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## TEAM USA ON THE LIEBHERR WTTTC 2017 IN GERMANY -- DOUBLES

### MEN, WOMEN, MIXED DOUBLES

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**USPA NEWS** - Team USA on the LIEBHERR World Table Tennis Championships 2017 was represented in all Doubles's nominations"

Representing the USA in Women's Doubles Championship Lily Zhang and Yue Wu started with the BYE in the Preliminary Round of 128, then competed against PICCOLIN G ITA / VIGNJEVIC D SRB and won 3:0 in the Preliminary Round of 64, MARTINS Catia POR / OLIVEIRA L POR and won 3:1, in the Preliminary Round of 32. Continuing in the Women's Doubles Round of 64, they met there LEE Zion KOR / YANG Haeun KOR "" a pair with WRs 50 and 16 respectively and won decisively with the match score 4:1 and then in the 1/16 F "" MATELOVA Hana CZE / TOMANOVSKA K CZE, whom they overplayed "" 4:2. Further on, in the 1/8F Lily and Yue knocked out an International pair POLCANOVA S AUT / ZHANG Mo CAN with the winning score 4:1, reaching a Quarter Final, where they had to play with CHEN Meng CHN / ZHU Yuling CHN, who eventually became silver medalists in Women's Doubles of the Championship. Even the American pair lost the match "" 1:4, they played in a very respectful manner gathering international recognition from audience and specialists for their performance. As Yue Wu said to me in an after-match interview: "Our [with Lily Zhang] Double is very good, now. They why we win."

The second Women's Double from the USA were Angela Guan and Crystal Wang. They, also, started in the Qualification Round of 128 with a BYE, but in the next Preliminary Round 64, they lost to players YOVKOVA Maria BUL / ZAMFIROVA E BUL.

In the Men's Doubles Championship for the USA played CHODRI Kunal USA / JHA Kanak USA and KUMAR Nikhil USA / TIO Nicholas USA. In the Preliminary Round of 128, the latter won a match against AL-ABBAD A KSA / ALSHARIF M KSA ""3:1, but then lost it to GERASSIMENKO K KAZ / KOU Lei UKR "" 0:3. The early had a BYE in the first match and lost the second one to sportsmen from Israel BEN ARI Omri ISR / SIMON Mathan ISR.

In the Mixed Doubles Championship, CHODRI Kunal USA / ZHANG Lily USA won their first match in the Preliminary 128 Round from SMIRNOV A EST / PETROVA V EST then their second match against PUCAR T CRO / SREBRNJAK D CRO and the third match against CREPULJA B SRB / LUPULESKU I SRB. The in the Proper Mixed Doubles Round 64 the met with Petrissa Solja of Germany and Bo Fang of China, who eventually became a Bronze Medalists of the Championship and lost a close match with the score 3:4.

The second USA's Mixed Double "" JHA Kanak USA / WU Yue USA won their first Preliminary Round 128 match against PAPAGEORGIU K GRE / TOLIOU A GRE and then lost the next match to STOYANOV N ITA / VIVARELLI D ITA.

In overall, the performance of the USA Team at the 54th World Table Tennis Championships in Dusseldorf, Germany has been of a high-quality level and since a sport is always a sport, you never, really, know who will win, especially on Championships of such level as this.

New matches are ahead for all Team USA players and we will wait for their new victories in the sport of Table Tennis!

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