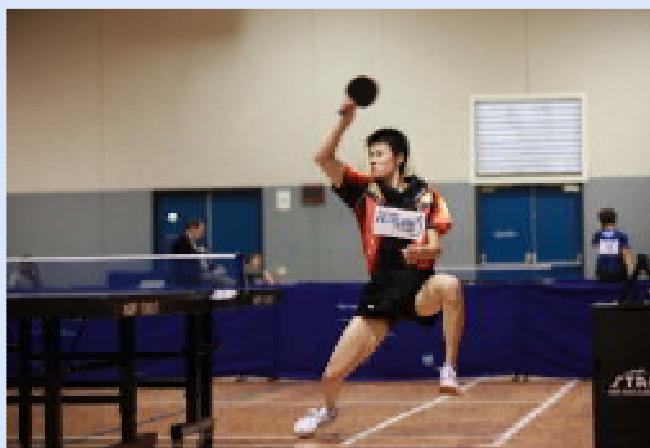


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David Powell
Australian Singles Champion
2006 (U16), 2009 (U18) & 2010 (U21)



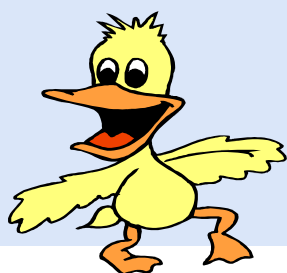
Heming Hu
Australian Singles Champion
2007 (U13&15), 2008 (U15),
2009 (U15) & 2010 (U18)



Lily Phan
Australian Singles Champion
2006 (U14), 2008 (U13&15) & 2009 (U15)



Dominic Huang
Australian Singles Champion
2011 (U13)



HIGHLIGHTS OF PLAYERS I COACH

Yang Shen win U15 Singles at World Junior Circuit (WJC) Event

Yang won his first major Singles title by winning the U15 Boys Singles at a World Junior Circuit Event, New Zealand Junior Open. The U15 Singles was essentially the Oceania Championships as there were only players within the Oceania region that participated. Yang, who was unseeded, finished first in his group after defeating Roger Wang (NZ) 3-0 and Kura Tararo (COK) 3-0. From there he beat Victor Pollett (NZ) 3-1 then the dangerous Victor Ma 3-2 in the QF. The SF saw him come up against doubles partner Dominic Huang and was able to win 3-1. The final was a all Australian affair where Yang played Ivan Sulfaro and carried his great form long enough to win 3-1 and now have an “international” title of sorts under his belt. His U15 Oceania ranking has now jumped from 21 to 2 after this tournament. Also, Yang & Dominic were r-up in the U15 doubles losing to fellow Australians, Ivan Sulfaro & Jake Duffy, in a close 5 setter.



When Yang started with me 4 years ago at the standard he was, I didn't think these types of results were possible within such a short timeframe but it shows what lots of training, hard work can do if dedicated enough plus have patience and learning the necessary skills for a higher level. It may be the start of a long & fruitful TT career for Yang, maybe following the path set in recent years by David Powell & Heming Hu.

David Powell & Heming Hu selected in Australia Men's Team for Oceania C'ships

David and Heming were selected in the Australian Men's Team (4 players) for the upcoming Oceania Championships held in Fiji from June 3 – 9.

David was also selected as 1 of 3 Australian male players to compete at the rich Oceania Cup (June 6 - 8 in Fiji) where \$18,000 prize money will be spread evenly across the Men's & Women's singles with \$5,000 for the winner, \$2,000 for r-up, \$500 for semi finalists and \$250 for quarter finalists.

David Powell wins Dandenong Open, plays at World Team Championships then finishes off league season in Poland

5 days after he missed out on qualifying for the Olympics Games by one spot, David did a remarkable job, psychologically, to play the Dandenong Open let alone win the final of the Men's Singles against the experienced tough campaigner, Shabaji Datta, in 6 close sets after being 2 sets to 1 down. In my mind, this was one of David's best performances of his career after he was naturally very disappointed to just miss out on the Olympics, a goal he/we had planned for quite a few years. Not many would understand or know how difficult it is to perform under these circumstances because it's purely a battle of the mind and very little to do with skill.

The same night (5 hours later) David won the Dandenong Open he flew back to Poland to complete his season where he had 3 league matches in 3 days only 4 days after he arrived – his Club had re-scheduled many matches through the season due to his Australian Team/Olympic Qualifying commitments. Just 24 hours after the 3 league matches he travelled to Germany to represent Australia at the World Team Championships (WTC). While unable to win any of his 5 matches, mainly against the no. 1 player from the opposing country, David played well and will be better for the experience for future reference at that level.

After the WTC had finished David travelled back to Poland to finish off the season. He had 2 more league matches to play and complete the home and away season. David's individual record for the 2nd half of the season was 11-7 (he was aiming for 14-4) and finished off the season with a 20-16 win, loss record. He must stay on in Poland till end of May where his Club will play in a 2 series play-off style match where the losing team will drop down to 2nd league, and the winning team retaining their spot in the first league. It is 2 matches against the same team, one home, and one away with the team winning the most matches overall staying in the league. David said "It's going to be tough to win these matches against good quality opposition, but it's time for me to step up and lead the team to victory" – David is the no. 1 player in his team and also has the best win loss record of anyone in his team.

Heming Hu wins Men's, U21 & U18 Singles titles at various tournaments

Heming won a variety of Singles titles over the last 2 months. They include his 2nd Men's Singles title for the year when he won Geelong Open. He also won U21 Singles at Dandenong Open then won U18 Singles at TTA's Mounties Invitational, Dandenong Open and Geelong Open.

Scott Gilmore wins U18 Singles at Easter Classic

Scott finally broke through for another age group Singles title by winning the U18 event at the Easter Classic. He had a very close match in the SF against Dominic Huang where he was 3 sets to 1 down and came back to win in the 7th then won 4-0 in the final against Richard Vecoli.

Atul Shrestha wins U13 Singles at Victoria Open, Vic. Closed & D'ning Open

Atul has clearly established himself as the no. 1 U13 in Victoria by adding 3 more singles titles. They were the prestigious Victorian Closed & Open plus Dandenong Open. This makes it 4 U13 singles titles in 5 tournaments he has played this year.

Dylan Nguyen win U11 Singles Titles at Victorian Closed, D'ning & Geelong Open

Dylan is maintaining his status as the no. 1 U11 player in Victoria by winning 3 more singles titles. They were Victorian Closed, Dandenong and Geelong Open's. In the 6 junior tournaments played this year Dylan has won 4 singles titles for his age group.

Male players nearly gain clean sweep at Dandenong Open

Off 6 Singles Events (Men's, U21, 18, 15, 13 & 11) at the Dandenong Open, male players won 5 and r-up in the other one with Yang Shen losing to former student, Dominic Huang, in the U15's. The winners were,

Men's – David Powell

U21 – Heming Hu

U18 – Heming Hu

U13 – Atul Shrestha

U11 – Dylan Nguyen

GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

Melissa Tapper and Rebecca McDonnell announced in Aust. Paralympic Team

Melissa and Rebecca were recently officially announced in the Australian Paralympic Team. As with all other athletes trying to get to the Olympics, Melissa and Rebecca went through a long process to earn their spot for their respective classes. After 4-5 separate trips overseas last year to compete in many tournaments Melissa directly qualified through her world ranking (no. 1) and Rebecca gained a wildcard position. Best of luck to both later in the year!!

Australian Men & Women achieve great results at World Team Championships

The National Men's and Women's both had their best results for many, many years at this year's World Team Championships (WTC) held in Germany during March. The Women's Team (Jian Fang Lay, Miao Miao, Vivian Tan and Michelle Beaumont) won Division 2 (countries ranked 25-48) to finish 25th (finished 40th in 2010) and earned a spot in Division 1 (countries ranked 1-24) at the 2014 WTC. The fantastic results largely came from stalwarts, Jian and Miao who have represented Australia for approx. 15 years each. The Men's Team (William Henzell, Robbie Frank, David Powell and Trent Carter) played in Division 2 and finished 36th (finished 50th in 2010) which is the highest position by our Men's Team in 21 years. The great results largely came from stalwart William who has been the country's top player over the last 11 years.

For me, the most impressive part of these performances was how many countries played. There were 120 countries that contested the Men's Team Event and 92 countries in the Women's. When you factor that into the equation it makes the performances even better than what it appears on paper. I believe this was the biggest entry for any WTC (111 countries contested the Men's Team Event when I played in 1997 - finished 39th) and really shows what a true world sport Table Tennis is and has become.

Australian U18 Boys and Girls Team's qualify for World Junior Championships

Both genders qualified for this year's World Junior Championships, held in Hyderabad/India from Dec. 9-16, by defeating New Zealand in the final of the Oceania qualifying - only one country from Oceania is permitted to enter where a total of 20 teams from around the world compete. The boy's (Dillon Cathcart, Erny Tsao and Nathan Van Der Heiden) team had a thrilling 3-2 victory while the girl's (Anna Du, Vy Bui and Kayla Coombes) won fairly comfortably 3-0.

Australian U15 Boys Team and various players win titles at WJC Event

The Australian U15 Boys Team (Dominic Huang, Ivan Sulfaro and Jake Duffy) won Gold at the World Junior Circuit Event held in New Zealand during April. The Team defeated Australian B Team 3-1 in the SF then beat the New Zealand B Team (beat NZ A Team in other SF) 3-1 in the Final. Dillon Cathcart and Nathan Van De Heiden (unseeded) won the U18 Boys Doubles. Along the way they defeated no. 1 seeds (Kevin Wu & Roger Rao) from NZ in the SF then another NZ pair (Daniel Lowe & Thom Nguyen) who were unseeded after a few upsets occurred in the bottom half of the draw.

Dominic Huang and Sarah Tan qualify for Oceania Cadet Team

Dominic and Sarah qualified as the sole Australian player for their gender to make the Oceania Cadet Team (4 players in each Team) to compete at the World Cadet Challenge in Mangilao (Guam) from October 27 – November 4.

Only a maximum of 2 players from one country can participate in the Qualifying Event which essentially means whoever wins when the Australian players play each other will make the Oceania Team. Both Dominic and Sarah had very close matches against their compatriots going right down the wire in the last set with Dominic beating Ivan Sulfaro 11-6 in the 5th and Sarah defeating Maddy Goodsell 13-11 in the 5th.

Chris Yan and Jian Fang Lay win Singles Titles at TTA's Mounties Invitational

This sanctioned tournament by TTA had a huge \$12,000 prize money attached spread across 6 events (Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles with U18 Boys and Girls Singles). The big winners were Chris who defeated Robbie Frank in the Men's final while Jian defeated Sally Zhang in the Women's final.

HANDY HINTS

Preparation is one of the key ingredients in order to achieve your goals.

Example, if you have a goal to achieve certain results at the annual Australian Championships, then at least one year of solid preparation re playing hours per week will provide a better chance compared to 3-6 months. Most players who achieve the best results have usually been preparing for multiple years.

MARK SMYTHE ELITE TRAINING SQUAD

20 hours of quality training were held during the April school holiday period. All players who attended have been provided free clothing and off course free training.

- High quality training that is free of charge! Who wouldn't want to be part of this program?
- If you are one of the best players in the State for your age group/category and wish to apply for a Butterfly sponsorship you can email Butterfly Australia (David or Brett) on butterflya@optusnet.com.au

BITS AND PIECES

2012 World Team Championships (WTC)

Some extraordinary bits of info from this year's WTC held in Dortmund, Germany.

- 40 tables in 2 competition halls (36 in one with 4 in the other)
- 2 training halls with 24 tables in each hall, both were full for majority of the tournament
- 120 male countries participated
- 92 female countries participated

Apart from Soccer and possibly Basketball, I don't think there are any or many other sports that can boast having that many countries playing at or trying to qualify for their World Championships/Cup.

Croydon TTA's new look

In what I think is the biggest change to Croydon TTA in 20 years (1992 took over indoor cricket stadium to add another 12 courts - picture below - to the existing 10 in another hall), they recently purchased and lay down Tinsue flooring covering most courts.



Croydon are hosting a TTA (Table Tennis Australia) tournament on Saturday May 5. Come along and watch some the best players in Australia compete against each other.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Through the year I hope to get some of Australia's former top players to write about their careers and what they have been up to since finishing representing the country. This edition is Glenn Tepper, Australian representative from 1982 - 1991.

My Table Tennis career and beyond

By Glenn Tepper

We came from Murtoa, a town of 1000, in the Wimmera, 300 km from Melbourne. My father was Wimmera Tennis Champion and one of the best table tennis players in the Wimmera. From Primary School days I followed a similar path playing both tennis and table tennis [and basketball]. That changed one Christmas holidays when a beach holiday in Queenscliff was totally rained out and the entire holiday was spent in the table tennis room with table tennis, firstly in Murtoa, and then Horsham increasing with the years. While I continued to play tennis competitively until university table tennis slowly took over.

High school involved getting up at 4am most weekends either to catch the Overland train for training in Melbourne or for my father to drive a group of local players to Melbourne or elsewhere for tournaments. Training days were catch the 4am train, arrive 8.30am, 9-12 junior pennant, 2-5pm junior training, and 6pm back on the train, home at 11pm.

My father was a student of Harry Hopman, the legendary tennis coach, and without an in depth knowledge of table tennis applied many tennis techniques and strategies to table tennis, including using multi-ball before we knew there was a specific word for this type of training. He was my main practise partner and coach up till university.

I played for Australia from 1982-1991, in a time when Australian Men reached No 12 in the world in 1979, and players like Swede, Tommy Daniellson dominated. My best rankings included Oceania-2, Commonwealth-8 and World-160. While I won multiple state titles at all levels, as well as Australian and Oceania Doubles and Mixed Doubles titles, in Australian singles I managed only to be runner-up in every age group-U14,U16,U18, U21, Open. My last 2 years as a player were playing professionally in Sweden Division 1.

In the meantime I completed my Bachelor of Education [Physical Education] 1979-1982 and Graduate Diploma in Sports Coaching at the Australian Institute of Sport, 1995-96. This combination naturally led into various coaching and education roles including teaching Physical Education and Outdoor Education for 10 years, organizing and coaching at Australian National Junior Camps for 10 years, Tahiti National Coach in 1994, Australian Assistant National Coach and Men's Team Coach in 1995, Australian National Coaching Director from 1996-1998 and part-time Oceania Development Officer from 1994-1998.

A variety of circumstances then conspired to take me on a different path. In 1998 a new and innovative International Table Tennis Federation [ITTF] President was elected-Adham Sharara of Canada. At the time the ITTF was one of the smallest International Sports Federations working out of a small office in England with 4 staff.

Adham wanted to expand and targeted 3 main areas,

1. Setting up a Pro-Tour and hired Zlatko Cordas to do so
2. Setting up a Global Junior Program and hired Mikael Andersson to implement
3. Set up a Development Program and hired me to do so, initially as a pilot project in Oceania 1999-2000 and then to bring it to the rest of the world from 2001.

I have worked at the ITTF ever since, and during that period the ITTF Development Program has expanded from nothing to today having 7 fulltime staff, 50 part-time staff, 100 courses in the developing world annually and a million dollar annual budget. ITTF membership also increased from 180 to 215 member countries as a result of the Development Program.

I also have great pleasure in working on a growing number of projects using table tennis a vehicle for social change with United Nations, Peace & Sport - a Monaco based NGO led by Prince Albert, and many table tennis manufacturers, including Butterfly [Peace & Sport Projects], Stag, Nittaku and XIOM. You can see short films on many of these projects on the ITTF website, in the ITV section, Channel 4 - see for example the Peace & Sport Cup documentary or Ishraq films. The ITTF Development Program has won many awards and is recognised as one of, if not the, leading Development Program amongst all sports.

Slowly increasing my responsibilities and changing titles over the years, today I am now Deputy CEO of the ITTF, which has grown to 30 fulltime staff and around 80 part-time staff, and I am responsible for 2 of the 4 ITTF Departments-Development and Education&Training. The CEO, Judit Farago is responsible for the other 2 Departments-Competition and Operations.

Currently I spend 3 months every year at ITTF Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, meeting with the International Olympic Committee and ITTF's Europe based staff.

I spend another 3-4 months of the year travelling, these days mainly to major events where a majority of the planning meetings occur and where it is possible to meet with key officials from all the continents, while being based in Melbourne with my wife of 9 years, Linda.

Earlier in my role with ITTF I was more practical based conducting a lot of coach education courses worldwide, being responsible for setting up the ITTF Coach Accreditation system and being author of the first ITTF Level 1 Coaching Manual released in 2004.

My country tally visited through table tennis has now passed 90. While all 4 of the Tepper siblings (Kerri, Jan, Ross and myself) played for Australia I am the only one still involved in table tennis, though my father who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, still working fulltime, and having a new lease of life following his second knee replacement is threatening to play Horsham Pennant again this season.

I feel very fortunate for the opportunities that have been given to me, having the right combination of playing background and education together with being in the right place at the right time when Adham Sharara came to power. All (playing sport combined with academic studies) is possible!!

I would say today there are more opportunities for young players than at any other time in the history of table tennis starting with ITTF Hopes [U12] Projects, World Cadet [U15] Challenge, Youth [U16] Olympic Games, Global Junior [U18] Circuit, ITTF Pro Tour, World Championships and Olympic Games, a true pathway for those that want to follow it.

Continuing my education while playing for Australia internationally was the key factor in both providing my pathway into a lifetime of table tennis employment as well as providing a safety net for the very real possibility of injury or not making it as a professional player, or in the table tennis work place. I strongly advise all to continue with both education and table tennis even if the education is done at a slower rate or by correspondence and put yourself in the river of life and see where the current takes you. I certainly have enjoyed the ride!

DUCK'S VIEW

WHY AUSTRALIA'S MEN'S & WOMEN'S TEAM PERFORMED SO WELL AT 2012 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In my opinion, the main reason why the National Men's & Women's Teams performed so well at this year's World Team Championships (WTC) is PREPARATION. The preparation by most/all players was far superior to the previous WTC where both Teams (basically the same players in each Team) achieved the worst results ever by an Australian Team for their gender at a World Championship – Men's finished 50th while Women's finished 40th.

The preparation was far superior, not because of the WTC, but because of the Olympic Games and the Olympic qualifying tournaments which the timing of the WTC fitted in perfectly around this,

- WTC (March 25 – April 1)
- Oceania Olympic Qualifying (March 5 – 8)
- Australian Olympic Qualifying (February 16 – 19)

The preparation for the Olympic qualifying events involved most/all eventual members of the Australian Team for the WTC choosing to travel overseas for months in the latter part of last year to various parts around the world. The players gained the quality daily training that is lacking in Australia plus some played competition either via professional league and/or International tournaments – if the training & competition program/system in Australia was of higher quality (similar to 1987 – 1996) then travelling overseas may not be the only option to achieve satisfactory performances.

This was the perfect springboard for most to gain the best results during the Australian then Oceania Olympic qualifying events. By the time the WTC came around most/all Team members were not only trained up for the tournament but were match hardened, especially for the stalwarts (William, Jian and Miao) of the Team who probably were in similar form as to 4 years ago, also an Olympic year.

In 2010 (last WTC) the players only prepared in Australia by training with each other few times per week and playing in some local tournaments where they had only 1-2 strong matches per tournament due to the lack of depth of elite players.

It's clear to see what Australia needs in order to have the best performances at a WTC, such as 2012, but is this going to happen for 2014 or need to wait for the 2016 WTC where it will be an Olympic year? Time will tell.

My suggestion, from a competition point of view, re 2014 WTC is for TTA to hold at least 2 of its high performance tournaments (such as Australian Closed, Top 8 invitational or Mouties Invitational) within 1-2 months before the Team plays WTC.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL

WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (March 25 – April 1)

Men's Team

(W. Henzell, R. Frank, D. Powell, T. Carter)

1st stage (seeded 6th in group of 6)

Lost Egypt 3-1

Won Cuba 3-0

Won Venezuela 3-1

Won Argentina 3-1

Lost England 3-0

2nd stage (playoff for positions 25-48)

Lost Italy 3-2

Lost Iran 3-0

Won Bulgaria 3-1

Final position = 36th of 120

Women's Team

(JF Lay, Miao Miao, V. Tan, M. Beaumont)

1st stage (seeded 2nd in group of 6)

Won Denmark 3-2

Won Egypt 3-0

Won Conga Braz. 3-1

Won Lithuania 3-1

Lost Colombia 3-1

2nd stage (playoff for positions 25-48)

Won Colombia 3-2

Won India 3-1

Won Luxembourg 3-1

Final position = 25th of 92

WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT EVENT – NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR OPEN (April 15 – 22)

Aust. U18 Boys A Team

(D. Cathcart, E. Tsao, D. Fielding)

Won Singapore/Solomon Islands 3-2

Won New Zealand B 3-1

Won New Zealand C 3-0

Lost New Zealand A 3-2

BRONZE MEDAL

Aust. U18 Girls A Team

(A. Du, V. Bui, K. Coombs)

Won Australia B 3-0

Won Cook Island 3-0

Won New Zealand 3-0

Lost Singapore/Hong Kong 3-0

SILVER MEDAL

Aust. U18 Boys B Team

(N. Van De Heiden, D. Rauv, S. Von Einem)

Won Kiribati 3-0

Lost New Zealand A 3-0

Lost Thailand/New Zealand 3-1

Aust. U18 Girls B Team

(S. Masen, E. Forster)

Lost Singapore/Hong Kong 3-0

Lost Australia A 3-0

Won Cook Islands 3-0

Lost New Zealand 3-0

Aust. U15 Boys A Team

(D. Huang, I. Sulfaro, J. Duffy)

Won Malaysia/Norway 3-0

Won New Zealand B 3-1

Won Cook Islands B 3-0

Won Australia B 3-1

Won New Zealand B 3-0

GOLD MEDAL

Aust. U15 Girls A Team

(S. Tan, V. Tan, M. Goodsell)

Won Australia B 3-0

Won New Zealand B 3-0

Won Cook Islands 3-0

Won MAS/HK/NCL 3-1

Lost New Zealand 3-0

SILVER MEDAL

Aust. U15 Boys B Team

(L. Suy, Y. Shen, D. Zou)

Won Cook Islands A 3-0

Lost New Zealand A 3-0

Won Kiribati/New Caledonia 3-0

Lost Australia A 3-1

Aust. U15 Girls B Team

(C. Duong, M. Cross, D. Morton)

Lost Australia A 3-0

Lost MAS/HK/NCL 3-0

Won New Zealand B 3-2

Lost New Zealand A 3-0

Won Cook Islands 3-0

OCEANIA CADET QUALIFYING (April 14)

Dominic Huang

Won Roland Tua (COK) 3-0
Won Erwin Shan (PYF) 3-0
Won Charles Ortis (NCL) 3-0
Lost Victor Ma (NZ) 3-2
Won Roger Wang (NZ) 3-1
Won Ivan Sulfaro 3-2

Sarah Tan (NSW)

Won Temau Tura (COK) 3-0
Won Christiana Fifita (COK) 3-0
Won Lea Van Lai (NCL) 3-2
Lost Ruofei Rao (NZ) 3-2
Lost Sophia Dong (NZ) 3-2
Won Maddy Goodsell 3-2

Ivan Sulfaro

Won Kura Tararo (COK) 3-0
Won Erwin Shan (PYF) 3-0
Won Charles Ortis (NCL) 3-0
Lost Victor Ma (NZ) 3-2
Lost Roger Wang (NZ) 3-2
Lost Dominic Huang 3-2

Maddy Goodsell (TAS)

Won Temau Tura (COK) 3-0
Won Christiana Fifita (COK) 3-0
Won Lea Van Lai (NCL) 3-0
Lost Ruofei Rao (NZ) 3-0
Lost Sophia Dong (NZ) 3-1
Lost Sarah Tan 3-2

NATIONAL

MOUNTIES INVITATIONAL (April 7-8)

Men's Singles

SF – Chris Yan bt Justin Han
SF – Robbie Frank bt Trent Carter
Final – Chris Yan bt Robbie Frank

Men's Doubles

Final – Chris Yan & Justin Han bt
Robbie Frank & Trent Carter

U18 Boys Singles

SF – **Heming Hu** bt Erny Tsao
SF – Nathan Van De Heiden bt Dillon Cathcart
Final – **Heming Hu** bt Nathan Van De Heiden

Women's Singles

SF – Jian Fang Lay bt
SF – Sally Zhang bt
Final – Jian Fang Lay bt Sally Zhang

Women's Doubles

Final – Sally Zhang & Vivian Tan bt
Jian Fang Lay & Melissa Tapper

STATE

BENDIGO JUNIOR OPEN (Feb. 26)

U21 Men's Singles

SF **Heming Hu** bt Ivan Sulfaro 4-2
SF Dillon Cathcart bt Dominic Huang 4-1
Final **Heming Hu** bt Dillon Cathcart 4-2

U18 Boys Singles

SF **Heming Hu** bt Ivan Sulfaro 4-0
SF Dillon Cathcart bt Nathan Van De Heiden 4-2
Final **Heming Hu** bt Dillon Cathcart 4-1

U15 Boys Singles

SF Ivan Sulfaro bt **Yang Shen** 3-0
SF Leon Suy bt Dominic Huang 3-1
Final Ivan Sulfaro bt Leon Suy 3-0

U21 Women's Singles

SF Anna Du bt Catisia Lim
SF Wendy Li bt Sophia Dong
Final Anna Du bt Wendy Li

U18 Girls Singles

SF Anna Du bt Catherine Duong 4-0
SF Sophia Dong bt Wendy Li 4-0
Final Anna Du bt Sophia Dong 4-2

U15 Girls Singles

SF Wendy Li bt Chrysel Gracias 3-0
SF Sophia Dong bt Catherine Duong 3-0
Final Sophia Dong bt Wendy Li 3-0

U13 Boys Singles

SF **Atul Shrestha** bt Rohan Dhooria 3-1
SF Kevin Leong bt Daniel Li 3-0
Final **Atul Shrestha** bt Kevin Leong 3-0

U11 Singles

SF **Dylan Nguyen** bt Selena Lee
SF Zaki Zenaidee bt Liam Albrecht
Final **Dylan Nguyen** bt Zaki Zenaidee

DANDENONG OPEN JUNIOR (March 10)

U18 Boys Singles

SF **Heming Hu** bt Nathan Van De Heiden
SF Dillon Cathcart bt Ivan Sulfaro
Final **Heming Hu** bt Dillon Cathcart

U15 Boys Singles

SF **Yang Shen** bt Ivan Sulfaro 3-2
SF Dominic Huang bt Leon Suy 3-0
Final Dominic Huang bt **Yang Shen** 3-1

U13 Boys Singles

SF **Atul Shrestha** bt Zak Zenaidee
SF Daniel Li bt Kevin Leong
Final **Atul Shrestha** bt Daniel Li

U11 Boys Singles

SF **Dylan Nguyen** bt Joshua Cheung
SF Zaki Zenaidee bt Tim Huang
Final **Dylan Nguyen** bt Zaki Zenaidee

DANDENONG OPEN VETERANS (March 11)

O40 Men's Singles

SF BP Huynh bt Jeff Dever
SF Brian Berry bt John Scott
Final Brian Berry bt BP Huynh

O50 Men's Singles

SF BP Huynh bt John Pattison
SF Brian Berry bt Jeff Dever
Final Brian Berry bt BP Huynh

O60 Men's Singles

SF Michael Ede bt Horst Frohlich
SF Martin Solomons bt Roy Cintolo
Final Martin Solomons bt Michael Ede

O65 Singles

SF Igor Klaf bt Michael Ede
SF Chris Sykes bt Jim Kilderry
Final Igor Klaf bt Chris Sykes

U13 Girls Singles

SF Baojia Zhang bt Chrysela Gracias 3-0
SF Darcie Morton bt **Christina Nguyen** 3-0
Final Baojia Zhang bt Darcie Morton 3-1

U18 Girls Singles

SF Anna Du bt Kayla Coombs (QLD)
SF Wendy Li bt Rossa To
Final Anna Du bt Wendy Li

U15 Girls Singles

SF Wendy Li bt Rossa To
SF Sophia Dong bt Catherine Duong
Final Wendy Li bt Sophia Dong

U13 Girls Singles

SF Chrysela Gracias bt Biojia Zhang
SF Darcie Morton bt **Mahi Joshi**
Final Chrysela Gracias bt Darcie Morton

U11 Girls Singles

SF Anna Nguyen bye
SF Selena Lee bt **Michelle Wu**
Final Selena Lee bt Anna Nguyen

O40 Women's Singles

SF Vicki Curruthers bt Verna Ho
SF Mizuho Shiroto bt Debbie Wilson
Final Mizuho Shiroto bt Vicki Curruthers

O50 Women's Singles

SF Ivana Trnka bt Xilin Hu
SF Debbie Wilson bt Vicki Curruthers
Final Ivana Trnka bt Debbie Wilson

O60 Women's Singles

SF Ivana Trnka bt Diane Bridle
SF Xilin Hu bt Averil Roberts
Final Ivana Trnka bt Xilin Hu

O70 Men's Singles

SF Roy Cintolo bt Igor Klaf
SF Chris Sykes bt Loy Luu
Final Roy Cintolo bt Chris Sykes

O75 Singles

SF Case De Bondt bt Jim Furness
SF Will Kong bt Arthur Harrison
Final Case De Bondt bt Will Kong

DANDENONG OPEN SENIOR (March 12)

Open Men's Singles

SF **David Powell** bt Danny Semmler 4-1
SF Shibaji Datta bt **Heming Hu** 4-0
Final **David Powell** bt Shibaji Datta 4-2

U21 Men's Singles

SF **Heming Hu** bt Ivan Sulfaro
SF Dominic Huang bt Dillon Cathcart
Final **Heming Hu** bt Dominic Huang

O30 Men's Singles

SF Danny Semmler bt Simon Chea
SF Phillip Smith bt Vay Yip
Final Danny Semmler bt Phillip Smith

VICTORIAN CLOSED JUNIOR (March 24)

U18 Boys Singles

SF **Yang Shen** bt Dominic Huang 3-1
SF Nathan Van De Heiden bt Richard Vecoli 3-2
Final Nathan Van De Heiden bt **Yang Shen** 3-0

U15 Boys Singles

SF Ivan Sulfaro bt **Yang Shen** 3-2
SF Dominic Huang bt Leon Suy 3-1
Final Dominic Huang bt Ivan Sulfaro 3-2

U13 Boys Singles

SF **Atul Shrestha** bt Kevin Leong 3-1
SF Daniel Li bt William Zheng 3-1
Final **Atul Shrestha** bt Daniel Li 3-1

U11 Boys Singles

SF **Dylan Nguyen** bt Charles Fan
SF Zaki Zenaidee bt Tommy Morton
Final **Dylan Nguyen** bt Zaki Zenaidee 3-2

O70 Women's Singles

SF Pam Tait bt Lois Mcconnell
SF Prisca Rosario bt Margret Mulcahy
Final Pam Tait bt Prisca Rosario

O80 Singles

Final Ken Johnso bt Gary Luu

Open Women's Singles

SF Jian Fang Lay bt Anna Du
SF Miao Miao bt Ivy Wang
Final Jian Fang Lay bt Miao Miao

U21 Women's Singles

SF Kayla Coombs bt Anna Du
SF Sophia Dong bt Rossa To
Final Sophia bt Rossa To

O30 Women's Singles

SF Ivana Trnka bye
SF Mizuho Shiota bt Kerri Zhang
Final Ivana Trnka bt Mizuho Shiota

U18 Girls Singles

SF Wendy Li bt Linda Huynh 3-0
SF Sophia Dong bt **Mahi Joshi** 3-0
Final Sophia Dong bt Wendy Li 3-1

U15 Girls Singles

SF Wendy Li bt Catherine Duong 3-0
SF Sophia Dong bt Chrysela Gracias 3-0
Final Wendy Li bt Sophia Dong 3-0

U13 Girls Singles

SF Chrysela Gracias bt Biojia Zhang 3-0
SF **Mahi Joshi** bt Darcie Morton 3-2
Final Chrysela Gracias bt **Mahi Joshi** 3-2

U11 Girls Singles

Final Selena Lee bt Anna Nguyen 3-0

EASTER CLASSIC JUNIOR (April 6)

U18 Boys Singles

SF **Scott Gilmore** bt Dominic Huang 3-2
SF Richard Vecoli bt Chrysler Gracias
Final **Scott Gilmore** bt Richard Vecoli 3-0

U15 Boys Singles

SF Dominic Huang bt Daniel Li
SF Dillon Chambers bt **Yang Shen**
Final Dominic Huang bt Dillon Chambers 3-2

U13 Boys Singles

SF Daniel Li bt **Atul Shrestha**
SF Lenny Han (NSW) bt William Zheng
Final Daniel Li bt Lenny Han (NSW) 3-1

U11 Boys Singles

1st Zaki Zenaidee 3rd Charles Fan
2nd **Dylan Nguyen** 4th **Ethan Lim**

VICTORIAN OPEN JUNIOR (April 7)

U18 Boys Singles

SF Dominic Huang bt **Yang Shen**
SF Richard Vecoli bt Dillon Chambers
Final Dominic Huang bt Richard Vecoli 3-1

U15 Boys Singles

SF Dominic Huang bt **Yang Shen**
SF Dillon Chambers bt Leon Suy
Final Dominic Huang bt Dillon Chambers 3-2

U13 Boys Singles

SF **Atul Shrestha** bt Daniel Li
SF Lenny Han (NSW) bt Benjamin Gould (QLD)
Final **Atul Shrestha** bt Lenny Han (NSW) 3-2

U11 Boys Singles

1st Zaki Zenaidee
2nd **Dylan Nguyen**
3rd Charles Fan
4th **Ethan Lim**

EASTER CLASSIC SENIOR (April 8)

Open Men's Singles

SF Brian Berry bt **Yang Shen** 4-2
SF Jakob Vipawatanakul bt Jesse Bricknell
Final Jakob Vipawatanakul bt Brian Berry 3-2

U21 Men's Singles

1st Jesse Bricknell 3rd **Yang Shen**
2nd Ben Houghton (QLD) 4th Ben Taylor

U18 Girls Singles

SF Wendy Li bt Maddy Goodsell (TAS)
SF Sophia Dong bt Catherine Duong
Final Wendy Li bt Sophia Dong 3-0

U15 Girls Singles

SF Wendy Li bt Maddy Goodsell (TAS)
SF Sophia Dong bt Darcie Morton
Final Sophia Dong bt Wendy Li 3-2

U13 Girls Singles

SF Chrysela Gracias bt **Mahi Joshi** 3-0
SF Darcie Morton bt **Christina Nguyen** 3-0
Final Darcie Morton bt Chrysela Gracias 3-2

U18 Girls Singles

SF Anna Du bt Kayla Coombs (QLD)
SF Wendy Li bt Catherine Duong
Final Anna Du bt Wendy Li 3-2

U15 Girls Singles

SF Wendy Li bt Maddy Goodsell (TAS)
SF Sophia Dong bt Catherine Duong
Final Wendy Li bt Sophia Dong 3-1

U13 Girls Singles

SF Baojia Zhang bt Sarah Jobb
SF Darcie Morton bt **Mahi Joshi**
Final Baojia Zhang bt Darcie Morton 3-1

U11 Girls Singles

1st Selena Lee
2nd Tia Donnelly
3rd **Michelle Wu**
4th Anna Nguyen

Open Women's Singles

1st Belgin Bennett
2nd Irina Sakova (TAS)
3rd Cassy Geffke
4th Catherine Morrow

5th Phillip Riha 7th **Lachy Harris**
6th Derek Tun

GEELONG OPEN SENIOR & JUNIOR (April 14)

Open Men's Singles

SF **Heming Hu** bt Dillon Chambers 4-3
SF Jesse Bricknell bt Andrew Tegelaers
Final **Heming Hu** bt Jesse Bricknell 4-1

U21 Men's Singles

SF **Heming Hu** bt Derek Tun
SF Jesse Bricknell bt Justin Field
Final Jesse Bricknell bt **Heming Hu** 3-2

U18 Boys Singles

SF **Heming Hu** bt Chrysela Gracias
SF Derek Tun bt Dillon Chambers
Final **Heming Hu** bt Derek Tun 3-0

U15 Boys Singles

SF Dillon Chambers bt **Jakob Smith**
SF Kaleb Corlett bt **Dominic Nguyen**
Final Dillon Chambers bt Kaleb Corlett 3-1

U13 Boys Singles

SF Jimmy Nguyen bt Josh Street
SF Kevin Leong bt William Zheng
Final Kevin Leong bt Jimmy Nguyen 3-2

U11 Boys Singles

1st **Dylan Nguyen**
2nd Zaki Zenaidee
3rd **Ethan Lim**
4th Skyy Luu
5th Finn Luu

GEELONG OPEN VETERANS (April 15)

O40 Men's Singles

SF Brian Berry bt Jeff Dever
SF BP Huynh bt Phil Websdale
Final BP Huynh bt Brian Berry 3-2

O50 Men's Singles

SF Wayne Greaves bt Jeff Dever
SF BP Huynh bt Eddie Keung
Final Wayne Greaves bt BP Huynh 3-2

O60 Men's Singles

SF Mick Wright bt Jim Kilderry
SF Martin Solomons bt Eddie Keung
Final Mick Wright bt Martin Solomons 3-2

Open Women's Singles

SF Catherine Morrow bt Ishani Chakrabati
SF Chrysela Gracias bt Kathy Nguyen
Final Catherine Morrow bt Chrysela Gracias 4-0

O30 Singles

SF Robert Chan bt David Zara
SF Greg Bristowe bt Catherine Morrow
Final Robert Chan bt Greg Bristowe 3-0

U18 Girls Singles

SF Chrysela Gracias bt Ishani Chakrabati
SF Kathy Nguyen bt **Mahi Joshi**
Final Kathy Nguyen bt Chrysela Gracias 3-2

U15 Girls Singles

SF Chrysela Gracias bt Ishani Chakrabati
SF **Christina Nguyen** bt **Mahi Joshi**
Final Chrysela Gracias bt **Christina Nguyen** 3-0

U13 Girls Singles

SF Chrysela Gracias bt **Christina Nguyen** 3-0
SF **Mahi Joshi** bt **Denise Lim** 3-0
Final Chrysela Gracias bt **Mahi Joshi** 3-0

U11 Girls Singles

Final Anna Nguyen bt **Adhithi Subramanian** 3-2

O40 Women's Singles

SF Vicki Curruthers bt Jean Pierce
SF Debbie Wilson bt Chin Yang
Final Debbie Wilson bt Vicki Curruthers 3-2

O50 Women's Singles

SF Vicki Curruthers bt Roma Chambers
SF Ivana Trnka bt Debbie Wilson
Final Ivana Trnka bt Vicki Curruthers 3-1

O60 Women's Singles

SF Ivana Trnka bt Averil Roberts
SF Diane Bridle bt Xilin Hu
Final Ivana Trnka bt Diane Bridle 3-1

O65 Singles

SF Mick Wright bt Martin Solomons
SF Igor Klaf bt Michael Ede
Final Igor Klaf bt Mick Wright 3-1

O70 Men's Singles

SF Igor Klaf bt Roy Cintolo
SF Chris Sykes bt Case De Bondt
Final Igor Klaf bt Chris Sykes 3-1

O75 Singles

SF Case De Bondt bt Bill Sheehan
SF Kon Wong bt Jim Furness
Final Case De Bondt bt Kon Wong 3-0

O70 Women's Singles

SF Pam Tait bt Margret Mulcahy
SF Prisca Rosario bt Maureen Fischer
Final Pam Tait bt Prisca Rosario 3-0

O80 Singles

1st Ken Johnson
2nd Ron Poon
3rd Des Jones

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VICTORIAN CLOSED SENIOR (April 24)

Open Men's Singles

SF Eric Tan bt Danny Semmler 4-3
SF Jakob Vipawatanakul bt Eugene Lim 4-0
Final Jakob Vipawatanakul bt Eric Tan 4-0

Open Women's Singles

1st Jian Fang Lay
2nd Melissa Tapper
3rd Rebecca McDonnell

U21 Men's Singles

SF Dillon Cathcart bt Justin Field 3-1
SF Nathan Van De Heiden bt Derek Tun 3-0
Final Dillon Cathcart bt Nathan Van De Heiden 3-1