



TABLE TENNIS SOUTH CANTERBURY



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SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teams

At the start of the secondary schools teams' competition in March a team from Gleniti Primary School (Jack Deeley, Ben Deeley and Louis Low) was included among the 24 teams to provide stronger competition for them. They had easily won the primary school competition the two previous years and this season they wanted to see how they fared against the older teams. Early on it became apparent the team would be a force to be reckoned with and on the strength of an unbeaten 31 matches from Jack, 30 wins from Ben and excellent support from Louis the team made the final against the Roncalli 1 team of Jessi Drake, Hayden Blackler and Patrick O'Neill. The teams had earlier met during the playoffs and Gleniti were comfortable winners on that occasion. It was no different in the final with Gleniti running away to win 7-2 with Jack remaining unbeaten for the season through 34 matches and Ben winning 33. Two other Roncalli teams played off for third and this was easily won by Tim Heke, Lee Cooper and James Spence over Non Pluemworasawat, Tim Wu and Nathan Kerridge 7-2. Other teams to make the playoffs were Boys High 5 (Edward Armstrong, Tom McCann, Danny Ko), Roncalli 4 (Bas Jenpichitkulchai, Fee Chokchainant, Koko Chaymaytakul) and Roncalli 5 (Luke Elsen, Francis Blackstock, Tom Anderson). Next week is the singles competition for both girls and boys.

Singles

The dominance of Primary school players Jack and Ben Deeley in the Secondary Schools table tennis competitions continued on Monday night in the boys singles tournament. After winning the teams' event the previous week Jack and Ben comfortably eased their way through pool play and the semi-finals to set up a meeting in the final. The previous two years the brothers had met in the final of the primary school event with younger brother Ben being victorious on both occasions. The best of 5 games final started in the same vein with Ben comfortably taking the first game 11-7 and racing to a 8-3 lead in the second. At this point top seed Jack changed his game plan and errors soon crept into Ben's game allowing Jack to make a brilliant comeback to take the second game 11-9. Jack's great defence and occasional attack and Ben's rising error count as he continued to attack at almost every shot allowed Jack to take the third game with ease 11-3. In a must win fourth game Ben slowed his game down to try and get back into the match and it was point for point until the business end when Jack got the jump and held on to win the game 11-9 and the title.

In the girls section the top two seeds, Meghan Sutton (1) and Louise Travaille (2), won all 4 of their pool matches to progress to the semi-finals where they would meet Emilee Keenan and Georgia Murphy respectively. While Sutton had a comfortable victory over Keenan 11-6, 11-4 to move into her second successive final Travaille met her match in 3rd seed Murphy going down 7-11, 7-11. In the final it was Murphy who took the early lead sneaking the first game 12-10 before Sutton fought back to take the second 11-5 and gain the ascendancy heading into the deciding game. It was Murphy however who took an early lead, and while Sutton got close, it was Murphy who took the game 11-8 to win the title.