

# Featured Player: JIAN LI



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## Fact Sheet:

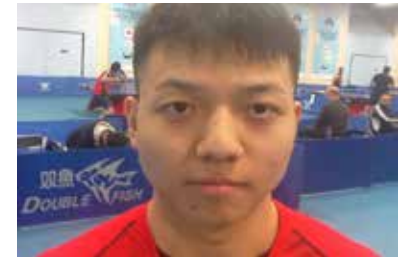
- **USATT rating: 2574**
- **Highest rating: 2692 (March 2017)**
- **Born: Aug. 13, 1988, in Shandong Province, China**
- **Started playing table tennis at age 8 at the urging of his father**
- **Moved to the U.S. in 2015**
- **Home: Fresh Meadows, N.J.**
- **Full-time coach at the Topspin Table Tennis Club in Hillsborough, N.J.**
- **Winner of the Arnold Challenge, 2016 and 2017**
- **Three-time champion of the Westchester Open; seven-time runner-up**
- **Player he most admires: Ding Song**
- **Blade: Koji Matsushita Offensive**
- **Rubber: Hurricane 3 (forehand), Spectol (pips-out)(backhand)**
- **Style: Combination chopper/smasher**
- **When not coaching and playing table tennis, enjoys music**
- **Surprising fact: "I think my guitar talent is better than my ping-pong"**
- **Goal: to teach students to be their best**

## ALEX AVERIN



- Rating: 2286  
Home: Newark, NJ  
Birthdate: May 26, 1998 (21 years old)  
Birthplace: New Bern, NC
- College student and coach at the Lily Yip Table Tennis Center in New Jersey.

## BOWEN CHEN



- Rating: 2527  
Home: Fairfax, VA  
Birthdate: June 27, 1998 (21 years old)  
Birthplace: Loudi, Hunan Province, China
- Winner of the 2018 Miami Open. Full-time coach at the Maryland Table Tennis Center.

## TOM (YIJUN) FENG



- Rating: 2660  
Highest rating: 2732 (Dec. 2015)  
Home: New York City  
Birthdate: Feb. 12, 1997 (22 years old)  
Birthplace: Nanjing, China
- Became a U.S. citizen in 2015
  - U.S. national champion, 2015
  - Runner-up, 2016
  - Competed for the United States at the 2016 Olympics
  - Senior at New York University, studying sports law, minoring in economics
  - 6'1"
  - Has worked as a runway model at New York's Fashion Week
  - During his spare time, coaches at SPiN New York

## JEREMY HAZIN



- Rating: 2614  
Home: Richmond Hill, Ont.  
Birthdate: Feb. 27, 2000 (19 years old)  
Birthplace: Richmond Hill, Ont.
- World-ranked #172 by the ITTF
  - Top-ranked Canadian male player
  - Youngest Canadian ever to compete in an ITTF World Championship (at age 13 in 2013)
  - Won the Canadian men's title in 2017 at age 17 — the youngest Canadian champion ever
  - Triple medalist at the 2017 Pan American Junior Championships (singles, doubles, and mixed doubles)
  - Winner of the October 2018 Westchester Open

## GBENGA KAYODE



Rating: 2300 (est.)  
Home: Cagliari, Italy  
Birthdate: Nov. 11, 1974 (44 years old)  
Birthplace: Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria  
• Professional player in Italy from 2011 to 2019. First trip to the U.S.

## MISHEL LEVINSKI



Rating: 2482  
Home: Brooklyn, NY  
Birthdate: Mar. 19, 1995 (24 years old)  
Birthplace: Beer Sheva, Israel  
• Former Israeli junior national table tennis champion.

## CEDRIC OBA



Rating: 2332  
Home: Newark, NJ  
Birthdate: Dec. 11, 1992 (26 years old)  
Birthplace: Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire  
• Former champion of Côte d'Ivoire.  
Nine-time U2500 winner at Westchester.

## CHENG WANG



Rating: 2355  
Home: Fairfax, VA  
Birthdate: Apr. 6, 1996 (23 years old)  
Birthplace: Changde, Hunan Province, China  
• Coach at the Northern Virginia Table Tennis Center. Student, Northern Va. Comm. College.

## JIWEI XU



Rating: 2697  
Home: Whippany, NJ  
Birthdate: May 31, 1996 (23 years old)  
Birthplace: Zibo, Shandong, China  
• Plays professionally for Shandong Lumeng table tennis team. Runner-up in June & July.

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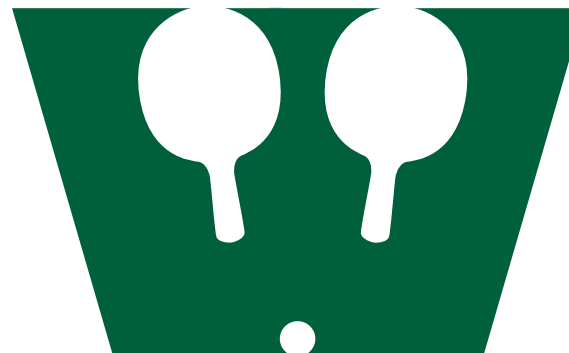
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