



Texas Wesleyan University Table Tennis

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ALL RAMS FINAL IN COLLEGE NATIONALS WARM-UP

With only two weeks until the 2006 National Collegiate Table Tennis Championships, the Rams are still on top of their game, placing three in the top four Open Singles spots, Sat. Mar. 25 at the Dallas-Fort Worth Spring Open in Irving, Texas.

In the final Ram freshman Ludovic Gombos defeated teammate senior Courtney Roberts 3-0. Earlier in the day, Gombos and Roberts placed second together in Open Doubles against Petri Heinonen and Nelson Ramos.

Prior to the Open Singles final, Gombos knocked off junior Dinko Kranjac 3-1, while Roberts beat out Nelson Ramos 3-0. Sophomore Aldis Presley also qualified for the Open Singles event.

After an opening round robin, Texas Wesleyan players were grouped into their respective divisions based on their record. Sophomores Tim Aikey and Abdul Rahman Khan and senior Sabrina Worrell all qualified for Class A, while David Livings was placed in Class B, master's student Michael Meier in Class C, and junior Peter Lindsay-van der Puije in Class D.

Freshman Sadiq Khan, who is still only seventeen years old, breezed to the Under-18 year-old singles title with five consecutive wins. Khan lost only one game in the event. Also picking up a title was master's student Johnese Evans in Women's Under-1300 Singles. Evans went 3-0, including two matches that went to the fifth and final game. Evans also advanced to the semifinals in Under-3200 Doubles with Presley.

As for Ghana-native Lindsay-van der Puije, he worked his way to the Under-1100 singles final and fell to Louisiana native Colby Free 3-2. Free is a prospective recruit of Texas Wesleyan University Table Tennis and was competing in the tournament with another Louisiana recruit, Michael Ribaud.

Kranjac, Meier and Roberts also competed in a separate two-person team event held on Sun. Mar. 26 that included twelve teams. Competing with University of Texas-Austin student Evan Anderson, Kranjac advanced to the finals to face Chau Nguyen and Chi Thai. The four players agreed to a first place tie due to time constraints. Kranjac and Anderson went 5-0 to advance to the finals.

As for Meier and Roberts, they went 3-0 in their opening round robin, including a dramatic victory over finalists Nguyen and Thai. They then fell to Dallas natives Alex Wang and John Staley 3-1.

The Rams next compete at the 2006 National Collegiate Table Tennis Championships, Apr. 8-10 in the Sid Richardson Gymnasium. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Aaron Whaley by phone (817-531-4871) or email (awhaley@txwes.edu).