

The Winter 2009 OPEN Rattlers Tournament

(by A.Thomas, tournament coordinator)

Results

Who will stop Danny Ly? That's the question many of us after his 3rd consecutive victory in Open Ontario tournaments. Yen-Chun Lu and Zexuan Wang gave it a good try at Rattlers last Sunday, but to no avail. Ly kept spinning back everything to prevent his opponents from putting the ball away. Wang, who easily dismissed Ben Kim in the semis and took the juniors event as a side show, will be back for vengeance, no doubt. Ly also took the Open Doubles, paired with Lu, after a major challenge by Carslake and Thomas in the semis. Speaking of juniors, it is regrettable that the event was only attended by 7 players, although quality (especially Max Xia and Anqi Luo) somewhat made up for quantity. Of particular note in the other events was Igor Svistoun's success in U-1500 and U-1900, and low-rated Way Ng's surprise victory in the U-2300. His combination of long pips and athletic ability seems to paying off nicely these days.

Results were as follows:

WINNER	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
Open: Danny Ly (\$250)	Zexuan Wang	Ben Kim, Yen-Chun Lu
Doubles: Ly/Lu	Mithani/Mithani	Carslake/Thomas, Xia/Luo
O-50: Jian Jiang	David Liu	Michael Lam, Ken Kerr
Juniors: Zexuan Wang	Klement Yeung	Cameron Siou, Keith Lau
U-2300: Ng Way	Alain Thomas	Yi Lu, Anqi Luo
U-1900: Igor Svistoun	Farhan Mithani	Steven Kark, Philip Poon
U-1500: Igor Svistoun	Attila Mosonyi	Farhan Mithani, Samuel Hickspoons
U-1100: Dave French	Krzysztof Smektala	Adrian Molina, Xiao-Guang Pan
U-700: Norman Hussain	Benson Peng	Henry Chau, Michael Vettese

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