

## About the Westchester Open

- The Westchester Table Tennis Open is the largest monthly table tennis tournament in North America ... and the only monthly 4-star tournament sanctioned by the USATT.
  - Since October 2011 the Westchester Open has awarded \$489,300 in cash prizes — the most of any club in the country.
  - Leading international competitors have included:
    - Andrej Gacina, Croatia, Sept. 2016 (ITTF-ranked #20)
    - Robert Gardos, Austria, February 2019 (#52)
    - Tomislav Pucar, Croatia, December 2017 (#84)
    - Bojan Tokic, Slovenia, June 2014 (#46)
- ... and other ranked players from Canada, Korea, Nigeria, Poland, Russia, Spain, Taiwan, and Venezuela.
- YouTube videos of Westchester Open matches have had more than 100,000 views so far in 2019.
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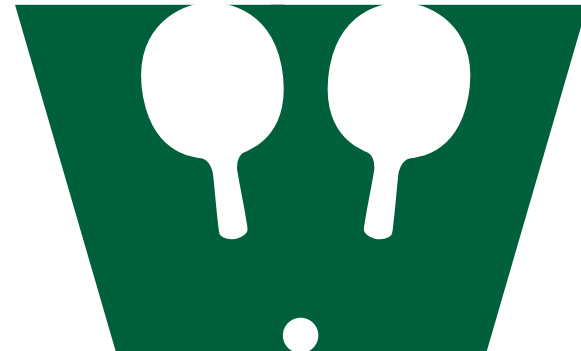
## Coming Events

July 8+	Summer camp starts (six weeks through August 16)
July 15	Party for Austria's Andreas Levenko, world #1 under 21 (one-on-one training + challenge games)
July 27-28	July Open, including four age categories (12 & U, 14 & U, 16 & U, and 18 & U)
Aug. 24-25	August Open
Aug. 26-31	USATT Team Camp and National Ranking Tournament
Aug. 29	End of Summer League Night (with prizes)
Sept. 2	Korean-American Table Tennis Tournament
Sept. 17	22nd annual Westchester Crossword Puzzle Contest
Sept. 28-29	September Open
Oct. 7-11	USATT Team USA Camp
Oct. 11-13	1st ITTF International Parkinson's Table Tennis Championships
Oct. 26-27	October Open

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# WESTCHESTER TABLE TENNIS OPEN

***June 29-30, 2019***



Westchester Table Tennis Center  
Pleasantville, NY  
[www.westchestertabletennis.com](http://www.westchestertabletennis.com)

## Some Other Leading Competitors

# Featured Player: KAI ZHANG

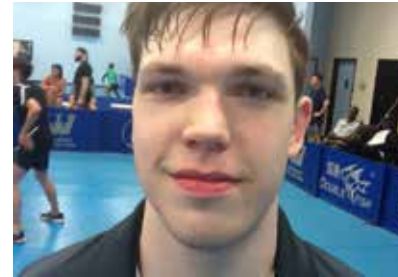


Photo: Rich London

### Fact Sheet

- Born June 22, 1997, in Beijing, China
- Started playing table tennis at age 6
- Winner of the Beijing Games at 13 in both singles and doubles
- Moved to the U.S. in 2012 (age 15)
- Champion, Canadian and Portuguese Junior Opens, 2015
- Record 21-time winner of the Westchester Open
- Second-year student, Binghamton University, majoring in business
- 2018 NCTTA men's table tennis champion
- Became U.S. citizen in April 2019
- USATT rating: 2644
- Highest: 2719
- Blade: Viscaria
- Rubbers: DHS Neo 3 (forehand), Butterfly Tenergy 05 (backhand)
- Will play professionally for TTC GW Bad Hamm, Germany, 2019-20
- Fun fact: Loves karaoke
- Goal: To represent the United States at the 2020 Olympics

## ALEX AVERIN



- Rating: 2279  
Home: Tenafly, NJ  
Birthplace: New Bern, NC  
Birthdate: May 14, 2001
- College student and coach at the Lily Yip Table Tennis Center in New Jersey.

## MAKANJUOLA KAZEEM



- Rating: 2632  
Home: Lagos, Nigeria  
Birthplace: Lagos, Nigeria  
Birthdate: Dec. 20, 1987
- World-ranked #373 by the ITTF. 2015 African men's doubles champion. Runner-up at the May Westchester Open.

## CEDRIC OBA



- Rating: 2344  
Home: Newark, NJ  
Birthplace: Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire  
Birthdate: Dec. 11, 1992
- Four-time table tennis champion of Côte d'Ivoire. Nine-time U2500 winner at the Westchester Open.

## GUAN YU WANG



- Rating: 2450 (est.)  
Home: New Taipei City, Taiwan  
Birthplace: New Taipei City, Taiwan  
Birthdate: Aug. 27, 2000
- Ranked #7 for Under 18 in Taiwan. Arrived in the U.S. on June 27 to coach at the Lily Yip TTC. First time competing in the U.S.