

GREG DZIOPA WORKS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!

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International Umpire Greg Dziopa just returned from Paris where he had the privilege to umpire at the World Table Tennis Championships. Greg was Canada's only umpire at this event and he got to witness true Chinese domination...wow...Men's and Woman's singles...final 4 in each were Chinese...what a change since 1988 and 1989. In 1988 I was also in Paris at the same amazing facility to scout teams at the 1988 European Championships. Then, a year later, I was at the 1989 World's in Dortmund where Sweden defeated China by a score of 5-0 (yes, FIVE-ZERO!) in the Men's Team final. Man, how times have changed...will there ever be another country that is able to challenge and defeat China the way that Sweden did with the three immortals of J.O. Waldner, Mikael "The Apple" Appelgren, and "Mr. Backhand" Jorgen Persson? Somehow I doubt it!

Well done Greg, your efforts are being rewarded by your being able to be a part of our sport at the highest and best levels. Reference picture attached of Greg in action.

Thank you to our partners Table Tennis Canada and Sport Manitoba for helping make this happen.

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