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MY THOUGHTS ABOUT THE WALKOUT IN VEGAS

A huge problem in Vegas in 2010. Players traveled around the country to play the nationals, and many of them were eliminated before reaching the final draw. Unfortunately those players that reached the final draw found the leverage to make some fair request to USATT: higher cash prizes for winners. From my point of view, it wasn't the time, the way and neither the place of making this petition. Since USATT was unable to agree in this issue, they decided to walkout from the competition. In other table tennis cultures, this situation would be penalized with a suspension of at least 3 years from all table tennis event, even could be the end of a table tennis career. Is it clear that this will be a bad precedent, especially if players found themselves in a position with some leverage, for example: representing the country in important tournaments. Under the current economic conditions, it wasn't a good idea to jeopardize the whole event. Since other players spent money with the idea of getting to the final draw and the hope of playing for the championship. Table Tennis is not only about the best players; it has to do with the respect to the common players and with the sport that all love practicing.

Mauricio Vergara

Editorial

Finally we had finals in Vegas. Winners from both leagues; New York International Table Tennis Center representing the East Coast and New York Table Tennis League, and ICC from West Coast, representing the Bay Area Table Tennis League.

The result was ICC beat ITTC for 6-3. In the first ever club final of US, the West coast proved that has one of the best clubs in the country. As we said since the beginning; Clubs are more than a group of tables and players. The basic idea of a club is a group of people organized and pursuing common goals. In this case the practice and diffusion of Table Tennis. ITTC showed that is the best-organized club in the East Coast of US, organizing and winning the NY League, but also traveling 5 hours to Vegas only to play a match for the US finals. ICC won the match, but this is a sample of how strong this club is in US, with coaches, directors, players and multiple activities, so they really are the fair winners for the season 2009. Next year is coming with a new season of both leagues, I hope that new club leagues can be organized and of course that stronger teams can join them. This was only a first step, all clubs are invited, but in case that you dismiss this invitation, the clubs in the NYTTL will be ready to represent our region in the upcoming finals of 2010.

Congratulations to **Michael Landers** for his first place at the Nationals 2009!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS ICC AND ITTC



From Left to right first row : Christian Chillieros (USATT), Anal Kashyap (ICC), Bruce Liu (BATTTL), Shen Hailong (ICC), Rajul (ICC), Maggie Meng (ICC) and Linda Leaf (USATT). Second row: Philippe Dassonval, Li Yu Xiang, and Mauricio Vergara from NY ITTC.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ge0IHrkZGIY>

More information and pictures at

<http://picasaweb.google.com/battf2008/BATTFVsNYTTL?feat=directlink#>

http://www.usatt.org/magazine/2009_US_Nationals/writeups/121909.htm

Editorial

Amigos, que mas puede decir, jugamos la liga ganamos en NY, pero perdimos la final nacional contra California. El resultado no importa, pues se logró la meta fundamental de introducir un nuevo tipo de competencia en el ámbito norteamericano. ICC de California probó ser el mejor club del país, y ITTC el Segundo. Organización de clubes; un concepto tan común para nosotros, no es tan obvio en otras culturas de ahí la importancia de esta final de clubes.

En Vegas también se dio una situación inusual. Los 6 mejores jugadores de USA, decidieron hacer un paro y no jugar la llave final, pues consideraron que los premios eran muy bajos, y solicitaron un incremento en ellos. Obviamente ya sabían el monto involucrado al comenzar el torneo, pero igual decidieron jugar y descalificar cuanto jugado se puso en su camino para finalmente dejar de jugar la llave final. Afortunadamente los jugadores decidieron jugar y entre ellos se jugó la final quedando como ganador el joven Michael Landers de 15 años de edad. Nosotros bien sabemos que las sanciones en este caso en nuestro país, serían no inferiores a 3 años sin poder jugar torneos, esperamos que la USATT tome una decisión adecuada para que esta situación no se repita en el futuro.

**Felices Fiestas y gran
2010**

Interview to a Chilean Player in the Belgium League : Rodrigo Munizaga

Where do you play?

I play in the 1st division, but the strongest division is the Super division, there you can find players such as: Samsonov, Korbelt and Saive. What is the name of your club?

CTT ROYAL ALPA IXELLES from Brussels

Where do you play each match?

We go to different clubs, some of the players have cars, so they give a lift to the whole team.

How the league works?

Teams with four players, all players have to play in every match.

Tell me about your teammates?

We are from different countries: Peru, Portugal, Belgium and myself from Chile.

How your team is doing in the league?

We are not doing ok, since our best player was suspended for league organizers.

We play two round robins with 11 matches. From September to April each year.

Thank you Rodrigo

MATCH ICC VS ITTC

It was a great team final, new promising players from ICC and a team from New York that had to sort all kind of obstacles. I feel really lucky of playing this final match for the US leagues finals in 2009. Coach Li Yuxiang showed us his skills playing with short pips: A very strong contra-attack using backhand and a very hard service. Most important he was able to manage the pressure in every match. He beat two players, Hailong and Kashyap, and lost against Maggie. The three players from ICC had a very good middle-distance game, and Maggie was very secure in short balls. I like better the explosive attacks near of the net of Hailong using his forehand, and the good service from Maggie. Kashyap showed a great reception in all kind of services. Without a doubt we can improve a lot playing this kind of players.

- 1.- Hailong b. Vergara (6, 7, 11)
- 2.- Yu Xiang b. Kashyap (-5, 4,-6,6,6)
- 3.- Meng b. Dassonval (5,8,6)
- 4.- Yu Xiang b. Hailong (10, -5, 9, -11, 4)
- 5.- Men b. Vergara (1,1,8)
- 6.- Kashyap b. Dassonval (3,11,10)
- 7.- Meng d. Yu Xiang (6, -9,8,-8,9)
- 8.- Dassonval d. Hailong (WO)
- 9.- Kashyap d. Vergara (4,4,8)

Some Videos Hailong vs Yu Xiang and Dassonval vs Kashyap

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7eLm_gDunvk

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rggtv7NBmGE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Op9LAp--Bhc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8J-WWewOPY>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsbEO_tWO94



NEW RULES FOR THE NYTTL 2010

For the coming season the NYTTL will have some modifications, among them:

1.- Increasing of number of teams in the Honor Division to 11 clubs.

2.- \$100 fee per team in the Honor Division and a Cash award of \$1,000.- for the first place.

3.- Creation of the Cadet Division for young players (boys and girls in the same team) under 13 years old. Only those clubs participating in the honor division will be able to sign up in the Cadets division.

4.- The only authorized table tennis brands would be Butterfly and DSP-CUP for teams t-shirts. Teams are allowed using other brands not related with table tennis in their t-shirts, such as Nike, Adidas, etc.

There are only 5 spots available in the Honor Division 2010. They will be chosen from the clubs applicants with the highest cumulative rating for the best three players in the club. Club with no spots in the Honor division (if there is any), will play in the First Division (also new), at the end of 2010 the best two teams of the First division will play against the two best teams in the Honor division for two spots in the Honor division. Team winner will play Finals in Vegas 2011.

Passaic Double Elimination Tournament – Before Vegas we had the always interesting

tournament in Passaic, the final fourth positions were :

- 1.- Philippe, 2.- Chris, 3.- Sergio and 4.- Maximo.

Sergio Gonzalez vs a Very good Dominican Player

http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/5/U_YKLis7-AM

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/4/fq9LTJNV2HY>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/3/e94pi4a-LqA>

Sergio vs Philippe

http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/1/Vhlzr_lwvFk

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/0/FI8LqsJQNxo>

Final Philippe vs Chris

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/2/1ipHWwuAhRE>

Training match after the tournament Mauricio vs Philippe

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/8/FVxT6rg6K-Y>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/7/mu5a19y0FAQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NYTableTennisLeague#p/u/6/MpofKpp0E84>

Rodrigo Munizaga (blue) and the CTT Royal Alpa Team



Michael Landers vs a Good Korean Player

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gffveazsSs>

Michael vs Ernesto (his coach)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iAtGWj67J8>

Michael vs Robert Roberts

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efsegJwgCpI>