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# GRAND FINAL

## Match Results

### A GRADE

MMA **6 • 2** CDU

### B GRADE

Wolves **6 • 2** Zulus

### C GRADE

Geckos **6 • 5** Smashing Pumpkins

## Match Report

In A Grade, *MMA* lived up to their title as the number one team in the comp, when they brushed aside *CDU* in the Grand Final on Wednesday night. **Mitchell Bedford** and **Aakash Patel** closed out the contest, when they outfoxed **Sebastian Lai** and **Michael Yaxley** in the second doubles, 11-7, 11-9. Earlier in the night, Mitch needed five games to overcome **Julian Payares** in the opener, 11-9, 16-18, 9-11, 11-5, 11-8. After a blistering start, when *MMA* won the first four rubbers, it seemed destined to be a whitewash. It was Julian and Seb who turned it around temporarily, winning two of the next three to be trailing 5-2. Ultimately, the damage was done and so the team that finished on top of the ladder deserved the season-ending prize.

In B Grade, *Wolves* were the deserved victors, as they rolled *Zulus* in a one-sided final. Similar in the A Grade final, **Viqar Ali Khan** and **Eric Catalbas** held their nerve to clinch the second doubles and the tie, 11-8, 6-11, 11-8. Earlier in the contest, it was **Andrew Barton** who stepped up to get his team in a winning position, as he triumphed over **Solomon Nwagor** and **Michael Ndukwe** in the singles, with both going to a fifth game.

Finally, in C Grade, it was the closest final on the night, as *Geckos* had to fight off an inspired *Smashing Pumpkins* to take the team trophy. It was the clash between two youngsters in the decider, as **Jayden Ma** outgunned **Beina Liu**, 11-6, 11-4, 11-3. Earlier in the match, it would be **Shi Zhuang Lu** who would ultimately get his team over the line, as he battled past Beina in the electrifying seventh rubber, 11-5, 9-11, 5-11, 11-5, 11-6. **Paul Liu** (*Smashing Pumpkins*) made sure the final would go down to the wire, when he won three singles.



## Individual Medal List

### A Grade

Individual Champion	Mitchell Bedford
Individual Runner-Up	Sebastian Lai
Most Improved	Martin Feng
MVP Award	Rodney Hee
Sportsmanship Award	Julian Payares

### B Grade

Individual Champion	Michael Yaxley
Individual Runner-Up	Viqar Ali Khan
Most Improved	Rick Gibson
MVP Award	Ryan Starkey
Best First Season	Nick Pastrikos

### C Grade

Individual Champion	Jackson Ma
Individual Runner-Up	Paul Liu
Most Improved	Sujata Timilsina
Best Young Player	Jayden Ma
Best First Season	Jimmy Tan