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C GRADE

Round 1

Giants	6 • 5	Oakwood
Superheroes	7 • 4	Supervillains
Geckos	10 • 1	Tricky Balls

Match Report

C Grade opened the club's first night of competition for the latest season on a chilly Tuesday evening.

Giants clinched a nail-biter over *Oakwood*, securing their first match win to begin their campaign in style. **Luigi Lovato** was the match-winner, claiming three singles victories, while also getting his team over the line in both doubles. The second doubles rubber in particular was pivotal, as Luigi and **Patti Brown** clawed their way back from a game down to deny **Jimmy Hee** and **Steve**, 9-11, 12-10, 11-7.

In another match, it was the *Superheroes* who saved the night from the *Supervillains*, beating their opponents in a comprehensive victory. **Jayden Ma** stood tall, winning three singles without dropping a game. Meanwhile, teammate **Russell Williams** also joined in on the fun with three singles wins of his own.

Finally, the new *Geckos* annihilated *Tricky Balls* to finish on top the ladder after the first round. **Leeam Milne** debuted in spectacular fashion, winning three singles without dropping a game. **Ann Webb** (*Geckos*) claimed a thrilling victory over a determined **David Lee**, 11-9, 7-11, 11-7, 4-11, 11-7.

Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber W %
	W	L	F	A	
Jayden Ma	3	0	9	0	100.00
Leeam Milne	3	0	9	0	100.00
Russell Williams	3	0	9	1	100.00
Luigi Lovato	3	0	9	2	100.00
Ann Webb	3	0	9	3	100.00
Jimmy Hee	2	1	7	4	66.67
Debashis Paul	2	1	7	5	66.67
Trevor Burke	2	1	7	5	66.67
Ming	1	2	4	6	33.33
Ted Jones	1	2	5	7	33.33
Steve	1	2	4	7	33.33
J O'Bryan-Keenan	1	2	3	6	33.33
Kim Sin	1	2	3	6	33.33
David Lee	0	3	3	9	0.00
Patti Brown	0	3	2	9	0.00
Sujata Timilsina	0	3	2	9	0.00
Plato Sin	0	3	1	9	0.00
Karen Burke	0	3	0	9	0.00

Team Ladder

Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
Geckos	1	0	10	1	29	8	363
Superheroes	1	0	7	4	21	12	175
Giants	1	0	6	5	20	19	105
Oakwood	0	1	5	6	19	20	95
Supervillains	0	1	4	7	12	21	57
Tricky Balls	0	1	1	10	8	29	28

Legend

W = Win; L = Loss; F = For; A = Against; % = Percentage

B GRADE

Round 1

Golden Gods **7 • 4** Little Worms

Geckos **6 • 5** Koedonho

Tigers **6 • 5** Smashers

Match Report

The *Tigers* have eclipsed the *Smashers* to make it a winning start to their season, on a cool Thursday night. A determined **Michael Ndukwe** defeated returning player, **Kelvin On**, in the decider, 12-10, 11-3, 5-11, 11-9. In another gripping contest, **Richard Lees** came back from the brink to deny Kelvin, 11-8 in the fifth game. **Subho Das** (*Smashers*) notched his first singles victory against fellow debutant **Jonathan Briskin**.

In another match, *Geckos* edged team *Koedonho* in a competitive contest. **Shubham Chand** and **Jackson Ma** clinched a pivotal doubles rubber to cement their winning position. **John Langdon** (*Koedonho*) negated **Dickson Lam's** chance to end the night undefeated, winning it 6-11, 11-7, 6-11, 11-9, 11-8.

Finally, the *Golden Gods* outmuscled the *Little Worms*. **Viqar Ali Khan** won three singles, while teammates **Rick Gibson** and **Solomon Nwagor** teamed up to clinch a doubles contest, ensuring the "Gods" got over the line comfortably.

Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber W %
	W	L	F	A	
Viqar Ali Khan	3	0	9	0	100.00
Michael Ndukwe	3	0	9	3	100.00
Dickson Lam	2	1	8	4	66.67
Jackson Ma	2	1	7	4	66.67
Robert Ho	2	1	7	4	66.67
Richard Lees	2	1	8	5	66.67
Rick Gibson	2	1	6	3	66.67
Ryan Starkey	2	1	6	4	66.67
Andrew Barton	2	1	7	5	66.67
John Langdon	2	1	6	5	66.67
Kelvin On	1	2	6	7	33.33
Subho Das	1	2	4	6	33.33
Paul Liu	1	2	3	6	33.33
Shubham Chand	1	2	3	6	33.33
Roberto Marrone	1	2	3	7	33.33
Solomon Nwagor	0	3	2	9	0.00
Jonathan Briskin	0	3	1	9	0.00
Toby Koefoed	0	3	1	9	0.00

Team Ladder

Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
Golden Gods	1	0	7	4	21	12	175
Geckos	1	0	6	5	20	16	125
Tigers	1	0	6	5	20	20	100
Smashers	0	1	5	6	20	20	100
Koedonho	0	1	5	6	16	20	80
Little Worms	0	1	4	7	12	21	57

Legend

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A GRADE

Round 1

Roadies **4 • 7** TMS

TBA **5 • 6** Tora Tora

SBN had the bye

Match Report

TMS had a positive opening to their season, when they defeated the *Roadies* on Wednesday night. **Martin Feng** was impressive, winning three singles rubbers. However, he was made to work to overcome **Joe Abrantes**, 10-12, 11-9, 5-11, 11-4, 12-10. **Tom Randle** (TMS) held his own, when he came back from a game down to overthrow veteran player, **John Pudney**, 10-12, 12-10, 11-8, 11-5.

Lastly, *Tora Tora* held on to defeat TBA. **Elfrida Kalich** stepped up to claim a decisive win over **Renee Li** in the seventh rubber, 3-1. In one of the few highlights for the losing team, come back veteran **Rodney Hee** repeated his recent Darwin Closed Veterans singles winning result over Elfrida, 5-11, 3-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-9.

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	W	L	F	A	
Jonathan Tong	3	0	9	0	100.00
Martin Feng	3	0	9	3	100.00
Elfrida Kalich	2	1	8	4	66.67
Tom Randle	2	1	8	4	66.67
Rodney Hee	2	1	6	5	66.67
Joe Abrantes	1	2	6	8	33.33
Renee Li	1	2	4	6	33.33
John Pudney	1	2	5	7	33.33
Shino Joy	1	2	5	7	33.33
Antara Panchal	1	2	3	6	33.33
Steven Burlinson	1	2	3	7	33.33
Roland Chin	0	3	0	9	0.00

Team Ladder

Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
TMS	1	0	7	4	24	17	141
Tora Tora	1	0	6	5	19	15	127
TBA	0	1	5	6	15	19	79
Roadies	0	1	4	7	17	24	71
SBN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Darwin Closed Championships 2023

Results

Reported by John Pudney

Event held on 22 July 2023

Open Singles

Jonathan Tong def Tom Randle 4-1

Semi-finalists: Pedro Lay and Rodney Hee

Jonathan displayed a powerful looping game and held back a valiant defence from newcomer Tom Randle.

C Grade Singles

Jackson Ma def Paul Liu 3-0

Semi-finalists: Ann Webb and Luigi Lovato

Four groups of three players set off in one of the hottest and largest fields seen in the Darwin C Grade event.

Closed Doubles

Jonathan Tong/Oscar van Cuylenborg def. Rodney Hee and John Pudney 3-0

Jono and Oscar were simply too good for the veterans and managed to stay in front in all three games, despite Oscar fielding an injury.

Mixed Doubles

Rodney Hee/Antara Panchal def Renee Li/Solomon Nwagor

Veterans Singles

Rodney Hee def Elfrida Kalich 3-2

Rodney narrowly defeated Elfrida in five games. It was a nail-biting final, where Rodney found some last-minute mental strength to withstand some very crafty ball positioning from the Australian Veterans champion.

Restricted Veterans Singles

Paul Liu def Jackson Ma 3-2

In a reverse of the C Grade Singles final, Paul Liu overcame Jackson, with the last game going to deuce.

Veterans Doubles

Ann Webb/Joe Abrantes def Roger Curtis/John Pudney

Ann and Joe narrowly defeated their opponents to secure the win.

Junior Singles

Martin Feng - Winner

Renee Li - Runner-Up

Restricted Junior Singles

Leeam Milne - Winner

Jayden Ma - Runner-Up

Junior Doubles

Antara Panchal/Renee Li def Leeam Milne/Martin Feng 3-2

Antara and Renee staged a remarkable comeback after losing the first two games to win the last three.

Big Ball Singles

Oscar van Cuylenborg def Rodney Hee 2-1

Rodney won the first game 12-10, but could not hold off Oscar in the remaining games. Oscar found a way to consistently smash the ball to victory.

Opposite Hand Singles

Pedro Lay def Oscar van Cuylenborg 2-0

Pedro retained the title in this prestigious event, having played a tight and aggressive game to easily defeat Oscar.