DARWIN TABLE TENNIS WEEKLY

Round 9 · Results

A Grade		
CDU	7 · 4	TAB 2
Void	9 · 2	Rainbow 6
Benfica	4 · 7	Golden Pen Grippers

B Grade		
Giants	2 · 9	Mojo On
Kea	10 · 1	MIC
Dragonflies	7 · 4	Jabiroos

C Grade		
Thunder	3 · 8	Grizzlies
Sizzlers	10 · 1	River Rats
3 Amigos	3 · 8	Ring Ins

Round 9 · Report

A Grade

The *Golden Pen Grippers* have secured a vital contest over *Benfica* to become entrenched in the top four, on Wednesday night in A Grade. With only two rounds to go, the *Pen Grippers* stepped up to put away their ailing opponents in what was a must-win clash. **Pedro Lay** was in scintillating form, winning three singles, while assisting in both crucial doubles victories. Pedro did have to struggle against **Elfrida Kalich**, eventually putting away the veteran, 11-5, 11-7, 7-11, 6-11, 11-6.

In another match, *Void* have returned to the top of the ladder, thanks to a thumping win over *Rainbow 6*. **John Pudney** steered his side home with three singles wins, including a hard-earned victory over **Anhtai Lee**, 11-9, 12-10, 9-11, 7-11, 11-5. **Brodrick On** (*Void*) needed five sets to dispose of the "player of the future," **Sebastian Lai**, 11-9, 10-12, 14-16, 11-8, 11-6.

Lastly, *CDU* are back in the top four after they won a handy contest against *TAB 2*. **TY Lee** was superb as always in the singles, while **Graham Symons** (*CDU*) held off **TT Lee**, 11-8, 6-11, 11-9, 8-11, 13-11.

B Grade

Mojo On were in top flight after they decimated the *Giants* in a 9-2 romp on Thursday night. A deadly **Kelvin On** was on song, picking up three singles wins in the contest, while teammate **Joseph Juan** overcame **Matt Schobben** (*Giants*) for a second time this season, 11-6, 11-9, 12-14, 10-12, 11-6.

The top side, *Dragonflies*, have secured the minor premiership after they held off a *Jabiroos* challenge. The difference was the *Dragonflies'* key victories in both the doubles, while a surging **Jordan Lai** fought back to edge the persistent **Arion Magnoli**, 12-14, 11-9, 8-11, 13-11, 11-6. An in-form **Shino Joy** was the best for the *Jabiroos*, winning three singles rubbers.

Powerhouse *Kea* have outclassed *MIC* to finish Round 9 in a one-sided slaughter. The mercurial **Viqar Ali Khan** was at his vintage best in the singles, while his teammate, **Katherine Pinzon**, was also on fire, with both winning three singles rubbers.

C Grade

Ring Ins are back in business after their comprehensive win over the *3 Amigos*. The winning side moved into the top four, thanks to the efforts of **Eric Catalbas** and **Michael Calwell**, winning three singles each. Michael needed five games to earn his third singles win of the night over **Dirk Botha**, 9-11, 11-6, 12-10, 6-11, 11-1.

Sizzlers have obliterated the *River Rats* in a one-sided affair. The season is left in the balance for the losers, who will most likely need to win next week to qualify for the semi-finals. Both **Zac Howe** and **John Juan** won three singles, with Zac needing to overcome brother **Joe Howe** in a sizzling contest, 7-11, 13-11, 13-11, 11-13, 11-8.

Grizzlies have locked up second place on the ladder after they dismissed *Thunder*. **Jeremie Langlois** won three singles, while **David Allen** won a tough encounter with **Luca Lobo**, 11-9 in the fifth set.

CHOOSING A BAT

By Graham Symons

In our first article of a two-part series, *Graham Symons* will have a discussion about choosing a bat to play table tennis. This can be useful information for beginners to any veterans of the sport.

The most important factors in choosing a bat are:
- Your style of play e.g. attacking/defensive/all-round:
    - Defensive players will want a bat which is relatively slow and does not generate much spin – a more "active" bat will react more (spin/speed) to your opponent's spin and speed;
    - Attacking players can benefit from a bat with more spin and speed – but you need to develop the correct technique to get the benefit;
- Your level of experience and skill level:
    - Generally, the more spin and speed your bat can generate, the less control you have;
    - Whatever the bat you use, improving your technique will give you more shot options and better control.

There are 3 types of bat handles – straight, anatomic and flared. Most players can adapt to use any of these handles, but you might find you prefer a particular type.

Ready-Made bats

There are several bats you can purchase "ready-made" with blade and rubber between $40 and $70. E.G. See Table Tennis World (TTW) and Affordable Table Tennis Warehouse (Afford):
- Tibhar Samsonov $69.90; Stiga Future $64.95; & DF Volante $59.95 at TTW.
- DHS A5002 $55.95; & Donic Ovtcharov L700 $39.95.

Any of these bats are likely to be suitable for all-round competition play at C Grade level, with a slight bias towards attacking play.

Next week we'll look into selecting blade and rubbers separately.

A Grade Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber
	W	L	F	A	W %
TY Lee	22	2	67	18	91.67
Pedro Lay	22	5	73	25	81.48
TT Lee	20	7	67	36	74.07
Rodney Hee	19	8	67	42	70.37
John Pudney	18	3	58	23	85.71
Elfrida Kalich	17	7	61	25	70.83
Zakelli Xie	16	11	59	46	59.26
Brodrick On	14	10	53	42	58.33
Martin Feng	13	14	52	56	48.15
Eugene Laoc	11	13	44	49	45.83
Joe Abrantes	11	13	44	54	45.83
Graham Symons	10	8	40	34	55.56
Anhtai Lee	8	16	38	57	33.33
Junfei Chen	8	19	38	65	29.63
Renee Li	8	19	35	65	29.63
Jui Kai Lark	8	19	35	67	29.63
Steven Burlinson	5	22	34	73	18.52
Michael Yaxley	3	6	13	22	33.33
Robert Ho	3	9	15	31	25.00
Sebastian Lai	3	21	22	64	12.50
Ramez Mikhail	2	4	10	13	33.33
Shino Joy	2	4	8	16	33.33
Mo Zhong	0	3	1	9	0.00

B Grade Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber
	W	L	F	A	W %
Robert Ho	23	4	76	28	85.19
Kelvin On	22	5	72	39	81.48
Viqar Ali Khan	20	7	71	27	74.07
Michael Yaxley	20	7	67	38	74.07
Brandon Porter	18	6	62	29	75.00
Shino Joy	18	9	62	38	66.67
Mo Zhong	17	10	59	42	62.96
Katherine Pinzon	16	11	59	43	59.26
Maricor Sarceda	13	5	42	26	72.22
Rick Gibson	11	13	45	48	45.83
Khalid Khan	9	3	30	13	75.00
Jeremie Langlois	8	7	32	28	53.33
Iian Stimson	8	13	35	46	38.10
Roy Anderson	7	11	31	38	38.89
Jordan Lai	7	20	32	69	25.93
Matt Schobben	6	12	23	40	33.33
Joseph Juan	6	15	28	52	28.57
Bo Remenyi	5	13	26	42	27.78
Arion Magnoli	4	23	23	74	14.81
Michael Ndukwe	3	3	12	12	50.00
Graham Kwong	1	2	6	6	33.33
Eric Catalbas	1	11	8	35	8.33
Christian Lai	0	27	10	81	0.00
Graeme Perkins	0	3	1	9	0.00

C Grade Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber W	L	Game F	A	Rubber W %
Eric Catalbas	24	3	75	18	88.89
Jeremie Langlois	21	0	63	3	100.00
Zac Howe	21	6	69	29	77.78
Graeme Perkins	20	4	63	16	83.33
Steve Howe	19	8	60	30	70.37
Joe Howe	17	7	59	28	70.83
John Juan	17	10	55	40	62.96
Peter Thomas	14	10	49	36	58.33
David Allen	13	14	46	50	48.15
Luca Lobo	11	10	41	37	52.38
Michael Calwell	10	14	40	53	41.67
Garv	8	4	25	17	66.67
Dirk Botha	8	7	29	26	53.33
Tomas Zachar	8	13	32	44	38.10
Rehan Palamattom	7	17	25	57	29.17
Tyler Tran	5	10	20	36	33.33
Amy Zhao	5	19	24	63	20.83
Rammani Phuyal	4	23	26	71	14.81
Alex Brachon	3	0	9	3	100.00
Margie Howe	3	6	11	22	33.33
Sujata Timilsina	3	21	15	67	12.50
Dallas Graetz	1	2	5	6	33.33
Zoe Perkins	1	26	12	80	3.70
Christine Marshall	0	3	3	9	0.00
Ashleigh McFarlane	0	3	2	9	0.00
Zac	0	3	0	9	0.00

2020 Season 2 Team Ladder

A Grade

Team	Match W	L	Rubber W	L	Game F	A	Game %
Void	6	3	57	42	194	166	117
TAB 2	5	4	55	44	195	162	120
Pen Grippers	5	4	49	50	171	177	97
CDU	4	5	51	48	178	172	103
Benfica	4	5	46	53	176	185	95
Rainbow 6	3	6	39	60	152	204	75

B Grade

Team	Match W	L	Rubber W	L	Game F	A	Game %
Dragonflies	8	1	54	45	183	156	117
Mojo On	6	3	58	41	187	168	111
Kea	6	3	56	43	204	143	143
Jabiroos	4	5	53	46	176	169	104
Giants	3	6	45	54	162	182	89
MIC	0	9	31	68	128	213	60

C Grade

Team	Match W	L	Rubber W	L	Game F	A	Game %
Sizzlers	8	1	60	39	196	136	144
Grizzlies	5	4	55	44	177	148	120
Ring Ins	4	5	49	50	162	172	94
River Rats	4	5	44	55	144	180	80
Thunder	3	6	45	54	151	172	88
3 Amigos	3	6	44	55	152	177	86

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

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