

DARWIN TABLE TENNIS WEEKLY

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Results

A Grade · Round 1

Celebrity Apprentice	3 · 2	Whatever
CDU	3 · 2	R&R
Roadies	2 · 3	#Swag
Excelsior	3 · 2	Monsoon
Snappers	2 · 3	Contractors
Team 6 had the bye		

B Grade · Round 1

K.T.	1 · 4	Lions
Jumanji	3 · 2	Wildcard
Power	3 · 2	Power Play
Bluefire	2 · 3	Los de Adentro

Report

A Grade

The club is back in competition-mode, with A Grade moving to a two-person team format for the brand-new season. Eleven teams will battle it out for a top-four spot, spanning twenty-two rounds.

Team **#Swag** found themselves on top of the ladder after Round 1 when **Zakelli Xie** notched two singles victories over **Ramez Mikhail** and **Jui Kai Lark** to get his team in a favourable position. **Martin Feng's** (**#Swag**) opening victory over an impressive Lark was the tipping point, 9-11, 11-8, 12-10, 6-11, 11-7.

In another match, **CDU** edged past a formidable **R&R** to get on the winners' list. The doubles were the decisive rubber, as **TY Lee** and **Joe Abrantes** combined to finish strongly over **Rodney Hee** and **Renee Li**, 8-11, 11-8, 7-11, 11-4, 11-4.

Speaking of pivotal doubles rubbers, **Excelsior**, led by **Pedro Lay**, came back from the brink to snatch the crucial doubles over **Graham Symons' Monsoon**, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-2, 11-7.

Celebrity Apprentice's Sebastian Lai featured in a thrilling doubles win with **Oscar van Cuylenborg**,

over **Elfrida Kalich's Whatever**, 11-5, 11-2, 9-11, 8-11, 14-12. **Dennis Evans** (**Whatever**) returned from a long absence due to injury, overcoming Seb in a monumental comeback, 9-11, 10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 11-5.

Lastly, **Contractors** clinched a narrow win over **Snappers** in a classic. Doubles have yet again proven to be a very important rubber, as **Anhtai Lee** and **Brodrick On** outmuscled **TT Lee** and **Jun Fei Chen**, 11-3, 5-11, 11-9, 12-10. Despite the loss, TT scored a couple of singles wins, including a tight contest with Anhtai, 11-4, 11-5, 7-11, 7-11, 15-13.

B Grade

Lions roared to a commanding victory over **K.T.** as debutant, **Aakash Patel**, won two singles which included downing last season's individual ladder runner-up **Kelvin On**. Patel steadied the ship after faltering in the third set to defeat the veteran, 11-8, 11-4, 9-11, 11-7. Kelvin avoided the whitewash by defeating rival **Viqar Ali Khan** in straight sets.

Jumanji got off to a flyer as they edged **Wildcard** in a classic encounter. The doubles proved decisive as **Shino Joy** and **Joseph Juan** fended off a late challenge to take it in straight sets. **Michael Yaxley** (**Wildcard**) won two singles to keep the final score respectable.

In another match, **Los de Adentro** posted a 3-2 victory over **Bluefire**. **Katherine Pinzon** outlasted **Khalid Khan** deep in the fourth rubber to seize the pivotal rubber, 11-5, 4-11, 11-8, 7-11, 11-8. **Jordan Lai** (**Bluefire**) showed improvement, upsetting Katherine in five sets and combining with Khalid to take the doubles, also in five.

Lastly, **Power** have surged to a 3-2 win over the **Power Play**, thanks to **John Langdon's** thrilling victory over **Michael Ndukwe** in the opener, 11-7, 13-15, 11-6, 4-11, 14-12. Despite the strength of the opposition, Michael and substitute **Graeme Perkins** hit back in the doubles to narrow the lead in straight sets.

President's Report

The opening round of the 2021 Season One Competition is now underway in A Grade. We also launched our first Spinneroos program on Wednesday for 2021. Coach David Wang is enjoying teaching the 11 beginners the opportunity to learn the skills of the great game of table tennis.

This message will coincide with Robert Ho's excellent weekly All grades Competition Report. This week only will be A and B Grade only as C Grade does not commence until next Tuesday.

It is pleasing to see more new faces and meeting new people that want to play table tennis or spectating watching on their children.

DTTA COMMITTEE

The Committee was advised recently that Steve Howe was stepping down as a committee member, due to work commitments impeding on Steve's ability to commit to the role.

On behalf of the DTTA Committee we thank you for your contribution and involving all your family with the club, competing in C Grade in 2020. We would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the club members for donating the new fridge in our office.

With Steve's departure opens up opportunities for new members to consider if joining the committee would something to consider. This is an opportunity to be involved with the direction of the club going forward and participate in expanding the club. If you have an interest and would like to submit a brief letter to the Committee to our club email outlining your reasons for wanting to join.

There are two positions that require filling – Secretary and Vice – President, I personally would be pleased to see one or both of these positions filled to alleviate the work load that is required. Though the Committee would be pleased to have a

committee member or two join without being in the roles above to help share the load.

DTTA 2021 SEASON ONE COMPETITION

The 2021 Wet Season Competition is underway with a change of team structure to 2 player teams in A and B Grade, with C Grade remaining 3 player teams.

A Grade

The first round of the A Grade competition commenced on Wednesday with 11 teams playing (one team had a bye), resulting in very close games all being 3 games to 2 games.

The games did not start until 7.45 pm and most games were finished and left by 9.00 pm.

This satisfies many of the members and parents requests to shorten the game time for a short hour and half competition where the young players can leave at an appropriate time and for the senior players it is not too late.

It is also pleasing to have Oscar playing A Grade competition this year, your level of skill will provide an excellent challenge for A Grade competitors and teaming up with Sebastian will provide a great mentor role. Unfortunately, Jono is still injured, your excellent game will be missed. Also, Pham and Dennis have returned to A Grade, welcome back. I also look forward to see how Martin and Zac play together against the top A Grade players, especially in the doubles. A great time now to learn each other's game and learn to play doubles.

B Grade

The B Grade Competition is on Thursday night and by the time you read this newsletter it will have been played. The B Grade Competition has 8 teams this season with Eric Catalbas coming up from C Grade and Aakash Patel joining B Grade. We look forward to a great competition with players enjoying the two player teams this will be the second year for B Grade.

C Grade

The C Grade Competition commences next Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 7.00 pm. At this time Christine is compiling the teams. Christine has advised that 5 players from the Thursday Seniors are trying their hand at competition table tennis. There are also Juniors who have been coached by Jono and Brodrick at the Tuesday Over 12 Coaching program last year that are also entering C Grade Competition.

Welcome to DTTA Club Competition! On behalf of the DTTA Committee may the competition be keen, with a friendly and respectful attitude that allows everyone to enjoy themselves. Please remember if any club member has a concern or want to raise any ideas to improve aspects of our club please speak to one of the Committee members.

DTTA OPEN DAY

Saturday 6th February 2021 was our Open Day. With the support of the club volunteers, including Elfrida's marathon clean starting very early in the morning, with Anhtai doing a great job on the barbecue, also the ladies that made up the salads and cleaned up, fortunately again without any rain to dampen the spirits.

I would also like to thank the club members that came along to have a hit with the new players and some coaching and advocating from TY with the junior players.

The number of new people that turned up, families, young beginners, club competition players, including a warm welcome to Justin Hardwick (C Grade) and Aakash Patel (B Grade).

Also, Spinneroos beginners that have joined our club as part of the Spinneroos program.

I have attended numerous Open days in the recent past years, this year the participation of new people was very encouraging that Darwin Table Tennis is starting to become known in the community. I encourage all our members to speak about our club when the opportunity arises, just to

come along and have a social game with friends and family.

SATURDAY OPENING FOR SOCIAL GAME

This message is for members to respond to by asking who is interested in coming along to practice on Saturday afternoons from 5 pm to 7 pm? We have trialled it last year with some success with 12 players attending on one week end, though found either Robert or myself was opening and closing every week. If there are interested existing Key Holder members that want to open the Centre on Saturday for 2 hours please let me know?

Also, if players want to have a practice and would like to contact me we can make this happen.

The DTTA club would like to open consistently on Saturday afternoons, with support we can.

IN CLOSING

On behalf of the Committee, I look forward to a year of keen club competition, fair and respectful, with an increase of social members of all levels of playing skills.

- Spinneroos being supported to happen every term.
- Renee and Sebastian participating in the Hopes Cup.
- The Junior Program increase in participation to encourage young people to take up the sport.
- The NT Junior Squad to train hard and smart to represent our great Territory later this year.
- The National Veterans being held in Darwin in October at the Netball Stadium. A time for volunteers to assist to showcase our club and its members.

Enjoy your table tennis whether you are playing or watching.

Kind Regards,

Michael Yaxley
President DTTA

A Grade Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber W %
	W	L	F	A	
Rodney Hee	2	0	6	0	100.00
Oscar v Cuylenborg	2	0	6	1	100.00
Zakelli Xie	2	0	6	1	100.00
TT Lee	2	0	6	2	100.00
Pedro Lay	2	0	6	3	100.00
Graham Symons	1	1	4	3	50.00
Anhtai Lee	1	1	5	4	50.00
Viqr Ali Khan	1	1	5	4	50.00
Martin Feng	1	1	5	5	50.00
Elfrida Kalich	1	1	3	3	50.00
Joe Abrantes	1	1	3	3	50.00
Dennis Evans	1	1	4	5	50.00
Ramez Mikhail	1	1	4	5	50.00
Brodrick On	1	1	3	4	50.00
TY Lee	1	1	3	5	50.00
Jun Fei Chen	0	2	2	6	0.00
Jui Kai Lark	0	2	2	6	0.00
Renee Li	0	2	2	6	0.00
Sebastian Lai	0	2	2	6	0.00
Robert Ho	0	2	1	6	0.00

B Grade Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber W %
	W	L	F	A	
Aakash Patel	2	0	6	1	100.00
John Langdon	2	0	6	2	100.00
Brodrick On	2	0	6	3	100.00
Michael Yaxley	2	0	6	3	100.00
Michael Ndukwe	1	1	5	3	50.00
Kelvin On	1	1	4	3	50.00
Jordan Lai	1	1	5	5	50.00
Katherine Pinzon	1	1	5	5	50.00
Shino Joy	1	1	5	5	50.00
Joseph Juan	1	1	4	4	50.00
Rick Gibson	1	1	3	3	50.00
Viqr Ali Khan	1	1	3	3	50.00
Eric Catalbas	0	2	3	6	0.00
Khalid Khan	0	2	3	6	0.00
Graeme Perkins	0	2	0	6	0.00
Natasha Linaker	0	2	0	6	0.00

2021 Season 1 Team Ladder

A Grade							
Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
#Swag	1	0	3	2	12	9	133
C. Apprentice	1	0	3	2	11	9	122
Contractors	1	0	3	2	11	9	122
Excelsior	1	0	3	2	10	11	91
CDU	1	0	3	2	9	10	90
R&R	0	1	2	3	10	9	111
Monsoon	0	1	2	3	11	10	110
Snappers	0	1	2	3	9	11	82
Whatever	0	1	2	3	9	11	82
Roadies	0	1	2	3	9	12	75
Team 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

B Grade							
Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
Lions	1	0	4	1	12	4	300
Jumanji	1	0	3	2	12	9	133
Los de Adentro	1	0	3	2	13	11	118
Power	1	0	3	2	9	8	113
Power Play	0	1	2	3	8	9	89
Bluefire	0	1	2	3	11	13	85
Wildcard	0	1	2	3	9	12	75
K.T.	0	1	1	4	4	12	33

Legend

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

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