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TEXAS WESLEYAN HOSTING NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The No. 2 male table tennis player in Texas will be joined by teammates from Jamaica, Croatia and Barbados as Texas Wesleyan defends its national title April 1-3. Texas Wesleyan University, home of the 2004 national champions, will host nearly 30 teams from across the country during the 2005 Clear Channel NCTTA National Collegiate Table Tennis Championships.

Play begins at 9 a.m. Friday, April 1, and continues until 9 p.m. The tournament continues from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3. All games will be played in the Sid W. Richardson Center, 1100 S. Collard, on the campus of Texas Wesleyan University.

The varsity team has four players. Houston native Eric Owens is ranked No. 9 in the country and the No. 2 male in the state. In 2004, Owens became the National Collegiate champion in men's singles, mixed doubles and team competitions. Courtney Roberts is from Jamaica, where he played for the Junior National Team in both soccer and table tennis. He was ranked No. 5 in the United States in 2002. Sabrina Worrell is the Barbados women's doubles champion and she was the 2004 National Collegiate champion in women's doubles and achieved third place in singles. Dinko Kranjac is a player for the Cadet and Junior National Team in his

home country of Croatia. He was one of the youngest players to participate in Croatia's 1<sup>st</sup> division.

In the men's division, participating teams include Columbia University, Clemson University, Boston University, University of Florida, Rutgers University and the University of California, San Diego. The women's teams are Johns Hopkins University, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, University of Southern California and Mississippi State University.

For more information about the competition and the participating teams, go to <http://department.txwes.edu/tt/nctta2005/index.html>. Tickets are \$5 per day or \$10 for the weekend. For more information, call 817-531-7555.