” Chris once asked Todd Sweeers.

His constant cheerfulness and support made him the perfect companion for many of our top players in the week after weekend tournament grind that makes up the life of a professional—and they will sorely miss him.

He was the most positive person I’ve ever met,” said Todd Sweeers, who was to have played 4600 doubles with Chris at the Hall of Fame Tournament in Augusta in April.

“Chris was a great friend,” said Dan Seemiller. “I miss him dearly.”

“He was the most well-intentioned person,” said Sean O’Neill. “He was a friend,” said Amy Feng. He was adopted by the junior players at the National Table Tennis Center, many of whom played on his team at the U.S. Open Team Championships over the years. His almost Santa Claus persona was the best possible influence for the many junior players who looked up to him, and left parents feeling secure when their kids were in the presence of this giant Teddy bear of a man. His very presence lit up the room. Hordes of people from the table tennis community attended the wake on February 13.

Life at the NTTC will never be the same.

All profits from the Chris Manglitz Memorial Doubles Tournament to be held at the National Table Tennis Center (Saturday, April 2—call Larry Hodges at 301-670-6882 for info) will be donated to the Manglitz Children Education Fund. Contributions may be sent directly to the Manglitz Children Education Fund, c/o Nations Bank, 1350 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC, 20036.

**JIM LEVY: In Memoriam**

by Michael Wetzell

The Huntsville Table Tennis Club lost one of its valuable members when Conrad A. “Jim” Levy died of a heart attack on January 4, 1994. He was 67.

Levy moved to Huntsville from Long Island, NY upon his retirement in 1991. Levy was quick to find the club and was well-liked by all the members. In 1993, he was elected club secretary, and was instrumental in keeping the club’s tables in top condition. He was a catalyst behind the control desk at recent tournaments hosted by the club.

Alabama state coordinator and fellow club member Michael Wetzell said Jim’s work keeping the tables filled at the 1993 state tournament helped the event become one of the best in the state’s history. “Jim personally ran the round robin novice and junior events. If there was an open table, Jim was quick to put a clipboard in the next players’ hands and take them to the table. Jim will be certainly missed, not just by the Huntsville Club, but by every player who knew him.”

On August 22, 1993, Levy used his chipping game and strong backhand to win the Class A Championship at the Point Mallard Open in Decatur, Alabama, a tournament which he also helped run.

On January 4, Levy arrived at the club’s venue at about 6 PM, helped set up a few tables and was practicing at 7 PM when he suffered the heart attack. CPR by club members and paramedics could not save his life. His survivors request donations be made to the American Diabetes Association.
THREE CHEERS FOR TABLE TENNIS
Some Views on How to Improve Our Sport
by Jamey Hall

Recently I had the opportunity to see the Open finals of this year’s U.S. C.losed on television, and it made me start thinking of what we could do to make our sport more presentable and exciting for the casual spectator, on television and otherwise. Many things came to mind. One area where we seem to be particularly lacking is in audience participation.

Though the Butler/Zhuang match was to determine our national champion, the audience didn’t seem to offer much encouragement or enthusiasm, other than some lukewarm applause whenever there was a good rally (excepting the last rally of the match which was truly outstanding). I suppose you could say that the style match-up in that particular match wasn’t conducive to long rallies or to a lot of audience excitement. I suppose. But we’re not always going to be fortunate enough to have a match where the styles match up perfectly for long, exciting rallies. And even when we are, audience participation often leaves a lot to be desired. I witnessed a fine finals match between Barney Reed, Jr. and David Fernandez in a Battletowne tournament last weekend. They had some great top-spin-counter rallies and away from the table driving and counter-driving plays, but they still barely got a rise out of the spectators - 98% of whom were players and none of whom were as good as Barney or David. 1 or 2 of us tried to get something going, but it’s hard for 1 or 2 to do it alone.

I think this is typical of most of our tournament finals, and I think it’s a more serious problem than most of us realize. Ever see one of those NBA games between cellar teams, where there’s a small and listless audience and nobody is making any noise? Those guys are some of the best athletes in the world doing some pretty amazing things on the court, but it can still be pretty dull to watch them if the crowd isn’t into it. Compare that to a college game between rival schools where the crowd is going nuts. The athletes aren’t nearly as good, but the game can be electrifying to watch. Why? Because you get the idea that somebody cares. If the T.V. people and casual spectators see us playing, they’re going to think “Wow, what a great game!” What if we have a lot of top teams playing, they’re going to think “Wow, what a great tournament!” What if we consistently have a lot of great matches going on, they’re going to think “Wow, what a great season!” What if we’re consistently having a great season, they’re going to think “Wow, what a great sport!”

Which brings me to my second solution, which is to drop our inhibitions a little and cheer. After the match (which my homeboy won) the other guy acted insulted. Part of the reason he was unhappy, I’m sure, is that he was not used to hearing the cheering. None of us are. And many of us get upset at any kind of distraction. Well, I don’t think tournaments are places where you should be able to hear a pin drop. That kind of atmosphere is very repressive and certainly not conducive to audience participation (or enjoyment). Can you imagine Waldner asking the Korean fans to be a little quieter so that he could concentrate? We need to encourage cheering, not discourage it, so let’s all be willing to tolerate a little more noise.

Along these lines comes my second solution, which I’m quite fond of. Let’s have the tournament directors formally pick out a few known extroverts and good sports from among the players and fans to be “designated cheerers,” and for the big matches (the finals of the premier event, at the very least) have 5 or 6 cheer for one contestant and 5 or 6 cheer for the other, maybe even have them do some kind of organized cheering. This should be mandatory for televised events, except maybe we should have more like 10 or 20 “D.C.’s” for each player! If done in a reasonable and sportsmanlike way, if the cheerleaders are bound to have a positive effect on the other fans, the casual spectators, any media present, and the players themselves. Excitement breeds excitement. And don’t the top players at any tournament deserve this kind of attention? I think this would be a very easy, not to mention effective, tactic to carry off. Why not give it a try, tournament directors?

My third solution goes out on the proverbial limb a little ways. I hear that in Germany, the top table tennis participation country in Europe, the tournaments are a lot more fun, partly because the spectators can and do drink lots of beer, giving tournaments a party atmosphere (how’s that for a way of dropping cheer- ing inhibitions?). Yeah, yeah, yeah, I know we’re a lot more prudish about such things in this great free country of ours, not too mention the liability risks and other problems that go along with alcohol. So I think we should continue to openly ban alcoholic beverages from spectator area—while secretly encouraging them. Or at least tolerating them, if discreetly used. After all, they don’t seem to be doing German table tennis much harm. Who does it hurt? None of the players or the spectators, or the coaches of other sports receive from universities throughout America.

I feel the USATT should try to organize at least one college program per state. The costs of implementing college TT programs should be less than the costs involved with implementing of tennis, or other sports. The USATT could present a package of equipment, possible coaches, and details of running a college program to colleges throughout America. The 1993 World Championships and details of running a college program to colleges throughout America.

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Men (146 ranked)
1. SAIVE Jean-Michel (BEL)
2. WALDNER Jorgen (SWE)
3. MA Wenge (CHN)
4. WANG Tao (CHN)
5. KIM Taek Soo (KOR)
6. GATIEN Jean-Philippe (FRA)
7. KARLSSON Peter (SWE)
8. GRUBBA Andrzejd (POL)
9. PRIMORAC Zoran (CRO)
10. LI Gun Sang (PRK)
11. PERSSON Jorgen (SWE)
12. CHEN Xinhua (ENG)
13. ROSSKOPF Jerg (GER)
14. HUANG Johnny (CAN)
15. KIM Song Hui (PRK)
16. YOON Nam Kyu (KOR)
17. LIU Gouliang (CHN)
18. WANG Yonggang (CHN)
19. LU Lin (CHN)
20. DING Yi (AUT)
21. LINDH Erik (SWE)
22. XIE Chiaojie (CHN)
23. SHIBUTANI Hiroshi (JPN)
24. APPELGREN Mikael (SWE)
25. KORBEL Peter (CZE)
26. FEITZNER Steffen(GER)
27. PREAN Carl (ENG)
28. SAIJO Kiyoshi (JPN)
29. WANG Hao (CHN)
30. YANG Jianhua (LUX)
31. HALDAN Paul (NED)
32. LI Yi (CHN)
33. SAMSONOV Vladimir (BLR)
34. LEE Chul Seung (KOR)
35. CABRERA Thierry (BEL)
36. KANG Hee Chan (KOR)
37. BOHM Georg-Zsolt (GER)
38. CHENG Yinghua (USA)
39. LUPULESCU Ilivia (YUG)
40. MAZUNOV Dmitrij (RUS)
41. MATSUMITA Koji (JPN)
42. XIONG Ke (CHN)
43. FRANZ, Peter (GER)
44. CHILLA Patrick (FRA)
45. LO Chun Sheng (HKG)
46. ZHANG Lei (CHN)
47. CREANGA Calin (ROU)
48. DONG, Lun (CHN)
49. MATSUMITA Yuji (JPN)
50. CHOI Gyuong Sop (PRK)
125. XU Huazhang (USA/CHN)
128. BUTLER Jim (USA)
134. O'NEILL Sean (USA)

Women (146 ranked)
1. DENG Yaping (CHN)
2. CHEN Xiaoxia (CHN)
3. HYUN Jung Hwa (KOR)
4. GAO Jun (USA/CHN)
5. CHEN Zihe (CHN)
6. CHEN Jing (TPE)
7. CHAI Po Wu (HKG)
8. LI Hui (PRK)
9. YU Sun Bok (PRK)
10. TANG Weiyi (CHN)
11. JING Jun Hong (SIN)
12. LIU Wei (CHN)
13. WANG Chen (CHN)
14. ZHANG Qin (CHN)
15. GENG Lijuan (CHN)
16. ZHANG Yanyan (CHN)
17. KOYAMA Chire (JPN)
18. WU Na (CHN)
19. HONG Soon Hwa (KOR)
20. BADESCO Oriola (ROM)
21. STRUSE Nicole (GER)
22. BATORFI Csilla (HUN)
23. VRISEKOP Bertine (NED)
24. SCHOPP Jie (GER)
25. CHAN Tan Lu (HKG)
26. YING Ronghui (CHN)
27. HONG Cha Ok (KOR)
28. CHENG (TOKO)
29. LI Mi Suk (PRK)
30. YAMASHITA Fumiyo (JPN)
31. LI Jo (CHN)
32. XU Jing (TPE)
33. YANG Ying (CHN)
34. AN Hui Suk (PRK)
35. HUANG Diana (CAN)
36. CIOSIS Emilia Elena (ROM)
37. TU Yong (SUI)
38. WI Bo Hang (PRK)
39. ABBATE-BALOTAVFlavia (ITA)
40. HOOMAN Mirjam (NED)
41. SVENSSON Marie (SWE)
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43. GREGOVIc-Danica (BUL)
44. UPLESCU Jesong (YUG)
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61. HU Xu (CHN)
62. SUNG Ji Young (KOR)
63. ZHANG Hu (CHN)
64. YAMASHITA Fumiyo (JPN)
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66. CHEN Xi (CHN)
67. HUANG Shu (CHN)
68. FENG Ying (CHN)
69. HUANG Liqin (CHN)
70. FENG Yinghua (USA)

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March/April 1994

The Editor
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OLYMPIC GAMES QUOTA
by Tim Bogdan
ITTF Vice President for North America

At the ITTF Executive Board Meeting in Tokyo the question of the 1996 Olympic Games Quota drew very specific responses—chiefly from Nils Bergstrom, George Segun, and Xu Yingsheng, but also from Geoff Rau and me. All had to do, naturally, with the problem of how we could make the right compromise between the two principles of (1) allowing for the highest number of quality players and (2) keeping to at least some modicum of geographical distribution that the IOC organizers demanded.

Since we were allotted only a 64-player draw in both Men’s and Women’s Singles (the Olympics is getting too big? some sports will have to be dropped?), we had no choice but to recognize the IOC rule that no country could be represented by more than 3 men players and 3 women players.

In the last Olympics (I’m speaking now only of the Men, but the same holds true for the Women), the ITTF quota of 64 Singles players had been reached by taking the Top 16 on the Ranking List (though not more than 2 from any country), plus 44 players from competitive Continental Tryouts, plus 4 “wild cards.” (The only additional proviso—and one that was not going to change—was that each Continent had to be represented by at least 2 men and 2 women.)

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Segun, Su, Rau, and others, meanwhile, were sooner or later favoring 24 players from the Ranking List (though, as before, not more than 2 from a country). I’m not going to try to give you everyone’s individual thinking, but I will show you (using a little chart for just the Men) what bothered me in trying to come to a right apportionment. Because of the latest, #14 Ranking List we were using (naturally by the late ’95 time the 1996 Olympic Tryouts are ready to be held the Rankings will be somewhat different), I, like Bergstrom, felt that Africa and Latin America—for, regardless of their geographical make-up, they had only a few dominant Associations—were automatically getting spots incomparably worse than the more populous ones. That is, were the next Olympic Tryouts coming up, and were we using the ’92 apportionment shown in the first chart above, and were all on this #14 Ranking List eligible to represent their country, I’d be troubled—I was troubled now—not so much by the allotment given Europe and Asia but by that given to North America (2) compared to Latin America (8), and Africa (8). To see what I mean, look at the Ranking List in the next column:

**Continental Allocation**

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So it’s recommended that North America get 3 Men’s spots and 4 Women’s spots. Of course, as my North American V.P. predecessor Adham Sharara, the Director General of the Canadian TTA, has so rightly pointed out to me, North America’s Continental allocation—that which Adham’s so exhaustively tried to change in the past—still remains unchanged, is still merely the basic minimum (2 men, 2 women). So, as our Oceania, U.S./Canada, Latin America, Africa, and Oceania Ranking List above makes painfully clear, the Nigerian, Egyptian, and Cuban Men players—even with 6 rather than 8 places allocated to L.A. and Africa, and whether these Continents have the greatest number of players (Africa: 8-6, Asia: 10-8; Europe: 10-8; L.A.: 8-6).

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Here, off the top of my head, are four, likely more than theoretical conclusions to be drawn from this Ranking List:

1. If North American players (given the fact that we now had a player in the Top 16) were allotted 3 spots, it would not be a surprise, considering the difference in playing levels, if all of our leading players, except our Canada #1 and our U.S. #1, were vying in Continental competition for 1 spot.

2. Whereas, with 8 spots available in Latin America and spots available in Africa, the individual countries Brazil, Nigeria, and perhaps even Egypt were a lock for 3 spots each.

3. Or, looked at another way, North American players #14-#166 could get only 1 spot, but #358 from Tunisia and #361 from Togo (or some comparable players) were both sure to get spots.

4. Kub looked good for 2 or 3 spots, but they’d be vying for 1-2-3-4-5 places with Trinidad (#215-#338), Chile (#293), Mexico (#286), and Ecuador (#336). In other words, in Latin America anyone around #300 was sure to get a spot, while in North America anyone with #134 or #135 was probably sure not to.

The problem was—and, like everyone else, I had to face it—the IOC wanted not just quality but, as President Ogimura insisted, geographical representation, even if that meant taking the last player on the Ranking List. Naturally, no representative of his Continent wanted to go back to the Associations he represented without having done his best to get them as many places as possible, so how resolve, reasonably, at the Board Table, the apportionment?

Yielding to its deficit of a dozen new countries among the top 180 players, all wanting Olympic representation, seemed to everyone to have a point. Charts made up (minus the “wild card” spots) reflected this:

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- U. S. men players must be rated over 2200 to enter Events 01, 03, and 05.
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Junior*
$25 $40 $55 $70 $80 $90 $100 $110

* A junior must be 17 or younger as of July 1, 1994

Event Fees (per table above) $________
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Membership Fees
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1994 U. S. Open Tournament Information

Eligibility: The 1994 U. S. Open is open to all members of USATT and to members of ITTF-affiliated associations. Membership MUST be valid through July 1994. Non-members or those with memberships that have expired must enclose membership fees with their entry forms.

Rules: The 1994 U. S. Open will be conducted under the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions. All decisions of the Tournament Committee will be final, and contestants, upon entering, agree to abide by them. An international jury meeting will be held on Thursday night, June 30. Time and place will be announced.

Venue: Play will be held on two surfaces - red rubberized floor and concrete. Open International Championships Events 1-5 will be played on red rubberized floor.

Equipment: Stiga tables and nets and Nittaku 3-star orange balls are the Official Approved Equipment for the 1994 U. S. Open.

Clothing: The USATT/ITTF Dress Code will be enforced.

Team Event Format: All team events will be Corbillon Cup System. A maximum of two teams per country per event will be accepted. Each team will consist of two to four players. Teams must be nominated by their national associations.

Registration: Players must register with the tournament officials at least 30 minutes before their first match and be ready to play each match 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

Entries: Players may enter a maximum of eight events, but Open International Championship matches must be played first if a player is scheduled for more than one match at the same time. Players may not enter two round robins at the same time. Players may enter only one rating doubles event. All matches, both singles and doubles, will be scheduled in advance in each event. Players will receive notification when they register.

Championship Age Events: Players must be under 12, 14, 16, 18, and 22 as of June 30, 1994. Players must be at least 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, and 80 as of December 31, 1994. Proof of age must be available upon request.

Matches: For Events 1 and 2, first-round proper matches will be best three of five and preliminary round matches will be best two out of three. For Events 50 and 51, matches will be best three out of five from the round of 64. All other events will be the best two out of three, single elimination, unless otherwise indicated.

Doubles Partners: Players should enter with a partner in all doubles events. Players that cannot arrange for a partner will be paired if they write "partner wanted" in place of the partner's name and INCLUDE a $5 pairing fee for EACH event they need this pairing service. Players will be paired at similar rating levels.

Rating Restrictions: A player's rating eligibility and seeding for the 1994 U. S. Open is based on his/her rating listed in the March/April issue of Table Tennis Today. Players assume the responsibility of entering the proper events. Players that are over the rating limit of an event will automatically be entered in the next higher event. Canadian Table Tennis Association members (without a current USATT rating) will be assigned a USATT rating based upon the conversion chart from their most current CTTA rating (see below). Players may obtain their ratings by contacting USATT Headquarters.

U. S. Unrated Players (players without a USATT rating listed in the March/April issue of Table Tennis Today): The Ratings Chairman will be the final authority on a player's rating status and may assign any player an initial rating.

Films/Videotapes: Anyone wishing to make films or videotapes of the matches must receive written permission from USATT, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

Deadline: Entry deadline for the 1994 U. S. Open is Monday, May 4, 1994. Late entries postmarked after May 4, 1994, require a $25 late fee. Entries postmarked after May 18, 1994, will be REJECTED.

Withdrawal: A $10 processing fee will be charged to any participant who withdraws in writing from the tournament prior to May 18. There will be no refunds after this date. In addition, a $20 processing fee will be charged on all returned checks.

Umpires: A certified umpire will be assigned by the chief umpire at the request of any player in a match.

Tournament Party: The tournament party will be held 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, at the Anaheim Hilton Ballroom for all participants, guests, and officials, serving hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are $5 each.

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The Forehand Serve of China’s MA WENGE

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by Wei Wang

USTTA Certified National Coach...1990 National Champion
At this year’s U.S. Team Open in Detroit, those players who had not been familiar with the Chinese team’s Ma Wenge (pronounced: Mah Wen Gue - as in “Guest”) finally had a chance to enjoy his incredibly dynamic and powerful game. Ma is #3 on the ITTF’s World Ranking List of February ’94, one rating point behind J.O. Waldner of Sweden. He plays a fairly pure version of the style that developed to keep up with the European two wing looping game. In many aspects it is very similar to the European style, but he plays a little closer to the table. Ma’s quick yet smooth movements are unmistakable. He has one of the most powerful forehand loops in the sport due to the tremendous racket speed he generates on contact. One of Ma’s outstanding features is that he is not afraid to try new things, even during a time when he is supposed to be at the top of his performance, a time when many others try to optimize what they have rather than introducing new things. At the World Championships in Dortmund in 1989, for example, he played with short pips on the backhand. Two years later, in Chiba, he already reached the Men’s Singles Semifinals with inverted rubber on the backhand. He lost to Waldner, mostly in backhand and hand to backhand duels. Six months after that, we saw him compete against Waldner and almost directly underneath it. His left foot parallel to the end line notice his left foot parallel to the end line. In this sequence we study Ma’s forehand serve. Whether it is a well designed instruction tape or a recording of a world class match, each video has a complementary function in helping you visualize what to do. Learn the mechanics and theory of table tennis from U.S. Champions Wei Wang and Sean O’Neill. Then watch those same techniques used in the real world of international competition. Watch Waldner, Rosskopf, Ma and others performing at their best, and see where even they make mistakes. It’s the fastest way to learn! Whether it is a well designed instruction tape or a recording of a world class match, each video has a complementary function in helping you visualize what to do. Learn the mechanics and theory of table tennis from U.S. Champions Wei Wang and Sean O’Neill. Then watch those same techniques used in the real world of international competition. Watch Waldner, Rosskopf, Ma and others performing at their best, and see where even they make mistakes. It’s the fastest way to learn!
Interview With U.S. Team Member

DEREK MAY

by Sheri Soderberg Pittman

March/April 1994

It's clear there's a strong bond of affection between father Pete May and son Derek. Pete beamed with pride as he discussed his son's style. "Derek is a blue collar player. He's got to work for every point he gets.

Throughout the interview, Derek echoed the same philosophy: discipline yields results and results deepen discipline.

While the Mays believe in working hard, they also believe in enjoying life. I had plans to go to Augusta the day after Christmas. "That would be perfect," Pete said. "You'll be here for the annual cattle drive." Seriously. They have a town parade in which only horse-drawn buggies are allowed. The cattle, brought in for the annual cattle drive. "You've been training really hard, haven't you?" I asked Derek. "Just a little," he replied. "That's what my father expects of me."

"If it's Southern hospitality you're looking for, the Mays have it down to an art form. Maybe that helps to explain the influx of so many players into Augusta. Although my original intent was to spend most of the day visiting with Minnesota's former coach, Xin Peng, I wound up spending the day with the Mays instead. A hoped-for double interview with Jimmy Butler did not materialize either, so we just enjoyed all of the vagaries of the day.

Derek, of course, is just as pleasant sitting around a kitchen table as he is playing at the other table. His attitude toward the sport is refreshing on so many levels. Usually a player equates quitting down the road with the time losing takes the fun out of the sport. Derek, though, seems to look forward to the day when having to stay out outweighs gains and losses. But it won't be soon. Derek credits Xin Peng for taking him from a 2000 player to a 2600 player. Training in Sweden, he believes, could help him reach 3000.

The most surprising thing about Derek's accomplishment is that he didn't even get serious about table tennis until he went to college, where he became a chopper. At 25, Derek believes that he is still on an uphill climb mentally and physically. If the past is any indicator, he just might make Pete even prouder yet.

"I'd like to congratulate you for making the team this year," TTT asked.

Derek: Thanks a lot.

TTT: How big of a surprise was it for you?

Derek: It was a surprise because sometimes anytime you play in these things it's a crap shoot. On any given day anybody can play well, but I wasn't really surprised. I was happy to make the team.

TTT: When did you first think that that would be a possibility during the competition?

Derek: Well. I started out playing really strong. When I started the tournament, I had no expectations of even making the top 12. If you've been trained overseas especially, you can come back and you tend to put a lot of extra pressure on yourself. The last time I had been overseas, I went to Japan and trained, and I came back and played terrible. So I tried to expect to play bad. But, when I started out, I had a really good match against Chi-Sun [Chui]. And then I played really well against Khoa [Nguyen]. At that point, I realized that if I could continue at that level that I would have a shot at it. So, after my first two matches, I felt that I had a reasonable shot.

TTT: How did you celebrate?

Derek: How did I celebrate? Well, I hit the blackjack table a couple of days. I went out with Jimmy [Butler] and Brian [Masters] and that was about it. One of the most fun things I was able to — you know, my dad, that he had first before he wasn't at that tournament and, what was fun was going and giving him a call right after. I mean, that was the most exciting thing, just letting him know because he enjoys it just as much as I do, at least.

TTT: Which was more exciting: making the team or getting the best sportsman award?

Derek: Actually, I felt that it was a bigger honor to win the sportsman award. There is something that I'm always going to be proud of. I'll be really proud of making the team too, but that's even more important, I think, than playing well. Although I'm not there to win. I'm not out there to be a nice guy. But that's a good feeling, you know, the umpires felt I was being a nice guy as well. It proves you can win and be a nice guy at the same time.

TTT: Did you have foreknowledge about that? Did they tell you to stick around because a lot of ways of getting a special award? Or, how did you first find out?

Derek: I found out about thirty minutes before because I'd just happened into the hall. I had been sleeping in the room. I just decided to go down and check out the finals. I wanted to watch Jim play. And, when I went in, it was Koe [Rader] who grabbed me and said, "You never get a thing in, do you?" You won an award." So, I did know when they awarded it to me.

TTT: What would you have said if you had given a speech?

Derek: It would be really hard. I didn't have to give a speech. But a matter-of-fact, I was nervous they were going to tell me to speak. So, I went and gave Dad a call since he gives them a speech. As a matter-of-fact, I was just going to say how proud I was to win that award because, in the end, that's a lot more important than winning is — the feeling you can be a sport at the table and still win.

TTT: Looking back on the tournament, do you think on your mind that stuck out as something really sportsmanlike that you did?

Derek: To be honest, no, not really. Richard McAfee coached me at the tournament. He's really happy. He's running around. He's animated.

TTT: Have you thrown cartwheels into your act yet?

Derek: No, but that's coming.

TTT: That's next.

Derek: It's really interesting that we brought that issue up because the USWTI is a good sportsman, and I told one in particular, "If you put some showmanship into your game, you would attract the audience more." Have you found that that's a comfortable thing for you to do?

Derek: Yes, I'm a ham. I'm a showoff kind of person. I like show off. That comes naturally. I play better when there's a crowd or somebody watching. I kind of like to take the role of trying to get the crowd on my side. That's another advantage. I think if you're positive on the court, you tend to get the umpire and the crowd. Everybody tends to back a little bit more. And I think any edge you can get like that can help your mental game.

TTT: So, this year, making the squad for the first time, do you expect to be able to represent the United States?

Derek: I have no idea. In the past, they sent us to things like the French Open. This is an off-year, not a world championship year. Hopefully, since I am already over in
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Derek May - Augusta 2500
Michael Hyst - Jamaica 2500
Ian Christopher - Trinidad 2500
Xin Peng - China 2490
Scott Butler - Iowa 2450
Mehboob Khan - Pakistan 2450
Brian Pace - North Carolina 2450
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Roland Wittman - Kansas 2350
Ty Hoff - North Carolina 2350
Oscar Melvin - North Carolina 2300
Anthony Cooper - Atlanta, Ga. 2150
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Contact Rick Hardy

Augusta Tournament Schedule

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Hall of Fame Championships

April 29, 30, May 1, 1994
Augusta College Athletic Complex
(337) Wightboh Road, Augusta, Georgia

Tournament Information

Eligibility:
* Events (1-9), U.S. citizens Only
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Postmark: Entries postmarked after April 8, or without full payment will require a $10 late fee.
Entries will be accepted after April 14.
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Age Events:
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Sweden, maybe Jim and I can do a couple of the European-tour tournaments over there and it might be a little cheaper for the association to send us.

TTT: That would be nice.  
Derek: It would be nice, and I'll be asking the association.

TTT: So, you'll be staying there through March?
Derek: Yes.

TTT: Now, is this costing you money for training or is someone picking it up?
Derek: The team that I play for is the second team, so they don't pay money to their players. What they do is, they send you to tournaments. They cover your expenses when you're at tournaments. And they've made it really inexpensive for me to live there. They put me with a family, so it's costing me very little — although it does cost. But, when I go back there next year, there are other teams in the same division that I'm in that are looking to go into the top division and they are the top teams for their clubs. And those do pay more money. If I finish with a decent record, I should be able to go with one of those teams.

TTT: So you'd be on a top division team next year maybe?
Derek: Yes. I might make a top division team, or I might make one in the same division I'm in, but that's the top team for its club. You see, our team is the second team for its club and they really want to stay in. Actually, they won this division before, but they declined to move up because they wanted to keep it in this division as a good experience for the younger players, for developing players. But there are other teams that have other motives. They're in the same division, which I think is perfect for me, but they're looking to move up into the top division. They want to get good players and they're willing to pay a little more money. So, that's what I'm doing right now, scouting for a team. I plan on coming back next year.

TTT: What do you see? I know you have a minor so I can go into an MBA program.
Derek: Well, I've got my computer science requirements done, but what I'm currently doing is completing a business minor so I can go into an MBA program.

TTT: What is the role that you see table tennis having in your life?
Derek: I see myself being involved in it forever. I enjoy playing and competing so much. I'd like to follow along in what I'm doing right now. scouting for a team. or I might make one in the Maine club. And they've made it very inexpensive for me to live there. They put me with a family. so it's costing me very little — although it does cost. But, when I go back. I'm really a junior. I started really late. I enjoy playing and competing so much. I'd like to follow along in what my dad's doing.

TTT: Become a Boos Brother?
Derek: Become a Boos Brother. As a matter of fact, at some point when fun starts outweighing wins or losses, I'll probably be back on the Boos Brothers. I was an original Boos Brother member. I don't know if you knew that. I was on the original Boos Brother team for the first three or four years. I was very fortunate to be able to play with them. I was a little kid, not as good as them. And, at some point, I'll reign my roots and get back on the team. But, I'd like to get into promotion. I think this sport has a lot of potential. I think to start at the city level, not worrying about the USTTA, that's too big. But, if everybody worries about their own city and developing programs in their own city — and, we're doing it here and doing it in Anderson and in Maryland and in different places. Pretty soon you have the makings of a decent league, which I think is the future. And I'd like to get involved with that.

TTT: You'd have a national league throughout the United States or more of a local league with local players?
Derek: Well, the beauty of Sweden is it's so small you can get anywhere real quick, and here, you've got to fly. You know, from Minneapolis to California, Georgia, whatever. So, I think starting out with regional leagues — Georgia, Carolina, Florida — the different areas and then you'd have a national play-off or something like that. I think that stuff like that can really spark interest in business.

TTT: How many more years until you get involved in something like that?
Derek: Before I get more into administration as opposed to playing, I would guess another three or four years before I do that. What I have to always do is evaluate how I'm playing. You know, I started playing really late. I wasn't even chopping until I was 19 years old. As a junior, I never got over 1800. In my mind, I'm really a junior. I started really late.

TTT: How late is that?
Derek: I guess I started training really at 18. I mean, I was playing ping pong when I was a kid, but it was just for fun. I never practiced or anything. And, I never knew about practicing until I went to college, so I've really only been training for seven years.

TTT: What did you say earlier? You consider yourself a junior still?
Derek: In some ways. You take a guy like Todd Sweeris. Sure, he's younger than me, but that guy's got a lot more experience than I do going back years. I mean, he was the national champ coming up. And, guys like Chi-Sun. They've been playing a lot longer than me.

TTT: How is it you got serious? I mean, most people, if they're 18 or 19, they don't think really that they have a chance ever to make the team if they're just starting then.
Derek: Switching — actually where the idea came from is I was always interested in table tennis. I felt like I could be good. I felt that I had the talent, but never the opportunity to improve because I was living in a remote area. At that time Dad was the best player in Georgia. You know, now we have maybe twenty guys over 2300 living in the area. So I felt I had...
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potential. Christian Lilleroos had been talking about coming to Anderson and coaching. It was at the first year of the college program at Anderson College. And I visited with him that summer and he suggested that I become a chopper. That sounded really exciting to me.

TTT: And that was when you were 18 or 19?

Derek: Yes, he was 18. He suggested that I become a chopper. And this was right before the U.S. Open of that summer. He suggested I become a chopper and go to Anderson College. He would be the coach there.

TTT: How would you describe that exactly?

Derek: I'm just trying to think how I can describe “pikwilly.” It's kind of an unflappable, enjoying the moment kind of personality. I mean, that's kind of what the word means. Everyone guesses that would be the best thing I could say. You've seen Dad and you've watched him have fun in different situations. I don't know how you'd define it, but he's the ultimate Pikwilly.

TTT: You really take a shine to your father?

Derek: He's my favorite person. He's my hero. So, we're living out a ping pong fantasy. We're having fun. We're making the most of it. To us it's all real new.

TTT: What on earth did he say to you when you called him up?

Derek: Which time? About making the time when you called him up?

TTT: Yes.

Derek: Oh, he was real happy. He was excited.

TTT: Did you tell him you weren't coming crying to him now?

Derek: That would have been a great thing to say. I'm glad he made me switch because win or lose, it's a lot of fun playing the defensive way. It's surprising more people don't do it. I'm kind of the representative of Chopdom as it is, and, maybe if I do better, maybe some juniors will realize it can be a successful way of playing.

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can easily see myself reaching a level of 2600+ if I train really hard. There’s no reason physically why I can’t or mentally why I can’t. I think I am mentally and physically strong enough. I don’t think age is a factor at all. I’m 25, but I’m physically stronger than I’ve ever been. Carl Lewis is 32 or 33 years old and he’s still super fast. So, I think age is usually a problem just because of burnout. I think people get burnt out when they’re 28. They want to move on. And that’s going to be the reason I stop improving, not because I can’t improve more physically. But I think I can reach a level of 2600 or better. They want to move on. And that’s going to be the reason I stop improving, not because I can’t improve more physically. But I think I can reach a level of 2600 or better.

**TTT:** You look like you’ve maybe put on weight. Derek: Yes, I did a lot of weight-lifting and running. I didn’t realize it until I came back. People were saying that I look like I got bigger. I guess I have.

**TTT:** What kind of regimen do they have as far as conditioning goes?

**Derek:** It’s really left up to the player. In Japan, you’re basically a robot. You’re one of the drums and you do exactly what all of the drums do. Here, they let you do exactly what you want to do. I practiced twice a day every day. And, the team, as far as weight-lifting, the coach would give us a little something every so often, but not too much during the season because they’re focused on winning all of these matches. But, to me, this league is just a means for the different end I have, which is the national championships, or whatever. So, I was lifting weights maybe two times a week and I was running at least three times a week.

**TTT:** How far do you run?

**Derek:** It’s about a 30-minute run. I would say 3 1/2 – 4 miles.

**TTT:** So, it’s for endurance more than speed?

**Derek:** Yes, for endurance. My style of play is a very endurance-intensive style, so stuff like that is more important for me. I hate running, but I’d like to see myself just run twice a week, but run an hour. Run 6 or 7 miles a couple times a week would be a really good thing for me to do.

**TTT:** Do you run by yourself or is there someone else you like to partner up with?

**Derek:** I like to run by myself because I think it’s a good time to just hang out alone and look around. A lot of people have to run with someone else, but I kind of prefer running alone.

**TTT:** Do you run in a park?

**Derek:** I just run on the streets in Sweden and look around. There are some parks to run in, but I just run around the neighborhood.

**TTT:** Do you take your paddle?

**Derek:** No, I don’t take my paddle. Walkman, or something, but normally I just run.

**TTT:** As far as living in Sweden goes, what are some of the obstacles that you’re having to overcome? Like, I know, some players have been in Germany and they’ve been really lonely and other things like that. Do you have any obstacles like that?

**Derek:** Very rarely do I have any major obstacles. For one thing, Brian Masters lives there in Stockholm. If it wasn’t for him, I might have made a lot more mistakes. I always say to Brian, “You should write a book on getting along in Sweden as an American.” The only major complications that I have is not loneliness or friends—I’ve made tons of friends. I hardly ever remember being lonely for any long period of time because I just go meet people. I’m a really social person. But, the biggest inconvenience for me is the transportation factor. I’m used to having a car here. All of us have cars in the U.S. The family they put me with is a really nice family. And it’s near driving-wise. If I drive to the club from where I live, it’s only 20 minutes. But I have to take a train all of the way to the middle of town and then get on a subway. It’s an hour and a half travel one way.

**TTT:** To train everyday?

**Derek:** Yes, when you were young. Did you ever have any major problems with your child becoming a chopper? Derek: Oh, occasionally. I’d say a few times a year some dad will come to me, or some son saying that he’d like him to be a chopper. Mainly what I say is, “It’s up to the kid.” You can’t make a person play a style that they don’t want to play. You know, I never would have been a chopper as a junior because I wasn’t prepared for it mentally. It’s a very mental game, much more than attacking I think. I think it is.

**TTT:** It requires some kind of maturity that juniors don’t have?

**Derek:** I think it does. I think obviously the simplest way to play is to attack every ball and get the point over as quick as possible. It takes a lot of self-control to be a chopper. And I think it just now I’m beginning to understand. I mean, from

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now to one year ago, my self-control when I'm playing is a lot better and I think a lot of the reason I had that success is the same reason I won the sportsmanship trophy: I got to hand in hand because I've learned to control myself. So, yes, I do get some fathers who have come to me. I'm more impressed if the kid comes to me than if the father comes to me because the father wants the kid to be a chopper. The kid has to want the kid to be a chopper.

**TTT:** And, that's the same as your position too. Your dad wanted you to be defensive, but it had to come within you?

**Derek:** Yes. I think the easiest thing about the game is you can win against two players. It doesn't matter if there's both attackers, you can tell, everybody has their own style. It's a very artistic kind of game. Everybody has their own style and I think you have to play the way you like.

**TTT:** So defense seems to be pretty comfortable for you?

**Derek:** Yes, I think it's perfect for me. I mean, I certainly would have quit the game by now if I wasn't a defensive player.

**TTT:** When you were young and just coming up, did you talk to other choppers much?

**Derek:** Are you talking about young, like as a kid? As a real young kid, there was my dad and another guy names Thomas Nunes. He's a chopper from Atlanta. He and Dad played in the finals of the Georgia championship several years in a row. They went back and forth who won. So, I always spoke to those two guys. And, after I became a chopper, at 18 or 19, B.K. Arunkumar, he kind of became my mentor. I always enjoyed going up and speaking to him, hearing what he had to say.

**TTT:** What kind of things did he say to you?

**Derek:** Well, he actually said funny things like, "Defense is actually a limiting way to play." One thing he did real well is he taught me how important that is. And, Insook, of course, was another role model for me. I always kind of idolized Insook. She always told me to focus on establishing my defense at the start of the match. You know, a lot of the time I would start out a match, I'd just start attacking or doing all kinds of crazy stuff, things I should do later on in the match or game as a surprise. But, to begin with, Insook always stressed the importance of establishing your defense and getting your defense "grooved." You've got to get your defense almost warmed up, get adjusted to the guy's attack. And, as you get adjusted, then you start throwing in some variance. But, you don't start throwing in the variance until you've gotten comfortable with his attack.

**TTT:** Do you find that you need to do that with each match that you play?

**Derek:** Yes, I do, because Chi-Sun plays different than Khoo. He's still different than Danny, although different than Brian Masters. Everybody has a different game. Their loops go different distances and speed, and you've got to get adjusted and find your range. Since you're allowing the other person to play his game a little more, than other players because, you know, as an attacker, you're trying to force your game on the other person. As a defender, you kind of somewhat allow him to play his game. So, you've got to adjust to everybody's game because everybody's game is different. The quicker you can adjust, of course, the better off you are.

**TTT:** Is that coming quicker and quicker now as you become more experienced?

**Derek:** Yes. You see the other great thing about training in Sweden is here in the U.S. I play Sean [O'Neil], Jimmy, Danny and Khoo. If they're in the tournament, it's almost guaranteed I'm going to get to see them and play. And we play each other all the time and we all know each other's games real well. In Sweden I've had to quickly learn. You go out and play a match and I don't know any of these guys. So, I have to quickly analyze and figure out what their weaknesses are and beat them because they're all doing that to me. They're all good at it over there. There are so many good players they don't meet each other very often. And so they're constantly having to learn. They get better at analyzing the other player's game quickly. And in international play, you have to do that because you're playing new players all the time. That improves your ability to spot a weakness in a player. So, when I came back to the States, when I played in the Nationals, another thing McAfee wanted me to do was to pretend that I had never played these guys before. Don't go into the same old patterns I'd gone into with Danny and Khoo and Todd and whoever. Play them as though they're new players to me, analyze weaknesses based on what I can do now, not based on things I used to do. And that was another thing I tried to focus on. It's pretending that I never played these guys. This is just a good player. This is not Todd. This is not Sean.

**TTT:** How difficult was that for you?

**Derek:** Actually, it worked out real well. I was able to do it felt. I lost 2-0 to Sean, but I enjoyed the match. Normally when I play Sean, I'm back knocking down barriers and stuff. The second game I was up 18-17. He won the game, but I could have very easily won it. And, if I had won that game, I could have won the match. There are a lot of "could haves," but I felt comfortable playing him for the first time ever. I was dictating a little more how the points went. Sean played very well that tournament.

**TTT:** I think that you have a really good point that a lot of times there is this preconceived kind of emotional give-and-take where you're already under control. I think that's why Danny was able to beat Eric so often because Danny was better so much earlier.

**Derek:** Right, and so he broke Eric down
mentally early on and Eric was never able to crack that. It's such a mental game.

Derek: What we need to do is instead of having one training center somewhere in the U.S., in some location such as Colorado Springs, which is a good program. There's nothing wrong with it, but it's not enough. Instead of having to send the kids to table tennis, bring table tennis to the kids. We need regional training centers that are easier to get to. What they do there is a league system. What's so strong about it is there you play for a team. You're not playing for you. Here you're a loner, scraping and clawing your way to the top. There you're on a team and you work as a team. You're not afraid to practice with your teammates because you're not going to compete against them because you hardly ever play your teammates. They separate the teams in the draws. You're going to play them farther down in the tournament, but it gives you a lot more motivation when you're playing on a team. And that's the way they're set up there. There are little junior teams all over the place and they have junior competitions and a junior circuit. And, also the competition is stronger there right now. But the way we can emulate it would be to have some type of a junior league. We're a long ways from it, but there are teams from different towns. And make it where the junior event is an exciting thing to play in, not where you are ducking out of the event because you're afraid to play each other. I know that that happens a lot.

TTT: I think one of the reasons it's happening in the U.S. is because we're not hiring juniors, so they're all just playing in the men's and women's events. We seem to be getting so few entries in the junior events now. When I was in under 18, there were a lot. Derek: That's not good. I've noticed that. When I was a kid, I was maybe in the top 15 in the U.S., which doesn't say much. You don't have to play much to be in the top 15 in the U.S., but we felt proud to play in the juniors. Scott Butler and Sean O'Neill had a rivalry that was incredible. You know, they lived for those events. They brought each other's level up. There were countless good juniors at the time, I think the juniors at the time were a lot stronger than they are now relative to the world. The junior events were big, as you said. You remember there being a lot of juniors, and I agree.

TTT: Let me ask you a question about junior development since you yourself said you were a late bloomer. What do you think we should be focusing on as far as our Olympic development goes? What kind of age group and what kind of emphasis should each age group have?

Derek: I think you've got to start them young. It's not optimum to start them like I started. It's better to start a mass of juniors at 10, but only in a fun way. Then you need to pick some of these kids and have a more serious program for 14 or 15 year olds. I think that's when you really start getting serious. You can improve and have fun at the same time when you're 10, 11 or 12. If you're beat over the head at that age, you get burned out real quick. But I think the cream of the 10, 11 and 12 will start to rise and they'll get into it more on their own desire if you have a large number as a base. Then, when they get to 14 or 15, that's when it's time to really get serious. And they need to get them out and playing other juniors, not each other all of the time. The USTTA should send them to Sweden, or wherever. I'm just talking about if you're talking about being successful in the 2000 or 2004 Olympics. Now would be the time to start some 10 year olds.

TTT: As far as the double events go, are you a doubles player?

Derek: Yes, I am a doubles player. I like playing doubles, but unfortunately for me it's difficult for a chopper to play with an attacker because I tend to want to push out and let the guy loop, and if I play with an attacker, he gets creamed. In Sweden, there's another chopper on my team. We play doubles and we do real well. Two choppers can do real well. And it's fun playing doubles because you interact. It's like half of the pressure, but it's still all of the joy when you win. My main doubles partner right now is Dad and I want him and I to get to where we're much better than our total rating suggests we are, which I think we can.

TTT: But what about as far as international competition goes?

Derek: It would be real tough for me to play doubles. If I play at the world's, they probably wouldn't use me in doubles anyway because they would want to use a lefty-righty combo and probably two attackers.

TTT: What about teaming with someone from another country?

Derek: I'd be into that. It's so much fun for me since I rarely get a chance to play with a chopper in doubles. When I do, it's so fun. You go back and chop and run around. It's a real fun way to play.

TTT: There are five events at the worlds and it seems to me that we're always focusing on women's singles and men's singles. Meanwhile, there are these three doubles events just for the taking.

Derek: You're right. Unfortunately we're really weak in doubles, too. I think that's a

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There is a bit of bulldog in all of us. It's that part of us that makes us tough, and stand our ground. It's characterized by the ability to work hard and stand up to any attack without loss of morale. But hitting first, hitting hard, contrary to most things that women do. For example: how do you rationalize sending your child off to school with a lunch and a reminder to "be nice" when later that evening you're planning to go to the table tennis club with the intention of hitting someone's brains out in a league match? While nurturing is instinctive, the aggression that is needed for sports must come from somewhere else.

I. The first step in the "no more wimp" process is to lose the guilt. If you observe the Men of Table Tennis you see that most of them work hard and it shows. They sweat, they fume. Some curse. Many view the sport as a form of hand-to-hand combat. There is no need to feel bad about it, no need to feel bad about in-your-face table tennis, but when a woman lets her emotions show, it makes her around-her-shoulder uncomfortable. So the message to women becomes clear: OKAY, YOU CAN PLAY WITH US, BUT YOU'LL JUST NOT ACT LIKE WE DO. It's important to act the way you feel. If you're afraid of taking a risk or being gutsy, fine. But remember, dainty doesn't win points.

II. The second step is to think aggressively. Take all advice seriously. "Don't poke at the ball." "Kill it!" "Don't baby the ball" and this one: "If you push the ball that high, your opponent will make you eat the ball!" A woman must either tell herself to play hard, resist the cringe-and-flinch method. It's a choice.

III. Dress aggressively. This means comfort and style. Shelf the flowy skirts, and at the same time, leave out the pastel pink or ruffled stuff. How can you sound like they can do the job. Do we have to play like a "girl." You can swing weights around at home, build up on power foods like pasta, and act totally obvious when you feel like it. Hook your horse more.

Maybe we can't change the fact that some men dislike losing, especially to women, but it's possible that the two sexes have more in common than we realize. I remember seeing a tennis star, noted for her intense and powerful game, all dressed up for a press conference. She was visibly uncomfortable in her flowered dress and heels. She was out of her element, like a man at a Tupperware party.

Both men and women get irritable, frustrated, because sports can bring out feelings that we suppress most of the time. How do we keep our emotions under control? If we let our emotions get tangled up with our physical efforts? Women in table tennis? For some of us, it's tough and challenging. But it works for me. And anyway, it's fun more than the bathroom.
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Technique #1:
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Technique #2:
Practice serving above your level. This is the key mistake that many people make when practicing serves. They simply practice the same old "safe" serve, and wonder when it will become a 2800 level serve. It never will. You have to consistently push yourself to make more spin and a better placement. If you are practicing serves correctly, pushing yourself, you will miss a fair number outright. Don't worry. When you go back to using your normal serve, the consistency will be there, but at a much higher level.

Technique #3:
Practice your serve as part of the attacking sequence. Remember, your attack is only as strong as it's weakest link. The serve and the following third ball attack are totally reliant upon each other. The threat of a strong third ball attack, makes the serve return more difficult. Thus the serve becomes even more effective.

Technique #4:
Learn to love serving. Great servers really enjoy the creativity of developing their own unique style. If you don't enjoy serving, then you simply will not practice enough. Speaking of practice, the best time to practice serving is during the middle of your training session. Serve practice requires a lot of mental energy. Don't wait until the end of practice, when you are tired, to try and work on your serves.

If you follow these guidelines, just a few minutes practice during each training session will play off big dividends. Remember, great servers are not born, they practiced!!!

NEWGY/SOUTHERN TOUR #6

Anderson College
Anderson, South Carolina
February 5, 1994

by Richard McAfee, Tour Director

Scott Butler continuing his recent good play, captured this months Open Singles held in Anderson College's beautiful Abney Athletic Center. On his way to victory, Scott defeated three 2400+ players: Greg Rily, Xin Peng, and Nigel Christopher. Scott, while known for his strong backhand, was today particularly effective with his forehand loop. However, the big winner of the day was Anderson College's Julian Millan. In winning the U-2200, the doubles, and coming in third in the handicap event. Julian jumped from seventh to second place in the Tour Standings.

RESULTS


U2400: 1st: Roland Rittmaster; 2nd: Oscar Melvin.

U2200: 1st: Julian Millan; 2nd: George Cooper.


U1600: 1st: Jeff Walters; 2nd: Mike Hips.

U1400: 1st: Mike Hips; 2nd: Richard Kwon.


Novice: 1st: Tim Hoaglan; 2nd: Poonam Bheda.

Handicap: 1st: Xin Peng; 2nd: George Cooper.

Doubles: 1st: Millan/Allen; 2nd: Christopher/Hipps.
**1994 ARIZONA OPEN**

Phoenix, Arizona
February 19-20, 1994
by Bill Baker

The 1994 Arizona Open had one of the largest draws in years as more than 100 players participated at ASU in the 42nd Arizona Open. The Phoenix club did not give cash prizes for this tournament, but this wasn’t a problem as players came from 9 states and from towns and cities around Arizona to compete for nice trophies provided by former state champion John Harrington’s Trophy World. The Phoenix club had some very good competition and many exciting matches at all levels, and 10 of the first place trophies were taken home to other states by the winners.

Phoenix residents recognize that our winter visitors and tourists are not as appreciated enough and are even jeered by short sighted locals, but one of the highlights of the tournament was the special U15 junior singles as Snowbirds Mary and Loc Coonan bought a dozen young singles from the east valley to play in their first tournament. Mary and Loc’s single opponents gave their time and effort to help some nice kids who are learning a lot about table tennis and about competition and good sportsmanship from their mentors. This event was won by Joa Monamarco, 12, of Palm Springs, and the east valley kids had a great time and we hope to see them again. We really appreciate the help from Mary and her friends.

In the Open Singles, more than 1/3 of all tournament entrants, 36 of them, produced nine RR groups. In the quarters, Martin Vela of El Paso defeated Hery Halim of Tempe, 16& 18. Alex Lai of Tempe defeated Bob Leatherwood of Denver at 16 & 18; Tom Wintrich of Albuquerque defeated under 2100 winner Marek Zochowski of Phoenix; and Pip Nguyen-Day of Albuquerque defeated 16-year-old Frank Remenyi of California at 22 & 9. Keep your eyes on Frank Remenyi, as he is going to skyrocket, particularly if he can continue to get some good coaching!

One of the best matches of the tournament came in the semifinals Pip Nguyen-Day barely overcame Alex Lai, 15& 19. Alex hasn’t been too healthy and has not played much after winning at the St. Louis Open at 16&18. Alex took another match against Bob Leatherwood and then was defeated by 16-year-old Frank Remenyi. Frank is a great prospect and is very familiar with each other’s games, produced a very close match.

The finals of the Open were almost an afterthought as fellow Albuquerque club members Top and Pipo, whomust have been very familiar with each other’s games, produced a 15&19 win for 1994 Champion Pipo Nguyen-Day, before their long drive back to New Mexico.

Even though harried by far fewer tables than he would have liked and having events run late than anyone would wish for, tournament director Bill Gilbert ran a good tournament and did everything he could to keep visitors and resident players satisfied. The Phoenix club appreciates very much the effort made by players, many traveling far away from home, to make this tournament a success, and also all the help we get from the ASU staff and club members. On behalf of the Phoenix TT Club, I want to personally thank Pipo Nguyen-Day for the outstanding job he did running the tournament. He made it happen.

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Rockville, Maryland

"I'll be back in 15 minutes," said Cheng to a student in his first experiment with mixing business with business (i.e., coaching and playing a tournament). And it worked smoothly until the final, when Cheng (U.S. #1) lost the first game (21-18) to Huazhang Xu (U.S. #3) in an agreed upon best of three, rather than best of five which might have adversely affected Cheng's coaching schedule. However, Cheng turned it around, and managed to keep his coaching schedule and (2500+ rating) on track, winning the last two games easily at 10 & 7.

Sean Lonergan swept the 2450's and 4200 doubles (with Andy Tan) and made it to the semis for the Open before losing to Xu, 3-1. Sean's 2450's semi-final win was over Masamichi Kubo, who in turn won the 2300's over 11-year-old Sunny Li (now rated 2139). But it was brother Andy Li who came home with the most dinero, winning Saturday's 1850's and $40.

Open-Final: Cheng Yinghua d. Huazhang Xu, 18,10,7 (players agreed to three); SF: Cheng d. Hung Pham, 16,14,15; Xu d. Sean Lonergan, 21,20,12,16; QF: Xu d. Richard Lee, 15,15,8; Lonergan d. Larry Hodges, def.; Pham, 18,13: SF: Lonergan d. Barry Schulze, 7,8,5; Swee (age 3, rated 25) d. Sunny Li, 16,17,19.


U1850: Andy Tan d. Phong Huynh, 20,16.


U1450: Glenn Jenkins d. Doua Lee, 18,18.


Under 14: 1st Michael Squires, 5; 2nd: Michael Wah, 4; 3rd: Julian Vermund, 3; 4th: Sean Chen, 2-3; 5th: Chris Sae-Hau, 1-4; 6th: Don Iguana, 0-5.


Next time, and the heat will be left on overnight to stop the condensation.

Open-Final: Cheng Yinghua & Huazhang Xu split prize money; SF: Cheng d. Sean O'Neill, 17,9,11; Xu d. David Zhuang, -18,19,11,17,19; QF: Cheng d. Lily Yip, 16,13,5; O'Neill d. Amy Feng, 18,13,10; Zhuang d. Todd Swee, 9,10; Xu d. Hung Pham, 15,15,17,13; Yip d. Sean Lonergan, -14,13,14,20; Feng d. Virginia Sung, -19,10,9,16; O'Neill d. Deepak Jain, def.; Zhuang d. Eric Schulze, 7,8,5; Swee: d. Dave Fernandez, 15,16,12,16; Pham d. Barry Dattel, 15,16,17,19,16; Xu d. Patrick Mualem, def.

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U1300: 1st: Roger Rector d. 2nd: Jim Trowbridge, 19, 19, 20.

U100: 1st: Hugh Mason d. 2nd: Lindsay Wonnack.


CTTC February

Clintox, Missouri

February 5, 1994


U1500: 1st: Lloyd Layton; 2nd: Jim Williams; 3rd: Roger Rector.

U1300: 1st: Bill Hall d. 2nd: Jim Trowbridge; 19, 13.

U100: 1st: Hardy Dunn d. 2nd: Ernest Henning, 19, 12, 17.

SAC-REC Winter Open

Sacramento, California

January 29, 1994


Class D: M. Abelgas d. B. Yee 32, 15.

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January 30, 1994

by Dave Dickson


U1400: 1st: Michael Baez; 2nd: Jon Biliw; 3rd: Michael S. Miller.


1993 MILLCREEK OPEN

Erie, Pennsylvania

October 16-17, 1993

by Sam Steiner

This year's Millcreek Open was a Pittsburgh benefit with most of the top prize money going to several South Park players. Dan Seemiller easily cruised to a second straight win and broke a sweat only under the bright lights of the TV camera during his interview on local WICU Channel 12. Some thought that brother and practice partner Randy might make some impression, but Dan was all business in an 11, 14 final win. Fellow club members Grant and Dan Seemiller continued to push the pace, with Ukrainian Viktor victorious 13, 14, 18. Victor was able to converse in his native tongue with several other Ukrainian comrades present including Nitko and Basankianets. The obstreperous Nitko played the most exciting match of the tournament, a late-night nailbiter 1900 final match in which Nitko defeated Leeds Houde of Chicago - 17, 14, 23.

Saturday’s party at Tom Burik’s house, open to all tournament entrants, was well-received. All 100 of Mrs. Burik’s excellent meatballs and a half keg of beer disappeared in the process while some less-than-excellent table tennis battles were fought in the garage.

Our thanks to the Chicago contingent, table tennis junkies in search of a fix, who played in the Illinois State Closed in Schaumburg on Saturday, then showered and jumped in their cars at 1:00 P.M. and drove all night to arrive in Erie for Sunday morning’s events. Monday’s work had to suffer from that trip. Also thanks to the Butler and the Cleveland clubs for the loan of their tables.


Under 1600--Final: Rich Logan d. Joe Grandalski -13, 18, 17; SF: Dan Barnes d. Don Varnian 12, 9; Barnes d. Logan 19, 11.

Under 1500--Final: Rich Logand. Chuck Fecht 18, 16; SF: Ken Milgram d. Dan Barnes 18, 8; Logan d. Milgram 12, 18.


Senior Esquire: 1. Louis Ralde 3-0, 2, 3. Tom Shirley 1-2; 4. Bill Maling 0-3.


Poland’s Andrzej Grubba rips a backhand loop--and wins Swedish Open (next page).
FINLANDIA OPEN

Helsinki, Finland
December 3-6, 1993


Women’s Singles—Final: Wang Chen (CHN) d. Ruy Ji Hye (KOR) 23, 14, 16; SF: Ryu d. Wu Na (CHN) 15, 20, 16; Wang d. Yook Sun Hee (KOR) 18, 15; QF: Ryu d. Melnik (RUS) 18, 17, 16, 17; York d. Park Hae Jung (KOR) 16, 15, 19, 14, 19; Wang d. Kim Boon Sik (KOR) 19, 14, 16, 14, 16; Wu d. Park Kyung Ae (KOR) 18, 11, 9.


Men’s Teams—Final: China d. Korea R, 3-1; SF: China d. Italy, 3-0; Korea R d. Russia, 3-1; SF: China d. Russia, 3-0; SF: Park/Yook d. Matsuoka/Michihiro (JPN) 18, 12; Wang/Zhu d. Batorfi/Liu (HUN) 19, 10; SF: Wang d. Schopp (GER) 19, 10; SF: Wang d. Schopp (GER) 19, 10; SF: Wang d. Schopp (GER) 19, 10.

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