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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

I talked here last month about the great contributions that Skip Maloney makes to help keep the AzBilliards ball rolling, and I wanted to take a quick moment this month to thank a couple more people who's work is invaluable in making everything possible.

First off is the man who takes so many of the photos that we display on AzB every month. I have had the pleasure of working with some of the best billiards photographers in the business for many years, and I think I can safely say that Erwin Dionisio has worked at his craft to become one of those top photographers. There are a number of people out there helping to document this great sport that we love, but I don't see anyone doing it with more passion and skill as Erwin.

Next up is one of the top billiards instructors in the sport today. Anthony Beeler has been writing instructional content for us here, going on eight years now, but he is much more than just an instructional author. Anthony is the creator of Beeler's Virtual Billiard Academy, where players can go online, for some of the best instructional content available in the sport. He also provides one on one instruction to players at his physical academy in Danville, Kentucky. Check out everything that Anthony has to offer at www.poolteacher.com

One of the newest members of the team here is Tim "The Quiet Man" Gallagher. Tim is one of the top artistic pool players in Canada, and is also very accomplished at creating video content. Tim puts together the videos for our World Class Pool column, and also helps with some of the content that Accu-Stats premieres each week on their YouTube Channel. You can see more of his work online on his YouTube channel.

Until next time
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COMING TO TERMS REVISITED

My first column for the Billiards Buzz in January, *Coming To Terms*, talked about the skill of remembering, and deploying, countless techniques. One way to do this is by acquiring a deep knowledge of the concepts that go into the production of good to great shots – one after another, game after game.

Some of the most popular terms for playing top caliber 9 and 10 Ball (9/10-Ball) are: be on the right side, down-the line position, three balls at a time, and margin for error. In this column I am going to present three more: 1) Out Shots, 2) Primary Emphasis (SDP), and 3) Cinching a shot.

A COMMON MISPERCEPTION

There is a common belief among so many amateur players that most racks of 9/10 Ball are filled with routine shots and position plays. While the pros often make running out seem so predictable, in truth only about 28% of games of 9-Ball and about 20% of games of 10-Ball as played by the pros result in break and runs. The rest are packed with tough shots, oddball configurations,

puzzles, and demanding position plays that call for an wide range of skills if they are to be handled with any degree of consistency.

THE OUT SHOT

The Out Shot has been traditionally thought of as a super tough to pocket shot that can kickstart a run, or one that can enable a run to surpass a significant hurdle. When people say someone makes a tough shot, they are usually talking about the difficulty of making the ball. However, in most cases, making the ball is not enough. Indeed, why would you take on an Out Shot if it did not lead to another shot? Obviously you wouldn't! As a result of this shortcoming, I am going to add two new categories of Out Shots: 1) super tough position plays and, 2) shots that are difficult to pocket and to play shape on.

DECIDING TO GO FOR AN OUT SHOT

Pool is a game of decisions. The ones that lead to taking on an Out Shot, versus playing a safety, depend on many factors including 1) how you are playing, 2) the level of your opponent's game, 3) the score, 4) the conditions, and 5) the layout you are faced with.

When you are in the early phase of a rack, you should consider going for more big shots because, with most of the balls still on the table, which can act as blockers, the odds are against a sellout if you miss.

In the middle phase of a rack, you need to carefully consider the offense/defense equation as there are fewer balls to obstruct your opponent if you miss, and their odds of running out fewer balls are that much greater. When you reach the end game you may be forced to go the Out Shots in large part because the safety may be as difficult to execute as the shot, if not more so!

Once you have decided to play an Out Shot, it is time to switch into execution mode. By the time you are ready to land on the table you should already be 100% committed to playing it as well as possible. On Out Shots, it helps to take a little more time to set up for the shot. You may wish to take a deep breath. And taking a few Air Warm-Up-Strokes (AWUS) can get your arm primed for making your best swing possible. At the recent World Pool Masters Ko Pin-Yi employed AWUS as part of his preparations, and he was able to consistently pocket the Out Shots that

made the difference in his quest for the title.

DEFINITIONS

OUT SHOT – A difficult shot that can kickstart a run, and that leads to a win. It's also a gamewinning shot that comes during a run in progress.

PRIMARY EMPHASIS (SDP) – When playing position you must emphasize one or more of these three components: 1) Speed, 2) Direction, and 3) Pocketing.

CINCH THE BALL – Your focus is solely on making the shot.

NICK VARNER ON PLAYING THE BIG SHOTS

In a recent conversation with Nick Varner, a member of the BCA Hall of Fame and one of the very best all-around players ever, he shared his thoughts with me on going for Out Shots and on winning big matches.

"I realized after watching Buddy Hall and Mike Sigel that my decisions on safety versus shooting were too conservative. I was measuring risk versus reward

wrong. After changing my decision making to going for the shot instead of safety play I started to find the winner's circle much more often."

"Also, Phil, the guys that win a lot don't win because their opponent dogs it. They win a lot because they shoot their way into the winner's circle. They are not waiting for their opponents to lose. Instead, they just grab the gold ring themselves."

ADVICE FOR AMATEURS

As an amateur, you should consider shooting more tough shots, as opposed to playing so many safeties. If you follow this approach you will build confidence in your shotmaking, and playing more potential Out Shots will prepare you for the day when you play at ever higher levels of competition against players that often take and make difficult shots.

And, as I mentioned a moment ago, in the earlier stages, misses can turn into safeties! During our talk Nick echoed this key concept when he said, "Just because you miss doesn't mean your opponent always wins." And he added that "The same works with safety play. Playing safe doesn't mean you win every time."

Now let's take a look at three situations that came up in pro matches. Each features a different type of Out Shot.

THREE TYPES OF OUT SHOTS

A – OUT SHOTS – POCKETING RULES

Sometimes you are forced to shoot an Out Shot late in a game when you have no viable safety, or when your goal is to seize the win by not allowing your opponent back to the table. In situations like this, I advise that you strongly consider going for the win!

The position in **Diagram #1** is taken from a game of 10-Ball. In it, Darren Appleton was faced with a table length shot off the rail on the 7-ball. He used a short stroke for accuracy and made a concerted effort to Cinch The Shot. His focus was on the Pocketing (P) component of our SDP formula for complete shots.

When you Cinch a shot, you assume that making the ball will lead to a makeable

shot, though you may not know exactly what that shot will be. In this case, thanks to a wide open table, Appleton emerged with a very makeable shot on the 8-ball. He could have opted for a safety such as the one shown in the diagram, but he chose to go for the gusto, and his bold play led to a win.

Nick Varner described that this confident approach works because it eliminates safety battles, which can leave the outcome in doubt. According to Nick, "The mistake I was making is often the safety was mediocre and you never know how effective a safety is until you opponent shoots. Also if the shot goes in it is powerful because as the saying goes, case closed."

I showed what a crossover table length bank safety on the 7-ball might look like. At this distance, obviously a lot could go wrong with this shot – which is perhaps part of the reason why Ap-

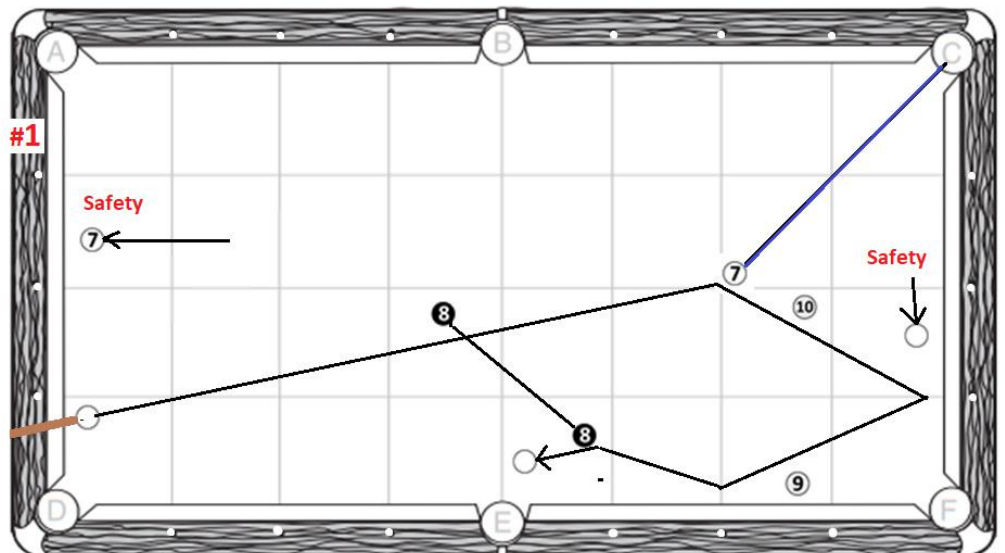
leton chose to go on the offensive.

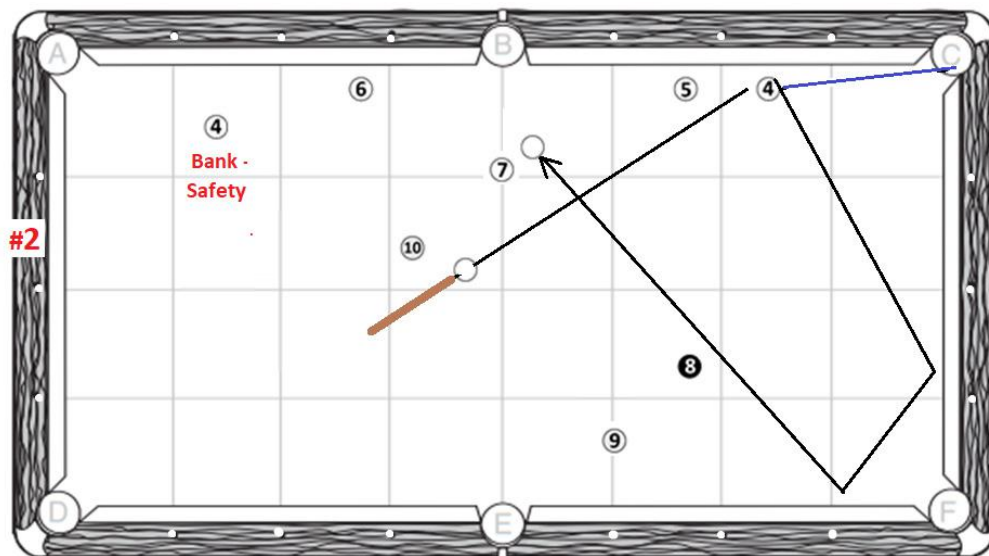
B – OUT SHOTS AS POSITION PLAYS

Diagram #2 gives an example of an Out Shot that is a position play. Rodney Morris was faced with a super-exacting route from the 4-ball to the 5-ball. The cue ball was nearly 40 inches from the 4-ball AND he needed to use a hard stroke with right (inside) english. This combination of distance, spin, and speed meant that a failure to compensate accurately for deflection could easily produce a miss. But The Rocket was up to the task as he threaded the needle as he barely missed running into the 8-ball on his way to playable position on the 5-ball.

On this shot, Direction (D) was the key, but Speed (S) and Pocketing (P) were also a big challenge.

Some players, when faced with this situation, might





bank the 4-ball four rails to the position shown in the diagram. The cue ball would be sent behind the 5-ball, using it, and possibly the 6 or 7-balls, as blockers. A good safe might lead to a win, but in today's world where balls can be easily jumped, the game could still be up for grabs.

C - OUT SHOTS REQUIRING EXPERT POCKETING AND POSITION

Our second new version of an Out Shot are those shots that are super tough to pocket (P) and to play position for the next ball (S and D). In the position in **Diagram #3**, Efren Reyes hit the point on the ball before the 6-ball, leaving himself with a lengthy 46 degree cut on the 6. This moderately thin cut angle forced Reyes to send the cue ball on a perilous four-rail journey around the table for position on the 7-ball. While the 10-ball is about 1.5 diamonds from the 7-ball, it

still blocks a big portion of the potential position zone. Indeed, if the cue ball had stopped a few inches above its actual resting place at Position C, Reyes would have been hooked.

Give the twin difficulties of making the ball AND playing such a challenging route, many players might have played safe by 1) banking the 6-ball up the table to Position A, or 2) playing a thin hit safety to send the 6-ball to Position B.

Because of the wide open spaces on the lower half of the table, if Reyes had missed by cutting the 6-ball too fully, he could have easily sold out. But he didn't because, as Nick would say, champions "shoot their way into the winner's circle."

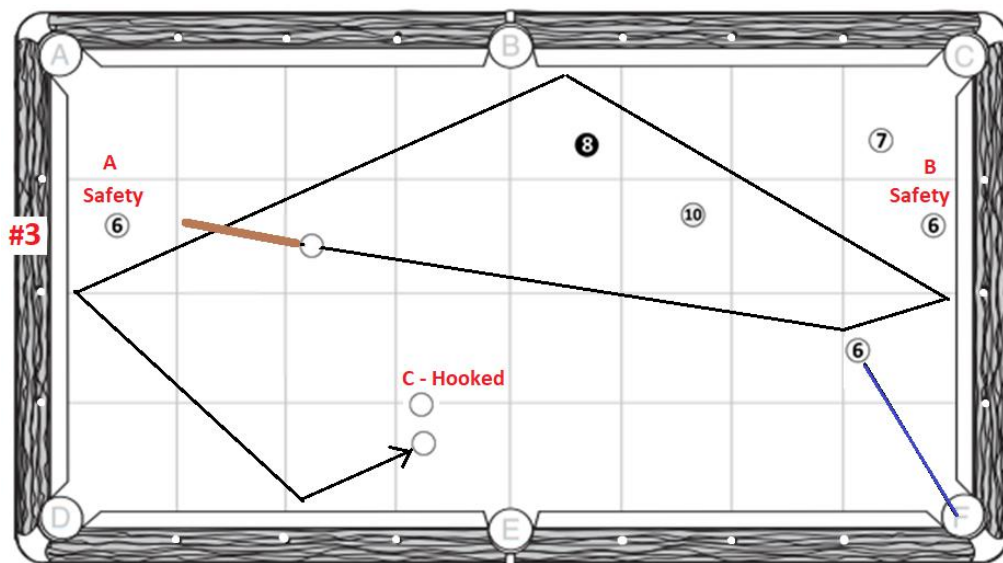
WATCHING TO LEARN

One method for learning the fine points of a partic-

ular concept such as Out Shots is to put on a certain filter while watching the pros in competition. For example, when you begin to focus on a pro's position routes, speed of stroke, or shooting routine – or on how they address potential Out Shots – you begin to see things that may have escaped you till now.

So, my advice is that the next few times that you watch the pros play, take special notice of the big shots that they play, and the ones that they pass on in favor of a safety. As part of this exercise ask yourself what you would do in this situation.

I hope you enjoyed this look at the decision making process of top players, and that you consider going for more of the challenging shots. Taking on Out Shots can make you a force to be reckoned with – and they are just so darned much fun to play!





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HOW DO YOU PRACTICE THE MENTAL GAME?

ANTHONY **BEELER**

In my years of coaching, I frequently ask pool players how important they think the mental game is to their success when playing. On average the answer is usually 9 out of a possible 10.

I then ask another question that goes something like, “I think you are right. I believe it’s that important too. How often do you practice your mental game?” Amazingly, despite placing a high value on the mental game, people report rarely ever practicing it.

So, what’s getting in the way? And why do they neglect the mental game? From my perspective, the primary obstacle is a lack of awareness. Most pool players simply don’t know about the mental game and are unaware of how they can practice it to improve. Other than the occasional article in a pool magazine, the culture of the game does not promote the mental game and as a result, the average pool player has very little exposure to it. In addition, most instructors focus their efforts on the mechanics of the pool stroke rather than mental game components.

Here are some fundamental ways you might consider integrating the mental game into your practice and play:

1.) **Slow things down** – So often, in pool, our minds are racing cluttered

with extraneous thoughts making it difficult to accurately perceive what is going on. If you’ve ever watched your stroke on video, you are bound to have had the experience of watching yourself do something that you didn’t realize you were doing. As a result of seeing what was happening on the video, it became much easier to adjust. But since we can’t video our minds, we need to rely on self-awareness to improve mentally. By slowing down, you will begin to develop an awareness of



what is happening rather than what you thought was happening.

2.) **Pay attention to your body and your breathing** – Both can be powerful indicators of our mental state and are much easier to observe and correct than our minds. When you practice and play, notice if there is any tension in your body. Common places people physically carry stress are in their neck, shoulders, and lower back. By simply noticing where the tension is it will help to reduce it. Obviously, tension and an effective pool stroke don’t mix. Also, pay attention to your breathing. Is it short, fast, restricted, and in your chest? Or is it

HOW DO YOU PRACTICE



THE MENTAL GAME?

long, slow, free, and deep in your abdomen? When you practice and play you should be striving for the later as it is conducive to improved focus and concentration.

3.) **Develop a consistent and repeatable pre-shot routine** – The more consistent and repeatable an action or behavior is, the less stressful it is to us. Thus, a pre-shot routine can be incredibly helpful to consistently achieve the proper mindset needed. In addition, pre-shot routines are an opportunity to re-focus on the task at hand and help reduce fear and anxiety.

4.) **Visualize your shots** – By visualizing your shots, you are giving yourself an opportunity to “virtually” stroke the shot before it even happens, priming your mind and body to execute the shot more effectively. When you visualize the shot, be as descriptive and specific as you can trying to include as many of your senses as possible. What

will it look like? What will the speed and spin look like? Where will the cue ball end up? What will it sound like?

5.) **Just because you think it, doesn't mean it's true** –The things we think about ourselves are just thoughts, they are not truths, or facts. If you make the mistake of believing the things that you say about yourself are facts, you can find yourself stuck in an identity that will guide your behavior in ways not helpful to your performance. For example, I played with someone recently, who after missing an important shot, said, “I'm the worst player in the world under

pressure”. It was clear that my friend did not think very highly of his ability to play under pressure, and I have no doubt that the identity he created for himself contributed to why he struggled so much in high-pressure situations.

You can have the best stroke in the world, but if your mental game isn't strong, your chances of performing well significantly decrease. Take some of these ideas to the table the next time you play. I am confident that with some practice, you will play a better game and enjoy playing more.

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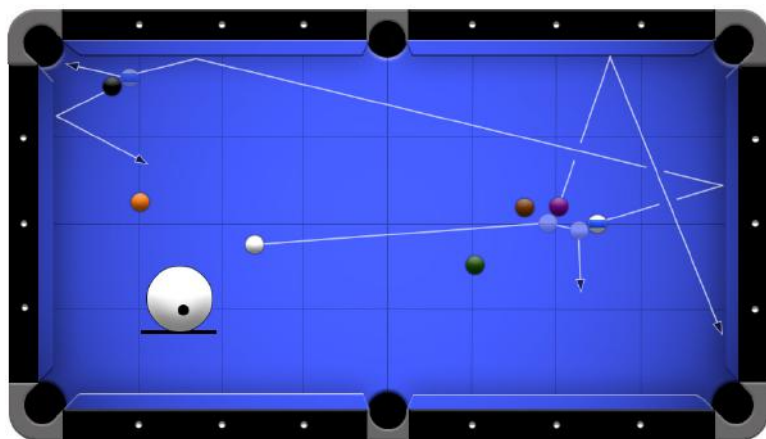
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Accu-Stats Video Productions has been bringing us World Class Pool on video for the last 30 years. With this column, we hope to bring you some examples of the best shots that come up between the greatest players who play this game.

This month's shot comes from the 2023 Derby City Classic Big Foot Challenge. Roberto Gomez was trailing Alex Pagulayan 2-0, early in the match, and was faced with this shot. While it looks like Gomez "got lucky" on this one, he explained after the match that it was all about finding the highest percentage shot.

"There's no safety and there's no making the object ball, but hitting the 10-Ball is a good idea. Now, bank or cut? It's a higher percentage to bank. Which pocket? The left hand corner is easier to aim for. Then I just had to focus the cut to carom the 10-ball. Tough, but the highest percentage shot".

Gomez made the 10-ball and it started his run to beat Alex, this time.





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Gospel Trick Shot #40

Order in Creation

History of the Trick Shot: This shot was invented recently by Mike Massey in April 2023 and first performed at Allentown Tables a family-owned billiard supply with our GTS friends and owners Mike and Bark Kemp in Allentown, PA. Mike Massey and yours truly Steve Lillis who wrote the script for this Gospel Trick Shot were doing shows in and around the Northern New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania area in the Spring of 2023. Gospel Trick Shot Ministry team leader and partner Phil Ball explains and performs the shot in the video. Phil is a member of the USA Blackball Team that competed in the 2022 Blackball International World Championships in Tangier, Morocco in October of 2022.

GTS Name and Why: As Phil Ball explains in the video there are 6 balls in the shot representing the six days of Creation. The balls are pocketed in order one through six because God is a God of order. Furthermore, there is order all around us in our world and the universe with the sun, the moon, and the stars moving in perfect order which gives us days, months, seasons, and years. This would suggest that we need to order our lives to be in tune with all that God created and has for us to do.

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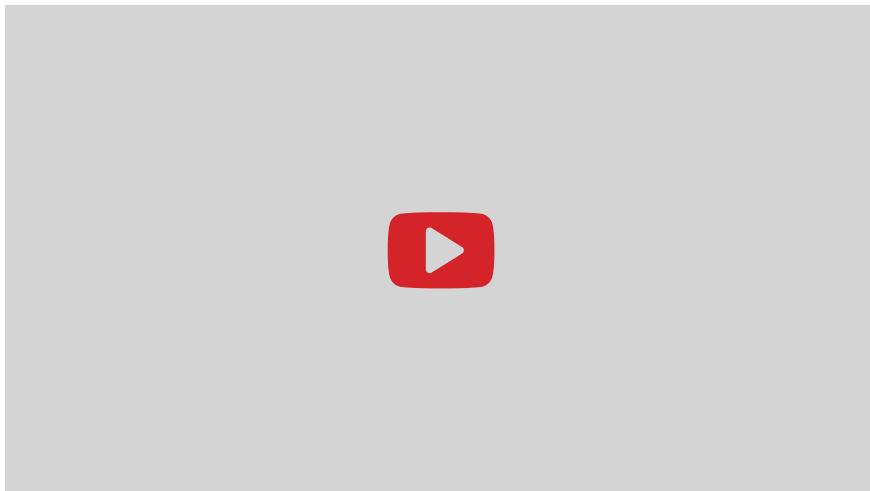
Genesis 1:31 (NIV) “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.”

Psalms 37:23 (NKJV) “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way.”

I Corinthians 14:33 (ESV) “For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.”

Cue Ball Placement: About two ball width off the rail and slightly past the diamond that is closest to the side pocket as shown in the diagram. You can adjust but take note of where you place the cue ball after you try the shot.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Put the one-ball slightly over the edge of the side pocket and away from the point of the pocket as illustrated in the diagram. Place the two-ball slightly up from the edge with a quarter inch gap between the one and two balls. Place the five-ball directly in front and frozen to the two-ball. Place the three-ball frozen to the one ball but angled slightly back about one-half inch from the five-ball. Place the four-ball frozen to the five-ball and headed to the outside of the opposite corner pocket to allow for one ball width of directional throw. Place the six-ball frozen to the three-ball with a carom lined up to the second diamond on the opposite side rail two



diamonds up from the corner pocket where the four-ball is headed.

Objective: Pocket all six balls in order by striking the cue ball with a center ball firm straight stroke with follow through directly full into face of the six-ball. The one, two, and three balls will fall into the side pocket in order with the four-ball going next directly into the opposite corner pocket followed slightly by the five-ball sliding down the rail on the same side of the table where you are standing. The six-ball will bank cross corner and go in last after the five-ball drops in the pocket.

Special Notes: Again, if you move the cue ball around note where and always hit full in the face of the six-ball with a consistent firm center ball stroke. The six-ball is the most difficult ball to pocket and if needed you can place the butt of a

cue stick under the bottom rail to help guide the six-ball into the pocket as illustrated in the video.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: This shot has not yet been demonstrated with a full live audience. Even though both Phil Ball and Mike Massey used the butt of a cue stick to make the six-ball in their videos they both made the shot clean a number of times but not consistently. However, in trying to make it clean much was learned about the physics and set up of the shot. In life much is learned from our mistakes both intentional and unintentional. Creation was in perfect order until human sin entered the world. Jesus is the perfect answer to solve our sin problem and put order and purpose into our lives. Try the shot and if you have not already, try Jesus!



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Ko Pin Yi

Wins 2023 World Pool Masters Title

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Ko Pin Yi has won the 2023 World Pool Masters title in Brentwood, Essex beating Eklent Kaci in the final 13-5 live on Sky Sports in the UK and broadcasters worldwide.

Ko Pin Yi 13-5 Eklent Kaci

Kaçi won the lag and took the first rack with a break and run out and the second should have soon followed with a 6-9 combo but the nerves got the better of the Mosconi Cup winner to allow Ko in for his first

rack and to level up. Ko looked more comfortable out there early on and broke and run in the third to go 2-1 up. It was cagey early on from both players as they struggled to get going with the scores locked at 2-2 before a deep safety battle where eventually Kaci pulled through to lead the contest.

Any small error was to be pounced on by the two players and it proved the case with Kaçi leading 4-3, a dry break led Ko to then run through the following racks and soon assert a 7-4 lead and with an imposing position pushed on to break and run in the 12th and 13th rack to a 9-4 lead.



Ko Pin Yi

Ko did falter in the next rack though as he was left chasing the cue ball to keep his run alive allowing Kaçi to sweep in and cut the deficit to 9-5. The hope for Kaçi was short-lived though as he scratched off the break and then proceeded to scratch again after Ko fluked safe on the six. It meant Ko was only three from victory.

Another long safety battle took hold in the following rack with Kaçi clearly feeling the heat. After a safety, Kaçi had a chance on the five but left it well wide of the mark to leave Ko in for a simple run out to reach the hill in quick time. In the final rack, Ko broke well and finished up with a clever 3-9 carom to secure his first major victory since 2015.

It wrapped up an epic run from Ko that saw him overcome Jayson Shaw in the opening round 9-1 before knocking out Shane Van Boening in the quarter-finals 11-7 and an impressive

semi-final win against James Aranas 11-9 to reach the final.

Ko said: "It feels so good. The World Pool Masters was the one I wanted to win. After I beat Jayson (Shaw), I

thought already about winning and jumping on the table. It was tough but I feel so happy to win this tournament. I knew that the only person that could beat me was myself."



Eklent Kaci

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Filler Crowned Champion At Wisconsin Open

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Playing on the final day of the Apex Wisconsin Open, former World 9-Ball champion, Joshua Filler, earned his first-ever Pro Billiard Series title, defeating Vitaly Patsura of Ukraine in the semifinals and taking down sentimental favorite Tyler Styer in the finals.

The German was in control throughout most of the four day, 64-player event, winning seven straight matches and losing only one set throughout.

“Today I didn’t play as good as I did on the days before but when you’re in the semis you know you have to play well so it puts more pressure on you,” said Filler. “I was playing good and I was just happy to have won it.”

After Filler missed a 2 ball in the opening game, Styer appeared to be in position to take the first game but



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missed the 10 ball, allowing Filler to come back to the table and roll in the game winner. The American was able to snatch a game back in the next rack when Filler misplayed position on the 4 ball then left an opening after kicking at the ball but he lost his momentum in the next game when he misplayed a safety on the 2 ball which handed his opponent an open table and a 2-1 lead. Styer appeared to be in position to tie the match again in the fourth rack when his opponent miscued on the 8 ball but, with the 9 and 10 balls frozen, the American misplayed a safety and allowed his opponent to tack on another game. Styer had another chance to cut the deficit after forcing Filler into a foul in the fifth rack but missed the 3 ball in the corner pocket, then watched as the German closed out the set, 4-1.

Styer opened the second set with a break-and-run but couldn't land a ball off the break in the next game, allowing his opponent to use a combination shot to run out the rack. The former world champion then took the lead for good with back-to-back breaks and runs. Styer had one last chance to climb back into the match but misplayed a bank of the 2 ball into the side pocket, leaving Filler an open table and routine run out for the victory.

In the first semifinal against Patsura, Filler broke and surprisingly missed the 1 ball but still managed to strike first after forcing his opponent into a scratch with a safety, then jumping in the 1 ball and running out in the next game to build a 2-0 lead. The Ukrainian got on the board when his opponent missed a jump shot in the third game but Filler climbed onto the hill by winning the fourth rack. The Ukrainian pulled to within a game when his opponent scratched, but Filler was able to seal the set when Patsura committed an intentional foul attempting to tie up balls in the center of the table.



Tyler Styer

When Filler committed a foul in the opening game of the second set, it appeared Patsura would strike first until he misplayed shape on the 6 ball, then missed a safety attempt. Filler cleared the table, then added another rack after a victorious safety attempt in the next game with a jump shot on the 5 ball. The German broke and ran to take a commanding 3-0 lead and had a chance to close out the set but missed a combination shot on the 6 and 7 balls. The Ukrainian cleared the table to get on the scoreboard and broke and ran to pull within a game but missed a 2 ball in the side pocket in the sixth game which allowed Filler back to table. The former China Open champion used a safety on the 2 ball to close out the rack and secure a trip to the finals.

In the second semifinal between Styer and Peru's Gerson Martinez Boza, the American used a break-and-run to build a quick 2-0 advantage then used a safety exchange after the break to add another rack and climb onto the hill. Martinez was able to capitalize on a missed 4 ball by his opponent and narrow the deficit to 3-1 but allowed Styer to close out the set when he

failed to pocket a ball on the break and left the American an open table.

Styer opened the second set by getting out of a safety on the 3 ball with a one-rail kick but Martinez tied the match when he forced Styer into a foul. Both players struggled to pocket balls on the break, as the American regained the lead when Martinez broke dry for the third time and added another win when Martinez missed the 2 ball in the side pocket. Playing in front of a supportive crowd in his home state, Styer closed out the match with a run out after forcing his opponent into a foul with a safety.

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Chou Is Champion AT WISCONSIN APEX OPEN

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The last time that Chieh-Yu Chou and Allison Fisher met in the championship of a professional tournament, the reigning world champion in both 9 and 10-ball white-washed her opponent in the finals of the World 9-Ball Championships in January at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City.

Squaring off in a rematch Sunday evening in the finals of the Apex Wisconsin Open, Fisher gave Chou everything she could handle and then some before ultimately falling in three sets at Ho Chunk Gaming in the Wisconsin Dells, 2-4, 4-2, 4-1. The victory in the 58-player event was Chou's first in a Pro Billiard Series, having previously placed third at last year's World Team Championships and Puerto Rico Open.

The players traded the opening two racks of the first set, then Chou took

the lead after Fisher failed to get a ball to fall on the break in the third game. The reigning World 10-Ball champion appeared to be in position to convert a missed 3 ball by her opponent into another winning rack but missed the 9

ball in the corner pocket, allowing the Hall of Famer to tie the score again. Fisher then used a combination shot on the 10 ball in the fifth rack to take the lead and a safety on the 1 ball after the break in the following rack to secure the first set, 4-2.

After Chou successfully landed a combination on the 6 and 8 balls in the opening rack of the second set, she appeared to be on her way to taking an early lead – until she missed a makeable 7 ball in the corner pocket and allowed Fisher to get on the board first.



Chieh Yu Chou

*Allison Fisher*

ning a safety exchange on the 2 ball but missed the 5 ball. Chou was able to claim the rack through a safety exchange then sealed the victory and a trip to the finals after Zlateva missed the 4 ball in the fourth game.

The second semifinal pitted Fisher against Russia's Kristina Tkach, who got on the board first after forcing a Fisher foul. She added to the lead when her opponent left a wide open 1 ball after a safety but Fisher cut her deficit in half when she used a long cut shot on the 7 ball after a safety to propel her to a run out. Tkach pushed the lead back to two racks when she forced her opponent into committing three fouls then closed out the set when Fisher scratched while pocketing the 9 ball in the fifth rack.

Tkach got on the board first in the second set but missed an 8 ball in the next game, which allowed the Hall of Famer to tie the score. Fisher took the lead with a safety on the 8 ball in the next rack, then scratched on the break in the next game to allow Tkach to tie the score. After the Russian failed to land a ball on the break in the fifth game, Fisher had a chance to regain the lead but came up short on position on the 6 ball. After it appeared Tkach had won the rack on a safety, she forfeited the table when she scratched while trying to pocket the game-winner. Tkach again tied the score when she won a safety battle on the 1 ball and appeared to be in position to close out the match in the next game after winning a safety exchange on the 2 ball but again scratched into the side pocket while trying to secure position on the 10 ball, handing Fisher ball-in-hand and a 4-3 second set win.

Fisher used solid safeties to win back-to-back games to open the deciding set and had a chance to increase her lead even further but missed the 10 ball in the third rack. The Russian had a chance to tie the score when her opponent missed a bank attempt on the

The 35-year-old from Chinese Taipei then used successful safeties in the next two games to take a 2-1 advantage and capitalized on a missed 2 ball by her opponent to climb onto the hill. With the 6 and 8 balls tied up in the following game, Chou attempted to play a safety but instead left a wide-open shot for Fisher, who cleared the table to cut the deficit to 3-2. Standing at the table with the break and a chance to tie, Fisher scratched and Chou ran the rack to take the second set and tie the match.

Chou opened the final set by forcing Fisher into a foul then used ball-in-hand to clear the table. The Hall of Famer responded by executing a safety that resulted in a scratch by her opponent in the following game. Rather than attempt to run out, Fisher elected to attempt another safety in the hopes of forcing another foul but Chou was instead able to get out and increase her lead. Now trailing 2-0, Fisher cut the lead when her opponent broke dry and left an open ta-

ble but back-to-back misplayed safeties in consecutive games down the stretch allowed her opponent to close out the match and win the championship.

Chou reached the finals by defeating Bulgaria's Kristina Zlateva in the semifinals, with the two players splitting the first four racks of the opening set. Chou broke the tie with a break-and-run and the reigning world champion was in position in the following game to claim the set but misplayed position on the 5 ball and fouled. Zlateva used the opening to tie the match and she had a chance to steal the set in the next game but her cue ball was kicked into the corner pocket on the break. After receiving ball-in-hand, Chou missed a 3 ball but was able to maintain the table through a safety and won the opening round, 4-3.

Chou took a 2-0 lead in the second set through a handful of successful safeties. Zlateva had a chance to get on the board in the third rack after win-

Women's Wisconsin Open

3 ball and left an open table but she missed the 7 ball in the corner pocket, instead handing Fisher a 3-1 lead. The Hall of Famer had another opportunity to close out the match after another safety exchange in the fifth game, but jumped the cue ball off of the table and gave her opponent an open run out which cut the lead to 3-2. After Tkach missed the 7 ball in the following rack, Fisher took a scenic and stressful route to victory, successfully executing a table-length bank shot on the 9 ball while nearly scratching in the side pocket in the process.

“That was the most unbelievable match that I think I’ve ever been in,” said Fisher. “Kristina started out like a train and had me under all sorts of pressure. I really wasn’t in it and she had a couple of funny shots and it gave me new life. It was the most weird match.”

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WORLD NINEBALL TOUR UPDATE

SHAW WINS INAUGURAL SCOTTISH OPEN

Article courtesy - ADAM CLAPHAM - Matchroom Multi Sport

Glasgow native Jayson Shaw overcame Poland's Wiktor Ziełiński in a stunning hill-hill climax to land the first edition of the JFlowers Scottish Open in his home city. Shaw collects the \$9,600 top prize and moves inside the top four of the World Nineball Rankings – and second in Team Europe's Race to Mosconi Cup standings.

Eagle Eye was the conqueror of a star-studded field that descended on McGoldrick's Pool and Sports Bar, featuring nine of the top 16 players on the World Nineball Tour Rankings – with WNT No.1 Francisco Sánchez Ruíz, UK Open champion Joshua Filler and newly-crowned World Pool Masters winner Ko Pin Yi amongst the stellar line-up.

Ziełiński, who won the Ljubljana Mezz 9-Ball Open – another WNT Ranking event – earlier in the month, continued a strong start to the year with victories over Ko Ping Han, Jack Whelan and Denis Grabe on course to a runners-up finish in Scotland.

Two-time world champion Albin Ouschan was defeated 10-8 by Britain's Imran Majid in the first round, leading him down a loser's path to third-round elimination at the hands of Spain's Jonas Souto Comino. World Pool Championship runner-up Mohammad Soufi's first round defeat to Hong Kong, China's Robbie Capito set up a similar defeat in the third-round to Kelly Fisher.

Nineball veteran Ralf Souquet enjoyed a strong run to the semi-finals. The Kaiser overcame both of Spain's World Cup of Pool duo in David Alcaide and Sánchez Ruíz before taking champion Shaw to the hill in a thrilling contest.



Jayson Shaw

JFlowers Scottish Open

how well-run the latest World Nineball Tour event was:

“Firstly, congratulations to Jayson on what was both an entertaining and dramatic final,” Frazer said.

“This World Nineball Ranking event acts as the perfect primer for Shaw and all players as they head into the UK Open Pool Championship.

“Thank you to Elliot Sanderson, Paul Corrigan and the team at McGoldricks Pool and Sports Bar for hosting such a professional event; the pros have already expressed how great it was to play under the Matchroom rules – especially with it leading into a Major ranking event.

“Across the three days, the Scottish Open stream reached over 380,000 views on Matchroom Pool’ YouTube channel, setting the stage for more ranking events to come in Scotland. The World Nineball Tour presses on!”



Wiktor Zielinski

Filler’s preparations ahead of a UK Open title defence were dented by Austrian star Mario He, who followed up on a quarter-final finish at the World Pool Masters with another spot in the final eight of a World Nineball Tour event.

The tournament featured cross-cue sport representation, with English

8-ball star Jack Whelan recording an impressive run to the quarter-finals. World Snooker Tour top-16 player Gary Wilson featured ahead of his second appearance at the UK Open Pool Championship.

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer was delighted with



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WORLD NINEBALL TOUR UPDATE

Zielinski Comes Out On Top In Slovenia

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Wiktor Zielinski took home his first World Nineball Tour Ranking event win of the year at the Ljubljana City Mezz 9-Ball Open in the Slovenian capital beating Oliver Szolnoki 9-0 in the final to cement his place inside the world's top ten.

The Pole went on a streak that saw him drop only 20 racks across the tournament beat-

ing Vuk Strugar, Gorazd Žužek, Denis Kragolnik, Felix Vogel, Dimitris Loukatos, Georgi Georgiev, and Daniel Maci-

ol to find his way to the final against Hungary's Szolnoki. It was a match-up in the final of some of the finest young players has to offer with Szolnoki getting the better of two-time world champion Albin Ouschan in the quarter-finals with a hill hill finish.

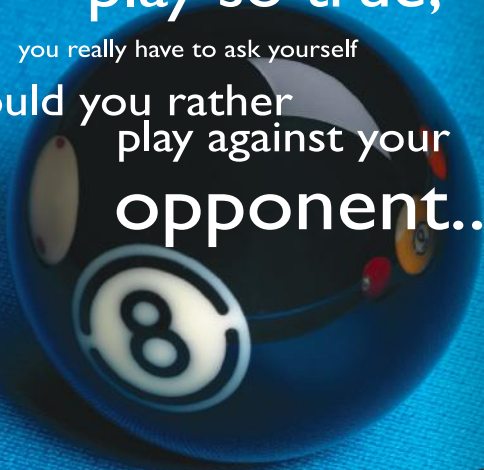
With over 20 nationalities represented, the field was stacked with talent looking to make their mark on the World Nineball Tour with rising Bosnian star Ajdin Piknjač reaching the semi-finals along with Maciol whilst Georgi Georgiev of Bulgaria made it to the quarter-finals with Tobias Bongers of Germany and Finland's Jani Uski. The hopes of 2021 World Pool Masters winner Alexander Kazakis were ended hill hill by Slovakia's Jakub Koniar in the Last 32 to dent his Mosconi Cup race.

Zielinski's win sees him remain sixth on the World Nineball Tour Rankings but close the gap on Jayson Shaw to only \$13,555 whilst Szolnoki's run to the final sees him move back inside the top 16 in the world leapfrogging Chang Jung-Lin and Abdullah Alyousef. Both Zielinski, Ouschan and Kazakis will travel to the UK next for the 2023 World Pool Masters.



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KO WINS IN MALDIVES

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The Maldives Open 2023 – 10 Ball Championship has come to a close, with Ko Ping Chung from Chinese Taipei emerging as the champion after a thrilling match against Johann Chua from the Philippines.

The match was a display of impressive skill, featuring outstanding breaks and clearances. Ko Ping Chung emerged victorious with a score of 10-8 in what was a high-quality game.

The Maldives Pool Billiard Association did a tremendous job in organizing the event, and their efforts were commended by Thorsten Hohmann,

a former World 9 Ball Champion. He praised the Association, the venue, and the organizers, and expressed his gratitude to the President of the Maldives and the government for their support.

Ishaun Singh, the President of the WPA, also spoke highly of the event and was honored by the presence and support of the President of the

Maldives. Although there were some initial challenges, the Maldives Association persevered and demonstrated their passion and commitment, ultimately delivering a great event that everyone can be proud of. While there is always room for improvement, the WPA was thrilled with the event and is already looking forward to next year's championship.



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Fortunski

TAKES THE GLORY IN TAMPERE

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Miesko Fortunski of Poland, the highest ranked player coming into the tournament, justified the form lines as he took down the Dynamic Billard Tampere Open, beating the Netherland's Marc Bijsterbosch 9-5 in the final match. For the 31 year-old from Lubin, it was his second Euro Tour title after winning in Italy seven years ago.

Fortunski came undefeated through the tournament and in the final began to pull away from Bijsterbosch, whose misfortunes off the break were a telling factor. The Pole, though, played with some intensity and it was enough to open up

a wide lead which his opponent could never recover from.

After the match, Fortunski was naturally delighted, "I feel perfect! A couple of days before the tournament I did an interview and they asked how

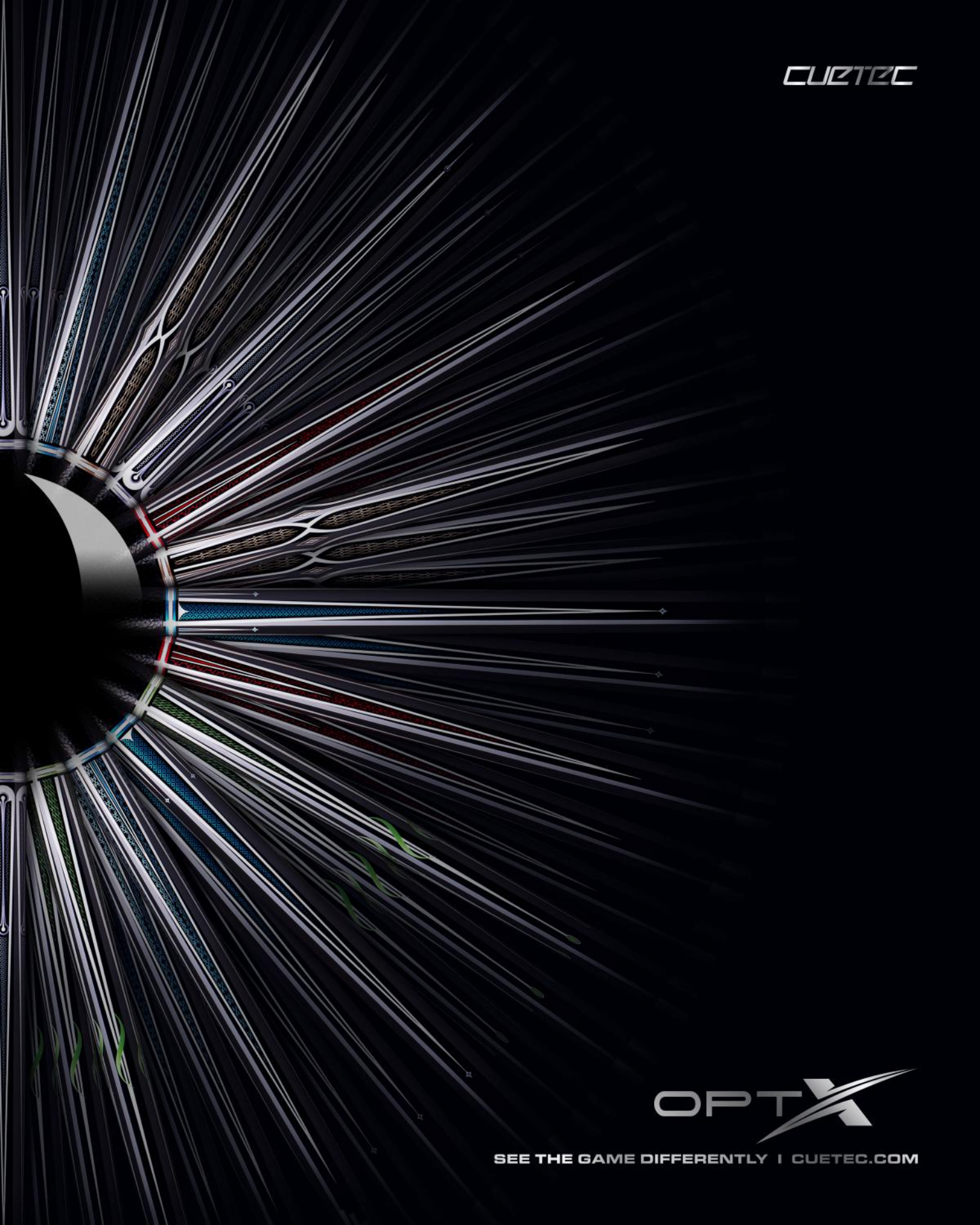
I would cope with being the highest ranked player coming into the tournament. Well, here's my answer!

"I really want to get to No.1 on the European ranking and this result will really help me get there. I've been work-



Miesko Fortunski

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ing with a mental coach for the past couple of months so this is hopefully just the first victory.”

In front of an appreciative crowd in Tampere, Bijsterbosch took the lag but with no shot on the 1 ball, he chose to push out. Fortunski put him back in and he proceeded to miss a very tight cut on the 1 ball. The Pole made the long pot, rail first and ran out to take the opener.

A solid break from the Pole only left the next ball, the 3, potentially missable but he slotted it home and cleared to increase his lead. A terrific break from Bijsterbosch saw two balls drop and an easy table ahead of him and he made no mistakes to open his account.

Fortunski made a major error when his positional shot to the 7 ball ran out of pace to leave the black 8 blocking. His safety wasn't tight enough and Bijsterbosch took advantage to level the match. From the Dutchman's break, the cue ball took a large knock from the 3 ball and disappeared into the top left pocket to give ball-in-hand to Fortunski. The Pole completed the runout to regain the lead.

Fortunski wasn't quite nailing his break shot but it was good enough to set up a possible out. He nearly lost position again but managed a tough layout to increase his lead at 4-2. Bijsterbosch's cue ball took another knock from his break-off and once again scratched, gifting another

golden opportunity to his opponent and Fortunski took full advantage to increase his lead.

A good break from the Pole gave himself the opportunity although the table was no formality. Playing with determined speed, Fortunski took his chances to open up a four-rack lead. There were more breaking woes for Bijsterbosch in the next, as he failed to comply with the three-point rule to hand the table back.



An easy snooker saw Marc fail to make contact and with ball-in-hand Fortunski cleared a difficult table to reach 7-2. Looking a little under pressure with the winning line in sight, Fortunski calmed his nerves with a nice break to leave himself an excellent chance of reaching the hill. He nearly messed up but a nice cut into the centre pocket kept him on track as he reached the hill at 8-2.

At last, Bijsterbosch delivered the break he wanted with four balls down and he duly despatched the remainder to keep himself alive. Breaking for match, Fortunski made an excellent break shot as three balls dropped, leaving himself a shot on the lowest numbered ball. A loose positional shot with three balls left, though saw the cue ball frozen to the 8. He tried a hopeful 8/9 combination which failed, leaving Bijsterbosch two balls to reduce the deficit to 8-4.

Back from the dead, Bijsterbosch fluked a golden break as the 9 ball got kicked twice into the corner pocket.

There was some tension in the air now but Fortunski steadied himself with a break shot which gave him another great chance to close the match out. He made no mistakes as he sunk the final 9 to claim the Dynamic Billard Tampere Open.

As well as the prize money, there are Tour ranking points on offer, so there is everything to play for. All Euro Tour tournaments are 9-ball and players compete in a double-elimination format, playing down to the last 32 competitors, and then single elimination until the finish. All matches are races to 9 racks with alternate break.

The Dynamic Billard Euro Tour returns in late July at Podčetrtek in Slovenia, while action continues in Tampere this Thursday with the opening of the annual EPBF European Championships.

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KIBAROGLU

Claims Euro Tour Title No. 2

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Eyllul Kibaroglu claimed her second women's Euro Tour title, beating Germany's Veronika Ivanovskaia 7-6 in an exciting encounter at the Exhibition and Sports Centre in Tampere, Finland.

Following her win at the Predator Petrich Open in Bulgaria last August and three semi-final spots since then, the Turkish girl has cemented her position at the top of the Euro Tour Women's rankings. For Ivanovskaia, who won last time out in St Johan im Pongau, Austria, it was a missed opportunity but second place points with none to defend, will see her shoot up the rankings.

For Kibaroglu though, it was a wonderful victory, "I'm so happy to get this second win on the Euro Tour. I'm so excited about the European Championships; I'm playing in the four disciplines and I'm really hopeful going into the event this week.

"I get a lot of support back home and it is always a wonderful feeling to take a European trophy back to the club. The European Championships start on Thursday and this victory will give me some real confidence going into those tournaments."



Eyllul Kibaroglu

Given both players recent Euro Tour form – neither had finished outside of the top four in their last combined seven events – it was always going to be a close run thing. However, it didn't look that way at the beginning as Ivanovskaia took a drawn out opener and then advanced the score to 3-0 following some mistakes from her opponent.

In the fourth rack, Kibaroglu escaped danger with a couple of well-executed jump shots. The second of which saw the German girl hooked, and her escape failed to make contact with the red 3. With ball in hand, Kibaroglu was able to take her first rack and reduce the deficit to 1-3.

Ivanovskaia fell foul of the three point rule in the next but not liking the layout, Kibaroglu handed the table back. A scratch trying to pot the 1 ball gave ball-in-hand to the Turk; it wasn't the easiest of tables but she ran it out nicely.

Kibaroglu looked set to take the fifth but a difficult positional shot saw her play safe with just the 8 and 9 balls on the table. Ivanovskaia, though, scratched as she double kissed the black 8 and that handed the rack to her opponent, as she levelled it up at three racks each.

A successful break from the German gave her the opportunity to reassert herself after her three rack lead had evaporated. A bad miss on the 4-ball though handed the initiative back to Kibaroglu but she failed to make a difficult 4. With that 4 blocked by the 9 ball, Ivanovskaia made a superb table length jump shot which set her up for the run out to restore her lead.

A nice pot on the 3 ball gave Kibaroglu a chance to take the eighth game but she lost position and had to play safe with three balls left. Again, a good pot on the 6 ball from Kibaroglu gave her the chance she needed and the scores were once again level.

Veronika Ivanovskaia



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Eyllul Kibaroglu

Some good pocketing gave Ivanovskaia the initiative in the next and she started a safety exchange which ultimately Kibaroglu got the better of. A missed 5 ball though, derailed her and there was more safety as the 5 ran safe. It was Kibaroglu though, who potted the 9 to lead the match for the first time at 5-4.

In the tenth, Kibaroglu lost control of the white from a powerful break and she elected to push out. They exchanged visits before Ivanovskaia fashioned a tidy run out to once again level up this intriguing match at 5-5.

An illegal break from the German gave Kibaroglu a look although the table wasn't the easiest. Her attempted snooker saw the 2 ball unintentionally drop. In the end, a terrific pot on the 4 ball from Ivanovskaia put her in the driving seat. Seeing the finishing line looming, she played some outstanding shots to run out and reach the hill at 6-5.

Kibaroglu made it a hill-hill affair in the penultimate game and breaking for the match, Ivanovskaia broke off and saw the 3 ball drop. The 1 ball wasn't available to pot, though and she elected to push out. Kibaroglu then locked her opponent up in a snooker and Ivanovskaia's jump shot saw the 1 ball run safe behind the 2.

Ivanovskaia made a good pot on the 1 ball but overcut the 2 to miss. That was to be her last contribution to the match as Kibaroglu seized the moment and made a composed runout to take the Tampere Open.

Earlier in the day, Kibaroglu had beaten Germany's Melanie Sussenguth 7-1 in her semi-final, while Ivanovskaia put paid to Monika Zabek's (Poland) hopes via a 7-3 scoreline.

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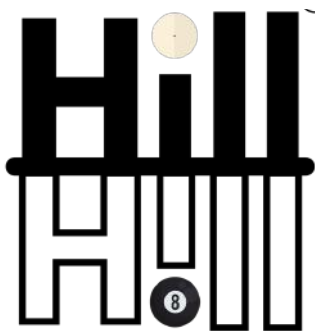
New Card-Based Billiards Game, Hill Hill, Released

What started as something put together to help his APA team celebrate the holidays, has turned into the next fun tool for pool players around the world to compete with friends and work on their game on their own.

“Hill Hill” is a card-based Billiards game that was designed by Brandon Mirigliani from Philadelphia. Brandon has competed on an APA team out of Philadelphia for the last six years and the team gets together every year for a Christmas party to celebrate the holidays. Mirigliani says these parties usually just involve mini-tournaments amongst the team members, but he wanted to do something different last year. “We’ve done mini-tournaments in the past, but this year was the very first version of what would become Hill Hill.”

Hill Hill is a game consisting of five different card types; Runs, Challenges, Bridges, Scratches and Shootouts, and these cards represent various tasks on a pool table, from running a particular ball setup to performing various tests like lagging, bank shots, etc.

Players take turns drawing a card and attempt to complete challenges/runs



on the table. If they’re successful, they keep the card and accrue points. Players can also use certain cards to make their path to the “Hill” easier, or more difficult for opponents.

Seeing how much his teammates enjoyed playing the initial game got Mirigliani thinking about a bigger project. “It was a blast playing, and seeing other people enjoying it made me think more and more about it. Why doesn’t pool have something like this? Why can’t practicing run outs and drills be more fun and competitive? And then I got to work on what Hill Hill is now.” he says.

One of the great things about the game is that it doesn’t require a group of people to make use of the cards. “When I started creating this my singular focus was on group play. Something fun, slightly competitive, and fresh. Then, as I started to develop it, my thinking kind of flipped. While it’s a blast with 2+ people, it’s such a good solo training tool. These cards give you consistent run out challenges to practice and learn upon. You can monitor success rates across cards to track your progress and, if you play enough, you’ll actually start recognizing helpful patterns and positions to use in actual 8-ball/9-ball competitive matches.” Mirigliani explained.

Mirigliani has play-tested the game with local players in his area and says the response has been great. “I tested this a few times with local players as the game progressed through development. In addition to getting some great feedback for now, I got a ton of great ideas on how to grow and build upon this idea in the months and years to come. In short, people have loved it. If there’s one thing I’ve become very certain of throughout this process and hearing from players it’s that we deserve something like this in our community. There’s a place for it, whether its used for group fun or solo training, it has purpose.”

Players looking for more information can go to www.hillhillgame.com to check out the website for the game and can purchase the game online at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0C19BKTQW). (<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0C19BKTQW>)



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Tourney Results

May 03 - May 07

10th Annual Big Tyme Classic 9-Ball

Big Tyme Billiards

- Spring, Texas
- 1 Roberto Gomez \$5,000
 - 2 Warren Kiamco \$3,000
 - 3 Danny Olson \$1,600
 - 4 Justin Espinosa \$1,000
 - 5 Lazaro Martinez III \$500
 - 5 Robb Saez \$500
 - 7 Ernesto Bayaua \$300
 - 7 Johnny Griffin \$300
 - 9 Billy Thorpe \$200
 - 9 Blaine Barcus \$200
 - 9 Evan Lunda \$200
 - 9 Kenny Price \$200
 - 13 Mark Nanashee \$150
 - 13 Ramon Rodriguez \$150
 - 13 Steve Lenz \$150
 - 13 Tommy Tokoph \$150
 - 17 Greg Sandifer \$100
 - 17 Jared Pitts \$100
 - 17 Javier Alienas \$100
 - 17 Jeremiah Gage \$100
 - 17 Raed Shabib \$100
 - 17 Ricky Hughes \$100
 - 17 Tony Chohan \$100
 - 17 Victor Rojas \$100

May 03 - May 07

10th Annual Big Tyme Classic Ladies 9-Ball

Big Tyme Billiards

- Spring, Texas
- 1 April Larson \$1,000
 - 2 Sofia Mast \$600
 - 3 Ming Ng \$400
 - 4 Tam Trinh \$200
 - 5 Kim Pierce \$100
 - 5 Soledad Ayala \$100
 - 7 Crystal Jones \$80
 - 7 Robyn Petrosino \$80

May 03 - May 07

10th Annual Big Tyme Classic One Pocket

Big Tyme Billiards

- Spring, Texas
- 1 Roberto Gomez \$5,000
 - 2 Evan Lunda \$2,600
 - 3 Blaine Barcus \$1,600
 - 4 Tony Chohan \$1,200

May 05 - May 07

2023 Junior International 9-Ball Championship Stop 4 - Pro Am

Michael's Billiards

- Fairfield, OH
- 1 Landon Hollingsworth \$0
 - 2 Brent Worth \$0
 - 3 Riley Adkins \$0

May 05 - May 07

2023 Junior International 9-Ball Championship Stop 4 - 18 & Under Boys

Michael's Billiards

- Fairfield, OH
- 1 Nathan Nunes \$0
 - 2 Dustin Muir \$0
 - 3 Jas Makhni \$0

May 05 - May 07

2023 Junior International 9-Ball Championship Stop 4 - 18 & Under Girls

Michael's Billiards

- Fairfield, OH
- 1 Jordan Helfrey \$0
 - 2 Courtney Hairfield \$0
 - 3 Skylynn Elliott \$0

May 05 - May 07

2023 Junior International 9-Ball Championship Stop 4 - 13 & Under Girls

Michael's Billiards

- Fairfield, OH
- 1 Jordan Helfrey \$0
 - 2 Skylynn Elliott \$0
 - 3 Molly O'Reilly \$0

May 05 - May 07

2023 Junior International 9-Ball Championship Stop 4 - 13 & Under Boys

Michael's Billiards

- Fairfield, OH
- 1 Hayden Ernst \$0
 - 2 Jas Makhni \$0
 - 3 Noah Majersky \$0

May 06 - May 07

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 16

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

- West Hempstead, NY
- 1 Jeremy Sossei \$1,000
 - 2 Mhet Vergara \$700
 - 3 Tom Zippler \$500
 - 4 Pat Fleming \$350
 - 5 Max Watanabe \$200
 - 5 Michael Yednak \$200

May 06 - May 07

JPNEWT Tour 2023 Stop #3

Yale Billiards

- Wallingford, Connecticut
- 1 Rachel Lang \$750
 - 2 Stacie Bourbeau \$540
 - 3 Alyssa Solt \$450
 - 4 Emily Duddy \$340
 - 5 Emily Cady \$220

- 5 Erica Testa \$220
- 7 Carol V. Clark \$125
- 7 Dawn Fox \$125
- 9 Angela Tierney \$75
- 9 Giovanna Napolitano \$75
- 9 Jennifer Tully \$75
- 9 Mindy Maialetti \$75

May 06 - May 07

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Players Billiards

- Eatontown, New Jersey
- 1 Ken Lee \$600
- 2 Peter Franco \$300
- 3 Levy Lempaam \$180
- 4 Mike Strassberg \$130
- 5 Henri Hernandez \$100
- 5 Shonda Evans \$100
- 7 Darrell Abernathy \$75
- 7 Naldo Troncoso \$75

May 06 - May 07

Stokers Tour Championship

Wolf's Den Billiards

- Roanoke, Virginia
- 1 Jonathan Ailstock \$1,200
- 2 Jason Potts \$850
- 3 Collin Hall \$700
- 4 Ron Frank \$550
- 5 Barry Mashburn \$400
- 5 Justin Cason \$400
- 7 Jose Irizarry \$250
- 7 Mike Haygood \$250
- 9 Bob Andrews \$100
- 9 Dylan Pannell \$100
- 9 Greg Taylor \$100
- 9 Scott Roberts \$100

May 07 - May 07

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Gladi8or Billiards

- Los Angeles, California
- 1 Rakesh Bunga \$760
- 2 Melissa Herndon \$399
- 3 Marshall Jung \$238
- 4 Chris Wedekind \$171
- 5 Beau Runningen \$100
- 5 Phong Ha \$100
- 7 Jamal Oussi \$67
- 7 Terrence Lee \$67

May 07 - May 07

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 16 Second Chance

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

- West Hempstead, NY
- 1 Mike Salerno \$300
- 2 Dan Sharlow \$200
- 3 Holden Chin \$100
- 4 Stephen Motilal \$60

May 10 - May 13

World Pool Masters 2023

Europa Sports Complex, Gibraltar

- 1 Pin-Yi Ko \$40,000
- 2 Eklent Kaci \$20,000
- 3 James Aranaz \$10,500
- 3 Niels Feijen \$10,500
- 5 Mario He \$6,000
- 5 Maximilian Lechner \$6,000
- 5 Shane Van Boening \$6,000
- 5 Wiktor Zielinski \$6,000
- 9 Albin Ouschan \$2,500
- 9 Alexandros Kazakis \$2,500
- 9 David Alcaide \$2,500
- 9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$2,500
- 9 Jayson Shaw \$2,500
- 9 Joshua Filler \$2,500
- 9 Mohammad Soufi \$2,500
- 9 Xiao Huai Zheng \$2,500

May 13 - May 13

2023 DFW Ladies 9-Ball Tour Stop 3

Bearded Monkey

- Forney, Texas
- 1 Kendra Britt \$320
- 2 Aryana Lynch \$230
- 3 Crystal Dunn \$150
- 4 Julie Collins \$80

May 13 - May 13

PremierBilliards.com Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Breakers Billiards

- Knoxville, TN
- 1 Zach Wilson \$360
- 2 Thomas Sansone \$240
- 3 Keith Roberts \$150
- 4 Dakota Waldroup \$105

May 17 - May 20

Wisconsin Open 2023

Ho-Chunk Casino WI Dells

- Baraboo, Wisconsin
- 1 Joshua Filler \$22,500
- 2 Tyler Styer \$13,125
- 3 Gerson Martinez \$6,563
- 3 Vitaliy Patsura \$6,563
- 5 Alexandros Kazakis \$3,281
- 5 Bader Al Awadi \$3,281
- 5 Paul Song \$3,281
- 5 Sam Henderson \$3,281
- 9 Alex Montpellier \$1,641
- 9 Ang Tuan Nguyen \$1,641
- 9 Fedor Gorst \$1,641
- 9 Jesse Engel \$1,641
- 9 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$1,641
- 9 Robbie Capito \$1,641
- 9 Sullivan Clark \$1,641
- 9 Tyrel Blowers \$1,641

May 18 - May 21

Women's Wisconsin Open 2023

Ho-Chunk Casino WI Dells

- Baraboo, Wisconsin
- 1 Chieh-Yu Chou \$17,000
- 2 Allison Fisher \$10,000
- 3 Kristina Tkach \$5,000
- 3 Kristina Zlateva \$5,000
- 5 Marharyta Fefilava \$3,250
- 5 Seo Seo \$3,250
- 5 Tzu-Chien Wei \$3,250
- 5 Wan-Ling Wang \$3,250
- 9 Chia Hua Chen \$1,250
- 9 Kaylee McIntosh \$1,250
- 9 Kelly Fisher \$1,250
- 9 Meng-Hsia Hung \$1,250
- 9 Nguyen Bich Tram \$1,250
- 9 Precilia Kinsley \$1,250
- 9 Sara Rocha \$1,250
- 9 Veronique Menard \$1,250

Huber Heights, OH

- 1 Chris Szuter \$860
- 2 Chris Mitchell \$750
- 3 Ed Hancock \$600
- 4 Shane Murphy \$450
- 5 Eric Withrow \$200
- 5 Nathan Wallace \$200
- 7 Allen Massengale \$70
- 7 Nate Marshall \$70

May 20 - May 21

2024 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 5

Rusty's Billiards

Arlington, TX

- 1 Tim Larson \$1,130
- 2 Shane McMinn \$790
- 3 Gus Briseno \$600
- 4 Neil Nabil Saidawi \$425
- 5 Greg Sandifer \$300
- 5 Roman Bayda \$300
- 7 Friday Abismo \$230
- 7 TJ Davis \$230
- 9 Albert Pedraza \$160
- 9 Curtis Cardwell \$160
- 9 Dan Bowman \$160
- 9 Paul Sifuentes \$160
- 13 Curtis Gage \$90
- 13 Fahad Alrawi \$90
- 13 Marc Oler \$90
- 13 Shawn Morris \$90

May 20 - May 21

4th Annual Brian James Memorial

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

- 1 Eric Roberts \$700
- 2 Jayce Little \$400
- 3 Landon Hollingsworth \$240
- 4 Darwin Bernadaz \$140
- 5 Chris Withrow \$115
- 5 Corey Williams \$115

May 20 - May 21

2023 Infinity Ladies Tour Stop 3

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Jennifer Kraber \$800
- 2 Ming Ng \$600
- 3 Michelle Cortez \$400
- 4 Courtney Peters \$280
- 5 Angie Payne \$130
- 5 Crystal Jones \$130
- 7 Kim Sanders \$80
- 7 Teresa Garland \$80

May 20 - May 21

1st Annual Rack Race Event Two

The Rack & Grill III

Aiken, SC

- 1 Mike Davis \$3,210

- 2 Josh Roberts \$1,590
- 3 BJ Ussery \$1,005
- 4 Eddie Wahdan \$735
- 5 Kelly Farrar \$420
- 5 Mike Wise \$420
- 7 Mike Staubes \$240
- 7 Robbie Shelley \$240
- 9 Benny Walters \$195
- 9 Ricky Boughman \$195
- 9 Ryan Hollingsworth \$195
- 9 Todd Blackwell \$195
- 13 Billy Holmes \$100
- 13 Calvin Le \$100
- 13 Clayton Branham \$100
- 13 Dominic Peterson \$100

May 23 - May 28

8th Annual Buffalo's Pro Classic

Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La

- 1 Alejandro Calderon \$7,500
- 2 Robb Saez \$4,000
- 3 Jonathan Pinegar \$2,200
- 3 Vitaliy Patsura \$2,200
- 5 Billy Thorpe \$900
- 5 Brandon Van Overbeke \$900
- 5 Dallas Broussard \$900
- 5 Robert Frost \$900
- 9 Diego Moran \$400
- 9 Gerson Martinez \$400
- 9 Jimmy Randolph \$400
- 9 Kash Keaton \$400
- 9 Kerry Dempster \$400
- 9 Mike Saleh \$400
- 9 Roberto Gomez \$400
- 9 Roy Steffenson \$400

May 23 - May 28

8th Annual Buffalo's Pro Classic One Ball One Pocket

Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$3,000
- 2 Jonathan Pinegar \$2,200
- 3 Evan Lunda \$1,100
- 3 John Morra \$1,100

May 23 - May 28

8th Annual Buffalo's Pro Classic One Pocket

Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La

- 1 Evan Lunda \$30,000
- 2 Danny Smith \$17,000
- 3 Shane Wolford \$10,000
- 4 Scott Frost \$7,000
- 5 Alex Pagulayan \$4,000
- 5 Corey Deuel \$4,000

May 26 - May 28

JFlowers Scottish Open

McGoldrick's Sports Bar

Rutherglen, Glasgow

- 1 Jayson Shaw \$9,888
- 2 Wiktor Zielinski \$4,944
- 3 Denis Grabe \$2,472
- 3 Ralf Souquet \$2,472
- 5 Jack Whelan \$1,236
- 5 Mario He \$1,236
- 5 Moritz Neuhausen \$1,236
- 5 Ping-Chung Ko \$1,236
- 9 David Alcaide \$648
- 9 Elliott Sanderson \$648
- 9 Imran Majid \$648
- 9 Joshua Filler \$648
- 9 Maximilian Lechner \$648
- 9 Pin-Yi Ko \$648
- 9 Ri Teng Liu \$648
- 9 Tom Cousins \$648

May 27 - May 29

2023 Ginky Memorial Pro Division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$2,000
- 2 Raphael Dabreo \$1,200
- 3 Gregorio Sanchez \$700
- 4 Max Watanabe \$500

May 27 - May 29

2023 Dynamic Billard Tampere Open

Finland

- 1 Mieszko Fortunski \$6,425
- 2 Marc Bijsterbosch \$4,926
- 3 Francisco Diaz-Pizarro \$3,748
- 3 Joao Grilo \$3,748
- 5 Casper Matikainen \$1,606
- 5 Daniel Guttenberger \$1,606
- 5 Daniel Maciol \$1,606
- 5 Iker Andoni Echeverria \$1,606
- 9 Jaroslav Polach \$1,070
- 9 Lars Kuckherm \$1,070

9 Lukas Kovac \$1,070
 9 Michal Turkowski \$1,070
 9 Mika Immonen \$1,070
 9 Ricardo Gutjahr \$1,070
 9 Stefan Kasper \$1,070
 9 Yuma Dornier \$1,070
 17 Aki Heiskanen \$642
 17 Alex Dias Santana \$642
 17 Daniele Corrieri \$642
 17 Dennis Laszkowski \$642
 17 Ibrahim Vatansever \$642
 17 Jonas Kornmesser \$642
 17 Jose Alberto Delgado \$642
 17 Marius Skoneczny \$642
 17 Mustafa Alnar \$642
 17 Oliver Szolnoki \$642
 17 Onur Yildirim \$642
 17 Petr Urban \$642
 17 Pijus Labutis \$642
 17 Roman Hybler \$642
 17 Ronald Regli \$642
 17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$642
 33 Albert-Roman Stensrod \$321
 33 Arbi Seriani \$321
 33 Fabio Rizzi \$321

33 Francesco Candela \$321
 33 Jan Rempe \$321
 33 Jesse Kivela \$321
 33 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$321
 33 Kristian Mrva \$321
 33 Luca Menn \$321
 33 Mats B. Schjetne \$321
 33 Miguel Silva \$321
 33 Nico Granat \$321
 33 Nicolas Rimbot \$321
 33 Petri Makkonen \$321
 33 Tim De Ruyter \$321
 33 Tomasz Kaplan \$321

May 27 - May 29

2023 EPBF Women's Tampere Open

Finland

1 Eylul Kybaroglu \$1,071
 2 Veronika Ivanovskaia \$803
 3 Melanie Suessenguth \$428
 3 Monika Zabek \$428
 5 Lena Primus \$214
 5 Mika Virtanen \$214

5 Pia Filler \$214
 5 Veronika Hubrtova \$214

May 27 - May 28

4th Ron Park Memorial Tournament

West End Billiards

Gastonia, North Carolina
 1 BJ Ussery \$3,400
 2 Clint Clark \$2,500
 3 Kelly Farrar \$1,800
 4 John Stallings \$1,000
 5 Brian White \$600
 5 Joey Tate \$600
 7 Brian Capps \$375
 7 Zach Martin \$375
 9 Jon Jon Newman \$250
 9 Josh Newman \$250
 9 Scott Roberts \$250
 9 Tyler Chappell \$250
 13 Adam Pendley \$175
 13 Greg Taylor \$175
 13 Hunter White \$175
 13 Runal Bhatt \$175

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JUNE

Jayson Shaw Junior Open

Jun 02 - Jun 03

Copper Box Arena
London, England

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 17

Jun 03 - Jun 04

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill
Providence, RI

NWPA Tour 2023 Stop 2

Jun 03 - Jun 04

Players Sports Bar
Kennewick, Washington

Wisconsin Battle of the Junior Champions Qualifier

Jun 03 - Jun 03

Hollenbeck's Cue Club - Sussex Bowl
Sussex, Wisconsin

Capone's 2023 Florida Pro Cup Series Stop 2

Jun 07 - Jun 12

Capone's Billiard Lounge
Spring Hill, FL

WPBA Iron City Invitational

Jun 08 - Jun 11

Iron City Billiards
Birmingham, Alabama

14th Annual Chuck Markulis Memorial

Jun 08 - Jun 11

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento
Sacramento, CA

DL Billiards Tour Open Stop 3

Jun 10 - Jun 11

Bogies Billiards West
Houston, Texas

DL Billiards Tour Ladies Stop 3

Jun 10 - Jun 11

Bogies Billiards West
Houston, Texas

On The Snap Tour Stop #5

Jun 17 - Jun 18

CK Billiards
Dallas, Tx

JPNEWT Tour 2023 Stop #4

Jun 17 - Jun 17

Bluegrass Billiards
Philadelphia, Pa

East Regional Pool Tour Stop #5

Jun 17 - Jun 17

The League Room
Parkersburg, West Virginia

2023 Spanish Open

Jun 20 - Jun 25

Lugo, Spain

FSR Junior Open

Jun 23 - Jun 24

Lugo, Spain

Croatia Open 2023

Jun 27 - Jul 01

Croatia

World Cup of Pool 2023

Jun 27 - Jul 02

Lugo, Spain

Women's Croatia Open 2023

Jun 28 - Jul 02

Croatia

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	Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	 ESP	129.083,00 US\$	
	Eklent Kaci	 ALB	82.700,00 US\$	
	Joshua Filler	 GER	73.819,00 US\$	↑
	Shane Van Boening	 USA	55.700,00 US\$	↓
	Roberto Gomez	 PHI	54.010,00 US\$	↓
	Chieh-Yu Chou	 TPE	52.000,00 US\$	↑
	Wiktor Zielinski	 POL	51.900,00 US\$	↑
	Ko Pin Yi	 TPE	50.648,00 US\$	↑
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