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**H**appy December everyone. The year is almost over and all we have left is the Mosconi Cup, that is set to kick off as we finish up this issue. Good luck to both teams and hopefully it goes to hill-hill on the final day.



As is tradition, this months issue features our Holiday Buyer's Guide. Check it out for help with shopping for all of your pool playing friends. There is sure to be a perfect gift there for just about everyone.

Until next time,



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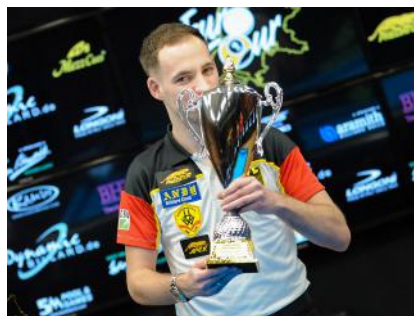
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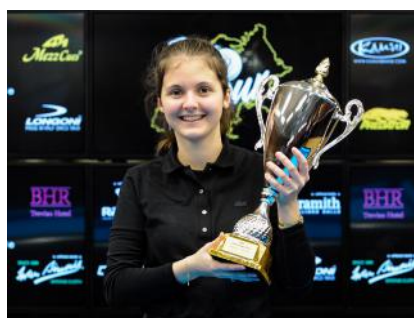
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# WORDS OF WISDOM FOR YOUR GAME

**T**hree years ago I published my collection short pieces of advice titled *Six Words To Pool Greatness* (It's available at Accu-Stats.com). I chose six words because much research has shown that this is the ideal length for a headline, which are supposed to stick in our memory. In addition, having this constraint forced me to carefully choose my words, and to get my message across with maximum impact.

While doing the book I fell in love with this creative process, so I kept on crafting and collecting my six word sayings. This article features 233 from a list of over 600 new ones, so hopefully I chose the best ones from this new batch. You, of course, are the final arbiter of their quality and usefulness to you and your game.

The sizeable number of sayings suggests that you should find several that will be of value. So, as you read them, I recommend that you create a file of your top choices for future reference. You can record the numbers of the ones that you like from the list. And, you might consider incorporating your selections into your game plan for improving your game in 2024.

I would love to hear your thoughts on these sayings, and which ones were the most useful to you. If you create some of your own, send them to me if you like and I will publish them on my Facebook page, with proper accreditation.

In closing, I want to wish you a Happy Holidays and much success with your game in the year ahead.

## AIMING

- 1 – Natural Aiming is very educated guesswork.**
- 2 – Aiming follows a very well-defined process.
- 3 – DEAD AIM: Seeing the line effortlessly.
- 4 – Aiming systems have their cult-like followers
- 5 – Aiming with english is not easy.
- 6 – Aiming is about establishing spatial relationships.
- 7 – Ghost ball aiming is not recommended.
- 8 – You must look around when aiming.

- 9 – There's no precise target when AIMING.
- 10 – Peripheral vision is used when aiming.
- 11 – Aim by narrowing down the possibilities.
- 12 – Re-aiming happens during the execution cycle.
- 13 – Begin aiming and loosening-up while standing.
- 14 – Decisions on aiming are totally subjective.
- 15 – Aiming systems feature many unnecessary steps.
- 16 – Accurate aiming improves your final stroke.

## BEST

- 17 – MY MANTRA: Play Your Best Pool.**
- 18 – There's usually a single best way.
- 19 – Know your fullest, freest, best stroke.
- 20 – Long bridges give the best view.
- 21 – Warm-up-strokes are a poolplayer's best friend!
- 22 – Natural moves are generally the best.
- 23 – Discover your best ball pocketing speed.
- 24 – Each shot requires your best effort.

## CHANGE

- 25 – Aha moments can inspire huge changes.**
- 26 – One change often leads to many.
- 27 – Big changes must be properly vetted.
- 28 – Change your wiring, change your game.
- 29 – Insanity's expecting to improve without change.
- 30 – Our pool playing bodies change daily.
- 31 – Change your thinking, change your game.
- 32 – What to keep. What to change.
- 33 – Many players simply refuse to change.
- 34 – Trial and change. Trial and success!
- 35 – Each change requires an offsetting change.
- 36 – Changing your game is a gamble.

## EYES

- 37 – Let your Eye-Hand-Coordination work its magic.**
- 38 – Keep your eyes on the balls.
- 39 – Develop an eye for the pocket.
- 40 – Keep distracters from attracting your eyes.

## GAME

- 41 – Know YOUR game and play IT.**
- 42 –** Be a student of the game
- 43 –** Every player owns their pool game.
- 44 –** Use game theory to outsmart opponents.
- 45 –** Your habits together are your game.
- 46 –** The best play all games well.
- 47 –** Countless decisions make up your game.
- 48 –** Your secret sauce makes your game.
- 49 –** Think about your game before bedtime.

## LEARN

- 50 – Learning well is THE MASTER SKILL.**
- 51 –** Learn from mistakes or repeat them.
- 52 –** Confirming is a part of learning.
- 53 –** Do > Learn > Repeat. Do > Learn > Repeat.
- 54 –** Learn without words by watching, doing.
- 55 –** Learn to learn while you're playing.
- 56 –** Most learning comes from teaching yourself.
- 57 –** Learn skills in the proper sequence.
- 58 –** Learn to choose your techniques wisely.
- 59 –** Beliefs impact your ability to learn.
- 60 –** Learn the game at your speed.

## LINE-OF-AIM

- 61 – Zero in on your final line-of-aim.**
- 62 –** Your cue is on the line-of-aim.
- 63 –** When the line-of-aim looks wrong, adjust!
- 64 –** See the line-of-aim. Make your stroke.
- 65 –** Perception of the line-of-aim changes constantly.
- 66 –** A long bridge improves your line-of-aim.

## METHOD

- 67 – Learn how to unlearn faulty methods.**
- 68 –** You must believe in your method.
- 69 –** Don't risk hardwiring highly questionable methods.
- 70 –** New methods must be properly vetted!
- 71 –** Trust in your method of playing.
- 72 –** Add new methods when you're ready.
- 73 –** Choose a method for measuring progress.
- 74 –** New-school methods are often far superior.
- 75 –** Most won't benefit from outliers' methods.
- 76 –** Avoid methods that science doesn't back.
- 77 –** Faith-based methods are religions in disguise.
- 78 –** Certain methods are a big gamble.
- 79 –** Player's sadly fall for faulty methods.
- 80 –** Understanding your method helps build confidence.

## MIND

- 81 – Your subconscious makes some mindboggling calculations.**
- 82 –** Your conscious mind directs your subconscious.
- 83 –** Flood your mind with positive thoughts.
- 84 –** Let your body teach your mind.
- 85 –** Your mind and body work together.
- 86 –** Occupy your mind with constructive thoughts.
- 87 –** We mostly consider our conscious mind.
- 88 –** Understand that your subconscious knows how.
- 89 –** Your subconscious learns things you can't.
- 90 –** Your subconscious handles very small differences.

## MOMENTS

- 91 – The “feeling” lasts but a moment.**
- 92 –** Critical operations happen in micro moments.
- 93 –** String moments together, one by one.
- 94 –** Every moment when shooting is precious.

## PERFECT

- 95 – NEWSFLASH: Imperfect is the New Perfect!**
- 96 –** Perfect cueing is simply not necessary.
- 97 –** Cueing is about direction, not perfection.
- 98 –** Two Illusions: straight stroke, perfect aim.
- 99 –** Ninety-nine percent is the new perfect!
- 100 –** Perfect strokes are not perfectly straight.
- 101 –** Perfect strokes require nearly perfect aim.

## PLAY

- 102 – You are a pool playing craftsman.**
- 103 –** Avoid playing too quickly or slowly.
- 104 –** You can choose to play relaxed.
- 105 –** You can play only one shot.
- 106 –** Don't try at pool. Play pool!
- 107 –** Most poolplayers believe they are experts.
- 108 –** Your play tends to perpetuate itself.
- 109 –** Learn to play at different speeds.

## POOL

- 110 – Pool's an art and a science.**
- 111 –** Natural Pool programs you for success.
- 112 –** Life is so relatable to pool.
- 113 –** Pool demands superb eye/hand coordination.
- 114 –** Pool requires ongoing acts of faith.
- 115 –** Discover your special genius for pool.
- 116 –** Pool's geometry is largely about angles.
- 117 –** Pool's inescapable truths can't be denied.
- 118 –** Pool's a sport measured in millimeters.
- 119 –** Pool allows for much personal expression.
- 120 –** Pool looks easier than it is.

- 121 – REAL POOL SHOTS are spectacular happenings!
- 122 – Pool systems sellers rely on hyperbole.
- 123 – Surprise: pool is a reactionary sport!
- 124 – Pool is ultimately about getting results.
- 125 – Pool's a sport for rugged individualists.
- 126 – Pool shots are surprisingly complex creations.
- 127 – Pool is a very cerebral sport.
- 128 – Pool is excellent crosstraining for life.
- 129 – Life skills are transferrable to pool.
- 130 – Pool is an extremely visual sport!
- 131 – Pool is well-suited for using visualization.

### PRACTICE

- 132 – **Spend time practicing like you play!**
- 133 – Practice often using an open bridge.
- 134 – Use closely spaced repetitions when practicing.
- 135 – Careless shots aren't allowed in practice.
- 136 – Mix up practices by alternating skills.
- 137 – Emphasize quality and quantity in practice!
- 138 – Practice is often followed by backsliding.
- 139 – Progressive exercises feature small incremental changes.
- 140 – “Reps” is slang for practicing hard.
- 141 – Developing a smooth stroke takes practice.
- 142 – Create space between your practice sessions.
- 143 – Varied practice engages higher brain levels.

### SEEING

- 144 – **You must interpret what you see.**
- 145 – See the balls and just know.
- 146 – The contact point can't be seen.
- 147 – See what you need to see.
- 148 – See things that others can't see.

### SHOOTING

- 149 – **A little voice says “shoot NOW.”**
- 150 – Once you decide, shoot with conviction.
- 151 – Plan. Decide. Prepare. Then shoot decisively.
- 152 – When you're in doubt, get up.
- 153 – You're almost always thinking when shooting.

### SHOTS

- 154 – **Each shot follows a well-defined process.**
- 155 – Cut Shot Induced Anxiety produces disasters.
- 156 – Cycles exist within The Shot Cycle!
- 157 – Confidence continues from shot to shot.
- 158 – Every shot has its unique challenge.
- 159 – Inherent shot difficulties produce tendency errors.
- 160 – A typical shot takes 6-7 seconds.

- 161 – Your shots are not independent events.
- 162 – Fleeting thoughts make up your shots.
- 163 – Ball color could affect your shotmaking.
- 164 – Your attention rotates during a shot.
- 165 – Try landing twice on specialty shots.
- 166 – Regain your composure after demanding shots.
- 167 – Continue to expand your shotmaking universe.
- 168 – Adapt your routine to the shot.

### SHOT PICTURES

- 169 – **Shot Pictures help produce the L-O-A.**
- 170 – Landmarks makeup the complete Shot Picture.
- 171 – The Shot Picture must look right.
- 172 – Your cue's in The Shot Picture.
- 173 – Shot Pictures are different with english.

### SPEED

- 174 – **Speed feelings go with each position-play.**
- 175 – Expand your gradations of available speeds.
- 176 – Speed numbers can improve your position.
- 177 – Pocket speed: the ball barely falls.
- 178 – Feel the speed in your arm.
- 179 – The *Spectrum of Speeds* covers IT!
- 180 – Developing speed control's a long-term process.
- 181 – Improving your speed's a long-term process.
- 182 – Cock your wrist to add speed.

### STROKE

- 183 – **You must discover YOUR unique stroke.**
- 184 – Your stroke must be nearly perfect!
- 185 – Strokes break down at higher speeds.
- 186 – Dead stroke is playing on automatic.
- 187 – Accelerate smoothly on the final stroke.
- 188 – After your stroke ends, feedback begins.
- 189 – Great strokes adapt to the line-of-aim.
- 190 – Never attempt to guide your stroke.
- 191 – Stroke keys can bring lasting success.
- 192 – Stroke length is a major fundamental.
- 193 – Learn to LET YOUR STROKE OUT!
- 194 – Think smooth and you'll stroke smooth.
- 195 – Locked wrist strokes can be limiting.
- 196 – Use loosening swings on stroke shots.
- 197 – Open your hand on your backstroke.
- 198 – Positive actionable thoughts galvanize your stroke.
- 199 – Pound shots require a hard stroke.
- 200 – Remove tension to discover your stroke.
- 201 – Smooth strokes are apparent to observers.
- 202 – Your temperament influences your stroke's tempo
- 203 – Power strokes employ some unique fundamentals.

**THINK**

- 204 – Pool IS a thinking person's sport**
- 205 – Metacognition is thinking about your thinking.**
- 206 – Our results illustrate our subconscious thinking.**
- 207 – It's okay to think while executing.**
- 208 – Skillfully managing your thinking creates confidence.**
- 209 – Poor thinking leads to tight muscles.**
- 210 – We're human, so strange thinking's normal!**
- 211 – Don't think in words. Feel sensations.**
- 212 – Self-talk makes use of positive thoughts.**

**TRANSITIONS**

- 213 – The transition has its distinct phase.**
- 214 – Short strokes lead to quick transitions.**
- 215 – Rapid acceleration starts after the transition.**
- 216 – Transition zones are several inches long.**
- 217 – Time between shots is another transition.**
- 218 – Transitions happen throughout The Shot Cycle.**
- 219 – Transitions are best when made seamlessly.**

**TIME**

- 220 – Clock time and perceived time differ.**
- 221 – Time executing depends on overall difficulty.**
- 222 – Time expands when you are mindful.**
- 223 – Taking time comes with a cost.**

- 224 – Preparation takes more time than execution.**
- 225 – Time's relative when playing a shot.**
- 226 – Time your thoughts with great precision.**

**WARM-UP-STROKES (WUS)**

- 227 – Various feelings grow during your WUS.**
- 228 – Modifications are made during your WUS.**
- 229 – Use WUS when you play safeties.**
- 230 – Waggles: a series of short WUS.**
- 231 – WUS are each player's signature move.**
- 232 – Full WUS loosen your stroking arm.**
- 233 – Start forward like it's another WUS.**

**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.

# BETTER MATCH SELF-TALK

ANTHONY BEELER

**Most players think that confidence comes solely from past success, but they're wrong. A huge part of your confidence comes from what you say to yourself about yourself in relation to the challenge in front of you. I.e., your "self-talk".**

If you were to get an audio play-back of all your self-talk during a match you would probably be shocked at how negative it is. Negative self-talk will never help us. In fact, it lowers confidence and puts a negative experience to memory.

So how do we change self-talk for our pool game, build confidence and guide ourselves towards the thinking, feelings and behaviors that are performance enhancing?

First, we have to agree with the following assumptions:

1. We will always hit some poor shots in any match that we play.
2. How those shots make us feel is out of our control.
3. We have time between how something makes us feel and how we respond to it after the shot is struck. I like to call this the post-shot routine.



## Types of Self Talk:

There are 3 types of self-talk: negative self-talk, neutral self-talk and positive self-talk.

We already discussed there being no benefit at all from negative self-talk. Neutral self-talk in pool are simple instructions you can give yourself such



as “Pick your position zone”, “Commit to the shot” or “Slow back-swing”. Positive self-talk for pool, also known as motivational self-talk, is giving yourself encouragement by telling yourself things like “You are a great shot maker”, “You can do it” or “You are great under pressure”.

**Choose Better Self-Talk by Creating Some “Self-Talk Statements”:**

1. Start by thinking of situations that self-talk would be helpful i.e. when you are feeling nervous or after a bad shot.
2. Write 3 positive and 3 neutral self-talk statements. Your positive self-talk statements *must* be credible. I.e. if you don't believe it, it's not going to work. For each one, write down what gives you the right to say that to yourself (i.e. a real experience or achievement). E.g, I'm a mentally tough competitor! Followed by a specific time that you have been

that player And, “See the target and commit to the shot” (in the Pre-Shot Routine)

3. Practice by saying them out loud and see how they make you feel. Experiment with different words and tones (saying something in monotone will have a different effect than saying it with energy).
4. Be accountable for your self-talk. Score yourself on it out of 10 after each match. How effective was your use of it? Was it more positive/neutral or negative? Would you change any of your statements?

After experimenting with this for a while, I generally like to create 15 or 20 statements I want to believe about myself. I write them down on paper and read those statements out loud 2-3 times daily. Repetition reinforces the thoughts you want to have about yourself during match play. With enough practice you will start to think more positively during difficult situations.

With more intention for your self-talk and more self-awareness, you'll become better at responding to your feelings and at what happens during your match. You'll play a better game using positive self-talk, rather than reacting with negative self-talk. The result will be better control of your mental and emotional state and improved performance.

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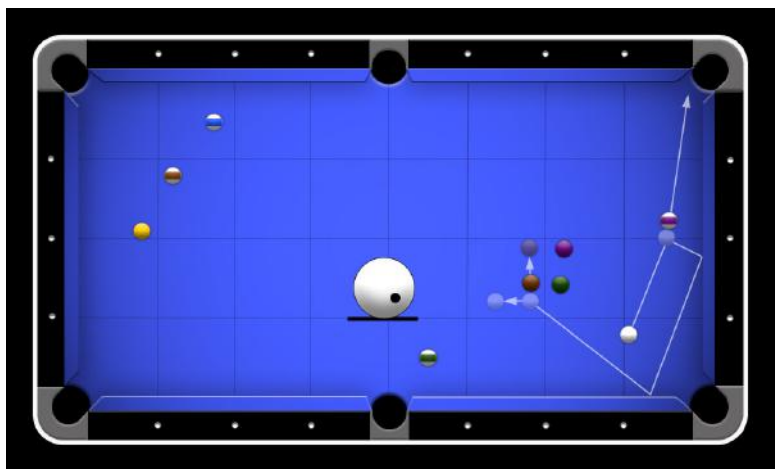
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**A**ccu-Stats Video Productions has been bringing us World Class Pool on video for the last 30 years. With this column, we hope to bring you some examples of the best shots that come up between the greatest players who play this game.

This month's shot goes all the way back to the 2006 Derby City Classic One Pocket division. Yes, it's Efen again. This is his "out shot" to finish off "The Lion" Alex Pagulayan to get to the finals.

Billy Incardona was audibly shocked at the level of play that Efen displayed late in this event.





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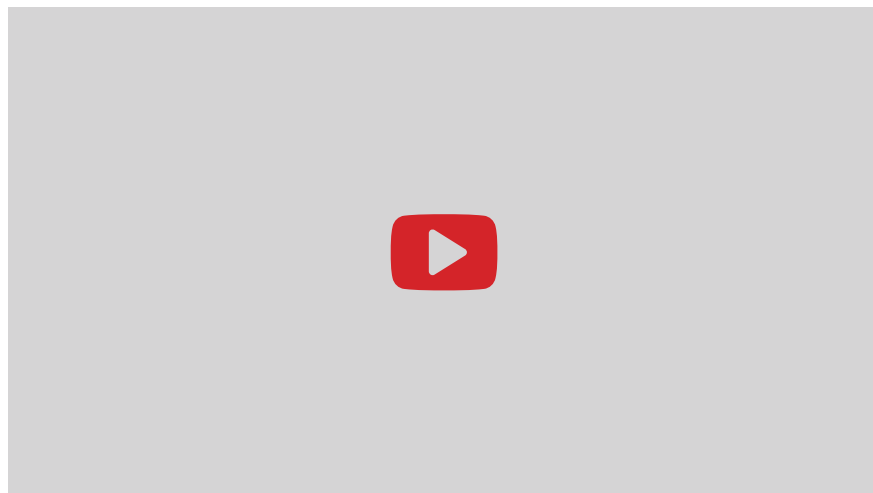
# Gospel Trick Shot #46

## The Jonah Shot

**History of the Trick Shot:** This is shot #1 from “Stroke” Discipline 6 that came from our new Artistic Blackball Program which was featured at the Hawley Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa in October 2023. The Gospel Trick Shot RACK team organized and ran a first ever Artistic Blackball competition entitled the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup. Yours truly Steve Lillis American Blackball Association (ABA) President and Tournament Director in conjunction with pro Blackball player and USA Blackball Coach Wayne Parker of South Africa, Jason Lynch WPA World Ranked Player and WPA Artistic Pool committee member, BCA Hall of Famer Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman, with Michael Hewitt and Phil Ball serving as referees, designed the format and program, and ran a successful event. This shot in the program is called “The Double Kiss Draw Shot” and has a degree of difficulty (DOD) of 6 which means you get 6 points if you make it on the first attempt, 5 on the second, 4 on the third, and zero if not executed.

**GTS Name and Why:** GTS USA Hawley Cup team member Phil Ball converted this Artistic Blackball shot into a Gospel Trick Shot he calls “The Jonah Shot” after the story of Jonah in the Bible. God had called Jonah and told him to go to Nineveh to prophesy to the people there to repent from their wicked ways. Jonah did not want to go and instead boarded a boat and headed off to Tarshish in the opposite direction. As the story goes, God kicks up a powerful storm and Jonah is thrown overboard and ends up in the belly of a fish. After realizing his mistake, he listens to God and ends up going to Nineveh. This Artistic Blackball shot illustrates going in the wrong direction and then being turned around by God to get back on track! Have you ever found yourself in the belly of a fish? In trouble somehow wondering why? This can all be avoided by trusting God and listening to God’s leading instead of your own.

**Scripture References (NIV): Jonah 1:3** “But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went



aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.”

**Cue Ball Placement:** On the center spot.

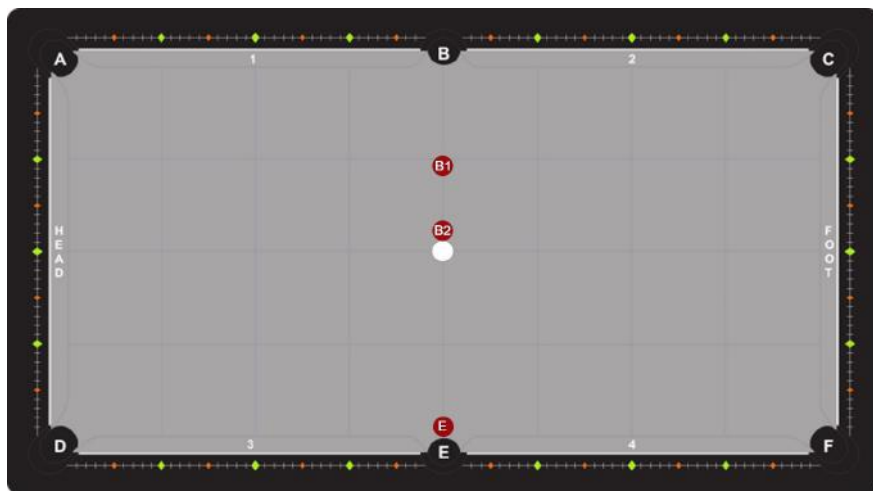
**Object Ball(s) Placement:** All object balls are on the centerline of the table. Ball ‘B2’ is frozen to the cue ball. Ball ‘B1’ is exactly two balls’ width from the ball ‘B2’. Ball ‘E’ is hanging in pocket ‘E’, even with the rail line extension, or deeper.

**Objective:** Shoot the cue ball into ball ‘B2’. Ball ‘B2’ will hit ball ‘B1’ into pocket ‘B’. The cue ball will contact ball ‘B2’ a second time, hitting it into pocket ‘B’. The cue

ball will then draw back making ball ‘E’ in pocket ‘E’.

**Special Notes:** Ball ‘E’ must be on the centerline; it is not adjustable left or right.

**Crowd Reactions Through the Years:** This is a new Gospel Trick Shot adapted to Blackball and will be presented at upcoming GTS shows. In the Artistic Blackball competition in South Africa in October 2023 this was a favorite among the full field of 48 players who participated in the event. It is a relatively easy shot and many of the Artistic Blackball players who executed the shot and were delighted to score points!



 **becue**



**NATURAL  
BORN** NAKED

# Pat Fleming's International Open continues its Norfolk, VA legacy for the 5<sup>th</sup> year

Van Boening/Yapp claim Big Foot/Open 9-Ball titles, Mast and McBride grab junior titles

It's been five years since Matchroom Sports acquired rights to the US Open 9-Ball Championships, arguably the most prestigious 9-ball tournament in the world. When its founder, Barry Behrman, died in 2016, his children continued the 40-year tradition that began in 1976, and held the tournament in 2016 and 2017. In the early spring of 2018, a deal was struck between Matchroom and the Behrman family that allowed Matchroom to take over and use the name.

For the first time since 1977, the US Open 9-Ball Championships did not happen in 2018 because Matchroom did not have enough time following their acquisition of the rights to plan for it. What did happen in 2018 was that Pat Fleming, owner of Accu-Stats Video Productions, decided to take advantage of the vacuum created between the absence of Behrman and plans for a 2019 US Open 9-Ball Championships in Las Vegas by Matchroom Sports.

The International Open made its debut in October of 2018, drawing competitors from all over the world that had gotten used to the idea of being in the vicinity of Norfolk and Virginia Beach at that time of the year to compete in Behrman's US Open 9-Ball Championships. Now, five years and five events later (thanks to COVID, there was not a 2020 6<sup>th</sup>), they still continue to come. They take advantage of not only the International Open but a number of 'nearby' tournaments that act as practice and for the lucky (skilled) ones, provide a stash of cash

to support their expenses in Norfolk for the week-long tournament.

The International Open has undergone some significant changes over

its first half-decade. The past three years has included a 'Big Foot' 10-Ball Challenge and the final championship events of the Junior International Championships, while just last



*Aloysius Yapp*

year, a One Pocket event was added and then, subtracted. The event has grown and Fleming is on something of a mission to see that the Open and his own Accu-Stats Video Productions Library (which he has since sold to AZ-Billiards owner, Mike Howerton) goes on forever.

“It’s a legacy,” he told Kim Davenport and Reed Pierce in an interview during the 2022 International Open, “and you want to make sure that it’s taken care of.”

Among a number of things that Fleming brings to the (pool) table at his annual event is a more organizational approach to the brackets that define how players move from one match to the next. According to Fleming “wherever you go, the chart goes down and players move from the right or the left.” What happens sometimes is that without regard for the timing of subsequent matches, you can schedule a player to compete in two matches, one right after another, and if the first of two goes a little long, obviously, the tournament gets held up. Or, in some cases, a player might be put in the position of playing the last match of a given night and the first one in the morning. Or the opposite, playing the first match in the morning and not playing again until the last match at night.

“We avoid that completely,” said Fleming, “but it requires looking at the chart and making sure that a player *doesn’t* get scheduled for two in a row. I’m the only one that does that.

(As a player), if you lose, you get a chance to calm down.”

“The tournament runs smoother, players are happy and it just takes a little common sense,” he added. “It takes a little extra work, too, and we have to juggle things around sometimes, but it’s excellent.”

This year’s event featured two legendary commentators for many of the main Arena’s matches, Kim Davenport and Mike Sigel. Fleming noted that many of the players about whom they commented throughout the week weren’t even born when the two of them were competing professionally. Fleming also acknowledged the support and work of Zach Goldsmith and his DigitalPool enterprise for supplying and maintaining the event brackets and scorekeeping devices mounted above each pool table so that spectators don’t walk into the event room and have to wonder who’s playing or what the score is.

There is, too, Fleming said, a component of the International Open’s growth over the past five years that doesn’t (really) have anything to do with him or any of the people who help him to make it happen. Reflecting back on the years when he and this year’s booth commentators were active at the tables, Fleming detects growth in the sport, overall. An increased level of interest, in both player numbers and ‘fannies in the (spectator) seats,’ both on-site and at home watching live streams, a fan base that feeds on recognizable stars.

“There are countless more players that play well, professionally these days,” he said. “It used to be tough to field 32 or 64 players that were clearly capable. Now there’s at least 100.”

“The sport has taken off with Matchroom Sports,” he added. “It’s not just them having the tournaments but promoting them well. The public takes notice. There are lots of famous players now, where before you only had three or four.”

As to aspects of the International Open’s future, moving toward next year’s sixth, Fleming and the crew around him are more or less hemmed in by the venue, the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel. All four of the International Open’s current events – the ‘Big Foot’ 10-Ball Challenge, the 9-Ball Open and the two JIC tournaments – play out on a total of 13 tables, six to each side of a single, central-arena table that hosts a given time-frame’s feature, streaming match. There is, literally, no room for growth in the facility which confines the entrant numbers (more or less) to their present levels. Fleming doesn’t envision any major changes for 2024’s International Open.

“Not at that location,” he said. “We’re maxed out there, but I would love to have some more money for the players. Three-quarters of the players spend a couple of grand apiece and go home with nothing. It’s embarrassing. I would like to have \$100,000 (for them).”

Mindful of the fact that such money does not, as they say, grow on trees, Fleming will continue to work, as he does every year, to raise the level of prize money for the players. In the meantime, there are ongoing discussions about solutions to the venue limitations, which break out into two kinds of alternatives; more tournaments at the location, or tournaments at other locations.



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“I’d like to have a 256-player field, but we don’t have the space for that,” he said, adding that future plans for either more tournaments at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside or tournaments at other locations are “on our minds, but still in the early stages.” He’s hoping that whichever path is chosen, it will mimic the success of his introduction of ‘jump cues’ into tournament play.

“I get credit for (inventing the jump cue) because I was the first one that brought a jump cue to a tournament around 1980,” he said of the always-crowd-pleasing, tricky maneuver known as the ‘jump shot.’ “No one knew what a jump cue was back then. I started jumping balls with it and then everybody got one.”

### **This year’s International Open displayed expected skills, strong competition and a few surprises**

You don’t call out 128 of the *world’s* best pool players, dangle a sizeable amount of cash in front of them and expect the result to be anything but magnificent (a lot), engaging (normally), and just downright entertaining (all the time). And like many major tournaments, not without its surprises.

The ‘Big Foot’ 10-Ball Challenge with its short field of 16 and only four rounds of play was not really one of them, at least in terms of who ‘shoulda, coulda, woulda’ won it and who actually did. The field featured 11 of the players who’d competed in 2022, including that event’s finalists, Fedor Gorst and Joshua Filler. What it had this year that it didn’t have last year was Shane Van Boening, who single-handedly eliminated four of the five returning players from 2022, including The Iceman (Mika Immonen) in the opening round and in the final, Joshua Filler. Five of the returning competitors from 2022 were ousted in the opening round. Three more went down in the round-of-8, including the event’s defending champion (Gorst), who was eliminated 10-8 by Aloysius Yapp, who would, later in the week, win the Open 9-Ball tournament. Jayson Shaw was ousted by Jung Lin-Chang (10-4), while Van Boening was busy surviving a double-hill match against Roland Garcia.

Something happened to Aloysius Yapp in the ‘Big Foot’ semifinals. Maybe it was just Van Boening, but Yapp wasn’t able to chalk up more than a single rack, as SVB moved on to the finals. Filler joined him after sending

Lin-Chang to the proverbial showers 10-6. It was a spirited final, eventually won by Van Boening 10-7.

In the opinion of many, though by no means all, the 9-Ball Open did yield a few surprises. In fact, on Friday, Nov. 3, we speculated in a report on a number of potential matchups for the finals, once the 128-entrant, double-elimination bracket had become the event’s 16-entrant, single-elimination bracket. None of the individual competitors that figured into our speculative calculations made it to the finals, including the previous week’s winner and runner-up at the American 14.1 Pool Championships (Yapp and Lee Vann Corteza), defending champion (Shaw), the winner of the ‘Big Foot’ Challenge (Van Boening) and, to name just a few others, Gorst, Filler, Albin Ouschan, and two members of the current American Mosconi Cup team, Tyler Styer and Shane Wolford.

The 128-entrant field featured competitors from 26 countries, other than the US; the foreign contingent representing a little over 20% of the countries represented by the entire field. With only Shane Van Boening and Fedor Gorst representing the USA, while two other foreign countries (Poland and Austria) sent two to the final 16, the ‘international’ contingent for which the event has been named represented 81% of that final 16.

Reverting back to the failure of our speculation about who ‘could, should or would’ have won the Open 9-Ball event and beginning at the final 16, defending champion Jayson Shaw didn’t make it out of the opening round, falling to Japan’s Naoyuki Oi 10-8. Neither did Shane Van Boening, who dropped his opener to Spain’s David Alcaide 10-6. Germany’s Josh Filler lost his opening round to Austria’s Mario He 10-8, while He’s opponent in the straight pool championships last week, Vann Corteza lost to



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## International 9-Ball

Singapore's Aloysius Yapp 10-6. The earlier report had mentioned that it was pool, after all, and anything could happen. And did.

Singapore's Aloysius Yapp, who'd lost a double-elimination match to Austria's Albin Ouschan and defeated Hall of Famer, Ralf Souquet to be among the event's final 16 went undefeated the rest of the way and downed Spain's David Alcaide in the finals.

Germany's Joshua Filler, along with his wife, Pia, and Darren Appleton, sat in the lounge of the Sheraton Waterside Hotel, many hours later and while Filler's professional 'self' took the early-stage loss to Mario He in stride, part of him was as puzzled as some of the spectators who'd watched it happen.

"I didn't miss balls, my safeties were good and I was breaking great," said Filler, adding in recognition of where his efforts had stumbled a bit, that three dry breaks had contributed to the result.

"I was up 8-6 and had two dry breaks," he added, "and then, down 8-9, I made a great cut on the 3-ball and (in a run that was supposed to turn that match into a double-hill, single game), I missed the 9-ball."

### International Open pauses to honor the BCA Hall of Fame's 2023 inductee Neils Feijen

At the conclusion of the opening round of single-elimination play, the whole place took a long break, as competitors and 13 members of the Billiards Congress of America's Hall of Fame (some were both) gathered



Niels Feijen

in a hotel meeting room to induct the Hall's latest member, Neils Feijen of the Netherlands. The assembled enjoyed a meal, and a pair of video presentations; one reflecting back on previous ceremonies and the other, put together by Feijen himself, reflecting on his own personal history and the members of the pool community that had contributed to his success.

"We competed to strive together," Feijen said of players like Ralf Souquet, Nick van den Berg, Thorsten Hohmann, Darren Appleton and others, many of whom were in attendance. "We used each other to make each other better."

The ceremony concluded in time for those among the attendees still competing to begin four quarterfinal matches, two of which would be featured in the live-streaming broadcast from the Simonis Aramith Arena at the Sheraton Waterside. By late Friday

night, the two semifinals had set the stage for three matches in the Simonis Aramith Arena, one right after another.

Yapp had defeated Lee Vann Corteza in the opening round of single-elimination and gone on to eliminate Gorst in the quarterfinals. He and Poland's Wiktor Zielinski were the first of the two semifinals on Saturday afternoon. David Alcaide who had begun his single-elimination campaign by eliminating Shane Van Boening 10-8, advanced to draw Japan's Naoyuki Oi and would join Peru's Gerson Martinez in the other semifinal, scheduled at the conclusion of the first.

Yapp downed Zielinski 10-8. Alcaide bested Martinez 10-5.

### Shaky start to final race-to-13 heats up, before Yapp pulls out in front to win it

There is a palpable tension in the air when an event like the International Open gets to its last match. Of course, the players have a way of ignoring it.

"Every round is a challenge," Yapp would say later. "I have to stay focused on my game. It's part of the game."

Spectators, on the other hand, come into the arena and settle into their

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seats, longing for a dramatic show-down, preferably ending with a double-hill, deciding game at the end. Their hopes on this Saturday night took something of an immediate nosedive when Alcaide won the lag, broke dry and scratched.

Predictably, Yapp took the opening game of the race to 13, but Alcaide came back in the second to jump a ball that cross-banked into a side pocket and tied things up immediately. He followed that with a 'break and run' that put him in front 2-1 and smoothed some spectator concerns. For a while. They didn't know that Alcaide had just taken his last lead.

Yapp broke the fourth rack (almost dropping the 9-ball). An unforced error turned the table over to Alcaide, who promptly scratched (again), allowing Yapp to run the rack and knot things at 2-2. Yapp went up 3-2, then broke and scratched, allowing Alcaide to tie it up

at 3-3. Spectators might have been forgiven at this point for wondering whether they'd dropped into a league night at their local pool hall.

A ball-in-hand opportunity gave Yapp rack #7. He dropped the 9-ball when he broke rack #8. Alcaide broke and ran rack #9, before Yapp dropped the 9-ball on the break (again) to go up by two (6-4).

"This," you could almost hear the spectators say in unison, "is more like it."

Yapp won the next five in a row, including his first 'break and run' (not including his two 'nine on the snap' racks) that gave him a daunting 10-5 lead. Alcaide responded with *his* third 'break and run,' to which Yapp responded with *his* second, to which Alcaide responded with his fourth.

At 11-6, Yapp took rack #18 and reached the hill, just ahead of Alcaide chalking up his 7<sup>th</sup> rack; in a way, teas-

ing the audience, who were still out there, hoping for that hill-hill thriller. It was not to be, as Yapp broke and finished it at 13-7.

It had been a long, grueling pair of weeks for Yapp, beginning with his victory at the inaugural Battle of the Bull in Roanoke the week before. And it is going to continue as Yapp leaves Norfolk, VA bound for warmer temperatures as he prepares for the Puerto Rico Open on Tuesday (Nov. 5).

"No time to rest," he said with a grin, after accepting his trophy for the International Open title.

He's been working with a psychologist and his coach Toh Liah-Han on aspects of his mental game. Both sources reinforcing the importance of getting needed rest to help in maintaining focus. It's working.

"Today, before the final," he noted. "I went up to rest in my room."

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Treviso Open

# ***DYNAMIC BILLARD*** ***TREVISO OPEN – ONCE*** ***AGAIN, IT'S FILLER!***

GERMANY'S JOSHUA FILLER won his third consecutive DYNAMIC BILLARD Euro Tour title, and fifth in a row of events he has entered, as he coasted past Radoslaw Babica (Poland) by 9-3 to take the final event of the year, the Treviso Open.



Joshua Filler

The German star's winning run started in Slovenia last October and has taken in victories in Austria, twice again in Slovenia and now Italy. Despite having missed three events in the seven-tournament ranking cycle, his incredible run still sees him sit at No.2 in the rankings, a situation that could well be remedied soon.

Babica, a stalwart of the Euro Tour and the longest-serving member of the high-quality Polish squad, had only ever reached the one final before and that was back in 2007 where he lost to Bruno Muratore in Spain.

It was a big ask for the Pole and Filler took the opener before Babica snookered himself going from the 1-ball to the 2 in the next. His escape left the ball on for Filler who snapped up the opportunity to move into a 2-0 lead.

Babica took the next after Filler missed with a difficult attempt on the blue 2 but a dry and illegal break from the Pole lost the initiative. An uncharacteristic miss from Filler saw Babica blocked out and his two-rail escape failed to make contact with the 1-ball. The 1/9 combination was on and Filler speared it home for a 3-1 lead.

Filler had a nice open table after his break shot and before long, he had increased his lead to three racks. In the next, Babica saw two balls down, but he over-cut a difficult pot on the 1-ball and it set Filler up for another runout and a 5-1 lead.

Babica had a chance in the next following an illegal Filler break but missed a speculative 1/8 combination but he took second prize as the 9-ball stuck to the cue ball. A banked carom was marvellous executed by Filler but his safe on the 1-ball left it on for Babica. He went through the table to get his second rack at 5-2 and just about kept him in the match.

It was another illegal break, this time from Babica, and it gave Filler a good look at the table but he hooked himself

Radoslaw Babica



and could only play a one-rail safe on the 2-ball. It left a difficult 2/9 carom for Babica but he dug into the cueball and made it to stay in it at 5-3 down.

Babica got to the table in the next but he scratched pocketing the 3-ball and Filler proceeded to clear the remainder to move it to 6-3. Babica could feel unfortunate in the next as he downed three balls from his break shot but was only left with a push out. In the end, a Babica safety wasn't his best and it left the 1-ball sitting for Filler. He took advantage to take the rack and increase his lead to 7-3.

A well-placed snooker from Filler forced the error from Babica to give a ball-in-hand visit and he took no time to reach the hill at 8-3. Babica's last shot of the game was yet another disappointing break from as it came up dry and that was all Filler needed as he ran out to take yet another Euro Tour title.

Naturally Filler was delighted with his achievement, "I always felt comfortable as I know I've got the break now – I get good positioning, make the balls and don't have to deal with many illegal breaks and push-outs. I always had the match under control, the whole Euro Tour actually, and if

you're feeling that confident it helps a lot.

"The last five I've entered, I've won and it feels amazing to be honest. I'm just going to enjoy the moment as three in a row and five of the last five I've entered is amazing. I always look at this in a positive way. I always come to play good and if you do that and win that's something to enjoy. My opponents didn't take the chances they had and I punished them and I'm over the moon that I've won again and it's just amazing!"

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

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# SUPER SARAC

## TAKES FIRST EURO TOUR TROPHY

SERBIA'S BOJANA SARAC claimed her first EPBF Women's Euro Tour title as she dominated proceedings to defeat Oliwia Zalewska (Poland) by 7-1 at the Best Western Premier BHR Hotel in Treviso.

The 22-year-old had previously been a beaten finalist twice but she delivered a near-faultless performance for a satisfying victory.

Zalewska, 28, was the much more experienced of the two having won five Euro Tours previously including in Tal-

linn earlier this year. She was never at the races, though, as Sarac never let her off the hook.

Zalewska won the lag but lost the visit and Sarac soon ran out to take the opener. Then a solid break from Sarac saw a ball drop, leaving her a straight

shot on the 1-ball. A perfect positional shot set up an easy 3/9 combination to move into a 2-0 lead.

Zalewska made a good break but scratched trying to kick at the 2-ball. It was a good ball-in-hand opportunity for the Serbian girl and she con-

Bojana Sarac



fidently ran the table to increase her lead. A great break from Sarac saw the 1-ball drop into the centre pocket, leaving a good look at the 2-ball. That went down and she came with some outstanding play, both potting and positional, to clear for a 4-0 lead.

Zalewska made a couple of balls from her break shot but with the 2-ball blocked, she pushed out. She left a difficult long cut on the 2-ball but Sarac was equal to it as she continued her flawless play to clear for a 5-0 lead.

Sarac made a couple of balls on the next break but with no other ball passing the headstring, it was Zalewska's table. With nothing doing, she passed it back and Sarac left a difficult 2 ball from which the Polish girl played safe. They both had visits before Sarac fouled to give ball-in-hand to Zalewska and she took advantage to get her first rack on the board.

That small momentum was soon lost and Sarac reached the hill courtesy of a table-length kick on the 3 ball which enabled her to run out. Zalewska rescued a poor situation with a terrific kick shot to pot the 2-ball and position herself for the 3. Unfortunately, she missed the 5-ball when it looked easier to pot and left it hanging for Sarac. The young Serb composed herself and ran the table for her first Euro Tour title.

Sarac was naturally thrilled with her victory after a couple of near misses; "It feels amazing! I've been already

Oliwia Zalewska



two times to the final so three times is a charm! I played very well though – I was bit surprised myself. I talked to my husband in a time out in my semi-final. He's always telling me the same thing; to stay calm and not think about my misses but I tend to get nervous, anxious and angry. He calmed me down which was good and when I won that match, the pressure fell off going into the final.

"As the match went on, I didn't think about anything. I was in the zone and

started playing and at 5-0 I felt we'd just started the match. It's a good feeling as you don't see the audience, you don't see the result or that it's the final which is very nice. But then I realised that I had to fight still because Oliwia is a great player and she could come back," she added.

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# MARIO HE

## COMES BACK FROM HOT SEAT LOSS TO DOWN VANN CORTEZA IN AMERICAN STRAIGHT POOL FINALS

A series of photographs delineating five groups of competitors in Stage 1 of the 18th Annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championships picked five men, one from each group, to demonstrate the caliber of play in each of the five groups. Pictured were Mario He, Lee Vann Corteza, Ralf Souquet, Thorsten

Hohmann and Mika Immonen. Created before the event got underway at Q Master Billiards in Virginia Beach, VA on Thursday (Oct. 26), the photo proved to be a relatively accurate bit of handicapping as four of the five were among the event's final six. Mario He came back from a hot seat loss to Lee Vann Corteza and won it. Ralf

Souquet, who would end up being defeated by first, Immonen on the winners' side of the double-elimination bracket and then, by Hohmann on the loss side, would finish in the tie for 9th/12th. Hohmann and Immonen came within a match of competing in the quarterfinals, but finished in the tie for 5th/6th.



Mario He

“Honestly,” said He at the conclusion of his 150-48 finals victory over Vann Corteza, “I thought (going in) that I was one of the favorites and we (he and Vann Corteza) knew there was a chance that we’d be seeing each other again.”

And they did. Twice as it turned out. They’d competed against each other before, but it was the first time they had done so playing straight pool. Mario grew up playing straight pool and finds that it bears a ‘pattern play’ similarity to 8-ball, making it more, although certainly not exclusively, about “positional play.”

“With 9-ball,” he said with a grin, “you have to know how to shoot.”

That said, He outshot his opponents by over a thousand balls, ending the event with a +1,102 differential, giving up, on average, only 35 balls in each of his 11 matches. Vann Corteza, who played one less match than He, ended up with a +496 differential, which, before he gave up 144 in the hot seat match and 150 in the final was at +790.

For any who may have missed earlier reports about the event, it began on Wednesday, Oct. 25 with a Stage 1 series of five, round-robin ‘flights’ of six competitors each. Based on match records, three players in each group and one overall ‘wild’ card advanced to a

*Lee Vann Corteza*

Stage 2, 16-entrant, double-elimination bracket on Friday night.

One competitor in each group advanced to pool’s equivalent of the Sweet Sixteen with undefeated records – He, Corteza, Hohmann, Mika Immonen and Kuwait’s Bader Alawadhi. One competitor in each group advanced with a 4-1 record – Germany’s Ralf Souquet and Ralph Eckert, Finland’s Jani Uski and American favorites, Shaun Wilkie and Brandon Shuff. The five who advanced with 3-2 records were Norway’s Mikael Ogaard, Finland’s Jani Siekkinen, Germany’s Matthias Arnold and two other American favorites, Michael Yednak and Holden Chin. Among the competitors with 2-3 records, Bob Madenjian had the highest point differential (+8) and became the ‘wild card’ advancement.

Any doubts about who was ‘favored’ in the event took a backseat after the Stage 1, round robin matches. There were two shutouts among the 75 matches, one by Mario He (versus Jani Uski) and the other by Corteza (over Brandon Shuff). None of He’s five opponents managed to drop more than 28 balls against him. In three of Corteza’s five matches, he gave up a total of five balls; none at all to Shuff, two versus Andy Geister and three to Yednak. The two tightest matches of the 75 saw Zaplicki come within six of Yednak’s 125 in Round 3 and Bobby Hunter draw to within 10 of Holden Chin in Round 3.

On to the double-elimination Stage 2, where the races were increased to 150 (125 on the loss side). They got the opening round in on Friday night, which set up a Saturday winners’ side quarterfinal and the opening matches on the loss side. Guaranteeing that if they were to meet at all, they would meet in the hot seat match, He and Vann Corteza were situated at opposite ends of the 16-player bracket.

Mario He got by Bob Madenjian (11) and Shaun Wilkie (35) to draw Bader Alawadhi in one of the winners’ side semifinals. Vann Corteza defeated Matthias Arnold (41) and then chalked up his second shutout of the event,

*Bader Al Awadhi*

## American 14.1 Championship

against Ralph Eckert. Vann Corteza drew Mika Immonen in the other winners' side semifinal.

Mario He sent Alawadhi to the loss side 150-78, as Vann Corteza sent the Iceman (Immonen) over 150-54. Alawadhi and Immonen played in the final Saturday night matches; Alawadhi against Hohmann and in a Finnish battle, Immonen versus Jani Siekkinen. With loss-side races to 125, Siekkinen eliminated Immonen 125-90. He was joined in the quarterfinals by Alawadhi, who'd defeated Hohmann 125-11. Those quarterfinals would play out on the event's final day at noon on Sunday, at the same time as the He/Vann Corteza hot seat match.

The hot seat match started out at a snail's pace; 20 minutes in, the score was 6 to -2 in favor of He. 10 minutes later, it was 6-1. Vann Corteza got the first long run into play, and by the end of the first hour, he was ahead 39-7. He got another set of 14 balls in to make it 61-7 before He began his first 'long run' move which tied the match at 61.

He kept going on what proved to be his longest run of the match (82), in what was arguably the most entertaining match of the event. He's unbroken run was halted at 103-61. A few short, back and forth runs later, with He still ahead 139-81, Vann Corteza went on a 51-ball run (interrupted when He dropped five balls) that brought him within 12 and then, 14 balls later, allowed him to take the lead (146-144) for the first time since he'd been ahead at 61-47. The run didn't stop there. Vann Corteza dropped the final four and claimed the hot seat.

As He moved on to the semifinals versus Alawadhi, Vann Corteza took a break in the Q Master Billiards' dining room where, waiting for some 'fuel,' he reflected, among other things, about who he might prefer to face in the upcoming final. Vann Corteza wanted He again. Though he had yet to face Alawadhi, he had been watching and paying attention. With words and gestures, Vann Corteza expressed a preference for the calmer table demeanor of He over the more excitable

demeanor and aggressive shot-making of Alawadhi.

On the loss side, in one of the tightest matches of the event, Alawadhi downed Jani Siekkinen in the quarterfinals 125-19, but never really got up off the 'deck' in his semifinal matchup against He. It was 56 to -2 in the early going for He. In the end, Alawadhi didn't get past 11 and Vann Corteza got his wish.

And as they say, be careful what you wish for. The finals began as the same kind of back and forth exhibited in the hot seat match, but it didn't end that way. Though Vann Corteza was in the lead at 48-43, he didn't know he was finished. Mario He went on a run of 107 balls to close it out.

In addition to being winner and runner-up in the 18th Annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championships, He and Vann Corteza were winner and runner-up in a quest for the event's \$2,000 'highest-run' prize. He had established the event's first shot at the

high run in Stage 1 with 163 balls in a row. It stood until he broke it himself in Stage 2 with a run of 170. Vann Corteza got close with a run of 169 during Stage 2. Mario He displayed two cash-bearing envelopes in a brief award ceremony at the conclusion of the event.

Peter Burrows thanked the ownership and staff at Q Master Billiards for their hospitality, along with a long list of sponsors that included Aramith Balls, Simonis Cloth, Billiards Digest, AZBilliards, the Predator Group and Arcos Balls and a further long list of individual sponsors, without which the event would not have been possible.



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**K**onrad Juszczyszyn is the new champion of the 2023 Medalla Light Puerto Rico Open. The Pole earned his first Predator US Pro Billiard Series title and \$37,500, defeating Roland Garcia from the Philippines in two sets: 4-2, 4-1.

This match marked a country revenge as last year, Carlo Biado won the title against Daniel Maciel.

In the semifinals, Juszczyszyn defeated Aloysius Yapp in two sets,

while Roland Garcia defeated Joshua Filler, also in two sets. To reach the title, Juszczyszyn won seven matches straight in two sets and one in a shootout against Alex Pagulayan (winner's qualification round).



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Yet another resilience masterclass from Kelly Fisher, who survives three shootouts in a row to clinch the Medalla Light Puerto Rico Women's Open, securing her record-breaking 6th Predator Pro Billiard Series title.

In the quarterfinals, defending champion Wei Tzu Chien defeated Rubilen Amit, while Jasmin Ouschan mounted a strong comeback against the world 10-ball champion Chezka Centeno, winning in a thrilling shootout. The Austrian, so focused, momentarily forgot her victory after pocketing her fourth shootout.

Chieh Yu Chou defeated Wan Lin-Wang, and Kelly Fisher overcame Oliwia Zalewska. Zalewska's missed winning 10-ball shot in the quarterfinals proved crucial against Fisher!

Despite losing the first set 2-4 and being down 1-3 in the second, Wei Tzu Chien capitalized on Jasmin Ouschan's scratch, ultimately winning the set and the subsequent shootout.

Wei, who was runner up of the event last year, couldn't hold off Kelly Fisher in the Final, who triumphed 4-0, 4-1, securing her 6th Predator Pro Billiard Series title. This marks her second consecutive win after claiming the Michigan Open in September.

Kelly, having survived 3 shootouts in a row to reach the final, expressed her elation, stating, "I'm absolutely over the moon. I've had so many close matches and shootouts; I didn't expect to win this tournament. Winning the sixth Pro Billiard Series title feels amazing."



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# GERMANY CLINCHES PREDATOR WPA WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP IN A THRILLING SUDDEN-DEATH SHOOTOUT

Pia Filler seals an epic comeback with the decisive shot, securing the title and a first prize of \$120,000.



*Joshua and Pia Filler*



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**T**he final day of the Puerto Rico Billiard Expo concluded with unparalleled drama. Chinese Taipei, previous winners of the World Teams in 2012 in Beijing, stood on the verge of a repeat victory, winning the first two sets in the final against Germany.

However, Joshua, Pia, and Moritz of Team Germany were not ready to concede the title. Demonstrating remarkable resilience and team spirit, the Germans staged a comeback, securing the mixed doubles in the third set, with Joshua claiming victory in the single's match during the fourth set, forcing a decisive shootout in the fifth set.

As each team player took turns shooting under intense pressure, the first four shots from each team found their mark. The tension heightened when Wu Kun Lin missed the first sudden-death shot. Moritz Neuhausen had an opportunity to clinch the title but missed, followed by Chou's miss on the second sudden-death shot. The exhilarating moment arrived when Pia Filler made the winning shot.

This thrilling conclusion marked one of the most dramatic endings to a world championship, with a single shot determining the recipient of an extraordinary \$120,000 first prize.

Reflecting on the victory, Pia Filler expressed, "It's an incredible feeling to make the money ball and to do it for my team, especially because I played bad in the single's matches. I just thought that's my chance to redeem myself. It's been an incredible week."

Joshua Filler added, "I'm just over the moon. I'm glad that she made the last ball because I didn't want to get back to the table (laughs). I think 'believe' is the right word for what we did; we never stopped believing in ourselves and our teammates."

Moritz Neuhausen shared his thoughts, saying, "It was an up and down; we still can't believe it. In the end, we somehow won. I missed for the title, and I'm glad that Pia made it because I couldn't hold the nerves anymore. It was an amazing event; we had so much fun, and that's the most important thing."

Special recognition goes to the underdog team Portugal, who showcased exceptional skill by reaching the semifinals, as well as the consistently formidable team of Austria, earning them the bronze medal.

The conclusion of the Predator WPA World Teams Championship marks the end of an incredible week of pool in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Heartfelt thanks to all the staff, sponsors, players, and fans who made this event possible.

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# IT'S 'MILLER' TIME AGAIN

**AS THE JPNEWT'S TOUR DIRECTOR WINS HER SEVENTH 2023 STOP ON THE TOUR**

There are only so many ways that one can approach a report on a consistent winner. One can note, as an example, that the J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour director, Briana Miller has "once again, chalked up a win on the tour," and go on to mention how many times she's won this year.

**A**s of this past weekend (Nov. 4-5), that number is up to seven. She's won 15 of 19 tour stops (two splits) over the past two years, including her undefeated run in this past weekend's \$1,000-add-

ed event which drew a capped-at-32 number of entrants to Stroker's Bar & Billiards in Pelham, NH.

She is not unbeatable, of course. No-body gets to wear that 'medal.' She

had a seriously odd finish (13th) at this year's third stop in May and finished as runner-up to Bean Hung in September. She was runner-up to Caroline Pao and Kia Burwell in 2022. Not exactly a comfort to competitors

*Briana Miller, Amanda Laverriere, Dawn Luz and Becca Ellis*



stepping into an event with her name on the roster, although there is that aspect of inspiration for potential opponents; players getting ‘fired up’ trying to throw a monkey-wrench into the machinery of her dominance.

There is, too, an aspect of this remarkable run of tour victories which has to do with her recent ascent to director of the tour. In that role over the past year, Miller has increased the tour’s geographic reach beyond its previous base in Maryland, expanding it to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, and, for the second time this year (this past weekend), New Hampshire. This has had a way of attracting new players to the tour, the downside of which is that the newer competitors tend toward a lower skill level for whom Miller’s obvious skills and experience represent a ‘tougher nut to crack’ than they would otherwise encounter. All but three of this past weekend’s competitors (Erica Testa, Amanda Laverriere and Catherine Fiorilla) came into the event with Fargo Rates that were 200 points or lower than Miller’s 669. The upside to the expanded reach is that the newer competitors, like everybody else who competes in the sport, tend to get better, only when they’re exposing themselves to a competition level that’s higher than the ones that they’ve been used to.

All that said, here’s how the weekend played out. Miller seems to get stronger as an event progresses; this event being a case in point. She was strong coming in, mind you, giving up only three racks to Amanda Soucy, two to Catherine Ong and in a winners’ side quarterfinal, three to her closest Fargo-rated competitor (at 562), Erica



***THE FOUR-HOUR WAIT BETWEEN THE CONCLUSION OF THE HOT SEAT MATCH AND THE END OF THE SEMIFINAL HAD NO APPARENT EFFECT ON MILLER. SHE DENIED LUZ EVEN A SINGLE RACK IN CLAIMING HER SEVENTH 2023 JPNEWT TITLE.***



Testa. From that point, over the next 23 games to her claiming the event title, Miller gave up only two racks. She gave up the first of those two in a winners’ side semifinal to her second-closest, Fargo-rated opponent, Amanda Laverriere (at 500) and advanced to the hot seat match.

Meanwhile, Becca Ellis was winding her way through the field to join Miller in the hot seat battle. Ellis got by Jozy Vienneau (3), Christal Heath in a double-hill match, and Jenn Sylvester (1) to arrive and defeat her winners’ side semifinal opponent, Dawn Luz 7-4. In the battle for the hot seat, Miller allowed Ellis to chalk up a second rack against her, claiming the seat 7-1.

Luz came to the loss side and picked up Testa, who’d followed her loss to Miller with victories over Stacy Hamel 7-1 and Stephanie Rickett 7-2. Laverriere came over and picked up Catherine Fiorilla, who’d been shut out in her opening match by Luz and was working on a five-match, loss-side winning streak that had recently eliminated Jenn Sylvester 7-3 and Rachelle Rainey 7-5.

Luz and Testa battled back and forth to double hill, before Luz prevailed and advanced to the quarterfinals. She was joined by Laverriere, who’d defeated Fiorilla 7-4. Luz took care of Laverriere in those quarterfinals 7-3.

It was only the fourth time that Luz had competed on the 2023 tour, having finished 33rd in May and 25th in July. She took a major step forward when she finished in the tie for 9th place on the tour’s previous stop, a little over a week ago in Philadelphia at the PA State Women’s 8-Ball Championships. She shared that finish place with the woman she faced and defeated in the quarterfinals at this event, Amanda Laverriere.

In a semifinal that came within a game of double hill, Luz advanced to defeat Ellis 7-5. In what was already her highest finish on the tour and only her second, recorded cash finish in a tournament anywhere (she’d finished 3rd in a virtual event on the Ride the 9 Tour in 2021), Luz stepped into her first known final, against Miller.

It didn’t go well for her. The four-hour wait between the conclusion of the hot seat match and the end of the semifinal had no apparent effect on Miller. She denied Luz even a single rack in claiming her seventh 2023 JPNEWT title.

In her role as tour director, Miller thanked the ownership and staff at Stroker’s Bar & Billiards, as well as title sponsor J. Pechauer Custom Cues, Fort Worth Billiards Superstore, Onboard Sportswear, PA ProAm Pool (for livestreaming), Mezz Cues and George Hammerbacher (Advanced Pool Instructor).

The next stop on the JPNEWT will be its season finale, scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 2-3 at Players Billiards Café in Eatontown, NJ.



***MILLER SEEMS TO GET STRONGER AS AN EVENT PROGRESSES; THIS EVENT BEING A CASE IN POINT.***



# NORWAY TAKE

## LONGONI 9 BALL CROWN

**Norway, represented by Mikael Oegaard and Emil Andre Gangflot, came from behind to defeat the Netherlands 9-7 in an exciting conclusion to the 2023 Longoni 9 Ball League in Treviso.**

**T**he Dutch duo of Marc Bijsterbosch and Jan Rempe lead in the middle stages but saw their two-rack advantage evaporate as they found themselves on the wrong end of a five-rack burst from the Norwegians.

Things got underway and Norway took the opener before getting pegged back and the Dutch pair then moved into a 2-1 lead. That went to 3-2 and then 4-2 as the Netherlands neared the halfway point. Leading 4-2, Rempe got the seventh game underway and with a ball down, Bijsterbosch was at the table. He left a tight cut for his partner who saw the cue ball drop into the centre pocket. It was a great opportunity for Norway to get back into it and they duly obliged to make it 3-4.

Norway lost the visit and but returned only for Gangflot to miss a bank shot into the centre bag. From that position, the Dutch duo were able to restore their two-rack lead. The Dutch looked good for the rack before Bijsterbosch overran getting to the 6 ball and Rempe missed a difficult attempt on it. Oegaard took on the long pot and Norway cleared to reduce the deficit as the score moved to 5-4.

Breaking, Oegaard just about made it on the three-point rule but left a long

combination on the 1/8 which Gangflot declined and played safe. It was a weak one and Bijsterbosch made a good attempt to lock the cue ball up. Both sides had visits, combining safety with difficult missed pots before Norway closed it out to level the match at 5-5.

A loose safety from Gangflot in the next left the 1-ball on for Bijsterbosch but with two clusters on the table his miss didn't look to be critical. However, the 1 ball rolled nicely into position for a combination on the 9-ball and the Norwegians won another one to take the lead at 6-5.



Team Norway – Mikael Oegaard and Emil Andre Gangflot

A very good safety from Rempe brought out a superb two-rail escape from Gangflot and the Netherlands couldn't recover from the position as Norway ran the table to increase their lead. A solid break from Bijsterbosch left no shot on the 2-ball as Rempe pushed out. Bijsterbosch got lucky as he potted the 2 ball off three rails but Rempe's miss on the subsequent 3-ball allowed the Norwegians back in. They made no mistakes as they dished up to reach the hill at 8-5.

It wasn't quite over as the Dutch took the next to keep themselves in the game. The balls were out in the open in the 15th game for the Netherlands and they completed the rack to get within one of their opponents.

However, Gangflot's next break kept Norway at the table which was there for the taking. Sensing victory the Norwegian pair made no mistakes as they ran out 9-7 champions.



***A VERY GOOD SAFETY FROM REMPE BROUGHT OUT A SUPERB TWO-RAIL ESCAPE FROM GANGFLOT AND THE NETHERLANDS COULDN'T RECOVER FROM THE POSITION AS NORWAY RAN THE TABLE TO INCREASE THEIR LEAD.***



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# QCO, LLC, HOME OF TRIPLE 60, VIKING AND VALHALLA BRANDS AND FEDOR GORST ANNOUNCE LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP

**Qco LLC, home of Triple 60, Viking, and Valhalla brands, a global leader in the manufacture of pool cues and other billiards accessories, announces a long-term partnership with World Champion (2019) and current #2 ranked pool player in the world (Fargo Rate), Fedor Gorst.**

**T**he Russian born billiards phenom will be wearing the Triple 60 logo on his Team USA jersey (having just been granted residency in the US) at the Mosconi Cup in December as the kickoff to this multi-year relationship.

“I am honored to welcome Fedor to Qco” said Mark Horton, President of The Rack Group, parent company to Qco. “We have ambitious plans to grow our innovative Triple 60 and Viking brands, and partnering with Fedor shows that the best players in the world trust their game to our equipment.

“When we formed Qco, acquiring both Viking Cues and Whyte Carbon in 2022, our plan was to continue to innovate performance products, and by partnering with Fedor, we are now getting guidance from one of, if not THE best player on the planet, to supercharge our development of new products,” Horton said. “Fedor will not only be a professional that utilizes our products at the highest level, but he will be an integral part of our ongoing R&D team to continue to create innovative new products to aid not only his game but the game of all pool players regardless of ability.”

Fedor will play with the Triple 60 Whyte Carbon RAW BLACK shaft. This seamless shaft construction provides uniform bending properties and ra-

dial symmetry, which lowers ball deflection and offers more predictability versus all other carbon composites in the marketplace, along with the Viking B6501 butt.

“As a player, consistency with my pool cue is key. From the first time I tried a Whyte Carbon shaft, I found I could get more action on the cue ball when I needed it. I love the total control I have over the cue ball with the Triple 60 shaft. Some shots, like drawing the ball, just feel easier with this shaft. I am excited for the upcoming Mosconi Cup and the 2024 season with Viking and Triple Sixty equipment, and it feels fitting that I start using cues that are made in America.” Said Gorst. Fedor also said he is already working on a signature line of cues and shaft, and will be using a new prototype jump cue in upcoming tournaments – ensuring all new products are tested under the most strenuous match conditions before being released to the public.

## About Qco:

Qco is a multi-brand company in the billiards industry, producing some of the finest and most innovative pool playing equipment in the world. Qco is comprised of Viking, Valhalla and Triple Sixty (previously Whyte Carbon) brands. Viking and Triple 60 cues and shafts are manufactured at their Middleton, WI factory.



## About Fedor Gorst:

Fedor Gorst was born in Moscow, Russia in 2000. Fedor began playing pool at the young age of six. Fedor's mission is to be a better person and player than he was the day before. Through constant work and practice both on and away from the pool table, Fedor strives to continue progressing to be a champion as well as a role model for your and upcoming players. Fedor recently became a permanent American resident and will represent Team USA at the 2023 Mosconi Cup that will be played in London between December 6 – 9.



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# ***MCDERMOTT SIGNS JONAS SOUTO TO EXCLUSIVE CUE SPONSORSHIP***

**McDermott Cue, a leading American pool cue manufacturer, is proud to announce the signing of Jonás Souto to an exclusive cue sponsorship.**

**H**ailing from Spain, Jonás Souto has been making waves in the billiards community with his impressive skills and dedication to the sport. His choice to align with McDermott Cue, a cue manufacturer recognized for its craftsmanship and quality, marks a significant step forward in his career. While McDermott is not typically associated with high-profile player endorsements, they see in Souto a player who represents the spirit of the game and embodies the potential for future excellence.

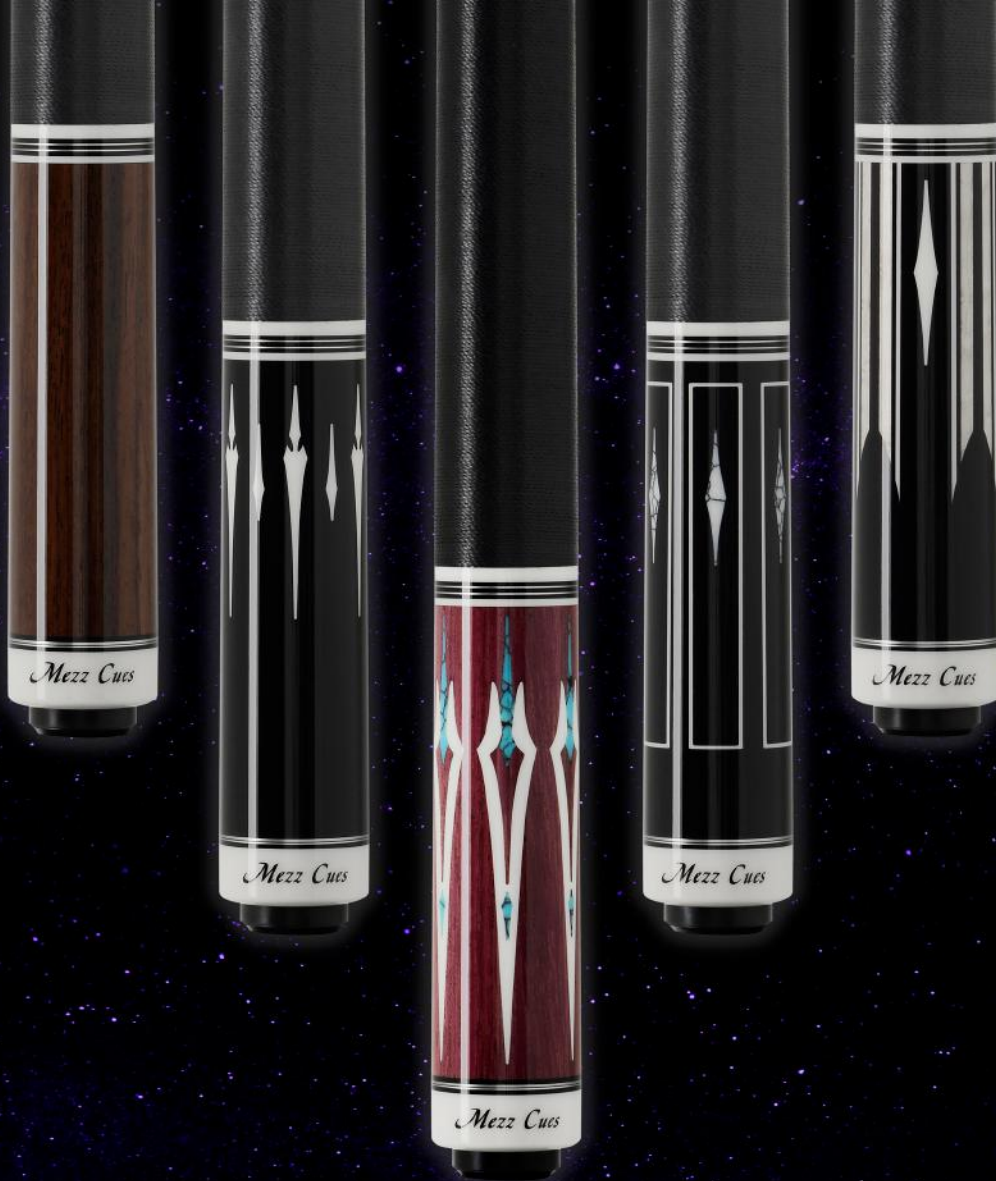
This collaboration symbolizes a powerful union between excellence in professional sports and precision in cue craftsmanship. McDermott Cue takes immense pride in supporting the billiards community and fostering the talents of aspiring players. With Jonás Souto joining their roster, the company is further demonstrating its dedication to the sport and its commitment to producing world-class cues that help players reach their full potential.

Jonás Souto expressed his enthusiasm about the partnership, saying, “I’m super excited to be representing McDermott. This partnership is a significant step in my career and I look forward to achieving even greater success with their support.”

McDermott Cue’s owner, Greg Knight, echoed this excitement, stating, “We are thrilled to welcome Jonás to the McDermott family. His exceptional skill and dedication to the game makes him an ideal representative of our commitment to excellence in the world of billiards.”

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# WPA TOP EIGHT INVITED PLAYERS TO PBS WOMEN'S SHOWDOWN

The Predator Pro Billiard Series has confirmed the first eight players to receive invitations to the new \$100,000 Women's Showdown event, which will take place February 27 through March 1, 2024 at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, as part of the CueSports International Expo.

**T**he top eight players on the WPA Women World Ranking following the Predator WPA World 10-Ball Women's Championship earn automatic invitations to the brand new event, an extension of the Preda-

tor Pro Billiard Series' commitment to Women's pool.

Chou Chieh-Yu, the reigning WPA World 9-Ball Women's Champion, and Chezka Centeno, who won the World

10-Ball Women's title in Austria last month, lead the invites.

Brits Kelly Fisher and Allison Fisher, Bulgaria's Kristina Zlateva and Austria's Jasmin Ouschan make-up

*Kelly Fisher will be seeded second*



Chezka Centeno and Chieh Yu Chou



four invites for European players. As world no.7, Australia's Bean (Meng-Hsia) Hung is also invited, and joining the two World Champions from Asia is Chen Chia Hua (Chinese Taipei).

Chou has enjoyed a brilliant 2023, starting with the World 9-Ball Women's title in January, where she won \$30,000. She collected \$17,000 for winning the Wisconsin Women's Open in May, was a finalist at the Michigan Open and also reached the quarter-finals in the Las Vegas Open. She placed fifth in the World Women's 10-Ball Championship last month to take her earnings from Pro Billiard Series events to over \$65,000 so far this year.

The size of the prize fund for the PBS Women's Showdown means that collecting the trophy next March would earn her \$35,000, more than any previous check.

However, the field is set to be one of the greatest assembled in Women's

pool, with eight PBS invites to join those who are ranked in the WPA top eight.

The Women's Showdown will begin with a round-robin group stage. Each group will include two seeded players from the WPA top eight and two invited players. The best two players from each group qualify for single elimination.

As world No.1, Chou will be seeded first. That might make her group one to be avoided if you were a fellow competitor, but the level of players seeded for the tournament means that every match will provide a tough examination.

World Games Gold medalist Kelly Fisher, five-times a PBS title holder, will be seeded second. Her fellow Brit Allison Fisher's incredible consistency in reaching the final stages of tournaments over the last year has earned her the world No. 3 rank.

Bulgaria's Kristina Zlateva continues to climb the rankings and will be seeded 4th in the PBS Women's Showdown, and 'Amber' Chen's run to the semi-finals of the China Open helped her rise to 5th on the WPA Ranking.

Such is the wealth of women's tournaments now on the calendar that World 10-Ball Women's Champion Chezka Centeno only climbed to no. 6 after she lifted the title last month. She is followed in the ranking by Bean Hung of Australia. Completing the top 8, and edging World No.9 Wei Tzu Chien by just 75 points, is Austria's Jasmin Ouschan.

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**THE WOMEN'S SHOWDOWN WILL BEGIN WITH A ROUND-ROBIN GROUP STAGE. EACH GROUP WILL INCLUDE TWO SEEDDED PLAYERS FROM THE WPA TOP EIGHT AND TWO INVITED PLAYERS. THE BEST TWO PLAYERS FROM EACH GROUP QUALIFY FOR SINGLE ELIMINATION.**

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All eight players will receive official invites from the Predator Pro Billiard Series, who will then invite eight more players. All 16 players will earn prize money from the event in Vegas. Fans can watch the action with two live two streaming tables on the new Pro Billiard TV YouTube Channel.

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# WORLD NINEBALL TOUR PARTNERS WITH DUELBITS FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

# MOSCONI CUP

The World Nineball Tour is delighted to announce Duelbits, the online sportsbook, casino, and virtual gaming platform, as the title sponsor for the 2023 edition of the Mosconi Cup. The Duelbits Mosconi Cup will be hosted at Alexandra Palace, from December 6-9.

Founded in early 2020, Duelbits has had a string of global success as an online cryptocurrency gaming operator, providing a premium platform designed for daring and passionate cryptocurrency enthusiasts. With an exclusive library of original games, Duelbits redefines the gaming experience through innovation, personalisation, and unparalleled rewards. Duelbits holds a steadfast belief in advanced technologies, AI, and cryptocurrencies, viewing each click as a purposeful stride toward an extraordinary adventure.

Duelbits CEO, Marco Pinnisi, expressed his enthusiasm for partnering with Matchroom Multi Sport for the prestigious 30th anniversary of the Mosconi Cup. Acknowledging the event's unmatched global significance and its standing within the esteemed World Nineball Tour, Duelbits is eager to showcase their brand to passionate



pool enthusiasts worldwide. Commenting on the collaboration, Pinnisi remarked, “We eagerly anticipate this extraordinary spectacle, awaiting an event that not only embodies the spirit of intense competition but also ensures a celebration of unparalleled entertainment.”

Emily Frazer, CEO of Matchroom Multi Sport, said: “I am thrilled to have Duelbits on board for the 30th anniversary

of the Mosconi Cup, it's a truly exciting partnership

“The Mosconi Cup is a highlight of the World Nineball Tour with a huge global audience, and I am delighted Duelbits have recognised this opportunity to showcase their brand to the pool fans worldwide.”

This year Team USA will be looking for revenge after losing the last three

tournaments to Team Europe – who lead 15-13 overall. The European team is captained for the first time by Ralph Eckert, whose team is unchanged from last year. It boasts recent Hanoi Open winner Jayson Shaw from Scotland, Joshua Filler from Germany, Austria’s Albin Ouschan, and Spanish duo Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz and David Alcaide.

Jeremy Jones will captain Team USA for the fourth time, and his team is spearheaded by Shane Van Boening, who has won the US Open five times, a joint record with Earl Strickland, and who is considered as one of the best pool players of all time. The team is also boosted by the addition of Fedor Gorst, regarded as currently one of the best players in the world. Gorst played on the winning European team in 2020 but qualifies to play for the USA after being granted residency there. They are joined by Skyler Woodward, Tyler Styer and Shane Wolford.

For the second year running, Jayson Shaw and Skyler Woodward will be the playing vice-captains for Europe and USA respectively.

The official 30th Anniversary Mosconi Cup Press Conference, live at Alexandra Palace on Tuesday 5th December from 12:30PM, will be open to members of the public to attend at Nineball’s most storied venue. Hosted by Matchroom Multi Sport CEO Emily Frazer, Nineball fans will join members of the media in putting questions to teams Captains, Ralph Eckert and Jeremy Jones, as well as each player on Team Europe and Team USA. Nothing is off the table!

The Mosconi Cup is the brainchild of Barry Hearn, who will make a special guest appearance at the Press Conference as Matchroom proudly celebrates three decades of success for this trans-Atlantic spectacle. There will also be an exclusive opportunity

to purchase special edition 30th Anniversary Mosconi Cup merchandise before the general public.

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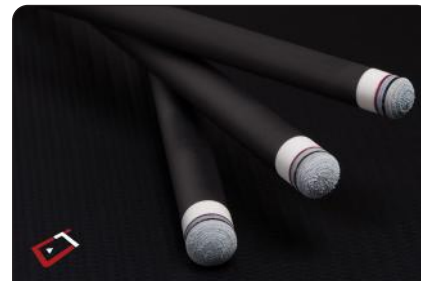


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**VANQUISH MACH 1 CARBON FIBER BREAK CUE**

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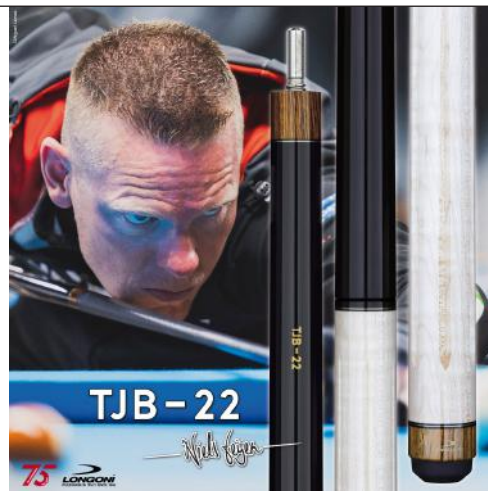


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The Mezz Smart Chalk Set contains the Mezz Smart Chalk, the Mezz Chalk Cover and the Magnetic Chalk Holder.

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# Tourney Results

## Nov 04 - Nov 05

### NWPA Tour 2023 Stop 6

#### Seattle, Washington

- 1 Molina Ortiz \$800
- 2 Hsin Huang \$550
- 3 Marion Poole \$360
- 4 Linda Massey \$250
- 5 Melissa Rushton \$180
- 5 Suzanne Smith \$180
- 7 Gigi Callejas \$120
- 7 Kathie MacDonald \$120
- 9 Andy Camping \$85
- 9 Charis Lamberte \$85
- 9 Jing Liu \$85
- 9 Maryann McConnell \$85

## Nov 04 - Nov 04

### JPNEWT Tour 2023 Stop #10

#### Side Pocket Billiards

- Howell Township, New Jersey
- 1 Briana Miller \$665
- 2 Dawn Luz \$330
- 3 Rebecca Ellis \$250
- 4 Amanda Laverriere \$165
- 5 Erica Testa \$120
- 5 Katie Fiorilla \$120

## Nov 06 - Nov 09

### 2023 US Open One Pocket Championship

#### Griff's

- Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1 Evan Lunda \$9,000
- 2 Billy Thorpe \$4,500
- 3 Tony Chohan \$2,000
- 4 Ronnie Wiseman \$1,500
- 5 Corey Deuel \$1,200
- 5 Oliver Ruuger \$1,200
- 7 Robert Herchik \$900
- 7 Scott Frost \$900
- 9 Charlie Philippou \$500

9 Hunter Smutney \$500

9 Ian Costello \$500

9 Rudy Alameda \$500

## Nov 07 - Nov 12

### Medalla Light Puerto Rico Open 2023

#### San Juan, Puerto Rico

- 1 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$37,500
- 2 Roland Garcia \$17,500
- 3 Aloysius Yapp \$8,750
- 3 Joshua Filler \$8,750
- 5 Fedor Gorst \$4,375
- 5 Hojun Kwon \$4,375
- 5 Jung-Lin Chang \$4,375
- 5 Mario He \$4,375
- 9 Carlo Biado \$2,188
- 9 Denis Grabe \$2,188
- 9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$2,188
- 9 Hayato Hijikata \$2,188
- 9 Joao Grilo \$2,188
- 9 Khalid Alghamdi \$2,188
- 9 Mikael Ogaard \$2,188
- 9 Pierfrancesco Garzia \$2,188
- 17 Alex Pagulayan \$1,094
- 17 Daniel Maciol \$1,094
- 17 Dimitris Loukatos \$1,094
- 17 Gerson Martinez \$1,094
- 17 Joven Bustamante \$1,094
- 17 Landon Hollingsworth \$1,094
- 17 Mieszko Fortunski \$1,094
- 17 Mika Immonen \$1,094
- 17 Minuk Ha \$1,094
- 17 Oliver Szolnoki \$1,094
- 17 Phil Burford \$1,094
- 17 Pijus Labutis \$1,094
- 17 Shane Van Boening \$1,094
- 17 Sullivan Clark \$1,094
- 17 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,094
- 17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$1,094

## Nov 07 - Nov 12

### Medalla Light Puerto Rico Women's Open 2023

#### San Juan, Puerto Rico

- 1 Kelly Fisher \$22,500
- 2 Tzu-Chien Wei \$13,125
- 3 Chieh-Yu Chou \$6,563
- 3 Jasmin Ouschan \$6,563
- 5 Chezka Centeno \$3,281
- 5 Oliwia Zalewska \$3,281
- 5 Rubilen Amit \$3,281
- 5 Wan-Ling Wang \$3,281
- 9 Allison Fisher \$1,641
- 9 Chia Hua Chen \$1,641
- 9 Kristina Tkach \$1,641
- 9 Kristina Zlateva \$1,641
- 9 Sara Rocha \$1,641
- 9 Seo Seo \$1,641
- 9 Soledad Ayala \$1,641
- 9 Yuki Hiraguchi \$1,641

## Nov 07 - Nov 12

### World Pool Team Championship 2023

#### San Juan, Puerto Rico

- 1 Joshua Filler \$40,000
- 1 Moritz Neuhausen \$40,000
- 1 Pia Filler \$40,000
- 2 Chieh-Yu Chou \$20,000
- 2 Jung-Lin Chang \$20,000
- 2 Kun Lin Wu \$20,000
- 3 Albin Ouschan \$10,000
- 3 Jasmin Ouschan \$10,000
- 3 Joao Grilo \$7,500
- 3 Mario He \$10,000
- 3 Miguel Silva \$7,500
- 3 Sara Rocha \$7,500
- 3 Vania Franco \$7,500
- 5 Allison Fisher \$3,000
- 5 April Larson \$4,000
- 5 Darren Appleton \$3,000

5 David Alcaide \$4,000  
5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$4,000  
5 Hojun Kwon \$4,000  
5 Kelly Fisher \$3,000  
5 Maria Teresa Roper Garcia \$4,000  
5 Minuk Ha \$4,000  
5 Phil Burford \$3,000  
5 Seo Seoa \$4,000  
5 Shane Van Boening \$4,000  
5 Tyler Styer \$4,000  
9 Alan Rolon \$500  
9 Alejandro Mercado \$500  
9 Alex Pagulayan \$500  
9 Alexandria Endres \$375  
9 Brittany Bryant \$500  
9 Carlo Biado \$375  
9 Carmen Maldonado \$500  
9 Chezka Centeno \$375  
9 Daniel Maciol \$375  
9 Danny Kerkhoven \$375  
9 Feri Satriyadi \$500  
9 Gerson Martinez \$500  
9 Hayato Hijikata \$500  
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9 Sullivan Clark \$375  
9 Victoria Vasquez \$500  
9 Wiktor Zielinski \$375  
9 Wojciech Szewczyk \$375  
9 Yuki Hiraguchi \$500

## Nov 09 - Nov 12

### 2023 US Open Bank Pool Championship

#### Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

1 Billy Thorpe \$9,000  
2 Scott Frost \$4,500  
3 Corey Deuel \$2,000  
4 Tony Chohan \$1,400  
5 Evan Lunda \$1,000

5 Roberto Gomez \$1,000  
7 Caleb Schumacher \$500  
7 Frankie Ruiz \$500

## Nov 10 - Nov 12

### Strokers Pool Tour Stop

#### Brass Tap Billiards

Raleigh, NC

1 Josh Roberts \$3,600  
2 Gregorio Sanchez \$2,900  
3 Robert Clinton \$2,400  
4 Jason Brattain \$1,500  
5 Joey Tate \$900  
5 Steven Page \$900  
7 Corey Sykes \$450  
7 David Strum \$450  
9 Jeff Little \$200  
9 Jesse Draper \$200  
9 Josh Heeter \$200  
9 Kelly Farrar \$200

## Nov 11 - Nov 12

### Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 9

#### Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

1 Christoph Neumayer \$1,000  
2 Jeremy Sossei \$700  
3 Jonathan Smith \$550  
4 Hunter Lombardo \$400  
5 John Francisco \$250  
5 Victor Nau \$250  
7 Elvis Rodriguez \$150  
7 Yesid Garibello \$150  
9 David Marchant \$100  
9 Henry Cha \$100  
9 Holden Chin \$100  
9 Mohamed Alhabishi \$100

## Nov 11 - Nov 11

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia

1 Christian Fuller \$600  
2 Greg Taylor \$400  
3 Eddie Vonderau \$200  
4 James Boddy \$100

## Nov 12 - Nov 12

### New England 9-Ball Tour 2023 Stop #2

#### Run Em Racks Billiards

Johnston, RI

1 Edison Bao \$550  
2 Phil Russo \$300  
3 Scott Beaudreault \$225  
4 Joe Gelsomino \$165  
5 Joseph Smith \$100  
5 Kevin Bauccio \$100

## Nov 12 - Nov 12

### Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 9 Second Chance

#### Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

1 James Yoneda \$300  
2 Ray Lee \$200  
3 David Marchant \$140  
4 Holden Chin \$80

## Nov 16 - Nov 19

### Buffalo's Open One Pocket

#### Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La

1 Roberto Gomez \$5,000  
2 Sergio Rivas \$2,700  
3 Danny Smith \$1,600  
4 Josh O'Neal \$1,100  
5 AJ Jones \$700  
5 Hunter White \$700

## Nov 18 - Nov 19

### 35th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

#### Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

Providence, RI

1 Moritz Neuhausen \$3,000  
2 Alex Bausch \$2,000  
3 Jeremy Sossei \$1,500  
4 Jared Demalia \$1,000  
5 Kevin Guimond \$750  
5 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$750  
7 Ben Lou \$550  
7 Hunter Lombardo \$550  
9 Cody Francis \$375

9 Dave Hall \$375  
9 Nina Torvund \$375  
9 Tommy Cayer \$375  
13 Amil Andre Gangflot \$250  
13 Christoph Neumayer \$250  
13 Del Sim \$250  
13 Frank Wolak \$250  
17 Bob Mendenjian \$150  
17 Denys Zbikowski \$150  
17 Evan Moreau \$150  
17 Hunter Smutney \$150  
17 Kerry McAuliffe \$150  
17 Mark Creamer \$150  
17 Phil Davis \$150  
17 Steve Edmiston \$150

## Nov 18 - Nov 19

### 2023 DFW 9-Ball Tour Season Finale

#### Rusty's Billiards

Arlington, TX  
1 Gus Briseno \$1,680  
2 Doug Winnett \$1,100  
3 Tim Larson \$800  
4 Travis Arredondo \$520  
5 Blake Kamiab \$400  
5 Shane McMinn \$400  
7 Fahad Alrawi \$290  
7 Jonathan Rawlins \$290  
9 Chris Woody Smith \$120  
9 Mark Johnson \$120  
9 Randy Staggs \$120  
9 Tina Soto \$120

## Nov 18 - Nov 19

### 35th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship Second Chance

#### Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

Providence, RI  
1 Phil Davis \$320  
2 Mehdi Bahloul \$220  
3 Steve Mack \$160  
4 John Dennis \$100  
5 Alex Goodson \$60  
5 Matt Bonarrigo \$60

## Nov 20 - Nov 26

### Predator VenOpen 10-Ball 2023

#### Hotel Tamanaco

Caracas  
1 Frailin Guanipa \$10,000  
2 Alexander Tapiquen \$4,000  
3 Jose Alberto Delgado \$2,000  
3 Jose Placid \$2,000  
5 Alan Rolon \$950  
5 Fabio Luersen \$950  
5 Ricardo Solorzano \$950  
5 Ruben Bautista \$950  
9 Carlos Ramirez \$400  
9 Emigdio Velasquez \$400  
9 Gerson Martinez \$400  
9 Javier Garcia Martinez \$400  
9 Jesus Croveto \$400  
9 Juliver Bracho \$400  
9 Luis Munoz \$400  
9 Rodolfo Moreno \$400

## Nov 20 - Nov 26

### Predator VenOpen 9-Ball 2023

#### Hotel Tamanaco

Caracas  
1 Jose Alberto Delgado \$10,000  
2 Ruben Bautista \$4,000  
3 Anthony Rodriguez \$2,000  
3 Carlos Ramirez \$2,000  
5 Alan Rolon \$950  
5 Fabio Luersen \$950  
5 Gerson Martinez \$950  
5 Juliver Bracho \$950  
9 Carlos Navarro \$400  
9 Frailin Guanipa \$400  
9 Javier Garcia Martinez \$400  
9 Jesus Croveto \$400  
9 Jonny Martinez \$400  
9 José Iglesias Diaz \$400  
9 Noel Rodriguez \$400  
9 Ricardo Solorzano \$400

## Nov 24 - Nov 26

### 2023 Dynamic Billard Treviso Open

#### Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel

Treviso,

1 Joshua Filler \$6,574  
2 Radoslaw Babica \$5,040  
3 Daniel Maciol \$3,287  
3 Oliver Szolnoki \$3,287  
5 Jere Virtaranta \$1,643  
5 Luca Menn \$1,643  
5 Mateusz Sniegocki \$1,643  
5 Petr Urban \$1,643  
9 Ajdin Piknjac \$1,095  
9 Konstantin Knaub \$1,095  
9 Lars Kuckherm \$1,095  
9 Mieszko Fortunski \$1,095  
9 Mykola Moroz \$1,095  
9 Sebastian Batkowski \$1,095  
9 Stefan Kasper \$1,095  
9 Yuma Dorner \$1,095  
17 Amil Andre Gangflot \$657  
17 David Zalman \$657  
17 Dominik Jastrzab \$657  
17 Igor Lyalin \$657  
17 Jonas Souto Comino \$657  
17 Karol Skowerski \$657  
17 Marc Bijsterbosch \$657  
17 Mario Gulic \$657  
17 Marius Skoneczny \$657  
17 Mats B. Schjetne \$657  
17 Miguel Silva \$657  
17 Roman Hybler \$657  
17 Stefan Huber \$657  
17 Stefano Delinno \$657  
17 Szymon Kural \$657  
17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$657  
33 Andrea Grosso \$328  
33 Daniel Guttenberger \$328  
33 Daniele Corrieri \$328  
33 Francesco Candela \$328  
33 Giuseppe Iacobucci \$328  
33 Hubert Lopotko \$328  
33 Jorge Tinoco \$328  
33 Kestutis Zadeikis \$328  
33 Michele Bianchini \$328  
33 Moritz Neuhausen \$328  
33 Mustafa Alnar \$328  
33 Niklas Dohr \$328  
33 Roberto Bartol \$328  
33 Thorsten Hohmann \$328  
33 Tobias Bongers \$328  
33 Yannick Pongers \$328

## Nov 25 - Nov 26

### 2023 Dynamic Billiard Ladies Treviso Open

#### Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel

Treviso,

- 1 Bojana Sarac \$1,643
- 2 Oliwia Zalewska \$1,095
- 3 Ana Gradisnik \$876
- 3 Ina Kaplan \$876
- 5 Claudia Von Rohr \$657
- 5 Jolien Schuurman \$657
- 5 Melanie Suessenguth \$657
- 5 Veronika Ivanovskaia \$657

## Nov 25 - Nov 26

### 2023 Maryland State Barbox 10-Ball Championships

#### Brews & Cues on the Boulevard

Glen Burnie, Maryland

- 1 Shaun Wilkie \$1,925
- 2 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$1,300
- 3 Mike Davis \$950

- 4 Tom Zippler \$645
- 5 Dave Beegle \$340
- 5 Steve Fleming \$340
- 7 Ilir Jaho \$225
- 7 Miroslav Stojanovic \$225
- 9 Brandon Shuff \$125
- 9 Brett Stottlemeyer \$125
- 9 Grai Rasmehchai \$125
- 9 Mike Saleh \$125

## Nov 25 - Nov 26

### Griff's Turkey Shoot Out 2023

#### Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

- 1 Josh Kondo \$900
- 2 Ian Costello \$600
- 3 Ronnie Wiseman \$400
- 4 James Johnson \$300
- 5 Jeff Whitehead \$200
- 5 Tommy Baker \$200
- 7 Orlando Gonzaga \$140
- 7 Rich Glasscock \$140
- 9 Corey Dordek \$100
- 9 Mike Hutcheson \$100

- 9 Ray Filiano \$100
- 9 Shane Holmquist \$100

## Nov 25 - Nov 25

### Predator Tri State Tour 2023 Stop

#### Shooters Family Billiards

Wayne, New Jersey

- 1 Hunter Sullivan \$910
- 2 Mac Jankov \$550
- 3 Bryan Arrao \$320
- 3 Raymond Paragas \$320
- 5 Bob Toomey \$150
- 5 Juan Guzman \$150
- 5 Ronnie Xu \$150
- 5 Tim Clark \$150
- 9 Carlos Duque \$90
- 9 David Marchant \$90
- 9 Juan Pena \$90
- 9 Mark Antonetti \$90
- 9 Noe Videz \$90
- 9 Rachel Lang \$90
- 9 Rick Rodriguez \$90
- 9 Rosanne Daw \$90



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## Upcoming Tournaments

### DECEMBER

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.

#### 2023 WPBA Aramith / Dr Pool Classic

**Dec 06 - Dec 10**

Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center  
Rothschild, Wisconsin

#### DL Billiards Tour Open Grand Finale

**Dec 09 - Dec 10**

Bogies Billiards West  
Houston, Texas

#### 1st Annual Amar Kang Memorial

**Dec 27 - Dec 31**

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento  
Sacramento, CA

#### Mosconi Cup XXX

**Dec 06 - Dec 09**

Alexandra Palace  
London,

#### Capone's 2023 Florida Pro Cup Series Stop 4

**Dec 13 - Dec 18**

Capone's Billiard Lounge  
Spring Hill, FL

#### Turning Stone Classic XXXVIII

**Jan 04 - Jan 07**

Turning Stone Casino  
Verona, NY

#### DL Billiards Tour Ladies Grand Finale

**Dec 09 - Dec 10**

Bogies Billiards West  
Houston, Texas

#### On The Snap Tour Season Finale

**Dec 16 - Dec 17**

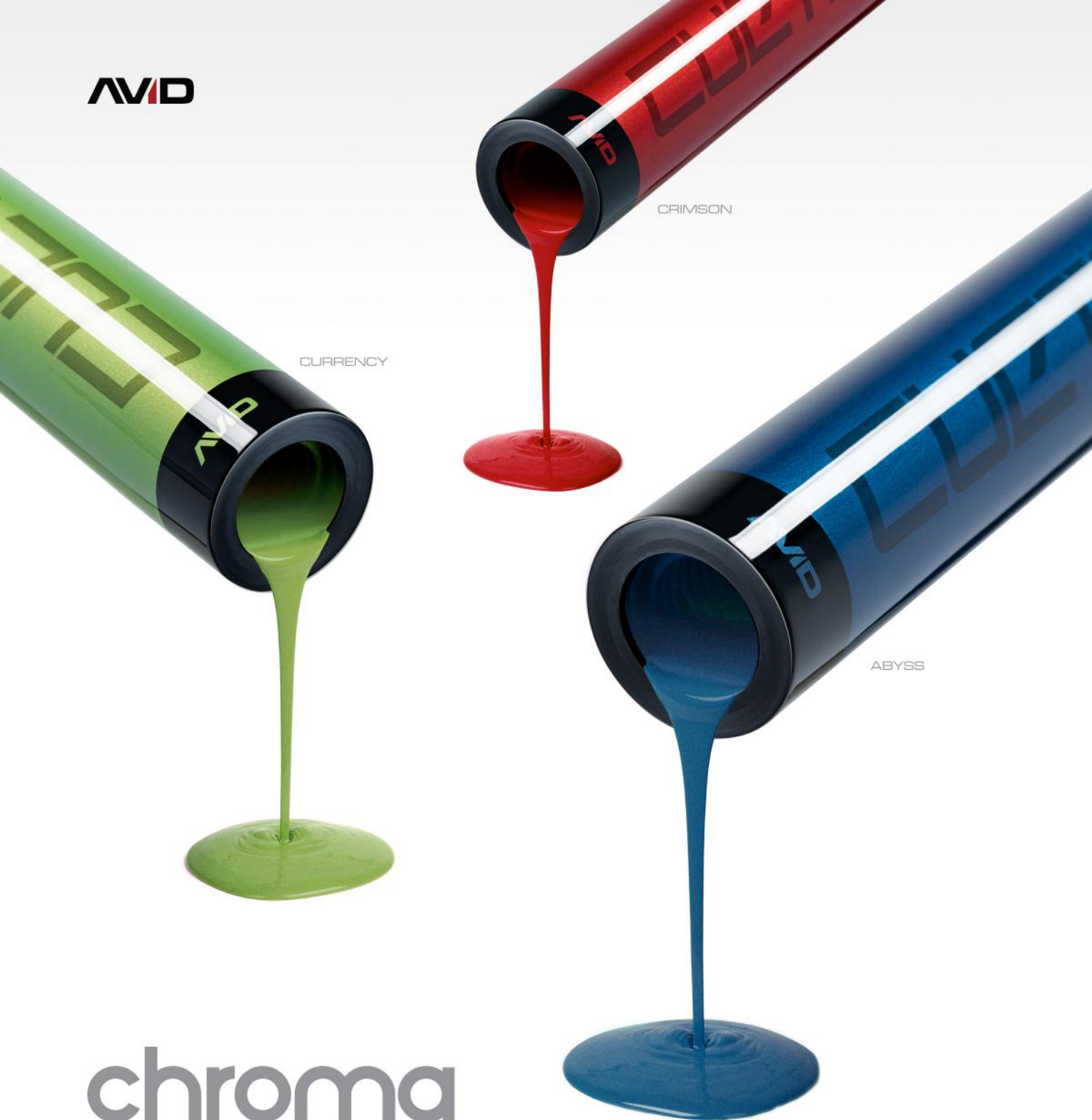
Rusty's Billiards  
Arlington, TX

#### Derby City Classic 2024

**Jan 19 - Jan 27**

Horseshoe Southern Indiana  
Elizabeth, IN

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