

ITTF Education & Training June-August 2011 Austria, China, Hong Kong, France



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Players and coaches

		Activities				
		ITTF Hopes Week and Challenge	Camp in Guangzhou	WJC Hong Kong	Camp in Oschenhausen	Euro_Mini France
World Hopes Team 2011						
Boys:						
WONG Ho Hin	HKG					
RADOVIC Filip	MNE					
ABDEL-AZIZ Youssef	EGY					
CHODRI Kunal	USA					
JHA Kanak	USA					
Girls:						
LEUNG Tsz Ching Vaness	HKG					
NG Yuen Wai	HKG					
DIAZ Adriana	PUR					
ZHAN Angela	AUS					
SARITAPIRAK Monapsorn	THA					
Naina	IND					
WHT 2010, 2009, OS and other players						
Boys:						
AFANADOR Brian	PUR					
WHEELER Christopher	SCO					
GHALLAB Aly	EGY					
TENTI Fermin	ARG					
CALDERANO Hugo	BRA					
JOUTI Eric	BRA					
YAMADA Jeff	BRA					

Girls:						
SAAD Alaa	EGY					
ZHAN Anshen	AUS					
MIGOT Marie	FRA					
ZARIF Audrey	FRA					



Hopes Challenge week, Vienna, Austria, June 20-26

Our first activity for WHT 2011 was the Hopes Challenge week. This ambitious project brought 63 players and their coaches to Werner Schlager Academy. Our goals were to:

- Give all participants good camp
- Evaluate players
- Organized good tournament

I believe that all of them were achieved.

Coaches and demonstrators that worked with our Hopes:

Coaches:	Demonstrators:
Dirk Wagner (WSA)	Werner Schlager
Mario Amizic (WSA)	Michael Maze
Provas Mondal (WSA)	Krisztina Toth
Dmitrij Levenko (WSA)	Tamara Boros
Dennis Davis (ITTF)	
Anders Johansson (ITTF)	
Branka Batinic (ETTU)	
Parinya Nonsagate (THA, with WHT already 2 years)	
Dejan Pagic (ITTF)	



We had a couple of information and education sessions with players and their coaches. Coaches' daily routines besides practise sessions were regular formals and informal meetings where talent identification process was discussed in details. Assessing potential of over sixty players was taken as a great and demanding task. I am truly grateful to all coaches that have contributed to our overall successful week. We've observed 22 different attributes and each player had the opportunity to be evaluated by at least two coaches. All results were processed and at the end of the week we got pretty good picture. We also had one test in the middle of the week: mini-tournaments where players played from 8-8. It turned out to be a good tool to number of observed attributes and suggesting the seeding list for the official competition at the end of the week.

Beside obvious outcomes of this Hope Week, the true effects will emerge in following years. Most of the players we already met at Euro-Mini and it can be seen that they and their coaches analyze their performance and work hard during summer. In France, they showed up as better players with improved skills, habits and attitudes.



Guangzhou (CHN) and Hong Kong, July 28 - August 15

Our time was divided in three periods:

- Training in Guangzhou (4 days)
- WJC Hong Kong Open (5 days)
- Training in Guangzhou (7 days)

With time progressing, our group got bigger and WHT 2011 got company of several players WHT players from previous years and Olympic Solidarity program. This was a good addition to our base activity because some of those players and coaches have already participated in similar camps and their experience and effort contributed to the so much needed positive spirit at this camp.

Expectations of every player and coach visiting China especially for the first time were very high. They are quite justified because China is really big in all table tennis coaches' and players' heads. Some of those expectations were met but some were not. Our girls had quite good training in very friendly environment. Mrs. Zhang Jing Qing, coach behind early successes of one Wang Nan and Zhang Yining and Head Coach of women team in Guangzhou Sports Training and Technical College helped us a lot with her organizational skills, experience and regular presence at the gym. Our girls practiced with girls that are just slightly better and technical superior. It was good setting for those eager to learn.

At the boys' side things were very grey. More that it had to be. The boys lacked good training partners, tips from host coaches when they were present and a generally more pleasant atmosphere. Luckily, our coaches stepped in and players did also their best being disciplined and focus at every single practice.

Organization of previously agreed tournament at the end of the training camp was left to us. The tournament was held for only one day and although we have announced it to all coaches and players several times, to our surprise we got different set up of boys in the morning and afternoon!





*Hung Ka Tak, WHT 2010,
2nd at Hong Kong Open and 1st at
Canadian Open this summer*

Hong Kong trip came as excellent break from training and it was opportunity for our young athletes to enjoy organization of one of the best product of Global Junior Program – HK Junior Open. Competition was strong and it could not serve as real polygon to test our WHT 2011 players (at least not from results point of view). On the other hand, it was perfect example what standard is needed to be among best cadets and juniors.

They could also see a group of Latin American players, who performed well. Fermin Tenti (ARG), Brian Afanador (PUR), both from our WHT 2009 team and most of all Hugo Calderano (BRA), just one year older, managed to be competitive with the Asians and reach quarter and semi-finals.



Ocschenhausen (GER) and Schiltinghiem (FRA), August 19-28

Training camp in Ocschenhausen was composed of five WHT players. It also brought different working style. Bonds among players and coaches were already established and there was much more time for individual approach. Three German young boys and one girl practice with us during the first two days. They were good match for our players. We also got high quality and committed coaching support in Leo Amizic and Andy Kienle. Smaller group enabled more time and attention for each of our players.

During the last two days in Germany and first two days in France, we focused on the upcoming tournament. With the end of high volume of training and the closeness of the most important test this summer – Euro-Mini also came players’ and coaches’ thoughts about their performance. Worries quickly transformed into self-confidence, especially when tournament started.



*Our player with Ocshenhausen first team
Opportunity to see some of the best young world players developing into top world players
under Dubravko Skoric and Leo Amizic coaching.*



*Euro-Mini is important and noticeable
event in Schilitinghiem*

Podium Results



WHT 2011

Euro-Mini, Schiltigheim (FRA) August 2011

Girls 1999

1st Leung Tsz Ching Vaness

Girls 2000

1st Saritapirak Monapsorn

4th Zhan Angela (although medals were received only for 3rd position, Angela deserves to be mentioned here)

Other players
WJC Hong Kong Open
August 2011

Girls Team
2nd Saad Alaa with JPN-EGY-ENG mixed team

Cadet Boys Double
3rd Calderano Hugo and Tenti Fermin



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LEUNG Tsz Ching Vaness (HKG) is an extraordinary talent. Her start at international scene is promising. In this moment, her game is based on solid technical skills and good working habits. However, there is much more hidden behind this always calm and “in control” young girl. Although she demonstrated from the beginning a very soft hand, and good backhand loop, she was too passive in respond to her opponent intensely. Very cautiously, she inclined to take risk only when she really had to – like in the final of Euro-Mini. Once when she was introduced variation of forehand attack she was able to learn it and apply it very fast. Vaness has very fast arm and can produce strong and quick strokes. She played twice in finals this summer (Vienna and Schiltigheim) and both times she demonstrated

high self-confidence, the ability to control the game and adopt tactically. She worked very hard, but as any true talent, her training needs to be designed to challenge her all the time. She has a very encouraging combination-excellent physique and cool when is needed, with good planning and the right exposure to competition, she will have clear road to reach world top of cadets and juniors.

SARITAPIRAK Monapsorn (THA) managed to adopt to all table tennis challenges that this summer brought to her. Each obstacle was overcome with hard, persistent work. Patient and thoughtful effort at practice was substitute for lack of aggressiveness and sometime intensity. This studious work was rewarded at Euro-Mini when she managed to win several games when she was trailing seriously. At those moments, she played braver, took advice well and played with required risk. This should be her first step for the future – to analyse her game and use more aggressive strokes. Her training would require better physical fitness, mostly quickness at her



Monapsorn with Zhang Jing Qing Mrs. Zhang were involved in developing current Olympic and former World Champions

footwork. She was very coachable – responded well to advice and general directions both at practice and competitions. There is a lot of room for improvement in her serve and receiving, once training addresses those issues we can expect a mighty player.

ZHAN Angela (AUS) went through many different phases during this summer. Her always positive attitude, extraordinary smile and pleasant personality helped her to learn from each different environment and experience. Angela is defensive player with good chop from both sides. She has sound basics for this style – good balance, cut and push from both sides. She is persistent and can be very patient in the game. Also, very emotional and results oriented. Her touch is very nice, understanding rotation and angle very well. She needs to improve her speed, especially footwork. Her coaches and Angela will need to decide very soon about her strategy – passive or active defense. If they chose latter she will need to take care of her offensive strokes. She had great support from her sister, Anshen, especially at Euro-Mini but the absence of her coach during last week of training in China cost her probably medal in



France. Angela is a true fighter and she has the potential and base to become good player that we'll have pleasure to watch.



NG Yuen Wai (HKG) has been with us during camp in Guangzhou and at tournament in Hong Kong. She is one of the few players that play close to the table with pips on her backhand side. The style is what probably brought her a lot of initial success but my opinion is that it's become stumbling block for her. Playing defence all the time, relying on her opponent's mistakes even when there is clear opportunity to attack are correlated well with her physical structure. She is strong and should take a more pro-active role during rallies. It would demand different type of training – more physically tiring but also more exiting. She was injured after coming back from Hong Kong and missed Europe trip, therefore it was possible only to suggest and not really induce changes.

Naina (IND). Very similar to Monapsorn, Naina was able to benefit from training in China. Although the load at training was much higher than she is used to, she was able to find a satisfying rhythm. She grew a lot recently and it influenced her technique and basic position. Naina was very patient in correcting her strokes during camp. She needs more time for it and if she remains focused and persistent she will be able to come after a year or two with corrected technique. In games she has demonstrated good tactical sense and high fighting spirit. It is really pity that she didn't go to Germany and France.



Adriana DIAZ (PUR) doesn't show that she is really working on correcting her mistakes. Her performance at practice greatly depended on her mood. She is still leaning back, not consistent in effort, technique and emotional control. Her game is really much, much better at competitions but it is a question of whether her game is really improving at tournaments or worsening at training. This duality shouldn't last long.

WONG Ho Hin (HKG) is excellent and serious at training, he brought intensity and good working habits to our group. His strategy is based on a modern game based on powerful 3rd ball strokes. At first glance, it is very impressive; his technique is without major problems. He will need to improve his receiving and to work on other aspects of his game. At competitions he has demonstrates two sides – one where he was dominating his opponents and one when he was struggling to find the right answers. The nature of table tennis is multi-dimensional and Ho Hin needs to address his decision making skills during games and to search for more than one solution for different situations. Once this is acquired, his game intensity and sound technical skills will flourish. The Maturity (born in 2000) and experience, he will get in the next couple of years will help a lot, but will be fully utilized with incorporating decision making exercises at training and working at tactical skills at competitions.



CHODRI Kunal (USA) is able to reach very high peaks in his performance but also can be down with lows. It is typical for young players. His games with Kwan Man Ho (HKG – he won) and Masato Kakitsuka (JPN – he lost) were performances that validated my high opinion of his tactical skills. That was remarkable and it is nice starting point but two competitions (Austria and Hong Kong) showed irregularities with his performance levels. Both at training and competitive games, Kunal learns and understands what has to be done very fast. Shortcomings are consequence of his physical fitness, especially strength of his legs. Even his strokes are limited because he adopted technique that is based mostly only on arm involvement. Kunal should take this as good news, because developing physical fitness is achievable goal with almost certain results if it is supported with certain regularity.

JHA Kanak (USA) From physical and mental point of view he is any coach dream. During training camp in China he simply didn't know what enough means. Kanak was persistent at training and brave at tournaments. His hearth, mind and effort were present at every training and game. Room for improvement should be seen at his technical side, especially footwork. Work and spent energy was always there, but his movement was not very efficient, especially for forehand loop from deep forehand side. He has already started to correct it, there is significant improvement, but he should be aware that it is a process. Kanak has real potential; he is a good team-mate and a very coachable athlete. Proper planning in next few years is crucial for all those qualities to be fully exploited.



RADOVIC Filip (MNE) has a nice and talented hand, with good tactical skills. He demonstrated that he knows how to play games and to get into game rhythm. He read his opponents well and it was not easy for his peers to beat him. His strategy is well setup. His game is based on good block with occasionally attack first to disturb opponent's rhythm. It suits his style, physical and mental profile. However, nowadays even this strategy requires well prepared athletes at that early age. His training is lacking intensity to secure his place among the best from his generation. At this moment, he is always a step or two from the top, but for the real breakthrough, much more sweat is compulsory. His strokes have still to be developed and he should put priority on working on his basic position. In this process, he needs to improve his physical fitness a lot.



ABDEL-AZIZ Youssef (EGY) owns a fine backhand stroke and possesses an excellent touch. He also has a huge bonus having his coach - Mohammed Abdel-Hamid behind him. At this moment, there is more potential and hints how good it can be, rather than real outcome. Fair enough for he is in the process of learning how to practice. Hopes are very tender when training is shifting from fun to work. Youssef learned a couple of valuable lessons about consistency in practice. His main problem is proper distance from the table – he is usually too close when playing backhand and too far when looping from forehand. During the last days of camp in Germany, he managed to understand the problem, and what it takes it to correct it and started to correct it.

Fermin TENTI (ARG) A huge, positive change comparing to our last camp in Sweden several months ago. Maturing fast, he was all business when he was present in any table tennis settings, especially competitions. Still there is long to do list: use quick legs to have better 3rd ball attack, acquire softer backhand and flip, learn how to get fast and “cheap” points...But overall he is on the right track - good decision making, improved his distance from the table, good touch (with good routine it would be excellent), good variation with forehand loop, great short up serve... His young coach Rodrigo Gilabert offered the right amount of support and guided him nicely at competition. I am Looking forward to seeing them again soon.





AFANADOR Bryan (PUR) takes table tennis very seriously. His intensity and aggressive style brought him competitiveness against his peers at HK Junior Open. His coach and father, Eladio, is also working hard. They are learning a lot from each trip to Asia or Europe. It can be seen in Bryan's game and attitude. Things to do: better receiving, more variation from forehand side and trying to achieve same speed and ball quality with less energy. Both of them are pleasure to work with, their presence at camp and competitions is a huge plus for all involved players.



Christopher WHEELER (SCO) joined us just for a last training before Euro-Mini. From the moment he arrived to the moment until we said good bye, he was a true team member. His skills improved a lot. At Euro-Mini, his risks were balanced much better and he managed to catch up with best from his generation in Europe. He made a big step forward knowing that last year he was far from the main draw. He lost against another WHT player Wang Ho Hin from HKG.

CALDERANO Hugo (BRA) In very short time, he has grown into a true contender for world top. Now, at cadet level, but pace of his improvement, his remarkably smooth touch and obvious athleticism can indicate that we are witnessing the development of a fine senior player. He still a tone of homework to do – find the proper distance from table, be more consistent with his own strategy (or work of finding one), use quick and strong legs to be improve 3rd ball attack...On the other hand, his receiving is natural, always has several options for every situation and usually finds the right one. His decision making is what brought him to the top of cadet WRL. Developing the right habits, good environment and proper schedule can bring him in short period of time among best juniors.



JOUTI Eric (BRA) is speed. Sometimes it is impressive, contributes to swift performances that scare opponents. At other times, it affects his decision making. The moment when he distinguishes between being fast and being in hurry, is when he'll be able to make huge steps forward. His quickness is very visible but paying more attention to his serve and receiving game will make him really useful. Eric matured a lot comparing to last summer and it was real pleasure working with him.

YAMADA Jeff (BRA) has excellent physical abilities and working habits. Jeff is a very useful team player that puts a real fight in every game. His training should compose of more irregular exercises. His fitness is good guarantee for hard work and he challenging him with decision making situations during training can bring better results. I am truly thankful to Brazilian team: coach, Guilherme Simoes, Jeff, Eric and Hugo for practicing hard and helping out our group of players in Guangzhou with the right attitude.



GHALLAB Aly (EGY) is a young, coachable, enthusiastic player. In Guangzhou he used opportunities at training to the maximum (time, coach's advices, opponents). He needs to get more rational with his strokes – too wide and with excessive use of force. His basic position at the table was too close to the table causing him to hit many balls times behind his body. He understood problems and immediately started to correct them. It was great having him as a part of our group.



SAAD Alaa (EGY) is truly gifted player. Her smartness, touch, anticipation and fighting spirit made her fly at many games at Hong Kong junior open. At the same time what a discrepancy between potential and her habits! Alaa struggles with most of demanding things during first week of training camp – physical exercises, long repetitions, correcting strokes. Once introduced to “real” life of young table tennis players she managed to adapt and came into the last week with a much better approach to daily duties. With better technique and working on her fitness, she would be able to set up high goals.

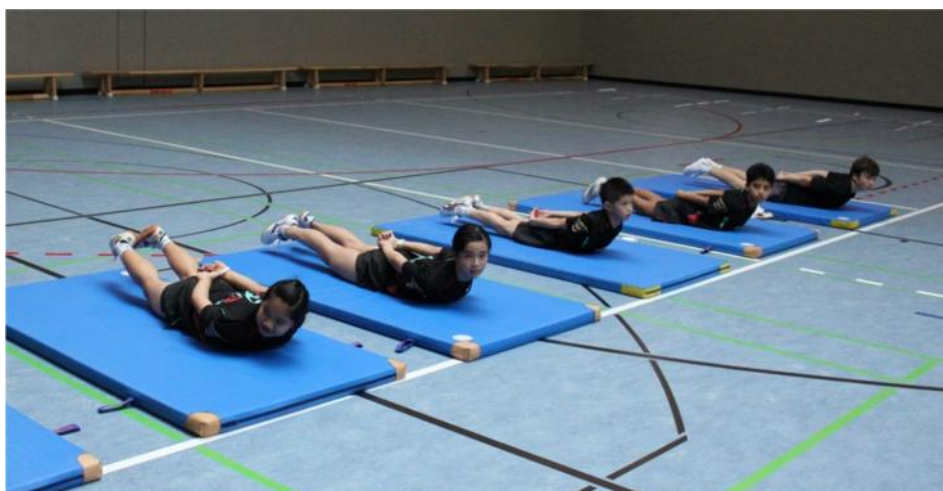
MIGOT Marie and ZARIF Audrey (FRA) took a deserved holiday after European championships and joined us during our last week in Guangzhou. Having excellent support in Claude Bergeret they adapted very quickly to training in China. Demands were huge in terms of volume but they weathered all problems. Marie’s game is developing fine. Her backhand serve adds a unique quality to her game. Audrey gained a lot of confidence since last year and her quickness on table was notice by Chinese coaches. Both of them were able to respond well to host players at training and friendly games.





ZHAN Anshen (AUS) provided a true support for her younger sister. Somehow, neglecting her own game she unnecessarily diminished her role as a player. During training week in Germany and France she proved that with little bit more ambitious approach, results would be just steps away from her. Her use of short pips on her backhand side can be more efficient but more talk about her technical game should be made after she focuses on her training for several months.

Picture is worth thousand words







Tournament results - Summary

RESULTS	WH Challenge (all U12)	WJC Hong Kong Open (all U15 results except when noted)	Euro-Mini (all U12 and U11)
Boys			
WONG Ho Hin	1 st place	Cadet – R32; 2 nd in group	U12 (year 1999) – No 7
		Double – QF, with AFANADOR	
		Team – didn't play; he was in Japan for East Asia U12	
RADOVIC Filip	SF	Single – lost all games in group	U11 (year 2000) – No 12
		Double – with ABDEL-AZIZ; lost 1 st round	
		Team – lost all games	
ABDEL-AZIZ Youssef	QF	Single – lost all games in group	U11 (year 2000) – No 9
		Double – with RADOVIC; lost 1 st round	
		Team – lost all games	
CHODRI Kunal	R16	Single – Won one game in a group against good player	
		Double – with JHA; lost 1 st round	
		Team – lost all games	
JHA Kanak	SF	Single – lost all games in group	
		Double – with CHODRI; lost 1 st round	
		Team – Score 3/1! played at no 3 position	
AFANADOR Brian		Single – R16	
		Double – QF with WONG Ho Hin	
		Team – won several nice games	

WHEELER Christopher	QF		U12 (year 1999) – No 9
GHALLAB Aly		Single – R16	
		Team – solid performance	
TENTI Fermin		Single – QF; good performance	
		Double with CALDERANO – SF	
		Team – won several nice games	
CALDERANO Hugo		Single – QF; good performance, but first seed	
		Double with TENTI - SF	
		Junior Team – Mixed performance and results	
JOUTI Eric		Junior Single – 2 nd in group, reach R16 lost against winner	
		His score in team event 3-3	
		Double with Jeff QF	
YAMADA Jeff		Junior Single – 2 nd in group, lost 1 st round against player from CHN	
		His score in team event 3-2	
		Double with Eric QF	
Girls			
LEUNG Tsz Ching Vaness	1 st place	Single – R16, Very good performance	U12 (Year 199) – 1 st place
		Double with Monapsorn – good performance	
NG Yuen Wai	2 nd place	Cadet – 4 th in group; (out of 4, lost all games)	
		Team – her score 3-4	

		Double with Naina – lost 1 st round	
DIAZ Adriana	R16	Cadet – 4 th in group; (out of 4, lost all games)	
ZHAN Angela	QF	Cadet – 4 th in group; (out of 4, lost all games)	
		Score 2-4 in team event	
		Double lost 1 st round	Lost
SARITAPIRAK Monapsorn	QF	Cadet – 3 rd in group (out of 4, beat Adriana)	U11 (Year 2000) – 2 nd place
		Score 2-4 but won last two games ; most games were in 5 sets	
		Double with Vaness – reach 2 nd round	
Naina	QF	Cadet – 3 rd in group (out of 3 players; lost all her games)	
		Team: her score 0-4 lost all games	
		Double with Ng – lost first round	
SAAD Alla		Single R16 – very good performance	
		Team – 2 nd place, team was mixed but she played very active role winning all her games except last one in final	
		Double with Anshen – lost 1 st round	
ZHAN Anshen		Cadet – 3 rd in group (out of 4 players)	
		Team – Score 1:4	
		Double with Alla – lost 1 st round	