

The 23rd Annual High School Spring Meet

Sketches of the Winners

GIRLS:

Michelle He is this one of this tournament's double/ doubles winners. One would never guess that she actually prefers to play Singles! In the 15 & Under Doubles she played a winning game with **Shkysi Cummings**, with whom she has played together since September of last year, and with **Michelle Wu**, she won the 17 & Under Doubles. Michelle was taught Handball five years ago by her friend Kyle. Michelle likes Korean food, the color purple, and has a boy friend. Her career ambition is to become an architect.

Michelle Wu is a student at Brooklyn Tech High School. Before she won this Meet's Doubles with **Michelle He**, she had played Handball for only three years, and is the only athlete in her family. She prefers Italian food and likes the color blue. She also would like to have a cat or a dog, but her grandmother will not allow it. When she finishes High School, she would like to go into Nursing or Physical Therapy.

Liyu Zeng & Vicky Tan giggled when asked how long they played together, because the answer is "since pre-school"! They won the 19 & Under Doubles at this tournament and before they played together in the previous year's Big Ball Sky Bounce tournament. They are best friends and students at Fort Hamilton High School.

Jessica Sim won the 17 & Under Singles. She was born in Flushing and a student at Bayside High School. She has been playing for four years, and her brothers are "handballers" as well. She likes RMB, Korean food, John Legend, and the color gray – not necessarily in that order.... Eventually, she would like to have a career in Nursing or Business.

Melanie Garante & Jessenia Garante are well known team among their peers! In this tournament they won the 17 & Under Doubles and Melanie won the 19 & Under Singles. They both go to the Midwood High School and have played for about three years but they have one great advantage over most everyone: their parents and brothers all play Handball. Mom was here to cheer them on. Melanie likes chicken parmesan for dinner and would not mind to go out on a date with Latin singer Romeo Santos (guess what she would order for dinner). She would like to become a Gym Teacher. Jessenia had an outgoing personality and would like to study Visual Arts. She would like to travel to the Orient picking China as her first destination.

BOYS:

Bhatti Nazimbad won the 17 & Under Singles. He has been introduced to Handball in school and has been playing for four years. He attends Bronx Science High School of Science and would like to study Pharmacology.

Kody Yan won the 19 & Under B. Kody is an 18 years old and is a student at the High School of Economics & Finance. He has been playing Handball since age 10. He likes Electronic Dance Music; DJ Alesso is one of his favorites. When he graduates, he would like to go to Brooklyn College to study Liberal Arts, or he might join the Marines, but in any case, Kody is set on having a career where he could be of service to others.

Daren Chin started his Handball career on the street at 11 and by the time he was 15 he won a One-Wall National title. He won the 19 & Under Singles A title in this tournament. He is presently a student at Francis Lewis High School and will continue his education at Queens College. He wants to study Physical Fitness and loves Burritos! His role model is his brother.

Kenny Cao & Gabriel Cabuccia won the 17 & Under Doubles. They are both students at Fort Hamilton High School and only started to play as a team only a few months ago. Kenny wants to study Computer Science and Gabriel is aspiring to become a Physical Education teacher.

Gary Luk, who won the 15&Under Singles, was born in Brooklyn and a student at Telecom High School. He was introduced to Handball by a friend only three years ago.

Sheikh Hussan is on a winning streak this year! After the Long Island Open, he teamed for the first time with **Eugene Lau**, and they won the 19 & Under A Doubles.