

ETTU Olympic Project

- Report 2009

In 2008 ETTU Executive Board nominated the so called "ETTU Expert group" whose task was to prepare ETTU Olympic project based on ideas presented at "1st European Coaching Conference" held in June 2008 in Istanbul. Members of ETTU Expert group - Michel Gadal (France), Steen Hansen (England), Radivoj Hudetz (Croatia), Peter Sartz (Denmark) and Dirk Schimmelpfenig (Germany) proposed at ETTU AGM 2008 in St. Petersburg a project which was accepted and decided that the realization should start beginning of 2009 and ETTU Expert group shall conduct the program.

The project

The basic idea of ETTU Olympic project is to establish European system of coordination and cooperation in order to improve the level of top European players. The focus is on high level performance. Europe should use possibilities of all associations to help young talented players improve their skills and become able to compete on even terms with top players from other continents, specially with Asian players.

ETTU shall help to coordinate, organize and support financially common European actions aimed to improve the level of top European players, help to organize exchange of experience for high level coaches. All European national federations are asked to join ETTU Olympic project.

Besides common training camps ETTU shall coordinate the efforts of national associations aimed to secure best conditions for training for selected players, initiate and support cooperation between associations. Selected players from federations which have not national training centres should be offered to practice in existing national centres. The whole ETTU Olympic project is not meant to replace the daily work of players in their clubs or associations but to secure additional help in their efforts to reach the top

The Olympic project plan for 2009 contained programm for ETTU Olympic selections 2012, Olympic selections 2016, Olympic selections for 2020 and for coaches .

ETTU Olympic project actions in 2009

Training camps for ETTU Olympic selections men 2012 and 2016 in German national training centre in Düsseldorf

ETTU invited to the training camps for men ETTU Olympic selections as part of cooperation agreement with Chinese Table Tennis Association a young selection from China national team as sparring partners and the head coach Liu Guozheng.

Camp I: 9. – 13. 3. 2009

Participants: Boll, Ovtcharov, Süß, Steger, Baum (GER), Freitas, Apolonia, Monteiro (POR), Maze (DEN), Mattenet, Lebesson (FRA), Drinkhall (ENG)

Sparring: Li Bochao, Li Muqiao, Feng Ji (CHN), Tokic (SVN), Mizutani, Kishikawa, Yoshida, Kan Yo, Takakiwa, Oya, Matsudeira (JPN), Kosowski (POL)

Coaches: Prause (GER, Headcoach), Couto (POR), Liu Guozheng (CHN), Jai (ENG), Zhu Xiaoyong (GER), Obenauer (GER, Athletic Coach), Coach DEN

Camp II: 14. – 18. 3. 2009

Participants: Süß (GER), Freitas, Apolonia, Monteiro (POR), Mattenet, Lebesson (FRA), Drinkhall (ENG), Karlsson (SWE), Kosiba (HUN), Bobocica (ITA), Fegerl (AUT), Shibaev (RUS), Gacina (HRV)

Sparring: Li Bochao, Li Muqiao, Feng Ji (CHN), Primorac (HRV), Mizutani, Kishikawa, Yoshida, Kan Yo, Takakiwa, Oya, Matsudeira (JPN), Kosowski (POL)

Coaches: Karsai (AUT, Headcoach), Faria (POR), Liu Guozheng (CHN), von Scheele (SWE), nannoni (ITA), Vlasov (RUS), Blondel (FRA), Korenic (HRV)

ETTU Olympic program 2020**Cadet training camp****Paris, 5th - 10th April 2009**

French national training centre (INSEP) was the venue of the first cadet training camp of the ETTU Olympic program 2020.

Ten best cadet boys and ten best cadet girls from ETTU ranking list together with their coaches were invited to attend ETTU training camp held in INSEP in Paris. Mr. Istvan Korpa, one of the most experienced European coaches was by ETTU appointed coach supervisor of the camp, the head coach was Michel Blondel, French national coach. Camp was officially opened by Dr. Jean-Francois Khan, ETTU Vice-President and Michel Gadai member of the ETTU expert group.

Participants:

Cadet boys - Gauzy Simon (FRA), Nicolle Dorian (FRA), Soderlund Hampus (SWE), Van Rossum Emilien (BEL), Flore Tristan (FRA), Fucec Luka (HRV), Hachard Antoine (FRA), Bajger Ondrej (CZE), Wemmert Albin (SWE), Robinot Alexandre (FRA), Brossier Benjamin (FRA)

Cadet girls: - Xiao Maria (POR), Eerland Britt (NED), Adamkova Karin (CZE), Jazbec Ida (HRV), Pang Celine (FRA), Jeger Mateja (HRV)

Coaches: Jorge (POR), Pleijsier (NED), Adamkova (CZE), Banicek (HRV), Bratanov (BEL), Almstrom (SWE)

Coaching team: Istvan Korpa, ETTU supervisor, Michel Blondel head coach, French coaches Decret, Mommessin, Hucliez, fitness coach Mikael

French top players practised with the participants of the ETTU camp what proved to be a great advantage for the camp. Players from French national team that played as partners were Eloi, Legout, Chila, Jover, Lebesson, Mattenet, Salifu, LeGuen, LeBreton

ETTU olympic selection women 2012 – 2016
Training Camp; Linz, 11-18 April 2009

Women's camp held in Linz before the World Championships. Head coach Liu Yan
 Participants: Liu Jia, Li Qiang Bing, (both AUT), Daniela Dodean, Elizabeta Samara (both ROU), Georgina Pota (HUN), Nikoleta Stefanova (ITA), Elena Troshneva (RUS), Mie Skov (DEN), Iveta Vacenovska (CZE), Petrisa Solja (GER).

The general evaluation is that the course was a successful one, though a more active involvement of coaches was missing.

Meeting with national junior and cadet coaches
Prague, European Cadet and Youth Championships, July 2009

On free day during the Championships Expert group together with ETTU Youth Committee organized coaching meeting on which one of themes discussed was ETTU Olympic project, in particular the program for Olympic selection 2020.

ETTU Olympic selection women 2012 and 2016
Training camp in China, 27.7. - 10.8.2009

Due to cooperation agreement between CTTA and ETTU China Table Tennis Association organized a training camp for European women Olympic selection 2012-2016 together with Chinese national women selection and China national coaches.

From Europe participated 10 selected players for which ETTU paid accommodation expenses: Daniela Dodean (ROU), Elizabeta Samara (ROU), Cristina Hirici (ROU), Petrisa Solja (GER), Mie Skov (DEN), Liu Jia (AUT), Li Qianbing (AUT), Georgina Pota (HUN), Nikoleta Stefanova (ITA), Natalia Partyka (POL), plus several European top women players whose participation was paid by their associations.

ETTU head coach: Liu Yan Jun (Austria)

The camp in China was a very successful one especially due to the very constructive and positive approach of the Chinese side. All the women coaches were quite satisfied with the camp.

ETTU Talent ID-Camps for Olympic selection 2020

All ETTU member associations were invited to send in August 2009 their best mini-cadets girls and boys either to camp in Hungary or to camp in Germany.

Training camp Kiskunfelegyhaza (Hungary)

2.-9. August 2009

Head coach Istvan Korpa

Assistant coach Atila Hungary

Participants: 85 mini cadets (29 girls, 56 boys)

28 coaches

Training camp Marpingen (Germany):

Head coach Istvan Korpa

Assistant coach Branka Batinić

Participants: 80 mini cadets (38 girls, 42 boys)

21 coach

Goal of the camps was:

Absolute priority was given to selection of the players.

The program was **not** a program for schooling, the goal of the exercises was to see the real current level of the players and test their abilities.

Matches primarily served to watch the players in stress situations and see their capability to solve tactical tasks, test how they read the game.

A future oriented play system was presented and discussed on consultations with present coaches, a system for European young players which shall later enable them to play successfully against Asian play systems.

**Meeting with European national women team coaches
European Championships, Stuttgart, September 2009**

ETTU Expert group organized during the European Championships in Stuttgart a meeting with women national team coaches to evaluate the camps organized in 2009, discuss the situation in European women top table tennis and the plan for future actions.

**Training camps for ETTU Olympic selections men 2012 and 2016
in German national training centre in Düsseldorf**

ETTU invited to two training camps in Dusseldorf players from men Olympic selections 2012 and 2016 as part of training program 2009 for men selections 2016 amd 2012.

Camp I. 28.9. - 2.10.2009

Participants: Fegerl, Drinkhall, Kosiba, Freitas, Monteiro, Karlsson

Head coach: Jia Yi Liu (Eng)

Camp II. 5.10.-9.10.2009

Participants: Apolonia, Boll, Ovcharov, Suss, Baum, Steger, Monteiro

Head coach: Richard Prause (Ger)

**2nd ETTU Coaching Conference
Zagreb, 18.-20. November 2009**

54 coaches from 24 countries participated in very succesful 2nd ETTU coaching conference. Former World champion Werner Schlager and Chinese national coach Li Xiadong gave very interesting lectures and additionally answered many questions put to them from participants. Mikael Anderson and Leandro Olvech from ITTF presented ITTF devolpment program and proposals for ETTU development program, event calender and ETTU Olympic project were dicussed.

ETTU Olympic selection 2020
Talent identification program
1st selection camp
Lignano, Italy, 7. - 14. December

Head coach Istvan Korpa

Assistant coaches Branka Batinić, Matjaž Šercer, Dejan Papić (ITTF)

Participants: 40 mini cadets - 21 girls, 19 boys

22 coaches

Plus 2 participants from ITTF Hopes Program

A very succesful second stage in ETTU talent identification program for Olympic Games 2020.

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