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# FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

**H**appy New Year everyone. 2021 seemed to rush by, and while it wasn't what we hoped it would be a year ago, it certainly seemed like a move in the right direction. It seems like we say this every year, but I'll say it again. Let's hope this upcoming year is the year that pool moves forward like we are all hoping for. If you look through the pages of this issue, you will see good things coming this year from Predator/CSI, Matchroom and the EPBF. Now if everything can just go off as planned.



On the subject of things going off as planned, I am very proud to welcome Matchroom's own Emily Frazer to the pages of the Buzz. Emily is going to keep us abreast of everything going on with Matchroom and she starts out by looking back at Mosconi Cup.

And what a Mosconi Cup it was. Certainly no one could have predicted that the event would go the way it did. We have some great pictures from the event this month, as well as the big announcement of the Cup coming back to Las Vegas this year.

This coming month, the Turning Stone Classic gets going again. If you make it to the event, stop by and say hi. I'll be the one in the stands watching all of the scores with laptop in hand.

Until next time,  
Mike

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# ARE YOU MENTALLY PREPARED TO PLAY YOUR BEST?

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRISTOPHER STANKOVICH  
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**Are you mentally prepared to play your best when you enter the pool room? This seemingly simple question can be more complex when you unpack it, as “mentally prepared” actually encompasses a lot of things.**

**F**or example, if you are unfocused, angry, distracted, or bored, then you are almost certainly not *mentally prepared to play your best.*

## **Mental preparation tips**

So then, who is the mentally prepared player you might ask? From my perspective, he/she is a player who can check off most, if not all of the items below:

- Comes to the pool room ready to play and not carrying stress from earlier in the day with him/her
- Is properly fueled (food, water) and not bogged down by drugs or alcohol



- Is 100% focused on playing pool, and not concerned about plans later that evening or the next day
- Is prepared to deal with frustration and adversity, including missed shots and games that shouldn't have been lost
- Has a healthy, positive attitude and is optimistic he/she will play well today
- Is constantly looking to improve, and will accept advice from better players, as well as review mistakes after playing so that future improvement can be made

As you can see from above, the mentally prepared player is not necessarily a more skilled player, nor is he or she at any more of an advantage when it comes to being mentally prepared. Literally anyone can do the things listed above, and serious players looking to improve their game welcome these



kinds of reminders so that they can continue to take their game to the next level.

## **Advantages of mental preparation**

Why is mental preparation important you might ask? For one important reason: Mental preparation allows you to play your best. When you are mentally prepared your confidence increases and anxiety decreases. Mental preparation also allows you to synchronize your mind and body in order to make perfect pool shots. And finally, mental preparation galvanizes resiliency, preventing you from having catastrophic breakdowns.

Being mentally prepared is something every player can do, and in some cases mental preparation actually makes up for skill differences between two similarly skilled players.

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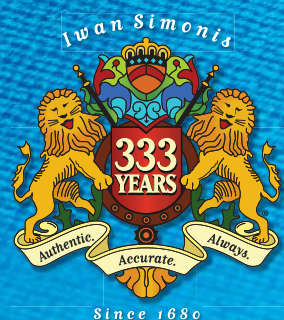


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# THE FORMULA FOR POOL PLAYING ACHIEVEMENT

ANTHONY BEELER

**What rating would you give yourself on improving your pool game? Do you have a systematic plan for increasing your overall ability?**

**T**he best pool players in the world know what it takes to motivate themselves, maintain focus and drive forward to the achieve their vision and dreams.

Imagine if you could quickly recover from losses, mental setbacks, bad luck, or anything else that can stand in your way from playing at your optimal speed. Top players begin the process by carefully noting what is and what is not in their control. They then only focus on those things over which they have control and let go of those things which are out of their control. If you list all the things you must accomplish during a tournament and all the roadblocks that might fall in your way, you will quickly realize that the only thing you have true control over is yourself.

So to improve your playing ability, begin by focusing on yourself. Focus on your attitude, your thoughts, how you feel, how you react to problems, how you prepare yourself, how you review your performance and how go about achieving your goals. Let's look at a professional players tips for improving personal performance:

**1 Review your goals daily.** Use this as a springboard for heightening motivation and for building focus that can carry you through each practice session.

**2 Plan your performance, then work your plan.** You must know where you want to go before you get there. Be clear about what you want to accomplish before your next tournament or before your next match and then execute your plan.



**3 Remember, “Mile by mile it’s a trial, but inch by inch, it’s a cinch”.** If you look at everything you must do it can seem overwhelming, but if you break down each aspect into parts or bite-size portions, you will be amazed at how quickly the little things combine to complete major tasks. Take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves.

**4 Ask yourself, “Will this matter?”** If you get sidetracked by things that «feel good» to complete, but are “off-task”, then ask if what you are doing will have any impact on your future goals. This will keep you focused on what is truly important. In other words, if you are weak in defense practicing ball running probably isn't your best option even though it may be the “fun thing” to do.

**5 Set deadlines and make timetables for executing each objective.** It is amazing how future due dates drive improvement. Good records give you proof that you are making progress. Having a deadline creates some urgency to complete your goals. If you want to continually improve you need to keep pressure on



yourself to perform. Setting goals will do this!

**6 Ask yourself, "What were the top 3 things I accomplished today?"**

This makes you accountable to yourself and helps you measure how well you stayed focused on your pool playing priorities. It will also help you set-up your short-term goals for your next practice session.

**7 Celebrate your successes.** We often go through days or weeks and barely acknowledge our accomplishments. We tend to only focus on what we lack or on what we haven't completed. Give yourself credit for the things you have accomplished in practice. If you complete a drill for the very first time, it's time to celebrate!

**8 Practice continuous improvement.** This is one of the true secrets professional players often exhibit. They continually set higher goals after each old goal is met. They

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endlessly create new goals to fuel the fires of motivation and to take themselves to an even higher level of performance.

The best pool players in the world know what it takes to motivate themselves, maintain focus and drive for-

ward to the achieve their goals and dreams. Top professionals, maintain self-awareness, adjust and execute their goals to perfection. This is the formula that separates armatures from professionals. Practice it to perfection and your game will improve by leaps and bounds.

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# Looking Back on Mosconi Cup

By EMILY FRAZER - Managing Director Matchroom Multi Sport

**Wow what a way to finish off the year with such a dramatic, fast paced and rollercoaster of an event, the 2021 Mosconi Cup.**

The event had its fair share of surprises in both the lead up and during but it's how we overcome these challenges and put on a show that draws you in; leaving you cheering on your nation, your favourite player and being engaged as soon as that first team match walk out.

With such challenging times since the pandemic hit us, we have all found ways to remain positive and focus our energy. The 2020 Mosconi event behind closed doors was something we have never experienced. For the first time, we lost our atmosphere but despite difficult times we put on a show. One thing that can come out of this situation is never take the fans for granted! Each person who sat in our arena gave us an atmosphere we have all sorely missed. The Mosconi Cup has always been the crème de la

crème of the pool world but with new editions: a live dj between the racks get both the crowd and the players engaged, something that is translated through the television broadcast.

Two players majorly stood out for me both behind the scenes and on the table this 2021 edition of the Mosconi Cup: MVP Jayson Shaw and country boy Skyler Woodward. Both of these talented players blossomed in this event and have proven in the past few years they are the backbone of each of their teams. If either didn't qualify for 2022, the Captains would lose a major strength in their teams.. It takes a special type of person to shake any nerves and play like a superstar in the Mosconi Arena, but it takes a special athlete to naturally become a leader of a team and motivate the other individuals; I see big things from both these players.



That's not to forget the others who made up both Team USA and our Champions Europe; Alex Lely a commendable captain who fully took his role on board and worked relentlessly throughout the year. Jeremy Jones, the captain who had the courage to step in and play when he didn't need to, Jeremy Jones to qualify in 2022? Earl who unfortunately didn't get the chance to play but took his invitation seriously and prepped like no other. I hope Earl qualifies for 2022.

Now we look ahead to (oh my goodness) the most exciting year we have ever witnessed in Pool. Captains? Great respect to Alex and Jeremy but the Mosconi Cup isn't where it should be competitively and we have a lot of thinking to do as to how we move forward, every decision must be thought through, we cannot waste a year on being complacent. Players? Qualification! Details to come.. The Stage? Ballys, Las Vegas, 2,000 capacity and boy I hope the USA fans are there in their great numbers.

Each year, we need to be better, better than the year before, better than we have ever been. We will not stop, we will never give up, even when every possible challenge you can imagine is thrown at you. Watch this space, like us or hate us we will turn pool into a globally recognised sport - best get to work because there is a great deal to do!

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# JAMES WHITE

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**Always humble, “I can’t wrap my head around people knowing who I am and me not knowing who they are.” We definitely know who you are James White.**

**H**owever, for anyone hiding under a rock, let me introduce you to James White of James White Custom Cues in this month’s “Meet the Cue Maker”.

James White, 56, resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has 4 children: Lauren, Nicholas, Jacob and Rachel: 2 of which he lives with. He has spent most of his life in the Pittsburgh area. Growing up, James always had an interest in building and design and thought he would pursue a career as either a veterinarian or an architect. Quite the difference in direction but as it turns out he became both a thriving cue maker as well as having an established career in Pathology. Over the years, he’s found a way to balance and continue in both pursuits.

James’ introduction to the pool scene began around the age of 18 when he started shooting pool in college. By the mid-80s, he was in his early twenties and started hanging around a pool room called “Pinky’s Billiard Parlor” over in Pittsburgh. It was the same pool room local cue maker Paul Mottey was often found at when he wasn’t working at his cue shop. James first met Paul in 1988 but it was in 1990 when he decided he wanted a Paul Mottey custom cue for himself. He gave the cue maker a deposit but will laughingly tell you that he, like many, lacked the patience to see it through. After pestering Paul continuously for



updates, he was eventually given his deposit back that same year. Instead of waiting for one to be built, James purchased a Mottey cue that was available in the showcase at Pinky’s. He bought the 4-point cue along with 3 shafts for \$450 which was a steal at that time as it would normally go for about \$800. He decided to modify the cue by sanding it down and staining the maple grey. Looking back, he says it was “quite nonsense” but turned out ok as he was able to resell the cue. By 1992, James began working at a local pool room called “Mr. Pockets” and was still tinkering around with basic cue modifications. Shortly after,



he joined Paul Mottey and also began working part-time at Mottey’s Cue shop. As if he didn’t have enough going on, he additionally started pursuing his associate’s degree and began establishing a career in Pathology.

By 28, James was working his primary job in pathology along with learning how to build cues under legendary cue maker Paul Mottey. Paul’s cue shop was located over an auto repair shop in Overbrook, Pennsylvania. It was there, James began learning to spray and finish the cues for Mottey. He then gradually began building sneaky Pete’s in addition to turning shafts and sanding cues. Throughout the years, he continued to learn from Paul and build cues under the Mottey name. In 1999, James purchased 49% of the Mottey cue business which included the equipment and customer base and also brought along 49% of the profit. It wasn’t until 2000 that James signed a cue under his own name in an effort to join the American Cue Makers Association. Although he didn’t end up pursuing the membership it did open the idea of building cues under his own name.

It was in 2003 when Paul and James decided to go in 50% each and purchase a pool room called “Breakers” over in the Dormont area of Pitts-

burgh. However, as time went on, Paul began spending more time in the pool room and less time building cues. Paul retired from cue building in 2007 and sold James the other 51% of the business in return for James's 50% of the pool room. James continued to build cues under the Mottey name until 2010. When reflecting on his mentorship to James, Mottey explains that although he learned from scratch himself, he was happy to pass along his techniques to James. He even stated "James is probably a better cue maker than I am." Quite the compliment from a Hall of Fame cue maker.

It was around 2011 when James decided to branch out onto his own and start consistently building cues under James White Custom Cues or JMW. He moved all the equipment from the cue shop in Overbrook to his 550 sq ft garage in Pittsburgh that he converted into a shop. He's well equipped with 4 lathes, a mill, a shaft machine, a CNC machine as well as a few others. James prefers building cues using the half splice technique which as discussed in previous articles, is when the builder uses a single piece of wood and creates a V shaped groove for the veneers to lay over and then be turned down. He prefers this method as he says he has more control of

the weight distribution and where the balance point falls. He creates the cue from start to finish minus the joints, screws and bumpers. James finds the hardest part of cue making is the repetitive stuff; the monotony of turning shafts and attaching joint collars. Although it's a necessary part of the process, it doesn't allow any room for creativity. He says the best part is "Making people happy and giving somebody something that they are hoping for and exceeding expectations." He doesn't have a favorite design but enjoys making each cue a little different. He does however, prefer to use ebony or ebony black rosewood as he believes it creates the classiest of looks. You'll commonly find his signature hidden in the forearm and his JMW stamp on the butt of the cue. Although James states Paul Mottey has been his only real mentor when discussing construction methods, he does have a few influences. A few of his favorite cue makers are Dennis Searing, Pete Tonkin, Thomas Wayne and John Showman. Showman shows mutual respect saying, "He's a great guy and great craftsman. He's been doing some fantastic work for years and I always thought he was underappreciated." That's something we intend to correct! James White Custom Cues has long been a name in the cue building world, and we intend to get the word out.

It's James's passion for creativity that enables him to consistently carve out

time from his main profession to continue building cues. He states that each cue has about 40-60 hours of hands-on work and will likely take no less than one year from start to finish. Be prepared to spend at least \$2,500 depending on build and design. His career in pathology allows him enough time to produce about 20 cues per year and his waitlist is about 3 years long. Although he doesn't have a broker, he currently provides Mark Kalunguan and Joe Van Buren with 5 cues per year. The rest of the 20 are pulled from his waitlist. So, if you're looking to add a JMW cue to your arsenal the best way to do so would be to try your luck and be added to the waitlist, no deposit required. The best way to reach James is his business page on Facebook under James White Custom Cues. Any collector would be lucky to have a cue built by this multi-faceted cue maker.



Michelle Hughes is a long-time pool enthusiast from the Pacific Northwest. During Covid, on a furlough from her full-time career as a flight attendant, Michelle opted to hang out with the Biggelbachs helping with social media, streaming, and cues. She quickly fell in love with the craftsmanship and artisanship of custom cues. Join her in this monthly column on her quest to learn more about cue makers and their respective craft.

# Gospel Trick Shot #23

## Detour

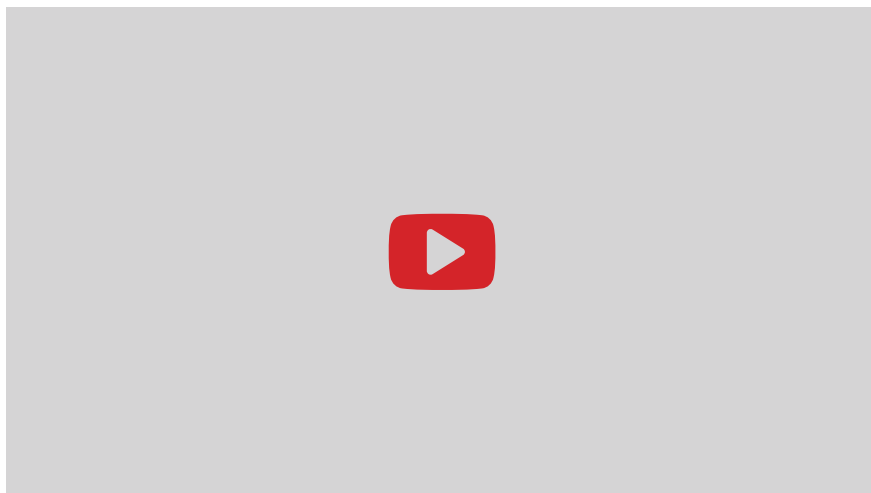
**History of the Trick Shot:** This month we are returning to the 2020 Artistic Pool program currently in use on the Artistic Pool Tour with a Stroke Shot in Discipline 6 Shot 2a. This shot in competition is worth 7 points in the first attempt on a 10-point max scale so it is relatively easy for the professional Artistic Pool player but needs practice and experience to perfect for the amateur pool player. Brian “Superman” Pauley is our featured cue artist this month in the video and has aptly named this shot “Detour” as you will read below and then view in the video!

**GTS Name and Why:** You will notice in the video that the cue ball takes a detour and does not head in the apparent direction it is aiming. In order to do this with the cue ball a fouetté stroke on the cue ball must be applied. A *fouetté* is a whip shot used when the cue ball and object ball are close together which makes it easy to keep spin on the cue ball. With the slight gap between the cue ball and the object ball in front the path of the cue ball deflects off to the right and then twists around south towards the target which is the triangle. Our Scriptural analogy is found in the Word of God in the Book of Exodus where the disobedient Children of Israel took a detour through the wilderness for 40 years on their way to the Promised Land. Similarly, God has something special planned for us but because we do not listen or grumble and complain we end up taking a detour. When we get back on track with God, he meets us where we are and gets us to where we need to be!

**Scripture References in NIV Translation:** This wilderness story is the longest section in the Bible as it spans five books of the Bible starting in Exodus Chapter 16 and running through Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy before God’s people finally arrive in the Promised Land in the Book of Joshua Chapter 4.

**Cue Ball Placement:** Frozen to the head cushion, and the back edge is aligned with the pocket point.

**Object Balls Placement:** One-ball frozen to the head cushion and adjustable. 13 balls are in line, all frozen to cushion as shown in the diagram. The first ball the two-ball may be inside the pocket jaws. A blocker ball the eight-ball in the diagram is on the 1<sup>st</sup> diamond, exactly 4 ball’s width from the cushion. A rack



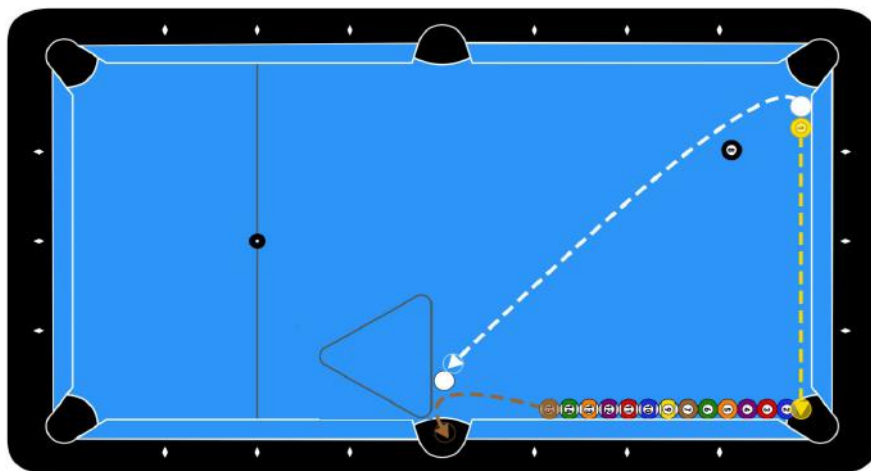
is wedged into the side pocket, and the left edge is perpendicular to the cushion.

**Objective:** Shoot the cue ball into the one-ball, making it in the corner pocket as shown. The ball will carom off the two-ball, causing the fifteen-ball to travel up the rail, possibly hitting the rack and sitting in front of the pocket. The cue ball will curve around the blocker ball and make the fifteen-ball in the side pocket, optionally hitting the rack on its way.

**Special Notes:** The blocker ball the eight-ball may not be contacted by any means until after the fifteen-ball has been made. The rack must be perpendicular. When the fifteen-ball

ball hits the rack, it may not go in on its own. It must sit there and wait for the cue ball to knock it in.

**Crowd Reactions Through the Years:** As an Artistic Pool shot used in competition this particular shot is very important to execute. At this point in the program in Disciple 6 Shot 2a, the competitors are well into the second half and are vying for a spot in the playoff competition rounds. As a Gospel Trick Shot it remains to be seen how people will respond when challenged with taking a detour. Please allow me to ask you the reader, are you following God’s leading to where you are supposed to go or are you on a detour with your life’s journey?



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# Team Europe Defends Mosconi Cup

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## DAY ONE

### TEAM EUROPE 2-2 TEAM USA

Team Europe 2-5 **Team USA**

Ouschan/Kaçi 4-5 **Styer/Reinhold**

**Joshua Filler** 5-2 Shane Van Boening

**Alcaide/Shaw** 5-0 Woodward/Jones

Team Europe and Team USA will head into day two of the 2021 Cazoo Mosconi Cup all square at two-all after the opening day of action at Alexandra Palace, London.

Team USA spearheaded by Jeremy Jones and Shane Van Boening took

the opening team match in convincing style to settle any early nerves. Van Boening led by example with a break and run in the opening rack before Jones put a two-rack buffer between the two teams in the fourth rack. Europe struggled early, as the USA pounced on errors and it was left up to two-time MVP Skyler Woodward to seal the first point of the tournament with the standout shot coming as he rifled in the one ball.

Jones called on Tyler Styer and Chris Reinhold in the first doubles match of the tournament and faced off against

Albin Ouschan and Eklent Kaçi as it was decided in unbelievable fashion with things poised at hill-hill. The fourth rack was where momentum turned though, Kaçi left Ouschan tight on the rail with only three balls left on the table, and he failed to put away the seven. In truth, Europe struggled, and their woes continued in the last rack as Ouschan and Kaçi got their playing order mixed up leaving the USA to race into a 2-0 advantage overall.

Joshua Filler was making his Alexandra Palace debut despite it being his



Team Europe



fourth Cazoo Mosconi Cup. The German has had many battles already though in that time against Team USA vice-captain Shane Van Boening and this match was going to be no different with the first rack going to the wire as Filler's eight ball wiped its feet leaving the cue ball right in the pocket before he potted the nine.

The biggest reaction from the crowd on the night came in the fourth rack as Filler made the first golden break of the tournament as the seven kicked the nine ball in to put the Killer into a 3-1 lead. Europe Captain Alex Lely was wax lyrical about Filler's capabilities in his programme notes and that the Killer 'breathes fire' and that assessment came true as he delivered an inch-perfect seven ball the full length of the table en route to a 4-2 lead. The 2021 World Cup of Pool champion completed a 5-2 victory in the following rack with a routine runout.

Europe seemed to garner confidence from Filler's showing as David Alcaide and Jayson Shaw joined forces against Jones and Woodward and it proved to be the most emphatic result of the night in a 5-0 rout to make it 2-2 overall on day one. Shaw and Alcaide rallied with the pair coming out their shell in the second rack as Shaw

delivered the shot of the night on the six. The Scotsman fired the six in the heart of the pocket before taking the cue ball up two rails to give Alcaide the ideal angle on the seven.

"I am happy we can say it's 2-2 now because it looked for a little bit that it could get out of hand. Josh got his win over Shane that kicked us into gear. Alcaide and Shaw played a hell of a match. It's a lot like last year when we were looking to go down after a shirt foul and we ended up winning that session. We were looking to start well and start better than last year but we didn't succeed but we ended up doing well so that's important," said Lely.

"What he (Filler) did well was knowing the importance of the match. He wasn't feeling super comfortable. He showed grit and heart and endured the pressure. When he clinched the victory, we could all see how didn't milk it but took it all in, he loves it."

Lely: "There's relief (in the European camp). The Americans played well they had us under the gun and they responded. We look forward to tomorrow."

Jones was happy with his side's first day: "You can put the greatest team America has ever had and 2-2 is fine

on day one. You can't win it or lose it on day one, but you do not want to let things get out of hand. Shane and Skyler did their thing. Skyler came with a great out under pressure in the first match. It was good to see them get some table time."

"We feel good. As far as things are, I think we will stick to what we have on paper. I have a feel for the table. One thing I must do is be honest with myself because I am playing myself now. Going into day two is feeling good," added Jones.

**DAY TWO**

**Team Europe 4-5 Team USA**  
 Fans' Choice Singles Match – **Jayson Shaw** 5-3 Shane Van Boening  
 Albin Ouschan 3-5 **Skyler Woodward**  
 Ouschan/Shaw 4-5 **Van Boening/Woodward**  
 Joshua Filler 3-5 **Tyler Styer**  
**David Alcaide/Ekrent Kačić** 5-4 Chris Reinhold/Jeremy Jones

Team USA take a slender one-point lead going into the third day of the 2021 Cazoo Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace, London at 5-4.

Van Boening raced into a quick two-nil lead breaking and running in the opener to set the early tone for the American. The USA vice-captain found himself having to cut the seven to run out the third rack after getting back to the table, but he failed to do so putting Shaw on the board at 2-1. Shaw was gifted the fifth rack which saw him hit the front for the first time in the match after Van Boening had scratched off the break leaving the Eagle Eye to clear up.

No sooner had Europe established a lead, the USA responded with Skyler Woodward downing World Champion Albin Ouschan despite the Austrian's best efforts including making five off the break in the fourth rack at 2-1 down. Woodward was gifted an op-

portunity in the fifth rack after Ouschan left the one ball in the jaws of the pocket as it rattled around. The American tide was coming as Woodward rallied making a 2-9 combo to put him on the hill at 4-3 before closing it out for a huge point as Woodward avenged his World Pool Championship quarter-final defeat to Ouschan from earlier this year.

Ouschan and Shaw joined forces against Van Boening and Woodward in what promised to be an eye-watering third match of the evening and it proved to be just that as the Americans edged it in a hill-hill finish. The shot of the match came in the seventh rack as Woodward banked the three-ball slotting it between the seven and the eight and his delight was shown with a yelp of 'BOOM' and 'MONEY'. The USA were pumped and fought off a late European charge to put the USA back in front at 4-3.

Tyler Styer's first encounter of the night came against the imperious Joshua Filler where the contest ebbed and flowed before Styer got a tight grip on things to win 5-3. Filler made a 5-9 combo to level at one-all after the German left a brutal safety for Styer to contend with which eventually caused the ball in hand that gave Filler the leveler. The third rack was one of the most dramatic of the cup so far as Styer looked to be at ease at the table before missing the eight ball on three separate occasions before it rolled into the centre pocket on the third attempt to lead 2-1. Styer rode his luck at times but made the most of it pulling through to get the better of Filler and give the USA a guaranteed lead going into day three.

David Alcaide and Eklent Kaçi mounted a huge comeback from 4-1 down to defeat USA Captain Jeremy Jones and Chris Reinhold to close out the last session of the day. Jones' experience was proving to be vital for the USA duo as he took Reinhold under his wing to



Chris Reinhold gets ready for battle

race into a 3-0 lead. At 3-1, Kaçi left the two-ball hanging in the pocket after cueing over the rail handing the USA a chance to be on the hill. Reinhold found himself at the table with only four balls left on the hill, but it proved to be a costly miss on the five ball to pull Europe to hill-hill. That moment proved to be the USA's last say on the match as Alcaide and Kaçi pulled off the comeback of the evening.

"We dodged a bullet again. We were looking to go 6-3 behind but Reinhold missed the ball and Alcaide and Kaçi showed a lot of heart and spirit and snatched that set away. We are now trailing; we lost the session which hurts. We're under the gun and we really need to step it up tomorrow," said Europe Captain Alex Lely.

"Albin was having a hard time. It shows you what the Mosconi Cup can do to a payer in a race to five. There's a lot of heat out there and today Albin got caught by that. When Filler came in, we were hoping we could pull it back and get some momentum in our

corner. There were some rolls for Tyler, but he played well. When the session is lost and then in the last match our two boys come out against Chris and JJ. Without disrespecting Chris and JJ. We were really hoping and expecting them to get it. Chris and JJ played some good shots and put them under the game. They had the win in their hands. They bottled it and we capitalised on that. It's the sort of momentum and big point that you hope to capitalise on."

"It's very pleasing anytime you win the session. That's the goal each day. You must be happy. Underdog favourite doesn't matter in the Mosconi Cup. We're happy with the win. The talent level that kid (Skyler Woodward) has, not only the talent, but he also doesn't always express it a lot, he is very knowledgeable when it comes down to pressure and when it comes to the shot. What I should do at the time meaning him, he knows. Last year we lost a lot of hill-hill matches and lags. We turned that around already," said Jones.

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Albin Ouschan

## DAY THREE

**Team Europe 9-5 Team USA**

**Jayson Shaw** 5-2 Chris Reinhold

**Shaw/Filler** 5-2 Woodward/Styer

**Eklent Kaçi** 5-3 Shane Van Boening

**Ouschan/Alcaide** 5-1 Van Boening/  
Styer

**David Alcaide** 5-4 Jeremy Jones

Team Europe put in a dominant display to thump the USA 5-0 on the third day of the 2021 Cazoo Mosconi Cup to take a 9-5 lead going into the final day of action at Alexandra Palace, London, and only two away from retaining the title.

Jayson Shaw kept up his 100% record in singles action by dispatching the USA's Chris Reinhold 5-2 to open the session. A break and run in the first rack set the tone of the match as the Eagle Eye started to build up steam and pull Europe back level at 5-5.

Shaw came into the 2021 Cazoo Mosconi Cup as the 2020 Predator MVP and the Scotsman joined forces with Joshua Filler for the first doubles match of the evening against the USA's two stars of day two in Skyler Woodward and Tyler Styer. Shaw and Filler have become a formidable duo over the years as a doubles pairing

and it was no different as they ran out 5-2 winners to put Europe back in the lead. Styer struggled at times as Filler went on to break in the last rack as Europe ran the rack to take control of the cup.

Eklent Kaçi delivered a huge European point against Shane Van Boening coming from 3-1 down to defeat the USA Vice Captain 5-3. The Albanian scratched in the fifth rack but within a few shots he was back at the table in what was ultimately the tide turning in the contest as Van Boening left the five hanging in the pocket gifting Kaçi his second rack. Van Boening got his angles wrong in the following rack with only three balls left on the table

scratching as he cut the seven ball in for Kaçi to pull level. From there, Kaçi, playing in his fourth Mosconi Cup, won the next two racks to seal victory with a fluke 3-9 combo in the last rack.

Van Boening's luck on day three was summed up in the opening rack of his doubles encounter with Styer against Albin Ouschan and David Alcaide as he played the six ball down the rail only for it to rattle back and put the USA 1-0 down. The fans had yet to see much of World Champion Ouschan and Alcaide, but they put on the performance of all performances clearing up for a 5-1 win and put Europe 8-5 up and three away from the title.

2019 World Pool Masters Champion Alcaide completed the whitewash session for Europe against the USA's Captain Jeremy Jones to wrap up the evening in dramatic fashion. Jones led Alcaide at 4-3 when the Spaniard forced a final rack which is when one of the racks of a generation unfolded. Jones and Alcaide were locked in an intense safety battle with the experience of one pocket and three-cushion on strong display from both players when a fatal error was made by Jones. The American had already used his extension earlier in the rack when with only four balls left on the table, he asked for the cue ball to be cleaned, only to run out of time and give Alcaide ball in hand to secure Europe's 5-0 session win.

David Alcaide



“The first two days were rough. We got schooled. They showed us how to play smart and how to play with heart, so we had two reality checks on day one and that wasn’t enough. On day two, we got away with it by winning the last match. From there, we took over momentum, we are very relieved and very proud,” said Alex Lely, Europe’s Captain.

“The commitment and not taking anything for granted. There was a realisation that the Mosconi Cup is a different atmosphere. It’s about bottle, heart, and courage and doing it when you’re out there and being ready to get out in the arena. And if you’re not ready, everyone can get caught by the pressure.”

“I was lying awake until 5 am, which doesn’t usually happen, I had so many things to think about and maybe some things I started out telling the guys this morning I felt like I had made a mistake. I spoke out about some things where I felt we lacked and where I felt America was showing us how to do it. I said all that. I said listen, if we talk about going to war, if you really go to war, you look into each other’s eyes, Karl and I left the



*MVP Jayson Shaw with nephews Jack & Evan*

room and we expected them to talk. That helped. They spoke amongst each other; the leadership is now inside the group and not outside it.”

“It was a beautiful rack. There was a lot to learn in just that one rack. JJ has been around the block a couple of times; he made some great shots but Alcaide responded brilliantly.”

“I want them to be clinical and disciplined and get the job done.”

*David Alcaide and Jeremy Jones*



**DAY FOUR**

**Team Europe 11-6 Team USA**

**Shaw/Filler** 5-4 Van Boening/Woodward

Jayson Shaw 2-5 **Skyler Woodward**

**Joshua Filler** 5-4 Shane Van Boening

Team Europe have won the 2021 Cazoo Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace, London to retain the cup for a second year in an 11-6 victory over Team USA.

Alex Lely and Karl Boyes’ side needed only two points on the final day of play to secure a famous win over the USA and make it 14-13 overall in the cup’s history and they delivered that in three matches sending Alexandra Palace into pandemonium.

Europe started out with the formidable duo of Jayson Shaw and Joshua Filler in action against Shane Van Boening and Skyler Woodward as the fans’ choice doubles match. Shaw seemed to start to feel the heat as he missed a five ball which allowed the USA to be on the hill first but only for that to rejuvenate Shaw and Filler as they moved within one of victory.

Woodward was in the mood to delay the party though and put up one of the

showings of the week as he silenced the London crowd to down Shaw 5-2 and keep America's faint hopes alive at 6-10 down.

There was nearly another twist in the tale late on as Van Boening took on Filler in what was ultimately the last match. Van Boening hit the front at 2-1 which is when Filler produced a 29 carom for a shot that delivered up to his nickname as The Killer. The match went back and forth but Filler moved to the hill first and sealed it in typical Filler fashion to the chorus of 'Oh Joshua Filler'.

Shaw's week of two singles wins and three doubles wins saw him pick up the Predator MVP award for the second year in a row: "It feels amazing, hats off to the team, we showed a lot of heart over the last two days. To win MVP for the second time feels incredible"

He added: "I'd advise all European fans to make the trip over to the States and give us as much support as possible next year! The more events for us are perfect for us in 2022, I am looking forward to it. Hopefully, we can all have good years next year as individuals. I can only imagine here in 2023, there could be 6,000 fans in there. That would be amazing because there is no other tournament like the Mosconi Cup. It is just the weirdest feeling; you do not experience it in any other tournament. You're swearing all year to find out if you're making the team. To make the Mosconi Cup is every player's dream. This is what you look forward to all year."

"I was expecting Jayson to get the last point! In the doubles match, I was struggling. I was waiting to play Shane and I have never lost a singles match against him. Jayson came to me at 4-4 and said 'you're gonna run out this rack', and then I ran out. I should have in my mind what to say. It was a special four days in the end! Thank you so



Team Europe Captains Alex Lely and Karl Boyes

much to the team who made this happen. Jay kept the crows going nuts all the time. Alex and Karl gave me the right words at the right time. The whole team as well. We have so many champions as well. If you don't take their advice you're probably dumb!" said Filler.

"I am proud and satisfied. I am very happy. What I will reminisce most is the hugs and after when we finally got it done. That will stay with me for a long time. We got lucky to not fall behind 6-3. On the morning of day three, I said what I wanted to say and I should've said earlier. We put the leadership in the group."

"I would love to get the chance to defend the title in Las Vegas. I would really love it. Three years stint is fine, you ask me if I would love it? The camaraderie, the togetherness, and intensity. I already know in the car, in bed, wherever I will have flashbacks. I know where my head will be for the next ten days. I enjoy it. I give 100%. It is a team of champions. The Mosconi Cup is a different beast. It isn't mathe-

matics. I pride myself on giving 100% and together with Karl we give a lot. Having this team makes that easier," said Captain Lely.

Lely added: "I think having a structure when players know how to get on the team, more players will commit. My players did many things right this year. I am 100% convinced they have found it. Karl is knowledgeable and he brings a lot of passion. He brings knowledge about the game. He is a no-nonsense player. He brings that to us. Away from the table he brings fun and laughter as well as knowing his team so well. I think Jeremy has been a great captain this year. Maybe it helped them that he had to step in."

For Albin Ouschan it capped off a historic year that saw him claim the Championship League Pool title, World Pool Championship title, and International Open title, and now the Cazoo Mosconi Cup: "Against Skyler, it was horrible. My racks I played well, his racks I played well. I am still glad we still made it as a team. It's the perfect ending for me for this year."

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# MORRA WINS SIX ON THE LOSS SIDE

## Double Dips Deuel In NBL Inaugural Championship

By SKIP MALONEY - AzB Staff | Photos by ERWIN DIONISIO

**Arguably the most remarkable thing about the National Billiards League's (NBL) Inaugural 10-Ball Championships, held this past weekend (Dec. 18-19) at Sandcastle Billiards in Edison, NJ, was that they happened at all.**

Anyone who either knows or has had occasion to work with Ed Liddawi, owner of Sandcastle Billiards and founder of the league, wouldn't, though, call it a surprise. Liddawi and a list of people he recruited to bring about the NBL's inaugural league season, as well as that season's finale, would have told you that the pandemic wasn't going to stand in his way, nor the closure of rooms originally destined to host the league's qualifying tournaments throughout the year, nor the cost in players. Liddawi's vision wasn't casual and it survived it all, albeit at a smaller scale than originally envisioned.

"Due to the pandemic, it (became) an eighth of the original plan in size and money," he said.

The original plan for 64 qualifying events (32 locations, hosting qualifiers twice throughout the year) turned into eight events, yielding eight qualified competitors going head-to-head with eight paying Pros. Those 16 were the field at the league's first championship final. The plan had lost committed venues to closure (some permanent), tour directors to a variety of issues and players, right and left, to everything from the obvious COVID consequences to issues related to COVID, which grounded players in place, wherever they happened to be and kept them from hitting the road to attend the planned qualifiers.

"We (Sandcastle Billiard) had two qualifiers," noted Liddawi. "Wiscon-



John Morra

sin hosted two in two locations. Texas was there, Rhode Island had one that was won by a Massachusetts guy, and one of the players who'd won mine got sick from COVID and was replaced by Reggie Cutler from Pennsylvania. A California winner was replaced by Richard Ng, who had placed 3rd and 5th in the two held at Sandcastle Billiards."

"Winners (of the qualifiers) got a full ride," he added. "Entry fee (to the final event), airfare and hotel."

Replacing players proved to be among the most difficult obstacles to overcome. There were players who'd qualified and were unable to attend, and pros, as well, who committed, but were unable to attend.



*Levie Lampaan*



*Redgie Cutler*



*Joey Dupuis had a big win on Saturday*



*An exhausted John Morra*



*Richard Ng*



*Jayson Shaw*

“Earl Strickland, Mike Dechaine and Jennifer Baretta were scheduled to compete,” Liddawi said, “but in the end, they were unable to attend and had to be replaced.”

“There were a lot of fires that had to be put out,” he added, “but overall, I’m pleased.”

The Inaugural 10-Ball Championships proceeded with the planned-and-promised fanfare that included entertainment (vocalists, dancers and NBL cheerleaders) before and after each day’s action, an opening ceremony that concluded with the National Anthem, referees, a 30-second shot clock at every table and uniforms.

“Everything is designed,” said Liddawi, “so that the popularity of the game is elevated.”

The 10-Ball Championships did yield some surprises. Most prominent among them was Canadian John Morra’s loss in the opening round of play, followed by his winning six on the loss side and then, double dipping Corey Deuel in the finals to claim the NBL’s first championship title. Another involved a winners’ side quarterfinal match between Jayson Shaw and New England-based veteran competitor, Joe Dupuis. Fargo Rate gave Dupuis a 3.3% chance of defeating Shaw in a race to 11. Not only did Dupuis



defy those odds, but he did so by being seven games out in front and on the hill before Shaw came up with a few racks to make it look closer than it really was.

“I’m not going to say I was shocked,” said Dupuis of his win over Shaw. “I broke and ran my first three racks and didn’t make any mistakes against Jayson. He ended up winning four racks in a row near the end and I just played phenomenally against him.”

“I was fortunate enough where my break was working, maybe the best, ever. It was working just that good. I was making balls on the break, run-

ning out, the table worked with me and I just kept the pressure on.”

“He commended me for what I did,” he added, “and later on, he told me the pockets were easy and that when pockets are easy, he doesn’t concentrate as much. He made a few unforced errors, where he expected things to happen and they didn’t.”

John Morra, in the meantime, lost his opening match to Tri-State New York area’s Frankie Hernandez 7-5. Hernandez advanced to down Levie Lampaan 11-1 in a winners’ side quarterfinal and then, sent Joe Dupuis (fresh off of his victory over Shaw) to the loss side 11-5 in one of the winners’ side semifinals. Corey Deuel opened with a 7-5 win over Shaun Wilkie, downed Jerry Dunne 11-3 and then, sent Justin Bergman to the loss side 11-5 in the other winners’ side semifinal.

Deuel and Hernandez battled for the hot seat. In a match worthy of its place in the 10-Ball Championship archives (for which players will earn royalties based on pay-per-view showings of the recorded matches) Deuel and Hernandez battled back and forth, with Deuel edging out in front to claim the hot seat 11-8.



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On the loss side, Dupuis ran into the eventual winner, John Morra, who, after his loss to Hernandez had downed Jonathan Giles 7-5, Ernesto Bayaua 7-4 and Oscar Dominguez 7-1. Bergman drew Shaw, who'd followed his loss to Dupuis with victories over Duncan Kaufman 7-5 and Jeremy Sossei 7-4.

A quarterfinal rematch between Shaw and Dupuis loomed on the near horizon and Shaw did his part to make that happen with a 7-4 win over Bergman. By the same score, Morra spoiled Dupuis' bid for that rematch.

Morra and Shaw battled to double hill in the quarterfinals that followed, with Morra prevailing in the end to face Hernandez in the semifinals. A second double hill battle ensued and again, Morra prevailed for a necessary double shot at Deuel, waiting for him in the hot seat.

Morra and Deuel came within a game of double hill in the opening set of the true double elimination final, but Morra pulled out in front to win it 11-



Frankie Hernandez

9. In the race-to-7 second set, Morra claimed the inaugural NBL 10-Ball Championship title with a 7-3 win over Deuel.

Liddawi's list of folks to thank was prodigious, beginning with Pat Fleming of Accu-Stats for his support, along with Zach Goldsmith of Onsite Pool Network (OSPN Felt-Cam; cameras on tables) and Isaac Wooten of DigitalPool.com. He also thanked his tour director, Jose Burgos of the

Mezz Pro Am Tour and his assistant, Elvis Rodriguez, along with members of his Sandcastle Billiards staff Brian Cosme, Tom Bedard and Paul Lieb. He extended an additional 'thank you' to the NBL's shuttle driver, Ben S. The event also featured a number of advertisers who appeared on the live stream; Uncle Jay's Custom Boats, Perfume Ultra, New York Life Insurance, Dragon Billiards and Tap League (Jersey Shore Shops).

At present, the NBL is looking ahead to a single, planned 8-Ball event sometime in June, 2022 and a second Championship next December, as Liddawi continues his quest for further venues at which to hold event qualifiers and other main events designed into the original plans.

"Not many people can see a vision coming to fruition," Liddawi said, "but now, hopefully, people will be more willing or at least less reluctant or skeptical to participate."

"Naysayers," he added, "may now say nothing."

*For further information on the NBL and to keep abreast of its plans, visit the league's website at [nblusa.com](http://nblusa.com) or its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NationalBilliardsLeague>*



Corey Deuel

# Souvanthong Continues Joss Tour Dominance With Ocean State Win

**To say that Bucky Souvanthong has dominated the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour this year would be an understatement. Souvanthong has two tour stop wins for the season, and two second place finishes.**

**H**e has competed in the four out of five tour stops on the 2021/2022 season so far, and competed in the finals of all four. Over the weekend of November 20th – 21st, Souvanthong added to his list of Joss Tour titles as he earned his name in the rafters of Snooker's Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill in Providence, RI at the 33rd Ocean State 9-Ball Championship.

Souvanthong kicked off his run through the field of 91 players with a first round bye and then a 9-5 win over Todd Ottilige. A 9-3 win over Dominick Souza was then followed up with a 9-8 match with Ray McNamara for Souvanthong to earn his place in Sunday's matches.

With a field this large, it was eight players that came back on the winners side on Sunday. Souvanthong started the day with a 9-5 win over Frankie Hernandez, Kerry McAuliffe won a one sided match over Trystan Speedwell 9-3, Bob Madenjian and Samoth Sam both won hill-hill matches over Alex Bausch and Paul Dryden respectively.

The final four on the winners side saw Madenjian over Sam and Souvanthong over McAuliffe by the same 9-4 score. The hot-seat match was another 9-4 affair, with Souvanthong over Madenjian.

On the left side of the board, Bausch put together three straight match

wins as he eliminated McNamara, Derrick Burnham and McAuliffe. In his next match, Bausch ran into Hernandez, who had a three match winning streak of his own. One of these players had to go home, and it was Bausch as Hernandez won the match 7-3. Hernandez then stretched his winning streak to five with a win over Madenjian in the semi-final match.

The five match winning streak of Hernandez's was of no use in the finals, as Souvanthong ran away with a 9-3 victory in the first set. It was Souvan-

thong's third win on the Joss tour in just two months.

The second chance tournament on Sunday was a contrast from the main event as Francisco Cabral dropped an early match to Ben Savoie and then built a seven match winning streak that included back to back wins over Pete Genovese in the finals to win the event.

The next stop on the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour is the Turning Stone Classic XXXIV at the Turning Stone Casino on January 6th – 9th, 2022.



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# Pedro Piedabuena Wins 10th USBA National Championship

By ANDREW JANQUITTO - USBA

**Banished from the USBA nationals for the last two years because of a UMB suspension for agreeing to play in the PBA, Pedro Piedrabuena from San Diego took out his revenge on the field of US championship aspirants two months after his suspension was lifted.**

**W**hen the chalk dust had settled, he had secured his 10th national championship trophy. (Photo credit to Erwin Dionisio.)

Over the four days of play, Piedrabuena posted a 10-1 record, his only hiccup being a 25-14 loss to Kang Lee of New York in group play. In the knock-out phase, the southern California cue wizard bested local player Sang Jin Lee 40 to 9 in 14 innings (2.857) and three-time champion Miguel Torres 40 to 14 in 15 (2.667). In the semi-finals, the play was slower and more conservative, with Piedrabuena defeating Edward Gomez 40 to 17 in 36 (1.111). Catching a second wind, Piedrabuena put on a dazzling display of shots and position play in a decisive victory over Tae Kyu

Lee, the 2020 National Champion. The game was tight at 25-24 in 10 innings, but Lee's hope at defending his crown ended when his opponent calmly ran 11 and 4 in consecutive innings. The San Diegan closed out the game in 15 innings (2.667 to 1.667).

Tae Kyu Lee's route to the finals was rockier. He advanced from group play with a 4 and 3 record, finishing third behind John Park of Houston and Jong Min Lee from New Jersey. His grand average was but 0.798, much below his usual standard. His struggles with the tables continued in the round of 16 with a 40 to 21 victory in 40 innings (1.000) over Hernan Patarroyo of Miami and in the quarter finals with a 40 to 18 victory over Eric Kwon of New York in 42 innings (0.952). For his semi-final opponent, Tae Kyu Lee faced his older brother, Young Kyu Lee. His older brother proved a tough opponent, but the younger of the siblings survived the defensive struggle, 40 to 37 in 44 innings (0.909) and Tae moved on. In the ultimate match, the defending title holder finally found his form. Not will-

ing to let his crown be taken without a fight, the New Yorker was able to match Piedrabuena for 10 innings, but ultimately could not keep up the pace of billiards.



Tae Kyu Lee

For his efforts, Piedrabuena received a \$4,000 prize and an invitation to the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama next July. Piedrabuena also won prizes for longest run (18) and best game (2.857) in the knock-out phase. Tae Kyu pocketed \$3,000 in a losing effort. Young Kyu Lee finished third, besting Gomez 30 to 26 in 30 (1.000) and earning \$2,000. John Park from Houston secured fifth place with a 30 to 22 victory in 25 over Torres, now living in South Carolina (1.200). Seventh place went to Kang Lee, who topped Eric Kwon 30 to 18 in 42 innings (0.714).

Prizes were also awarded for the best game and high run in the preliminary rounds. Hugo Patino, who made the round of 16, had the best game in the preliminary rounds, 25 to 3 over Raymond Groot in 8 trips to the table (3.125). Three players, Patino, Carlos Mario Villegas, and Sun Shin tied for high run, each tallying 12.

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Pedro Piedabuena



*Eric Kwon, John Park, Kenny Lee, Edward Gomez, Pedro Pierabuena, Tae Kyu Lee, Young Kyu Lee, Miguel Torres*



*Dan Louie*



*Carlos Mario Villegas*



*Ira Lee, Pedro Piedrabuena and Michael Kang*



*Hugo Patino*



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# 2022 US Pro Billiard Series Prize Fund Grows To Over Three Quarters Of A Million Dollars

**CueSports International (CSI) and Predator Group are excited to announce that the 2022 US Pro Billiard Series will feature nearly a half million dollars in added prize money and a total prize fund of approximately \$775,000, representing more than a 300% increase in added money over the inaugural 2021 season.**

All six events will have more than \$52,000 added each, upgrading them all to World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) Category 3 sanctioned events which secures the exclusive dates on the WPA calendar and allows players to earn more WPA ranking points from each event. The 2022 season will culminate with the 2023 Predator World 10-Ball Championship, boasting a quarter-million-dollar prize fund, held as part of the CueSports International Expo in Las Vegas, February 22 – March 4, 2023.

The Predator US Pro Billiard Series provides a clear pathway to becoming a WPA World Champion. The winner of each 2022 event will receive a guaranteed spot in the 2023 Predator World 10-Ball Championship. In addition, a minimum of the top 12 players in the Predator US Pro Billiard Series rankings who are not otherwise invited by the WPA, a WPA continental federation or a promoter wild card, will also



earn spots in the 2023 Predator World 10-Ball Championship. Below are the events scheduled for the 2022 season.

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The unique format, two sets, race to four each plus a shootout if the set score is tied at 1-1, has created much more drama and excitement. Routine fans are watching longer and more importantly, it is attracting a broader au-

dience. We have received many messages from people saying that their spouse began watching for the first time because the matches are faster and more dramatic. Children are telling their dads to let them know when another shootout happens. On-site spectators are crowding the tables to see who will win the final game of a set or who will crack under the pressure of the shootout. This increased excitement has led viewership numbers on Billiard TV and YouTube to rise which has attracted new sponsors. As promised from the beginning, this additional revenue is being reinvested in the Predator US Pro Billiard Series and the players' pockets. After all, they are the stars, not the promoters.

CSI and Predator are committed to a long-term growth strategy. Our goal is to elevate and grow the entire sport, from top to bottom, leveraging the synergy between league participation, event turnout, equipment sales,

EVENT	DATE	NAME	LOCATION	PLAYERS	ADDED	PRIZE FUND*
1	Jan 12-15	Arcadia Arizona Open	Tucson, Arizona	64	\$52,600	\$75,000
2	Feb 9-12	Apex Wisconsin Open	Baraboo, Wisconsin	64	\$52,600	\$75,000
3	Mar 23-26	Alfa Las Vegas Open	Las Vegas, Nevada	128	\$55,200	\$100,000
4	Sep 21-24	Michigan Open	Battle Creek, Michigan	128	\$55,200	\$100,000
5	Oct 19-22	Ohio Open	Wilmington, Ohio	64	\$52,600	\$75,000
6	TBA	Puerto Rico Open	San Juan, Puerto Rico	128	\$55,200	\$100,000
					<b>\$323,400</b>	<b>\$525,000</b>
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	Feb 27-Mar 3, 2023	2023 Predator World 10-Ball Championship **	Las Vegas, Nevada	128	\$154,000	\$250,000
					<b>\$477,400</b>	<b>\$775,000</b>

\* Based on full fields

\*\* This is a WPA-sanctioned World Championship. Players must qualify through the US Pro Billiard Series, be invited directly by the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) or be invited by a WPA continental federation.

increased viewership, and new sponsors.

**Maximum exposure.** We are not interested in selling a few on-site spectator tickets or pay-per-view packages. The product is made available to as many people around the world as possible for free via YouTube's World Billiard TV channel, Billiard TV and For the Fans (FTF) TV networks.

**Build the fan base.** To better build the fan base, every event is staged alongside CSI league events with hundreds, sometimes thousands, of BCA Pool League and USA Pool League members in attendance. For the sport to grow, fans must admire the pros and pros must appreciate the fans.

**A more professional game.** 10-ball is featured as the "game of the pros" because it requires more skill than 9-ball. In 10-ball, shots must be in-

tended and called, breaking requires better technique and maneuvering the cue ball for position on the next shot is often more difficult.

**Format and equipment consistency.** Every Predator US Pro Billiard Series event is played using the same format and equipment. There won't be different race lengths, different bracket types, or different equipment from event to event. Every event will feature Predator Apex Tables with 4-1/4" pro cut pockets, tournament blue Arcadia Cloth, Predator Arena Lights and Predator Arcos II Balls.

**The most innovative ranking system.** The US Pro Billiard Series ranking system is managed by FargoRate, the most trusted pool player rating system on earth. It has been designed specifically to balance overall skill level and event results. It eliminates

the need for ranking committees and top players are not knocked out of contention by a single misfortune or tough draw.

Billiard associations are also seeing this increase as beneficial to the entire industry. "It is always great for our athletes and our sport when we see promoters continually raise the bar and grow their events and their prize funds," said Shane Tyree, WPA Board Chairman and Billiard Congress of America Communications Manager. "To see what CSI and Predator have planned for 2022 and beyond with the US Pro Billiard Series is very exciting for North American professional players and cue sports enthusiasts."

To learn more about the US Pro Billiard Series or to register, visit [www.usprobilliardseries.com](http://www.usprobilliardseries.com).

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# Magic Melling Is Champion Of Champions

BY MICHAEL DAY - Press and Communications Officer

**Chris Melling claimed his second major Ultimate Pool televised title with victory at the thrilling end-of-season Champion of Champions Shootout.**

**T**he 16-player one-day spectacular brought together the winners and best performing players from this year's Professional and Challenger Series', testing them in a quickfire format consisting of best-of-nine frames matches and a 25-minute match-clock.

Melling won the first trophy of the inaugural Ultimate Pool season back in the spring with the Champions League, and he bookended his campaign beautifully with another big triumph on Sunday night. Despite being a wildcard for this invitational tournament, selected for finishing fifth in the professional rankings.

'The Magician' was the best player throughout the day and looked comfortable with the fast-paced atmosphere, banking a cool £5,000 for less than 100 minutes work.

The two-time world champion broke off the event with a 5-2 win over Challenger Event 1

victor Adam Basso in round one. Returning for the evening session at the Players Pool & Snooker Lounge, he continued his pursuit with a fantastic 5-0 sweep of Challenger 7 champion Hiten Patel before ending the hopes of professional number one Shane Thompson 5-2 in the semi-finals.

His opponent in the final was the tenacious Chris Day. One of the outsiders for the competition, Challenger 4 winner Day was enjoying a brilliant week having confirmed his pro status and won Group 14 of the Eative Pairs Cup.

The Sudbury cueist ousted close friend, Pairs Cup teammate and Pro Series 5 winner Shaun Storry via a

6-reds shootout in round one. In the quarter-finals he squeezed past youngster Luke Gilbert 4-3 but had an even more nail-biting climax in his semi-final against last week's tier one Professional Series event winner Gareth Potts.

Four-time world champion Potts led 3-2 with time winding down, but Day managed to level before constructing a memorable break clearance to snatch the tie – timing his run to perfection as he sank the 8-ball just before the buzzer. The finish was one of several dramatic conclusions during the day's entertainment.

The finalists had faced each other a few weeks previously in an early round on the World Rules Pool Tour in an encounter that Day shaded via a deciding frame. However, in a very different environment, Melling was not to be denied the glory, stringing together the final four frames to record a 5-1 success. It meant that he dropped just five frames in four matches in the event – a dominant performance.



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# Laško In Slovenia

## Set To Host 2022 Dynamic Billard European Championships

The European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) can announce that the 2022 Dynamic Billard European Championships for Men, Women, U23 and Wheelchair will take place in the beautiful town of Laško in Slovenia in March.

After a highly successful staging of the EPBF Youth European Championships earlier this year, the European Championships will return to the picturesque spa town and the Hotel Thermana Park Resort and Spa.

IBPF President David Morris, who recently signed the agreement for the staging of the 2022 event said, "It is a pleasure to go back to the Hotel Thermana Park Resort and Spa; they did a wonderful job with our recent events so we are delighted to bring another major event to this lovely venue."

EPBF President Gre Leenders was on hand to present Ms Mojca Leskovar, President of the Board of Thermana d.d. with a cue and wished her a good time practicing.

Gre Leenders said "It is always very nice if both partners are happy to continue their co-operation after a successful first event by signing a contract for a next event the following year. All long-term partnerships start with a first event and therefore we hope that our co-operation with Hotel Thermana Park Resort & Spa will be the start of such long-term partnership.

"It goes without saying that this beautiful resort has all the ingredients that are important for our sport and events and we're really looking forward to 2022 when we will again be guests in Laško."



Gre Leenders with Mojca Leskovar

Ms Mojca Leskovar commented, "We are thrilled and delighted to be given the opportunity to now host the Dynamic Billard European Championships for Men, Women and Wheelchair in 2022. The Youth European Championship 2021 was our first collaboration with the IBPF, and was a very successful one and a strong pillar on which we can now build future projects.

"As a company of well-being, we will do our best to make all the competitors feel welcome in our resort, as well as help the organization team to prepare the best conditions possible for the contestants. Welcome to Laško in March! "

The event will be staged from 2nd to 12th March at the Tri Lilije Sports Hall, adjacent to the host hotel. The Championships for the Men, Women, U23's and Wheelchair, with more than 30 countries in attendance, will be hosted by Hotel Thermana Park Resort and Spa, and supported by the Slovenian Billiard Federation.

Official Tables are from Dynamic Billard, the Official Cloth from Iwan Simonis, the Official Balls by Aramith and the Official Slate supplied by Rasson.

For more information on events in 2022, visit [www.epbf.com](http://www.epbf.com)

# DYNAMIC BILLIARD

## European Seniors Championships 2021

### FINAL MEDAL COUNT

After eight days of play, the 2021 EPBF / Dynamic Billiards European Seniors Championships concluded yesterday (Monday) with the destination determined of the last of the 32 medals. Germany took home the most with a total of 11, with Portugal and Italy joint second with four.

**T**op of the medal table though, were Portugal with three golds. All of those came from the player of the championships, Jorge Tinoco who won the straight pool, 9-ball and was part of the team gold squad.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Portugal	3	x	1	4
Germany	1	3	7	11
Italy	1	2	1	4
Switzerland	1	1	x	2
Sweden	1	x	2	3
Great Britain	1	x	1	2
Finland	x	1	x	1
Spain	x	1	x	1
Norway	x	x	3	3
Poland	X	x	1	1

## THE MEDALS

### Straight Pool

- Gold** – Jorge Tinoco (POR)
- Silver** – Reiner Wirsbitzki (GER)
- Bronze** – Didrik Vatne (NOR)  
Steffen Gross (GER)

### 10 Ball

- Gold** – Sascha Specchia (SUI)
- Silver** – Murat Ayas (SUI)
- Bronze** – Morgan Norberg (SWE)  
Reiner Wirsbitzki (GER)
- Gold** – Ulrike Andersson (SWE)
- Silver** – Susanne Wessel (GER)
- Bronze** – Alexandra Cunha (GBR)  
Karin Michl (GER)

### Team

- Gold** – Portugal  
Jorge Tinoco  
Manuel Pereira  
Henrique Correia
- Silver** – Italy  
Fabio Petroni  
Riccardo Sini  
Gianluca Boni  
Andrea Grosso  
Angelo Salzano
- Bronze** – Switzerland  
Rene Brand  
Sascha Specchia  
Murat Ayas  
Aldo Rutschi



### Poland

- Tomasz Bak
- Bartosz Czapski
- Dawid Jedrzejczak
- Krzysztof Gardjas

### 8 Ball

- Gold** – Reiner Wirsbitzki (GER)
- Silver** – Gianluca Capella (ITA)
- Bronze** – Timo Hofmann (GER)  
Andrea Grosso (ITA)

- Gold** – Cristina Moscetti (ITA)
- Silver** – Tuuliina Panula (FIN)
- Bronze** – Ulrike Andersson (SWE)  
Karin Michl (GER)

### 9 Ball

- Gold** – Jorge Tinoco (POR)
- Silver** – Francisco Diaz-Pizarro (ESP)
- Bronze** – Henrique Correia (POR)  
Ronny Oldervik (NOR)

- Gold** – Alexandra Cunha (GBR)
- Silver** – Karin Michl (GER)
- Bronze** – Ina Helvik (NOR)  
Susanne Wessel (GER)

# Efren Reyes

## Set to Appear in NorthEast And Oklahoma

Pool fans in the Northeast will have what might be their last chance to see one of the greatest cue artists that we have ever seen, as Efren Reyes' 2022 Northeast Tour stops in Massachusetts, Maine, and Connecticut.

The first stop will be on January 15th at the Red Dragon Billiards Club and Training Center in Harvard, Ma. Fans interested in attending can contact Roy Pastor at 978-660-3677 for more information.

Reyes will make two stops in Maine on January 16th and 17th. The stop on the 16th will be at American Pool & Billiards in Portland, Maine and the 17th stop will be at TJ's Classic Billiards in Waterville, Maine. Reyes will be playing Mike Dechaine in challenge matches on both nights. Fans can contact Jerry Guitard at 207-776-0215 for info on the American Pool & Billiards stop, and Howard Fogg at 207-478-0858 for info on the stop at TJ's Classic Billiards.

Finally, the tour will end on January 19th at Yale Billiards in Wallingford, Ct where Reyes will face young gun Lukas Fracasso-Verner in an exhibition match. More information on this stop can be obtained by contacting Bobby Hilton at 203-631-2428.

### Efren Bata Reyes

2022 northeast tour

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- 2X World Cup of Pool winner
- 14X Derby City Classic winner
- 5X Master of the Table
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**Jan 15: Red Dragon Billiards Club & Training Center, Harvard MA**  
 Time: 4pm  
 Contact: Roy Pastor, (978) 660-3677, [newengland@playusapool.com](mailto:newengland@playusapool.com)

**Jan 16: American Pool & Billiards, Portland ME**  
 (featuring an exhibition match with Mike Dechaine)  
 Time: 5pm  
 Contact: Jerry Guitard, (207) 776-0215, [gguitard04092@gmail.com](mailto:gguitard04092@gmail.com)

**Jan 17: TJ's Classic Billiards, Waterville ME**  
 (featuring an exhibition match with Mike Dechaine)  
 Time: 6pm  
 Contact: Howard Fogg Jr, (207) 478-0858, [tjswaterville@gmail.com](mailto:tjswaterville@gmail.com)

**Jan 19: Yale Billiards, Wallingford CT**  
 (featuring an exhibition match with Lukas Verner)  
 Time: 6p  
 Contact: Bobby Hilton, (203) 631-2428, [ybhousepro@yahoo.com](mailto:ybhousepro@yahoo.com)

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If exhibition matches aren't your thing, Reyes will face Red Door Den Training Center instructor Greg "Spanky" Hogue in a \$4000 one-pocket challenge match at the Red Door Den Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma January 10th. This match will be streamed on Facebook for only \$4.99 with commentary by Sean King. Fans can check out the stream

at <https://www.facebook.com/RedDoorDen/>

Reyes is widely thought of as the "Greatest Of All Time" when it comes to professional billiards, and his appearances in major events are becoming rarer and rarer. Fans are encouraged to lock up their spots at these exhibitions as soon as possible.



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# Jeanette Lee NFT's Released

Jeanette Lee has partnered with Lympo to release a series of non-fungible token (NFT) digital collectible cards featuring her and her achievements playing pool.

The Jeanette Lee card collection consists of 1630 cards that are custom-designed and animated. The collection is split into 5 rarities: common, uncommon, rare, epic, and legendary. Each rarity tier has a different amount of available cards and yields higher bonuses for the collector. Apart from collectible value, the Jeanette Lee Lympo NFTs will be used in upcoming blockchain games and can be utilized on the Lympo website.

The collection goes public on the Lympo NFT Minting platform on 2021, **December 14th at 13:00 UTC**. People that wish to obtain a collectible card can do so by participating in the Lympo NFT ecosystem and minting

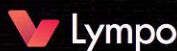
their NFTs before other users have the chance. To mint a Jeanette Lee NFT collectible, users need to stake \$LMT, a Lympo native cryptocurrency token, in the Lympo Athlete Pool and generate daily credits that they can spend to acquire the card. The pool is open at this address – <https://nft.lympo.io/pools/athletes>. Once a user has enough credits, he can mint the card and retain full control and ownership, being able to trade it on open markets or use it on various platforms.

In 2022, a one-of-a-kind (GOAT) Jeanette Lee collectible card is planned to go on auction – allowing users to bid for the chance to be the only person in the world that owns one. Lympo is constantly adding new activities

for NFT cardholders to deepen the connection between athletes and fans through digital collectibles.

## ABOUT LYMPO

Lympo, a subsidiary of Animoca Brands, is building a sports NFT ecosystem based on world-famous athletes and sports clubs. The Lympo ecosystem will include sports stars, clubs, and custom sports characters created by various artists and sports influencers. Users can mint NFTs using LMT and partner tokens. Learn more at [www.lympo.com](http://www.lympo.com) or get updates on Twitter or Telegram.



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# 2022 MOSCONI CUP

## Heads To Bally's Hotel & Casino Las Vegas

Matchroom Pool is delighted to announce the Mosconi Cup will return to the USA in 2022 as Pool's biggest rivalry between Europe and the USA heads to Bally's Hotel & Casino Las Vegas on November 30-3 December 2022 in partnership with Caesars Entertainment.

**T**eam USA claimed a historic double in 2019 in the cup's last visit to Las Vegas with a 11-8 win over their European counterparts as Skyler Woodward starred to become a back-to-back MVP.

Last time out in Las Vegas, over 1,500 fans packed out every session and with the cup being away since then,

tickets are expected to sell out quick. Full ticket news is coming soon.

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer said: "We're delighted to be taking the Mosconi Cup back to Las Vegas for the first time since 2019. The American crowd brought the heat last time around and spurred their side on towards victory.

I cannot wait to see what they bring in 2022. We are looking forward to working closely with Caesars Entertainment and Bally's Hotel & Casino to deliver an exciting week of action."

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# New Iwan Simonis Shark Grey Cloth And Rasson Table To Debut At Cazoo Mosconi Cup

**Matchroom Multi Sport is delighted to announce a new exclusive tournament cloth in a new colour and a new table with 4" pockets in partnership with official cloth partner Iwan Simonis and official table partner Rasson that will debut at the upcoming 2021 Cazoo Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace, December 7-10.**

**T**he Iwan Simonis 860 Shark Grey cloth will be exclusive for Matchroom Pool tournaments with fans also able to buy the cloth for their tables at home. The 2021 Cazoo Mosconi Cup will be played on the all-new Rasson Ox table in grey with 4" pockets.

The Rasson Ox table in grey is the official table of the 2021 Cazoo Mosconi Cup and will also be seen in Team Europe's blue and Team USA's red in both practice rooms as part of Rasson's new range of tables.

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer said: "The Matchroom series of events are the biggest and most prestigious events in pool and will continue to grow stronger with our plans for 2022 to come soon. As part of those plans, we cannot wait to debut our new Iwan Simonis 860 Shark Grey cloth at the Cazoo Mosconi Cup this December as our exclusive Matchroom Pool cloth, and what better name: Shark Grey. The pockets are getting tighter to up the ante at 4" and the new Rasson Ox table in grey will stand out from the crowd, this is a Matchroom Multi Sport specialty.

A lot of preparation has gone into this change, with testing tournament ball sets on-screen ensuring the television viewer has the best visual of the table. This will elevate both the arena and match in-play. We must remain innovative and drive dynamic ideas pushing our events to the utmost quality and what better partners to do this with!"

Iwan Simonis S.A. Group Commercial Director, Bernard Bollette said: "We are very enthusiastic to see all future

Matchroom events starting with the imminent Cazoo Mosconi Cup played on our brand new elegant and futuristic Simonis 860 Shark Grey cloth."

RASSON General Manager Junny Song said: "This has been the 6th year for RASSON to supply pool tables for the Cazoo Mosconi Cup and we're so delighted to work with Matchroom on such a great event! We developed a series of new tables in different colors for the pros and couldn't wait to see the pool talents playing on them."

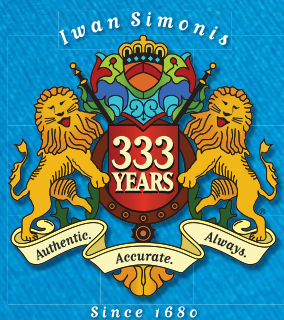


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# PREDATOR GROUP

## Acquires Billard Beckmann GmbH Of Germany

Predator Group, leading brand of pool cues, billiard accessories and more recently pool tables has completed the acquisition of Billard Beckmann GmbH of Germany.

**B**illard Beckmann, located in Kaiserslautern Germany, has been a long-time distributor of Predator Group's products and focuses on offering high-quality billiard products and services to billiard fans and companies in German speaking countries and in Europe. Through its amazing showroom and website in which you will find everything a pool player desires, Billard Beckmann distributes famous brands such as Brunswick, McDermott, Predator, Poison, Joss, Meucci, Schon, Fury, Cuetec, Cyber and much more.

Karim Belhaj, CEO of Predator Group said: "Billard Beckmann will help us deliver better service to our European pool player customers, as well as to dealers. The two company cultures are a natural fit and we are very excit-

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ed to grow the future of European billiards together."

The two companies share common values such as their support of the sport and a passion for quality and service. Billard Beckmann has been one of the long-time main sponsors for the Poolbillard GT (German Tour), it's final the German Pool Masters, as well as of the Eurotour.

Billard Beckmann's slogan "Teamwork and service" illustrates what the company stands for and is a nat-



ural complement to Predator Group's focus on the ultimate playing experience.

Sabrina Stepp, Managing Director of Billiard Beckmann shared that the Billard Beckmann Team is very excited to be a part of Predator Group and that the team is committed to providing service excellence for all the brands it is distributing.

For more information about Billard Beckmann and its offering, visit [billard-beckmann.de](http://billard-beckmann.de).

Predator Group's mission is to inspire billiard fans by providing innovative experiences and products that deliver high-performance, with unsurpassed class and style. Predator, Poison and Uni-Loc are Predator Group brands that focus on performance pool tables, cues, billiard balls, cloth, and accessories. For more information regarding Predator Group's products, visit [predatorcues.com](http://predatorcues.com), [poisoncues.com](http://poisoncues.com) and [uni-loc.com](http://uni-loc.com).



# JAM UP APPAREL

## Is The Official Team Wear Partner Of CSI Leagues

CueSports International (CSI) is excited to announce that Jam Up Apparel is the official team wear partner of CSI Leagues, the division of CueSports International that manages the BCA Pool League and USA Pool League.

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The BCA Pool League World Championships and USA Pool League National Championships are coming soon, March 23 – April 2, 2022, and matching team shirts have always been required for the team divisions. Team shirts at these prestigious events must substantially match in color, style, and trim and each person on the team must have their own matching team shirt. So, look your best, compete in style, and comply with the team dress code requirements by ordering your Jam Up Apparel team shirts today.

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“We are thrilled to be partnering with Jam Up Apparel. Their designs are trendy, stylish and modern so I can't

wait to see how great our teams look this year,” said Ozzy Reynolds, CEO of CueSports International.

Damian Pongpanik, CEO of Jam Up Apparel said, “We are honored and excited to be working with CSI to bring quality custom team apparel to its members. My team is committed to bring quality apparel and great service to the billiards community.”



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# Tourney Results

## Dec 04 - Dec 05

### JPNWT Tour 2021 Stop #10

#### Triple 9 Bar & Billiards

Elkridge, MD

- 1 Kia Burwell \$650
- 2 Linda Haywood Shea \$400
- 3 Judie Wilson \$300
- 4 Carol V. Clark \$200
- 5 Ada Lio \$100
- 5 Mary Watkins \$100

## Dec 04 - Dec 05

### Q City 9-Ball Tour 2020 Tour Championships

#### Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

- 1 Landon Hollingsworth \$1,000
- 2 Collin Hall \$650
- 3 Daniel Shelton \$450
- 4 Hank Powell \$275
- 5 Josh Miller \$150
- 5 Justin Knuckles \$150
- 7 Barry Mashburn \$100
- 7 Steven Ellis \$100

## Dec 07 - Dec 10

### Mosconi Cup XXVIII

#### Alexandra Palace

London,

- 1 Albin Ouschan \$30,000
- 1 David Alcaide \$30,000
- 1 Eklent Kaci \$30,000
- 1 Jayson Shaw \$30,000
- 1 Joshua Filler \$30,000
- 2 Chris Reinhold \$15,000
- 2 Jeremy Jones \$15,000
- 2 Shane Van Boening \$15,000
- 2 Skyler Woodward \$15,000
- 2 Tyler Styer \$15,000

## Dec 09 - Dec 12

### 2nd Annual Meucci Classic 10-Ball Division

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida

- 1 BJ Ussery \$6,500
- 2 Josh Roberts \$4,500
- 3 Jesus Atencio \$3,000
- 4 Mika Immonen \$2,400
- 5 Justin Martin \$1,900
- 5 Oscar Dominguez \$1,900
- 7 Anthony Meglino \$1,000
- 7 Tyler Russell \$1,000
- 9 David Singleton \$500
- 9 Hunter Lombardo \$500
- 9 Justin Hall \$500
- 9 Miguel Batista \$500

## Dec 09 - Dec 12

### 2021 USBA National Championship

#### Carom Cafe

Flushing, NY

- 1 Pedro Piedrabuena \$4,000
- 2 Tae Kyu Lee \$3,000
- 3 Young Kyu Lee \$2,000

## Dec 09 - Dec 12

### 2nd Annual Meucci Classic Ladies Division

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida

- 1 Nicole Keeney \$1,000
- 2 Jessica Barnes \$500
- 3 Jeannie Seaver \$300
- 4 Nicolle Cuellar \$200
- 5 Jenn Berzinski \$150
- 5 Lauren Kowalsky \$150

## Dec 09 - Dec 12

### 2nd Annual Meucci Classic 9-Ball Division

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida

- 1 Josh Roberts \$3,200
- 2 Jesus Atencio \$2,000
- 3 Jason Sheerman \$1,500
- 4 Justin Hall \$1,000
- 5 Daniel Schneider \$500
- 5 Justin Martin \$500
- 7 Anthony Meglino \$300
- 7 Oscar Dominguez \$300
- 9 Alan Rolon \$150
- 9 Julio Burgos \$150
- 9 Lee Heuwagen \$150
- 9 Trenton White \$150
- 13 Frankie Hernandez \$100
- 13 Mika Immonen \$100
- 13 Scott Tollefson \$100
- 13 Tommy Kennedy \$100

## Dec 09 - Dec 12

### 6th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament 8-Ball Division

#### Stixx And Stones Billiards

Lewisville, Texas

- 1 Tom Smith \$650
- 2 Greg Sandifer \$480
- 3 J.P. Kinman \$300
- 4 Sky Massengill \$160
- 5 Clint Freeman \$100
- 5 Doug Winnett \$100
- 7 Chris Gaither \$75
- 7 Joe Pelayo \$75

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## Dec 09 - Dec 12

### 6th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament One Pocket Division

#### Stixx And Stones Billiards

Lewisville, Texas

- 1 Robert Clark \$1,270
- 2 Gus Briseno \$950
- 3 Daniel Herring \$630
- 4 Roman Bayda \$310

## Dec 09 - Dec 12

### 6th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament 9-Ball Division

#### Stixx And Stones Billiards

Lewisville, Texas

- 1 Shane McMinn \$1,220
- 2 Justin Espinosa \$970
- 3 Sky Massengill \$720
- 4 Eric Aicinena \$500
- 5 Mohammed Alrawi \$300
- 5 Shane Manaole \$300
- 7 Clint Freeman \$275
- 7 Josh Keller \$275
- 9 Jeff Franklin \$175
- 9 KC Massey \$175
- 9 Shane Hvamstad \$175
- 9 TJ Davis \$175
- 13 Crispian Ng \$100
- 13 Daniel Herring \$100
- 13 Mike Rountree \$100
- 13 Noel Villalobos \$100

## Dec 10 - Dec 12

### PoolActionTV's Champions Challenge

#### Racks on the Rocks

Peoria, IL

- 1 Corey Deuel \$10,000
- 2 Abrin Schaad \$0

## Dec 11 - Dec 12

### Ultimate Pool Champion of Champions Shootout

#### Players Pool and Snooker Lounge

Stoke-on-Trent, UK

- 1 Chris Melling \$6,606
- 2 Chris Day \$3,303
- 3 Gareth Potts \$1,651
- 3 Shane Thompson \$1,651

## Dec 11 - Dec 11

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Clubhouse Bar and Grill

Kent, Washington

- 1 Michael Robertson \$700
- 2 Scott Roberts \$460
- 3 Chris Woodrum \$270
- 4 Collin Hall \$120

## Dec 11 - Dec 11

### Predator Tri State Tour 2021 Stop

#### Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Artur Trzeciak \$550
- 2 Kervens Francois \$325
- 3 Hunter Sullivan \$200
- 4 Rick Rodriguez \$130
- 5 KC Clayton \$75
- 5 Luis Jimenez \$75

## Dec 11 - Dec 12

### 2021 Maryland State 10-Ball Championships

#### 7 Billiards Shady Grove

Gaithersburg, Maryland

- 1 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$900
- 2 Kevin West \$700
- 3 Caleb Koury \$500
- 4 Steve Fleming \$300
- 5 Andy Lincoln \$200
- 5 Jimmy Rivera \$200
- 7 Any Huang \$125
- 7 Matt Krah \$125
- 9 Brett Stottlemeyer \$100
- 9 Chris Garrett \$100
- 9 Justin Pelech \$100
- 9 Shawn Jackson \$100

## Dec 17 - Dec 19

### Capone's One Pocket Tournament

#### Capone's Billiard Lounge

Spring Hill, FL

- 1 Anthony Meglino \$2,500
- 1 Justin Hall \$2,500
- 3 Sandeep Swain \$900
- 4 Kyle Bova \$600
- 5 James Adams \$400
- 5 Josh Roberts \$400
- 7 Ed Porter \$250
- 7 John Ditoro \$250

## Dec 18 - Dec 19

### 2021 National Billiards League 10-Ball Championship

#### Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ

- 1 John Morra \$10,000
- 2 Corey Deuel \$7,000
- 3 Frankie Hernandez \$4,000
- 4 Jayson Shaw \$2,000
- 5 Joe Dupuis \$1,000
- 5 Justin Bergman \$1,000

## Dec 18 - Dec 18

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Sonny's Billiards and Bistro

Princeton, West Virginia

- 1 Cole Lewis \$700
- 2 Mike Robertson \$450
- 3 Robert McCoy \$250

## Dec 18 - Dec 18

### Predator Tri State Tour 2021 Stop

#### Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Jason Goberdhan \$1,000
- 2 Mike Pruitt \$650
- 3 Luis Jimenez \$400
- 4 Linda Cheung \$240
- 5 Bianca Martinez \$160
- 5 Solomon Brown \$160
- 7 Paolo Valverde \$115
- 7 Ricardo Rodriguez \$115

# AzBilliards Money List

	NAME	COUNTRY	\$ AMOUNT	
	Dennis Orcollo	 PHI	\$166,645	
	Albin Ouschan	 AUT	\$138,399	
	Joshua Filler	 GER	\$114,761	↑
	Shane Van Boening	 USA	\$114,268	↓
	Eklent Kaci	 ALB	\$103,411	↑
	Carlo Biado	 PHI	\$78,754	↓
	Fedor Gorst	 RUS	\$75,686	↓
	Roberto Gomez	 PHI	\$69,100	
	David Alcaide	 ESP	\$68,182	↑
	Skyler Woodward	 USA	\$64,100	↑

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# 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.

## JANUARY

### Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

**Jan 02 - Jan 02**  
Gladi8or Billiards  
Los Angeles, California

### Casino Del Sol Grand Slam

**Jan 02 - Jan 08**  
Casino Del Sol Resort  
Tucson, Arizona

### Iron City Open 2022

**Jan 04 - Jan 09**  
Iron City Billiards  
Birmingham, Alabama

### Turning Stone Classic XXXIV

**Jan 06 - Jan 09**  
Turning Stone Casino  
Verona, NY

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

**Jan 08 - Jan 09**  
Break and Run Billiards  
Chesnee, South Carolina

### Music City Classic 2022

**Jan 12 - Jan 16**  
JOB Billiards  
Madison, TN

### Arcadia Arizona Open 2022

**Jan 12 - Jan 15**  
Casino Del Sol Resort  
Tucson, Arizona

### 2022 Junior International 9-Ball Championship Stop 1

**Jan 14 - Jan 16**  
Wolf's Den Billiards  
Roanoke, Virginia

### 2022 Florida State Amateur 9-Ball Championship

**Jan 15 - Jan 16**  
Zingales Billiards  
Tallahassee, Florida

### Derby City Classic 2022

**Jan 21 - Jan 29**  
Horseshoe Southern Indiana  
Elizabeth, IN

### Predator Tri State Tour 2021 Stop

**Jan 22 - Jan 22**  
Clifton Billiards  
Clifton, New Jersey

### 2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 1

**Jan 22 - Jan 23**  
Rusty's Billiards  
Arlington, TX

### Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2022 Stop 1

**Jan 29 - Jan 30**  
Bullshooters  
Phoenix, AZ



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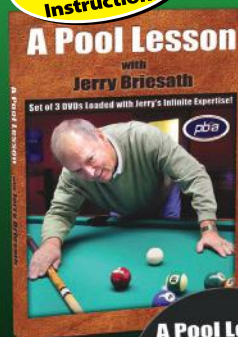
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