

Texas Wesleyan University Table Tennis

Outlook for Spring 2006

The big news for spring 2006 is the resignation of head coach Christian Lillieroos, effective Feb. 10. After starting the table tennis program in 2002, Lillieroos will work in Beijing, China in a non-table tennis related field. Assistant coach Keith Evans will then become interim head coach, and varsity player Jasna Reed will become interim assistant coach until a new head coach is hired.

Although several tournaments await the Rams over the next few months, the Clear Channel National Collegiate Table Tennis Championships, Sat. Apr. 8 to Mon. Apr. 10, will be the main one to track. Held again in the Sid Richardson Gymnasium at Texas Wesleyan University, the Rams are vying for their third straight men's team title, along with their first-ever women's team title. Twenty-three men's teams, twelve women's teams, and more than 250 collegiate players from around the United States and Canada are expected to compete. Texas Wesleyan student athletes will also contend in singles, doubles and mixed doubles events as individuals. Since this is Eric Owens' last semester, it will be his last opportunity to make his mark on collegiate table tennis.

New Faces

Jasna Reed

Jasna previously attended Wesleyan between 2001 and 2002. While playing for Rams table tennis in 2002, she won national collegiate titles in women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. During her three-year hiatus, the four-time Olympian was twice U.S. national singles champion, and was doubles champion at both the 2005 North American Championships and 2003 Pan-American Games.

Johnese Evans

Evans, wife of interim head coach Keith Evans, sporadically trained with Rams table tennis last semester. Last November at the Austin Fall Round Robin, she advanced to the semifinals in the 3200-rated doubles event with Sabrina Worrell. She also won the 3800-rated doubles with Coach Evans at the Ben Hill Stiga Open in Atlanta, GA before moving to Fort Worth.

Kareema Styles

Competing with the Rams on a limited basis last semester, Styles is now a full member of the team. In November she helped the Rams to a second place finish at the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Texas Division Meet, competing in both singles and doubles.

Recap of Fall 2005

During the team's two-month tournament schedule (Sept. 17-Nov. 19), the Rams competed in seven sanctioned USA Table Tennis (USATT) events in five states. At those tournaments they individually won 1st place eighteen times and 2nd place eleven times. Competing as a team, Wesleyan varsity and junior varsity teams went undefeated (5-0) in NCTTA Texas Division play against the University of Texas at Austin, Tarleton State University, and Baylor University. Out of an amazing 190 teams, the combination of Carlos Chiu, Ludovic Gombos, Dinko Kranjac, and Eric Owens reached the quarterfinals of the top division at the North American Team Championships in Baltimore, MD. They defeated the Puerto Rico National Team 5-1, and later were awarded the NCTTA Collegiate Award for the top finishing collegiate team.

Junior Varsity Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Win/Loss/Pct.</u>
Tim Aikey	Burlington, VT	25-13 (0.658)
Sadiq Khan	Hyderabad, India	24-17 (0.585)
Aldis Presley	Atlanta, GA	59-47 (0.556)
David Livings	Arlington, TX	20-17 (0.541)
Andre Scott	Newark, NJ	35-38 (0.479)
Michael Meier	Hillsboro, IL	21-30 (0.412)
Peter Lindsay-van der Puije	Accra, Ghana	9-17 (0.346)
Junior Varsity Record		193-179 (0.519)

Varsity Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Win/Loss/Pct.</u>
Eric Owens	Houston, TX	48-7 (0.873)
Ludovic Gombos	Zalau, Romania	38-9 (0.809)
Courtney Roberts	Kingston, Jamaica	62-21 (0.747)
Abdul Rahman Khan	Hyderabad, India	55-24 (0.696)
Dinko Kranjac	Varazdin, Croatia	60-28 (0.682)
Carlos Chiu	Mexico City, Mexico	22-12 (0.647)
Sabrina Worrell	St. Thomas, Barbados	27-23 (0.540)
Varsity Record		312-124 (0.716)
Overall Record		505-203 (0.625)

Junior Varsity Team

Name	Home	USATT Ratings		
		01/01/05	12/31/05	+/-
Michael Meier	Hillsboro, IL	1275	1580	305
David Livings	Arlington, TX	1602	1753	151
Aldis Presley	Atlanta, GA	1903	1945	42
Andre Scott	Newark, NJ	1766	1785	19
				+517

Name	Home	USATT Ratings		
		08/31/05	12/31/05	+/-
Sadiq Khan	Hyderabad, India	N/A (1556)	1606	50
Peter Lindsay-van der Puije	Accra, Ghana	N/A (1007)	1022	15
Tim Aikey	Burlington, VT	1802	1811	9
				+74

Junior Varsity Progress **+591 (avg. +84/person)**

Varsity Team

Name	Home	USATT Ratings		
		01/01/05	12/31/2005	+/-
Sabrina Worrell	St. Thomas, Barbados	1886	1957	71
Courtney Roberts	Kingston, Jamaica	2308	2316	8
Abdul Rahman Khan	Hyderabad, India	2179	2141	-38
Eric Owens	Houston, TX	2588	2550	-38
Dinko Kranjac	Varazdin, Croatia	2392	2285	-107
				-104

Name	Home	USATT Ratings		
		08/31/05	12/31/05	+/-
Carlos Chiu	Mexico City, Mexico	2343	2359	16
Ludovic Gombos	Zalau, Romania	2509	2523	14
				+30

Varsity Progress **-74 (avg. -11/person)**

Overall Progress **+517 (avg. +37/person)**

Individual Titles, Runner-up Finishes

Spring 2005

- Irving Round Robin, March 13, Irving, TX (1st Place: 2, 2nd Place: 1)
 - Cary Cup Championships, March 20-21, Cary, NC (2nd Place: 1)
 - ACUI Region 12 National Qualifier, February 19, College Station, TX (1st, 2nd and 3rd Place: Men's Singles; 1st Place: Women's Singles)
 - ACUI Collegiate Nationals, April 1, Fort Worth, TX (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place: Men's Singles; 1st Place: Men's Doubles; 1st Place: Mixed Doubles)
 - Southern Collegiate Shootout, April 10, Atlanta, GA (1st Place: 3 2nd Place: 2)
 - Buckeye Open, April 23-24, Dublin, OH (1st Place: 3, 2nd Place: 1)
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1st Place: 14, 2nd Place: 7

Fall 2005

- Newgy Robo-Pong Open, September 17-18, Nashville, TN (1st Place: 3)
 - Arkansas Open, October 1, Little Rock, AR (1st Place: 6, 2nd Place: 3)
 - Austin Fall Round Robin, November 5, Austin, TX (2nd Place: 2)
 - San Diego Open, November 5-6, San Diego, CA (1st Place: 2, 2nd Place: 2)
 - TX Wesleyan Univ. Fall Open, October 16, Fort Worth, TX (1st Place: 2, 2nd Place: 1)
 - Lafayette Open, October 22-23, Easton, PA (1st Place: 4, 2nd Place: 3)
 - DFW Winter Round Robin, November 19, Irving, TX (1st Place: 1)
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1st Place: 18, 2nd Place: 11

Overall: 1st Place: 32, 2nd Place: 18

Team Results

Spring 2005

- 1st Place NCTTA Texas Division (3-0)
- 1st Place NCTTA National Collegiate Table Tennis Championships (7-0)

Fall 2005

- 1st Place NCTTA Texas Division (5-0)
- Quarterfinals, Elite Division, North American Team Championships (5-2)
November 25-27, Baltimore, MD
NCTTA Collegiate Award (Top Finishing Collegiate Team
Defeated Puerto Rico National Team 5-1)

HONORS/RECOGNITION

- 2005 NCTTA National Collegiate Table Tennis Championships title
- 2005 NCTTA Texas Division Title
- Undefeated record in NCTTA collegiate play (15-0)
- Top 8 out of 190 teams at North American Team Championships