



Texas Wesleyan University Table Tennis

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RAMS SWEEP TOP FOUR SINGLES SPOTS IN SPRINGFIELD

Texas Wesleyan brought its best players, and the outcome definitely showed, as the Rams swept the top four spots of the main singles event Sat. Mar. 4 in Springfield, at the Missouri Winter Games.

Bringing its entire seventeen-player roster to the tournament, the Rams competed with more than 120 players from seven states. Freshmen Carlos Chiu and Ludovic Gombos, senior Eric Owens, and junior Courtney Roberts all advanced easily into the semifinals of the progressive singles event. Owens beat out Gombos 3-2 for the championship title, while Chiu won over Roberts for third place. Although kept from the log-jammed semifinals, sophomore Abdul Khan also placed sixth in the event.

In a separate singles event, Owens knocked off Chiu for the open singles title. The only other singles title was earned by junior Dinko Kranjac. He defeated both Winfred Addy of Oklahoma and Joey Cochran to win under-2300 singles.

As for singles action team captain Andre Scott qualified into the semifinals of under-1900 singles after defeating master's student Michael Meier 3-1. Sophomore Tim Aikey also advanced to the quarterfinals of under-1900 singles. Earlier in the day, junior Peter Lindsay-van der Puije placed fourth in under-1100 singles.

In doubles Ludovic Gombos and Eric Owens won their second consecutive Open Doubles title, defeating Ohioan Samson Dubina and Cochran. Roberts and Interim Head Coach Keith Evans placed third in the doubles event as well. In 3200-doubles freshman Sadiq Khan and Meier placed second, falling 3-2 to Springfield's Dr. Shang Lee and Randy Liu.

Coming up next for Texas Wesleyan is the Dallas-Fort Worth Spring Open, Mar. 25-26 in Irving. After that the Rams will prepare for the National Collegiate Table Tennis Championships, held Apr. 8-10 in the Sid Richardson Gymnasium.