



Across the Table

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New Zealand Junior Open Championships

The **Auckland Table Tennis Association** is conducting the Cathay Pacific New Zealand Junior Open Championships on July 7-11 2010 in their Stadium in Auckland.

This is the first NZ Junior Champs since their separation from the NZ Open under the new Tournament structure introduced this year.

Entry Forms are available at: <http://www.tabletennis.org.nz/nationalevents.htm>.

Players have the choice of downloading an Excel file for saving, completion and emailing to aucklandtt@xtra.co.nz and pay immediately via Internet Banking or

Using the pdf forms which have to be posted to: Auckland Table Tennis Association PO Box 9247 Newmarket Auckland 1149. Payment by cheque.

Entries close on **Thursday 3rd June, 2010**.



The TTNZ Ratings are now at: <http://ratings.tabletennis.org.nz>

Kiwi Wins Women's Final - Oceania Table Tennis Decided

By Dave Worsley

New Zealand table tennis No1 Karen Li found herself in three finals at the Oceania Table Tennis Championships in Auckland. After the first two she must have wondered if she was going to win anything at all.

With partner Nathan Lowe she had been beaten in the mixed doubles final by Australian rival Miao Miao and her partner William Henzell. Then in the women's final with Yang Sun she lost to Jian Fang Lay partnered again by Miao Miao. However Li was able to quickly put those losses aside and win the final she really wanted – beating Miao Miao in a hard fought four games to two battle for the women's singles title.

The victory will help put Li's name in front of the Commonwealth Games selectors, who rejected her nomination for the Beijing Olympics two years ago. When considering their selections for New Delhi they should see value of her performance in beating Australia's best in the singles final and also in the teams final.

In the singles final Li quickly moved out to a two game lead winning the first 11-7 and the second 11-8. But Miao Miao was quick to come back and won the next two. Li won the following game easily and then in the final game Li was ahead 10-5, but dropped five match points in a row and looked like she would have to go to another game. Eventually she won on her seventh match point 13-11 to take the title, her second after winning the event in 2006.

In the men's section top ranked Australian Henzell proved he was the best male player in Oceania winning all three titles on offer. He picked up the men's doubles with Justin Han over unheralded Kiwis Josh Alexandre and Matt Lowe, combined with Miao Miao in the mixed and then beat countryman Han in straight games in the singles.

The detailed results can be seen at:

http://www.tabletennis.org.nz/results/gjc_oceania_results2010.htm

Training Camp

The Auckland Table Tennis Association is to run a Junior Elite Training Camp that is open to all junior players from around New Zealand or abroad.

The training camp will be held directly prior to the 2010 Cathay Pacific New Zealand Junior Open on Monday 5th July and Tuesday 6th July, 2010.

The Coaches will be:

Wei Zhong Jiang (Croatian National Team Member, 2008 New Zealand Open Men's Singles Champion, current TTNZ Men's Team Coach).

James Han (2009 TTNZ Coach of the Year)

Liu Chao (Auckland squad coach)

Anyone interested Contact Auckland TTA by 3 June 2010 - aucklandtt@xtra.co.nz

Full details on TTNZ web site.

“Talent a-plenty”

Ruofei Rao of Auckland has been selected in the Girls Under 12 team from a total of 169 applicants worldwide for the 2010 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Hopes Team.

Ruofei is part of a programme in Auckland that has produced other excellent young players like Phillip Xiao (selected in the New Zealand Men's Team to compete at the World Team Championships in Russia); Kevin Wu and Julia Wu (qualified for the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore); Roger Rao and Jennifer Tseng (selected as Oceania Team members to compete at the International Cadet Challenge in India).

These, and many other talented young New Zealand table tennis players spend many hours training and competing overseas to improve their game always in the hope that one day they will achieve the pinnacle in their sport – Olympic representation.

The ITTF World Hopes Team is an integral part of the ITTF's junior development programme to identify talented juniors who are demonstrating the ability to compete at the highest level of the sport with the aspirations of one day becoming World and Olympic champions. As Mikael Andersson (ITTF Education and Training Director) says "ITTF now have the fundamental pieces in place to run a world-wide talent identification programme clearly highlighting the perfect blend of excellence and pure development aspects."

She will join Marie Migot (France), Insana Makhuari (Latvia), Neridee Nino (Venezuela), and Ham Mi Jeong (Korea) to compete in Korea and France.

Chronicle

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