

ITTF Cadet Challenge Cup – Hyderabad, INDIA
October 30-November 7, 2010

The ITTF Cadet Challenge Cup is a world event where athletes from Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania, Pan America and the host country, represent their continents in the team and individual events. The selection of the players for the Pan Am Team was a two step process for USA players. First we had our own USA Trials held in Grand Rapids during the US Open, where Ariel Hsing and Annand Engineer qualified to the last stage qualifier in Ecuador, the Pan Am Trials. ITTF has proposed and the Pan Am countries accepted, to allow some players nominated by ITTF from the World Hopes Team to participate in the Pan Am Trials as well. Charles Deng was one of these selected players. Although we had 2 players participate in the Pan Am Trials boy's event, it was clear that only one player could qualify for the Team per ITTF rules (one player/gender/country).

The Pan Am Team was composed of Ariel Hsing (USA), Caroline Kumahara (BRA), Anqi Luo (CAN) and Andrea Arvelo (VEN) on the girls side and Hugo Calderon (BRA), Charles Deng (USA), Sebastian Aguirre (PAR) and Julio Li (PER). The team met on October 29 in Hyderabad, India for a three day ITTF joint training camp with the teams from Europe, Asia, Oceania, Africa and the host country India. We had 2 practice sessions each day and the tournament started on Nov. 2 with the team event followed by individual events starting on November 5th.

Final results are as follows:

*Girls Team event – **Bronze medal***

*Boy's team event – **Bronze medal***

*Girls singles event – **Bronze medal – ARIEL HSING (USA)***

- Caroline Kumahara – 11th place
- Anqi Luo (CAN) – 15th place
- Andrea Arvelo (VEN) – 17th place

Boy's singles event

- Hugo Calderano (BRA) – 9th place
- Julio Li (PER) -12th place
- Sebastian Aguirre (PAR) – 13th place
- Charles Deng (USA) – 14th place

*Girls doubles event- **Silver medal – ARIEL HSING (USA) - CAROLINE KUMAHARA (BRA)***

For full results please click on the following link. http://www.ittf.com/juniors/2010/CC-JCF/2010_gcc_resultsbook.pdf

I would like to end this short report saying that we had a wonderful Pan Am Team, the results in both, girls and boys, were excellent and Ariel's results probably some of the best at a world event for a member of USA Team. This was Ariel's 5th (and last) participation to an ITTF Cadet Challenge Cup and she sure ended her cadet years in a very strong and positive note.

I am very proud of all of our players from Pan Am and I can only hope that this is just the beginning of a great table tennis career for some if not most of them. Many thanks also to coach Lincon for his help, as well as to the Pan Am team Leader John Cruz.

Last but not least, on Nov. 5 the ITTF Junior Circuit Finals started and USA was represented by Lily Zhang. She finished 9th out of the 16 junior girls and ahead of many players better ranked in the World ranking. In the group stage she finished third playing 2-4 vs. Lee Ho Ching (HKG), 0-4 vs. Li Isabelle (SIN), and 4-2 vs. Das Ankita (IND). She qualified to play for positions 9-16 and she won 4-1 vs. Buy Vy (AUS), 4-1 vs. Kriehoff Anna (GER), and 4-0 vs. Meshref Dina (EGY).

Emilia Gheorghe- Pan Am girl's team coach

ITTF Challenge Cup – Pan Am Team

Team event: - *Girl's team- bronze medal*



Boy's Team –Bronze medal



Singles event: Girls
Ariel Hsing (USA) - Bronze medal



Girls doubles event- Silver medal

Ariel Hsing (USA) – Caroline Kumahara (BRA)



Pan Am Team



From left to right:

Back row: coach Lincon (BRA), coach Emilia (USA), John Cruz- Team Leader (COL), Sebastian (PAR), Hugo (BRA), Julio (PER).

Font row: Charles (USA), Andrea (VEN), Ariel (USA), Anqi (CAN), Caroline (BRA).