

Dayton Giant RR Open

Nov 6, 2010

Although the season's first flakes of snow dusted the Dayton area overnight, the table tennis action was hot the following day at South Metro Sports, the new home of the Dayton TTC. The South Metro Sports complex houses a full size Hockey Rink and a huge adjacent court complex for volley ball, basketball and now table tennis. Twelve tables were set up for Dayton's traditional 2-star November Open, and were spaced apart in huge courts of a size more typical of courts in late rounds of a 4 star. With somewhat more modest court areas, 30+ tables could be accommodated. In addition to court-side viewing, play could be followed through the glass-enclosed second floor lounge which is nicely equipped with a snack bar, TV, game room and fire place.

And thanks, as always, to Butterfly for the ball sponsorship.

The spectators included a number of the high school hockey players who at the completion of their practice sessions dropped by to see the TT action. It was perhaps their first opportunity to see up close, the fast play of 2100 rated TT athletes, their age, counter-looping and smashing for points.

The giant RR drew 54 entrants, 30 of which, rated under 1550, were placed in the morning session and divided into three 10 person groups. The remaining 24 higher rated players, were divided into three 8 person groups in the afternoon. Between the sessions a hectic Handicap event was held, one game to 21, with spots up to 17 points for a 1000 points difference in ratings (heard on the court; " Do I really have to spot you 17"; " Yeah, heh, heh, heh).

Top rated Nick Snider at 2216, survived three 5-game matches to the number 2, 3, and 4 seeds to finish 7-0 in the top "A" group. Down 2-0 to second place finisher, Darren Tang, Snider rebounded nicely at -6,-7,5,4,6. Ken Pinili finished 3rd and Tom Yost who stretched Snider out at -7, 11, 5,-13, 12 ended at 4th.

Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4th
A	Nick Snider	Darren Tang	Ken Pinili	Tom Yost
B	Kosal Tith	Amer Shaw	Carl Bradley Jr.	Sameh Labib
C	Cameron Luo	Bob New	Ben Hadden	Ben Celebivic
D	Veerendra Velamarthy	Eric Maskey	Del Norman	Tom Leslie
E	Yi-Yan Xue	Sid Jayanna	Bill Zhang	Alan Wu
F	Brian Jortner	Adam Darer	Don McDonald	Michael Stevenson
Handicap	1 st Baris Kaya	2 nd Sid Jayanna		