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### **TEXAS WESLEYAN WOMEN ARE STILL TEAM TO BEAT**

Texas Wesleyan overpowered newcomers Georgia Tech women 3-1 in the first semifinal. The Georgia Tech ladies got an interesting view of what it takes to make it to the next level. The other semifinal saw Stanford take out the Cornell women's team to set the stage for a rematch of last year's final Texas Wesleyan-Stanford Women's Final. (Cornell went on to finish 3rd by beating Georgia Tech in a close 3rd place match that went down to the deciding doubles).

Texas Wesleyan University dominated Stanford in the Women's 2008 NCTTA Team Finals. Jasna Reed, Sina Fischer, and Yen Pham all notched easy wins to secure the championship. Whitney Ping, Stanford player-extraordinaire, was the only match-winner for Stanford. Injured in a women's singles match the day before, Ping was robbed of a chance at the women's singles title. But even an injured Whitney Ping makes for a tough opponent, and she was back on the court Sunday hoping to help the Stanford women's team to their second National Championship in the past 3 years. Playing against singles champion Ines Perhoc in the Team Finals, Ping's ankle injury severely limited her mobility, forcing her into a tactical game of mixed spins, pushes, and deft touches. This took away Perhoc's power, and Ping won surprisingly easily. "I ordinarily play an attacking game similar to Ines', but my ankle sprain made me play a more careful game close to the table. I was lucky to win with this unusual style."

Ultimately, Texas Wesleyan just had too much depth for the Stanford Cardinal ladies, winning their second straight Women's Team Championship.

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