

Billiards Buzz

an **A Z B** publication

vol.8, Issue January 2024



EUROPE DOMINATES

SIX

TH

AR WITH BALL

Billiards Buzz

Volume 8, Issue #87

5115 N Dysart Rd #202-123
Litchfield Park, Az 85392
Ph: 678-919-7665
info@azbilliards.com

Brought to you by the team at
AzBilliards.com

CONTRIBUTORS:

Skip Maloney
Phil Capelle
Anthony Beeler
Steve Lillis
Erwin Dionisio
Jerry Forsyth - AzB Staff
Keith Paradise - Predator Media
Group
Wayne Parker
Predator Media Group
Matchroom Multi Sport
Corby Dayhoff - Servitude
Photography
Taka Wu - Matchroom Multi Sport

COVER PHOTO:

Vincent Rochefort - Predator Media
Group

GRAPHICS AND LAYOUT:

Natasha Dolovacki
Nebojsa Dolovacki

© 2017-2024, *The Billiards Buzz* is an online only monthly publication. It is published on or around the 30th of each month. All opinions & information expressed herein are exclusively those of the writers or advertisers and do not necessarily reflect those of the AzBilliards. All persons interested in submitting articles and material of interest are invited to do so. Submission of such articles constitutes permission for AzBilliards to use these articles in this publication or online on AzBilliards.com. Article submission or advertisers queries can be sent to us at info@azbilliards.com

FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

I was stunned to read last month about the death of Scott Smith.

Scott was the Tournament Director for every major pro event when I was first getting out to cover events. He was what I thought a tournament director should be. He knew the background and history of every player in the sport, and treated all of the players with dignity and respect.

Don't get me wrong, as it got later each day, Scott would definitely loosen up. I'll never forget him announcing on the loudspeaker when someone had action with him on a particular table.

We have some great people behind the scenes in this sport. Ken Shuman, John Leyman, all the way back to Michaela Tabb. They all have their own unique styles when it comes to what they do.

There will never be another like Scott "The Shot" Smith.





WELCOME TO TEAM RASSON

REIGNING WORLD 9-BALL CHAMPION
JOINS THE RASSON PRO LINE-UP



FRANCISCO SANCHEZ RUIZ

RASSON CONTACT
www.rasson.cn | kevina@rasson.cn

U.S.A. CONTACT
www.imperialusa.com | rasson@imperialusa.com

matchroom.



16 Team Europe Dominates Mosconi Cup XXX

Story and photos courtesy Matchroom Multi Sport



20 Ouschan Over Wei for WPBA Title

Story by Skip Maloney - AzB Staff
/ Photos Corby Dayhoff



24/28 Sanchez-Ruiz Signs New Partnerships

List page numbers for both stories for him

6 Big Ideas in Small Packages

Phil Capelle

10 A Better Grip On Your Game

Anthony Beeler

12 World Class Pool

14 Gospel Trick Shots

Steve Lillis

26 Brunswick Announces Dominguez and Easton Sponsorships

30 Space City Open XI Results

Story by Mary Kenniston

34 2023 Predator Arcadia Centex Tour Season Finale

Story and photos courtesy Centex Tour

38 Pairs Confirmed for Apex Doubles Event

40 World Pool Masters Heads To Germany

41 UK Open Heads To Telford

42 WPA Teams With Joy Billiards

44 Tournament Results

46 Upcoming Events

48 AzBilliards Money List

A large, textured blue circle is centered on a blue background with a fine, pebbled texture. The circle has a slightly darker, more saturated blue color than the background, creating a subtle contrast. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a focus on color and texture.

THE BLUE YOU NEED

Blue DIAMOND

SEARCH YOUR DEALER ON
BLUEDIAMONDCHALK.COM



BIG IDEAS IN SMALL PACKAGES

I decided to kick off my second year with the Billiards Buzz with a listing of items from my new pool glossary. Like with my Words of Wisdom (see December) I chose this format because it is easy to consume small bites of information – and you never know when an original idea, or an existing concept with a new slant, could be just what you need to ignite another round of improvement in your game.

As you read through the items, think of yourself as participating in a treasure hunt. You may come up empty time and again, but with nearly 300 chances at the wheel, so-to-speak,, you are bound to discover a host of items that could strengthen your game. When you do discover an idea that strikes one of your pool playing nerves, I suggest that you copy it and drop it into a file for future reference. And by all means, share these choice morsels with a friend.

There are nearly 300 ideas in this new glossary which is are too many for one issue, so I have divided them into three equal installments. The first, obviously, is in this issue. The second will appear in March, and the final one will be run in the May issue.

ADJUSTING

Adapting as You Play – The ability to adjust to the conditions, and to fluctuations in your game.

Adjust Your Cueing – On your final stroke you will likely hit the cue ball slightly left or right of where you origi-

nally cued at address.

Adjusted Shot Picture – This is the Shot Picture that you arrive at while in your stance. It is the result of the many compensations that you make as you weigh the various aiming factors.

AIMING

Aiming Gap - It is the gap between your initial position after landing and adjusting the Line-Of-Aim (LOA). This is done by your Eye/Brain/Hand Coordination (EBHC), will be using on your Final Forward Stroke (FFS)! This gap is often much larger when you are using english.

Aiming Illusion – How we think that we aim and how we really aim are not in total agreement.

Aiming is a Process – Throughout the Shot Cycle you are always aiming. When using Natural Aiming, there can be a steady progression towards mastery.

ATTENTION

Attention – Keeping your attention 100% centered on the balls and the shot is a must for giving each one your best effort.

Attention Shifting – You must learn to time when you shift your eyes from the object ball (OB) going into the pocket to the cue ball (CB) as it rolls to the position zone.

Audibles – When you get over the ball and decide to change the “play,” get up and start over. If it is a minor change on the shot you planned to shoot, it is may be okay to continue with your shot.

AUTOMATION

Automatic (automation) – When a process is mastered it can be turned over to your subconscious.

Automation > Complexity – As you automate more and more of the elements of the Shot Cycle, you are able to add the details that create complete shots, just like the pros do.

Avoid Unlearning – If you learn to play the right way and without train-



ing wheels, you will have nothing to unlearn, and no bad habits to break.

BACKHAND

Backhand Adjustments – Your Hold Hand will likely move from its initial set up position to adjust for a slight change in your perception of the shot as you reach the end of your Warm-Up-Stroke (WUS) cycle.

Backhand Feeling – A big key to pool is feeling relaxed with the back hand, and yet in near total control.

Backhand Errors – The swinging of your arm and hand on a line that creates contact too far to the left or right of the LOA and the intended contact point on the CB.

BEST

Best for Last – You want your best of everything to happen at the end of a shot. This is called peaking.

Best Pocketing Speed – The speed of stroke on each particular shot that gives you your greatest chance of making the ball. It is the speed that you prefer to use, in general (such as 5.2) if you had a choice. For most players that speed IS in the middle – not very soft or not too hard.

Best Practice – The best, or supposedly the best, method for performing some element of a pool shot.

BRAIN

Brain Athletes – Athletes must quickly solve complex variable equations. This argues for a high level of intelligence in top pool players.

Brain Capacity – It is enormous, and it uses about 20% of our energy. We look to automate as many tasks in an effort to conserve our energy.

Brain's Shortcuts – It likes to think, but it does not need to do the same thinking over and over – nor does it want to.

CHANGE

Change – It is necessary for improvement. Each change should be properly vetted before you go through the laborious process of incorporating it into your game.

Change/Benefit Ratio – This measures the benefit that you will derive from a change in your game relative to the effort it will take to make that change.

Changing Emphasis – As your game improves and you automate certain tasks, the things you think about when playing each shot will begin to be centered on the nuances that are characteristic of the best players.

CLOSING

Closer – A player who knows how to win, how to play their game, and even an elevated version of their game when it is “Winning time,” as Laker’s star Magic Johnson so famously said.

Closing – The art of playing good position and patterns and finishing off the later part of game, AND matches. This skill and is the supreme test of a player’s mental strength.

Closing Performance – Gearing up for a must make shot. This shot is not part of your average, but rather is an exception to the norm. The greats know this, which is why they are able to actually up their percentage in the big moments.

COMFORT

Comfort Factor – A feeling of well-being while playing a shot. You feel good about what you are doing because all of the elements are in place for an excellent effort.

Comfortable Speed – That speed of stroke that you feel most comfortable and confident in using on most shot. It is in about the Medium-Soft (4) to Medium Hard (6) range for most players.

Comfort Zone – Shots that you feel are well within your range of capabilities.

COMMITMENT

Commit – You must commit to making your FS down your chosen LOA.

Commitment – Making a commitment to your game and to the improvement process. In short you are ALL IN!

Commit-Execute-Learn – Learn to make a solid plan and then, even if it is not perfect, commit to the execution of that plan. Then observe your results so you can learn from most shots – even if it is how not to play it.

CONFIDENCE

Confidence – It is some “thing” in your mind, a feeling – and you MUST have it to consistently play well.

Confidence Building – You need to perpetuate a process for building it, nurturing it, and maintaining it.

Confidence Management – The ability to manage your thinking so that you can allow your best game to shine through most, if not all, of the time.

CONNECTIONS

Connected Shots – Your shots are not entirely independent events. Your form carries forward to the next shot, in part because there is so little time between each shot.

Connecting Gazes – The process of creating a Spatial Relationship by looking back and forth between the CB, OB, and the pocket.

Connect to the Target – The ability of a player to feel as if they are a part of the shot, particularly the two targets – the OB and the pocket.

CONSCIOUS

Conscious Aiming – The LOA produced by your conscious based method of aiming.

Conscious Learning – The kind we are aware of – we learn a process, a method, and then we may, or may not, turn that process over to our subconscious.

Conscious Primes Subconscious – A few timely and constructive thoughts during the shooting cycle can lead to a bevy of subconscious thoughts, the kind that can enable you to execute the shot exactly as intended.

CONTACT

Contact Bar – The horizontal part of an OB on the equator that, if contacted by the CB, will result in the OB going into the left, right, or center of the pocket!

Contact Induced Throw – The cue ball throws the OB toward the outside of the pocket, so you must slightly overcut cut shots to compensate for it.

Contact Cue Deflection – Your cue will veer to the side of the english you are using after contact. The more from vertical axis that you strike the CB, the greater the cue deflection.

CONTROL

Control – Something we try (or sometimes over-try) to maintain. It can be a bad thing.

Control of the Table – Your goal is to win it, and to then maintain it. Having control enables you to dictate the action on both offense and defense.

Control Your Cue – The key is to control the direction of your cue, and not to worry about your tip position.

CUE and CUEING

Cue Aiming Line – This is the line that your cue is pointing down when cueing on the vertical axis, or with english. You want your Shot Pictures to include this line. And, when using en-

glish, you want to be positioned over your cue, not the vertical axis.

Cue Angle - The amount of the downward angle that is present on most every shot except for those played well above center with a level cue at contact.

Cueing Accurately – It is NOT about necessarily hitting the cue ball where you line up originally, but where you must strike the CB to make the shot!

CUT SHOTS

Cut Angle – The relationship between the CB, OB, and the pocket.

Cut Shot – Any shot that is not dead straight in.

Cut Shot Induced Anxiety – Some cut shots often produce doubt. Doubt can then lead to a poor stroke, compounding the problem.

DECISIONS

Decision to Shoot – Every player takes varying amounts of time over a shot, all in preparation for that moment when a little voice tells them “now” or “shoot” or “Go,” or MAYBE nothing but just a knowing.

Decisions – They form the basis for everything that you do in pool.

Decisiveness – It is so important to act decisively when preparing to play every shot. It is necessary in aiming by feel to decide on your line, stick to it, and execute well.

DOING

Do > Learn – Read and watch videos, then go to the table and learning by doing.

Doing Knowledge – The know-how for playing pool comes from playing long hours over a long period of time.

Doing State (The) – When planning and executing become one there is no

sense that you are doing either one or the other!

EBHC

EBHC Adjustment (The) – A small but necessary adjustment takes care of any errors in your original line of aim. It cannot be avoided, so you should use it.

EBHC Rules – It is used by every aiming and shooting method. It happens automatically so it cannot be turned off.

EBH/Reflex Complex – The naturally occurring interplay between our eyes, brain, and hand that leads to certain automatic actions. When you are well-trained for an activity, it works very precisely and without conscious thought.

ENGLISH

English for Amateurs – Using english requires the memorization and up-keep of so many Shot Pictures in addition to those used when cueing on the vertical axis. So, amateurs are advised to limit their use of english.

English Induced Tension – When you anticipate a hit far from the sweet spot there can be a tendency to tense up prior to contact.

English Line Of Aim – A LOA for your head and cue that corresponds to where you are going to hit the CB. When using english, this LOA is away from the vertical axis.

EXECUTION

Execution Phase – The phase of the Shot Cycle in which you are down over the ball and are preparing to play it – and then you play it.

Execute Well – After making your plan, commit to executing it as well as possible no matter how you may feel about your chances of success. Then learn something for the shot.

Execution Time – The time it takes to play a shot varies with the degree of difficulty and complexity of the shot.

EXPERIENCE

Experience – You learn so many of the key skills in pool with experience, and this experience strengthens the neurons devoted to each activity.

Experiential Pool – Being aware of so many elements that could easily be overlooked. These can elevate your experiences and improve your pool memory!

Experiencing Exponential Change – A series of changes that combine to create a big jump in your game.

EYES

Eye/Brain/Arm Coordination – You need to be able to coordinate the movements of your hand/arm complex.

Eye/Brain/Finger Coordination – A very refined sense of the working relationship between your hand and your mind/vision.

Eye for the Game – When you see the balls and you just know what the correct course of action is. This is another way of saying to aim by feel, and by using Natural Aiming. This is the ability to see shots and to aim them with great accuracy.

FAST

Fast Move – That point in the FFS where rapid acceleration begins.

Fast Muscles – Loose and relaxed muscles makes it far easier to develop speed, and use higher speeds (7-9).

Fast Thinking – This kind of thinking is done automatically. It is the result of extensive training, the kind that enables you to make good decisions very quickly. It is, basically, thinking without thinking!

FEEDBACK

Feedback – Developing your method for learning, and for remembering what to do, and not do, from each shot that you play.

Feedback Phase – It is the learning element of the Shot Cycle. It helps to plan for it in advance, especially when you are practicing.

Feed off of Each Other – How skill in one or more elements helps you to improve other one.

FEEL

Feel and Mechanics – Good mechanics and a smooth motion combine to create a stroke that feels good!

Feeling Transference – When you reduce or eliminate tension in one place, it becomes possible to begin feeling things elsewhere. Or, it results from changing your emphasis from one place to another. Your game is made up of feelings that either are critical to your success, or that divert your attention. You can improve by transferring a feeling from one area to another.

Feeling (That) – You may not know (yet) how to explain, in scientific terms, how you get a feeling, how you know, but, you DO know what it is like to execute a pool shot with a stroke that feels great.

FINAL

Final Adjustment – The adjustment that takes you from close to correct to

as close as to perfection as your LOA is going to get prior to making the FS.

Final Line-Of-Aim (FLOA) – This is the path that your cue is going to follow on the FFS into contact. In most cases it is slightly different from your initial LOA.

Final Stroke Phase – When you begin to take your cue back, make a transition, and accelerate into the shot.

FLOW

Flow – When you are smoothly moving from shot to shot, planning and executing on all cylinders. This is NOT dead stroke, but it IS using your mind and body to the utmost.

Flow State – When the game is as easy as it is going to get – and all parts are in sync.

Flow Stroke – A full and relaxed stroke than unfolds naturally. It is a product of your confidence and of concentrating on the process of playing fine pool shots.

FOCAL POINT

Focal Point – A 2-degree wide arc in your visual field. It shifts as our gaze shifts during the playing of a shot.

Focal Points – The 2 (or 3) degree wide arc that we actually can see!

Focal Range – The expanse of the area that we are focused on – the LOA likely runs down the center of it on our FFS.

ABOUT PHIL CAPELLE

Beginning in 1968, Capelle spent 27 years competing in money games, leagues, and tournaments. In late 1994 he founded Billiards Press, and has since written 12 instructional books on pool. Over the last eight years he has conducted extensive research in preparation for his upcoming book, *Pool Is The Answer*. For a detailed profile of Phil Capelle, see his interview with Melinda Bailey in the April 2019 issue of the Billiards Buzz.

GET A BETTER GRIP ON YOUR GAME

ANTHONY **BEELER**

Several years ago, *Rack and Cue Billiards* in Campbellsville, Kentucky was the setting for the state's 9-ball championship. Players like John Brumback Shannon Daulton and David Rice were all regulars in quest for the title.

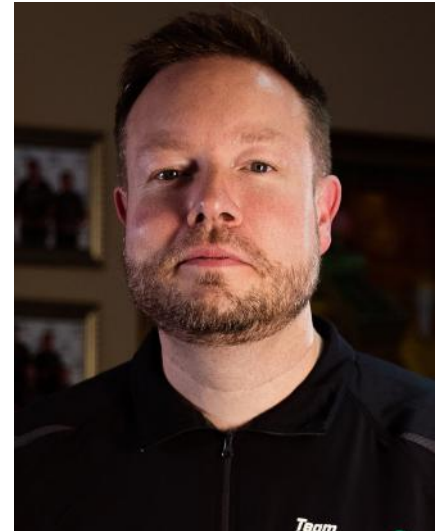
At that time, I was beginning to learn more about the little intricacies of the game, such as mechanics and advanced fundamentals. One topic I was particularly curious about was the grip. Mike Blevins was from Somerset, Kentucky and he was an incredibly difficult to beat. In fact, in addition to Gerald Daulton, Mike was given credit by many for teaching Shannon Daulton how to play.

After losing to Shannon Daulton in the finals the previous year, I soon found myself face to face with Blevins in the finals of the current rendition. During our match, I began to pay close attention to Mike's grip. Mike always seemed to move the cue ball effortlessly around the table and I always

believed this was due to the way that he held the cue.

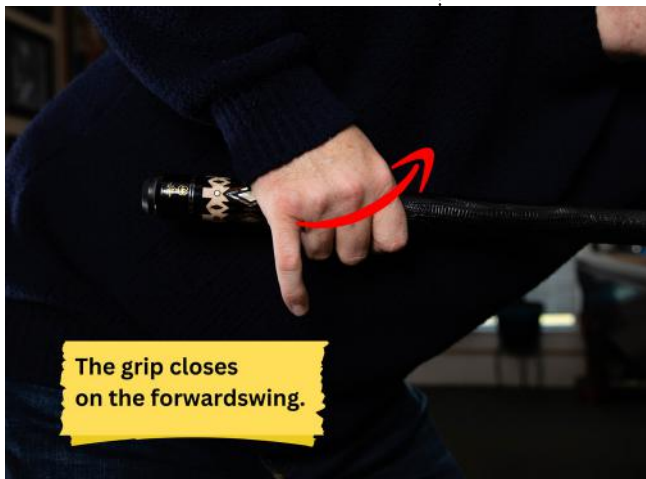
First, Mike had the right idea in that the thumb should be pointed straight to the floor, with the wrist cocked slightly to the right if you are right-handed. This helps you to deliver a straight stroke if the elbow drops.

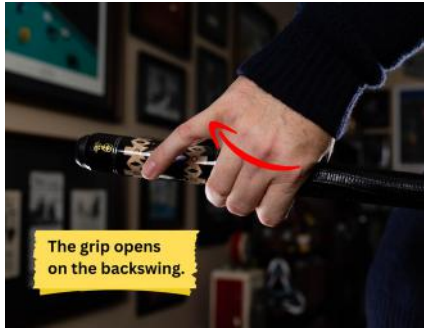
It is important to remember that if you hold the cue too tightly there is a tendency to stop your stroke. Mike primarily held his cue lightly, resting it on only the front fingers with the little finger not touching the cue. Primary control of the cue should come from the thumb and the index finger. This light cradling of the butt made it much simpler for Mike to stroke in



a perfectly straight line than with a tighter grip. In fact, some instructors compare perfect grip pressure to that of someone holding a bird. If you hold the bird too tightly you will hurt it, but if the bird is held too loosely it will escape and fly away. It is important to hold the cue with the right amount of pressure.

When watching Mike play, I always imagined an eye on his grip hand directly above the cue (shown in the photo). The imaginary eye looks down the butt and shaft of the cue towards the target. Using this analogy ensures that the grip hand is directly over the cue and is not torqued significantly in one direction or the other.





Finally, the last element of Mike's grip was that he always opened his grip on the backswing and closed his grip on the forward swing. Snooker Champion, Steve Davis has described the perfect grip as being neutral at the "SET" (90 degrees) and open on the "PAUSE" (back swing) and then closed at the "FINISH" (squeezing on contact).

My match with Mike gave me a better insight into how to develop a proper grip. The real victory wasn't the fact that I won the championship that year. It was that I had learned something far more valuable. I witnessed

the elements of a good grip up close and personal.

To this day, my grip is much better due to the impression Mike Blevins made on me that day. As an instruc-

tor, I see many players who have limited abilities because they have a flaw with the way they hold the cue. Don't let a faulty grip hold you back. Get a grip on your game and practice holding your cue correctly.

Anthony Beeler is the current *Billiards Instructor of the Decade* and is a former BCAPL National Champion. He has numerous "Top 25" national finishes and is the primary author of the ACS *National Billiards Instructor's Manual*. He has also authored the book *Unstoppable! Positive Thinking for Pool Players*. Anthony currently has the highest established Fargo Rating of any Master Instructor. He has won over 300 tournaments and has defeated numerous professional players in tournament competition.

NEWLY UPDATED ONLINE COURSE!

Master Instructor

ANTHONY BEELER'S

VIRTUAL BILLIARDS ACADEMY

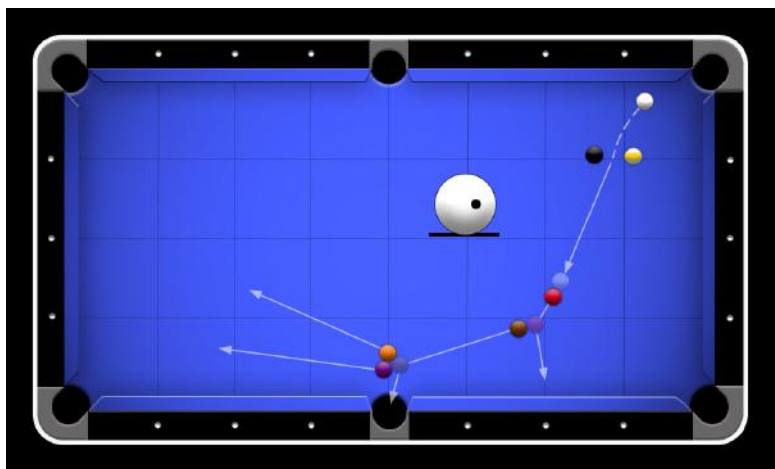
Instructor of the Decade!

POOLTEACHER.COM

#1 IN POOL INSTRUCTION

(606) 669-8401

F R O M



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

This month's shot is from the finals of the 2008 US Open 9-Ball Championship. Mika Immonen comes to the table after a safety from Ronnie Alcano. Mika found this nifty little combination/carom with perfect shape to escape the safety.

Danny Diliberto said he didn't like the shot when he first saw it, but Mika sized up the shot and made it like it was fairly routine.



The image features two pens standing vertically against a dark red, textured background. The pen on the left is black with a white checkered pattern and a silver-colored tip. The pen on the right is red with a white checkered pattern and a silver-colored base. The brand name 'becue' is written in white lowercase letters across the center of the image, with a white diamond-shaped logo to its left.

 becue

Gospel Trick Shot #47

‘Let There Be Light’ Shot

History of the Trick Shot: This shot is a famous shot, originally known as the paper bag trick shot. Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman has mastered this shot across many different types of billiard tables. The cue ball is trapped behind an object ball, making it look impossible to make the 8-ball. In this particular variation, Tom has taken this shot from the 9ft pool table and adapted it to work on a 7ft sized Blackball pool table.

GTS Name and Why: Tom named this shot the “Let There Be Light” shot as it beautifully demonstrates how Light overcomes the darkness. God said “Let there be light, and there was light.” In this shot the yellow ball represents the Light, the paper bag represents a tunnel in which there is darkness, and the black 8-ball represents darkness.

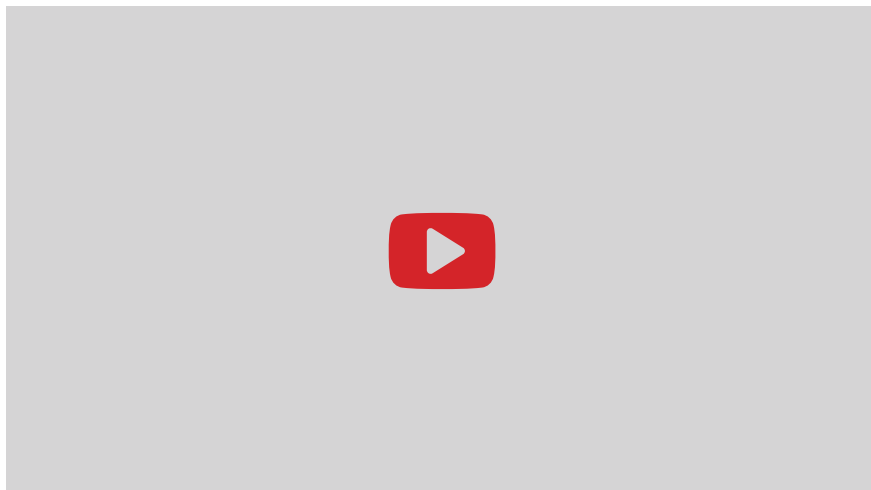
Scripture References: Genesis 1:3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

Matthew 5:14 You are the Light of the world.

Cue Ball Placement: Frozen against the rail on the 2nd diamond on the long rail as shown in diagram.

Object Ball(s) Placement: A red object ball as a blocker ball, frozen to the cue ball also in line with the 2nd diamond, and a yellow ball frozen to the red ball being one width of a cue ball away from the long rail. The 8-ball is placed near the opposite side pocket as shown in the diagram. A paper bag is placed between the 8-ball and the center line of the table as diagrammed.

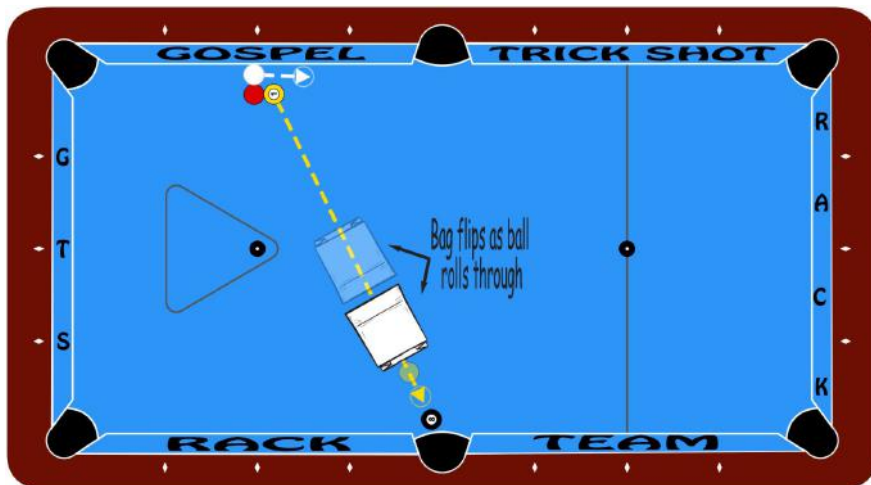
Objective: Shoot the cue ball directly into the long rail aiming at about a diamond and a half from the side pocket. The cue ball will compress into the long rail away from the red object ball and should then immediately make contact with the yellow ball sending it across the table through the paper bag, flip-



ping the bag over, and then making the 8-ball in the opposite side pocket.

Special Notes: If the yellow ball misses to the left of the 8-ball then adjust your angle toward the first diamond from the side pocket. If the yellow ball misses to the right of the 8-ball then close the angle of the cue slightly. Playing the cue ball with a bit of draw will also help to hit the yellow ball fuller. With some practice this shot can be mastered and will surely turn a few heads.

Crowd Reactions: People love seeing props on the table, and the paper bag normally has people puzzled as to what is about to happen. When the yellow ball travels through the bag and causes the bag to flip over, mysteriously coming out the other side making the 8-ball, expect a huge round of applause and some cheering, as this shot is very pleasing to the eye when pulled off correctly! Again the message in the Lord Jesus Christ are to be the Light of the world!





WANT TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS?

With Aramith billiard balls, you benefit from the highest quality and performance standards in the industry.



Offer a perfect balance for a true and accurate roll



Allow predictable rebounds thanks to the resin elasticity



Respect the most exacting standards from one ball to another



SIMONIS CLOTH
simoniscloth.com



ARAMITH BALLS
aramith.com



STRACHAN CLOTH
strachan.co



FUSIONTABLES
fusiontables.com

TEAM EUROPE COMPLETE COMMANDING 2023 DUELBITS MOSCONI CUP VICTORY

Story courtesy ADAM CLAPHAM - MATCHROOM MULTI SPORT
/ Photos courtesy MATCHROOM MULTI SPORT

Team Europe have won their fourth consecutive Duelbits Mosconi Cup title after defeating Team USA 11-3 at the Alexandra

Palace with one of the most dominant performances in the 30-year history of the transatlantic 9-ball pool extravaganza. The 2023 Duelbits Mosconi Cup

was broadcast live on Sky Sports in the UK and Ireland, DAZN in the USA, Spain and Brazil, Viaplay in the Baltics and Scandinavia, and networks worldwide.



Day Four Results:

- Match 1: Team Europe 5-4 Team USA
- Match 2: Jayson Shaw & Albin Ouschan 5-2 Shane van Boening & Tyler Styer
- Match 3: Joshua Filler 5-0 Skyler Woodward
- Match 4: Francisco Sanchez Ruiz & David Alcaide 5-3 Fedor Gorst & Shane Wolford
- Match 5: Joshua Filler 5-2 Fedor Gorst
- Match 6: Francisco Sanchez Ruiz 5-4 Fedor Gorst
- Match 7: Sanchez Ruiz & Filler 4-5 Shane Van Boening & Gorst
- Match 8: Albin Ouschan 5-0 Tyler Styer
- Match 9: Jayson Shaw & David Alcaide 5-2 Skyler Woodward & Shane Wolford
- Match 10: Shaw 5-1 Woodward
- Match 11: Shaw & Francisco Sanchez Ruiz 3-5 Woodward & Fedor Gorst
- Match 12: Joshua Filler 2-5 Shane Van Boening
- Match 13: Filler & Albin Ouschan 5-3 Skyler Woodward & Tyler Styer
- Match 14: David Alcaide 5-4 Shane Wolford

OVERALL RESULT: TEAM EUROPE 11-3 TEAM USA

Led by rookie captain Ralph Eckert, the hosts enjoyed total control across the four days in London, with the tone being set during the opening session



when they completed a clean sweep of victories.

The Europeans remained ruthless in their pursuit of a 16th overall Mosconi Cup glory as they continued to extend their advantage throughout days two and three. Heading into the final day, the title holders were 9-2 up and required just two more points to lift the trophy again.

Before any genuine thoughts of overhauling the huge deficit, Team USA's initial objective was to make the scoreline respectable, and the visitors embodied fighting spirit through

Shane Van Boening in the opening match of the session as he came to the party with an impressive 5-2 win against Joshua Filler.

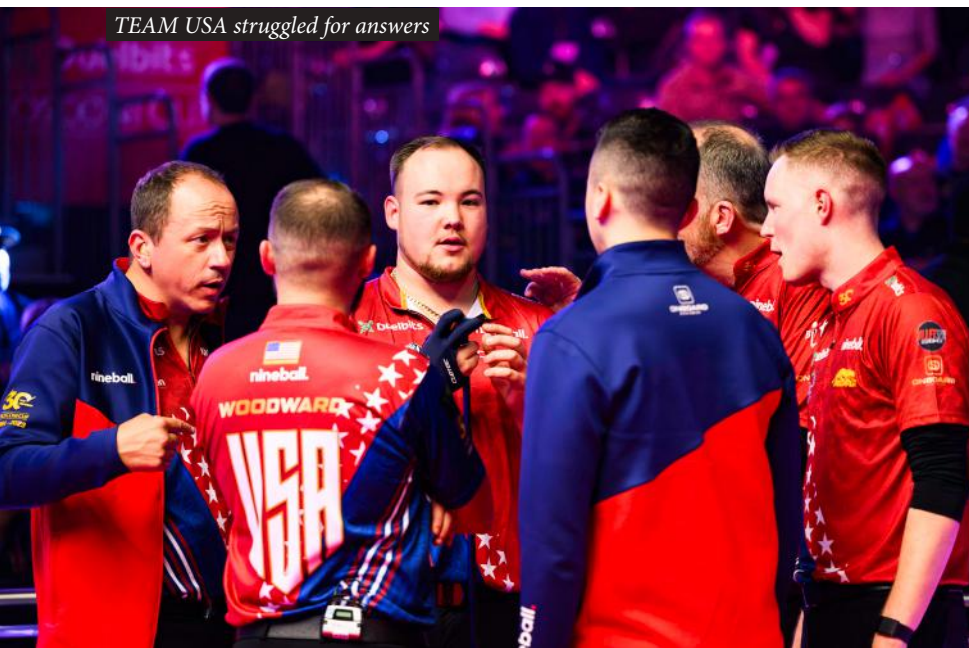
Van Boening – making a record-equaling 17th successive Mosconi Cup appearance – had lost all five of his previous singles matches against Filler in this competition, but the five-time US Open champion constructed two break clearances as he broke free from 2-2 to stop that unwanted sequence and give his country its third point of the week.

The Americans continued to rally in match 13 in a doubles tie featuring Skyler Woodward & Tyler Styer against Filler & Albin Ouschan.

After the Europeans break cleared in the opening rack and then doubled their profit, Woodward – who delivered several exquisite shots – and Styer strung together the next three racks to go ahead.

However, the home team reasserted their command, punishing a misjudged swerve from Styer in rack six to level before crafting another break and run to go 4-3 in front. And when Woodward went dry with his break in the eighth, the boys in blue made no mistake as they put their team on the hill.

TEAM USA struggled for answers



In what would be the 30th anniversary's final fixture, David Alcaide ousted Shane Wolford 5-4 in a compelling encounter where there was never more than a rack between the competitors.

The Cup's only rookie player this year, Wolford was experiencing singles action in it for the first time, and he acclimatised well with a break and run in the opening rack, although reigning European Open champion Alcaide returned the compliment in the next.

Following an eventful few racks which saw the players tied at 3-3, Alcaide cleared from Wolford's foul break in rack seven to move one away from glory, but the 24-year-old left-hander followed suit and pushed the match all the way as he dished from his opponent's dry break in rack eight.

Wolford potted a ball off his break in the hill-hill rack but later missed the 5-ball when attempting to break and clear.

After Alcaide botched his safety shot, Wolford potted the 5 but landed tricky on the 6. The debutant went full-blooded for the pot – which he missed – and was fortunate to leave



David Alcaide

Alcaide snookered, although the Spaniard successfully navigated it and fluked a snooker back.

With a deft touch, Wolford produced a brilliant escape and forced a subsequent safety error from his rival.

Facing a long cut on the 6-ball, though, Wolford potted it but watched in anguish as the cueball went in-off in the opposite diagonal corner pocket.

Seventeen years on from losing the deciding match at the 2006 Mosconi Cup in Rotterdam which saw defending champions USA draw the overall contest 12-12 and therefore retain the

trophy, this time Alcaide made sure he wasn't going to pass up the opportunity to sink the tournament-winning ball as he mopped up the 7, 8 and 9-ball to cue rapturous celebrations amongst the European team and its supporters.

Courtesy of his two singles wins earlier in the week and his doubles success alongside Ouschan on the final day, Filler won this year's Cuetec Most Valuable Player Award. It is the second year in-a-row that the German has won the accolade, and his third time overall.

Speaking to Sky Sports about the victory and his MVP success, Filler said: "It's been an amazing week; we played great all week and I think in the end obviously we deserved to win."

"I got lucky I got sent out so many times; I got many more opportunities than the others obviously, but I still played good and I've got a big team behind me which supported me all the way."

The jubilant winning captain Eckert – who never experienced the Mosconi Cup as a player – said: "It's such an incredible feeling and I want to take the opportunity to thank the whole team – it is such an incredible team. Thank you to all the fans here. Thank you so much."

Most Valuable Player Joshua Filler



Niels Fejer

PRO CUES LINE

2023 BILLIARD CONGRESS OF AMERICA
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Game cue mod. "FLAMES"

Jump Break cue mod. "TJB22"

Game cue mod. "SPARKLE"

Low deflection "LUNA NERA" graphite shaft



LONGONICUES.COM



OUSCHAN WINS

NINE ON THE LOSS SIDE, DOWNS WEI IN WPBA DR. POOL TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

There are pivot points in every pool tournament, moments that have a way of changing a tournament's trajectory from where it looked like it was going, to going somewhere else.

Pretty much every one of a tournament's last 14 matches are pivotal because in many cases, they define the payment parameters. Win, lose or draw, the final 12 competitors in most large-entrant tournaments are usually going home with cash.

This past long weekend (Dec. 6-10), the \$30,000-added, Women's Profession-

al Billiards Association's Dr. Pool Tour Championships, drew 77 entrants to the Central Wisconsin Expo Center in Rothschild, WI. On Wednesday, 45 of those entrants, unseeded in the event, began a two-day, double-elimination Stage 1. By Friday morning, 16 of those 45, eight from each side of the Stage 1 bracket, joined 32 seeded players in a Stage 2, double-elimina-

tion bracket, with 16 of the original 32 seeded players receiving opening-round byes. Both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 brackets featured a number of 'pivot points' that occurred well before the number of entrants in the Stage 2 bracket had dwindled down to its assured cash-payment level for 24 of them.

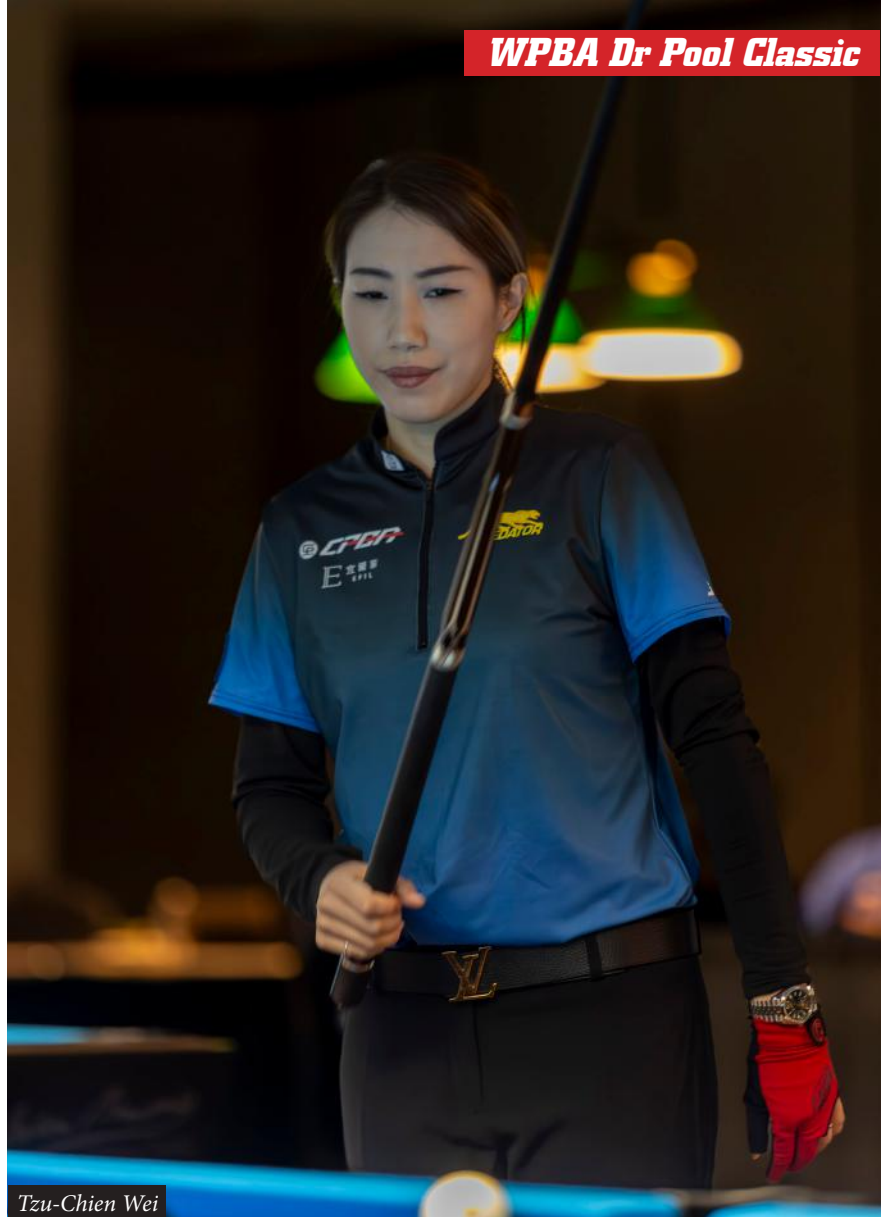
Jasmin Ouschan



Among the more significant pivot points in the Stage 1 bracket were a few of the matches that advanced players to Stage 2. From the winners' side of that bracket, April Larson advanced to Stage 2 with a victory over JPNEWT tour director, Briana Miller and Michel Monk advanced by defeating Kim Cuarisma. From the loss side, Miller had one opportunity to advance and took advantage of it, defeating Janet Ritcey, while Krystal DePelsmaecker (the APA's 2023 Women's Amateur Champion) won three on the loss side, including a victory over Shanna Lewis that advanced her. Of the four involved in those pivotal, Stage 1 victories, all but one of them finished in the money. DePelsmaecker missed joining them at the cash window when she finished in the tie for 25th. Miller and Larson were not through with their contributions to the event's pivot points.

The very first Stage 2 pivot point came about when the eventual winner, #2 seed Jasmin Ouschan, who was awarded an opening round bye, lost her first match to Portugal's Sara Rocha, double hill. And there went the tournament's #2 seed, temporarily at least. Good news for the three women she might have faced on the winners' side in an attempt to claim the hot seat. Bad news for the nine women on the loss side that preceded her victory over the event's defending champion, #3-seeded Taipei's Tzu-Chien Wei in the final.

Another pivot point in the same Stage 2 winners' side round saw the unseeded Briana Miller, playing in her second straight, pivot-point match, defeat the tournament's #1 seed, Kelly Fisher, who came into and left the event as the WPBA's top-ranked 2023 competitor. Same good news/bad news 'pivot point' result. The winners' side quarterfinals featured a match between the event's #4 and #5 seed, Allison Fisher and Margarita Fefilova. That was destined to be pivotal, no



Tzu-Chien Wei

matter how it turned out. In a double hill battle, Fefilova sent Allison to the loss side.

And then there was the winners' side quarterfinal, double 'pivot point' match between Tzu-Chien Wei and unseeded April Larson. Pivotal for both of them and double-pivotal in the final double-hill game of the match. Wei prevailed, Larson moved west as Wei advanced to a winners' side semifinal.

Wei, after a bye, had defeated Kia Burwell and JoAnn Mason Parker before she defeated April Larson and downed Brittany Bryant 8-3 in the winners'

side semifinal afterwards. Kaylee McIntosh, seeded at #8, had her share of personal pivot points as she survived an opening-round, double-hill match against Lonnie Fox-Raymond, then downed the former #1 US female on the WPBA tour, Caroline Pao (a distinction that McIntosh now holds) and defeated Briana Miller in a winners' side quarterfinal. McIntosh got into the hot seat match with an 8-6 win over Fefilova in the other winners' side semifinal.

The hot seat match went back and forth for six of its potential 15 games. Tied at 3-3 (an individual, in-match pivot point), Wei won the next five to

claim the seat and send McIntosh off to the semifinals, as she settled in to allow Ouschan time to complete her loss-side run.

On the loss side, with more than its normal share of pivotal matchups, Bryant and Fefilova arrived to meet up with Allison Fisher and Ouschan, respectively. Ouschan was six matches into her loss-side run and just prior to meeting up with Fefilova, had eliminated Pao (1), Larson (3) and shut out Pam Kelly. Allison's first opponent, after her loss to Fefilova, was Kelly Fisher, who was working on her own four-match, loss-side winning streak that had recently eliminated Sara Rocha (2) and Janet Atwell (1), thus creating this tournament's 'mother' of pivot points in the battle between the Fishers.

Allison drops 9-ball on the break in opening rack of pivotal 'two Fisher' match versus Kelly



Allison Fisher

Things looked good for Allison, right from the proverbial get-go, as she dropped the 9-ball on the opening break and added two more racks for an early 3-0 lead. Kelly got on the board and then added another rack, off Allison's break. Allison came back to make it 4-2, Kelly long-banked the 9-ball in the next game to make it 4-3 and then tied it up at 4-4. Kelly scratched shooting at the 1-ball in the next rack and Allison finished it, taking the lead at 5-4 and adding another for a two-rack lead. Allison scratched breaking the 11th rack, which eventually launched the match's longest safety battle. Allison ended up winning the rack, reaching the hill and finishing things at 8-4 to draw and then defeat Kristina Zlateva (5). She picked up Bryant, coming over from the winners' side.

Allison got into the quarterfinals with an 8-3 win over Bryant, while Ouschan was chalking up loss-side win #7, 8-4 over Fefilova, to join her. Ouschan gave up three racks to Allison in those quarterfinals. McIntosh got two more than that against her in the semifinals, but Ouschan advanced to the finals already in possession of the event's most-matches-played title with (at the time) 10.

In a final race to 10, she made it an official 'Ouschan's 11' total matches. She and Tzu-Chien Wei traded racks back and forth in the final to a 3-3 tie, Wei having taken the lead twice (at 1-0, and 3-2). Ouschan took the lead at 2-1 and her second at 4-3. She added another, making it 5-3 before Wei chalked up her 4th and what would prove to be her last rack.

With Ouschan on the hill at 9-4, Wei got an early-rack possibility to win a fifth, when Ouschan attempted a shot at the 1-ball that rattled in a corner pocket and stayed in the teeth of the hole as the cue ball settled in about two clear feet away. Wei stepped to the table and with (likely) visions of a

Kaylee McIntosh



comeback on pretty much everyone's mind, she tried to hit the rail first and missed the 1-ball entirely. Ouschan connected the dots on the open table and claimed the Dr. Pool Tour Championship title.

(From a WPBA Facebook post) "A heartfelt thank you to our incredible WPBA sponsors! Guy McElroy and Chad Simone of Jacoby Custom Cues, Todd Holzer of On The Hill Sports Bar, Dale Elliot of the host venue and Dean Roeseler of DR Pool Promotions Inc.

As well as our other major sponsors. Special mentions to The City of Rothschild, Aramith - Billiard Balls, Iwan Simonis Billiards, and Diamond Billiards Products. Your support was pivotal in making our event a phenomenal success! Looking forward to a successful 2024! #Grateful #WPBASponsors #billiards #9ballpool"

ATTENTION POOL PLAYERS

ATTENTION POOL PLAYERS

ATTENTION POOL PLAYERS

NO EXCUSE PROGRAM

7' SMART TABLE PACKAGE
\$4.00 OR LESS PER DAY

9' SMART TABLE PACKAGE
\$5.00 OR LESS PER DAY

1. IF AN OPERATOR OWNS THE POOL TABLES, TELL THE BAR OWNER TO HAVE THE OPERATOR CONTACT DIAMOND DIRECTLY. DIAMOND OFFERS SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR OPERATORS.
2. IF THE BAR OWNER OWNS THE POOL TABLES, HAVE THE BAR OWNER CONTACT DIAMOND. DIAMOND HAS A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR BAR OWNERS.
3. IF (1 & 2) ARE NOT INTERESTED, DIAMOND HAS A SPECIAL PLAN FOR LEAGUE OPERATORS. (ALL LEAGUES)
4. IF (1, 2, & 3) ARE NOT INTERESTED, DIAMOND WILL PUT THE EQUIPMENT IN!

WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO SAY IS... DIAMOND HAS A SMART TABLE PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE!

PLAYERS CALL US WITH LOCATIONS THAT NEED DIAMOND SMART TABLES AND ACCESSORIES!
(812) 288-7665.



◆ DIAMOND ◆
SMART TABLE
"PREFERRED LEAGUE EQUIPMENT"

WWW.DIAMONDBILLIARDS.COM

WNT #1 FRANCISCO SANCHEZ-RUIZ JOINS TEAM CUETEC

Cuetec, the game's most advanced cue maker, is thrilled to announce the addition of reigning World Nine-ball Champion, Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz to its team of professional players and brand ambassadors.

Sanchez-Ruiz, hailing from Murcia, Spain, has become a global icon in the billiards world since having a historic campaign in 2022 that ended with him being crowned the Billiards Digest Player of the Year.

FSR's prolific 2022 included victories at the US Open Nine-ball Championship, World Eight-ball Championship, Derby City Classic (9-Ball), the Mosconi Cup (representing Europe), and the World Cup of Pool representing Spain.

"Francisco has achieved so very much over the past two years, that we couldn't help but be excited to add this caliber of player to the Cuetec family," said Jones Chang, President of Cuetec. "From our first correspondence with Francisco, it was simple to



FRANCISCO
SÁNCHEZ RUIZ

see that his passion for the sport, and its growth, perfectly align with our brand's core values and we can't wait to see what he achieves next."

Sanchez-Ruiz also expressed his excitement about partnering with Cuetec, stating "It's been a dream of mine to become a part of the Cuetec team since owning my first cue. As a young player, I played with a Cuetec cue that was passed down to me by my father and I have always looked up to their pro teams' players. It is surreal to think that I am now one of them! It's truly an honor for me to become part of that great Cuetec tradition and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to carve out my own Cuetec legacy."

Cuetec's partnership with Sanchez-Ruiz signifies an exciting new installment in the brand's journey and further ce-

ments its commitment to partnering with the best players both on and off the table, including fellow World Champion Shane Van Boening. "Adding Francisco to the team will raise the standard of play and expectations for all of us," said Van Boening when asked about the new addition. "He has an energy and tactical mind that makes him a truly fierce competitor on the table that I really like to watch - when I am not in the other chair across from him."

Look for Francisco to begin putting his new equipment through its paces at the 30th Anniversary Mosconi Cup as he represents Team Europe. Being the only Cuetec sponsored player on Team Europe, we expect some of his new American teammates to wait until the first of the year to give him a proper Cuetec Family welcome.

About Cuetec

Cuetec burst onto the billiard scene in 1989, developing the first composite cue. Today, Cuetec prides itself in offering the most technologically advanced high-performance playing equipment. From Cuetec's AVID line to its World Championship winning carbon fiber Cynergy line, every product is designed and engineered to give competitors the ultimate in performance and value.

For more information, please visit www.cuetec.com. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CuetecUSA>

A Z B MARKETPLACE
The Official Billiard Supply For AZBers

P3 REVO

Powered By **SEYBERTS.COM**
SEYBERTS BILLIARD SUPPLY

BRUNSWICK BILLIARDS GROUP UNVEILS DUAL POWERHOUSE:

OSCAR DOMINGUEZ AND SAVANNAH EASTON

In a thrilling update for billiards enthusiasts, the Brunswick Billiards Group proudly introduces its Sponsored Players: Oscar Dominguez and Savannah Easton. Oscar, a trailblazer who joined the esteemed roster in early 2023, and Savannah, aka “The Roadrunner,” are the latest additions to the new lineup.

Oscar Dominguez: A Billiards Powerhouse

Earlier this year, the Brunswick Billiards Group proudly welcomed Oscar Dominguez, a legendary figure and 3-time Mosconi Cup USA Team Member, to its roster of sponsored players. With a professional career dating back to 2009, Oscar has etched his name among the elite players in the United States, gaining global recognition. His prowess extends to representing the USA in international tournaments, solidifying his status as an icon in the billiards arena.

Oscar’s curated cue collection features the commanding Rage RGJBHH Heavy Hitter Jump/Break Cue, the timeless Lucasi LZSP2 Custom Sneaky Pete, and the versatile Lucasi LUX63 for adaptability. The specialized Air Hog LHAH2 Jump Cue delivers reliable precision in navigating tricky obstacles, while Oscar’s personal flair shines through in the chic Energy

Savannah Easton and Oscar Dominguez



by Players HC22 in Matte Black and White. All these cues find a secure and organized home in his Lucasi Hybrid PXC2048 Rival Case.

Hard Times Billiards: A Testament to Dedication

Oscar not only contributes to the billiards scene through his playing prowess but also as a business owner. He, along with his wife Desiree, owns Hard Times Billiards in Sacramento, California, providing a home for billiards enthusiasts and further establishing his commitment to the sport.

Savannah Easton: The Newest Addition to the Lineup

Building on the momentum of Oscar Dominguez's signing, the Brunswick Billiards Group is thrilled to announce the latest addition to its sponsored player family – Savannah Easton, "The Roadrunner." Known for her exceptional skills and dynamic presence on the pool table, Savannah aligns seamlessly with Brunswick Billiards, Lucasi, and Cue & Case in this strategic partnership.

Her signature setup features the PureX Kielwood Fuze Shaft, a testament



Savannah Easton



Oscar Dominguez



to cutting-edge technology and superior craftsmanship, paired with the Lucasi LZC31 cue butt. For those critical jump shots, she relies on the Lucasi Air Hog Jump Cue, and for powerful breaks, Savannah turns to the PureX HXT-P4 Break Cue.

A Homegrown Passion

Savannah's journey in the world of pool started at home, honing her skills on the iconic Brunswick Gold Crown I pool table. Manufactured from 1961 to 1974, the Gold Crown I table holds a special place in billiards history, and Savannah's connection to it adds a unique touch to her story.

The Brunswick Billiards Group looks forward to the exciting future these two phenomenal players bring to the world of professional pool.

RASSON BILLIARDS ADDS WORLD NINEBALL CHAMPION FRANCISCO SANCHEZ RUIZ

Rasson Billiards is thrilled to welcome Francisco Sanchez Ruiz to their talented roster of professional players. This collaboration marks a significant landmark for both Sanchez Ruiz and Rasson, uniting the World 9-Ball Champion with the most innovative pool table manufacturer in the billiards world.

When asked about joining Rasson, FSR could barely keep his feelings contained stating that, “I am proud and excited to be part of such a prestigious table brand! From the first time that I tried the table, I immediately understood why it was trusted to be the arena table of the most prestigious events in our sport. I couldn’t believe how tight the table pockets played and instantly knew that I wanted one to train on. I really believe that this table elevates your game to the maximum level.”

The Spanish-born Sanchez Ruiz compiled quite a resume of victories in a renowned 2022 season that was highlighted by wins in the World 8-Ball Championship, The World Cup of Pool, the US Open 9-Ball Championship, and the Mosconi Cup as a member of Team Europe. This all eclipsed with him being the overwhelming choice for the 2022 Billiards Digest Player of the Year.

“It is not every day that you can add the number one ranked player in the world to your team,” expressed Junny Song, General Manager of Rasson Billiards. “With the addition of Francisco to the team it just keeps us getting stronger. Matching him, along with our other team members will help us design and improve our product with

the feedback of the top players from all over the globe. We are excited to partner with Francisco and have him represent our brand.”

Fans and enthusiasts can witness Sanchez Ruiz’s first time out displaying the Rasson logo on his jersey in the arena at the 30th Anniversary Mosconi Cup representing Team Europe.

About Rasson

Rasson Billiards was established in 1990 and has since become the leading manufacturer of billiard slate and billiard tables worldwide. Every Rasson professional table is built using the

best-selected woods, cutting-edge materials, exquisite craftsmanship, and the highest quality standards in the industry. Rasson offers its support to an array of international billiard tournaments like EPBF, ICP, ECP, UMB, WPA, and more. Rasson has been designated as the official table of the Mosconi Cup, World Cup of Pool, World Pool Masters, Hanoi Open, and by many international billiard organizations like Matchroom, WPBL, GB9, and the Polish Billiard Association.

For more information, visit <https://www.rasson.cn/>



SIMONIS C



The best playing experience

Endorsed by professionals and used in virtually all major tournaments worldwide, Iwan Simonis and Aramith offer players the highest standards, both in terms of quality and performance.

As seen in all Matchroom events, the combination of the Shark Grey Simonis 860 cloth and the Aramith Tournament Black ball set provides pool players with the ultimate equipment for the most accurate play.



GOMEZ, HENNESSEE, LARSON, CALDERON & PETRICK CHAMPS AT

SPACE CITY OPEN XI

Story courtesy MARY KENNISTON

Last week, players made their way to the \$8,000 added Space City Open XI. Held at Big Tyme Billiards in Spring, TX. The Big Tyme Group and their staff laid out the red carpet for both players and fans.

In addition to the Big Tyme Group and PoolActionTV.com, sponsors included the Outsville Accu-Rack, Poison by Predator, Brutal Game Gear, Jerry Olivier Custom Cues, Savage Billiards, Simonis, Aramith, Diamond Bar Boxes, Alamo Billiards and the Fort Worth Billiards Superstore.

The tournament kicked off on Wednesday evening with the \$1,000 added 9 Ball Banks event. This single elimination race to four event saw twenty six players post their \$100 entry fees. After the players auction, meeting & draw, the action began.

The last two men standing were Alex Calderon and Eric Aicinena. Alex first posted victories over John Braud 4-1 and Ernesto Bayaya 4-2 before going down to the wire with Roberto Gomez. Next was Johnathan Hennessee who was defeated 4-1 and he arrived at the finals. Eric's path included Michael Alonzo 4-1 and then edged out Raed Shabib 4-3. His next opponents were Joey Torres and Blaine Barcus – they both lost 4-1.



The final match was all Alex as he cruised to victory with a 4-1 score over Eric!

Thursday evening saw the start of the \$1,000 added One Pocket Championship. Thirty one players posted their \$100 entry fees – the format was also single elimination and races to four. After the players auction, meeting & draw, play began.

Red-hot Alex Calderon sliced through the field on his way to the finals. After claiming a forfeit over Calvin Chappell, down went Eric Aicinena 4-1, Bernard Walker 4-0 and Tommy Tokoph 4-2.

But talk about red-hot! Bogie's house pro, Roberto Gomez, also tore through the field eliminating Keith Harris, a forfeit over Jesus Atencio, defending champ John Gabriel and Ryan Robinson – skunking them all 4-0!

The finals started out tight with the score tied at two apiece until Roberto won the last two games to claim the title!

It was now Friday night and time for the main event! The \$3,500 double elimination tournament drew 125 players paying a \$75 entry fee. Played on seven foot Diamonds with races to 9/7, the tournament began after the players auction, meeting & draw.

In dead punch, Alex Calderon, once again, raced through the upper portion of the bracket. Getting his revenge against Roberto Gomez, he blasted him 9-1. After sending Roberto west, no one posed a serious threat. Down they went – Jaden Dupree 9-2, Tom Davis 9-1, John Gabriel 9-5 and Michael Alonzo 9-1 until he reached the final four on the winners side.

Meanwhile, after drawing one of the coveted byes, Ernesto Bayaua also made the final four after defeating Manny Lopez 9-6, Ryan Robinson 9-5, Eric Aicinena 9-1 and Kenneth Price 9-3.

April Larson, Nicole Keeney and Robyn Petrosino



In the lower portion of the chart, Donovan Pedroncelli moved through the field to make the winners side final four after scoring wins over Greg Everett 9-6, Raed Shabib 9-5, Kell Perry also 9-5, Ken Nguyen 9-7 and Darryl Amos 9-7.

Johnathan Hennessee did the same after beating Beau Courts 9-2, Joey Bourgeois 9-7. James Bulice 9-0, Justin Espinosa 9-6 and Joey Torres 9-7.

Hennessee then sent Pedroncelli to the one loss side with a score of 9-2 and Calderon sent Bayaua west with a score of 9-4.

The hot seat match was close but Calderon locked up his seat in the finals after closing out Hennessee 9-7.

Over on the west side, John Gabriel and Jesus Atencio met after they had clawed their way through the bracket. Finally meeting, Gabriel eliminated Atencio 7-4 leaving him in fourth place. Waiting for Gabriel was Hennessee – it was close but Hennessee pulled away with a 7-5 score leaving John with a third place finish.

Since this was true double elimination, Hennessee would have to defeat Calderon twice to hoist the trophy.

Hennessee won the first set 9-6 forcing a deciding race to seven for the title. The second set was all Hennessee as he won the second set 7-0 and the title.

Sunday also saw the \$500 added Ladies 9 Ball and the \$500 added Junior 9 Ball Divisions.

The Juniors had twelve players who paid \$35 to play in the double elimination race to 7/5 event.

On the way to the hot seat match, Avah Weems notched wins over Bruer Roberts 7-3, Elijah Brooks 7-1 and Jayce Pena 7-3 before facing Shane Petrick.

Petrick arrived at the hot seat match after drawing a first round bye and then had wins over Luis Moreno and Kailye Stevens – both with 7-4 scores.

Space City Open XI

Petrick then defeated Weems 7-4 in the hot seat match and secured his spot in the finals. Weems headed to the one loss side to face Stevens. Weems won that match 5-3 for another shot at Petrick.

Again, as this was true double elimination, Weems had to defeat Petrick twice to win the tournament but it was not to be. Petrick won the final match 7-1 and claimed the title.

The Ladies 9 Ball event had 37 players posting their \$45 entries to play in the double elimination event with races to 7/5.

April Larson shot out of the gate with victories over Larissa Almendarez 7-3, Amanda Jensen 7-0, Natalie Rocha 7-5, Ming Ng 7-5 and Eylul Kibaroglu 7-1 to arrive at the hot seat match.

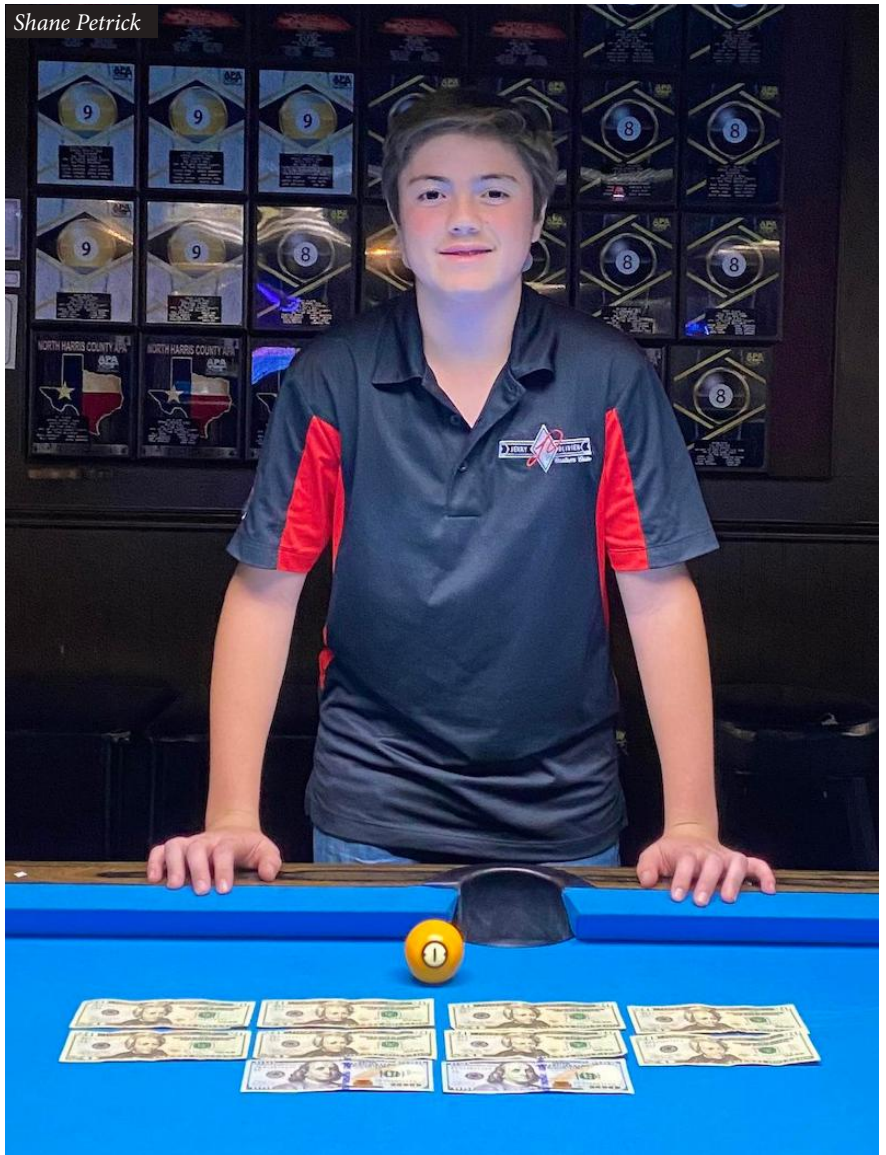
After drawing a first round bye, Robyn Petrosino recorded wins over Alex Chavez 7-2, Dee Leassear 7-4, Avah Weems 7-6 and Nicole Keeney 7-5 before facing Larson in the hot seat match.

It was no contest as Larson smoked Petrosino 7-0 and claimed her seat in the finals. Petrosino headed to the one loss side to play Keeney for a second shot at Larson. However, it was Keeney's turn for revenge as she defeated Petrosino 5-3 – she finished in third place.

Again, Keeney would have to defeat Larson two sets to claim the title. The match was close until Larson pulled away to win the match 7-5 and take the event.

Congratulations to this year's Space City Open XI champions – Hennessee, Calderon, Larson and Petrick!!!

And, congratulations to Alex Calderon for taking down the All Around Award!!!



PoolActionTV.com would like to thank the Big Tyme Group and their staff for going the extra mile for all the players and fans. We'd also like to thank Tournament Director Teresa Garland for juggling all the various events.

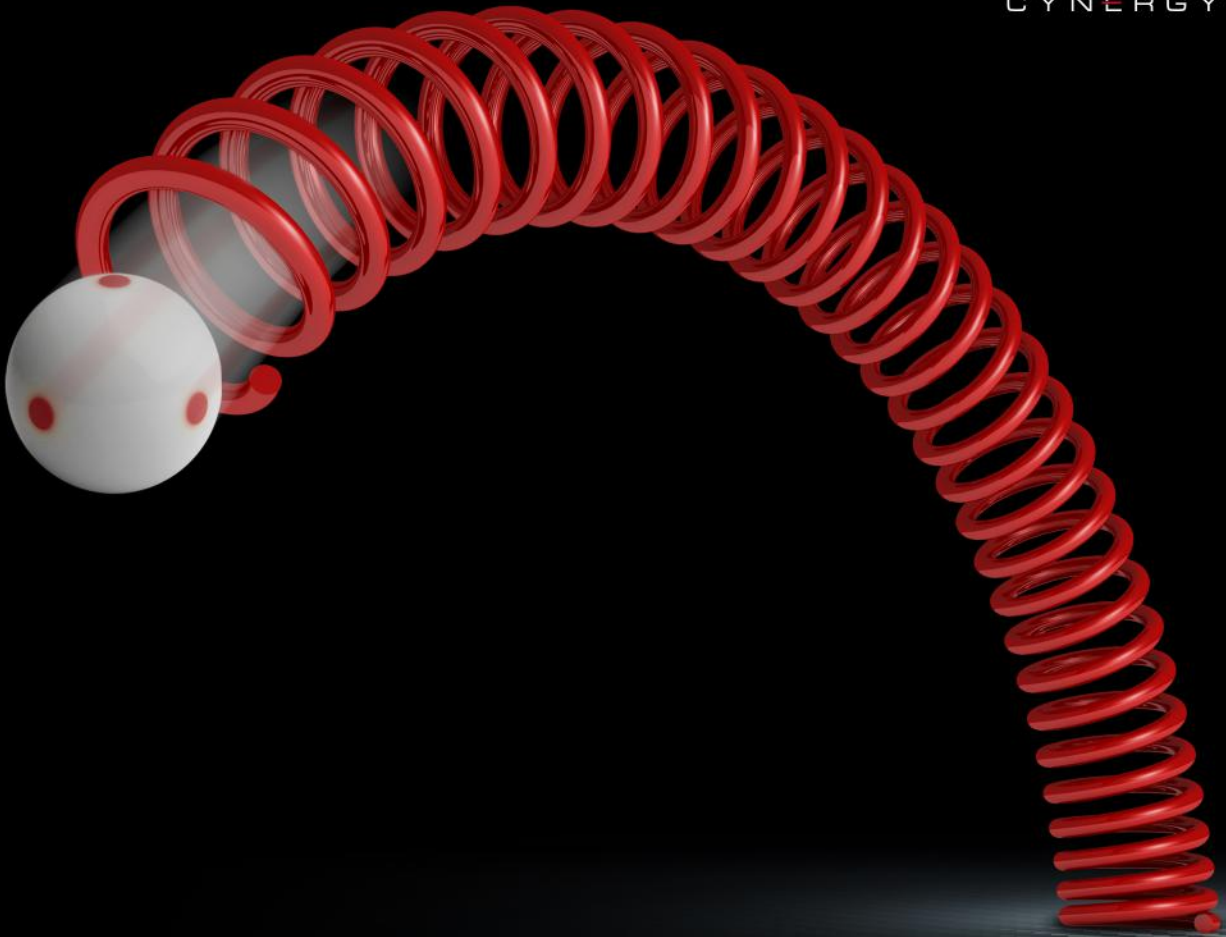
In addition, we'd also like to thank commentators Larry Schwartz, John Gabriel and Ray Hansen for a fine job.

PoolActionTV.com would also like to thank our fans and sponsors. Our sponsors include Lomax Custom Cues, JB Cases, Hanshew Jump Cues,

Aramith, Simonis, Diamond Billiard Products, Durbin Custom Cues, Savage Billiards, Bull Carbon, the Action Palace of Dayton, OH and Fort Worth Billiards Superstore of Fort Worth, TX.

Our next event is the 36th Annual Music City Open 9 Ball Championships at JOB Billiards Club in Madison, TN. Featuring \$7,000 added and four divisions – an Open Mini, Open 9 Ball, Ladies 9 Ball and One Pocket – the dates are January 10th-17th. Hope to see you there!

CYNERGY



EFFORTLESS AERIAL PROWESS

INTRODUCING THE NEXT BIG LEAP IN JUMP CUE TECHNOLOGY.



2023 Predator Arcadia CenTex Tour Season FINALE CHAMPIONS:

LAZ MARTINEZ and ANGIE PAYNE Open Division

Story and photos courtesy
CENTEX TOUR

Date: November 25-26, 2023
Location: Fast Eddies At
1604/Braun - San Antonio, TX

The 8th and final stop of the 2023 Predator Arcadia CenTex Pool Tour season ended with the spectacular Thanksgiving weekend finale at Fast Eddie's Braun in San Antonio, where local pool aficionados took center stage in the 2-day double-elimination 9-ball event to showcase the exceptional talent in the San Antonio, Austin and surrounding areas. Thanks to title sponsor, Predator, and its premier table cloth in the industry, Predator Arcadia, all Predator Arcadia CenTex Pool Tour stops are played using Predator Arcos II ball sets and Predator Aero Rack. This finale stop featured an additional \$1500-added money to the \$45 entry and the crowning of the 2023 tour season winners.

With match races set to 7 on the winner's side and 5 on the one-loss side, the tournament began with a field of 62 determined players with several favorites spread throughout the bracket. San Antonio's Albert Luna and Matthew Shoemaker were first to battle on the streaming table with

Lazaro Martinez III



Albert emerging victorious 7-4, forcing Matthew to the one-loss side early. Matthew ventured on to eliminate Brian Murphy and Ernie Castro only to end his bid for the top when, in his match against Gilbert Villanueva, falling short with 1-5 loss. However, Matthew Shoemaker was able to secure his overall tour standing and awarded the 2023 Tour Runner-Up for his triumphant 2nd place finish in the overall tour season. Joseph Cannata, in the running for the 2023 season title, Under 600 Leader, was graced with a BYE on the first round, trounced Daniel Salinas 7-0 in the next round before resigning into the one-loss side by Eric Reyes 4-7. In the fourth round, Joe skirted with a hill-hill win over Jesse Rizo then suffered a hill-hill loss against Roger Senn. Joseph Cannata (590 Fargo rating) placed 9th in the overall 2023 tour season and rightfully earned the title, Under 600 Leader, as the top performer amongst players with 599 and less Fargo.

On the second day, the top 12 competitors were guaranteed paid places and one contender would emerge on top. The remaining eight players on the winners side kicked off the fourth round: Scott Kephart defeated Rudy Sanchez 7-4, Eric Reyes inched by Jaden Dupree 7-6, Daniel Schneider took a definitive win against Eric Aicinena 7-3, and Laz Martinez prevailed over Jude Rosenstock 7-5.

Waiting in the one-loss side, Roger Senn, Mario Juarez, Albert Luna and Justin Espinosa would face the recent outcome of the previous match to play in the 9th-12th place match while Scott and Eric and Daniel and Laz continued on for a place in the hotseat match. After several rounds of heated battles, Scott and Laz defeated their opponents, Eric Reyes and Daniel Schneider, to earn a place in the hotseat match, Roger, Mario, Albert and Jaden settled for 9th-12th place and Justin and Jude captured 7th/8th place. In both undisputed 5th/6th place matches, Eric Reyes finished in his highest standing in the 2023 sea-

Angie Payne



son after receiving an exacting loss from Eric Aicinena 0-5 and Daniel, after his loss in an extremely close hill-hill match against Laz, was unable to overcome Rudy Sanchez 1-5.

Rudy and Eric Aicinena convened in the quarterfinals with Eric surfacing as victor 5-3, garnering Rudy's 4th place finish and Eric's undertaking in the semifinals. In a dramatic hotseat match between Scott Kephart and Laz Martinez that reached hill-hill, Scott overcame formidable Laz to secure the hotseat in the finals match and force Laz and Eric to face-off in the semifinals. Laz spared no expense and deftly toppled over Eric 5-3 to re-engage Scott in the finals. Eric Aicinena

respectably finished 3rd in his stirring run in this season's final stop.

The championship match was marked by unbridled enthusiasm: in his first appearance at the finals in the Predator Arcadia CenTex tour but no stranger to high pressure and high stakes competition, Scott Kephart would face in true double-elimination format the challenger, Laz Martinez: a seasoned and precocious contender in his third finals appearance and runner for the principle title of this year's season, 2023 Tour Champion. Unlike their neck-and-neck first encounter in the hotseat match, Laz quickly secured the first set with an impressive 7-1 win and forcing a second set with

Gentex Pool Tour

the pinnacle race set to 5. The second set was closer in race and still favored the ultimate victor: Laz won in a resounding 5-2 triumph against Scott and was crowned both the finale stop winner and 2023 Tour Champion in the Open Division, an impressive and well-deserved feat showcasing Laz's ever going prowess on the table.

2023 8TH STOP FINALE RESULTS

1st: Lazaro Martinez
2nd: Scott Kephart
3rd: Eric Aicinena
4th: Rudy Sanchez
5th-6th: Daniel Schneider, Eric Reyes
7th-8th: Jude Rosenstock, Justin Espinosa
9th-12th: Jaden Dupree, Mario Juarez, Roger Senn, Albert Luna

2023 OPEN DIVISION OVERALL RESULTS

1st: Lazaro Martinez
2nd: Matthew Shoemaker
3rd: Buddy Chilton
Under 600-Leader: Joe Cannata
Women's Division

A resplendent field of 20 fiercely talented and competitive women attended the final stop of the 2023 Predator Arcadia CenTex Tour Women's Division on November 26th in a one-day double elimination 9-ball tournament event that would result in crowning this stop's winners and 2023 women's season tour champions for their exemplary performance throughout the year. The finale event was hosted by San Antonio's Fast Eddie's - Braun: a popular local pool hall that accommodates 21 8-foot Olhausen tables and three 9-foot tables (exempt from tournament play). Thanks to the tour's sponsor, Predator, and its top-ranking table cloth, Predator Arcadia, the Women's Division featured an additional \$500-added to the total payout and matches were played using Predator Arcos II ball sets and Predator Aero Rack. The 9-ball double elimination format set matches on the winner's side to 5 and one-loss

Angie Payne, Mille Almaraz and April Larson



side to 4, and followed Texas Express rules that allow an optional push after the break, 3-foul rule, cue ball fouls only and ball-in-hand on foul.

The tournament featured a roster of exceptionally skillful female players from the local and surrounding area: San Antonio's April Larson, Sophie Lopez, Kawania Watson and Barbara Wisdom, Odessa's Mille Almaraz and Austin's Angie Payne and Stephanie Reyes. The early rounds predictably favored the higher skill-leveled contender: April, Angie, Mille and Sophie breezed through their rounds and quickly secured a guaranteed paid finish by comprising as the remaining four undefeated in the start of the fourth round. Kawania faced an unlikely foe in her first round in the hands of Sophie that resulted in her early send-off to the one-loss side 3-5 where she eliminated two of her opponents before falling short in her

hill-hill battle against Lisa Bailey. In the next round, Lisa lost in her own hill-hill battle against Stephanie Reyes, settling for 7th-8th in the tournament and 4th place overall in the 2023 women's season tour.

This year's women's season title, 2023 500-Under Leader, which is awarded to the overall top performer with a 499 or under Fargo rating, was achieved by Janet Saenz with her Fargo rating of 419. Janet claimed a top 3 finish in the fifth stop and fantastically placed 5th overall in the season.

Sophie Lopez, a daunting competitor in the Predator Arcadia CenTex Tour with her three top-3 finishes for the 2023 women's season including holder of the 4th stop women's crown, sent Kawania and Naomi Garcia to the one-loss side in her first two rounds before succumbing to a 0-5 shut-out by Mille Almaraz. Stephanie sealed Sophie's

fate 4-2 in the following 5th-6th place match, ending her run for the top in the finale event. Regardless, Sophie's striking accomplishments in the 2023 season culminated to a second place overall finish and rightfully earned her title, 2023 Women's Runner-Up.

The front runner for the Women's Division season title, 2023 Women's Champion was clearly earmarked for Angie Payne with her perfect attendance to all 2023 Women's Division events and two outstanding first place finishes in the 1st and 3rd stop. Angie steam-rolled through her opponents until she came face-to-face with April Larson in the fourth round on the winner's side, falling short with a 2-5 loss and enabling April to face Mille in the hotseat match. Afterward, Angie deftly eliminated Yvette Villareal in the 5th-6th place match 0-4 and handed Stephanie Reyes the 4th place finish in a tight hill-hill victory to move forward to the semifinals and await for the outcome from the hotseat match.

Stephanie finished this year with a solid 3rd place finish in the 2023 women's season tour.

Meanwhile, in the hotseat match that was streamed worldwide by local streamer, Backwards Billiards,

April Larson and Mille Almaraz found themselves in a highly contested and marginally tight battlefield laden with skillful runouts and strategic safeties. In the end, Mille inched by April with an astounding hill-hill victory to win the hotseat and handing April her first loss and trek to the semifinals where Angie was waiting. April shut-out Angie with a swift 0-4 in the semifinals, awarding Angie the 3rd place finish for the finale Women's stop and securing her title crown, 2023 Women's Champion of the season. Player constraints between the top two finishers, challenger April and hotseat-occupant Mille, enabled the decision in favor of splitting the top prize.

8TH WOMEN'S FINALE STOP RESULTS

1st - 2nd: Mille Almaraz, April Larson
 3rd: Angie Payne
 4th: Stephanie Reyes
 5th-6th: Yvette Villarreal, Sophia Ann Lopez

2023 WOMEN'S OVERALL SEASON RESULTS

1st: Angie Payne
 2nd: Sophia Ann Lopez
 3rd: Stephanie Reyes
 Under-400 Leader: Janet Saenz

CONCLUSION

As the curtains fall on the 2023 Predator Arcadia CenTex Tour season, both the Open and Women's Division leave an indelible mark. This tour's third season showcased the growth in popularity, incredible skills the players display and also underscored the passion, inclusivity and diversity thriving within the world of pool. The exponential growth in contestants, viewership and participation will undoubtedly continue to inspire men and women to pursue their love for this game, and provide greater opportunities for more to come in the tour's coming seasons. We are deeply grateful for every person, player, venue, sponsor and partner for making this tour as well-received and in-demand today.

Sincerest thank you to each of you and stay tuned for the upcoming 2024 season! 2024 stops and locations Facebook events are here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/arcadiatour/events>



PAIRS CONFIRMED FOR APEX MIXED DOUBLES

Eight exciting partnerships set for new one-day Vegas event

Allison Fisher & Shane van Boening Kelly Fisher & Alex Kazakis Pia Filler & Joshua Filler Jasmin Ouschan & Albin Ouschan Margaret Fefilova-Styer & Tyler Styer Kristina Tkach & Fedor Gorst Wei Tzu-Chien & Ko Pin Yi Chang Lung-Lin & Chou

Chieh-Yu Shane van Boening will partner Allison Fisher as one of eight exciting pairings for the new Apex Mixed Doubles invitational event, which will take place at Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas on February 25, 2024.

All eight doubles have been confirmed for the one-day tournament, which is part of the CueSports International Expo. Kelly Fisher will team up with Alex Kazakis, Ko Pin-Yi partners Wei Tzu-Chien, and Chang Lung-Lin will play alongside Chou Chieh-Yu.



Joshua and Pia Filler

Fedor Gorst will play alongside Kristina Tkach while Austrian siblings Jasmin and Albin Ouschan make a brother-sister pairing for the event. Two married couples – Joshua and Pia Filler and Tyler Styer and wife Margarita Fefilova-Styer – complete a strong line-up of eight invited pairings.

The new event will be played on two TV tables at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino. All participants will earn prize money from the \$25,000 prize fund.

The single elimination invitational will use the Predator Pro Billiard Series sets format and the winning pair will earn \$10,000. Fans will be able to watch every match live on the new Pro Billiard TV YouTube Channel.

The Apex Mixed Doubles will take place the day after the finals of the Men's and Women's Las Vegas Opens, which mark the start of the 2024 season for the Predator Pro Billiard Series.

The exciting new \$100,000 PBS Women's Showdown follows from February 27-March 1. This event will continue the Pro Billiard Series' commitment to the Women's game. The top 8 players on the WPA Women's Ranking have been invited, and eight Pro Billiard Series invites will complete the 16-player field.

The Predator WPA World 10-Ball Men's Championship completes a thrilling line-up of major professional events at the CueSports International Expo, with the new World Champion to be crowned after the final on March 2.

“ THE APEX MIXED DOUBLES WILL TAKE PLACE THE DAY AFTER THE FINALS OF THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LAS VEGAS OPENS, WHICH MARK THE START OF THE 2024 SEASON FOR THE PREDATOR PRO BILLIARD SERIES.

”

All five tournaments will be streamed free with two TV tables live on the Pro Billiard TV YouTube channel. For more information visit www.probilliard-series.com and follow @ProBilliardSeries on social media.



50,000,000 VIEWS

▶ **The Accu-Stats YouTube Channel** Actually, it's 58,509,725 views with 19,369,520 of them in the last 365 days generating 7,966,023.1 watched hours! WE THANK YOU ALL!

SAVE
\$20

Derby City Classic XXV
Jan 19-27, 2024

LIVE PPV OnDemand
Early Bird Special: \$59.95
After Jan 20: \$79.95

▶ **2024 Accu-Stats Annual FREE Catalog**
is in pre-production NOW!

For a FREE Catalog Featuring 30+ years of Pro Tournament Match Action including highlights
download at accu-stats.com

800.828.0397

It's not just a Catalog, it's a History Book!

Changing the World of Pool...For Good!

Whether it's via Accu-Stats YouTube Channel, Vimeo On Demand, Subs Service, PPV+, Streaming Video, ROKU Channel or, HD DVDs, Accu-Stats delivers your message to the World...FOREVER!



A POCKET BILLIARDS ALL AROUND CHAMPIONSHIP

25 Years
from Pool's most grueling arena:
One-Pocket, Bank Pool, 9-Ball, 8-Ball, 10-Ball,
Don't miss a stroke, no matter what your time zone:
Get PPV+ OnDemand



Have your company's message delivered to the most targeted and economical demographic in POOL!

Ads start at \$695...per year!






Action Photography ©mediumpool

WORLD POOL MASTERS HEADS TO GERMANY FOR HISTORIC 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The World Pool Masters, pool's most historic invitational event will be held April 25-28 at Halle39, in Hildesheim, Germany in partnership with local organiser Moltke Sports and host broadcaster Sky Sports.

First staged in Plymouth, England in 1993, the World Pool Masters has played host to the greatest champions in world pool across 30 historic years, with previous winners including Francisco Bustamante, Darren Appleton, Shane Van Boening and Joshua Filler. Ralf Souquet holds the record for most World Pool Masters titles sealing his sixth in Quezon City, Philippines in 2011.

The World Pool Masters, an official World Nineball Tour Invitational event, will boast a world-class field, with the top 14 taken from the WNT Rankings, plus two additional wild cards and will be broadcast live on Sky Sports in the United Kingdom and Ireland across 4 days of elite action.

Ko Pin Yi is the defending champion of the World Pool Masters, following his victory against Albania's Eklent Kaçi in Brentwood, England last May, sealing the \$40,000 winner's cheque in the process. Opening round ties will be race to 9, going to race to 10 for the quarter-finals, 11 for the semi-finals and 13 for the final as 16 players fight for their share of the \$125,000 prize fund.

For the first time ever at the World Pool Masters, Nineball fans can also soak up the event in VIP Hospitality for the weekend sessions, with packages starting from €150 on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April. Hospitality guests will receive premium Hospitality seating, a three-course evening meal, complimentary beverages and the chance to meet the stars of the World Nineball Tour.

Secure your VIP Hospitality ticket from 2pm GMT on Wednesday 20th December at <https://nineballeurope.com>

Esteemed partners of the World Pool Masters, Moltke Sports, organise top-class sporting events in Germany as a long-standing partner of the Professional Darts Corporation, exclusively organising major darts events in continental Europe, including the European Darts Tour with the stars of the PDC.

The event venue, Halle39 offers more than 4,000 m² of usable space for concerts and conferences for up to 3,450 people. It's mobile seating and inno-

vative equipment offers a state-of-the-art technical infrastructure, with the venue benefiting from extensive transport infrastructure to ensure an optimal spectator experience.

Fans will be able to enjoy the official World Pool Masters fans village in Hildesheim, featuring a range of food and drink outlets, opportunities to purchase official Nineball merchandise and a variety of billiards vendors.

If you are interested in hosting a vendor booth at the World Pool Masters, please email pool@matchroom.com.

sky sports nineball MOLTKE SPORTS DAZN

WORLD POOL MASTERS
APRIL 25-28
HALLE39, HILDESHEIM, GERMANY

CLUZTEC *John Parrott* RASSON wnt. aramith KAMU matchroom.

UK OPEN POOL CHAMPIONSHIP HEADS TO TELFORD

FOR THIRD EDITION MAY 7-12 2024

The 2024 UK Open Pool Championship, a World Nineball Tour Ranking event will take place at the Telford International Centre, Telford, England May 7-12, live on Sky Sports in the United Kingdom & Ireland.

The WNT, Matchroom Major boasts a total prize fund of \$200,000 with an impressive field size of 256 competing players, also featuring the top 128 World Nineball Tour professional players.

Spectator tickets are now on general sale with day tickets starting from £20 a day, season passes from £125 to enjoy all six days of action, as well as a weekend pass for fans to take in the final two days for just £50. Secure your ticket to take in all of the action here.

In the first Matchroom Major event of the year, Eklent Kaçi will head to the United Kingdom as the defending champion, after defeating Joshua Filler 13-4 in a dominant finals performance in 2023. Kaçi's victory in London last May saw him make a sizeable leap in the WNT Rankings by landing the \$30,000 top prize, with Filler having won the inaugural event the year before.

Situated in the heart of the UK, Telford International Centre offers a hugely

accessible location from all corners of the country, with direct rail links from London and Birmingham. Following a £250 million investment, the purpose-built venue features a host of restaurants, bars, hotels and leisure facilities within Telford town centre, on the doorstep of the stunning Shropshire countryside where fans can take in breath-taking views.

The UK Open Pool Championship is the first Matchroom Major of the 2024 schedule as the calendar builds up to the 31st Mosconi Cup.

Multi-table events form the backbone of the World Nineball Tour, with over 40 hours of pool at the UK Open set to be live-streamed on Matchroom Pool's social media channels for the opening four days, with the weekend's sessions broadcast live on Sky Sports in the United Kingdom & Ireland as host broadcasters, DAZN in the United States and Viaplay in Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Poland and the Baltics. A full list of broadcasters will be published closer to the event.



TELFORD INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, TELFORD, UNITED KINGDOM



TICKET PRICES

Day Tickets – £20 – £35
Weekend Pass – £50
Season Pass – £125

Secure your seat at the United Kingdom's most prestigious professional pool tournament in 2024 at www.theticketfactory.com

WPA JOINS HANDS WITH JOY BILLIARDS TO PROMOTE HEYBALL



WPA WORLD 9-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

This Dec. 2nd in Guangzhou, China, the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) and Joy Billiards reached a cooperation agreement to jointly promote international Heyball (Chinese 8-Ball) events and push for the sport's inclusion in the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

Industry leading figures like Mr. Ian Anderson, vice president of World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS), Mr. Ishaun Singh, president of WPA, Jorgen Sandman, general secretary of WPA, Mr. Qiao Yuanxu, founder and chairman of Joy Billiards, etc. attended the signing ceremony.

According to the agreement, Joy Billiards will invest a total of more than US\$6 million to support the staging of multiple international billiards events, including the Heyball World Junior Championships, Heyball World Championship, Champion of Champions, a series of open tournaments in Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania, and the World Cup in 2026.

Heyball (Chinese 8-Ball) is currently one of the four most widely played cue sports worldwide, and has been included in the World Games 2025, Chengdu. We look forward to seeing it in the Southeast Asian Games and the 2030 Asian Games in the near future.

Over 180 Exhibitors Have Signed up for GBE 2024 by This Mid-Dec.

Despite the show is still five months away, booth demand has been so strong that by this mid-Dec., over 200 exhibitors have reserved their booths, leaving not much space left on the floor map.

Partial New Exhibitors Joining GBE 2024 in the Past Two Months

Chuangshi Kaijia, Junleyuan, Longyun/Jiangyu, Niche & Maximus, Yes Billiards, Yide, Sunray Sports, Junyao Lighting, Aosikang Stone, Xinghui, Yihao Jiquqi, Huijiahao Lighting, Lingtuo Lighting, Feiersi

Partial Featured Exhibitors of GBE 2024

Xingpai, Rasson, Dynaspheres (Belgium), Strachan 6811 (UK), Aramith (Belgium), Simonis (Belgium), Taom (Finland), Yalin, Shender, KK Baineng,

Tiangong, Chaoli, SONGLIDO, QUELI CLOTH, Huili, Jianying, JFlowers, Lai-li, Liber Win, Tenshin, Super Blue Diamond, Duya Billiards, Yuchen, Hongxun, ECLAT Cue & Tip, Ball Teck Korea, Xingjue, Jingdian Group, Superior Table Felt, DZS, Unique/CUETEC, Bestims, Fondly Love, Hongniu Snooker, Bodong Sports, War Cloud, Jingkai, Zhangyu Cues, Andy Billiard Cloth, Superwood, Mingtai Lighting, Jubao Carpet, Zhongsheng Tianze, ECLAT

What's more, the GBE committee has recently established media partnership with WPA, which is expected to bring in more quality international exhibitors and buyers for the 2024 event. For more info about our show, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The 18th Guangzhou International Billiards Exhibition (GBE 2024)
Date: May 10th-12th, 2024
Venue: Hall 9.2, 10.2 and 11.2, AreaB, China Import and Export Fair Complex
Website: www.gbechina.com

 **becue**



NATURAL
BORN NAKED

Tourney Results

Dec 02 - Dec 03

JPNEWT Tour 2023 Season Finale

Players Billiards

- Eatontown, New Jersey
 1 Dawn Hopkins \$850
 2 Giovanna Napolitano \$635
 3 Carol V. Clark \$430
 4 Rona Brown \$275

Dec 02 - Dec 03

Premier Billiards T.O.P. Tour Season Finale

Breaktime Billiards

- Wilmington, NC
 1 Joey Tate \$1,360
 2 Josh Roberts \$930
 3 BJ Ussery \$630
 4 Mike Davis \$420
 5 Gregorio Sanchez \$275
 5 Kelly Farrar \$275

Dec 03 - Dec 03

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Season Finale

Good Timez Billiards

- Huntsville, Alabama
 1 Jimmy Schaeffer \$1,000
 2 Melissa Herndon \$500
 3 Beau Runningen \$350
 3 Jamal Oussi \$350
 5 Butch Barba \$200
 5 Chaokun Li \$200
 5 Chris Wedekind \$200
 5 Joseph Leon \$200
 9 David Butler \$100
 9 Joe Harink \$100
 9 Johnny Tang \$100
 9 Ken Johnson \$100
 9 Mike Tran \$100
 9 Phong Ha \$100
 9 Rakesh Bunga \$100
 9 Ted Windle \$100

Dec 06 - Dec 10

2023 WPBA Aramith / Dr Pool Classic

Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center

- Rothschild, Wisconsin
 1 Jasmin Ouschan \$12,000
 2 Tzu-Chien Wei \$7,500
 3 Kaylee McIntosh \$5,400
 4 Allison Fisher \$4,200
 5 Brittany Bryant \$3,000
 5 Marharyta Fefilava \$3,000
 7 Kristina Zlateva \$2,000
 7 Pamela Kelly \$2,000
 9 April Larson \$1,500
 9 Briana Miller \$1,500
 9 Kelly Fisher \$1,500
 9 Savannah Easton \$1,500
 13 Caroline Pao \$1,100
 13 Janet Atwell \$1,100
 13 JoAnn Mason Parker \$1,100
 13 Kyoko Sone \$1,100
 17 Ashley Rice \$600
 17 Billie Billing \$600
 17 Emily Duddy \$600
 17 Eylul Kybaroglu \$600
 17 Michell Monk \$600
 17 Sara Rocha \$600
 17 Susan Williams \$600
 17 Veronique Menard \$600

Dec 06 - Dec 09

Mosconi Cup XXX

Alexandra Palace

- London, England
 1 Albin Ouschan \$40,000
 1 David Alcaide \$40,000
 1 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$40,000
 1 Jayson Shaw \$40,000
 1 Joshua Filler \$40,000
 2 Fedor Gorst \$20,000
 2 Shane Van Boening \$20,000
 2 Shane Wolford \$20,000
 2 Skyler Woodward \$20,000
 2 Tyler Styer \$20,000

Dec 07 - Dec 10

8th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament 9-Ball Division

Stixx And Stones Billiards

- Lewisville, Texas
 1 Ryan Braselman \$1,940
 2 Doug Winnett \$1,300
 3 Shawn Morris \$750
 4 Clint Freeman \$450
 5 Gus Briseno \$250
 5 TJ Davis \$250
 7 Jason Hunt \$150
 7 Sammy Downs \$150
 9 Issac Wooten \$100
 9 Lee Mosler \$100
 9 Mohammed Alrawi \$100
 9 Travis Arredondo \$100

Dec 07 - Dec 10

8th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament One Pocket Division

Stixx And Stones Billiards

- Lewisville, Texas
 1 Gus Briseno \$1,500
 2 Shane McMinn \$900
 3 Forest Boyd \$500
 4 Robert Clark \$200

Dec 07 - Dec 10

8th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament 8-Ball Division

Stixx And Stones Billiards

- Lewisville, Texas
 1 Johnny Garcia \$640
 2 Ryan Braselman \$400
 3 Clint Freeman \$250
 4 Neil Nabil Saidawi \$150
 5 Mohammed Alrawi \$100
 5 Robert Clark \$100
 7 Juan Parra \$50
 7 TJ Davis \$50

Dec 07 - Dec 10

8th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament Banks Ring Game

Stixx And Stones Billiards

Lewisville, Texas

- 1 Gus Briseno \$600
- 2 Jason Miller \$300
- 3 Chase LaFerney \$200

Dec 07 - Dec 10

8th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament Ladies 9-Ball Division

Stixx And Stones Billiards

Lewisville, Texas

- 1 Tina Soto \$400
- 2 Jamie Wilson \$300
- 3 Rachel Dytko \$200
- 4 Crystal Dunn \$100

Dec 09 - Dec 10

DL Billiards Tour Open Grand Finale

Bogies Billiards West

Houston, Texas

- 1 Tommy Tokoph \$840
- 2 Raed Shabib \$500
- 3 Ernesto Bayaua \$320
- 4 Javier Alienas \$190
- 5 Aldo Rosso \$105
- 5 Eric Aicinena \$105

Dec 09 - Dec 10

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Big Orange Billiards

Knoxville, TN

- 1 Robbie Langford \$750
- 2 Danny Demetro \$500
- 3 Michael Rudd \$340
- 4 Bo Hartman \$160
- 5 Heavy Maples \$130
- 5 Josh Miller \$130

Dec 09 - Dec 10

Garden State Pool Tour Grand Amateur Championship

Players Billiards

Eatontown, New Jersey

- 1 Tri Chau \$1,000
- 2 Giancarlo Delgado \$420
- 3 Eduardo Cardova \$300

4 Levie A. Lampaan \$200

5 Brook Villa \$160

5 Nick Torraca \$160

7 David Marchant \$80

7 David Schull \$80

7 Hunter Sullivan \$120

7 John Torp \$120

7 TJ Casper \$80

7 Vicki Moore \$80

Dec 10 - Dec 10

New England 9-Ball Tour 2023 Stop #3

Crow's Nest

Plaistow, New Hampshire

- 1 Cody Porter \$425
- 1 Shane Ryan \$425
- 2 Ashley Benoit \$425
- 2 Josh Gormly \$425
- 3 Brandon Neal \$275
- 3 Doug Nedobity \$275
- 4 Chad Avallone \$225
- 4 Justin Grant \$225
- 5 Jordan Stevens \$150
- 5 Jose Soto \$150
- 5 Katie Fiorilla \$150
- 5 Ron Ricard \$150

Dec 16 - Dec 16

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Jimmy Rivera \$700
- 2 Mike Salerno \$350
- 3 Kang Lee \$240
- 4 Mhet Vergara \$170
- 5 Marco Dy \$120
- 5 Pascal Dufresne \$120

Dec 16 - Dec 16

11th Annual Q City 9-Ball Tour Championship

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia

- 1 Greg Taylor \$900
- 2 Michael Robertson \$640
- 3 Larry Hughes \$400
- 4 Nathan Worley \$250
- 5 Jonathan Ailstock \$120
- 5 Scott Roberts \$120
- 7 Ron Frank \$120
- 7 Russell Stalls \$120

Dec 16 - Dec 17

MAAPT Farewell 10-Ball Tournament

Peninsula Billiards

Newport News, Virginia

- 1 Chad Pike \$700
- 2 Nick Spriggs \$500
- 3 Todd Elkins \$320
- 4 Bruce Reed \$200
- 5 Arkeen Glenn \$70
- 5 Leroy Ives \$70
- 7 Larry Averman \$60
- 7 Scott Guschel \$60
- 9 Marlin Foster \$50
- 9 Nigel Francis \$50
- 9 TJ Blount \$50
- 9 Tony Gonzalez \$50
- 13 CD Hancock \$40
- 13 Kelton Lowry \$40
- 13 Michael Harvey \$40
- 13 Serjio Vargas \$40

Dec 17 - Dec 17

Amazin' Billiards Open 10-Ball

Amazin Billiards

Malden, Ma

- 1 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$425
- 2 Curtis Wright \$325
- 3 Jimmy Nou \$250
- 4 Alex Gurevich \$200
- 5 Dave Hall \$150
- 5 Jay Aliomer \$150
- 7 Luca Bares \$100
- 7 Tian Ruan \$100
- 9 Donna Switzer \$50
- 9 Evan Moreau \$50
- 9 Ivaylo Petrov \$50
- 9 Mike Selig \$50

Dec 23 - Dec 23

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Action Billiards

Inman, SC

- 1 Matt Gibson \$870
- 2 Dustin Coe \$575
- 3 Chad Dill \$375
- 4 Rudy Maybin \$260
- 5 Kelly Farrar \$100
- 5 Steven Ellis \$100
- 7 Brian Davis \$60
- 7 Heath Russell \$60

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.

DECEMBER

Turning Stone Classic XXXVIII

Jan 04 - Jan 07

Turning Stone Casino
Verona, NY

WPBA Iron City Invitational III

Jan 10 - Jan 14

Iron City Billiards
Birmingham, Alabama

Quechan Casino Desert Showdown

Jan 14 - Jan 20

Quechan Casino and Resort
Yuma, Arizona

Derby City Classic 2024

Jan 19 - Jan 27

Horseshoe Southern Indiana
Elizabeth, IN

Massachusetts State 9-Ball Championship II

Feb 03 - Feb 04

Amazin Billiards
Malden, Ma

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 12

Feb 17 - Feb 18

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub
Amsterdam, NY

2024 Alfa Las Vegas Open

Feb 21 - Feb 24

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Alfa Women's Las Vegas Open 2024

Feb 22 - Feb 24

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Apex Mixed Doubles Invitational

Feb 25 - Feb 25

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Predator Women's Showdown

Feb 27 - Mar 01

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

WPA World 10-Ball Championship 2024

Feb 27 - Mar 02

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

14th N.E. Pool & Billiard Hall of Fame 9-Ball Open

Mar 02 - Mar 03

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill
Providence, RI

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 14

Mar 09 - Mar 10

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 15

Mar 16 - Mar 17

Brickhouse Billiards
N. Syracuse, New York

WPBA Fairfield Invitational

Mar 21 - Mar 24

Fairfield Arts and Convention Center
Fairfield, Iowa

ICEBREAKER BREAK/JUMP

IMPAKT BREAK CUES

*IB+ Ferrule Tip Technology
13mm

**TWICE THE POWER
HALF THE EFFORT**

MLNST*

*Multi - Layer Nanotube Seamless Technology

*Adjustable Weight Bolt System

*Stainless Steel Tiger Joint

*Adjustable Weight Bolt System

*Aluminum Tiger Joint



Now paired with the

FORTIS - BRK
Carbon Fiber Shaft



www.tigerproducts.com

AZBILLIARDS MONEY LIST

NAME	COUNTRY	\$ AMOUNT	
 Joshua Filler	 GER	328.446,00 US\$	
 Fedor Gorst	 RUS	277.479,00 US\$	
 Shane Van Boening	 USA	240.663,00 US\$	
 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	 ESP	211.833,00 US\$	↑
 Ko Ping Chung	 TPE	176.205,00 US\$	↓
 Jayson Shaw	 SCO	138.488,00 US\$	↑
 Eklent Kaci	 ALB	129.700,00 US\$	↓
 David Alcaide	 ESP	126.920,00 US\$	↑
 Albin Ouschan	 AUT	114.577,00 US\$	↑
 Wiktor Zielinski	 POL	109.652,00 US\$	↓

SEARCH. FIND. PLAY.

PlayPool.com



Locations
Amenities
Discounts
Flyers
& more

Available on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

Playing pool is all about seeing

ANGLES

SHOULDN'T BUYING
YOUR NEXT CUE BE, TOO?

Introducing...



360° CUE VIEW



360°

See your next cue
while it rotates in

4K ULTRAHD™

Exclusively at...



**Billiards
King.com**

Rage

Meucci

PLAYERS

Jacoby
Custom Cues, Inc.

VALHALLA

Behaver
CUSTOM CUES

PURE
TECHNOLOGY

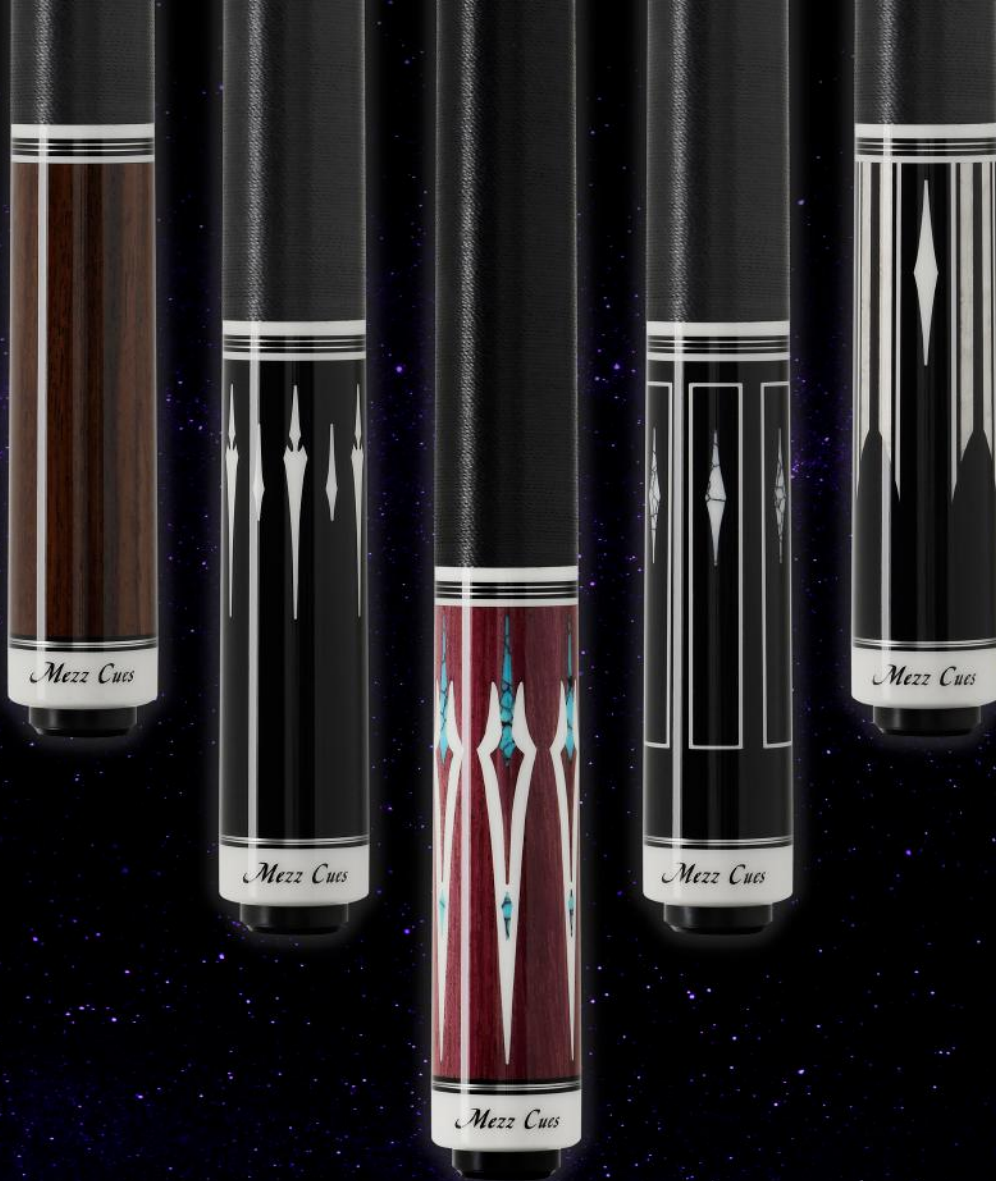
OB

CUZTEC

Lucasi

McDermott
Handcrafted Cues

Viking
CUES



BEYOND THE HORIZON

ASTR

 Mezz Cues®

mezzcue.com