

**2011 Millcreek Giant Round Robin  
Erie PA April 16-17, 2011  
by Sam Steiner**

This year we were able to expand this popular event to two days, with Saturday being the singles giant round robin as in past years, and Sunday a 2-Person Team giant round robin. About 75% of the players competed both days giving them a grueling NA Teams-style schedule with as many as 15 matches over the weekend against similar playing levels.



**Samson Dubina vs. Filip Ilijevski**

In division 1, basically an Open event, a cherry-picking Samson Dubina captured first place without much challenge, losing only one game to Toronto's Colin Greenidge. Chip Coulter took 2<sup>nd</sup> with a win over practice partner Randy Seemiller who settled for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Notable was strong play by 12-year-old Filip Ilijevski of Toronto in his first visit to Erie, with a 3-2 win over a sluggish A.J. Carney.

Division 2 saw Pittsburgh lefty Ken Roskos return to past form defeating all 8 opponents to take first. A strong-looking Will Humber of State College came out on top of a 3-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> with Richard Chan of Pittsburgh and Marc Maronian of Rochester.

In division 3 Sam Russel made the trek from Lancaster PA to capture 1<sup>st</sup> place over Alex Bateman and Francis Wong in spite of a loss to a non-tieing player.

Strongville Ohio's Vaishal Shah remained undefeated in division 4 to take first place in his first visit to Erie. Dustin Zemaitis downed Ralph Prescott to settle 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

Division 5 was an all-Ohio affair in the money positions with Eric Maskey of Columbus capturing the first of two 1<sup>st</sup> place titles. A rapidly improving Ali Khatami edged Cheok Ng in an all-Cleveland battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In division 6 newcomer Sujeet Singh of Rochester topped Cleveland's Shrey Bafna in a 5-game nailbiter, with Bruce Scavo of Utica taking 3<sup>rd</sup> in his first visit to Erie.

Division 7 featured an under-rated Gang Liu of Hudson in 1<sup>st</sup> in spite of a loss to Syracuse's Petre Golumbeanu. David Utis of Cleveland earned a hard-won 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.



**Alex Penkhasov vs. A.J. Carney**

Another underrated player Carl Swindell of Pittsburgh took 1<sup>st</sup> in division 8 in spite of a loss to 2<sup>nd</sup> place Alex Averin of Pittsburgh. Tim Zhao of Cleveland finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in a 5-gme squeaker with Alex.

And in division 9, Zack Wawrzaszek finally struck gold taking 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 5-game win over Collin Preston in an all-Rochester finals, with David Sommers of Cleveland in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All division winners in groups 3-9 took home a check for \$100 and/or a trophy for their efforts.



### 2-Man Team Event Sunday April 17

Sunday's matches started out with a lot of stiff muscles and sore legs as the players worked off the effects of Saturday's play. The Rochester team of a still fit and solid Ray Mack partnering with his pupil Des Preston to upset the Cleveland team of Tak Chun & Tak Cheong, and give 2<sup>nd</sup> seeds A.J. Carney & Don Hamilton a near-death experience with a close 2-3 loss where Ray downed both A.J. & Don with solid consistent play.

The other outstanding division 1 team was Keith Pech & a supposedly out-of-practice Kenneth Pinili upsetting the hapless A.J. & Hamilton in a shocking 3-0 upset. Poor A.J. & Don gamely struggled on but with A.J.'s pulled hamstring the Pittsburgh machine of Seemiller/Coulter/Walk dominated. "Looks like I'll be 1900 after this tournament!" groaned A.J. Still Don's acrobatic lob & retrieve game entertained spectators and destroyed barriers as he leapt all over the court in his efforts, leading one onlooker to suggest charging for spectator admission whenever Don plays.

In division 2, top seeds Wayne Carney & Shri Lolla from Rochester pretty much steamrolled all opponents although a long close end-of-tournament match between Wayne and Sam Russel was a 3-0 nail-biter in close games. The pick-up team of Russel & Will Humber defeated Marc & Andre Maronian of Rochester 3-2 to settle 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In division 3 the long pips team of Grandalski & French clawed their way to 1<sup>st</sup> despite a loss to 3rd place finishers Miklos & Tundi Balogh of Meadville. Dave Pech & Vaishal Shah of Strongsville edged out a strong Windsor team 3-2 to take 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Eric Maskey got his 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100 prize of the tournament by partnering with Ta-Min Chang of Rochester in another pick-up team formed at the last minute. Close 3-2



wins over Rochester's Dom Sanzotta Jr & Dustin Zemaitis and Kommel/Muggah made the difference. 3<sup>rd</sup> was another Rochester team of Sanzotta Sr & Berl Stein.

In Division 5 the evidently under-rated newcomers Singh & Pulla took 1<sup>st</sup> with only one match lost all day. A 3-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> was later broken by games with the Mo Valley team of Schlernitzauer & Tripp sneaking into 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 1.214 game ratio vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Haddad/Stottlar at .933 & 4<sup>th</sup> the McCrackens of Erie at .889.

Finally in division 6 it was the Spin Hudson team of Gang Liu & son Roger taking 1<sup>st</sup> without too much challenge. 2<sup>nd</sup> was the Rochester junior team of Ryan Gao & Geoff Alden over 3<sup>rd</sup> place Soliman & Bilenler.

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## Saturday April 16 Singles

### Division 1U

1. Samson Dubina 5/0
2. Chip Coulter 3/2
3. Randy Seemiller 3/2
4. Colin Greenidge 3/2
5. Filip Ilijevski 1/4
6. A. J. Carney 0/5

### Division 2U

1. Ken Roskos 5/0
2. Will Humber 3/2
3. Richard Chan 3/2
4. Marc Maronian 3/2
5. Wayne Carney 1/4
6. Mark Krotec 0/5

### Division 3U

1. Sam Russel 4/1
2. Alex Bateman 3/2
3. Francis Wong 3/2
4. Dave Pech 2/3
5. Vijay Aluri 2/3
6. Gary Podis 1/4

### Division 4U

1. Vaishal Shah 5/0
2. Dustin Zemaitis 3/2
3. Ralph Prescott 2/3
4. Dave French 2/3

### Division 1L

1. Don Hamilton 4/1
2. Keith Pech 4/1
3. Alex Penkhasov 3/2
4. Des Preston 3/2
5. Seyed Hamrahan 1/4
6. Shri Lolla 0/5

### Division 2L

1. Andre Maronian 5/0
2. Raymond Nagel 3/2
3. Juraj Vlahovic 3/2
4. Cliff Sullivan 3/2
5. Gary Martin 0/5
6. Takeshi Tanaka 1/4 (def.)

### Division 3L

1. Robert Cox 4/1
2. Ravi Syal 3/2
3. Neil Myers 3/2
4. Wei Luo 2/3
5. Tundi Balogh 2/3
6. Jay Sivisankaran 1/4

### Division 4L

1. Dom Sanzotta Jr 4/1
2. Gary Howes 3/2
3. Michael Brown 3/2
4. Vadim Korneev 3/2

5. Matt Sakaduski 2/3
6. John Pahl 1/4

#### Division 5U

1. Erie Maskey 4/1
2. Ali Khatami 4/1
3. Cheok Ng 3/2
4. Taylor Pancoast 2/3
5. Richard Baker 2/3
6. Chad Dammar 0/5

#### Division 6U

1. Sujeet Singh 4/1
2. Shreyans Bafna 4/1
3. Bruce Scavo 2/3
4. Bill Schlernitzauer 2/3
5. Boris Shtarkman 2/3
6. James Kim 1/4

#### Division 7U

1. Gang Liu 4/1
2. Petre Golumbeanu 3/2
3. David Utis 3/2
4. Yogesh Pulla 2/3
5. Keiran Pinili 2/3
6. Kirk Loomis 1/4

#### Division 8U

1. Carl Swindell 4/1
2. Alex Averin 3/2
3. Timothy Zhao 3/2
4. Jerzy Watracz 2/3
5. Hasan Soliman 2/3
6. Roger Liu 1/4

#### Division 9U

1. Zack Wawrzaszek 4/1
2. Collin Preston 4/1
3. David Sommers 3/2
4. Bill Jahnke 2/3
5. Joe Lariccia 2/3
6. Tom Mulligan 1/4

5. Aziz Kommel 2/3
6. Lam Tam 0/5

#### Division 5L

1. Fang Li 5/0
2. Alric Beach 4/1
3. Ron Arcaro 3/2
4. Dom Sanzotta Sr. 2/3
5. Everett Hall 1/4
6. Troy Muggah 0/5

#### Division 6L

1. Wing Ho 5/0
2. John Ernisse 4/1
3. Jeff Pepper 3/2
4. Hussein Ali 1/4
5. Yasin Mohammed 1/4
6. Ian Gillespie 1/4

#### Division 7L

1. David Shih 4/1
2. Brian Tripp 4/1
3. Matt Iceman 3/2
4. Dan Emord 2/3
5. Greg Zimmer 2/3
6. Bill Lull 0/5

#### Division 8L

1. Herb Kramer 4/1
2. David Freeman 4/1
3. Tom Keenan 2/3
4. Rick Stuyvesant 2/3
5. Boris Shapiro 2/3
6. Dana Johns 1/4

#### Division 9L

1. Tom Banko 5/0
2. Austin Price 3/2
3. Clarence Seneca 3/2
4. Phil Scott 2/3
5. Ethan Sabala 1/4
6. Devin Anni 1/4

### **Sunday April 17 2-Man Teams**

#### Division 1

1. Pittsburgh South Park (Randy Seemiller, Chip Coulter, Mike Walk) 4/0
2. Peching Order (Keith Pech, Kenneth Pinili) 3/1
3. Carney / Hamilton (A.J. Carney/Don Hamilton) 2/2
4. Mack / Preston (Ray Mack, Des Preston) 1/3
5. Ip / Yip (Tak Cheong Ip, Tak Chun Yip) 0/4

## Division 2

1. Lolla / Carney (Shri Lolla, Wayne Carney) 4/0
2. Humber / Russel (Will Humber/Sam Russel) 3/1
3. Maronians (Andre Maronian, Marc Maronian)
4. Ubry / Martin (Ralph Ubry, Gary Martin) 1/3
5. Nagel / Bateman (Ray Nagel, Alex Bateman) 0/4

## Division 3

1. French / Grandalski (Dave French, Joe Grandalski) 4/1
2. Pech / Shah (Dave Pech, Vaishal Shah) 4/1
3. Baloghs (Tundi Balogh, Miklos Balogh) 3/2
4. Windsor (Ravi Syal, Lan Tam, Vadim Korneev) 2/3
5. Prescott / Juneau (Ralpj Prescott, Bob Juneau) 2/3
6. Roman's Legion (Cliff Falk, Richard Roman) 0/5

## Division 4

1. Maskey/Chang (Eric Maskey, Ta-Min Chang, Zack W.) 4/1
2. Sanzotta Jr / Zemaitis (Dom Sanzotta Jr, Dustin Zemaitis) 4/1
3. Stein / Sanzotta Sr (Berl Stein, Dom Sanzotta Sr) 3/2
4. Li / Ng (Fang Li, Cheok Ng) 3/2
5. Muggah / Kommel (Troy Muggah, Aziz Kommel) 1/4
6. Pinili / Khatami (Keiran Pinili, Ali Khatami) 0/5

## Division 5

1. Singh / Pulla (Sujeet Singh, Yogesh Pulla)
2. Schlernitzauer / Tripp (Bill Schlernitzauer, Brian Tripp) 2/2 (1.214)
3. Haddad / Stottlar (Mike Haddad, Gary Stottlar) 2/2 (.933)
4. McCrackens (Randy McCracken, Sean McCracken) 2/2 (.889)
5. Ernisse / Zimmer / Golumbeanu (John Ernisse, Greg Zimmer, Petre Golumbeanu) 0/4

## Division 6

1. Spin Hudson (Gang Liu, Roger Liu) 5/0
2. Rochester Jrs (Geoff Alden, Ryan Gao) 4/1
3. CCCR (Hasan Soliman, Tatyana Bilenler) 3/2
4. The Edge (Dana Johns, Joe Lariccia) 2/3
5. Banko / Jahnke (Tom Banko, Bill Jahnke) 1/4
6. West Humber Collegiate (Yasin Mohammed, Hussein Ali, Ian Gillespie) 0/5



Alex Bateman vs. Neil Myers