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C GRADE

Round 15

Table Dancers	**5 · 6**	Wombats
Giants	**1 · 10**	Smashing Pumpkins
Geckos	**8 · 3**	Smashers

Match Report

In a highly contested final round of the regular season, *Wombats* got the best of the *Table Dancers*, on Tuesday night. In a decisive doubles contest, led by **Geni O'Brien**, the *Wombats* got the job done, 7-11, 12-10, 11-9.

In another match, *Geckos* rolled the *Smashers*, in the clash between the top and bottom teams. Both **Shi Zhuang Lu** and **Jayden Ma** needed five games to overcome youngster **Plato Sin** in the singles.

Smashing Pumpkins tuned up for the upcoming semis with a huge win over the *Giants*. All three players on the winning team won three singles, including **Beina Liu**, who won all her singles in five games.

Semi-Final Preview

C Grade will host their semi-finals on Tuesday, 6th June. *Geckos* have been near impossible to overcome during the season and are the heavy favourites in their contest with the *Wombats*. Will **Jackson Ma's** team steamroll into the grand final, or will **Geni O'Brien's** team cause the upset of the season?

In the other semi, *Smashing Pumpkins* and the *Table Dancers* will do battle. With the *Dancers* yet to taste a victory against their opponents in three close encounters during the season, it will be a huge obstacle to overcome.

Prediction: *Geckos* to win 6-1; *Smashing Pumpkins* to win 6-2.

Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber
	W	L	F	A	W %
Jackson Ma	44	1	134	5	97.78
Paul Liu	40	5	115	30	88.89
Luigi Lovato	30	12	94	56	71.43
Ann Webb	29	13	98	48	69.05
Simon Koefoed	29	13	93	50	69.05
Jayden Ma	29	16	98	63	64.44
Geni O'Brien	28	8	91	35	77.78
Russell Williams	20	7	61	32	74.07
Shi Zhuang Lu	18	21	72	80	46.15
Sujata Timilsina	17	19	59	67	47.22
Jimmy Tan	16	29	68	96	35.56
Carl Stephens	11	16	42	50	40.74
Jimmy Hee	11	28	47	96	28.21
Zuanqi Zhang	9	0	27	2	100.00
Beina Liu	9	30	41	105	23.08
Antonia Lai	9	30	40	98	23.08
Ben Koefoed	8	4	27	19	66.67
Ben Okaku	8	7	25	25	53.33
Plato Sin	6	27	34	86	18.18
Roberto Marrone	5	1	17	5	83.33
J O'Bryan-Keenan	5	31	28	101	13.89
Roger Curtis	4	5	16	16	44.44
Debashis Paul	4	5	16	20	44.44
Ted Jones	4	5	16	20	44.44
Louis	3	0	9	2	100.00
Trevor Burke	3	3	9	12	50.00
Dirk Botha	2	1	7	6	66.67
April Liu	2	4	6	13	33.33
Patti Brown	2	40	22	121	4.76
David Allen	1	2	5	7	33.33
Christine Marshall	0	3	1	9	0.00
Karen Burke	0	9	1	27	0.00
Angie Marshall	0	3	0	9	0.00
Nelson Lee	0	6	0	18	0.00

Team Ladder

Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game
	W	L	W	L	F	A	%
Geckos	14	1	122	42	376	168	224
Smash. Pumpkins	12	3	99	66	314	237	132
Table Dancers	7	8	83	82	279	276	101
Wombats	6	9	74	91	242	278	87
Giants	4	11	63	101	229	324	71
Smashers	2	13	54	111	202	342	59

Legend
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B GRADE

Report

The *Terrible Tossers* have won a thriller against *Zulus*, setting up for a semi-final rematch, on Thursday night. **Richard Lees** was the star, with his three singles wins, while **Ryan Starkey** won three singles rubbers of his own.

In another match, *Talents* have edged the *Wanderers* to reinforce their great late season form. Both **Rick Gibson** and **John Langdon** stunned **Nick Pastrikos** in the singles. For the *Wanderers*, **Toby Koefoed** clawed his way to an impressive win over **Khalid Khan**, 13-11, 11-5, 9-11, 9-11, 11-8.

Lastly, *Wolves* are primed for a fantastic finish to the season, when they clinched a narrow win over a competitive *Old School*. In the clash for the number one individual medal, it was **Michael Yaxley** who fought back in the deciding set against **Viqar Ali Khan**, 11-7, 14-12, 8-11, 9-11, 11-4.

Semi-Final Preview

B Grade will host their semi-finals on Thursday, 8th June. *Wolves* will be hunting for a grand final spot when they take on *Talents*. **John Langdon's** team will be hoping to erase the memories of their last encounter with **Viqar Khan's** team, when they went down 9-2.

In the other semi, *Terrible Tossers* will be looking for a repeat performance against the *Zulus*. Can **Ryan Starkey** steer his team to a grand final or will *Zulus* find the solution?

Prediction: *Wolves* to win 6-2.

Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber
	W	L	F	A	W %
Michael Yaxley	38	4	119	37	90.48
Viqar Ali Khan	36	6	118	36	85.71
Nick Pastrikos	35	7	114	40	83.33
Ryan Starkey	32	7	107	25	82.05
Robert Ho	29	13	99	50	69.05
Andrew Barton	27	15	97	67	64.29
Rick Gibson	24	18	83	75	57.14
Michael Ndukwe	22	11	67	55	66.67
John Langdon	20	13	76	45	60.61
Richard Lees	20	13	71	54	60.61
Dickson Lam	15	27	60	93	35.71
Roberto Marrone	12	30	52	99	28.57
Maricor Sarceda	10	5	36	21	66.67
Khalid Khan	8	19	38	62	29.63
Eric Catalbas	8	25	41	80	24.24
Luca Lobo	8	28	36	92	22.22
Toby Koefoed	8	31	41	105	20.51
Jackson Ma	6	9	21	31	40.00
Paul Liu	5	4	15	15	55.56
Flavio Santos	5	7	17	27	41.67
Felicia Adjeke	4	14	22	47	22.22
Solomon Nwagor	4	23	25	75	14.81
Luigi Lovato	1	2	4	7	33.33
Kelvin On	1	2	5	8	33.33
Ben Okaku	0	3	2	9	0.00
Geni O'Brien	0	3	1	9	0.00
Kim Sin	0	33	9	99	0.00

Team Ladder

Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game
	W	L	W	L	F	A	%
Wolves	10	4	87	67	288	242	119
Zulus	9	5	81	73	276	261	106
Terrible Tossers	8	6	83	71	265	225	118
Talents	8	6	80	74	270	243	111
Wanderers	5	9	68	86	245	292	84
Old School	2	12	63	91	218	299	73

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A GRADE

Match Report

Roadies have stunned *CDU* to finish off their season on a high, on Wednesday night. **Tom Randle** showed his capabilities and experience with five game wins over **Julian Payares** and **Sebastian Lai**. Teaming up with **Dennis Evans**, Tom helped get the *Roadies* over the line in a crucial doubles contest, 11-7, 1-11, 11-7.

Lastly, *MMA* have thrashed *Really Roadies*. **Mitchell Bedford** held it together to overcome both **Rodney Hee** and **Renee Li** in five games, in the singles contests.

Grand Final Preview

A Grade officially have a bye next week, as *MMA* and *CDU* will face off in this season's Grand Final on Wednesday, 14th June.

In what will be a highly anticipated finale, *MMA* has a slight lead in their head-to-head this season with three wins to two losses against *CDU*. Not including their first contest, all other encounters have been mostly tight, with a final score-line: 6-5.

If all players are present on the night, expect the grand finale to go the distance.

Key players are **Mitchell Bedford** and **Martin Feng** for *MMA*, while *CDU's* **Sebastian Lai** will need to rediscover his peak form to beat the best on the night.

Prediction: *MMA* to win 6-5.

Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber
	W	L	F	A	W %
Mitchell Bedford	33	3	104	31	91.67
Sebastian Lai	30	12	105	64	71.43
Rodney Hee	28	14	104	56	66.67
Martin Feng	26	16	92	73	61.90
Julian Payares	22	14	80	60	61.11
Elfrida Kalich	21	6	71	29	77.78
Dennis Evans	18	24	70	88	42.86
Renee Li	16	29	73	97	35.56
Michael Yaxley	15	30	69	105	33.33
John Pudney	14	10	52	41	58.33
Aakash Patel	14	22	62	80	38.89
Nick Pastrikos	12	12	43	47	50.00
Tom Randle	5	1	16	7	83.33
Jonathan Tong	3	0	9	1	100.00
Joe Abrantes	3	21	28	65	12.50
Sonny Cartwright	2	1	8	4	66.67
Antara Panchal	2	24	13	75	7.69
Steven Burlinson	1	2	4	6	33.33
Michael Ndukwe	1	2	3	6	33.33
Brodrick On	0	3	1	9	0.00
Viqar Ali Khan	0	3	1	9	0.00
Gavin Bedford	0	3	0	9	0.00

Team Ladder

Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game
	W	L	W	L	F	A	%
MMA	13	2	103	62	329	255	129
CDU	9	6	85	80	310	293	106
Roadies	5	10	74	91	266	300	89
Really Roadies	3	12	68	97	253	297	85

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