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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Congratulations go out to "La Ferrari", Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz for his win at the US Open 9-Ball Championship.

Is there anyone out there having more fun than Sanchez-Ruiz? First off, he is having a career year, with three MAJOR titles between Derby City, The World Cup of Pool and now the US Open. He was named to his first Mosconi Cup squad and he gets to play alongside his teammate from the World Cup of Pool, David Alcaide. While it looked like Fedor Gorst was going to run away with Player of the Year honors midway through this year, it feels more like a race between Gorst and Sanchez-Ruiz now. As I write this, both Gorst and Sanchez-Ruiz are preparing for matches in the first round of the single elimination stage of the International Open. The International Open could very well determine Player of the Year this year.

And honestly, more than all of that, he just seems to be one of the happiest guys out there this year. Talk about living the dream.

Speaking of the International Open, a week spent in the production room really points out how much work goes into making an event like that happen. I have never seen a harder working group of people, who put in the long hours day after day, and don't get nearly enough credit. I don't know how they have done it year after year and continue to keep doing it.

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Self-talk is what we say to ourselves, and we all engage in self-talk (no, you are not crazy). What is interesting is how we talk to ourselves, including our choice whether to build ourselves up, or tear ourselves down.

P sychologists regularly discuss with clients the impact words have, especially as they apply to mental health. Words can also play a big part in sport competition, as athletes who regularly use positive self-talk play freely and with confidence, while other athletes who use negative self-talk tend to experience frustration, poor focus, anger, and ultimately poor performances.

Even more interesting about self-talk is that it is *100% under your control*. Unlike other human experiences where you were born the way you were born (i.e. your height), self-talk is what we make it to be and not something that is uncontrollable. Pool players looking to improve their game and get a leg up on the competition are well served

to think about how they talk to themselves, and whether their self-talk is positive and uplifting, or negative and debilitating?

Physiology changes too

Not only does our thinking change depending on what we say to ourselves, our physiology changes, too. When we say positive things to ourselves during competition (i.e., “Hang tough, I’ll still get through this rack”) we stand more upright, breathe easier, and experience less anxiety. Our positive outlook is what keeps us in the game and allows us to rebound from adversity leading to peak play.

When we engage in negative self-talk and swear at ourselves, think we suck, and tell ourselves we cannot improve,



our bodies follow suit and tend to slouch and move with less energy. These seemingly small changes result in big changes at the pool table, including missed shots and run outs. Self-talk might not seem like a big deal against weak players, but what happens when you play solid competition? Is there anything worse than losing because you beat yourself, rather than the competition beating you?

Final thoughts

Get in the habit of staying positive and telling yourself you can get better every day. Yes, this might sound corny, but the science backs up the validity of self-talk and the effect it can have on your thinking and physical behaviors. Again, why beat yourself? Instead, do all that you can to play your best.

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PRIME TIME

ANTHONY BEELER

If I were to ask you what “thinking” is, you might say it is using your brain to solve a problem or to “think about” something.

However, as much as we like to think we have control over our thoughts, most are automatic or “subconscious”. How we think or feel about certain situations is mostly predetermined by our thought patterns or memories. In fact, roughly 95% of our mental and physiological processes happen without us being aware of them happening.

Most likely you’ve experienced your best pool game when you are playing with little thought. That said, playing subconscious pool is not much good if what’s in your subconscious is negative and creates feelings of distress or fear.

In this article, I’m going to share some ideas for “priming” your subconscious to create a feeling of confidence that will give you the ability to access your best skills under pressure.

HOW YOUR AUTOMATIC MIND WORKS

Your automatic mind is a storyteller and quickly creates patterns based on what is familiar to us. If you see a photo of a pool cue then get asked to fill in the blanks for the word “C U _” you are more likely to write “CUE”, than if you were to see the a picture



of a cup first, in which case you would probably fill in the blanks to create the word “CUP”. The subconscious is constantly linking the past to interpret the present.

For this reason, the intuitive mind can be influenced by something that psychologists call “The Priming Effect”, which can be used to help us achieve desired behaviors and actions during play.

“PRIMING”

Studies show that when people are exposed to certain stimuli before doing a task, they are more likely to think, feel, and perform in a certain way. You might say that their mind becomes “primed”, and this can help us play a better game of pool.

VISUALIZATION FOR PLAYING SUBCONSCIOUS POOL

One way to play subconscious pool that I know you’ll be familiar with is “mental imagery” or “visualization”. This can be considered a form of “priming” – by creating an image of a successful shot in your mind, you create a feeling of confidence that you can execute it.



VERBAL CUES

Words are also triggers and a reason that self-talk is an effective mental game strategy. Using words in your pre-shot routine such as DELIBERATE, SMOOTH, and CONFIDENT, can prime you to create a positive internal state. Positive affirmations are a form of priming which you can use before each match you play.

Studies show that players who use positive verbal cues before or during a match, reduce anxiety and have improved performance. Words connect to the subconscious and trigger feelings and emotions that the mind associates with them.

BODY LANGUAGE

Body language and facial expressions are another primer. When you smile, your intuitive mind associates that with being happy. Walking tall and confidently makes your mind trigger

“ STUDIES SHOW THAT PLAYERS WHO USE POSITIVE VERBAL CUES BEFORE OR DURING A MATCH, REDUCE ANXIETY AND HAVE IMPROVED PERFORMANCE. ”

feelings of confidence. Conversely, adopting a weaker posture triggers more negative emotions such as stress, fear, and anxiety.

BE MINDFUL OF HOW YOU ARE PRIMING YOURSELF

Now that you know more about how to prime yourself, be mind-

ful of what you can do to be more confident. The subconscious mind forms patterns all the time to reduce energy expenditure, and these patterns are being formed daily. With some training you can shape your mind and create habits that can lead you to your best play more frequently.

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Gospel Trick Shot #33

One Lonely Soul

History of the Trick Shot: We are back again this month with legendary 17-time World Champion Mike “Tennessee Tarzan” Massey with a shot he named “Position Wizard Shot” in his book entitled “Mike Massey’s World of Trick Shots.” This shot in a Gospel Trick Shot show has been re-named to “One Lonely Soul.” The video for this shot was done in a bar in Florida last winter as Mike and Rob “The Hurricane” Peacock traveled around doing Gospel Trick Shot shows in the first half of 2022. Yours truly Steve Lillis was with Mike in Morocco last month in October 2022 at the Blackball International World Championships competing in multiple tournament categories and doing Gospel Trick Shot shows on a blackball pool table. Mike did this shot successfully in each of our GTS shows in Morocco with the small blackballs on the small 7-foot blackball pool table with small snooker style pockets.

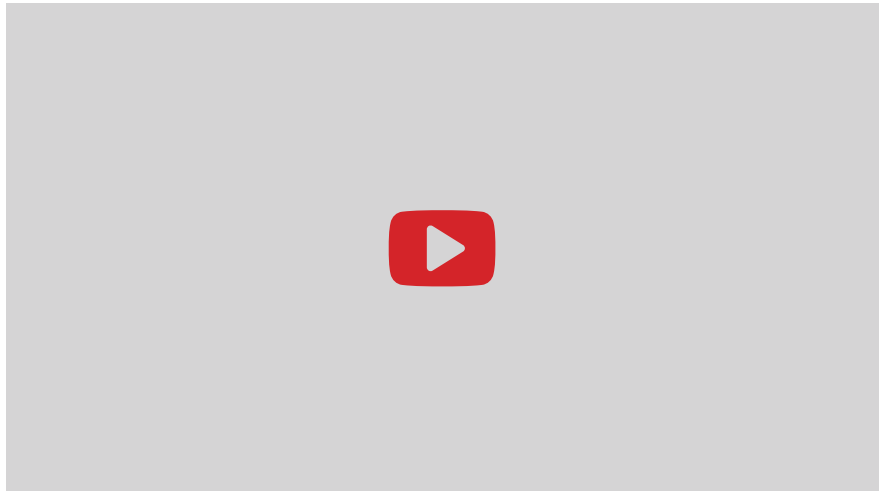
GTS Name and Why: The renaming of the shot will hopefully be obvious as the cue ball going around the pool table represents Jesus going around the world for that one lonely soul. The black eight is placed as shown in the diagram all by itself. The cue ball travels around the table 3 rails after striking the four balls into the three designated pockets as shown in the diagram. The cue ball will travel anywhere from 12 to 16 feet depending on the size of the pool table and should end up in perfect position to pocket that one lonely eight ball in the bottom corner pocket. Most pool tables range from 7 to 10 feet in length and 3 ½ to 5 feet in width!

Scripture Reference in ESV Translation: Mark 5:1-20 is a Bible story about Jesus and the demoniac. Jesus left the crowds in Capernaum behind and traveled to the other side of the Sea of Galilee to have an encounter with one lonely lost soul who was demon possessed!

Cue Ball Placement: As shown in diagram about one diamond segment for where the 4 object balls are placed.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Begin by placing a ball on the spot. This ball helps with proper placement of the 1 and 3 balls. Both balls should be about ½ ball width from that set-up ball with an 1/8-inch gap between them. Imagine a straight line between those balls going through the center of the corner and side pockets. Then line up the 2 and 4 balls so that the 2 ball is heading to the right side of the side pocket and the 4 ball is heading to the outside of the corner pocket. Outer balls should be frozen!

Objective: Aim to hit about 1/5 of the 3-ball on the right side. Use high right english with a medium stroke. When hit correctly all 4 balls will go in while the cue ball travels around the table three

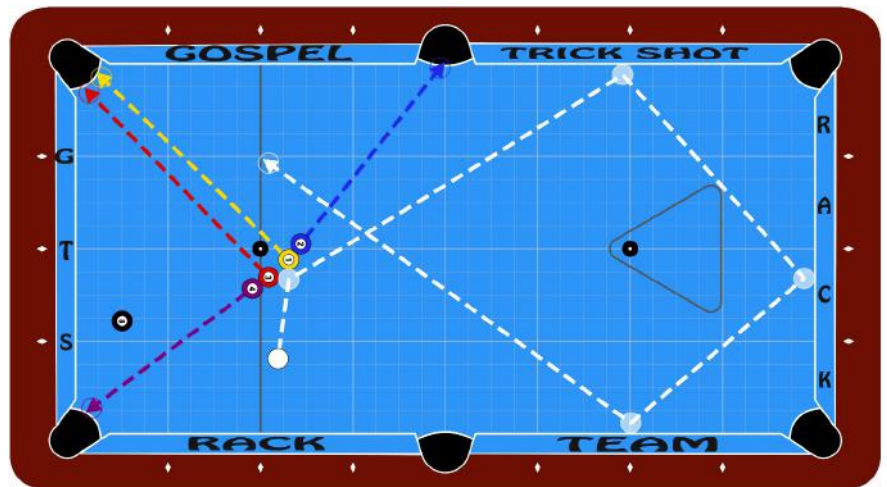


rails to end up in a position to pocket that lonely 8 ball in the corner pocket.

Special Notes: The set up is critical to execute this shot so take great care to ensure the proper position of those important 1 and 3 balls in the middle.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: Just this past month in October 2022 at the BI World Blackball Championships in Morocco, Mike Massey did this shot right before I came out on stage to do my Gospel Trick Shot closing portion of the show. Not only did Mike make this shot the first time on the 7-foot blackball table with the small balls and small snooker shaped pockets but he gave an amazing testimony. In one of his other shots Mike described the playing surface of the pool ta-

ble as the world and the pocketing of balls represent people going off to Heaven. In this shot that lonely 8-ball ball that remains on the table after pocketing those four balls represents one lonely soul remaining and the cue ball represents Jesus who will travel and stop and go after that one lonely lost soul. Mike in the GTS show in Morocco shared how at one time he was a lonely lost soul and Jesus came to him and saved him and now he too is on his way to the Kingdom of Heaven. I then followed Mike with my own Steve “Leapin” Lillis brand of Gospel Trick Shots and explained further how people can put their trust in Jesus and believe and have the assurance of going to Heaven too! For a further explanation please go to our new website www.gtsrackrooms.com and look on the home page for the Salvation Bracelet shot!



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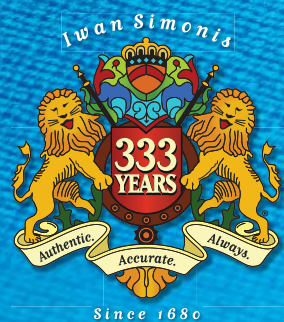


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FRANCISCO SANCHEZ RUIZ

Wins 2022 US Open Pool Championship

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Francisco Sanchez Ruiz has won the 2022 US Open Pool Championship at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City beating Austria's Max Lechner 13-10 in the final to shoot to World

No.1 on the Live Nineball World Rankings taking home the \$50,000 first place prize and becoming the first Spaniard to win one of pool's oldest majors.

Rack 1 – Sanchez Ruiz 0-1 Lechner – Lechner won the lag before taking the opening rack in a break and run to curb any early nerves in the biggest match of both players' careers.



Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz

Rack 2 – Sanchez Ruiz 0-2 Lechner – The Austrian doubled his advantage soon after with another break and run, laying down a real warning sign in the process of how he would attack the contest.

Rack 3 – Sanchez Ruiz 1-2 Lechner – After a brief safety exchange Lechner looked to be in to establish a 3-0 lead at the first commercial but a missed seven ball later and Sanchez Ruiz was on the board for the first time in the contest.

Rack 4 – Sanchez Ruiz 1-3 Lechner – Sanchez Ruiz broke for the first time in the match but was left stumped for a shot on the two. He chose to push out before Lechner put him back in. Sanchez Ruiz kicked at the two but opened up the table in the process to leave Lechner back at the table. The three was still troublesome for Lechner though who went aerial to make contact only to see it fluke in and make an easy out from there.

Rack 5 – Sanchez Ruiz 2-3 Lechner – The contest was swinging for the first time in Sanchez Ruiz's favour thanks to a fluked carom to make the nine when jumping for the two.

Rack 6 – Sanchez Ruiz 3-3 Lechner – A golden break from Sanchez Ruiz brought the pair level for the first time since the start of the match at three all. He'd potted seven balls to win three racks.

Rack 7 – Sanchez Ruiz 3-4 Lechner – Not much could separate the two who were contesting only the third-ever all-European US Open final and it was Lechner who took the initiative after seven. Sanchez Ruiz was looking to cut the three in only to be left in despair as it somehow clung onto the pocket.

Rack 8 – Sanchez Ruiz 4-4 Lechner – The two ball was Lechner's hold-up



at times in his semi-final with Ko Ping Chung and it was again in the eighth rack that brought Sanchez Ruiz to the table to level again.

Rack 9 – Sanchez Ruiz 5-4 Lechner – Sanchez Ruiz led for the first time in the match at 5-4. The Spaniard already buoyed by knowing he would be the new Nineball World Rankings No. 1 at the conclusion of the day had found a rhythm and making the most of it.

Rack 10 – Sanchez Ruiz 5-5 Lechner – It was a nightmare for Sanchez Ruiz just as things were heading his way.

The 2022 World Cup of Pool winner scratched from the break to put Lechner back to the table to level once again.

Rack 11 – Sanchez Ruiz 6-5 Lechner – Lechner fouled when trying to jump over the four and five to make the three ball. With the ball in hand, Sanchez Ruiz took the lead and was ahead again.

Rack 12 – Sanchez Ruiz 6-6 Lechner – With the two over the pocket, Sanchez Ruiz kicked and missed trying to make it leaving Lechner his time to level once again.

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Max Lechner



Rack 13 – Sanchez Ruiz 7-6 Lechner – Lechner broke and snatched at a chance with the rest on the five ball which allowed Sanchez Ruiz to swoop in and take the lead and reach the halfway mark first.

Rack 14 – Sanchez Ruiz 8-6 Lechner – An expert break and run gave Sanchez Ruiz a two rack cushion for the first time in the match and Lechner was starting to rue missed opportunities.

Rack 15 – Sanchez Ruiz 9-6 Lechner – Sanchez Ruiz crunched in the break in the 15th rack and made a clean run out to be four away from the title.

Rack 16 – Sanchez Ruiz 10-6 Lechner – Four balls off the break for Sanchez Ruiz was just the ticket as he looked to hone in on his first-ever individual Matchroom title with another break and run. It was cruise control.

Rack 17 – Sanchez Ruiz 10-7 Lechner – The Sanchez Ruiz momentum was halted swiftly in the 17th after a brief safety exchange, FSR was back at the table but left with a tricky 5-6 combo to stay at the table. He put the table

open when making contact with the five which allowed Lechner to swoop and steal a rack back.

Rack 18 – Sanchez Ruiz 10-8 Lechner – A break and run from Lechner brought him within two once again.

Rack 19 – Sanchez Ruiz 10-9 Lechner – Lechner was hooked by the eight when looking to make the seven but showed huge minerals to jump it and make the seven before holding position on the eight and nine to be one away from leveling up.

Rack 20 – Sanchez Ruiz 11-9 Lechner – Just when it looked like Lechner was finding his feet again with arguably the biggest shot of the match in the previous rack, he scratched on the break to leave Sanchez Ruiz with a routine run out to be two away.

Rack 21 – Sanchez Ruiz 11-10 Lechner – Things were just heating up as Lechner and Sanchez Ruiz got locked into a deep safety battle that in the end the former prevailed in after locking up the cue ball tight one end of the table. Sanchez Ruiz fouled to bring Lechner in to punish him and be one back.

Rack 22 – Sanchez Ruiz 12-10 Lechner – There was despair for Lechner once again as he scratched off the break to allow Sanchez Ruiz in to clean up and get to the hill first.

Rack 23 – Sanchez Ruiz 13-10 Lechner – The cueball did the work for Sanchez Ruiz as it so always has in a golden year as he sealed a memorable win with a break and run.

WHAT SANCHEZ RUIZ SAID

“It is unbelievable how it feels. I feel so happy. Congratulations to Max. Thank you to everyone for the support, I love you guys. IT’s the biggest win in my career. There’s too many good feelings right now. I received the news of making the Mosconi Cup and it gave me so much. I want to say thank you to my team David Alcaide and Jose Alberto Delgado. It’s an unbelievable feeling, it really is.”

NEXT

Next up is the 2022 Mosconi Cup from November 30 to December 3 at Bally’s Las Vegas where Jeremy Jones’ USA side will be looking to steal the Mosconi Cup back from Alex Lely’s European side live on Sky Sports in the UK, DAZN in the USA, Canada, Italy, and Spain, Viaplay in Scandinavia, the Baltics, Poland and networks worldwide including on Matchroom.Live for those without a broadcaster in their country.

Both Team USA and Europe have three spots each locked up from the Live Nineball World Rankings with Shane Van Boening joined by Skyler Woodward and Oscar Dominguez this week for the Americans whilst Joshua Filler was joined by Francisco Sanchez Ruiz and Albin Ouschan. Ouschan qualified after Lechner finished as runner-up. Fans can expect to hear more soon from both skippers as they confirm their two wild card picks each to complete their sides ahead of the battle commencing in pool’s biggest battle.

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GORST WINS

Fargorate Ohio Open For Third Predator Pro Billiard Series Title

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Fedor Gorst defeated Roberto Gomez to win the FargoRate Ohio Open and become the first man to win three Predator Pro Billiard Series titles, while his Filipino opponent has now lost in three finals on this series.

Gorst won a hill-hill second set to clinch the title 4-2, 4-3 and avoid the shootout Gomez was fighting for until he scratched with the second set in sight. It means Gorst

takes home \$25,000 and adds the Ohio title to those won in Arizona in January this year and August of 2021. Aloysius Yapp won last month's Seybert's Michigan Open to join Gorst in

having won two men's Pro Billiard Series titles, but Gorst now stands alone with three; Kelly Fisher has won four times in Women's Pro Billiard Series events.



Fedor Gorst



For Gomez, it is another second place on the Predator Pro Billiard Series. He was runner-up here and in Michigan last year and came close to forcing the shootout in Saturday's final at the Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio.

The Filipino won the first rack of the match before Gorst took a 2-1 lead in the opening set. Gomez pulled it back to 2-2 when Gorst failed to thinly cut the 7 but a dry break brought Gorst back from his chair. A 7/10 combo took the former World Champion to the hill of the first set and he ran the next rack to take a 1-0 lead at the half-way stage.

The first rack of the second set belonged to Gorst but when he couldn't jump the 1 it looked like Gomez would have an opening. However, the Filipino missed a long 9 and Gorst capitalized to take a 2-0 lead.

With the match slipping from his grasp, Gomez needed something and his opponent's dry break provided a chance to cut the deficit in half. This time Gomez made no mistake and he ran the fourth rack to level the set at 2-2. The Filipino then lead for the first time since the first rack of the match, reaching the hill 3-2 up and one away from a shootout.

He had an immediate chance to complete the set with a 1/10 carom presenting itself after the break, but Gomez couldn't take it down. However, Gorst then left the 1 for Gomez, only for the Filipino to fail on the 3. That brought Gorst back and there were no further errors as he leveled the set with a 9/10 combo.

“ FOR GOMEZ, IT IS ANOTHER SECOND PLACE ON THE PREDATOR PRO BILLIARD SERIES. HE WAS RUNNER-UP HERE AND IN MICHIGAN LAST YEAR AND CAME CLOSE TO FORCING THE SHOOTOUT IN SATURDAY'S FINAL AT THE ROBERTS CENTER IN WILMINGTON, OHIO. ”

Denis Grabe



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A dry break handed the table to Gomez but he didn't control the speed of the cue and scratched on the 4. That gave Gorst a chance to clear for the match and after he used the 8 to guide the 5 to the top corner, the table was open. The two-time Pro Billiard Series champion cleared the table to lift his third trophy on this series.

"It has been a complete rollercoaster," said Gorst. "Especially in the final, I didn't play my best game but it is almost always like this in the finals. The tournament has been crazy, I have had a lot of shootouts and almost lost twice, against Alex Kazakis and Sullivan Clark."

Gorst took less than one hour to complete a 4-0, 4-0 semi-final wipeout of Estonia's Denis Grabe, a far cry from the shootout win he'd had against Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz in Friday's quarter-final. For Gomez, the last hurdle before the final was Eklent Kaci.

The Albanian took the first set 4-2 but Gomez earned the shootout with a 4-1 second set. Both players scored their

first three spot shots but both then missed on their fourth visit. Kaci then failed for a second time and Gomez converted for a place in the final.

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Filler's Double Lasko Delight

Joshua Filler is the Dynamic Billard Slovenian Open Champion as he defeated Francisco Sanchez Ruiz by 9-5 to claim his fourth Euro Tour crown Lasko.

It was a high-quality match but Filler just had a little too much for Sanchez Ruiz as one or two mistakes crept into the Spaniard's game. Joshua went into an early 3-1 lead and never relinquished that advantage as he motored to the finishing line.

It was a massive day for the Fillers as Joshua's wife Pia had earlier claimed her first Predator Ladies Euro Tour title in the same venue.

Commented Filler, "Myself and Pia winning was so special; it never happened before and making history is

just unbelievable. Now we're driving six hours home so not much time to celebrate tonight. Then we have three days so that will be good and then we're flying to the US so not much time. We both enjoyed it and luckily, we both won which is amazing!"



Joshua Filler



Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz

A miss on the red 3 from the Spaniard got Filler back to the table but he could only play safe. Both then missed difficult pots on the 3-ball before it fell clearly for Filler. He ran through the balls to establish a three-rack lead at 5-2.

Sanchez Ruiz needed to strike back in the next and he did so to get the score to 5-3. Filler though, ran out from the break to restore his three-rack lead. Both players had visits in the next before Sanchez Ruiz took the chance to clear the table for 6-4.

A rock-hard snooker from Filler gave himself ball-in-hand when Sanchez Ruiz's two-rail escape failed to make contact with the 2-ball. With a cluster of balls around the spot, Filler laid another snooker that had his opponent reaching for his jump stick. He made contact with the four ball but it left it out in the open for Filler. It wasn't the easiest layout but the German star found a way and the score moved to 7-4.

The Euro Tour No.1 wasn't done as he knuckled down and ran the next rack but with alternate break, it was Filler's match to lose. The 2-ball wasn't available to pot in the next so Filler laid a safety. The escape was an easy one but with the balls clustered, the outcome was not.

There was expectation in the air as two of the world's finest pool proponents faced off. In the semi-final matches, Filler put an end to Ralf Souquet's wonderful run here with a 9-4 victory, while Sanchez Ruiz put paid to Mario He's hopes by a similar scoreline.

A good break and run from Joshua opened the proceedings. He also took the next before a missed 4-ball got Sanchez Ruiz back in with a rack-scoring opportunity, from where he made no mistakes to get on the board at 2-1.

With two balls down off the break Francisco elected to push and Joshua followed with a nice safety. They then traded safeties and escapes before Sanchez Ruiz left the 1-ball out in the open and Joshua cleared the table nicely for a 3-1 lead.

Sanchez Ruiz took the next against the break to keep in touch but in the sixth game, the cueball got snagged up with the 1-ball and he pushed out. Filler put him back in and disastrously, he scratched into the centre pocket. It was a heaven-sent chance for Filler and he ran out for a 4-2 lead.

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Eurotour Slovenia Open

Filler had the table and another snooker, this time on the 4-ball, saw Sanchez Ruiz scratch. It was a comfortable ball-in-hand opportunity for Filler and he took it to reach the hill at 8-5. A good break from the Spaniard spread the balls nicely and he nudged the 2-ball in off the 3 to keep himself at the table.

Calamitously, he snookered himself unnecessarily to end his visit. Filler came to the table with a difficult long cut on the 4 and he missed it. With nothing clear, Sanchez Ruiz had a bit of a hit-and-hope as he sent the pink 4 flying up and down the table. He left it on and Filler needed no second chances as he dished up for glory.

Added Filler, "The table was playing much, much better today but in the first match against Ralf today I made a few mistakes because I wasn't really used to the table but in the final, I felt more comfortable because I'd

had one match already on the table. My break wasn't really that good in the whole tournament, but I won, surprisingly. I'm just over the moon that I won!"

Sanchez Ruiz was circumspect in defeat; "I'm not that disappointed because I think I played good these last couple of days but today I didn't play so good. Against Mario in the semi-final, I got so lucky, that's why I won but in the final, I didn't feel so confident but Filler always plays good. For me, he's the best right now."

All the matches can be viewed live at www.kozoom.com as well as selected matches on Facebook Live on the EPBF page. In addition, the semi-finals and final, played out on Monday night, will be live or highlights on the following television stations across Europe;

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

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PIA FILLER

Wins Maiden Ladies Euro Tour Title

Germany's Pia Filler is the 2022 Predator Slovenian Open champion following a 7-5 victory over fellow countrywoman Ina Kaplan in Lasko, Slovenia.

Filler had come close before, losing the final last time out in Bulgaria but today was her day as she showed resolve and determination to close out a match that could have gone either way.

"It just feels incredible!" she said. "It's the best feeling to win a tournament. It's my first Euro Tour title and I've been working so hard and it's always nice when you see that the work that you put in pays off.

"I got close last year and played a good season this year so I always knew that I was at the point where I was capable of winning the tournament but I'd just never done it."



Pia Filler



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Earlier, Filler had revenged her final defeat in Petrich to Eyllul Kibaroglu, beating her 7-2 in their semi-final match while Kaplan beat countrywoman Melanie Sussenguth by 7-5 to make the final.

There was a lot of back-and-forth in the opening rack which ultimately went to Kaplan but Filler took the second to level things before a tidy out from Kaplan restored her lead.

A dry break from Filler in the fourth game yielded no balls but it was also illegal so Kaplan, with the 1 ball blocked, handed the table back to her opponent. A safety from Kaplan forced Filler to jump and but with the table looking nice and open, Kaplan overran going from 4 to 5 and her safety attempt left the 5-ball on. Filler did well to clear the remaining five balls to level once again.

Filler edged the next to take the lead for the first time. Despite a good break in the next, she couldn't get it going and the opportunity fell to Kaplan. She composed herself well to run out and draw level at 3-3. Filler though, restored her lead in the next.

That soon became 5-3 as Filler, sensing that her time had come, stepped up for a focused run out. Kaplan wasn't done though as she picked up the pace in the next with a fine break and run. A tight snooker from Filler in the next put Kaplan in a heap of trouble and she scratched with her escape attempt. Further snookers with ball-in-hand won Filler the rack on the three-foul rule and open up a two-rack lead and put her on the hill.

The pair exchanged safeties as the blue 2 seemed to have a mind of its own. Kaplan finally potted it and held herself together to clear the table and keep the match alive. A great break from Filler, her best of the match, saw two balls drop and the 1-ball available. With the winning line in sight, Filler held herself together superbly to



Ina Kaplan

run out and claim her first ever Predator Ladies Euro Tour title.

Filler added, "The first one is always the toughest and this time I felt great; I won all my matches quite clearly so I felt confident and that today was going to be my day.

"I want to win every possible tournament I play in but instead of looking at my results, I'm more looking at my development of my game and my improvement as that's much more important because if I keep on working hard the results will come."

Kaplan commented, "We both made some mistakes and it was back-and-forth for both of us. The break didn't

work out at all for both of us. But in the end, Pia got good breaks and she played really good so it's OK to lose, kind of!"

All Predator Euro Tour Women tournaments are 9-ball and the field contest a double-elimination format, playing down to the last 16 competitors, and then single elimination until the finish. All matches are a race to 7 racks with alternate break.

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YAPP Backs Up Michigan Open Win

With Undefeated Run at Sandcastle Open

Story by Skip **MALONEY** - AzB Staff / Photos courtesy Erwin **DIONISIO**

It's that time of year. When the leaves start to turn in northern parts of the USA, you can bet pool players from all over the world are starting to gather at a series of pool tournaments leading up to Matchroom Sports US Open, now underway

(Oct. 10) at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, or Pat Fleming's International Open later in the month. It's a combination of things, really. It's not just that savvy promoters and independent event folk position themselves to take advantage of the incoming

players, it's also about these players positioning themselves to compete in the US Open and/or International Open and in some cases, to elevate their Matchroom Sports 9-Ball ranking for a shot to be on either the European or USA Mosconi Cup Teams.



Aloysius Yapp

Latest in the line of events that could impact the choices made by the Mosconi Cup captains Jeremy Jones (US) and Alex Ley (Europe), was this past (early) weekend's (Oct. 6-8) Sandcastle 9-Ball Open in Edison, NJ, where the aforementioned players from all over the world, 64 of them, came together to compete. With Shane Van Boening and Joshua Filler having secured the first spots on Team USA and Europe, respectively, the most likely candidates for the two remaining automatic picks for team Europe were Spain's Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz and Austria's Albin Ouschan. With Ouschan not in attendance in New Jersey, Francisco, who did compete, moved ahead of him (for the moment) to secure the second spot on the list. There is a possibility that dependent on how Ouschan and Sanchez-Ruiz finish in the US Open that they could switch positions (3rd/4th), but they'd still be in the last two spots for the automatic Team Europe pick.

One of the two potential picks for Team USA (aside from Van Boening) did compete in the Sandcastle Open (Sky Woodward), while the other (Oscar Dominguez) did not. Given their relative positions on the WPBA ranking list, they are both poised to be the last two automatic picks for the team. All of the above players are currently in Atlantic City and though the three automatic picks are fairly secure for both teams, the two remaining spots (to be made by the team captains) are still up for grabs and many of the potential candidates are hoping to impress one or the other captains with their performance(s) at the US Open.

One of the names not in contention for either Mosconi Cup team went undefeated at the Sandcastle Open; Singapore's Aloysius Yapp. In the finals, Yapp defeated Chinese Tapei's Chang Jung-Lin, who had eliminated the Philippines' Lee Van Corteza in the semifinals. They, too, have joined the 128-entrant field in Atlantic City this week.



Chang Jung-Lin

Yapp's path to the winners' circle began with a double hill battle against Chinese Tapei's Ko Ping-Han. Once he successfully navigated that potential 'side track,' Yapp downed two straight Americans, Billy Thorpe (7-2) and Mhet Vergara (7-3), to arrive at a winners' side semifinal against Austria's Mario He, who, just below Ouschan and Sanchez-Ruiz on the WPA ranking list, was (and is) looking to make an impression on Team Europe's captain and perhaps earn himself a pick for the team.

Lee Van Corteza, in the meantime, had something of an opposite problem on his trip to the hot seat match. He got by Aidan Wagner 7-4, Naoyuki Oi 7-5, shut out Liu Ri Teng and defeated Carlo Biado 7-1 to arrive at his winners' side semifinal against Moritz Neuhausen, who put up a double hill fight that did eventually advance Corteza to the hot seat match. Yapp joined him after defeating Jung-Lin 7-5, and then claimed the hot seat over Van Corteza by the same score.

Jung-Lin moved over and picked up countryman Wu Kun Lin, who'd eliminated Sanchez-Ruiz 7-3 and in a dou-

ble hill match, Biado, to reach him. Neuhausen drew Konrad Juszczyszyn, who was working on a seven-match, loss-side run that was about to end. He'd recently defeated Ronald Regli 7-5 and in another double hill match, Sky Woodward.

Jung-Lin downed Kun Lin 7-4 and was joined in the quarterfinals by Neuhausen, who'd stopped Juszczyszyn's streak 7-5. Jung-Lin ended Neuhausen's single-match loss-side streak 7-4 in those quarterfinals and completed his single-loss work with a 7-3 victory over Van Corteza in the semifinals.

The rematch of the winners' side semifinal – Yapp versus Jung-Lin – lived up to expectations. The final went double hill before Yapp prevailed, adding to his already-best (recorded) earnings year to date. The two could meet again at the ongoing US Open, as could any number of possible combinations between those who signed on to both events. The Open is the last of Matchroom Sports' ranking events, so the two automatic picks for the Mosconi Cup will be determined in the days ahead.

Fisher Stays Atop WPBA Rankings With Come-From-The-Loss-Side Win At Sledgehammer Open

The late Helena Thornfeldt remembered in heartfelt 1st Annual event named in her honor

She was nicknamed the Sledgehammer because of her powerful break. Whenever conversations about Helena Thornfeldt broke out among friends and competitors at the 1st Annual WPBA Cherokee Sledgehammer Open, named in her honor this past weekend (Wed., Oct.

19 – Sun., Oct. 23), more than just a few of the gathered women had cause to remember it; the loud *whack* of initial contact and the way the balls spread out as though desperate for space beyond the rails to dissipate the energy of it. It had taken over two years for the pool community's wide-

spread respect and admiration for the late Helena Thornfeldt to arrive at a gathering in her honor. The WPBA Hall of Famer died in August of 2019 and though Janet Atwell, in an attempt to organize a 2020 event, began work on it almost immediately, COVID had other ideas, that persisted.

Kelly Fisher



This past weekend, Atwell's room, Borderline Billiards in Bristol, TN had one of Thornfeldt's favorite things, sunflowers, on prominent display. A table was set aside to hold a variety of individual and collections of photos. The trophies that were handed to the winner, Kelly Fisher and runner-up Kristina Tkach were accompanied by two actual sledgehammers, made by Robert Ingold of Team SuperShaft. Atwell is working on the creation of a permanent wall plaque at Borderline Billiards with engraving space for the event's present and future winners, along with a pair of crossed sledgehammers. The event began on Wednesday with words from Janet Atwell and a video made by Bonnie Arnold that featured, among other things, Thornfeldt singing a karaoke version of *Born to be Wild*. The event officially opened with the National Anthem sung by Christina Druen.

"I think it was an emotional event for everyone," said Atwell. "Some went through some struggles with it."

"Absolutely," agreed Kelly Fisher. "A very emotional event, that first night. There wasn't a dry eye in the place."

"We all missed her really," she added, "and we hadn't had a chance to show that or feel that, as a family, together. I know that for myself, during that final and a during a few other close matches as well, I could just imagine Helena saying things to me. I went outside at one point to get a breath of air and Monica (Webb) said something to me that Helena would have said and I got kind of fired up there. So for me, personally, she was definitely a presence in my heart and mind."

Among those in attendance, including Fisher, Tkach and Atwell of course, was Jeannette Lee, who had, in a 2017 interview, called Thornfeldt "the best female straight pool player in the world." Lee joined Atwell as a member of a ProAm team (one of many) that



played a social tournament on opening night, full of blatant sharking and fun. Monica Webb, who ran a restaurant business with Thornfeldt for a number of years, was there, as well. So, too, was the WPBA's Peg Ledman, a personal friend of Thornfeldt. Not present, though there in spirit, was Allison Fisher, who was in England being awarded an MBE title (a Member of the British Empire) for her "contributions to sport," many of those, from Britain's point of view, earned as a snooker player there. The event also featured a strong contingent of (now) relatively well-known junior competitors like Hayleigh Marion (for whom Borderline Billiards is a home room), Sofia Mast, Skylar Hess and recipient of a great deal of attention, 12-year-old Savannah Easton.

The \$10,000-added Sledgehammer Open drew a total of 80 entrants to Borderline Billiards, 32 of them drawing byes exempting them from Stage One competition. The 48 others, 16 of whom drew opening round byes in Stage One, played in a double-elimination bracket until there were eight on each side of it. Stage Two awarded

byes to the top 16 in the WPBA standings, as the double-elimination bracket got underway, and . . . they were off.

Headlining the eight competitors who advanced to Stage Two from the winners' side of the Stage One bracket was Sofia Mast, one of the 16 who'd been awarded opening round byes in Stage One. Her first opponent was Savannah Easton, setting up an early junior marquee matchup. Mast advanced on the winners' side 7-2, while Easton would move to the loss side, winning three by an aggregate score of 21-5 and advancing to Stage Two. Also advancing on the winners' side of the Stage One bracket were Kathy Friend, Jaye Succo, Nathalie Chabot, Christy Norris and the Callado sisters, Eleanor and Emilyn. Along with Easton, loss-side competitors advancing to Stage Two were junior competitors Skylar Hess and Precilia Kinsley, along with Nicole Albergaria, Dawn Oldag, Kim Housman, Lisa Cossette and Casey Cork.

The opening round of Stage Two, with Kelly Fisher (among others) idle with opening round byes. Kristina Tkach



Margaret Fefilova

played and won her opening round against Casey Cork 8-3 and then downed Stephanie Mitchell 8-3 in a match that set her up to face Fisher. Savannah Easton opened the Stage Two part of her title bid with a successful, double-hill match versus J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour (JPNEWT) veteran Kia Burwell. Easton advanced to face another JPNEWT veteran and the #1-ranked American player in the WPBA rankings, Caroline Pao, where she (Easton), as they say, met her match; Pao winning the contest 8-5. Mast lost her opening Stage Two match to Meng-Hsia (Bean) Hung 8-2, and moved west for an eventual rematch against Easton.

Fisher, in the second round, downed Eleanor Callado 8-3 and then, in a late match, fell to Tkach 8-6. Tkach advanced to the other winners' side semifinal against Pao.

"She obviously had worked very hard and perfected that cut break and I just wasn't getting my break going," said Fisher. "She obviously played

very well to beat me. I knew she was in good shape and thought "Oh, my!"

At the other end of the bracket, Margaret Fefilova, with relative ease, was

working her way through the winners' side for an eventual matchup against Jennifer Baretta in the other winners' side semifinal. Fefilova got by Lisa Cossette 8-3 before running into what turned out to be her toughest opponent (as gauged by racks-against), Janet Atwell, who chalked up five against her. Fefilova moved on to down Ashley Rice 8-2 and record a shutout over the #3 competitor in the WPBA rankings, Brittany Bryant, which set her up against Baretta.

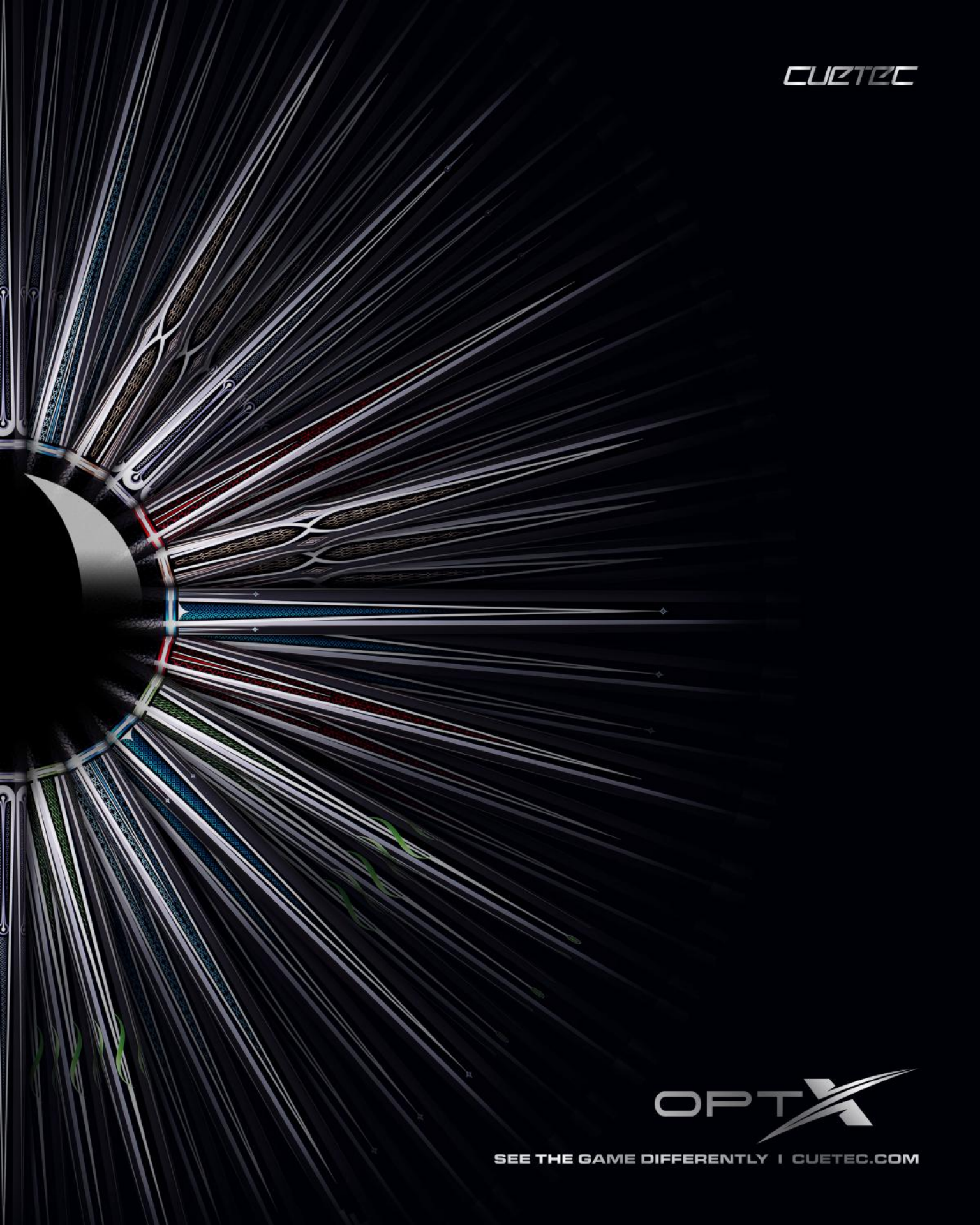
Fefilova got into the hot seat match with an 8-3 win over Baretta and was joined by Tkach, who'd sent Pao to the loss side 8-4. On Saturday night, Tkach claimed the hot seat 8-2 over Fefilova and would wait until Sunday afternoon to see who came back from the semifinals.

It was Kelly Fisher. But she wouldn't play that semifinal until Sunday. In the meantime, Pao and Baretta had business to attend to on what was left of Saturday night. Baretta picked up Savannah Easton, whose improbable and impressive run among this



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– Kelly Fisher ”

roomful of professional female pool players was still happening as the bracket whittled down to its final six. Easton had followed her loss to Pao with a loss-side, double-hill win over Beth Fondell and then, looking to advance into the first money round (17th/24th), she had the opportunity to avenge her Stage One loss to Sofia Mast. She did so, in a match that appropriately came within a game of going double hill. Easton then eliminated Laura Smith and won a double-hill battle against Emily Duddy. She then downed Monica Webb 8-6 and Dawn Hopkins 8-3.

Larry Easton, Savannah's father, no stranger to his daughter's talent, turned to Atwell as he was watching this, as amazed as many of the spectators at how far his daughter had come, in a lot of ways.

"I don't even know what to say," he told Atwell.

"She's got great cue ball control, thinks ahead and plays very smart for her age," Atwell would comment later. "She's very strategic and plays great safeties. She plays like an adult and (her career) is off to a great start."

Pao, in the meantime, drew Fisher, who'd started what she called a "grueling Saturday," playing five matches in a row from noon to 8:30. She played and eliminated Meng-Hsia Hung (at noon), Janet Atwell (2 p.m.), Susan Williams (4:30) and the WPBA's #2-ranked competitor, Brittany Bryant (6:30), all 8-4. Fisher defeated Pao 8-3

(8:30), as Baretta elicited a variety of mixed emotions from all assembled by ending Savannah Easton's run 8-1. There was a lot of spectator applause in the moment, some of it for both of them, but a lot of it for the talented junior.

"People were excited to see her play," said Atwell, "and happy with her finish."

In a quarterfinal battle appropriate to the circumstances, played the following morning, Fisher and Baretta went double hill before Fisher prevailed. In the semifinals, Fisher went back to the loss-side pattern she'd established and punching her ticket to the finals, defeated Fefilova 8-4. Fisher might have played six matches to be in the finals, but thanks to Tkach, it required eight, including a loss. The rematch came within a game of double hill, but not before Fisher found herself down 2-5 and later, 5-8; Tkach a rack away from the hill.

"I was spurred on by pure determination really and the will to win it," she said of her comeback. "I told Helena, I looked at her picture and like that, 'Come on, do this for you' kind of thing and whether you believe in that kind of thing or not, it's not about who or what it takes to spur you on, but doing whatever it takes."

"Whatever it was," she added, "things turned around. I dug in my heels, hit a gear and took charge of the match."

From 2-5 down, Fisher won eight of the last 11 games, including the last five in a row. Quite the gear, all things considered. Whether it was herself, Helena, or just the adrenaline of a final push to the finish line, Fisher brought it all to bear and claimed title to her close friend's first and likely not the last memorial.

The 1st Annual WPBA Cherokee Sledgehammer Open came about through the efforts of any number of people, all of whom host Janet Atwell thanked, from the players and spectators to the members of her staff. She also thanked event sponsors the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Brad Hendricks Law Firm (Little Rock, ARK), Patty and Walter Harper of Knoxville and the streaming services of DigitalPool with Upstate AI, Zach Goldsmith and a number of competitors who joined them in the booth.

Editor's note: Helena Thornfeldt died on August 20, 2019 at the age of 52. Originally from Borlange, Sweden, she was living in Villa Rica, about 35 miles west of Atlanta, when she died. She had opened a new restaurant, Pizza Mania, 15 days before she passed. The "Sledgehammer" turned professional in 1994, was a three-time European straight pool champion and won the 2002 US Open Championship in New Mexico, downing Allison Fisher in the finals. In the year she was inducted into the WPBA Hall of Fame in 2017, she was ranked 9th among American pool players. We here at AZBilliards join with members of the ever-expanding pool community in mourning her loss and in the years to come, celebrating the life of such a vibrant, widely-admired and respected member of our community at an annual Sledgehammer Open.

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ALGHAMDI VOWS

He's Ready For More After SVB Junior Open Win

Story by Matt LYNCH - MATCHROOM MULTI SPORT / Photo courtesy Taka WU - MATCHROOM MULTI SPORT

Khalid Alghamdi became the first-ever SVB Junior Open winner beating Trenton White in the final during the 2022 US Open Pool Championship at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City live on the Matchroom Pool YouTube channel.

Alghamdi overcame White 9-3 in the final dropping only 14 racks across the six matches it took for the 17-year-old to claim the \$2,500 first-place prize and free entry to the 2023 US Open Pool Championship and to write his name into the history books.

64 of the world's best juniors descended on New Jersey with their own hopes of claiming victory with the likes of European double-gold medalist Yannick Pongers, Finnish sensation Riku Romppanen, rising USA stars Joey Tate, Savannah Easton and White all looking to take away the top prize.

Over the two days of action, juniors as young as Lyno Liu aged seven played in front of the same audience as the US Open scaring the current crop into what they're going to come up against in years to come.

Khalid Alghamdi with Shane Van Boening



Alghamdi of Saudi Arabia had a run to the last 32 at the inaugural European Open back in August and it was clear he would be one to watch in AC and he was delighted with his performance: "It feels great. I am so happy to win the first-ever SVB Junior Open title. Shane is my idol when I started to play pool in 2015. It's fun to see Shane and he's taught me a lot in that time. It feels so good to play next to the champions. This is my last year as a junior, I am coming for them. I think I am ready to make the step up. I hope to learn more. My whole family, my mother, my father, my friends, and the federation were all watching. It was had. I can't wait to play next year's US Open Pool Championship."

Emily Frazer, Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director added: "The SVB Junior Open was a remarkable event with a showcase of such talent amongst players from 7-years through to 17. It was great to work so closely with World

Champion Shane Van Boening to turn his dream into a reality of inspiring the next generation of professional pool players. This is the first of many Junior Opens as we continue to grow the Nineball game over the coming years; it is all well and good creating a tour but there must be a next generation who are inspired to pick up their cue and earn a living through our Nineball World Rankings system. Not only was it fantastic to see such a diverse field of ages, genders, and nationalities, but it was also fantastic to see so much support from our professionals who were at the business end of the US Open during the competition. I cannot wait to see what the next one brings."

Zach DiMotta, President of Imperial said: "It was amazing to be a part of and see Matchroom put on its first junior event. I think that you couldn't have asked for more out of this partnership with Shane Van Boening.

There are few times that you get to witness the world's complete junior Nineball talent in one arena and that is what all the fans got to witness. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for this event."

Juniors were competing for a slice of the \$10,000 prize fund with the field extended from 32 to 64 players due to demand. Van Boening's official cue partner, Cuetec put up \$5,000 alongside \$5,000 from Matchroom to offer one of the most exciting prize pots in Junior Pool. Juniors also received an SVB Junior Open jersey free of charge from official apparel partner Onboard.

The tournament was played on Diamond Tables, with Simonis Shark Grey 860 cloth, Aramith Tournament Black balls, and KAMUI chalk in the same Diamond Arena as the US Open Pool Championship which took place from October 10-15.



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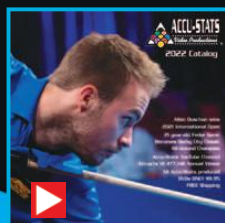
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Caroline Pao

Becomes The #1-Ranked US Player On The WPBA

Story by SKIP MALONEY - AzB Staff / Photos courtesy ERWIN DIONISIO

On the long weekend of Sept. 21-25 in Battle Creek, MI, Caroline Pao became the top-ranked USA player on the WPBA, moving ahead of Jennifer Baretta into fourth place behind the UK's Kelly and Allison Fisher and Canada's Brittany Bryant. She did this after finishing in the eight-way tie for 9th place at the Predator US Pro Billiard Series at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Her rise to this pinnacle in her career, her best-recorded earnings year since she began appearing on our payout lists over 20 years ago, has been the result of hard work, dedication, practice-practice-practice, and the assistance of a number of sponsors. Not to mention

a little bit of luck related to recent WPBA history, which saw the number of yearly events diminish over the

past few years and gradually, over the past year or so, saw the event-numbers go up, dramatically, in part due to the tour's ongoing association with the Predator US Pro Billiard Series.

The WPBA ranking system doesn't work the way many regional-tour





standard as the ‘play the table, not the opponent,’ may be, it is definitely easier said than done.

“I think that whenever you do play big-time players, (the Fishers, Tzu-Chien Wei, Barretta and others), their presence is known,” she said. “Whether you like it or not, or try not to focus on it, they’re there and you know it. For you to forget about that and focus on you is harder with them, just because of who they are.”

It’s a strange human trait to note the presence of a particular human being across the table from you and allow that to affect the skills, concentration and focus that as a player, you’ve put in so much time to accomplish.

“It really is and no matter how hard you try to fight it and tell yourself (not to be influenced), this game is about 80% mental,” she said. “There’s skill involved, but overall the mental process overtakes it all and while you might make a certain shot nine out of 10 times, in one moment, your percentage might fall.”

“I’ve seen so many countless players miss a key shot like that, but it’s not the same scenario,” she added. “This one moment might be the shot that can make or break you and you might have made it a thousand times, but this one time, you twisted your wrist, or your timing’s a little off, or you shanked it a little bit or held your cue too tight. It could be any of those reasons to throw that one shot off, at that particular time.”

Though she has yet to win a WPBA event, she is a regular competitor on them and is regularly among the top players at the end.

“I think it’s just that my play has been consistent and I tend to come into the top 16,” she said of her advancement to the top US spot in the rankings. “That’s how the points add up to do it.”

ranking systems do, confining its rankings to a single season and starting over when a new season begins. The WPBA allots points to its members over a series of associated events, and as the points associated with a recent event are recorded, the oldest event on the ongoing list drops off the ranking radar. The ranking list that was updated after the Michigan event listed 10 events, dating back to Wisconsin’s Aramith/Doctor Pool Classic in November, 2019, at which Pao finished in the tie for 17th place. The next event, moving forward in time occurred in 2020 and the next in 2021. The next seven have occurred in this calendar year; three of them (so far) associated with the Predator US Pro Billiard Series. The number of offered events had a way of drawing more foreign competition back to the North American WPBA Tour, which accounts for some of Pao’s surprise that in the midst of this rejuvenation of the tour and the return of many competitors, she has somehow managed to move from 11th place on the ranking list when the year started, to 4th on that list, and as it turned out, the top American on it.

She wasn’t surprised because she had any doubts about her skills or dedica-

tion to the task(s), but because of this particular year’s worth of challenges. It is, she’ll tell you, something that she loves to do and given the fact that she also holds down a full-time job as a representative for Mezz Cues here in the US, her status as a member of the pool community is 24/7.

“I feel really lucky to have this ranking as the top USA player on the WPBA,” she said, “However, I want to say that the competition has been a lot more stern than it has been over the last few years because of all of the international players who’ve come back to play.”

Along with the top three on the WPBA ranking list (the Fishers and Brittany Bryant) who’ve been here right through the tour’s ‘lean’ years, are (among others) such players as Taipei’s Tzu-Chien Wei (runner-up to Kelly Fisher in Michigan), Spain’s Amalia Matas and Indonesia’s Angeline Ticoalu (tied for 4th in Michigan), and in a welcome return that could signal more events to come for her, Ireland’s Karen Corr.

According to Pao, coming to terms with playing that level of player requires a kind of mental adjustment that is not easy to accomplish. As

She is already looking ahead, not only to specific events in the future, but to ways that she can improve her skill set and approach to the game. And though “grateful and excited” with her recent results, she’s not quite where she wants to be. Yet.

“My dream, and it’s a long shot, is to win a WPBA event,” she said. “It is so hard with (the likes of) Kelly, Allison and Kristina (Tkach). It’s great to come out on top with one of these players in a match or event, but to do it consecutively is *Hard!!*”

“I think I still need to fine-tune some things in my game,” she added, “things that they’ve already taken care of. For me to beat them consistently, aside from confidence and a strong mentality, I still need to work on a lot of aspects of my game.”

“Pocketing the balls and running out, for example, is one big part of the game, but defense, safety play, kick

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safes, kicking balls in, all of that also is a big part of the game. The (higher-level players) are better in that part of the game. Even if I play a decent safe, their chances of kicking it in or kick-safing it back to me are a little higher in percentage than me.”

She’s also looking ahead to some events that will not offer her WPBA opportunities in pursuit of the dream, like an upcoming stop on the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour and continuing to compete on the J. Pechauer Northeast Women’s Tour, at which she has had considerable success over these past couple of years. She’ll also continue her dream quest at the WPBA’s Sledgehammer

Open, a Helena Thornfeldt Memorial event at Janet Atwell’s room (Borderline Billiards in Bristol, TN; Oct. 19-23), could compete in another of the Predator US Pro Billiard Series event in Puerto Rico (Nov. 15-19) and travel to Rothchild, WI to compete in the Dr. Pool Classic (Dec. 7-11).

She is immensely grateful to her sponsors – Mezz Cues, Sugartree Cues, Raxx Pool Room (West Hempstead, NY), Kurweil’s Country Meats, Three-Second Cases.

“Without them,” she said, “honestly, it would have been pretty rough to attend all the events.”

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JEANETTE LEE

Documentary World Premiere Scheduled

The World Premiere of the Jeanette Lee documentary, “Jeanette Lee Vs” has been announced to take place at the DOC NYC film festival on Saturday, November 12th and Tuesday November 15th.

The DOC NYC festival is one of the most important documentary film festivals in the country and Jeanette Lee Vs has

not only been accepted to be shown, but is scheduled at the largest theatre (The SVA Theatre) during a primetime slot of 7:15 on Saturday night.

Jeanette Lee is scheduled to attend the premiere of this much talked about documentary and the screening will be followed by a Q&A with Director Ursula Liang, Producer Cora

Atkinson, and Editor Michelle Chang. Fans who can't make it to New York for the screening in person, are invited to take part in the online screening premiere period that runs from Sunday November 13th until Sunday November 27th.

All of the details are available at the DOC NYC website at <https://www.docnyc.net/film/jeanette-lee-vs/>



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JAYSON SHAW

Returns To Team Europe at 2022 MOSCONI CUP

Jayson Shaw has been confirmed as the first wild card pick for Team Europe at the 2022 Mosconi Cup set to take place at Bally's Las Vegas, live on Sky Sports, from November 30 to December 3 as well as on DAZN in the USA, Canada, Spain, and Italy and on Viaplay in Scandinavia, the Baltics, and Poland.

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‘His heart is on his sleeve, and he leaves it all out there.’ – Alex Lely

Team Europe’s captain Alex Lely locked in his first Mosconi Cup wild card pick just a week after Francisco Sanchez Ruiz and Albin Ouschan joined Joshua Filler on his side from the Live Nineball World Rankings.

Shaw comes into the Mosconi Cup as a two-time MVP claiming the crown in the last two editions of the transatlantic tussle between Europe and the USA. The Brit will head to Las Vegas looking to write further chapters in his already bulging CV at the cup that has seen him become one of the most feared players in the history of the competition.

‘It’s amazing to be back in the team again. I am super excited to be picked.



Alex Lely has a lot of experience with me on the team and I believe my leadership in the last few years with the team has been amazing. I am super excited and cannot wait to join back up with the team. It's a great feeling to represent Europe for the seventh year," said Shaw.

"It's been tough the last few times we've played in Las Vegas. I know it will be amazing. I have great memories and some bad ones. The memory that sticks out most for me was winning and when I played Shane (Van Boening) and beat him and went to stand on his chair and got the crowd really riled up! That was something special."

Eagle Eye has been known as a thorn in the USA side in recent times claiming two singles victories and three doubles last year: "When it comes to taunting the American fans and getting them riled up, I love it. This is what the Mosconi Cup is about. It's about getting in their heads. I am the man for that job. I like to get in their heads before it's even started, and this year is no different. Get them all hot and bothered, and get under their skin. Get them frustrated, get them to hate me. The more hate I get, I love it. It brings out the best of me at the Mosconi Cup."

Captain Lely added: "Jayson is just as we know him. His heart is on his sleeve, and he leaves it all out there. That's of huge value to the team. His intensity means he can take a lot of heat and the bigger the stage, the more he thrives. This is what we as a whole team expect him to do this year. He has shown he can bring his game out there and the energy in the practice room and online. It's good for the team to have Jayson involved. He can lead by example."

Fans can expect to hear more from Shaw in the coming weeks with the

Jayson Shaw



launch of the new Golden Break Podcast series where Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer will hold in-depth conversations with some of the biggest characters in the sport to get to know who the person really is beyond Nineball. Be the first to watch Shaw's episode by signing up to the Matchroom Pool Club for free here.

One further wild card pick will be revealed by Lely in the coming weeks to complete Team Europe with Jeremy Jones set to announce his two wild cards for Team USA in the same time frame.

On Jones' American side Skyler Woodward and Oscar Dominguez were con-

firmed to be joining Van Boening last week off the Live Nineball World Rankings. Make sure you stay tuned to the Matchroom Pool social pages to get the latest news as Mosconi Cup news drops. Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the latest.

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TYLER STYER

First USA Wild Card Pick For 2022 MOSCONI CUP

T Tyler Styer will return to Team USA as Jeremy Jones' first wild card pick for the 2022 Mosconi Cup at Bally's Las Vegas live on Sky Sports, from November 30 to December 3 as well as on DAZN in the USA, Canada, Spain, and Italy. Viaplay in Scandinavia, the Baltics, the Netherlands, and Poland as well as on Matchroom.Live in countries without a broadcaster.

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"I expect him to be delivering us points. I know he will be better prepared for this year." – Jeremy Jones

Captain Jones opted to add Styer to his roster as he looks to lead his American side to glory for the first time since 2019 with Shane Van Boening, Oscar Dominguez, and Skyler Woodward already on the sheet after the conclusion of the US Open Pool Championship off the Live Nineball World Rankings.

Styer will make his fourth Mosconi Cup appearance having been on the winning side in both 2018 and 2019 most importantly when the cup was last on American soil. The Wiscon-



sin native is ready to get going with his side: "It feels great to be back on Team USA this year, but the goal isn't to just be on the team, it's to bring the Mosconi Cup back to our hands. 2019 was so special for us on home soil for the first time in so long. Being able to celebrate with the family was just incredible."

"When I got the call from JJ it felt great. I kind of hand a sense of calm when he called because of the way he is. For him to call and ask me to play for him and Team USA - it gives you a good feeling and fires you up to go out there and play your best," Styer added.

Jones believes Styer is in good shape to hit the ground running in Las Vegas: "Tyler's had one of a heck of a year. I know it hasn't always brought the results it deserved but you can see the

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progression in his game both mentally and physically. He has a lot of tools at his disposal. I expect him to be delivering us points. I know he will be better prepared for this year than previous to deliver for the team and help bring the cup home."

Both sides now have one wild card each to decide after Alex Lely unveiled Jayson Shaw as the first wild card for Team Europe yesterday. See more on Shaw's return here. Make sure you stay tuned to the Matchroom Pool social pages to get the latest news as

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Two-Time MOSCONI CUP MVP, SKYLER WOODWARD Joins *The Cuetec Team*

Cuetec and Imperial are excited to announce that Skyler Woodward has joined the Cuetec Team of Professional Players and Brand Ambassadors.

One of the leading names in cue sports, Woodward has represented the United States at every Mosconi Cup since 2015 and was voted the most valuable player (MVP)

in 2018 and 2019. Skyler's accomplishments extend far beyond the Mosconi Cup though, having won the 2019 Derby City Classic Master of the Table, 2019 Derby City Classic 9-Ball Division,

2019 US Open 8-ball Championships, and the 2017 World Pool Series RYO Rack Classic.



SKYLER
WOODWARD

“From the outside you can’t help but notice how things have changed with Cuetec,” says Woodward. “Getting to know everyone at the company, it has just felt like a really good fit, and a company that wants to help me to focus on being the best player I can be.”

Woodward will be representing Cuetec using the all-new AVID playing shaft, which is the high-performance evolution of Cuetec’s glass-bonded shaft construction. When asked about his new gear, Woodward says, “An AVID cue ended up in my hands a little while back, and to say that I was impressed would be an understatement. After I found out how much it cost, I couldn’t believe it. I was truly amazed by its performance. I’m looking forward to taking down competitors who are using equipment that costs thousands of dollars more. I believe AVID is the best performance value in billiards, hands down.”


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“We couldn’t be happier to have Skyler represent Cuetec,” says Cuetec’s president, Jones Chang. “When people think of Skyler, they usually think of his accomplishments on the table, such as his two Mosconi Cup MVP awards, but what really stood out for Cuetec was his character and his commitment to recognizing his full potential. We look forward to working with him for a very long time.”

In partnering with Cuetec, Woodward joins several other big names on the

brand’s roster. “I am excited to be part of the Cuetec Team,” says Woodward. “They really do seem to take their player’s feedback seriously. My new teammates have already been very welcoming, and I get the feeling that when they are not playing me, they are really rooting for me.”

Look for Skyler next at the U.S. Open Championship, beginning October 10th at Harrah’s Resort in Atlantic City, NJ.



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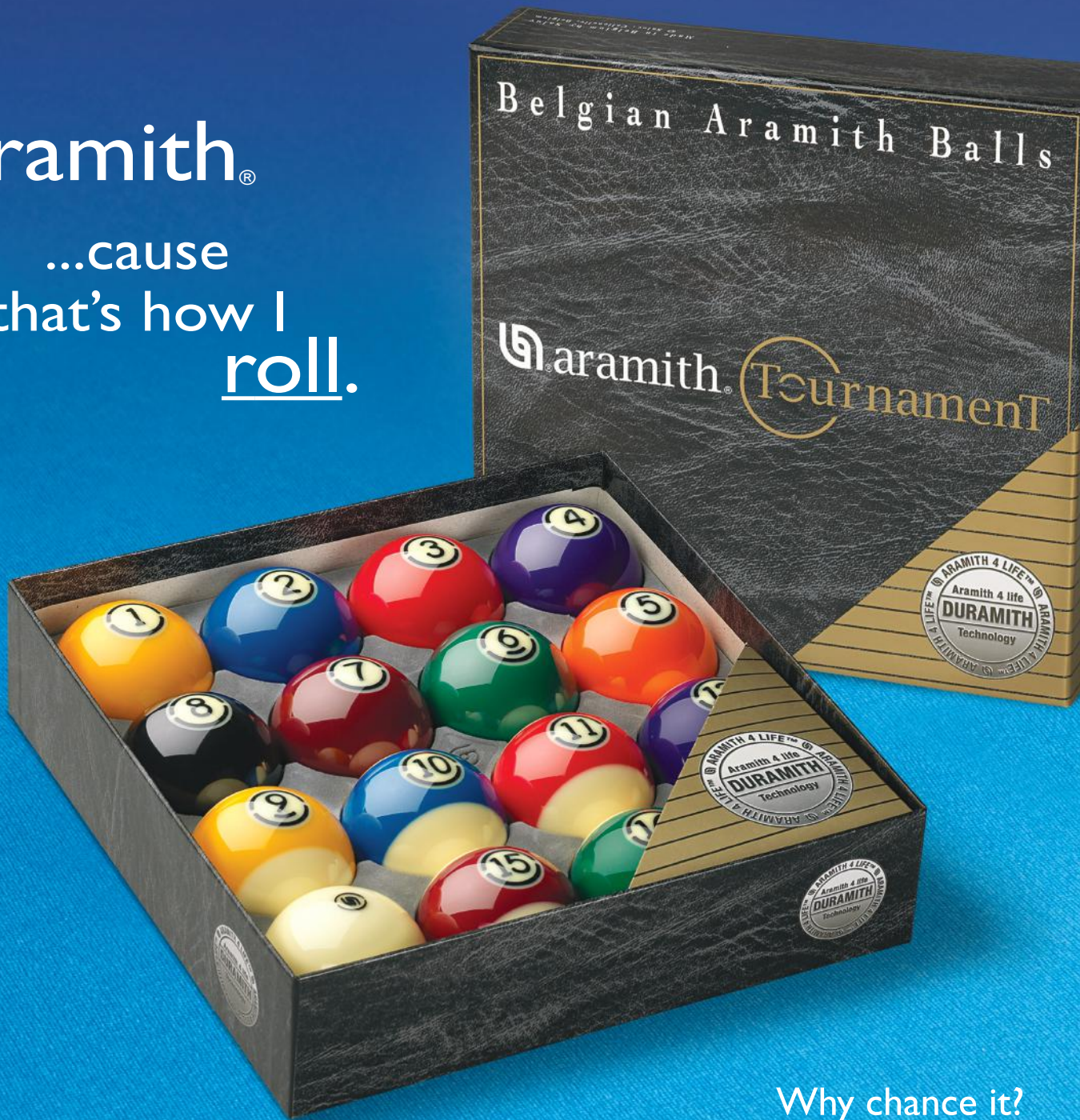
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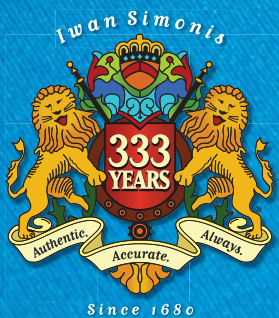


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Oct 01 - Oct 02

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 3

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

- West Hempstead, NY
 1 Mika Immonen \$1,050
 2 Carlo Biado \$700
 3 Chia Hua Chen \$550
 4 Alex Osipov \$400
 5 Mhet Vergara \$300
 5 Moritz Neuhausen \$300
 7 Del Sim \$200
 7 Kyle Akaloo \$200
 9 Elvis Rodriguez \$100
 9 Justin Muller \$100
 9 Kevin Guimond \$100
 9 Nick Torraca \$100

Oct 01 - Oct 03

Dynamic Slovenia Open 2022

Tri Lilije Hall

- Lasko,
 1 Joshua Filler \$5,944
 2 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$4,557
 3 Mario He \$2,972
 3 Ralf Souquet \$2,972
 5 Marc Bijsterbosch \$1,486
 5 Niels Feijen \$1,486
 5 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,486
 5 Wojciech Szewczyk \$1,486
 9 Alexandros Kazakis \$990
 9 David Alcaide \$990
 9 David Zalman \$990
 9 Juan Carlos Exposito \$990
 9 Maximilian Lechner \$990
 9 Tobias Bongers \$990
 9 Wiktor Zielinski \$990
 9 Yuma Dornier \$990
 17 Ajdin Piknjac \$594
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 33 Tomasz Kaplan \$297

Oct 01 - Oct 03

Predator Women's Slovenia Open 2022

Tri Lilije Hall

- Lasko,
 1 Pia Filler \$1,486
 2 Ina Kaplan \$990
 3 Eylul Kybaroglu \$792
 3 Melanie Suessenguth \$792
 5 Ana Gradisnik \$594
 5 Hannan Memic \$594
 5 Kristina Zlateva \$594
 5 Lena Primus \$594

Oct 01 - Oct 01

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Rock House Tavern

- Gastonia, NC
 1 Jesus Atencio \$1,200
 2 Adam Pendley \$825

- 3 Mike Bumgarner \$650
 4 Eddie Wahdan \$375
 5 Clint Clark \$180
 5 Thomas Sansone \$180
 7 Brian Francis \$100
 7 Marcus Pendley \$100

Oct 02 - Oct 02

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 3 Second Chance

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

- West Hempstead, NY
 1 Holden Chin \$300
 2 Mike Renshaw \$200
 3 Caroline Pao \$140
 4 John Francisco \$80

Oct 06 - Oct 08

Sandcastle 9-Ball Open

Sandcastle Billiards

- Edison, NJ
 1 Aloysius Yapp \$5,000
 2 Jung-Lin Chang \$4,000
 3 Lee Vann Corteza \$3,000
 4 Moritz Neuhausen \$2,000
 5 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$1,700
 5 Kun Lin Wu \$1,700
 7 Carlo Biado \$1,200
 7 Skyler Woodward \$1,200
 9 Alexandros Kazakis \$737
 9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$737
 9 Mario He \$737
 9 Ronald Regli \$737
 13 Bader Al Awadi \$363
 13 Chia-Chen Hsieh \$363
 13 John Morra \$363
 13 Phuc Long Nguyen \$363

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Sunshine State Predator Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 6

Brewlands Bar & Billiards

- Lakeland, FL

- 1 Ricardo Rodriguez \$1,000
- 2 Trenton White \$725
- 3 Michael DeLawder \$570
- 4 Robert Noon \$425
- 5 Ameet Kukadia \$250
- 5 David Singleton \$250
- 7 Bobby Garza \$190
- 7 Francisco Serrano \$190
- 9 Desi DeRado \$150
- 9 John Souders \$150
- 9 Joselito Martinez \$150
- 9 Konnor McFayden \$150
- 13 Dale Stanley \$100
- 13 George Saunders \$100
- 13 Kaylee McIntosh \$100
- 13 Manuel Montas \$100

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 4

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

- 1 Qais Kolee \$1,000
- 2 Bucky Souvanthong \$650
- 3 Nate Marshall \$500
- 4 Ron Casanzio \$400
- 5 Barry Hetherington \$300
- 5 Len Gianfrate \$300
- 7 Marko Clarke \$200
- 7 Sean Zeng \$200

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Sunshine State Predator Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 6 Ladies Division

Brewlands Bar & Billiards

Lakeland, FL

- 1 Jessica Barnes \$500
- 2 Nicolle Cuellar \$300
- 3 Sofia Mast \$225
- 4 Helene Caukin \$135

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Action Billiards

Inman, SC

- 1 Landon Hollingsworth \$1,000
- 2 Matt Lucas \$660
- 3 Steve Loftis \$440
- 4 Mike Parkins \$200
- 5 Mani Suri \$150
- 5 Mark Rochester \$150

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Capone's October Pool Tournament

Capone's Billiard Lounge

Spring Hill, FL

- 1 Marcus Murillo \$600
- 2 Lee Heuwagen \$400
- 3 Keith Singleton \$310
- 4 Ross Webster \$220
- 5 James Allen \$100
- 5 Joe Vetrone \$100
- 7 Can Salim \$70
- 7 Jesse Fonda \$70

Oct 08 - Oct 08

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Diamond Jim's Billiards

Nanuet, NY

- 1 Mike Kain \$500
- 2 Jason Halpin \$300
- 3 Robert Rodriguez \$225
- 4 Kevin Scalzitti \$130
- 5 Emmanuel Areizaga \$100
- 5 Roger Hanos \$100
- 7 Bud Robideau \$70
- 7 Ken Kerner \$70

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 4 Second Chance

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

- 1 Tom Acciavatti \$300
- 2 Mark Creamer \$210
- 3 Aaron Greenwood \$150
- 4 Shane Longest \$100

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2022 Stop 6

Bullshooters

Phoenix, AZ

- 1 Rebecca Wagner \$1,000
- 2 Samantha Shaw \$430
- 3 Dori De Leon \$310
- 4 Pearl Ortiz \$280
- 5 Sara Miller \$145
- 5 Stephanie Martin \$145

- 7 Amber Call \$70
- 7 Rae Evans \$70

Oct 08 - Oct 09

JPNEWT Tour 2022 Stop #10

Eagle Billiards

Dickson City, Pa

- 1 Kia Burwell \$565
- 2 Briana Miller \$425
- 3 Caroline Pao \$280
- 4 Linda Haywood Shea \$140

Oct 10 - Oct 15

2022 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship

Harrah's Resort Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ

- 1 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$50,000
- 2 Maximilian Lechner \$25,000
- 3 Carlo Biado \$13,000
- 3 Ping-Chung Ko \$13,000
- 5 Alexandros Kazakis \$6,750
- 5 Chia-Chen Hsieh \$6,750
- 5 Chris Melling \$6,750
- 5 Eklent Kaci \$6,750
- 9 Jani Uski \$4,500
- 9 Joshua Filler \$4,500
- 9 Jung-Lin Chang \$4,500
- 9 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$4,500
- 9 Lee Vann Corteza \$4,500
- 9 Marc Bijsterbosch \$4,500
- 9 Mario He \$4,500
- 9 Roland Garcia \$4,500
- 17 Abdullah Alyousef \$3,000
- 17 Bader Al Awadi \$3,000
- 17 Greg Hogue \$3,000
- 17 John Morra \$3,000
- 17 Jonas Souto Comino \$3,000
- 17 Kun Lin Wu \$3,000
- 17 Mustafa Alnar \$3,000
- 17 Naoyuki Oi \$3,000
- 17 Niels Feijen \$3,000
- 17 Oscar Dominguez \$3,000
- 17 Pin-Yi Ko \$3,000
- 17 Quoc Hoang Duong \$3,000
- 17 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$3,000
- 17 Tomasz Kaplan \$3,000
- 17 Tyler Styer \$3,000
- 17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$3,000
- 33 Albin Ouschan \$1,750
- 33 Alex Pagulayan \$1,750

33 Aloysius Yapp \$1,750
33 Besar Spahiu \$1,750
33 Chris Reinhold \$1,750
33 Daniel Maciol \$1,750
33 David Alcaide \$1,750
33 Denis Grabe \$1,750
33 Fedor Gorst \$1,750
33 Imran Majid \$1,750
33 Jayson Shaw \$1,750
33 Jesus Atencio \$1,750
33 Johann Chua \$1,750
33 Jose Alberto Delgado \$1,750
33 Joven Bustamante \$1,750
33 Kyle Akaloo \$1,750
33 Lo Ho Sum \$1,750
33 Marcel Price \$1,750
33 Moritz Neuhausen \$1,750
33 Omar Al Shaheen \$1,750
33 Petri Makkonen \$1,750
33 Pijus Labutis \$1,750
33 Radoslaw Babica \$1,750
33 Ralf Souquet \$1,750
33 Roberto Gomez \$1,750
33 Shane Van Boening \$1,750
33 Shane Wolford \$1,750
33 Skyler Woodward \$1,750
33 Tayfun Teber \$1,750
33 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,750
33 Tim De Ruyter \$1,750
33 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,750
65 Amil Andre Gangflot \$1,000
65 Billy Thorpe \$1,000
65 Chia Hua Chen \$1,000
65 Chris Alexander \$1,000
65 Daniel Guttenberger \$1,000
65 Darren Appleton \$1,000
65 Hsuan-Wei Kuo \$1,000
65 Hunter Lombardo \$1,000
65 Jan Van Lierop \$1,000
65 Joe Spence \$1,000
65 Josh Roberts \$1,000
65 Karol Skowerski \$1,000
65 Kristina Tkach \$1,000
65 Masato Yoshioka \$1,000
65 Mhet Vergara \$1,000
65 Michael Schneider \$1,000
65 Mickey Krause \$1,000
65 Mieszko Fortunski \$1,000
65 Nick De Leon \$1,000
65 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$1,000
65 Rainer Laar \$1,000
65 Ri Teng Liu \$1,000
65 Robbie Capito \$1,000

65 Ronald Regli \$1,000
65 Sharik Sayed \$1,000
65 Stephen Holem \$1,000
65 Teruya Katsuji \$1,000
65 Thanh Kien Dang \$1,000
65 Toh Lian Han \$1,000
65 Tony Robles \$1,000
65 Vincent Beaurivage \$1,000
65 Yip Kin Ling Leo \$1,000

Oct 13 - Oct 14

SVB Junior Open

Harrah's Resort Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ

1 Khalid Alghamdi \$2,500
2 Trenton White \$1,300
3 Ashton Keeton \$700
3 Landon Hollingsworth \$700
5 Dakarai Turnquest \$350
5 Lazaro Martinez III \$350
5 Niko Konkel \$350
5 Yannick Pongers \$350
9 Carlos Jinez \$225
9 D' Angelo Spain \$225
9 Fabrizio Ingrassi \$225
9 Faris Al Maden \$225
9 Grayson Vaughan \$225
9 Joey Tate \$225
9 Sander Kont \$225
9 Sofia Mast \$225
17 Adrian Prasad \$100
17 Austin Stevens \$100
17 Bryzen Manipula \$100
17 Frankie Spain \$100
17 Garrett Vaughan \$100
17 Hayden Ernst \$100
17 Joshua Joseph \$100
17 Kaden Hillman \$100
17 Kaden Webber-Purdum \$100
17 Lucas Kilgore \$100
17 Miina Tani \$100
17 Noelle Tate \$100
17 Riku Romppainen \$100
17 Savannah Easton \$100
17 Thomas Swain \$100
17 Xavier Murray \$100

Oct 15 - Oct 15

14th Annual "Cues for the Cure" Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Corner Pocket

Largo, FL
1 Jeannie Seaver \$750
2 Michell Monk \$500
3 Helene Caukin \$325
3 Kaylee McIntosh \$325
5 Debbie McIntosh \$175
5 Jeri Bouvette \$175
5 Lisa Perez \$175
5 Sonya Chbeeb \$175

Oct 15 - Oct 15

2022 On the Ball Ladies Tour Stop 6

R House Bar and Grill

Houston, Texas

1 April Larson \$1,000
2 Michelle Cortez \$600
3 Robyn Petrosino \$400
4 Michelle Yim \$200

Oct 15 - Oct 15

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Breaker Billiards

Clifton, NJ

1 Julien Tierney \$400
2 Mike Johnson \$220
3 Dinko Busanich \$140
4 Aurelio Romero \$100

Oct 15 - Oct 16

Ladies DE State 9-Ball Championship

Milford Billiards

Milford, Delaware

1 Tina Pawloski Malm \$600
2 Linda Haywood Shea \$320
3 Nicole Nester \$200
4 Rachel Walters \$120
5 Jennifer Tully \$80
5 Sandy MacDonald Labar \$80

Oct 15 - Oct 15

2022 DFW Ladies 9-Ball Tour Stop 6

Snookered Billiards

Frisco, TX

1 Krystle Suarez \$520
2 Kendra Britt \$380
3 Desiree Collins \$250

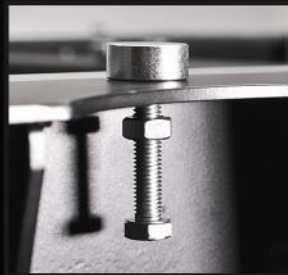
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4 Nichole Clark \$120
5 Ginger Abadilla \$70
5 Kailye Stevens \$70

Oct 17 - Oct 19

Shane Van Boening vs Jayson Shaw Race to 120

The Rockin Cue

Harlingen, Texas
1 Jayson Shaw \$20,000

Oct 19 - Oct 22

One Pocket Champions Challenge - Chohan vs Pagulayan

Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La
1 Alex Pagulayan \$100,000

Oct 19 - Oct 23

WPBA Sledgehammer Open

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN
1 Kelly Fisher \$5,200
2 Kristina Tkach \$3,700
3 Marharyta Fefilava \$2,700
4 Jennifer Barretta \$2,200
5 Caroline Pao \$1,500
5 Savannah Easton \$1,500
7 Brittany Bryant \$1,200
7 Dawn Hopkins \$1,200
9 Jessica Barnes \$1,000
9 Monica Webb \$1,000
9 Susan Williams \$1,000
9 Veronique Menard \$1,000
13 Ashley Burrows \$750
13 Eleanor Callado \$750
13 Emily Duddy \$750
13 Janet Atwell \$750
17 Ashley Rice \$500
17 Bonnie Arnold \$500
17 Emilyn Callado \$500
17 June Maiers \$500
17 Laura Smith \$500
17 Lonnie Fox-Raymond \$500
17 Meng-Hsia Hung \$500
17 Precilia Kinsley \$500

Oct 19 - Oct 22

Ohio Open 2022

Roberts Centre

Wilmington, Ohio
1 Fedor Gorst \$25,000
2 Roberto Gomez \$13,000
3 Denis Grabe \$6,500
3 Eklent Kaci \$6,500
5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$3,000
5 Jan Van Lierop \$3,000
5 Mario He \$3,000
5 Mika Immonen \$3,000
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9 Kang Lee \$1,500
9 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$1,500
9 Kun Lin Wu \$1,500
9 Pijus Labutis \$1,500
9 Sullivan Clark \$1,500

Oct 22 - Oct 23

2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 10

Snookered Billiards

Frisco, TX
1 Logan Miller \$1,380
2 Mark Johnson \$970
3 Ramon Rodriguez \$740
4 David McNamara \$520
5 Jeff Turney \$370
5 Joshua Paredes \$370
7 Casey Dawson \$280
7 Cody Pratt \$280
9 Highway Sigadi \$200
9 Jonathan Rawlins \$200
9 Ray Hinton \$200
9 Robbie Smith \$200
13 Eduardo Moreno \$120
13 Monty Alibadi \$120
13 Pete Stoval \$120
13 Toby Mathew \$120

Oct 24 - Oct 29

2022 American Straight Pool Championship

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA
1 Dimitri Jungo \$1,000
2 Wiktor Zielinski \$6,000
3 Mario He \$3,500
3 Mieszko Fortunski \$3,500
5 Bader Al Awadi \$2,000
5 David Alcaide \$2,000
5 John Morra \$2,000

5 Joshua Filler \$2,000
9 Alex Pagulayan \$1,000
9 Carlo Biado \$1,000
9 Francesco Candela \$1,000
9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$1,000
9 Jere Virtaranta \$1,000
9 Lee Vann Corteza \$1,000
9 Moritz Neuhausen \$1,000
9 Ralf Souquet \$1,000
17 Albin Ouschan \$700
17 Alexandros Kazakis \$700
17 Darren Appleton \$700
17 Denis Grabe \$700
17 Eklent Kaci \$700
17 Jayson Shaw \$700
17 Max Eberle \$700
17 Roland Garcia \$700

Oct 26 - Oct 29

2022 Ladies American Straight Pool Championship

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA
1 Kristina Tkach \$5,000
2 Karen Corr \$3,500
3 Kelly Fisher \$1,500
3 Meng-Hsia Hung \$1,500
5 Bethany Sykes \$800
5 Billie Billing \$800
5 Dawn Hopkins \$800
5 Pia Filler \$800

Oct 28 - Nov 05

2022 International Open One Pocket

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

Norfolk, Va
1 Tony Chohan \$9,500
2 Skyler Woodward \$5,500
3 Fedor Gorst \$3,300
3 Josh Roberts \$3,300
5 Alex Pagulayan \$1,900
5 Darren Appleton \$1,900
5 Omar Al Shaheen \$1,900
5 Roland Garcia \$1,900
9 Brandon Shuff \$700
9 Carlo Biado \$700
9 Jesus Atencio \$700
9 Kash Keaton \$700

Upcoming Tournaments

Each month *Billiards Buzz* looks ahead at the events on our calendar to give both players and fans the information they may use to plan their activities.

NOVEMBER

New England 9-Ball Tour 2022 Stop #10

Nov 05 - Nov 06

Branford Brew & Cue
Branford, CT

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 8

Nov 05 - Nov 06

Diamond Billiards
Rochester, NY

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2022 Stop 6

Nov 05 - Nov 06

Main Street Billiards
Mesa, AZ

Capone's Winter Classic Championship

Nov 05 - Nov 06

Capone's Billiard Lounge
Spring Hill, FL

JPNEWT Tour 2022 Stop #11

Nov 05 - Nov 06

On Cue Sports Bar & Grill
Front Royal, Virginia

2022 Beasley Open

Nov 09 - Nov 13

Brass Tap Billiards
Raleigh, NC

West Coast Women's Tour 2022 Stop 6

Nov 12 - Nov 12

Daly City, California

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 7

Nov 12 - Nov 14

Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria
Sanford, Florida

34th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

Nov 12 - Nov 13

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill
Providence, RI

Bar Box Bonanza Series Open Fargorate 9-Ball

Nov 12 - Nov 13

Cambridge, Maryland

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 25

Nov 13 - Nov 13

Sandcastle Billiards
Edison, NJ

WPA Predator World 8-Ball Championship 2022

Nov 14 - Nov 20

San Juan, Puerto Rico

2022 WPA Predator World Junior 9-Ball Championships

Nov 14 - Nov 20

San Juan, Puerto Rico

WPBA Predator Event

Nov 15 - Nov 19

Puerto Rico
Puerto Rico,

4th Annual Big Boi Classic

Nov 16 - Nov 20

Peyton's Place
Knoxville, TN

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 26

Nov 19 - Nov 19

South Jersey Billiards
Somedale, NJ

2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 11

Nov 19 - Nov 20

Rusty's Billiards
Arlington, TX

Black Friday Shootout

Nov 25 - Nov 25

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento
Sacramento, CA

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 27

Nov 26 - Nov 26

Markley Billiards
Norristown, PA

2022 Maryland State 10-Ball Championships

Nov 26 - Nov 27

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard
Glen Burnie, Maryland

Mosconi Cup XXIX

Nov 30 - Dec 03

Las Vegas, Nevada

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	NAME	COUNTRY	\$ AMOUNT	
	Fedor Gorst	 RUS	229.372,00 US\$	
	Franciso Sanchez-Ruiz	 ESP	167.350,00 US\$	↑
	Joshua Filler	 GER	144.863,00 US\$	↓
	Shane Van Boening	 USA	124.147,00 US\$	↓
	Kelly Fisher	 GBR	116.049,00 US\$	↓
	Jayson Shaw	 SCO	112.557,00 US\$	↓
	Roberto Gomez	 PHI	97.925,00 US\$	↑
	Albin Ouschan	 AUT	95.185,00 US\$	↓
	Wojciech Szewczyk	 POL	90.221,00 US\$	
	Alex Kazakis	 GRE	82.735,00 US\$	↑

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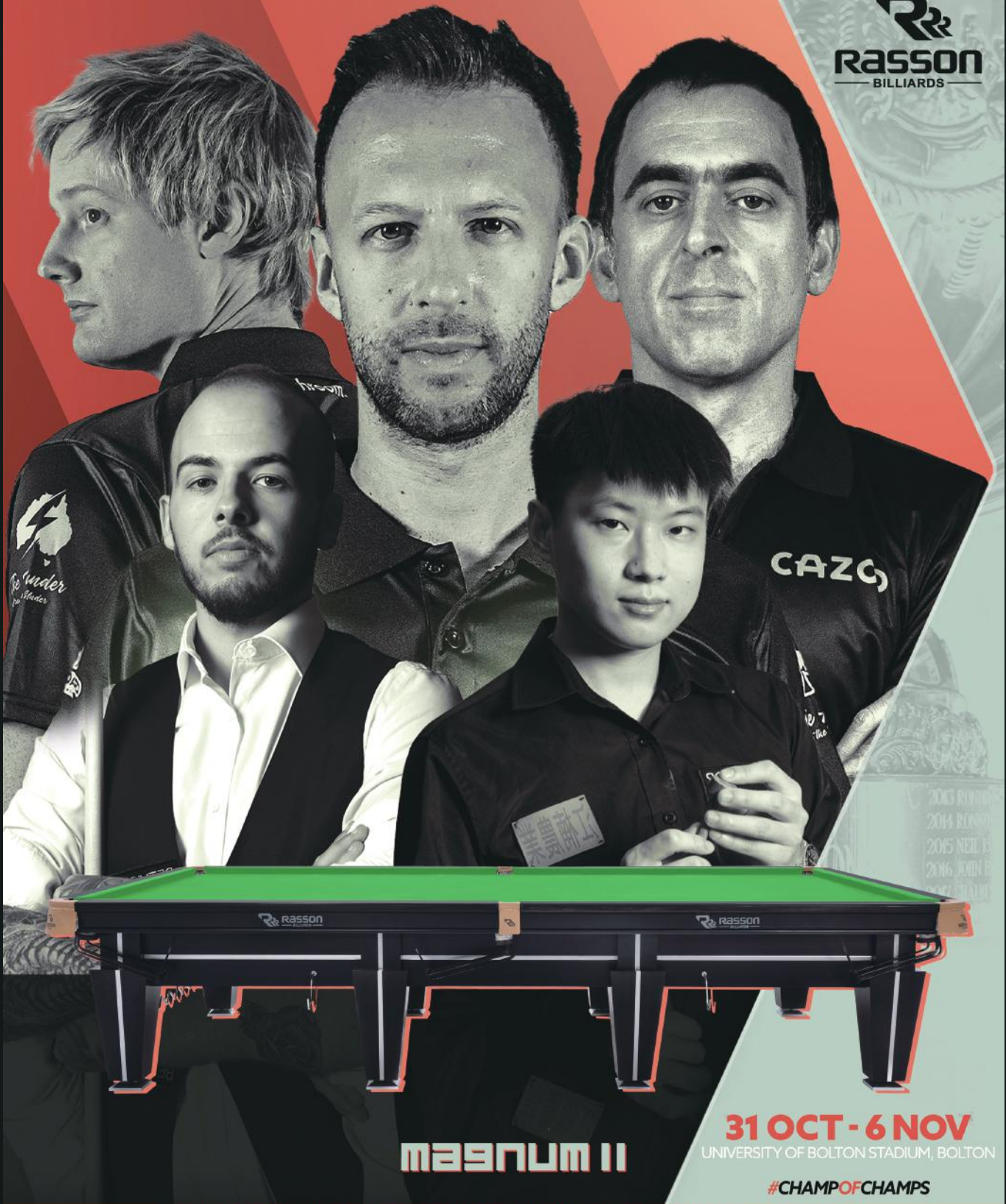
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