

MDTTC News

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Nathan Hsu won 18 & Under and Under 2450 at the South Shore Open in Indiana, Oct. 25-26. He also made the quarterfinals of Open Singles and semifinals of Open Doubles. (Second in 18 & Under above is Victor Liu; third is Chase Bockoven.)

Archive of Past MDTTC Newsletters

Welcome to the 30th issue of the MDTTC News. As usual, there's lots of news to report and new and ongoing programs, and we hope to see you at some of them. As usual a special thanks to MDTTC sponsors [Butterfly](#) and [James Wu, Long & Foster](#). Make sure to read my daily table tennis blog - I often write about MDTTC happenings there. And if you have a nice picture taken at MDTTC, email it to me and it might make the newsletter!

-Editor and Coach [Larry Hodges](#)

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PBS Video on MDTTC

[PBS did a 4-minute video](#) on MDTTC, which features Crystal Wang, Derek Nie, and Coach Larry Hodges. (We tried to get Cheng and Jack in it, but they didn't have confidence in their English.) Other players make appearances.

South Shore Sports/ Wasserman Junior Championships

Nathan Hsu (pictured above) did great there, winning 18 & Under and Under 2450 and making the quarterfinals of the Open and semifinals of Open Doubles. [Here's the write-up](#) by Coach Larry Hodges.

World Cadet Challenge

MDTTC's Crystal Wang, 12, made the quarterfinals of Cadet Girls' Singles the World Cadet Challenge this past weekend. The event was held Oct. 23 - Nov. 1 in Bridgetown, Barbados. Playing against players who were often over two years older, she went 3-0 in her preliminaries (including a deuce-in-the-fifth win over Adriana Diaz of Puerto Rico, ranked #12 by the ITTF in World Cadets and the #2 ranked cadet in North & South America), and won her first match in the main draw, 4-2 over Nanapat Kola of Thailand. She lost 2-4 in the quarters to Adina Diaconu of Romania.

She also teamed with Amy Wang of New Jersey to make the quarterfinals of Cadet Girls' Doubles (losing 1-3 to Mima Ito/Jiho Kim of Japan), and was on the North American Team that made the semifinals of Cadet Girls Teams (losing 0-3 to Team Asia). Here's a [feature ITTF article](#) on Crystal. Here's the [ITTF home page](#) for the event, with results, articles, and pictures. (Besides Crystal and Amy, there are two other USA players, Kanak Jha and Jack Wang. Kanak made the semifinals of Cadet Boys' Singles and won the bronze medal match, and Jack made the quarterfinals. Kanak and Jack made the semifinals of Cadet Boys Doubles, and played on the North American Team that lost 1-3 to Team Europe in the semifinals of Cadet Boys Teams.)

Butterfly MDTTC October Open Results

Here are the results of the October 18-19 Butterfly MDTTC Open. As usual special thanks to Director Charlene Liu and Referee Paul Kovac. (Click on their names to see pictures of the finalists.)

Open Singles - Final: [Chen Bo Wen d. Wang Qing Liang](#), -10,8,8,13,-5,11; **SF:** Chen d. Nathan Hsu, 9,-6,7,5,-8,3; Wang d. Harold Baring, -8,-8,7,5,-11,8,8; **QF:** Chen d. Bojun Zhangliang, 7,8,5; Wang d. Raghunadram, 9,9,9; Hsu d. Allen Lin, 7,7,7; Baring d. Heather Wang, 9,-9,9,9.

Under 2400 - Final: [Bojun Zhangliang d. Raghu Nadmichettu](#), 10,8,7; **SF:** Zhangliang d. Ryan Dabbs, 9,6,8; Nadmichettu d. Allen Lin, 10,7,7.

Under 2250 - Final: [Allen Lin d. Amy Lu](#), 7,7,7; **SF:** Lin d. Michael Clarke, 8,8,8; Lu d. Humayun Nasar, 6,-6,6,-6,6.

Under 2050 - Final: [Tiffany Ke d. Reginald Willis](#), 3,9,5; **SF:** Ke d. Michael Clarke, -7,7,9,7; Willis d. George Li, 9,-8,9,5.

Under 1900 - Final: [Justin Bertschi d. Si Cheong](#), 5,-8,8,7; **SF:** Bertschi d. Leon Bi, -5,9,7,4; Cheong d. Darwin Ma, 13,7,10.

Under 1650 - Final: [Daniel Gong d. David Goldstein](#), 7,8,-9,-5,9; **SF:** Gong d. Benjamin Clark, 6,-8,8,6; Goldstein d. Morteza Sajed, -8,7,9,6.

Under 1400 - Final: [Jon Hiratsuka d. William Huang](#), -5,2,1,8; **SF:** Hiratsuka d. Barry Dancis, 9,7,8; Huang d. Siliang Huang, 14,8,10.

Under 1150 - Final: [Joshua Gong d. William Huang](#), -11,4,7,-9,4; **SF:** Gong d. Eugene O'Bryan, 9,12,5; Huang d. Lilas Samirad, -8,5,3,8.

Under 13 - Final RR: [1st William Huang \(2-0\)](#); [2nd Emily Wu \(1-1\)](#); 3rd Mulan Liu (0-2).

Ongoing Programs

- **Beginning Junior Classes.** This is for beginners to advanced beginners, ages 6-14, with Coach Larry (with John Hsu and others assisting), and are held Thursdays 6-7 PM and Sundays 4:30-6:00 PM. Saturday classes will resume in the Winter session, beginning on January 3, 2015, 10:30 AM - noon. [Here's the info flyer](#) for Sunday & Saturday classes. The Thursday class is organized by the Montgomery Country Recreation Department; [here is the info and online signup page](#) (enter course #387796). Saturday classes will resume in the Winter session, beginning on January 3, 2015.
- **Afterschool Program.** The MDTTC Afterschool program continues this Fall. The program combines table tennis and schoolwork, with courtesy pickups at schools. MDTTC coaches and staff will pick up students after school (from selected areas), and bring them to the club where they will have a one-hour table tennis session, practice time, and do homework with our resident tutors. The academic tutors are Larry Hodges and Wen Hsu. [Here's the info flyer](#).
- **Group Sessions.** While this is primarily for juniors, all ages are welcome - it's about 1/3 adults. They meet on Saturdays, 4:30-6:30. The first 30 minutes is practice/warm-up, then 90 minutes of matches. See the [Group Training page](#).
- **Private Coaching,** by Coaches Cheng Yinghua, Jack Huang, Larry Hodges, Jeffrey Zeng Xun, Wang Qing Liang, Alex Ruichao Chen Ruichao, Chen Bowen, John Hsu, and Raghu Nadmichettu. See [Private Coaching page](#).
- **Leagues.** MDTTC runs three different leagues. Take your pick! They are the [Tuesday and Friday Leagues](#) (for all ages and levels), and the [Sunday Elite League](#) for ratings above 2000. The Tuesday & Friday leagues are very popular, so come early to sign up.

MDTTC Birthday Parties

Want to have a table tennis birthday party? [Here's info!](#) Parties at MDTTC during winter months are especially popular. Reserve early! Parties include one hour of coaching and games led by an MDTTC coach, usually Coach Larry.

Rental Space for Corporate and Private Events

MDTTC offers space rental for special corporate and private events. Here is [Facility Rental Information](#). Please email us to check on availability.

MDTTC Web and Facebook Pages

Don't forget to see the regularly updated [MDTTC Facebook page](#), and make sure to "like" it! Stop by and see all the photos, read the latest news, or post your own comments. Also see the [MDTTC web page](#) for regularly updated info.

Ma Long's Backhand

[Here's a blog entry](#) about the backhand of China's Ma Long, and 12 things we can learn from it.

TIP OF THE MONTH: Ten Steps to a Great Service Game

By Larry Hodges

I've included links to some pertinent articles.

1. Learn to serve with lots of spin by accelerating the racket through the ball and grazing it. (Here's the article [Serving Short with Spin](#). Here's another, [Five Steps to a Great Spin Serve](#).)
2. Learn to serve various spins, including backspin, side-backspin, sidespin, side-topspin, and topspin, and be able to serve with sidespin in either direction. (Here's the article [Importance of Serve Variety](#).)
3. Learn to serve low. (Here's the article [Serving Low](#).)
4. Learn to control the depth and direction of the serve. (Here's the article [Depth Control of Serves](#).)
5. Learn to serve with spin using a semi-circular motion so you can create different spins with the same motion by varying where in the motion you contact the ball. (Here's the article [Semi-Circular Motion on Serves](#).)
6. Learn to minimize and do quickly this semi-circular motion so receiver has trouble picking up contact. (See same article linked in #5.)
7. Learn to change the direction of your follow-through with your racket the split second after contact to mislead the receiver. (Here's the article [Exaggerate the Opposite Motion on Serves](#).)
8. Learn to fake spin and serve no-spin by contacting the ball near the handle. (Here's the article [Those Dizzying No-Spin Serves](#).)
9. Learn to serve fast & deep as a variation to your spin serves. (Here's the article [Fifteen Important Deep Serves](#). Here's another, [Turn Opponents into Puppets with Long Serves](#). Here's [How to Ace an Opponent](#).)
10. Learn to follow up your serves. (Here's the article [The Purpose of the Serve](#).)