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### **ROCHESTER, Minnesota- "Vamos" pushes Mississippi College forward to Top Four in the Nation**

Maria Montano, former junior player from Venezuela, is a transfer from neighboring University of Southern Mississippi and has already made a positive impression on her new teammates and the 2009 Championships. Shouts of "Vamos" could be heard every couple of minutes in the playing hall while Mississippi College played. Montano has taught her asian team mates some spanish words, most notably "Vamos" which is a popular inspirational phrase equivalent to "Get pumped or let's go" in english. Montano very loval about her passion for the sport and her team taught her many asian team mates who don't speak spanish, the word "vamos" and most teams notice the intensity and passion from this team that is all Chinese except for Montano.

The excitement reached its peak with this match: Mississippi College vs. Toronto University. Cheers dominate the entire facility as these women's teams revel in two victories, and agonize over two losses. Mississippi College men's standout and women's technical coach Huan Qiu (Ken) often uses an altered lineup that results in a doubles tie-breaker—and when his doubles duo of Jenny and Jessica (Hiajing Wu and Jie Zhou) take the court, they usually are favored. But against Toronto's Pei Pei Zheng and Lillian Yu, Mississippi College knows they have their hands full.

Jenny and Jessica take control early by being quicker to attack, but Toronto adjusts with exceptional mid-court counterdriving. At 2-2 the momentum favors Toronto, but a lucky ball at 5-7 enlivens Mississippi College's hopes.

Late in the game it is the Toronto women's concentration and confident attack that wins the day, and this very hard-fought match. The Toronto women, here for the first time, have secured a spot in the semi-finals! Despite the loss, Mississippi College women rode the train of inspiration with Montano and her teammates chants of "vamos" through to the top four in the 2009 College Table Tennis Championships in Rochester, MN