

2011 ITTF Hopes Week and Challenge



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For my life this year, I don't think anything really unforgettable happened, but after this training camp showed up, I got a remarkable twelve years-old year in my life.

I am very lucky that I could represent Hong Kong to participate in the ITTF World Hopes Week and Challenge program which was held in Werner Schlager Academy in Austria during 20-26 June this year. Since I am 12 years old now, I should cherish this good chance to know more friends and have the opportunity to be one of the members of the Hopes Team.

I have spent about 9 days in Austria, due to this program and a training camp is held during the first five days. There are quite a lot of people representing their own countries to attend this program. About 40 girls and 50 boys are participated in this program, which is altogether about 100 participants.



The training camp started off and ended up pleasantly, all players were also very cooperative and all things were done easily without any problems or arguing. A lot of players asked questions initiatively when we got any problems due to our practice that day and things that we don't understand immediately.

During these days, I got a lot of friends, which is so rare that my new friends all come from different places in the whole world.



Days passed quickly and everyone became more and more serious, because all of us knew that we should play hard during practice or win the first and second places in the match which is held on the last two days, to be elected as one of the members in the Hopes Team. The day before the competition, some really well-known players were invited by ITTF, like Kriztina Toth, Michael Maze and Werner Schlager. I got a chance to receive Werner's famous serves and I got a chance to practice with Kriztina. That night Werner and Michael played a match, and it was interesting because it is very seldom for me to view top players play competition. After that, we got to take photo shots with these top players, and even got their autographs too!



Our games started off quite easily for me in the first few rounds, but things were getting more and more harder in the matches, less people survived in this competition, and less tables were placed in this grand and big hall. This made the atmosphere very nervous to all of us. Me and Ng Yuen Wai got to play the finals again and at last I won the champion and she got the second place, which means two of us will also be in the hopes team this year.

I think this is a very unforgettable experience, because different places, culture, skin color... and a lot more different kinds of people train together which is very different from our training in Hong Kong. It's my pleasure to be one of the members of the team, because we can go to a lot of different places and play together, and I 'm sure this will be a remarkable experience in my whole life.

