Revelations Of A Table Tennis Champion

Danny Seemiller
5x U.S. Men's Champion
Synopsis

If you are in the sport of table tennis, then you know Danny Seemiller, USA’s greatest modern champion. In “Revelations of a Table Tennis Champion,” the five-time U.S. Men’s Singles Champion takes you through his 50 years in the sport, from the early days of training, the breakthroughs, the agonizing defeats and the great triumphs. You’ll learn why the three-sport star – baseball, basketball, and football – changed his focus to table tennis. You’ll experience his trips around the world, from being marched at gunpoint to achieving his boyhood dream of defeating the Chinese. But playing is only half his story. Danny, a long-time coach first in Pittsburgh and then in South Bend, Indiana, was the U.S. Olympic and World Team Coach for ten years, and was named the USOC Coach of the Year for Table Tennis three times. He served five years as president of USA Table Tennis, ran dozens of major tournaments through the years, and was instrumental in bringing the 2018 World Veterans Games to the United States. He is a member of the USA Table Tennis Hall of Fame, and in 2012 became the youngest recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. This is his story.

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Danny Seemiller is America’s most important table tennis player. His time as an elite competitor totals 45 years and counting. His years coaching is nearly the same, where he’s helped beginner to expert individually, or as a team, whether it be local, national, World or Olympic. Directing tournaments and promoting the sport is another ongoing passion, mostly on the local and regional level but he’s jumping to the international stage in 2018 after he and friend Dave Sakai spearheaded the bid to secure the World Veterans Championship for the USA. And for good measure, Seemiller
led the USA Table Tennis Association as president from 1990 to 1995. That statement is the only one that requires the past tense. Now Seemiller has written a book that fulfills his title's promise of revelations. Even with 40 years in the game, there was plenty of new information to glean. He begins with his humble start in the South Hills of Pittsburgh and takes the reader on a national and international odyssey of modern table tennis from his perspective. His style is simple, direct and personal, switching between the third person reporter and first person narrator. He also mixes in published accounts and articles about himself, other players or the sport in general. And he gets in a few deserved digs against some of the bonehead decisions mad by Association officials that directly affected his career. There’s even a jab or two against opponents and he lands a nice one on a Hollywood celebrity. There are ample photographs to highlight the narrative. A number of them picture the Seemiller family. Table tennis is a small game literally and figuratively and that aspect of the sport affords its participants a wonderful benefit: we are all on tour together, there is no separate circuit for the elite.

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