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### **COLLEGE TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN'S DOUBLES**

University of Minnesota doubles team Ming Curran and Anders Truelson easily won their opening match against Vuong (Fullerton) and Murthy (Stanford), but came up against Ludovic Gombos and Carlos Chiu of Texas Wesleyan in the second round.

Gombos and Chiu displayed too much power, too much talent, for everyone in their half of the draw.

In the top half, Misha Kazantsev and Jordan Fisher of USC scored a remarkable upset against their opponents from Texas Wesleyan. Despite a rating advantage of 150 points, Dinko Kranjac and Aldis Presley could not sustain the intensity needed to win. Kazantsev was prone to unforced errors early, but in the deciding game hit several seemingly impossible power shots for winners. Kranjac and Presley fought hard to ten-all, but came up short against the intensity of the USC duo.

The expected matchup between #1 seeded Adam Hugh and Tahl Leibovitz (Princeton/Queens) and the #2 seeds Ludovic Gombos and Carlos Chiu did not disappoint. Hugh and Leibovitz started quickly, with Adam's power and Tahl's remarkable ability to place the ball with an incredible range of speed and spin. "That's smart!" Hugh would exclaim to Leibovitz as Tahl would place an off-speed shot.

The match would go five games, but Gombos and Chiu were spent. After some beautiful touch returns for winners by Hugh, and a series of points of spectacular topspin play, Hugh and Leibovitz's concentration and confidence proved insurmountable. They win it going away 11-3 in the 5th.

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