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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

By the time you are reading this, I hope to be completely recovered from the US Open. What a great tournament. I'm not sure it was the toughest field ever for a pro event, but I'd be willing to bet it was one of the top five toughest ever. Congrats to Jayson Shaw for a very well deserved win.



Speaking of Jayson, he is 1/5 of Team Europe this year - not as if that is any real surprise. Just in case you have been living in a cave somewhere, you can read about the complete Team Europe roster on page 26 of this issue.

To get you primed for this year's Mosconi Cup, Jerry takes us back to the 2010 running of this event with his Buzz Spotlight column on page 40. Read about that event and relive some of the memories with all of the photos from way back when.

There's other great stuff in this issue. Check out reports from US Open 9-Ball Championship, The Predator Pro Am Tour's Gotham City Classic, The Joss NE 9-Ball tour, the American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship and Kristen Butterfield tells us about what to eat before that big match.

Don't forget our great columnists. Melinda Bailey sits down with Melanie Archer this month for a great interview. Melinda is joined by our regular roster of columnists: Karen Corr, Anthony Beeler, Jerry Briesath and Dr. Christopher Stankovich.

Until next month...

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Karen's October **ROAD REPORT**

Whew, it's been a busy month. Here's a rundown on my tournament play in October.

First, I played The Dismal Swamp Classic in Elizabeth City put on by the Cartwright family. They did a great job in keeping the players and fans well taken care of.

With many of the top players there, I drew Alex Pagulayan and I lost 9-3. I missed two balls. It was the first time I tried the break for the US Open and it would prove to give me problems in that event and the US open. I just didn't seem to have the power to make a ball and get the required number of balls past the headstring.

Playing the guys at this level teaches me that I need to lock up my safes better and at the same time play more aggressively. My next match started at 1am against Max Eberle. I had a rough start going 5 nil down. I felt that I was playing well, but he missed a couple of balls and left me tough. I plugged away and got back to 5-4 and then I missed a 7 ball. I just mistimed it with the power I had on it. I went on to lose to Max 8-4.

On to Richmond for the straight pool event. Peter Burrows and his team put on a great event and work hard getting the sponsorship money together.

In my first match, I played Niels Feijen, a world Champion at all games. I enjoyed the safety battle I had with him, but I had a tough time running a lot of balls with lack of experience in straight pool.

It was a round robin format so I had five more games. I got into the game a bit more each match as I would watch what the best players would do and also ask questions mostly on the best way to break into the stack.

My group was Niels Feijen, Denis Grabe, Darren Frank, Lo Li Wen and the champion this year, Konrad Juszczyszyn.

Now on to the US Open.

I had my first match against Elias Patrikios and I won 11-8. We both missed a few balls and I had a lot of trouble with the break again. Next match up was Alex again. He was making the one ball in the side consistently and went up 4 nil. I came back to 7-5 and broke illegal again and Alex was off again. I won another game and missed a three ball for him to go on the hill. He broke an illegal break and I went for a kick on the 1-ball. I hit the ball but scratched with the cue ball and left a one nine combo for the match. I was happy with my performance and

staying with Alex. I just need to work on all these different break positions.

I had a day off and then met up with Marc Vidal who was on fire. Breaking balls in and getting out. I just didn't seem to get the opportunities and Marc took the match 11-2.

The experience I had was wonderful and I learned so much. I would like to thank the people that supported me in the fund raiser to enable me to have the opportunity to compete with the worlds best.

Congratulations to Jayson Shaw for a tremendous win at the US Open. He has so much talent and works hard at his game and it pays off. Also to Klen-ti Kaci for his second place finish. So much talent for such a young age. He has a wonderful future ahead of him.

Good luck.



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Melanie Archer

Melanie Archer is the wife of professional pool player, Johnny Archer. She is beautiful inside and out, lives a healthy, active lifestyle, is a mother to their two kids, and a social media star. Let's find out more about Melanie and what her life is like married to one of the most well-known pool players around.



The Archer family.

Q: How did you and Johnny meet?

A: Ah! The famous question! We met in my home State of North Carolina. Yes, I am a Carolina Girl! The best in the world!! In Raleigh, NC at my Aunt and Uncle's pool room, Brass Tap Billiards off Capital Blvd was the first time we met. I was there with my ex, who was a huge fan of Johnny's, which I didn't know who Johnny even was at the time. Being from NC, I knew of Earl Strickland. I was there doing a benefit for Tony Marshall, who was JA's best friend and had died tragically in an accident previously that year. I had won a beauty pageant and my Aunt and Uncle asked if I wanted to come walk around, sell some raffle tickets and shake hands with the pro's. So, I did. I also tried to charge Johnny to get into the pool tournament because I didn't know who he was. He said he was in the tournament and I was like, "yeah right, pay up buddy!" Haha! I later grabbed the camera and took some pictures of him warming up, which I still have in my photo album today. These were our first pictures of one another.

Later after that event, my ex and I broke up and my Aunt called me and asked if I wanted to come to her house and go to dinner. It was a setup for me to hang out with them and Johnny, who was a guest at their house. We went to a steakhouse called Carver's Creek. Ordered the same thing and had a great night. We then spoke off and on and met up at the pool room from time to time, when he was in town to play golf or passing through over the next few months. I would come up after soccer practice, I played in college at the time, and we would go to dinner or on dates.

Next, came the invite to go to a tournament in Reno, Nevada...a warm up to the Mosconi Cup. I went. I honestly was bored and so sleepy that I dozed off walking to the elevator to the room and ran right into the back of his cue

case. I felt like a dork! But I laugh at it now. He was so polite and a gentleman.

After this tournament, he asked if I would accompany him to the Mosconi Cup to London. I've traveled all over the world and thought, sure, why not. This would be a nice get away from school and work. I went and the Cup was in York Hall. It was freezing so bad in the upper room where the Team USA practiced, that Johnny, being the cold natured guy he is, stood so close to the heater that he burnt a hole in his wool black dress pants. We all smelled something burning and started laughing. The team was Johnny, Jeremy Jones, Corey Deuel, Nick Varner (Playing Captain), Charlie Williams and of course Earl Strickland. It was great! They slaughtered Europe, 12-1, my memory is pretty good! Since Matchroom didn't have anything to air the on Day 4, Johnny and I took a trip around London and visited some places. It was very romantic and we had a great time. After that, we were upgraded to first class and we were watching a movie when he motioned for me to take my earbuds off and he said, "I could see myself being married to you." I thought wow, interesting.



Melanie and Lee celebrate with Johnny.

Q: Do (did) you play pool?

A: Not anymore, but I used to play league. TAP and BCA in our pool room. Before that I played at a local pool room in NC.

Q: How long have you been married?

A: Together almost 17 years and married over 15.

Q: You and Johnny have two kids. Johnny Lee Archer, Jr (who you call "Lee") and Mary LeeAnne Archer, who is named after your Mom and also Johnny's Mom. How old are they now?

A: Lee is 13 and LeeAnne is 10.

Q: Marietta Billiard Club (MBC) is a pool room in Georgia that was Johnny's retirement decision to get into. Are you involved with MBC? If so, how?

A: Not anymore since I coached soccer for over the last 20 years, volunteered at my local YMCA and the kids have competitive sports that require out of state or country travelling. I try to be there for all of it. I don't want to miss anything since Johnny travels for pool all the time. I want them to have one of us there. Plus, I am very picky with who I leave my kids with. I have a Nanny who is great when I am gone for work or with one of the kids and she is usually the only one I leave them with.

Q: So, tell us how it feels to go to tournaments with Johnny? Is it exciting to be by his side or does the attention seem surreal (or annoying?)?

A: At first, the tournaments were exciting because I was just getting to know the pool family. Then it became exhausting because as soon as you get home with the suitcase, you put in a load to wash and you pack up

again and leave. Never seeing family or friends can take a toll on you and that can get frustrating. And trying to see two families in two different states is hard. At first, we tried, but then after kids, it died down and I decided to stay at home more when we had down time.

I've met some great people over the years that I call friends. Then there are some, I choose to keep boundaries with. The tournaments can get to be very long and exhausting and with a small child, it was hard. When we did travel with Lee, he was very busy and smart and active, so I had to get him socializing and in school. This prevented us from travelling as often. I always support Johnny in all his adventures of pool, but his absence from the family is very hard, so this is annoying. I know he is out there making a living, but time management is key to a successful marriage and family. I feel like pool players in general don't consider time management a key factor in life because tournaments take hours and days to arrive, play and get to the next one. I understand because I've been on the road with him but I feel like a lot of time has been wasted out there when there are times he could be home.

Q: Did you travel a lot to tournaments with him before the kids came along?

A: I travelled to every one except the Derby City. This was the time I needed to unwind from being gone so much from the previous year leading into the Mosconi Cup. And this is the time when my Mom would come visit me for a week. Plus, as the decorator that I am, I have to get all those Christmas decorations down and put away in storage. Johnny always misses all the fun.

Q: Were you and Johnny concerned about raising a family on a pool player's income?

A: No, because he has always found ways to provide for the family by tournaments, sponsors, charity events, appearances, celebrity events or TV shows. I have also tried to help market and manage his schedule for appearances, tournaments and these things to keep him active in the industry. There was a time when he felt he would just quit because he didn't enjoy it anymore, he felt like it was work. Well, it is but you need to enjoy what you do. We talked and eventually he got his fire back.

Q: The fans are very grateful for you for that! You and the kids are very active at the Mosconi Cup when Johnny played in it. Do the kids realize how famous he is?

A: They do to an extent, but he's just Daddy to them. They did think it was cool when they were asked for their autographs at the Mosconi Cup or

when we were at tournaments when they were little. But mostly they just thought it was cool to be on live TV. Now, it's not a big deal.

Q: Do either of them play pool yet? Do you want them to?

A: Lee played a little in BCA Jr. League, but his soccer and academics take up so much of his time. Plus, he thinks it's boring and too slow paced for him. LeeAnne only plays at home on occasion. Neither are really interested, but I don't mind either way because it is a break from their usual daily schedule. Maybe for charity events when time allows us all to.

Q: You can be found on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/Mlarcher4> and Twitter via <https://twitter.com/mlarcher4>. How and why did you get involved so deeply and connect with social media?



LeeAnne, Melanie and Lee

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A: It's my nature to socialize. I am a very outgoing person and I've never met a stranger. So, I went with the times and I use it as an avenue to communicate to people the things that I believe in or things that are what I consider "HOT TOPICS of the Times" or life changing and motivating ways to help people navigate through life and engage every day. My favorite things to share on social media are the Bible and health or fitness tips. And, I always like to let people like our fans, know how the Archer's live on a day to day. We are your typical All-American family. Some say we are the "First Family" of Pool. I don't know about that. But I'll take it as an honor. I hope we represent pool and the industry well.

Q: What are the pros and cons of being on social media often?

A: One of the downfalls of social media is that it takes precious time away from you and you never get it back. There are also a lot of temptations with social media and people trying to bring you down or bash you for your beliefs, but I don't let that bother me. Just like the news, there are false and negative things on social media. That saying, "don't always believe what you see or read"...that's so true! I take it with a grain of salt.

I set limits on what I do on social media. I usually take my first 5-10 minutes of the day to do my Daily Bible Verse. Then, I check emails and social media notifications. But I limit my time especially when I am with others. I used to be on my phone more, but at events I do snap pictures to savor the moment. Being on the phone while with someone is a huge pet peeve of mine. I believe you should spend quality time with that person and give them your undivided attention. We find this to be a challenge sometimes with our family. Johnny stays busy with his FB because he gets messages

about tournaments and things. I get it. I set his FB account up for him and managed it for a while. So, if you got a message it was from me. Hehe! ☺

I do believe social media can be used for the good such as promoting your business and upcoming events and just sharing life with others. I feel sometimes people should have filters on what they throw out there. I'm guilty of it myself. I've made some big changes on how I let social media interfere in my family now because I have seen how it can cause issues first hand.

Q: God is a big part of your life. Tell us about that.

A: I've been in love with Jesus since I was 3 years old. I accepted Christ when I was 10, baptized and married in my home church of Ephesus Baptist Church in Spring Hope, NC. I've taught Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, choir, Children's Choir, sat on the Women of the Church's board and have volunteered in about every way possible. My first mission's trip was when I was 18 and I lived in Greece studying Paul's walk through his writings to the church's. I have always felt like GOD was speaking to me somehow. Even though I did not grow up being taught church was a priority, we did go. I remember sitting on my couch in my living room waiting for my neighbor's Mom, Mrs. Judy, to pick me up. If I saw her blue van pass my drive, my heart would drop because I ached to go to church so bad. Now, I haven't always been this way. I have had my times when I was astray and far away from GOD, but he has always pulled me back closer to him each time.

I try to keep my family involved in things I believe are good for the world like missions. We feed the homeless, random acts of kindness, and helping anywhere there is a need. One thing my kids enjoyed is our local YMCA's

Feeding Program. We would meet early mornings and pack lunches for kids in the community who did not get meals during the public schools break or holidays. Now, my kids see how people live locally and kids their own ages, and appreciate their blessings more now. I think service is a huge part of why I am a Christian because I am always thinking of others and I try to teach my family that. GOD has taught me so much through service. HE has taught me how to appreciate my blessings, giving back, loving others, being there during difficult times and paying forward good in the world.



Melanie finishing at the Peachtree Road Race

good for you. Schedule time for yourself to put the technology away, get outside, breath, go for a walk or run and let your mind be free!

Q: Do you still travel with Johnny to certain tournaments?

A: Unfortunately, no. My schedule with the kids does not allow me to. The time I take off from work is usually for their school or sports activities. But, I may be making an appearance soon! So, stay tuned!

Q: Which are your favorite to attend with him?

A: I've always favored the US Open because it is close to my family in NC and it's in our country! Everyone is there! Great action, late night matches...espresso needed!

I also love the Mosconi Cup... GOOOOOO USA!!! I think Johnny gets more excited for this one than any other event ever. I love the atmosphere and the intensity of it. You can hear a pin drop...silencio por favor!! Everyone there is just amazing. The staff and fans are so sweet!

I met this lady from London and she and my Mom wrote one another which I thought was so cute. After my Mom died, she gave me one of my Mom's letters to her. I thought, WOW! How sweet of her.

Q: Were you concerned at all about dating a pool player?

A: Um, ABSOLUTELY!! I said, "I will never date another pool player!" I had a fear, only because of the way players were portrayed in the secular world, that he would cheat, gamble too much or be a drug addict.

Q: What do you think people would be surprised to know about Johnny?

A: Johnny is not a handy man. He helps with many things, but handy is



Lee and LeeAnne

Q: You are very active in sports and being healthy. Just this year, you ran in the Peachtree Road Race, where over 60k racers from all over the world come to the World's Largest 10k and you placed 17k! Impressive, congratulations! You are a great role model to your kids and those around you and for those of us who follow you on social media. How do you make working-out activities a priority?

A: Thank you for the congrats! I guess I had some great coaches in my days. I always like having someone yell at me saying, "You can do it!" "You got this!" "Come on Mel!" Just knowing someone has confidence in me, makes me feel like I can do my best. I had a principal when I was in elementary school tell us every day on the intercom to "Be the Best that you can be!" That stuck with me. I figure my biggest challenger is myself. I'm running this race in life against myself,

not others and this is how I approach my workouts. I'm not competing against the lady or guy next to me. I am challenging my best self every day to be better than yesterday. I also know that this is what GOD wants for me too. He built me to move and be active and to take care of my temple.

I haven't always eaten healthy and I do like the occasional Diet Coke with a pizza or a beer during a football game, but moderation is the key. I listen to my body when it is not able and push it when I know I have more to give.

I also like to try new things, so I just sign up for it and try it. There aren't many things I don't do. But the biggest key is to just schedule the time for it like it is a critical part of your day like breathing or sleeping.

The kids and I take hikes on new trails and we love adventures. This is how I teach them to appreciate the outdoors and nature. Being outside is

Melinda Bailey

not one of them. He will pay somebody to do it for him.

Q: Johnny makes his money playing tournaments, so he must travel a lot. Is it tough when he travels so much? Does it get better with time?

A: It is tough when he is gone. Sometimes I just need him here to go out on a date with me or a weekend get-away without kids, pool or family events. It doesn't change much over time because I am a social person and I often feel single because I go out with friends and I am the solo one... the third wheel and that doesn't feel good. But I also need a Mommy break too. Just time for me so he can be here with the kids.

Q: What other things are involved in your life that you are passionate about?

A: I am also passionate about learning, traveling, photography and food. I love to continue to learn new things like languages, technology, how to fix or make something or just learn about anything. Knowledge is amazing, but wisdom is where it is at! I love traveling because I get to see the different cultures, tastes the foods and live as the locals do. But most of all, meeting so many people. Life is about this. People are important, that's why we were put here; for one another. I am amazed at seeing and meeting someone for the first time. I want to know all about them, their culture, their lifestyles and places they find interesting in their area. My favorite thing to do is snap pictures of all the different architecture of steeples on church's all over the world and the food too. I eat a lot believe it or not. I probably eat more than my whole family. Plus, I'll try about anything.

Q: What do you want most for your kids?

A: I want my kids to leave a good mark in the world. I know GOD has



The Archer family.

great things in store for them. I want them to align with HIS purpose and just be good stewards and give back by sharing their beliefs with others. I also want them to continue learning and exploring. I want them to have wisdom to pass down to their generations. In addition, I would like for them to be successful in their soccer and gymnastics because that's what they really want as well. But I constantly tell them they must work hard-

er every day and that there is always room for improvement in every area of their lives. Not to strive for perfection, but their best. That's all I can ask of them.

Q: Were you ever scared about Johnny traveling so much? Any scary situations occur?

A: Well, I really haven't been until he told me he almost got kidnapped in Cali, Columbia because he was

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running late for his match. I thought well, I know we could get you home because I know people...haha! Then not long after that, he decided to get stuck in a snow storm in the middle of nowhere. I think it was in Idaho. But he always seems to get himself out of awkward situations and has some of the best people out there come to his rescue like the guy who pulled him out of the snow with his Chevy truck! His truck was damaged through the rescue but he was so kind to help. Later Johnny was able to meet him and all he really wanted was an autograph. Dwayne you are awesome! Thanks! I always tell Johnny he is highly favored and GOD is always looking out for him, but he should be more aware at times.

Q: There is a big distinction between playing pool for a living and being a professional pool player. Being married to a professional pool player, what do you think about this statement?

A: I agree because anyone could be a pool player such as a league or tournament player. Being a professional takes more dedication and a GOD given talent. Most of the pros I know have all had their time at the top at some point or another. From TV ads, winning majority of the years tournaments, being in a magazine and sponsored by the best in the industry. But being a good ambassador of the sport takes a professional approach.

Q: How tough is it to plan your budget for the year because part of the household income is based on how he finishes in tournaments?

A: This is probably the toughest question thus far. It's tough because of having to tell the kids no. Have you ever had to tell a child no? It ain't easy, especially when their friends have it, or it's the next trend. I am very savvy and I grew up without a lot. I had what I needed and my parents worked hard. This taught me



Melanie cheers on Team USA

a good work ethic. So, hard earned money isn't something we just waste away. I try to estimate from the previous year or month on how to spend. I like to cook at home, make the kids take their lunches to school and I take mine to work with me. But I try to put limits on eating out. I like to use this strategy: Needs first, others next, then wants last. My kids are familiar with it. It seems to work until the air conditioner goes out and then it's a madhouse here in GA!

Q: A supportive spouse is crucial to be able to compete well. How do you help Johnny prepare for his tournaments?

A: I used to pack his suitcase for him and slip a card or note in it so while he was gone, he would have something to remember me by. When the kids came along, I created some small photo albums for him to keep with him. But mostly, I just try to hold the fort down so to speak. I think this make it easier for him knowing things are well back home.

Q: Your days are so full and active. What keeps you going each day?

A: Coffee, water, workouts and my Bible! The first cup is enough for me because I am already so energetic. The water keeps me on my feet so I can keep from sitting down all the time at my desk...you know what I mean?! I also eat pretty healthy throughout the day. Like I said earlier, I eat a lot. I also get my workout in first thing in the morning at around 5AM along with my Bible time. During the day, I do a few exercises at my desk and walk around the office. I have a large yoga/Pilates ball I bounce on at my desk. It keeps me pretty perky and it's fun bouncing.

Q: Your Mom (who passed in 2005) has a big influence on your life to this day. Do you have a favorite quote from her you live by?

A: "Be True to Thine Own self." When I was younger, I really didn't understand it. Now that I am older, I totally get it. It means, be true to you and what you believe. Don't conform to this world or what others want you to be. You were made just the way GOD made you to be. So be it! But always continue to grow and become a better version of yourself. You are the only one who has control over this.

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First of all, you have so many options as to where you can hit the object ball, such as a full hit, half ball hit, quarter ball hit, very thin hit or even the rail first. You also have the options of hitting the cue ball with follow, draw and left or right English. With all these options at your disposal, you must soon learn that you have to be extremely accurate as to how much of that object ball you want the cue ball to strike in order to get position on the next ball. With just

five or ten minutes practice, the average player can improve his position play off hangers drastically.

Place a hanger in the corner pocket and the cue ball two diamonds away on the short rail. Start by hitting the hanger very thin so the cue ball comes across the table one diamond short of the side pocket. Do this several times until you have confidence in the shot. Next shoot the same shot and hit the object ball a little fuller so the cue ball

comes past the side pocket and hits the rail two diamonds past the side pocket. Now, shooting the same shot, strike the cue ball below center and hit the object ball about 4/5 full and try to make the cue ball slide up the rail to the side pocket.

Putting these three shots in your arsenal can make a difference between winning and losing.

Good luck — Jerry



BREAK THE ACTION WHEN STRUGGLING

Dr. CHRISTOPHER STANKOVICH
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Regardless of whether you want to accept it or not, there are going to be days in the future where you play below what you are capable of playing. There will be moments where you miss shots, make unforced errors, scratch, and even chunk easy game-ending shots that you ordinarily never miss.

What you do in those moments and how you respond to your frustration will make all the difference in the world, for better or for worse.

How we play when we are going good

When pool players are on their game, there usually play with a consistent and steady pace, level head, and appropriate focus. In these moments the pockets seem to get bigger, the shots feel smoother, and the racks become easier to run. In fact, players often feel like they are in the zone when playing like this, and they often play to their best of their ability as a result.

How we play when we're struggling

Unfortunately, on those days where shots simply aren't falling we tend to do the exact opposite of what we do when we're playing our best. Specifically, we hurry our pace, think erratically, and focus on things that have no bearing on our success (like our opponent sitting in the chair as we approach the table). Sadly, it is this exact scenario where many players

succumb to pressure and ultimately "let the wheels fall off" and play far below what they are capable.

How to bounce back

Since it is not if, but when you will have a tough day in your future, it's best to develop a plan of attack to help you toughen up and drive through frustrating moments. Below are a few quick tips to help you prevent tough days from ruining individual games, sets, or even entire tournaments:

- **Don't be a victim!** Stop yourself from going down the road of "why me?" and instead accept that everyone has tough days!
- **Break the bad momentum.** Rather than hurriedly going through shots that you already know you are likely to miss, try and break the



unhealthy rhythm by pausing for a drink of water, or even using the restroom. The key here is to disrupt the unhealthy symptoms of anxiety rather than continuing to miss shots, and consequently experience even more anxiety.

- **Challenge yourself.** Sure, it's easy to play with confidence on those days where you're making balls left and right, but what about the tough days? Take a moment and use self-talk to challenge yourself to break through the slump and turn this day around!
- **Remember, tomorrow is another day.** No matter what happens today – even if it's your worst pool-playing day ever --- it has zero bearing on how well you will play tomorrow.

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“GOAL” FOR IT!

ANTHONY **BEELER**

What is our fascination with pool? Personally, the game reminds me of life itself. In order to come out ahead, you need to be able to deal with your areas of weakness; build on your strengths, and remain positive—otherwise, as tobacco farmers often put it, “You’re going to be in for a tough row to hoe.”

In this article, I want to focus on how goal setting for your pool game will give you greater confidence to succeed and how that setting goals and achieving them will have a positive effect on your self-esteem.

Motivation is very important! I am sure you have heard yourself say, “I always make it to the finals and feel really tired,” or “My love for the game of pool just isn’t there anymore.”

In order for you to play the game more positively or get more out of life, you need to set goals for yourself that are difficult but attainable. Goals are nothing more than dreams with a due date!

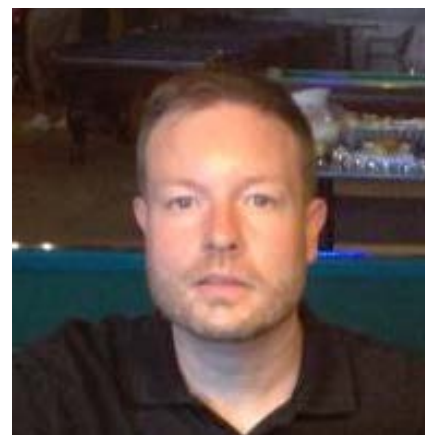
Making goals is a process that people do on a regular basis; however, what we tend to do is establish goals in our heads and then expect them to magically happen without ever doing any hard work or ever changing anything.

As the months roll by and you have not achieved what you thought you would, your self-esteem may suffer. You need to remember that when you are setting goals, they need to be yours, not someone else’s or what you think you should be doing because someone else said so. Ultimately you are the one responsible for the way you play and it is also your responsibility to decide what needs to be done in order for you to be successful.

Sometimes pool players come to me because they do not like to compete anymore and they cannot understand why. This often turns out to be because they are thinking negatively or putting unnecessary pressure on themselves to win.

It is also quite common for a player to buy into someone else’s vision. Before you set your goals, make sure that they are what you want—otherwise you will be setting yourself up for failure.

Above all else, your pool playing goals should be written—give yourself monthly targets with benchmark assessments. Be sure to celebrate any successes that you might have.



Always start with the end in mind and work on what you need to change in order to make your goals into a reality.

That might mean taking lessons from a certified instructor, or practicing at the poolroom two or three times per week. A proficient instructor will know how to assess your skills and should be able to recognize the areas you need to improve upon. They should be able to help you get the most out of your game by guiding you in the direction you want to be taken.

There are many reputable instructors that can be found online through the American CueSports Association (ACS) or Professional Billiards Instructors Association (PBIA).



you've always done, you'll keep on getting what you've always got." The bottom line is that you have to be willing to change if you want to succeed.

ANTHONY BEELER is the 2017 Pool Instructor of the Year and is a former BCAPL National 9-Ball Champion. He has numerous top 25 national finishes and is one of only 8 ACS Master Instructors in the world. He is the primary author of the National Billiards Instructors Manual and has also authored the book Unstoppable! Positive Thinking for Pool Players. Anthony currently has the highest established Fargo Rating of any Master Instructor. He has won over 300 tournaments and has defeated numerous professional players in tournament competition.

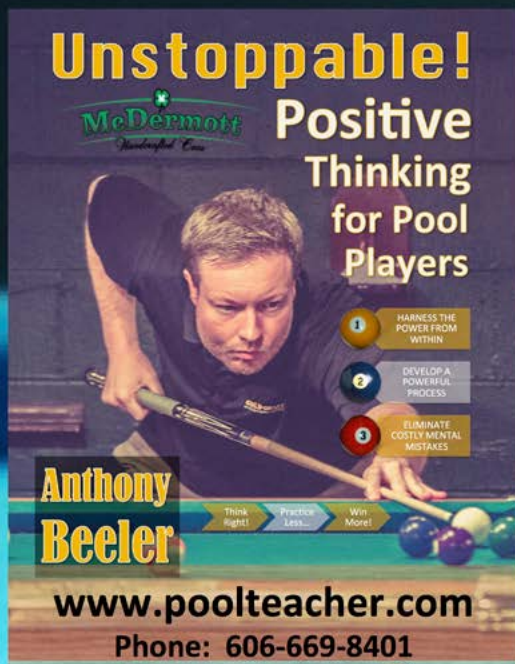


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Jayson Shaw celebrates with Pat Fleming, Shannon Behrman, Brady Behrman and his daughter Liana Rose.

Top of the Class

The 42nd Annual US Open 9-Ball Championship crowned a new winner over the week of October 22nd - 28th at the Sheraton Norfolk Westside Hotel in Norfolk, Va.

With only three of the last ten events not being won by a former champion, and seventeen years of returning champions in attendance, most fans at the Sheraton thought the odds were stacked against a new champion being crowned this year. They didn't consider the strength of this field though. Before a ball was struck, Mike Page with Fargorate was already pointing out that twenty seven of the top thirty Fargorated players were in attendance, and questioning whether this group of 139 players might be the strongest field ever assembled for a pool tournament!

Day one was a perfect indication of the strength of the field with five time winner Shane Van Boening dropping an 11-7 match to Nick Van den Berg. Van Boening was joined on the one loss side on day one by former champions Mika Immonen and Ralf Souquet.

Anytime a field of players this strong is at an event, it is going to be a week full of new days and a player's wins on one day don't mean anything to a fresh opponent the following day. Nick Van den Berg found that out on day two when Corey Deuel ended Van den Berg's day one celebration to

send him to the one loss side 11-5. Canadian Martin Daigle was also making a lot of noise on day two, sending two defending champions (Earl Strickland and Tommy Kennedy) to the left side of the board early.

Day three was full of marquee matchups with Thorsten Hohmann beating Daigle, Daryl Peach losing to Reymart Lim, Strickland eliminating former champion John Schmidt and Eklant Kaci defeating Ronnie Alcano.

The match of the day on day three saw Jayson Shaw face off against Pin-Yi Ko. Ko took early control of this match

*Albania's Young Gun Eklent Kaci*

Boening and Earl Strickland kept their hopes for US Open title #6 alive with two wins each. Van Boening defeated Chinese Taipei's Kai Lun Hsu & Ronnie Alcano, and Earl Strickland eliminated former champions Gabe Owen and Kevin Cheng. Back on the winner's side, a battle of crowd favorites saw Naoyuki Oi take an early 7-0 lead over Alex Paulayan, only to be forced to hold on for a hill-hill win. Other undefeated players included Kaci, Corey Deuel, Ping-Chung Ko, Hohmann and Shaw.

Day five brought the number of undefeated players down to just four, with Kaci set to face last year's runner up Jung Lin Chang, and Shaw playing Sanchez-Ruiz. German newcomer Joshua Filler was the player celebrating the most on this day, with wins over Reymart Lim, Alex Pagulayan and Shane Van Boening. Those three wins were enough to guarantee him a spot representing Europe on December's Mosconi Cup team.

The penultimate day of play whittled the tournament down to four players

and raced to a 10-5 lead. Shaw managed to win a rack and get things back to 10-6 when the voice of his daughter came from the stands yelling "Come on, Daddy!". "She yelled when I was down 10-6, so that gave me a lot of encouragement to keep going" said Shaw. "I'm down 10-6 and I'm supposed to lose. I sat back and said to

myself that he had me the last couple of times we played and I still won. I can do it again" he continued. Shaw was correct and "did it again", with an 11-10 win.

Day four saw former champions clawing for every chance to stay alive in the brackets for another day. Both Van

Crowd favorite Naoyuki Oi



The two tough matches might have taken something out of Kaci, or at least Shaw hoped so. “I was relaxed. I knew he had played two matches back to back. I only had to play one so I went away and had some dinner. I went to the room and took a nice hot bath for an hour. I was watching the stream and saw he was in a close match, so I knew he was going to be tired after that match. I came in fresh and well prepared, and obviously it showed.” said Shaw. Even with that, Shaw expected to have a battle on his hands. Shaw remembered, “I know how that guy plays. I played him on the Eurotour and he beat me there. I played him in Darren’s tournament and he beat me there. I played him in the Joss tournament and I beat him in the hot-seat and then he came back and double dipped me in the finals. Going in, I’m telling myself that I know he is a great player, but he’s changed a lot since I played him. He’s slowed it down a lot. I need to come out attacking him, and see if he can handle it”.

and the right side of the board down to just two players. Shaw scored the rare feat of defeating both Ko brothers in the same tournament, sending younger brother Ping-Chung Ko to the one loss side. Albania’s new pool sensation, Eklent Kaci was also sent to the west side of the board, courtesy of an 11-5 loss to Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz. Ko would later be eliminated by Chang, while Kaci ended Oi’s tournament run in 5th place.

long. “It’s 4-4 and I’m looking like I’m going down 5-4, and he misses a 9-ball” recounted Shaw. “I said to the gentleman next to me ‘This is it. It’s a game changer’. I get up and make the 9 and take a break. I come back and the next minute it’s 10-4. I’ve been in that spot a few times lately and I fell short. This time I reminded myself not to let it happen again. I came back and showed them that I wasn’t going to let it go”.

The final day of play started with Shaw taking the hot-seat over Sanchez-Ruiz. While the match started out close, it didn’t stay that way for

After an 11-8 win over Chang, Kaci avenged his earlier loss to Sanchez-Ruiz by the scoreline of 11-7.

All of Shaw’s plans came together in a big way. Shaw could do no wrong in this match, and as often happens against an attacking opponent, Kaci couldn’t seem to catch a break. Shaw held a 5-0 lead before he missed a





It was an uphill battle for five time Champion Shane Van Boening after day one

rack for the 42nd Annual US Open 9-Ball Champion Title.

Reflecting back on the win, Shaw said “It means everything to me. I played in this tournament since I was 16. They had a qualifier in Scotland and I used to win it every year. The first time I came over, I finished in 17th place. That was the year that John Schmidt won the tournament. Back then it was at the convention center, and the way they had it set up was great. The fans were all there. It’s in a different place now, but it still has that special feel to it. I always watch the Masters in golf and they have the jacket and I always wanted one of those. It is just a special event.”

ball, leading commentator and coach Mark Wilson to proclaim “Perfect position for Shaw is when the cue ball and the object ball are on the same table”. Shaw had eight beads on the positive side before Kaci could move one and a dry break from Kaci at 8-2 allowed Shaw back to the table and he did all

he could to make the end as quick and painless for Kaci as possible. Two table runs and a 9-ball break gave Shaw an 11-2 lead in the race to 13. Kaci would win two more games before he scratched on the break in rack 17 and was forced to watch Shaw race through the

The win was worth \$40,000 to Shaw, as well as being named to return to the Mosconi Cup European squad, as if there was ever any doubt of that before this event. Kaci settled for \$24,000, and went on to win the World Pool Series Grand Final as this issue was being released.



Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz fought valiantly for the hot-seat.



David Alcaide and Jayson Shaw

TEAM EUROPE ROSTER IS SET

With the naming of Team USA's roster in September, October was when Team Europe's roster was finally set. Team Europe's members were determined by two different points lists. A points list of European events was used, as well as a points list made up of world events.

Souquet First To Be Named

The first player named was a no-brainer, as German Ralf Souquet led both points lists with just the US Open left to play on the World points list. Souquet's appearance will be his 17th

time playing in the event, matching Johnny Archer's 17 appearances on Team USA.

"I am overwhelmed that I have made the team again, especially after not playing for three consecutive years," said Souquet. "I don't really think

much about the record, but I take it as it is and it shows that I must have done some good things over the years.

"I can't wait to get back into the arena for the Mosconi Cup after my last match in 2013. I am looking forward to working with our new captain (Mar-

cus) Chamat, which will be my first time since he became the coach. I try to be in best shape, physically and mentally, and hope to be a strong part of the team because we can only be successful as a TEAM.

“Unfortunately, I have been on the losing side too often - 10 times - and therefore my first win with team Europe in 2002 was one of the best moments in Mosconi Cup history. We came close several times before and after, with sometimes even tears in my eyes.

“Every Mosconi Cup had its special thing, winning or losing, and therefore it’s really hard to pick out one moment or year in particular. But the best moment was probably making the winning 9-ball in Las Vegas 2007.”

Van den Berg and Filler Earn Automatic Picks

Nick Van den Berg’s 13th place finish, and Joshua Filler’s 9th place finish at the US Open were more than enough



Ralf Souquet



Nick Van den Berg

to give them the remaining two spots based on the points lists.

It will be Van den Berg’s eighth Mosconi Cup, and teams that he has competed with have an overall record of six wins and one loss in his Mosconi Cup history, so he will provide a lot of winning experience to the team.

Souquet’s countryman Filler will be playing in his first Mosconi Cup and will become the youngest player to ever compete for the cup. Filler’s win at the China Open earlier this year made him a favorite for inclusion on the team, and his play the rest of the year secured his spot.

Shaw and Alcaide Complete The Team

With two wildcard spots available to team captain Marcus Chamat, he chose US Open winner Jayson Shaw and Spain’s David Alcaide. With

Shaw’s dominating win at the Open, it would have been a crime to pass him up for the team, and Alcaide has had an outstanding two years of play with multiple Euro Tour wins and a win at this year’s World Pool Masters.

Commented Chamat; “It was a very hard decision to make and is testament to the fact that there are so many great players in Europe.

“Jayson was the easier pick with his amazing win at the Open, but the second spot was a difficult decision. I went for David in the end as I feel he’s really moved up a notch this year to the very highest level and will have something big to prove in Vegas.

“There can only be five players in the team and I believe that we have a very strong squad to go to Vegas and make a successful defence of the Mosconi Cup.”



Joshua Filler

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1 Ralf Souquet (GER)	256
2 Joshua Filler (GER)	240
3 Nick van den Berg (NED)	215
4 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz (ESP)	196
5 Albin Ouschan (AUT)	181
6 Jayson Shaw (SCO)	152
7 David Alcaide (ESP)	149
8 Ruslan Chinakhov (RUS)	135
9 Wojciech Szewczyk (POL)	132
10 Mario He (AUT)	29

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1 Ralf Souquet (GER)	229
2 Nick van den Berg (NED)	181
3 David Alcaide (ESP)	149
4 Ruslan Chinakhov (RUS)	135
5 Joshua Filler (GER)	133
6 Wojciech Szewczyk (POL)	132
7 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz (ESP)	125
8 Albin Ouschan (AUT)	124
9 Mario He (AUT)	118
10 Dennis Grabe (EST)	106

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Konrad Juszczyszyn Captures the American 14.1 Straight Pool Tournament

When you looked at the list of the final 8 players still in contention on the final day of the American 14.1 Straight Pool Tournament, Konrad Juszczyszyn would have had to of been considered a longshot to capture the winning trophy, especially when you reflect on the accomplishments of the other 7 players vying for the win.

But that is exactly what Juszczyszyn did at the fabulous Diamond Billiards, and in doing so, claimed not only the trophy, but the \$10,000 1st place award.

On a brilliant fall day in Midlothian VA, Konrad's play was even more spectacular. Besides Juszczyszyn, the remaining players of a deeply talented field were Lee Van Corteza, Alex Pagulayan, Thorsten Hohmann, Albin Ouschan, Dennis Orcollo, Brandon Shuff and Warren Kiamco. But it was Juszczyszyn who went all the way to capture the title, downing Shuff in the quarterfinals, Kiamco in the semifinals and Orcollo in the tournament final. All races were to 150.

Quarterfinal action had Corteza, winner of the US and World 14.1 tournaments this year, facing fellow countryman Kiamco. Corteza was undefeated throughout the tournament but Kiamco got the best of him 150-111. Orcollo never gave Ouschan a chance to get involved, winning 150-0 that included a 95 ball run to end the match. Pagulayan played Hohmann and had a hammerlock on the competition at 113-13, but surprisingly missed a routine cut which allowed Thorsten back to the table and he cut the deficit to 112-38. One more trip to the table was all Thorsten needed as he produced a 112 ball run to eliminated the previously undefeated Pagulayan. Juszczyszyn meanwhile was taking out Shuff 150-76 in workmanlike fashion.

Semifinal matchups were Juszczyszyn vs Kiamco and Orcollo vs Hohmann. Kiamco held a 104-22 lead over Juszczyszyn after 5 innings, but Juszczyszyn caught a gear to get within 141-111. Juszczyszyn then made a strategic decision to take a 3 foul penalty, and after Kiamco missed

a long shot off the penalty break, Juszczyszyn ran 57 for the win. The other semifinal saw Hohmann race out to an 82-1 lead, but then Orcollo got to the table and began the journey of closing the gap, eventually taking the lead at 121-115 and won the match 150-130.



Konrad Juszczyszyn

This set up an Orcollo vs Juszczyszyn final. When Dennis was asked before the match if he had ever faced Konrad, he indicated so and added he is “a very talented player”. Similar to his previous match, Dennis found himself in an immediate deficit of 106-19. While he was able to get the match to 106-87, Juszczyszyn was just too much as captured the title game with 44 ball run.



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“I feel very fortunate to win the tournament” Juszczyszyn said. “I felt like I had luck on my side throughout”. The bottom line is his play all week simply outclassed the field, finishing the tournament undefeated in both the round robin and knockout phases to notch his second victory on American soil. His first win was last year in the Gotham City 9-Ball Pro Classic. Despite that win Juszczyszyn, just 24 years old from Lubin Poland, came into this tournament completely under the radar. This win is sure to add

his name to the list of young rising stars like Billy Thorpe and Ekrent Kaci who have also won important events in 2017. Konrad’s playing style would make the late Lou “Machine Gun Lou” Butera smile. He plays fast, loose, and appears to fear no shot. After the tournament he immediately left for Virginia Beach to compete in the US 9-Ball tournament. His predominant discipline of play is straight pool, but he no doubt has the ability to compete and win in all games.

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Dechaine goes undefeated to win 3rd Annual Gotham City Classic/Sharon Fagnoni Memorial

Mike Dechaine, who won the inaugural Gotham City Billiard Club 9-Ball Pro Classic in 2015, and finished fourth in 2016, came back to the event on the weekend of October 14-15, and went undefeated to win the 3rd Annual Gotham City Classic, held under the auspices of the Predator Pro Am Tour. Also known as the Sharon “Sam” Fagnoni Memorial, to commemorate Gotham City Billiards’ owner, Kevin Buckley’s sister, who passed away in May of 2015, the \$21,500-added event drew a surprisingly low (given the added money and total prize pool involved) 39 entrants to Gotham City Billiards.

Dechaine had to go through Taiwan’s Yu Lung Chang to complete his undefeated run. They met first in the hot seat match. Dechaine had sent Marc Vidal to the loss side 10-2 in one of the winners’ side semifinals, while Chang downed Lee Vann Corteza, double hill, in the other. Dechaine claimed the hot seat, double hill, over Chang and waited on his return.

On the loss side, Vidal picked up Alex Kazakis, who’d gotten by defending Classic champion, Poland’s Konrad Juszczyszyn 10-3 and Hunter Lombardo 10-6. Vann Corteza drew Taiwan’s Pin Yi Ko, who’d eliminated Kai Lun Hsu 10-6 and John Morra 10-4.

Kazakis and Ko handed Vidal and Vann Corteza their second straight loss; Kazakis, 10-6 over Vidal and Ko, in a double hill win over Vann Corteza.

Kazakis advanced another step with a 10-6 win over Ko in the quarterfinals, only to have his loss-side streak ended by Chang 10-6 in the semifinals.

Dechaine and Chang locked up in a second double hill fight in the extended race-to-13 finals. Dechaine completed his undefeated run by sinking the last 9-ball and claiming his second Gotham City Classic title.

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Tour director Tony Robles made note of the fact that while relatively small, the entire field was “humbled and appreciative” of Gotham City Billiards’ owner Kevin Buckley’s sponsorship of this annual event, which has included the addition of increasingly large amounts of money into the prize pool (\$11,000 in the first year, \$15,000 last year, and \$21,500 this year).

“I want to send out a HUGE thank you to Kevin and Isabel Buckley for putting this event together,” he said.

Robles also thanked a roster of sponsors, including Predator Cues, Ozone Billiards, The NAPL, The DeVito Team, and PoolOnTheNet.com. The next stop on the Predator Pro Am Tour, scheduled for October 28-29, will be a \$1,000-added, Double Points event, hosted by Spin City Billiards in Woodside, NY.



Chang, Yu Lung (2nd), Ko, Pin-Yi (4th), Kevin Buckley (GCBC owner), Mike Dechaine (1st), and Alex Kazakis (3rd)

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2017 Joss Junior 9-Ball Championships Results

Congratulations to our 2017 Joss Junior 9-Ball Champions, Thomas Haas won the 18 & under division and Zach Hemendinger prevailed in the 12 & under division.

Thomas Haas made it to the finals undefeated rather easily but it was no easy task from there. Canadian Brenden Croft who had lost his first match to last years 12 & under champ Ivo Linkin 9-7, eventually avenged that loss by besting Ivo 9-8 to make it to the finals. As the event was played just like our regular Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour events, it was true double elimination in the finals. Brenden, with the momentum on his side took the first set 9-5 forcing another to determine the winner. Thomas was not deterred however and came back strong for the win by a 9-4 margin. Great play was witnessed by all of the 18 & under players and you will defi-



*12 & under winners
2nd Kailey Bombard, Tim Berlin, 1st Zach Hemendinger*



*18 & under winners
1st Thomas Haas, Jim Romanowski, 2nd Brenden Croft*

nately be seeing their names rising to the top soon.

In the 12 & under division, it was Zach Hemendinger prevailing over Kailey Bombard 7-4. This division had a small field and it was decided to play a round robin format followed by single elimination. Each play had a chance to play every other player at least once until the single elimination rounds. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day playing some pool.

I would once again like to thank the many people and companies who generously donated products and their time to help. I would like to acknowledge and thank them all as it

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Our next regular season event will be Nov 4 & 5 at Hippo's The House Of Billiards for the "Al Conte Memorial".

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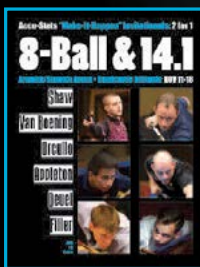
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When you eat is just as important as what you eat.

Match day nutrition is essential to a successful performance. Eating well on the day of your match only works if you are also eating the right foods all week. Make sure you eat healthy all the time. This includes; fruits, veg-

etables, salads, eggs, pastas, toast with jelly, potatoes, whole grain bread and rice etc. If you are an athlete, you should be eating your fair share of carbohydrates (not high-fiber carbs) as these are what give you the stamina in your long lasting matches.

Most of the energy you use when playing a match comes from what you ate the day before a match.

What to Eat the Night Before (in moderation):

- Pasta with red sauce, chicken, shrimp or beef.
- Meat and steamed veggies.
- Fish with sweet potatoes or steamed vegetables.
- Sandwich with meat and veggies.
- Lean meat, cheese and crackers

**Your plate should be 50% carbs, 15-25% protein and 15-25% vegetables and 20-30% healthy fats.*

Follow this guide to know when to eat for different meal sizes on your match day, so you have enough time for digestion. **You should never eat anything new on game day.**

- Allow at least 3-4 hours of digestion time for a large meal
- 2-3 hours of digestion time for a smaller meal
- 1-2 hours of digestion time for blended or liquid meals
- Less than an hour of digestion time for a small snack.

What to Eat the Day of a Match (in moderation):

BREAKFAST

- Fruit or fruit bars
- Muffin
- Whole wheat bread (Toast with Jelly)
- Whole wheat cereal
- Eggs, cottage cheese, low-fat greek yogurt or milk
- Oatmeal with fruit



- Avocado
- Protein shake
- Nuts

**Breakfast should be a mix of protein, fats and easily digestible carbs*

SNACKS

- Fruit (helps with hydration- watermelon, cantaloupe and grapes)
- Fruit smoothie (oranges, pineapples and strawberries)
- Crackers
- Pretzels
- Saltine crackers
- Low-fat greek yogurt
- PB&J
- Bagel
- Lean protein
- Granola bar or Power bar

**With an hour or less for game time, these foods will give you fast-acting energy. These are also great foods if you have time for lunch before your match.*

**Sports drinks (not energy drinks) and watered down juices can be helpful for extra energy on game day. Sports drinks (like gatorade) are recommended for long matches (over an hour) to replenish electrolytes and to give your muscles carbohydrates, so they keep working hard for you.*

Make sure you are eating well all week to ensure you have the best performance on game day. Try new foods and food variations to learn what your body does the best with, so on match day, you are ready to go!

Remember: everyone is different. Each person metabolizes food differently and each of us performs better with different amounts of food in us.

It is key to stay hydrated before, during and after your match. Hydration is just as important as your



nutrition and you should be drinking enough liquids starting 2-3 days before your match. Your body loses lots of water when you sweat, so it is important to keep hydrated during your match too.

This is what is recommended if you are playing a sport, but is a good guide to have and use before a pool match too because we can never drink too much water!

- Two hours prior: drink 20 oz. of water
- One hour prior: drink 16 oz. of water
- 15 minutes prior: drink 8 oz. of water

After the match, you need to help your body recover by replacing the carbohydrates you used, 10-20 grams of protein for continued energy and rehydrate with water or a sports drink. This is recommended within 30-45 minutes from the completion of your match.



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With the introduction this year of Johan Ruijsink as Captain/Coach of the American team AZB felt it appropriate to look at the Mosconi Cup of 2010. This was the event where Ruijsink took firm control of the European side and got them victories from then until now. Seven consecutive victories for a side that until then had been the yearly underdogs while America owned an 11-4-1 overall record in the event.

Since Ruijsink, America hasn't been able to find many crumbs of success. The past seven years has seen them dominated by a total rack score of



Figure 1: Johann Ruijsink

Figure 2: York Hall, The Holy Land of Pool



77- 47. In the past four years that has worsened to 44-17.

Ruijsink has not had a continuous run as Captain of Team Europe. He secured a tie and a win in his two years at that position in 2006 and 2007 but then gave up that slot to Alex Lely for the next two years. Lely had a record of 1-1.

While past performance is never an assurance of future success, we thought it entertaining to take a glance back at 2010, the year that Ruijsink began his current winning stretch at York Hall in London.

The announcement from Matchroom announcing the Captains for that year came out on September 28. It told us:

MATCHROOM SPORT can announce that [Nick Varner](#) and Johan Ruijsink will lead America and Europe respectively into battle at the 2010 PartyCasino.net Mosconi Cup.

Both captains have plenty of experience of the tournament with Varner leading his men to an outstanding vic-



Figure 3: Team USA. Deuel, Morris, Hatch, SVB, Archer

tory in Las Vegas last December and Ruijsink having skippered Europe to their first Mosconi victory in five years in the same city in 2007..

Varner, 62, has successfully captained America to Mosconi Cup victory, initially as a player and then as non-playing skipper in 2003, when he inspired a famous last day comeback at the MGM Grand to secure victory.

The Kentucky Colonel' made his debut in the competition in the winning side of 1997 and was also on the win-

ner's rostrum the following year and in 2001.

He was a member of the side that lost in the event's last ever staging at the York Hall, Bethnal Green, London in 2002 but returned the following year in Las Vegas to lead his side to victory.

"This is great news to be invited back to be captain of Team USA once again", said a delighted Varner.

"It will be exciting to see Team USA repeat again in the Mosconi Cup and I'm

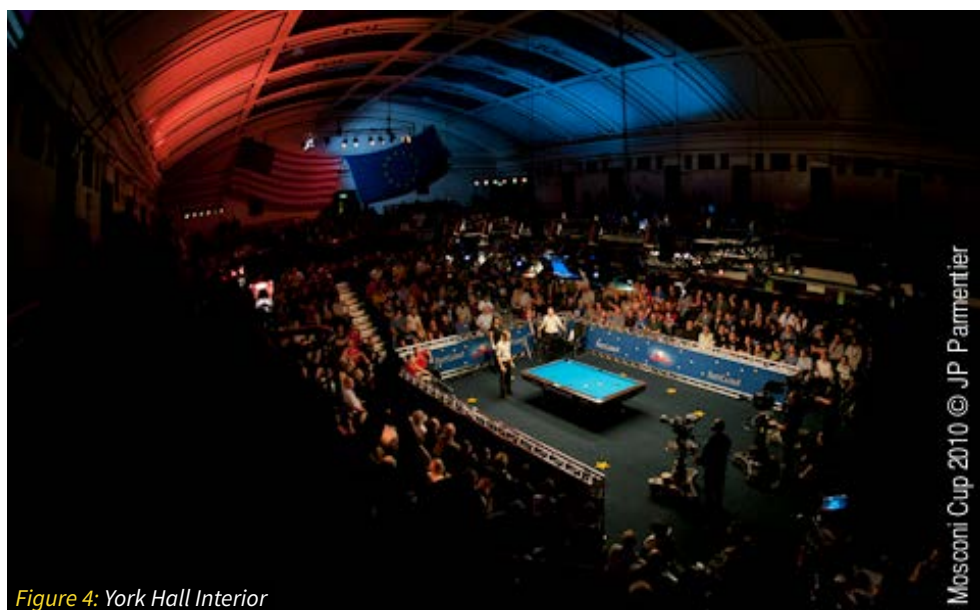


Figure 4: York Hall Interior



Figure 5: Team Europe. Boyes, Van den Berg, Appleton, Immonen, Souquet

“Team Europe will consist of the very best players in Europe - our confidence is high and we will be ready to fight our hearts out!”

Aside from the Mosconi Cup, Ruijsink has a great track record as head coach of the Royal Dutch Billiards Federation as well as coach to a host of top names in the sport. (End of Matchroom release.)

By the end of October we knew the makeup of both sides. Europe would send out Ralf Souquet, Mika Immonen, Nick van den Berg, Darren Appleton and Karl Boyes. In a pre-event interview Boyes expressed his feelings:

Boyes, 28, will be making his debut in next month’s PartyCasino.com Mosconi Cup but after a break-out season is desperate to prove that he is not a one-year wonder.

“I’m the rookie in the team but if you have a look at the season I’ve had then I’ve had one of the best out of all the players”, said Boyes, the current European No.1 who also took down the WPA World 8-Ball Championship in April.

“But I don’t want to be in the Mosconi Cup once and then not play in it again

looking forward to one more victory and dance with Team America!”

“The European fans get a little rowdy and boisterous which can test your composure, especially the later it gets at night. As the fans have a few pints, the atmosphere can get real noisy!” added Varner.

For Ruijsink, 44, it will be his third outing as European captain and so far he is undefeated, claiming a draw in Rotterdam in the 2006 event and then a superb 11-8 win the following year,

the first European victory on American soil.

Well known for his uncompromising, hard line style, Ruijsink is delighted to be at the helm for the third time; “I am overjoyed, proud and honoured to be the Mosconi Cup captain once more.”

“I am looking forward to lead my players into the epic battle that the Mosconi Cup has always been and I am confident that team Europe will be able to break the winning mood that the Americans have shown last year.”



Figure 6: Karl Boyes



Figure 7: Darren Appleton and Karl Boyes



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for five years. I want to play in it year after year and establish myself in the side just like [Shane Van Boening](#) has done for the Americans. Hopefully it will not be a case where I've only been in it once and then never again.”

His teammate, Darren Appleton, said just prior to the event: “I believe Europe has the best pool players in the world and that will lead to a home victory in this year's PartyCasino.com Mosconi Cup.”

Appleton is part of the European side aiming to retain the trophy this week after slumping to a disappointing 11-7 defeat in Las Vegas in 2009.

However, Appleton believes that loss will serve as a reality check and claims his side were complacent and not motivated enough last year.

Team USA sent out a strong contingent. That team in 2010 was Johnny Archer, Shane Van Boening, Corey Deuel, Dennis Hatch and Rodney Morris. Nick Varner was the Captain.

When play began on December 9 the first day started well for the Yanks as reflected in the Matchroom Press Release:

TEAM AMERICA took the early lead at the 2010 PartyCasino.com Mosconi Cup as Corey Deuel and earlier [Dennis Hatch](#) and [Rodney Morris](#) gave them two points after Europe had won the earlier team match.

It was a solid start from [Nick Varner's](#) men but with only three of the four scheduled matches played, due to the length of the opening match, there is everything to play for.

It was an excellent win for Deuel over Mika Immonen as he had trailed 3-0 and with a big first day crowd getting increasingly exuberant, he did well to take the match 6-4.

Earlier, Europe got off to the perfect start as they inflicted a come-from-behind win over the Americans to draw first blood at the 2010 PartyCasino.com Mosconi Cup. It was the opening



Figure 9: Mika Immonen

five man team match and America looked favourites for the point with a 5-4 lead but with two balls left on the table, Dennis Hatch left Rodney Morris hooked behind the 9 ball and the Hawaiian failed to make contact. With ball in hand the Europeans levelled it.



Figure 8: The Mood Was Upbeat on Day One

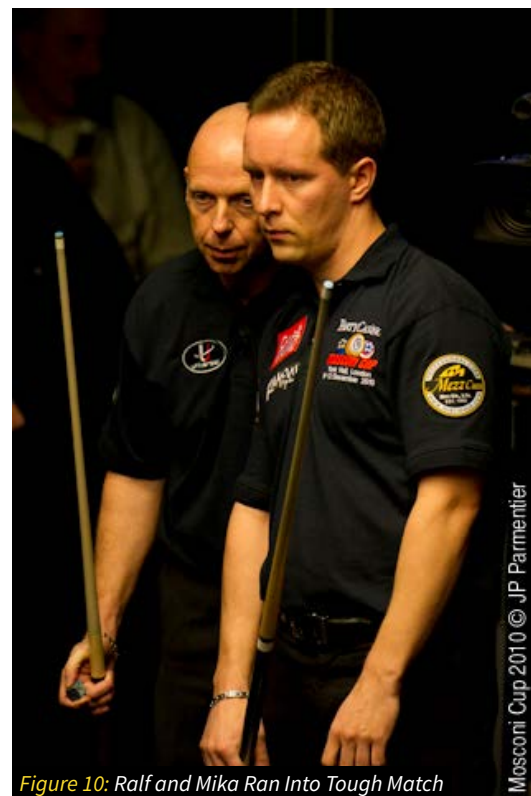


Figure 10: Ralf and Mika Ran Into Tough Match

Having lead 4-2 this was a great chance for Europe and it was [Karl Boyes](#) who made the critical shot after Souquet had left him with a tough one on the green six. He made it rail first to set Europe up for a 6-5 victory, with Mika Immonen downing the final 9.

“When they announced Team Europe I walked up the stairs and nearly fell over. But the atmosphere and to win a point like that is absolutely awesome,” said Boyes.

“There was definitely pressure on the final 9-ball and you don’t want to take anything for granted. I felt like we came from nowhere as they had it all in their hands but then that one shot from Dennis Hatch put them in the dark,” added Immonen.

Hatch recovered from his gaffe in the second match as he and Morris looked the business as they overcame [Nick Van Den Berg](#) and an out-of-sorts [Ralf Souquet](#) to level the score at 1-1.

The American pair were clearly enjoying every minute of it as they moved into a convincing 5-0 lead. That lead began to evaporate as the European pair clawed back the racks assisted by a bit of luck. They reduced the deficit to 4-5 before a failed cross table bank

by Van den Berg let the Americans in and they ran out for the win.

“It was great to win coming off a loss and you have to show a lot of heart. But as I’ve said we’ve got more heart and we’re going to show it,” said Morris.

“I like the crowd and it’s a different atmosphere to last year as they’re not for us but against us. I can’t be as emotional as I was in Las Vegas but I’m still not going to sink back into my chair. I’m still going to try to get my team riled up!” added Hatch.

By the end of the second day we all knew we were in for a battle. The news of that day:

IT WAS all square in the Friday night session of the 2010 PartyCasino.com Mosconi Cup as both teams scored two points apiece. That leaves the USA just a single point ahead and the feeling is that this year’s event will go down to the wire.

Three of the four matches were decided by the single rack as if to emphasise the closeness of the competition. The final match was a high-quality encounter which saw [Shane Van Boening](#) edge past Nick van den Berg in a



Figure 11: Hatch and Morris Victory Dance



Figure 12: Appleton and Boyes Enter the Arena

match that either player could have won.

It all came down to the final rack when Van den Berg got to the table but was forced to play safe after a poor positional shot. Van Boening blasted the cue ball across the table and managed to fluke the two into the middle pocket. One pot and a 3/9 combination and it was all over and America went to bed as Mosconi Cup leaders.

On Friday in the barn-storming show-opener, Dynamite [Darren Appleton](#) and [Karl Boyes](#) raised the roof of the York Hall as they overcame Johnny Archer and Shane Van Boening to level the overall score at 2-2.

6-3 was the score and it was a match full of nerves, atmosphere, misses and some brave shot-making, mainly from Darren Appleton. His match-winning shot was indicative of his play in general as he slam-banked the 9 ball back up table.

Figure 13: Archer Mashes the Pack



Boyes enjoyed some traditional Mosconi Cup banter with [Dennis Hatch](#) who was sitting in the stands and at times the crowd got over-exuberant but it was a typical York Hall Mosconi Cup match of days gone by.

Boyes, who made his fair share of mistakes, including a 9 ball to win the match was honest in his assessment; “That shot was down to nerves. With some of the balls I missed my mind-set was not right but for that 9-ball I thought this place will go crazy instead of focusing on the shot, but it’s all a learning curve.”

Appleton was delighted with his form, “I’ve been playing really well for the last couple of months. Last year I didn’t win a point. But here the crowd is amazing and a major help. I like to play in teams with Karl and he’s a good friend and has been for 15 years so this is a dream. We knew we were a great team so to get a point on board for the guys is amazing.”

In the next match, the captains’ pick where the respective skippers select their opponents’ players, it was Johnny Archer and Ralf Souquet who took to the arena. Presumably, both players were there for their shakier perfor-

mance on day one but it turned out to be another thriller.

Archer took a big 4-0 lead as Souquet looked once again out of sorts, but ‘the Kaiser’ found some form out of nowhere and before long the score was 5-4 in the German’s favour as Archer looked shell-shocked.

The miracle comeback was not to be though as the Scorpion took the next two racks to restore the USA’s one-point lead.

Figure 14: Souquet Brings in the Crowd



“Ralf is one of the best players in the world so it didn’t surprise me that he came back. I didn’t do that much wrong or make too many mistakes but he just played well and did what he does to put himself in a position to win,” said Archer.

“It’s hard out there and just different to normal. I would like it a lot more if the crowd was on my side but they’re there for their team and having a good time so I can’t say anything bad about it.



Figure 15: Corey Deuel

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“But the crowd boo me during the match but after it’s over they give me respect and that makes me feel better. You know it’s not just you, they’re just rooting for their team.”

There was another towering performance for Yorkshire’s Darren Appleton in the third match of the evening as he and Ralf Souquet nicked a point from [Rodney Morris](#) and [Corey Deuel](#) to once again level things.

Appleton, who had a miserable time of it last year in his Mosconi Cup debut in Las Vegas, is fast becoming the heart and soul of the American side as he came with the critical shots at the right moments.

The win was also a terrific boost for Souquet who had been on the wrong end of two narrow score lines and looked to be short on confidence.

In a nip and tuck affair, the USA reached the hill first and breaking for the match, Deuel delivered a good one. Their visit came undone though as Deuel played an inexplicable shot and massively overran the cue ball. Morris’s attempt at a safety left everything on for Europe and they took what was a thrilling match to the hill.



Figure 17: Doubles Team of Deuel and Archer

In the final break of the match, Appleton delivered a pearler as three balls dropped and there was a clear shot on the two ball. They completed the run out for the win and Appleton danced with delight, even planting a kiss on Souquet’s cheek.

The first session on Saturday increased the tension on both sides as we were then tied at 5 points apiece. The news from Matchroom::

KARL BOYES was the man at the Par-tycasino.com Mosconi Cup on Sat-

urday afternoon as he got Europe on level terms twice; first with a 5-1 win in the company of [Mika Immonen](#) over [Dennis Hatch](#) and [Johnny Archer](#) and then a 5-2 victory over Rodney Morris in the singles.

That made the overall score a finely-poised 5-5 as the action moves into the Saturday evening session. Boyes was clearly motivated by Dennis Hatch’s earlier claims that he was the weak link in the European line-up.

After one of his wins Boyes said: “It’s unbelievable. That’s for Dennis Hatch. If he’s about or listening, that’s for you, pal!

“I was in the practise room and watched the match before where Mika and Ralf had some bad rolls but I just tried to block everything out in my match.

“The team is playing well, it’s only 5-5 and we’re fighting. The crowd are behind us so let’s kick on from here now.

“Everyone is shouting for us and that makes you feel alive. We’re relaxed and having a good laugh!” he added.

Boyes, in the company of Mika Immonen, helped Europe level things in the



Figure 16: Mika Immonen and Karl Boyes

opening match of the session, beating Hatch and Archer 5-1.

With the races reduced from six to five due to time constraints, the pressure was even more intense for the players. Add to that the full-to-the-rafters crowd and the scene was set for a test of nerves.

It was the Europeans who won that particular battle as the Americans, particularly Hatch, struggled.

Boyes and Immonen were flawless though and they ran out easy 5 - 1 winners to make it 4-4.

“It’s a good win and there was a lot of pressure on us as we didn’t want to go 5-3 down. But obviously we played really well and the crowd was a different class,” said Boyes.

He continued: “Practising on the table upstairs it’s getting battered so every time you have to hit hard but out here you just have to play a bit softer.”



Figure 18: Rodney Morris



Figure 19: SVB Makes His Entrance

“This is the first time I’ve played at the York Hall and when you walk down the stairs into the arena, the atmosphere is so good you think you’ll fall down the stairs,” he added.

“Mika believes in me as do all the team and we have a great spirit so let’s hope we can win it.”

Archer had the opportunity to redeem himself in the second match and he enjoyed some huge slices of luck as he and his partner [Corey Deuel](#) beat Souquet and Immonen 5 - 2.

“We’re keeping the pressure on them and just played solidly so we will just keep the heat on them.” I remember when I was the rookie and it’s a shock. I know Dennis has said Karl Boyes (who will be playing next) would be the weak link but I think he’s a good player. But Rodney is playing great so Karl will have a tough match.”

“I was very lucky and missed a couple of shots. We had a few rolls that went against us yesterday but got lucky today,” said Archer after his match.

“I would rather be seven up but leading is much better than losing. But this is going to be a dog fight and I expect it to go to the end.”

It was Boyes though who dented those hopes in the final match of the session as he beat Rodney Morris against the odds. That made it three wins from three matches for Boyes.

But Saturday night Europe caught fire and grabbed a 2-point lead.

IN AN UNBELIEVABLE night of drama at the York Hall, Europe took down three of the four matches to take a two point lead into the final day, and now need just three wins to regain the PartyCasino.com Mosconi Cup.

The venue was sold out six weeks ago and with over 500 people crammed into the historic East London venue, the atmosphere was like nothing seen in the world of pool.

In an evening of high spots, the high spot was probably Darren Appleton’s come-from-behind win against Dennis Hatch which sparked scenes of celebration never seen in this event.

It was [Nick Van Den Berg](#) and [Mika Immonen](#) who delivered the crushing blow though, as they hammered Van Boening and Deuel 5-1 to give their side a two point cushion.

The evening started brightly for Team USA as Dennis Hatch and [Shane Van](#)

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[Boening](#) pulled the first point of the evening right out of the fire as they came from 4-1 down to take the match in the final rack.

Hatch was fired up as usual and played some outstanding jump shots under pressure and Van Boening was his imperious best.

It was a bitter blow for the Europeans who had yet to take the lead since the opening team game. Hatch, who barely completed an interview with Sky Sports Andy Goldstein last year without the tears flowing, was no different this time.

“In that match I was a little bit nervous but to come back from 4-1 down and make outs like we did was crazy and that might’ve taken something out of their sails” said a jubilant Hatcherman.

“Representing my country means more to me than anything. I’m fighting for my country, with my family back home watching I want to perform - the tears are coming.

“The adrenaline is going crazy and my brain is numb and my body is numb. You can’t ask for a better ending than this and if we win or lose I’ll always remember this match.”

Europe’s win of the second match was almost predictable as they squared the scores for the fifth time in the competition. It was that man Boyes again who grabbed the point along with [Ralf Souquet](#) as they got the better of [Rodney Morris](#) and [Johnny Archer](#).

It was another tough match when many of the shots were pure pressure. The Englishman though, who many thought may have struggled with the

Figure 20: Darren Appleton was the MVP



atmosphere of the Mosconi Cup, did nothing of the sort once again as he recorded his fourth win out of four matches.

The score was 5 - 4 but Europe were 4-1 ahead and let the racks slip away before Souquet slammed home a decent break shot in the decider to leave a decent layout which the Europeans completed.

“It’s nice to be able to do a TV interview as I haven’t had the best of Mosconi Cups,” said Souquet after the match.

“But we’ve got a great team spirit and it’s amazing the support we get from the fans. There’s nothing better than to have a straight 9-ball to win so I was 1,000 per cent sure Karl would make it, that’s why I celebrated early.

“Whatever we do goes wrong and Nick and Darren played a great match in the one before, didn’t do anything wrong, were 4-1 down and just couldn’t win.

“We’re at 6-6 and haven’t managed to get many rolls so that’s a big achievement and as soon as we get some rolls we will be up.”

Next, the Darren Appleton and Dennis Hatch singles match was nothing short of sensational. It had everything that a pool match could have as Hatch came out of the traps fast and once again built up a 4 - 1 lead.

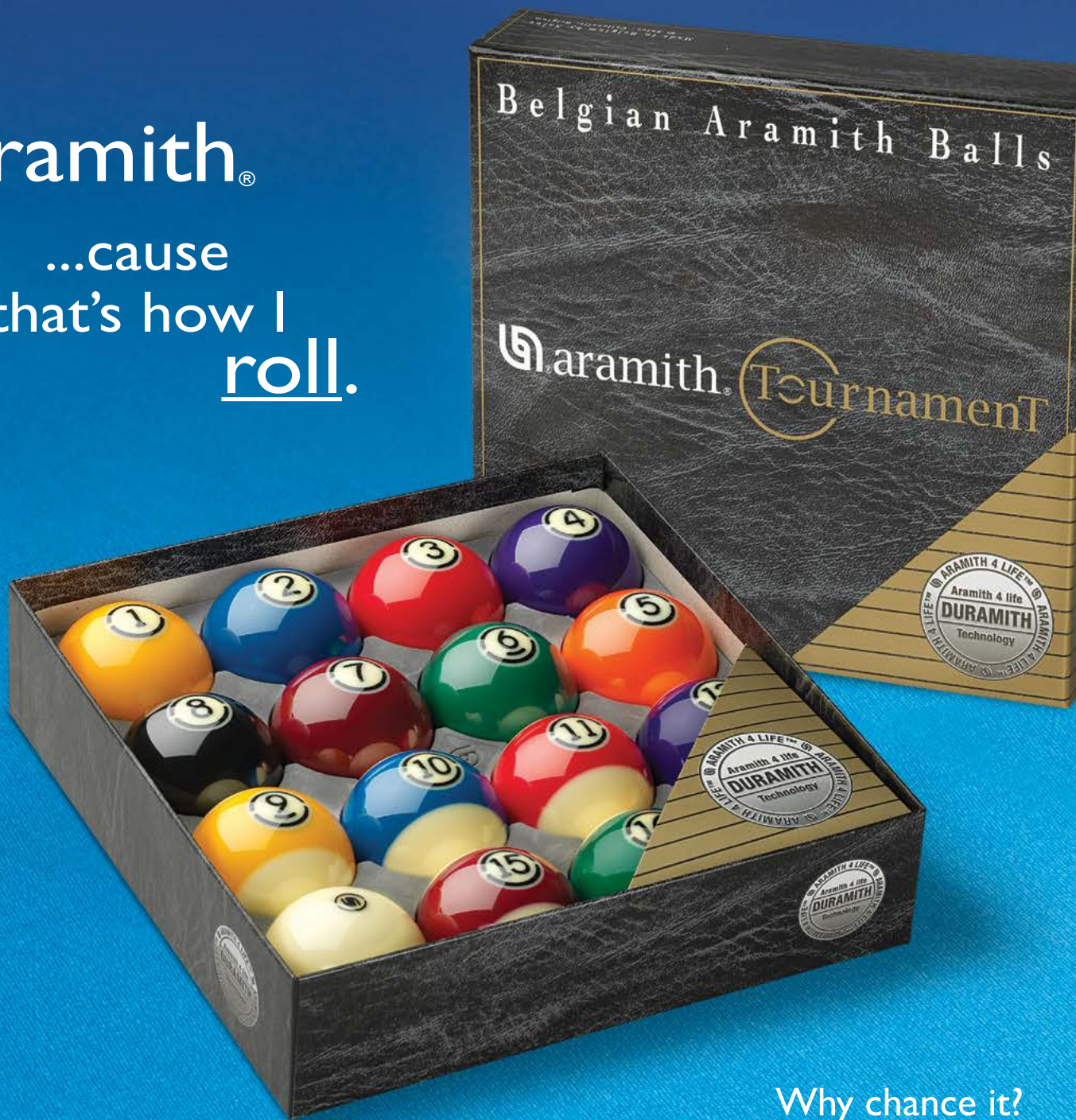
In the Mosconi Cup though, that often doesn’t count for much and Appleton, who looked in a bad way in the early stages, mounted a comeback. He got the score to 4-4 as Hatch broke for the match.

He had a long shot on the 1-ball and made it and got position for the tricky looking 4-ball. The hyped up American looked good for the win but amazingly left a thin part of the 9 ball obscuring the 8.

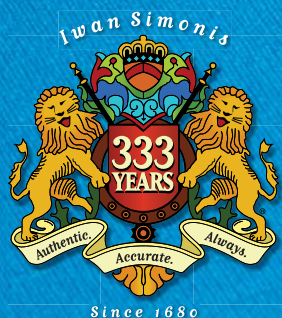
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He tried to swerve round but failed to pot the ball leaving a tough 8 ball up table for Appleton. He downed it and screamed out in excitement jumping round the table.

He pocketed the 9-ball, dropped his cue on the floor, ran around the table, jumped high in the air into the arms of his team-mate [Karl Boyes](#), then into the arms of captain Johan Ruijsink!

It may well have been the most exuberant celebration in Mosconi Cup history. The shaft on Appleton's cue got broken in the melee and Europe took the lead at 7-6, the first time they had lead since 1-0.

It was then left to Van den Berg and Immonen to add the final point of the evening to seal a great night for the European team.

"I'm over the moon," said a delighted Van den Berg.

"We just played very positively, went for every shot and made everything we went for. We're very pleased to have the lead at the end of the day but we're not there yet.

Immonen added "I was born in London and feel at home here. This crowd is great. Watching Darren win the last match we just wanted to keep it going. With the emotion that came out of Darren we were all on a high and just wanted to continue in the same way."

Then, on Sunday Morning, America made a comeback.



PLAYING TERRIBLY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CROWD. I LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE WANT ME TO LOSE AS THAT MAKES ME WANT TO WIN EVEN MORE. BUT THE TABLE IS PLAYING DIFFERENTLY TO LAST YEAR AND THE BALLS ARE SLIDING AND THE ROLLS ARE REALLY FAST IF YOU CATCH IT WRONG.



Figure 21: Archer Celebrates Win over Boyes

THE 2010 PARTYCASINO.COM Mosconi Cup is finely poised as it enters the final session of the competition. Europe lead by a single point, but it was Team USA who have the momentum following successive final rack wins by Johnny Archer and Dennis Hatch.

[Shane Van Boening](#) and [Darren Appleton](#) will be first out, followed by [Ralf Souquet](#) v [Corey Deuel](#) and should things still be alive, there will be two captains' pick matches to decide the destination of the trophy.

Trailing by two coming into the afternoon session, the USA got off to the worst possible start as Rodney Morris bit the dust, a 6-1 victim of Mika Immonen as the races returned to six. That meant that Europe were within two points of regaining the Cup.

The flying Finn, making his 14th Mosconi Cup appearance, put in his most assured performance of the event so far while Morris, by contrast made too many mistakes to have a realistic chance of it.

Immonen enjoyed a couple of crucial flukes too, including an outrageous piece of luck on the green 6 in what was the final rack. He had hooked himself and slammed a hit-and-hope kick shot which saw the 6 go up and down the table and then fall into the side pocket.

Immonen offers his hand in apology but that will be of no comfort to Morris. From there he completed the rack for a very valuable point.

"The crowd is definitely helping us, there's a great atmosphere and my brothers and one sister are here and I'm very happy for them to witness the madness," said a delighted Immonen.

"We're on a great run and I hope it continues - I managed to control the cue ball better on the break.

"Rodney had to push out three times and that didn't help him. He seemed very tense, more tense than usual and I saw some nerves in his face and I used that for my own confidence.

Figure 22: Ruijsink Owns Another Cup



"I knew a lot of pressure was on my shoulders to keep the lead and if they close the gap then they could be unstoppable so it was important to come out with all guns blazing.

"I'm honoured by my coach to be picked first and I'm glad I came through."

Johnny Archer kept the US hopes alive in the next as he took away Karl Boyes unbeaten tag in another thrilling encounter at the York Hall. Boyes looked dead in the water at 5 - 1 down, but as we have seen so many times before, no match is won here until the final 9 drops.

Boyes looked composed as he got the match back to the inevitable 5-5 scoreline. Full credit to Archer though as he held his nerve and ran out the final rack from the break to keep his team right in it.

"We've been fighting all week and it's tough. A couple of times I didn't get

shots off the break but a couple of times I did and then the bottom fell out of it," said an honest Archer.

"The pressure doesn't compare to anything. The Mosconi Cup pressure is something you never get to experience unless you're in the team.

"In the first few years I was very nervous but now I'm not quite as nervous as I just try to cherish every moment as I might not qualify to get back.

"We aren't out of this. [Nick Varner](#) said to us you are down 9-6 in a race to 11 and have you been in that position so we said 'yeah'. Then he said have you won from that position and we said 'yeah'!"

It was the big man Dennis Hatch, last year's MVP, who got his side to within a point of the Europeans with another final rack win, this time over Nick Van den Berg.

Hatch lead 4-0 but a spirited comeback from the Dutchman saw him reach the hill first. Hatch levelled it and they both had chances in the final rack before the American prevailed.

"I was shaking like a leaf and it's hard to control your emotions as it can get to you really quickly," said Hatch.

"I think we've played horribly. We were supposed to have won almost every match. The only match we were supposed to lose was me and Johnny in the partners match but the momentum is now going our way.

"Playing terribly has nothing to do with the crowd. I like it when people want me to lose as that makes me want to win even more. But the table is playing differently to last year and the balls are sliding and the rolls are really fast if you catch it wrong."

Then, on Sunday Evening, the Europeans won the Cup with a final margin of 11-8.

EUROPE are the 2010 PartyCasino.com Mosconi Cup champions after Darren Appleton and then Ralf Souquet took the requisite two points to see their side over the line for their third triumph in four years.

It was Souquet who downed the winning 9 ball - a repeat of the 2007 event



Figure 23: And Europe Claims the Crown!

Figure 24: Champions Do not Take Loss Easily



when he beat [Rodney Morris](#) for an 11-8 win. This time his victim was Corey Deuel and the York Hall erupted as the German's team mates charged into the arena for some wild celebrations.

"This is the greatest feeling on earth to make the final 9-ball and make us win," said a jubilant Souquet.

The MVP Award went to Darren Appleton who won the hearts of the crowd with a string of marvelous performances filled with superb shot making under pressure. His record of two singles and two doubles points with a single defeat was unmatched by any other player in the event.

"You can't win the Mosconi Cup without playing like a team and the lads have been amazing," said Appleton.

"I played really well but a massive part of it has been down to the crowd and it was very easy to feed off the crowd - the bigger the crowd the better I play.

"We had a lead overnight and that set us up for today and the guys played awesome. The emotion is just crazy. We had a great spirit in the camp, the crowd were fantastic and were our sixth man.

"When we came here you just think about playing well for the team and win it for your team and your nation. You don't think about yourself but obviously it's a great bonus to win the MVP so I'm very happy with how I played.

"It's really difficult to get into the European team as there are that many great players. It's really hard to make the team but hopefully winning the MVP gives me a chance of getting in next year's event as well."

For captain Johan Ruijsink, it was his third Mosconi Cup following a win in Vegas in '07 and a draw in Rotterdam in '06.

"I haven't lost one yet and it's an honour to be the European captain, but I would like to thank Matchroom for staging such a great event again and thank you to the opponents.

"If they weren't such worthy opponents it wouldn't have been such a great Mosconi Cup. Last of all I would like thank my team. They stuck to the plan and we did it."

England's [Karl Boyes](#), who was the only rookie in the event, completely dispelled any doubts about his ability to handle it with a string of match-winning performances.

"I've watched a lot of Mosconi Cups being a sports fan and everyone has always said Bethnal Green is the place it should be. On the first night I saw the crowd shouting and chanting and it was just unbelievable. Everything has just been awesome," said Boyes.

The teams entered the evening session with Europe needing two points and the Americans three, and it was Darren Appleton who fired Europe within one point of victory with a stunning performance that put him right in line for the MVP award.

He beat Shane Van Boening 6-2 in what was a 50/50 match on paper but the man from Pontefract put in his best show of the week to put his team on the hill.

Appleton played some magnificent shots under pressure including an eye-catching table length draw shot as he over-whelmed Van Boening. That set the scene for Souquet to bring the Cup home for Europe.

It was a disappointing weekend for the Americans who were always in it but fell away in the critical closing stages.

"They played well so congratulations to the Europeans. They outplayed us all week and we just have to take it and wait for next year," commented Rodney Morris.

And now it is 2017 and Johan Ruijsink enters the ring from the opposite corner. This should be interesting. Very interesting.

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11/01 - 11/05

The Clubhouse
Lynchburg, Virginia

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11/02 - 11/05

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada
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11/04 - 11/05

Legends Billiards
League City, TX
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Diamond Pool Tour 2017 Stop 8

11/04 - 11/05

Freezer's Ice House
Tempe, AZ
Website: <http://www.diamondpooltour.com>

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11/04 - 11/05

Hippo's House of Billiards
Yorkville, NY
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11/04 - 11/05

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY
Website: <http://www.nycpoolchampionships.com>

East Coast Canadian 9-Ball Open

11/07 - 11/13

Almon Billiards
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2017 Stop 11

11/11 - 11/12

Fat Racks Billiards and Sports Lounge
San Antonio, Texas
Website: gulfcoastregionaltour.com

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11/11 - 11/12

Snookers Pool Lounge
Providence, RI
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11/11 - 11/14

Sandcastle Billiards
Edison, NJ
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11/11 - 11/12

The Spot
Nanuet, New York

Sparkle City 10-Ball Open

11/15 - 11/19

Cue Time Sports Bar & Grill
Spartanburg, SC

Accu Stats Make It Happen Straight Pool

11/15 - 11/18

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11/16 - 11/18

Italy
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11/16 - 11/19

Casino Del Sol Resort
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11/18 - 11/19

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11/18 - 11/19

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5 Brittany Bryant	\$1,000
7 Veronique Menard	\$850
7 Stacie Bourbeau	\$850
9 Janet Atwell	\$700
9 Kozue Nakamura	\$700
9 Jia Li	\$700
9 Jenna Blahoff	\$700
13 Nathalie Chabot	\$525
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13 Jeannie Seaver	\$525
17 Eugenia Gyftopoulos	\$300
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17 Caroline Pao	\$300
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09/30 - 10/01

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Bogies Billiards & Games

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2 Jalal Yousef	\$360
3 Jason Breland	\$240
4 Manny Chau	\$160
5 Josh Roberts	\$80
5 Tommy Tokoph	\$80
7 Ricky Hughes	\$45
7 Cliff Joyner	\$45

09/30 - 10/01

The Hudson Valley Fall Classic

The Spot

Nanuet, New York	
1 Jorge Rodriguez	\$1,100
2 Jeremy Sossei	\$800
3 Zion Zvi	\$600
4 Lee Vann Corteza	\$450
5 Matt Tetreault	\$350
5 Rhys Chen	\$350
7 Olli Turkulainen	\$250
7 Carmen Lombardo	\$250
9 Jimmy Rivera	\$150
9 Jason Michas	\$150
9 Geoff Montgomery	\$150
9 Bucky Souvanthong	\$150
13 Thomas Haas	\$100
13 Yesid Garibello	\$100
13 Dave Grau	\$100
13 Michael Toohig	\$100

09/30 - 10/01

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017

Stop 9 Amateur Division

Bogies Billiards & Games

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10/01 - 10/01

The Hudson Valley Fall Classic

Second Chance Tournament

The Spot

Nanuet, New York	
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3 Scott Haas	\$150
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5 Ron Piontkowski	\$50

10/01 - 10/01

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5 Yusuf Khan	\$100
5 Tony Ignomirello	\$100
7 Juan Melendez	\$80
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10/05 - 10/08

Dynamic Klagenfurt Open

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10/05 - 10/08

Dynamic Klagenfurt Open Ladies Division

Sportpark Klagenfurt, Klagenfurt

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3 Ina Kaplan	\$473
3 Kateryna Polovinchuk	\$473
5 Kristina Tkach	\$354
5 Marharyta Fefilava	\$354
5 Veronika Ivanovskaia	\$354
5 Pia Blaeser	\$354

10/07 - 10/08

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 8

Stroker's Billiards

Palm Harbor, FL	
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3 Donny Mills	\$600
4 Benji Buckley	\$350
5 Justin Jenkins	\$230
5 Pierre Palmieri	\$230
7 Anthony Meglino	\$155
7 Tony Vicari	\$155
9 Bobby Garza	\$105
9 Nathan Rose	\$105
9 Stephen Richmond	\$105

9 Daniel Waskom	\$105
13 Jonathan Wing	\$65
13 Jason Richko	\$65
13 Anthony Fisher	\$65
13 Alec Saputo	\$65

10/07 - 10/07

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

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10/14 - 10/15

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10/14 - 10/14

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10/14 - 10/15

Joss Tour 2017-2018 Stop 3

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10/14 - 10/15

JPNEWT Tour 2017 Stop 7

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7 Denny Singletary	\$120
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9 Jimmy Burcham	\$75

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10/14 - 10/15

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9 Scott Martel	\$50

10/14 - 10/14

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10/15 - 10/15

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10/15 - 10/15

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5 Roger Hanos	\$75
5 Bob Toomey	\$75

10/17 - 10/21

2017 American Straight Pool Championship

Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, VA	
1 Konrad Juszcyszyn	\$10,000
2 Dennis Orcollo	\$6,000
3 Warren Kiamco	\$3,000
3 Thorsten Hohmann	\$3,000
5 Brandon Shuff	\$1,500
5 Alex Pagulayan	\$1,500
5 Albin Ouschan	\$1,500
5 Lee Vann Corteza	\$1,500
9 Corey Deuel	\$900
9 Denis Grabe	\$900
9 Jayson Shaw	\$900
9 John Schmidt	\$900
9 Niels Feijen	\$900
9 Mario He	\$900
9 Yu-Lung Chang	\$900
9 Tom Walter	\$900
17 Kai Lun Hsu	\$650
17 Mike Davis	\$650
17 Rodney Morris	\$650
17 David Alcaide	\$650
17 Ralf Souquet	\$650
17 Shaun Wilkie	\$650
17 Darren Appleton	\$650
17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$650

10/21 - 10/21

New England 9-Ball Series Stop #4

Yale Billiards

Wallingford, Connecticut	
1 Rob Piersa	\$500
2 Michael Mathieu	\$250
3 Nick Bousquet	\$150
4 Ryan Hemingway	\$110
5 Anthony Petruzelli	\$80
5 William Gibbs	\$80
7 Tim Lavigne	\$40
7 Bruce Evens	\$40

10/21 - 10/22

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN	
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1 Blade Best	\$500
2 Doug Shulz	\$325
3 Randell Bowman	\$250
4 Daniel Adams	\$150
5 Brandon Stiltner	\$50
5 Ricky Bingham	\$50

10/21 - 10/22

37th Midwest Bar Table Classic

John Wayne's Pub

Indianapolis, Indiana	
1 Brian Groce	\$1,600
2 Brandon Thomas	\$1,000
3 Steve Oaks	\$750
4 Jeremy Edwards	\$550
5 Alex Olinger	\$400
5 Clay Carman	\$400
7 Trent Vaught	\$300
7 Molly Bontrager	\$300
9 Martin Zayala, Jr.	\$225
9 Jayme Goodwin	\$225
9 Ronald Solgot	\$225
9 Brian Winters	\$225
13 Ed Hancock	\$150
13 Dave Grau	\$150
13 Jose Loera	\$150
13 Louis Demarco	\$150

10/22 - 10/28

U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

Norfolk, Va	
1 Jayson Shaw	\$40,000
2 Eklent Kaci	\$24,000
3 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$12,500
4 Jung-Lin Chang	\$8,000
5 Naoyuki Oi	\$5,750
5 Ping-Chung Ko	\$5,750
7 Corey Deuel	\$4,500
7 Jeffrey De Luna	\$4,500
9 Thorsten Hohmann	\$3,250
9 Billy Thorpe	\$3,250
9 Jin-Hu Dang	\$3,250
9 Joshua Filler	\$3,250
13 Nick Van Den Berg	\$2,750
13 Shane Van Boening	\$2,750
13 Justin Bergman	\$2,750
13 Skyler Woodward	\$2,750
17 Carlo Biado	\$2,500
17 Yukio Akagariyama	\$2,500
17 John Morra	\$2,500
17 Mika Immonen	\$2,500
17 Albin Ouschan	\$2,500
17 Darren Appleton	\$2,500

17 Alex Pagulayan	\$2,500
17 Li Wen Lo	\$2,500
25 Niels Feijen	\$2,250
25 Earl Strickland	\$2,250
25 Radoslaw Babica	\$2,250
25 Jia-Qing Wu	\$2,250
25 Warren Kiamco	\$2,250
25 Konrad Juszczyszyn	\$2,250
25 Reymart Lim	\$2,250
25 Mario He	\$2,250
33 Petri Makkonen	\$2,000
33 Haitao Liu	\$2,000
33 Rodney Morris	\$2,000
33 Jonathan Pinegar	\$2,000
33 Michael Delawder	\$2,000
33 Ronnie Alcano	\$2,000
33 Dennis Orcollo	\$2,000
33 Pin-Yi Ko	\$2,000
33 Johnny Archer	\$2,000
33 Jeremy Jones	\$2,000
33 Zoren James Aranas	\$2,000
33 Chris Melling	\$2,000
33 John Schmidt	\$2,000
33 Yu-Lung Chang	\$2,000
33 Martin Daigle	\$2,000
33 Juha Mallinen	\$2,000

10/22 - 10/22

Tri State Tour 2017-2018

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Juan Melendez	\$730
2 John Francisco	\$480
3 Basdeo Sookhia	\$290
4 Luis Jimenez	\$190
5 Yusuf Khan	\$120
5 Ambi Estevez	\$120
7 Allison LaFleur	\$90
7 Adam Miller	\$90
9 Lidio Ramirez	\$65
9 Mac Jankov	\$65
9 Amu Yue Yu	\$65
9 Marisol Palacios	\$65

10/28 - 10/29

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 17

Spin City Caf  Billiards

New York, NY

1 Raphael Dabreo	\$1,400
2 Jose Mendez	\$1,000
3 Suzzana Wong	\$600

4 Tony Ignomirello	\$400
5 Amu Yue Yu	\$250
5 Geovani Hosang	\$250
7 Dave Shlemperis	\$150
7 Jerry Almodovar	\$150
9 John Francisco	\$100
9 Pascal Dufresne	\$100
9 Alex Osipov	\$100
9 Yusuf Khan	\$100

10/28 - 10/29

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop 9-Ball Bar Box Tour Championship

Cue Time Sports Bar & Grill

Spartanburg, SC

1 Taz Holliday	\$1,200
2 Jason Potts	\$800
3 Michael Chapman	\$500
4 Jerry Harris	\$300
5 Brent Hensley	\$200
5 Bobby McGrath	\$200
7 Scott Roberts	\$150
7 Chris Gentile	\$150
9 Matt Lucas	\$100
9 Bo Blakely	\$100
9 Clay Davis	\$100
9 Justin Duncan	\$100

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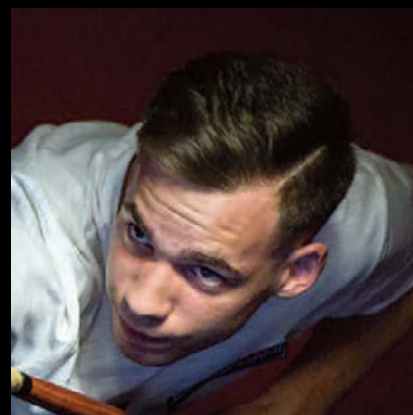
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