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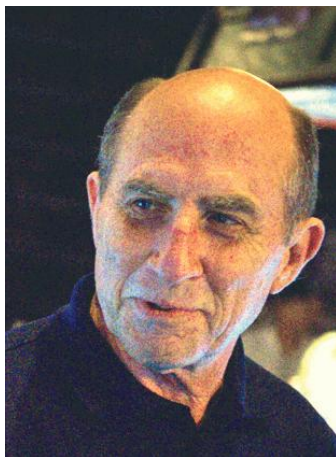
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As this issue hits the newsstand we have just gotten back from the Mosconi Cup in London. Everyone agrees that the Mosconi Cup is a great success and is a highlight of the year on any billiard enthusiast's calendar.

What is it that separates the Mosconi Cup from other pool events? For one, it avoids the most common complaint about pool. It is never boring. Quite the contrary, it is quite exciting. Due to the short races every rack counts in a big way and little mistakes morph into tragedies. You might be able to over-roll your position and hook yourself and lose a game or two with a scratch or other error and still come back and win that race-to-11 games. But you won't do it in a race to five. No pro will consider giving someone of their own level a game on the wire in a race to five and when they scratch on the break in the Mosconi Cup that is the result.

Add to that the drama created by players representing something much larger than themselves when they are playing for their homelands and you have created a very marketable product.

So we are always hearing about how we need a new Mosconi Cup. And that is where we are selling ourselves short. We need to look a little deeper and see what Matchroom did: they created a product that overcame some of the natural limitations of the game. In short, they came up with a Big Idea that was right for the time.

We do not need another Mosconi Cup, we need another Big Idea. The Hustler and the Color of Money were Big Ideas and our sport rode the waves they made for many years. After The Hustler came out in the 60's pool rooms sprang up everywhere. Same thing happened after The Color of Money.

Big Ideas are good for the entire industry. And they have not all been explored. It could be that we need a Sitcom based around league nights in some fictional pool room of comic characters. "Cheers" set around social pool matches.

Or perhaps we combine "Shark Tank" with high-stakes pool and have "Bookies" come in and set their odds for a match between two big-time pool players. There could be lots of woofing and a set-up where the bookies with the most accurate lines win along with the winning player.

I don't know who but somebody out there has the right Big Idea to propel our game to the next level, to regain lost ground. Come forth.

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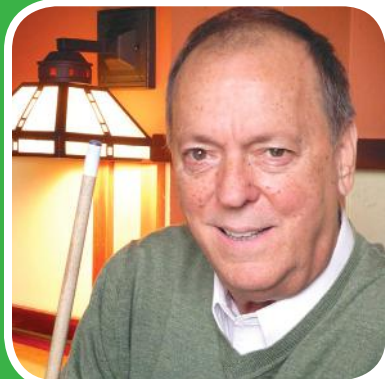
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Humbling Practice

by Jerry Briesath



There are hundreds of practice routines that have been written about, talked about and put on film. Some are better than others, but they all have something to offer. What's missing from most practice routines is proper repetition.

Most games that are lost are not lost because the opponent made a terrific shot, but rather that you messed up on an easy shot. It may be because you missed an easy shot or you made the easy shot and failed to get the proper position or angle on the next ball.

It doesn't matter what game you like to play. The exercise I'm going to give you applies to all games. This exercise shows what your true skill level really is. If you are an average player, begin by throwing 3 balls out on the table. You have cue ball in hand and you must run the balls off in rotation. Here's the catch! There are no long shots allowed. There are no difficult shots allowed, (we might explain a difficult shot by saying if it is as long and tough as a spot shot, then it is not allowed) and there are no banks allowed. You must shoot the balls off with a (ball in hand) gimme on the 1st shot and with a correct angle to get to the 2nd ball. The 2nd shot must be easy with a proper angle to get to the 3rd ball. The 3rd ball must be a gimme. If after shooting the 1st ball, there is a wrong angle or a tough shot on the 2nd ball, then you are not allowed to shoot it. You must put the 1st ball back in its original position and correct your error. If after making the 2nd ball, you do not have a gimme on the 3rd ball, then you must put the 2nd ball and the cue ball back in their previous position and correct the error. When correcting any errors, repeat the shot several times until you are confident that you have learned the shot.

Scoring is as follows: throw 3 balls on the table. If you run the 3 balls off with a gimme, a good angle with an easy shot and another gimme, score 1 point. Any time you must repeat

a shot, it is a zero. Repeat this 19 more times. You must stay at the 3 ball level until you consistently score 15 out of 20 without an error. But remember that the repeats are where you gain all of the knowledge, even though they are zeros.

When you average 15 out of 20, you may advance to 4 balls. Now you must have a gimme on the 1st ball, an easy shot with a good angle on the 2nd ball, and easy shot with a good angle on the 3rd ball and a gimme on the 4th ball. Each time you add a ball, your average will drop considerably. Work up 1 ball at a time. Remember you advance only when you do several 15 out of 20s. Be tough on yourself and you will see why I call this "humbling practice."

To give you a hint at the difficulty level, a person who scores 15 out of 20 at the 5 ball level is a top amateur player, capable of running several racks of 8-ball or 9-ball. This is an intense practice routine that will quickly advance your skill level. Enjoy!

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MY FRIEND FRANK

“The Wedge” Wojciechowski

by Karen Corr



It's a fact of life in the pool world; people come into your life and then vanish. You may not hear from them for a week, a month or even years. But somehow kindred spirits always manage to find one another again. That is how it was with my friend Frank.

Frank came to me and asked if I would give him some lessons. I should point out that Frank was not a novice player at the time, having started his playing career while he was in the service. When he got out, he migrated from PA to Maryland and was quite a hustler back in the late 60s and 70s. (Those stories are for another day). Frank was coming back to the game after a 20-year layoff and wanted to sharpen his skills with professional help. This would have been in the late 90s. Frank drove from Maryland to Fusco's where we had our training session. He was a great student, showed above average skills and was a pleasure to be around. I didn't hear from Frank for another two years.

I got the call one day that Frank and a few of his friends would like to come up to take some lessons and of course they arrived and Frank and I started off like we had never missed a beat.

I had moved around a bit myself and did not see Frank for quite some time; almost 10 years. We had stayed in touch off and on via phone and text but never seemed to be in the same place at the same time. When I played in

one of the JPNEWT tournaments in Virginia, sitting in the front row was my friend Frank.



Frank's home room was Champion Billiard Sports Bar in Frederick Maryland. Mike Segal had been the house pro there for some time but had moved on. Frank asked if I would be interested in the spot. I had since moved to Alexandria Virginia, so it seemed like a natural fit. So for the next two years, almost every Wednesday, Frank and I would practice together, try new products, sharpen my skills with lasers and anything we thought would help me advance my skills.

This is the important part, Frank helped me. Frank was one of the least selfish persons I have ever had the fortune to call friend. When I had to learn a new break, Frank would rack the balls for hours. Never complaining, offering a bit of advice and encouragement, scolding a bit when I had my head in the wrong place. You see Frank had the same passion for the sport of pool as do I. He never just racked balls and played a game to improve; he would drill his weak spots until they were no longer weak spots, and most graciously shared that information with anyone that needed the assistance.

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Frank became obviously ill during the last months of 2016 but never missed a Wednesday session. Throughout all this, Frank would show up at tournaments to encourage my efforts in regaining a championship form.



Although I call him friend, I knew very little about his private life. Frank was a gentle man, soft spoken, and not quick to anger. Many of you in the professional pool world knew him as “The Wedge.”

Frank Wojciechowski passed this October 2016.

There are very few days I don't thank him for being a friend and teacher. I hope as you go thru this journey we call life you find someone like Frank.

If you can't find one, then be Frank for someone else.

~ Karen

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Mind of Steel

3 Signs Choking is Getting the Best of Your Pool Game

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Choking is a term used in sports to describe athletes who fail to live up to their potential in games when they have previously shown they can do it in practice. For pool players, an example might be a player who plays “lights out” while practicing in the pool room, but when he enters tournaments is quickly eliminated because of shots he otherwise normally makes.

Choking is something every pool player should learn how to control and minimize if the goal is to reach your full potential. Amazingly, often the difference in pool (and most sports) between the better players and everyone else is the successful player’s ability to control nerves, stay focused, and quickly bounce back from adversity. Notice, what I am saying is that it’s not usually because the better players know more, but instead because they have an enormous amount of confidence that they won’t beat themselves.

Drilling deeper, here are 3 big signs that you might benefit from getting choking under control:

1. You immediately notice that your mindset changes from “playing to win” to “playing to avoid losing” when participating in tournaments and other big events.
2. While playing in competitive situations you experience abnormal nerves that you don’t experience while practicing or playing in other, less intense matches.
3. You realize that you have not learned specific techniques to manage your nerves, and therefore regularly play below your ability in tournaments.

Choking is a natural, albeit annoying, way for the

body to tell us we are threatened by something. In the case of pool players, choking occurs when players fear their opponent, fear failure, or fear living up to their potential. Regardless, if pool players truly want to play their best then it is imperative to strengthen mental toughness and employ specific techniques to conquer choking.

One simple way to gain some traction is to use cognitive techniques in the ways in which you frame situations. For example, rather than seeing a good player on your side of the bracket and then hoping you don’t play him or her, instead frame the potential match as a challenge, not a threat. Yes, this one, simple decision can make all the difference in the world. When we view life situations as challenges only then do we cull from our personal reservoir of mental strength and inevitably pay our best.

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The Cincinnati Kid

by Anthony Beeler

A cold breeze and the sputter of snowflakes marked a cold February afternoon back in 2007. Robert Walker, a close friend, hosted a monthly 9-ball tournament at The Billiard Café. It was a small, old time poolroom nestled in the heart of Lancaster, Kentucky's city square.

Even though the poolroom was small, local talent was big! Players like Mike Patton, Landon Shuffett, Mike Blevins and Robert Frost lined the room. They were all regular suspects in quest of the monthly title. However, during this period, new faces were becoming quite common. In fact, at one time or another, pro players Stevie Moore, Rafael Martinez and Charlie Bryant all paid their respects to the monthly event.

Just before the players meeting, I was sitting at the bar, eating my lunch, when suddenly I felt a gust of wind hit me as the front door opened. To my surprise, I walked the Cincinnati Kid.

After making his appearance, Shannon Murphy calmly paid his entry fee and prepared for battle. Out of the gate, he was on fire pocketing ball after ball, mowing down one player after another by a score of 5-0. At that point, it was easy to see that if anyone were to beat Shannon it was going to take more than luck. As time passed and the smoke cleared, I was standing face to face with Shannon in the finals.

As push came to shove, the match seesawed back and forth. The score was 4-3 and I was barely ahead. I missed a ball and gave Shannon an opportunity to play safe. When I returned to the table I faced the layout below and had a tough decision to make.



I was left with kick shot on the 5 ball. The first thing that came to mind was that the 6 and 7 could be used as potential blockers in playing a return safe. The problem is that to execute the shot I had to hit a precise point on the long rail.

After carefully contemplating what to do, I decided to break out the Sid System. The Sid System is a precise dead ball, 1 rail kicking system, meaning the cue ball is hit 1 tip above center with medium speed.

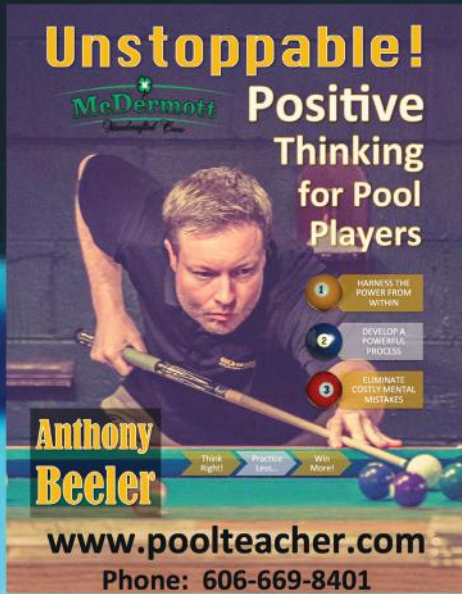
The diamonds on the long rail are numbered starting at 1, then 2, and then increase by $\frac{1}{2}$ for each additional diamond. You'll note that for this system the contact point on the long rail is adjacent to the diamond on the rail, not through the diamond as is the case for several kicking systems. Here I wanted the cue ball to contact the rail adjacent to point 2.5. The plan was for the cue ball to hit the rail then the 5, hopefully hiding the cue ball behind the 6 and 7 — ending at cue ball position "A."

To calculate the shot I had to determine the cue ball starting point. Since I was shooting 2 diamonds from the corner, (diamond "2" — as noted by the white arrow where my cue would be placed) I used that as my cue ball position number. I then multiplied the cue ball number (2) by the long rail contact point number (2.5), and got 5, which was my aim point on the end rail. The aim points on the end rail are numbered from the corner diamond by 10's, so 5 would be a $\frac{1}{2}$ of a diamond from the corner diamond. The corner diamond (zero) begins at the rubber tip of the long rail.

I shot through 5 and laid the shot down perfectly. You couldn't have drawn it any better with a pencil. Shannon was locked up tighter than a movie star's face-lift. At that point I remember someone saying, "Lucky shot!" Upon returning to the table Shannon fouled leaving me ball in hand with an easy run out for the tournament win.

Looking back, several people probably thought I made a lucky shot to win the tournament that day, but I'll always know that it took more than luck to win that game. In fact, that day my luck was self-generated using a system named Sid!

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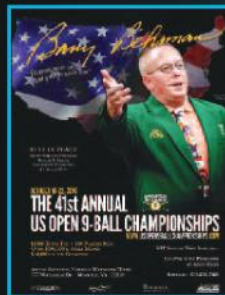
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My Generation

by Jay Helfert

I was very fortunate to come along when I did in the pool world. I have to think that the movie *The Hustler* may have sparked more interest among the young men of my generation to start playing pool when they did, in the early to mid sixties. For whatever reason we had a wealth of talent all developing in that same time frame.

All of the following came along during the tumultuous 60's, when the hippies were everywhere and freedom reigned. Pool halls could be found in every town across the map and it was no problem to find action wherever you went. We were all the last gunslingers of an era that has never been matched since.

Starting on the West Coast and moving East - Cole Dickson emerged in San Francisco and traversed California and the nation looking for anyone who had the balls to play. There was no bet he wouldn't take and no one he wouldn't play. If they didn't come to him, he went looking for them! A little further south was a young gun named Kim Davenport, soon to become one of the most feared tournament players of his time. No one ever stood more solidly at the table, nothing moving except his eyeballs and elbow. In Los Angeles, an equally talented player by the name of Richie Florence had begun his rise as well. All three of these men were to become legendary 9-Ball players. A few years later in the late 60's one more guy came along that set the game of pool on it's head. His name was Keith McCready; a fast talking, rapid shooting dervish who made balls from everywhere and treated the game of 9-Ball like it was child's play.

McCready's counterpart in Southern California was slow talking, slow walking, smooth stroking Jay "Swanee" Swanson. These two would go on to tangle for southern supremacy for decades. Emerging in the Midwest was another array of billiard talent.

Leading the way was a handsome young man named Dallas West. His chiseled good looks were accentuated by an Elvis style pompadour hair cut. West excelled at all games from Three Cushion billiards to Straight Pool.

The Milwaukee area was the training ground for future tournament contender Jeff Carter and back room champion George Brunt. Hall of Famer to be, Buddy Hall, was starting to make waves around Southern Illinois. Hall would go on to become the money game champion of the entire country and the winningest tournament player ever, with over two hundred titles to his name.

Not far behind was Nick Varner out of Owensboro, Kentucky. This slight man with the steely cool composure would rise to the top of the pool world during his long career, becoming a world champion and Hall of Famer. Still another brazen young player was Jimmy Mataya from Michigan. He was a brash young man, stalking poolrooms all across the country looking for local champions. Bill Incardona and Jim Marino were the top young guns from the Pittsburgh area. Incardona quickly rose to the top of the 9-Ball firmament and Marino knocked off the prestigious Johnston City event while barely out of his teens. Meanwhile Jim Rempe from nearby Scranton, PA. was lighting up the area with his exploits. As far West as Ohio we were hearing tales of the unbeatable Jimmy Rempe. The great Mike Sigel came out of upstate New York, and embarked on an amazing tournament career, winning fifty major events during a fifteen year run on top, marked by victories in eleven consecutive final matches! The East Coast was yet another hotbed for young pool stars. New Jersey gave us Steve Mizerak, acclaimed as the best of this talent rich generation. He was unmatched for his Straight Pool prowess and treated 9-Ball like a kid's game.

From Southern Jersey there was Allen Hopkins, another great 14.1 champion and One Pocket player extraordinaire! Larry Lisciotti ruled the roost for years in Connecticut, as did Jimmy Fusco in Philadelphia. Both of them could play all games

at the highest level, never shirking from a bet or a challenge. Boston gave us the original "Hippie Jimmy" Reid, a fierce money player, who proved unbeatable at Ten Ball.

Down South we had Wade Crane in Georgia and David Howard in Florida. Crane stayed close to home for a long time and was brought in to defrock visiting road men. None other than the great Ed Kelly called Crane the best 9-Ball player he had ever played. "Little David" Howard set the Florida pool scene ablaze, cutting a swath from north to south while still a teenager. He had a few monumental battles with Mike Carella from Miami, a great player we lost too young.

As you can see, there was no lack of talent in my generation of pool players. Six of them would become Hall of Famers (Hall, Varner, West, Mizerak, Hopkins and Sigel), and the rest merely legendary players. This group would dominate the pool world for nearly three decades, until the emergence of Earl Strickland, followed by all the Filipino champions, and finally the Chinese and Europeans. I don't think we will ever see a generation of great players like this in America again.

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Betfair Mosconi Cup Remains a European Mantlepiece

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For the seventh consecutive year, Team Europe has taken the Betfair Mosconi Cup home and claimed superiority in the annual competition between the USA and Europe. Played at Alexandra's Palace in London before the largest crowd in the history of the Cup the European Team found little difficulty in outpacing their American foes.

Back when it was America who dominated this event the Americans would come to York Hall already owning the event. They knew they were going to win and you could tell it in their attitudes, their postures and their pace at the table.

That has now completely reversed. Even before the event this year began Team Europe reported that they were "brimming with confidence" and their confidence bore them excellent fruit. Their side of the room continued to brighten and energize as the week wore on while the American side never gained momentum and seemed unable to uncork their "A" games except in rare moments.

In the end, the domination of Europe could be defined simply by the score: 11-3. The stats of the matches kept tilting to Europe and in most categories, they simply outplayed their American rivals. Pat Fleming of Accu-Stats kept careful records of the performance of both sides and he shared those with us.



Category	USA	Europe
Matches Won	3	11
Games Won	41	63
Balls Pocketed	359	523
Balls Missed	29	18
Scratches on Break	2	3
Bad Kicks	5	4
Bad Safeties	12	9
Bad Position	17	19
Total Breaks	53	51
Break & Runs	13	13
Ball made on Break	41	41
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In all fairness, it must be said that the American Team began the week with an aggressive and

positive attitude that could have created a wave of momentum for them. But the European side won the first three matches all by the same score of 5-2 and while the Americans remained determined after that they rarely looked confident for the balance of the week while the Europeans gained energy with each win and that gave even more spirit to the European fans who rocked the room with support for their “boys”

On the first day, America got a big lift from the pairing of Skyler Woodward and Justin Bergman when their doubles team defeated Jayson Shaw and Darren Appleton by an impressive 5-1. But Europe punched right back and finished the day with Appleton staying on the table to defeat Shane Van Boening 5-3 and go to rest that night with a 4-1 lead in the race to 11 matches.

A shortened day two found Europe winning three of the four matches to lead 7-2. Afterward, European Captain Marcus Chamat said: “What can you say, I thought today I would relax, watch some games, but it is very hard not to get involved in every game - the games are so tough and my players are playing so good so I am over the moon, and especially with a score like this. The mood in the group is electric and we feel like we are on top of the world. The confidence in the guys and the charisma everybody has, it is a dream team.”

After his win in the first doubles match, where he teamed with Mark Gray to defeat Shane Van Boening and Skyler Woodward 5-2, Niels Feijen reported: “It was a dream start for us. In the practice room, we focused on starting with a fresh day. I have been on the team when we were down 4-1 and the next day we could have gone up 6-4 so we didn’t want them to do it to us. We had to come out strong, we knew the first point was a big one and I am glad we took it.”

“It is easy to get hyped up with everyone screaming.”

- Jayson Shaw



The only bright spot for the day for Team USA was when Rodney Morris beat Jayson Shaw 5-3 in the second match of the day. That almost sparked a win from Mike Dechaine and Justin Bergman but in the end, they lost a double-hill match to Albin Ouschan and Darren Appleton.



Day three was the day that Europe had planned to take the crown. And they almost did. They won three matches on the trot to stand on the hill leading 10-2 and needing only one more match to retain the Cup.



Luke Riches of Matchroom Sport summed up the third day well in his report: "Darren Appleton and Niels Feijen won the opening game of the session as they defeated Shane Van Boening and Mike Dechaine 5-2. Van Boening is enduring a miserable time in London having failed to have won a point from five matches and looked all at sea this evening."



Albin Ouschan secured two points for the Europeans as he won his doubles match with Jayson Shaw and then defeated Skyler Woodward in the singles. Neither match was of high quality as all the players felt the pressure but when Ouschan won a final rack decider against Woodward, it put Europe on the hill.

"That was a huge match and it felt almost like the last match from last year; I played Skyler in singles and it went to 5-4. I didn't feel really comfortable in the beginning, I made a couple of mistakes and was unlucky with the break at the beginning, but I was fighting and stayed focused and it was a happy ending for me," said Ouschan.

The final match was a thriller as each team rode their luck in a pressure cooker environment but it was Rodney Morris and Justin Bergman who denied

Darren Appleton and Mark Gray the chance to pot the winning 9 ball.

Team Europe came into the last day determined to put America out of its misery quickly and they sent out Jayson Shaw to finish up the work. He would not disappoint. Shaw completely dominated the match by making long-rail banks and impossibly thin cuts and showing no fear at all. On the way to his 5-1 win, he allowed Mike Dechaine to pocket a total of only six balls for the entire match, the definition of controlling the table.



Said Shaw of his performance in that match: "There were a lot of nerves out there but you have to stay calm and take every ball one at a time. It is

easy to get hyped up with everyone screaming. It felt pretty good to make the winning 9 ball. I had a pretty good year and had a couple of dreams about making the final 9 ball and it came true."

The final nine ball fell less than 45 minutes from the opening lag and the room went nuts as it always does with the European Team dancing on the table and the American side gritting it up to come out into the arena to accept the Silver Medals.

This year the MVP award went to Albin Ouschan who had played superior pool all week, providing a calm and steady presence on the table that was unflappable. He commented: "Before I played last year I had watched the Mosconi Cup for over ten years and always looked up to the people who won the MVP so it is a huge pleasure for me to be here with the MVP award in my hands. It has been a huge year and I am speechless."

Team Europe has been so dominating in recent years that they are seeking other foes. Matchroom is exploring the idea of a "Reyes Cup" where Team Europe would take on a team of players from Asia. As this idea matures AZBilliards will keep you up to speed on the details.

DAY-BY-DAY RESULTS:

DAY ONE:

Europe 5 — 2USA
Gray / Ouschan 5 — 2Van Boening / Morris
Niels Feijen 5 — 2 Mike Dechaine
 Shaw / Appleton1 — **5 Woodward / Bergman**
Darren Appleton 5 — 3Shane Van Boening

DAY TWO:

Feijen / Gray 5 — 2Van Boening / Woodward
 Jayson Shaw3 — **5 Rodney Morris**
Ouschan / Appleton 5 - 4Dechaine / Bergman
Mark Gray 5 — 1Justin Bergman

DAY THREE:

Appleton / Feijen 5 — 2Dechaine / Van Boening
Shaw / Ouschan 5 — 3Morris / Woodward
Albin Ouschan 5 — 4Skyler Woodward
 Gray / Appleton4 — **5 Bergman / Morris**

DAY FOUR:

Europe 11 — 3 USA
Jayson Shaw 5 — 1Mike Dechaine

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Make It Happen: 8-Ball Invitational

by Skip Maloney



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Though by all accounts 2016 has been a difficult year on many fronts for a lot of people, it's been one hell of a year for Scotland's Jayson Shaw. With a little over three weeks to go, he's earned more money this year than he has in any year since we here at AZ started keeping track of him on our Money Leaderboard 10 years ago. In fact, he's earned almost three times as much money as he earned in the two best of those 10 years; 2015 and 2013. If you take last year's earnings out of the equation, Shaw's pocketed more money in this one year than he has in all the other nine years on our Leaderboard combined.

Can you guess the only competitor ahead of him on that Money Leaderboard and in the BCA Rankings? Hint: It's the world-class competitor that Shaw defeated in the finals of the third Accu-Stats Make It Happen 8-Ball Invitational held from November 17-20 at Sandcastle Billiards in Edison, NJ. The victory elevated Shaw's 2016 major win total to 11, and (time's up) Shane Van Boening's 2016 runner-up total to 10 (to go with nine wins, including the US Open, at which he defeated Shaw in the semifinals).

Given pool's version of the 'Any Given Sunday' rule, popularized by the film of the same name, it would have been hard to predict the winner of this year's Accu-Stat 8-Ball Invitational, although the clear front-runners to capture the title won previously by Darren Appleton (2014; he went undefeated) and Alex Pagulayan (2012) would have been Shaw, Van Boening and Appleton himself, in no definitive order, followed, in no particular order, by the other three competitors - Rodney Morris, Corey Deuel and John Morra.

The four-day, round robin event was not without its surprises, however. Opening Day, November 17, saw the three front-runners take down their first opponents; Appleton defeating Deuel 10-4, Van Boening defeating Morris 10-8 and Shaw completely shutting out John Morra. In the final match of Day One, Van Boening and Deuel played their second match of Opening Day against each other. Though on the hill, ahead by two at 9-7 versus Deuel, Van Boening watched as Deuel made a long shot on the 8-ball to win Game 17, and then broke and ran to win Game 18, forcing a decider. Van Boening committed an unforced error in that final game, missing a shot

he should have made, and watched Deuel close it out to hand him his first defeat.

On Day Two, Shaw edged ahead in the standings by winning his second straight match, defeating the former champion of this event, Appleton, 10-6. Appleton finished the day at 1-1 in the overall standings. Van Boening kept pace, ending the day with an overall 2-1 record, with his second win, this time 10-8 over Morra, who dropped to 1-2. Deuel, as well, kept pace at 2-1, with a 10-8 win over Morris, who ended the day 0-3, overall.

Day Three saw a couple of surprises, beginning with a performance by the 0-3 Morris against the 2-0 Shaw. What looked early on in their match like a relatively easy win for Shaw turned in to something of a rout by Morris. Morris won the first two games, and then, in spite of the alternate break format, watched as Shaw chalked up a six-pack to take a four-rack lead. Morris, though (also) in spite of the alternate break, answered back with seven straight to reach the hill, ahead by three. Shaw chalked up rack #16, but Morris closed it out with the single rack he needed. Well past half way through the proceedings, Morris' win had a way of making Shaw look almost human, and possibly catchable within the six matches and finals left.

In the second match of Day Three, Morra took his 1-2 record up against Appleton's 1-1. Morra evened his match record at two apiece, while handing Appleton his second, arguably devastating loss. Morra opened this match with five in a row, including three break and runs, and one run that followed a dry break by Appleton. It was the last time either one of them would chalk up more than two in a row. Appleton chalked up two right after Morra had taken that commanding lead, and after they'd traded racks to 6-3, Morra chalked up his two in a row to make it 8-3. From there, it went 8-4, 9-4, 9-5, and finally, 10-5 for Morra.

In the final two matches of Day Three, Shaw and Van Boening advanced to be the only players with match records above .500; 3-1, both of them. Shaw defeated Deuel ; Deuel ending the day even at 2-2. Van Boening handed Appleton his third loss (against a single victory) 10-7.

Day Four held a couple of surprises, as it opened with the two players with 2-2 records (Deuel and Morra). Deuel's 10-3 win gave him a final 3-2 record, which was going to have him watching an

upcoming match between Shaw and Van Boening very closely. In the meantime, though, the two 1-2 players (Appleton and Morris) had to compete. Though out of contention for a spot in the finals Appleton defeated Morris 10-3.

Match #15 of this event, between Shaw and Van Boening, had some intriguing possibilities when it began. The winner, who would finish with a 4-1 record, was guaranteed to be in the final match. The loser, however, with a match record of 3-2, was not necessarily going to the finals because of Corey Deuel, who also had a 3-2 record. The tie break for the second slot in the finals would hinge on previous wins and though, Deuel had been defeated by Shaw on Day Three, he'd defeated Van Boening on Day One. Deuel, needless to say, was rooting for Shaw.

In the beginning, it didn't look good for Deuel. Van Boening took an early 4-1 lead, which by game #10 had turned into a 6-4 lead. Shaw probably woke Deuel up with three in a row, which gave Shaw a narrow, one-rack lead at 7-6. Van Boening, though, dashed Deuel's last hope with four in a row to earn his spot in the finals, and a second match against Shaw.

Van Boening entered the finals with a 4-1 overall match record, and a 49-40 game record (55%). Shaw, with a 3-2 overall match record, came into the finals with a better 44-31 game record (58%).

It was not exactly the type of final one might have expected from the two finalists in the Accu-Stats Make It Happen 8-Ball Invitational, or from the top two players on both the AZBilliards Money Leaderboard, and in BCA Rankings. Van Boening never seemed to get on track in this match, which began with three straight from Shaw. Van Boening responded with two to draw within one at 3-2, but he'd never get that close again. Shaw expanded his lead to 5-2, and they traded racks to 6-3. Van Boening would chalk up only one rack of the next five, which gave the event title to Shaw at 10-4.

The author would like to acknowledge the reporting of Phil Capelle, who filed daily reports for AZBilliards, all four days of this event. These reports were the backbone of this report, and his work was appreciated originally, and now.

The Diamond Pool Tour 2016 Season Finale

at Casino Del Sol Resort & Casino
in Tucson on Nov. 17th-20th by AZB Staff



The Diamond Pool Tour wrapped up their 2016 with a four-day season finale at Casino Del Sol Resort and Casino in Tucson on November 17th - 20th.

Day one of the event was about tour prizes and the "Big Dog" 9-Ball event. Casino Del Sol provided a great dinner for all of the players in attendance as Mitch Ellerman and Oscar Avila Sr. were presented with their tour point list prizes from tour sponsors Volturi Cases and Hanshew Custom Cues. Both players will also receive custom cues from tour sponsor QB Custom Cues. The drawing was also held for the pool table from tour sponsor Diamond Billiard Products. Players had earned entries in the drawing by playing in each event during the season. Proving that maybe he should be buying lottery tickets, Tucson's Mike Hamman won the table drawing for the second straight year. Congrats to Mike, and good luck finding room for those tables.

Thursday night also saw eight players toss \$100 into the ring to compete in a single elimination 10-ball mini tourney. Proving they had no fears about stepping up against the big boys, last year's top junior Nick Kline and up and coming young gun Sam Lenschow both competed in this event. While neither won a match, it would be far from the last that the players would see



of Lenschow at this event. The tourney came down to New Mexico's Brian Begay and Gus Briseno. Briseno held an 8-6 lead in the final match, but Begay came back to score a 9-8 win for first place. Begay earned \$800 for first, while Briseno settled for \$400.

The main event kicked off early Friday evening with 48 players all playing at least one match across both "A" and "B" divisions.

Nineteen players made up the "A" bracket with the biggest Friday upset Mitch Ellerman's early trip to the one loss side, courtesy of Brian Begay.

The "B" bracket saw twenty-nine players in action. The biggest surprise on day one wasn't a result, as much as a score as JR Ascension scored a dominating 9-2 win over Junior Flores.

Saturday play saw each bracket whittled down to eight players each. The "A" bracket saw Scott Frost, Gus Briseno and Bret Huth joined by Tucson's Kevin Peterson on the right side of the board. The one loss side was a dogfight all day, with Ellerman scoring wins over George Teyechea and Tom Dilorenzo to keep his tournament hopes alive. Begay bounced back from a 9-2 beatdown from Frost to eliminate Tonee Allin and qualify for the final day. Ellerman and Begay were joined by Mickey Provencio and Steve Peterman on

the one loss side.

The "B" bracket saw Casino Del Sol's own Paul Feltman Jr. cruise through the winner's side to stay undefeated. Feltman was joined on the winner's side by Oscar Avila Sr., Todd Rowitz and Al Terpstra. The one loss side saw Sam Lenschow put on a show. Lenschow eked by Kent Bybee 9-8, but then defeated Mike Howerton 9-5 and Eric Beeler 9-6. Lenschow would be joined by JR Ascension, Adam Kroll and Steve Stowers.

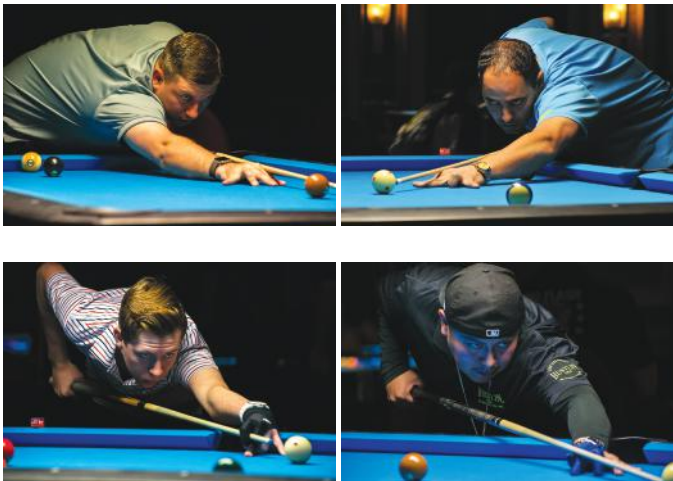
Sunday play saw tournament favorite Scott Frost shown to the one loss side, courtesy of Brian Begay, 9-6. Peterson sent Bret Huth to the left side of the board by the same 9-6 score. Briseno would then go on to take the "A" bracket hot-seat with a 9-4 win over Peterson. Ellerman would be unstoppable on the left side with wins over Provencio, Frost, Huth and Peterson.

The "B" bracket hot-seat was taken by Feltman Jr. with wins over Avila and Rowitz. Lenschow would keep knocking down players on the left side of the board with wins over Terpstra and Stowers. He would finally fall to Todd Rowitz 9-5 and settle for a very impressive 5th place finish.

When the brackets came together, the "A" players did their jobs with Briseno sending Feltman to the left side 9-6, and Ellerman eliminating Rowitz 9-3. With the finish line in sight, Ellerman then sent Feltman Jr. back to his office with a 9-1 scoreline.

The final match would only go one set, with Briseno displaying his "A" game and grinding out a hill-hill win over Ellerman in the first set.

With the second season in the books, plans are underway for season three with changes already being planned. Stay tuned in early 2017 for announcements regarding those changes.



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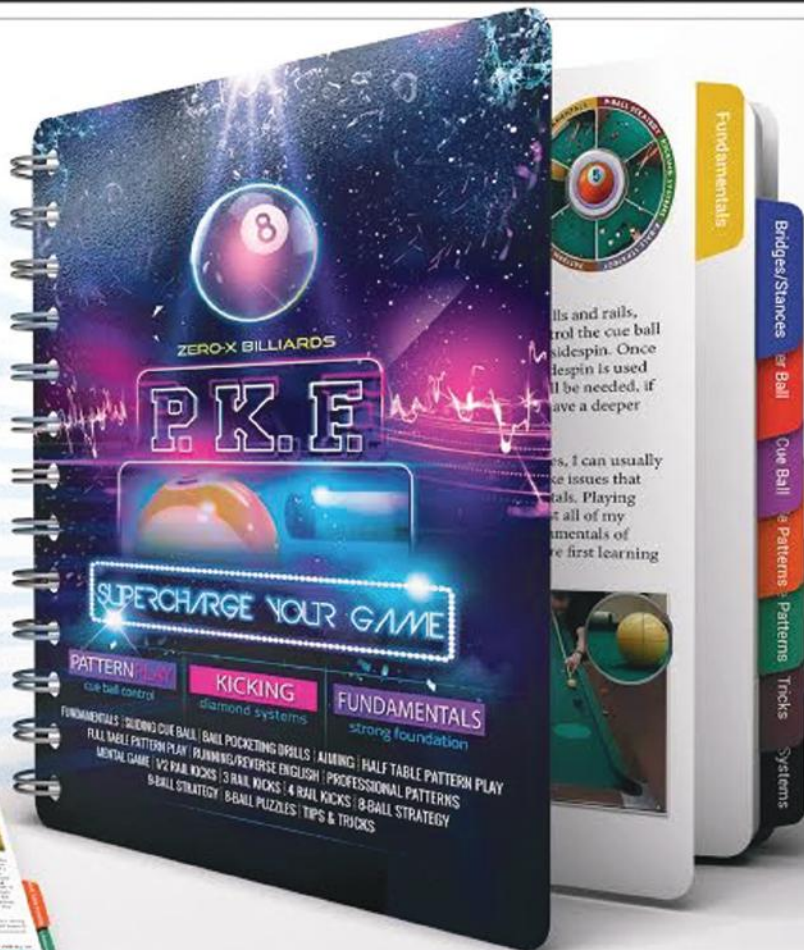


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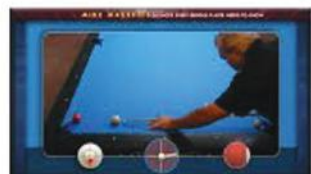
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Rocket's Science with "Rocket" Rodney Morris

By Skip Maloney

Arguably, the most important component of any instructional DVD is the instructor and his (or her) ability to not just instruct, but to make you comfortable spending time with that person throughout the course of watching the particular DVD. *Rocket's Science with "Rocket" Rodney Morris* is about three hours long, divided up into 15, varied-in-length sections; some considerably longer than others. Dressed in his signature NVest vest, playing and chatting at the home of one George Teyechea in Arizona, Rodney Morris emanates confidence, and an ease with the camera that does indeed make him comfortable to be with during the entire experience.

It's instructional components are more in the way of demonstrations than they are specific lessons about how to execute any of the skills necessary to play any game of pool well. Much of it, particularly the three sections that address 8-ball, 9-ball and 10-ball as games, are spent watching Rodney navigate a rack of balls, while he comments on the thinking process he employs to identify table patterns and then uses appropriate cue ball control to execute his thoughts. It's like watching a magician, who, before he performs a trick, explains what he's going to do, and then, magically, makes it happen. When Rodney tells you that he's going to apply right-hand English and "good pace" to sink a ball in a given hole and then put the cue ball in Position X after the shot, you're still pretty amazed when it happens exactly the way he said it was going to happen.

As he breaks during these three sections, you note the power and the consequent scattering of the balls, although as often happens away from the recording eye of a camera, he doesn't always manage

to drop a ball. But these sections are not really about the break itself (this is covered in a separate section), but about, as he describes it, "run out strategies."

"No luck on the break," he says, after scattering a rack set up for 10-ball, "but I get ball in hand, 'cause it's my video, right?"

And then, sure enough, he runs the balls. He cautions, often, against getting too hard on yourself, when you don't end up putting the cue ball precisely where you want it to be. Move on, he says. Don't get frustrated and mutter even so much as a "Damn!" Work with what you've got. In many ways, it's Rodney's breezy attitude and demeanor that make this a valuable three hours worth of your time.

There are practical lessons here, and while many of them are unlikely to be as useful to his fellow pros because they're aware of them already, there is something for everyone. Rodney himself sets up a shot during the DVD's section on positional play that he says he'd learned only a few weeks before recording. On a personal note, I've been playing this game longer than Rodney has been alive and he taught me something about assessing angles for kick shots that I will now employ, presumably for the rest of my life.

For the novice, looking for practical tips, and keys to the 'mystery door' of pool success, Rodney has a great deal to offer in this three hours, but you have to be paying attention. Sometimes these tips will fly by so fast, you'll be unaware that he's even stated them; quick comments about your body's balance at the table, the way you should align yourself approaching a shot, and in a particular section about

bridges, how to position and arrange your bridge hand to take advantage of varied table positions.

In a "Questions and Answers" section, sitting down away from the table, he talks about elements of practice, maintenance of a positive attitude, and the ways in which the "mental game" of pool and pressure go hand in hand. Here, you're dealing with a seasoned pool veteran, giving you the benefit of his knowledge and experience about things, both literally and figuratively, away from the pool table. These aren't likely to be things you'll do a lot of thinking about as you approach a table and prepare for a shot, but they're invaluable lessons that'll likely have a way of staying with you, sort of in the background of your thoughts, as you step to that table.

He tells a few stories during the "Road Stories" section of the DVD. About playing against Efren Reyes, and the time he heard "The Magician" call him (Rodney) his toughest opponent. About facing off for the first time against Shannon Daulton, a player he describes as looking, at the time, to be about 11 years old. He talks about Steve Mizerak, who, shortly after his stroke, showed up at a tournament in a wheelchair, talking with some difficulty, and wondering idly whether Rodney was still any good. Rodney, with Mizerak watching, won three straight matches 9-0 and then, when Mizerak left, lost 11-5 in a final match against Tommy Kennedy.

He talks about his own installment into the BCA Hall of Fame, and the Mosconi Cup, past and future, which, at the time of the recording, included the upcoming (and now, complete) latest Mosconi Cup competition. In this section, he articulates the notion that the American team will never stop the European run, unless and until each missed shot, lost game or match is understood and identified as a "we" proposition. He recalls Johnny Archer, who went 6-0 one year, and talked only about the "we" frustration of a given match by a teammate that didn't go as well. Without that intangible sense of "we," says The Rocket, "we could lose forever."

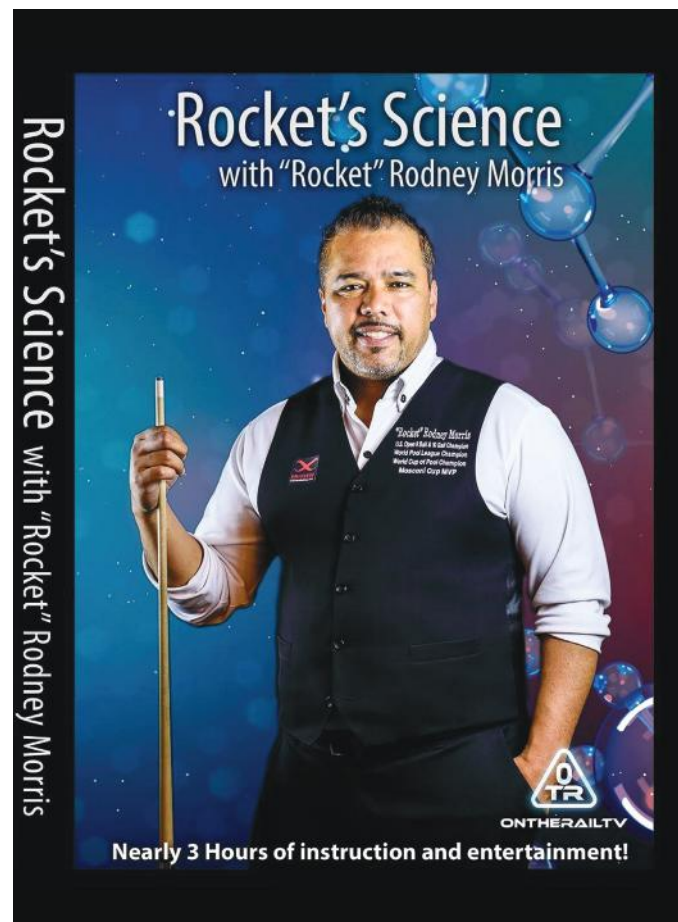
Although it was clever, and probably market-smart to call the DVD "Rocket's Science," it might well have been called "At Home with Rodney Morris,"

because for the three hours you spend, that's what it feels like. You're not so much in a classroom, with the idea that you better take notes because there's going to be a quiz later. You're sitting down in a family pool room and seating area, just listening to the guy. There are times that you're likely going to wish you could talk back to him, because by the time you're through, he's made you feel that comfortable.

I certainly learned a few things about the game we all love. So will you.

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Robles wins Open/Pro, Salerno wins Mixed Masters at 3rd Annual NYC 8-Ball Championships

By Skip Maloney



In what had to have been a masterpiece of logistical engineering, Steinway Billiards in Astoria (Queens), NY, in two days (Nov. 5-6), hosted the \$7,000-added, 3rd Annual NYC 8-Ball Championships presented by Predator Cues and sponsored by Dr. Michael Fedak. The event entailed the coordination of 132 competitors across six divisions of play - an Open/Pro event (Grand Masters), an A/A+/A++ event (Mixed Masters), a B/B+ event (Mixed Advanced), a C/C+ event (Mixed Open), and separate Men's and Women's D/D+ events (Men's and Women's Leisure). The \$1,500-added Mixed Open drew the largest crowd of competitors (48), with the \$1,500-added Mixed Advanced event drawing the second highest number (32). The \$1,000-added Mixed Masters and the \$1,000-added Women's Leisure event each drew 15 entrants, while the \$1,000-added Men's Leisure event drew 16. The \$1,000-added Grand Masters event, with a number of eligible Open/Pro players (Jayson Shaw among them) competing in events elsewhere, drew only six.

It took tour director Tony Robles only three matches to claim the Open/Pro title. He received a first round bye and then defeated Michael Yednak 7-1 to reach the hot seat match. Jonathan Smith, in the meantime, had survived an opening round, double

hill battle against Zion Zvi, and then defeated Jorge Rodriguez 7-4 to join Robles in the struggle for the hot seat. Robles won it 7-3 and waited on Smith's return. On the loss side, Rodriguez and Yednak got by Jimmy Rivera and Zvi, respectively, to face each other in the quarterfinals. Yednak won that battle 7-2, only to have his run ended by Smith in the semifinals 7-3. Smith got his second shot at Robles, but the result duplicated the 7-3 hot seat match and Robles, undefeated, claimed the title.

The 48-entrant Mixed Open (C/C+ players) event was won by Tommy Schreiber, who won seven on the loss side to meet and defeat Steven Tillman in the finals. Gary Bozigian finished in third place, with Greg Matos in fourth.





In the 32-entrant Mixed Advanced event (B/B+ players), Rick Miller went undefeated. He downed Adrian Daniel in the hot seat match 6-4, and in the finals, faced Shawn Sookhai, who'd been sent to the loss side by Miller in a winners' side semifinal and won three on the loss side, including a victory over Amir Uddin in the quarterfinals, and Daniels, double hill, in the semifinals. His rematch against Miller in the finals went Miller's way 7-3.

In the upper echelon of the handicapped player's system - the A/A+ and A++ players (Mixed Masters) - Mike Salerno took home the top prize, undefeated, but not before Emily Duddy flexed a few muscles in two battles against him. Both of the winners' side semifinals (Duddy versus Duc Lam and Salerno versus Koka Davladze) went double hill, as did the hot seat battle. The finals were a different story, as Salerno shut Duddy out to claim the event title.

As had happened in the Mixed Masters event, the last three winners' side matches in the Women's Leisure event (D/D+) went double hill. Diane Tse and Sarah Morcos got by Suzzie Wong and Jessica Gonzalez, double hill, and then, Morcos sent Tse to the semifinals, double hill. Tse, though, after defeating Latonia Taylor, double hill, in the semifinals, came back to give up only a single rack and claim that title. Wong finished fourth.

In the Men's Leisure event, Rolando Rodriguez and Carmine Andujar battled it out to take home the title. They met twice in the more or less traditional slots for double meetings; once in the hot seat match, won 5-3 by Andujar, and again, in the finals, won 7-4 by Rodriguez to claim the event title. Juan Melendez finished third in this one, after a 4-2 win by Rodriguez in the semifinals. Carlo James

Barroso, after a squeaker versus Melendez in the quarterfinals, finished fourth.

Tour director Tony Robles was effusive in his thanks and recognition of the large group of individuals and entities which contributed either financially, or in other ways (live streaming by AZBTV, for example) to the success of this 3rd Annual event. As he has done so often in the past, he thanked Manny Stamatakis and his staff at Steinway Billiards for their hospitality and all that they do to help the event(s) run smoothly. He was also particularly thankful for the tremendous support of Dr. Michael Fedak, who contributed \$5,000 of the \$7,000-added to the six events of the 3rd Annual NYC 8-Ball Championships, presented by Predator Cues and sponsored by Fedak. He also acknowledged the support of sponsors like the National Pool League (NAPL), PoolOnTheNet.com, the BCAPL and Cue Sports International.

"I can't thank these people enough for sponsoring this event," said Robles. "They all do so many different things in making a huge contribution to these annual NYC 8-Ball Championships."





The 2016 World 9-Ball Championships for Juniors in Shanghai

by WPA Staff

The 2016 World 9-Ball Championships for juniors ended today at the Huimin Middle School in Shanghai. In the boys under 17 category, Xiao Huai Zheng of China proved too good for Mongolian Enkhold Temuujin. Both players were very competitive but in the end Zheng proved too strong and won 8/5.

In the girls it was a battle between two Taiwanese girls, Chia-Hua Chen and Pei-Chun Tsai. Chen looked good when leading 8-6, but a bad positional shot lost her the rack, and then at 7/8, Chen again got a chance to win but the wrong choice of positional shot from 7 to 8 made a straight forward run-out just a little doubtful. After pocketing the 8 ball, another poor positional shot found the cue ball and 9 ball almost touching, and all she could do is play a safety. Tsai banked the 9 ball and make the score hill/hill. She now looked favourite to win, but Chen fought back and played a safety leaving Tsai a long shot with the cue ball hard against the end rail. Tsai played a spectacular shot to pocket the 4 ball, split the remaining balls and put the championship at her mercy. Then somehow, playing with the bridge, she missed a simple 7 ball with the 8 and 9 balls both sitting in an easy position. Chen made no more mistakes with this opportunity, pocketing the

final three balls and became world champion. This is the 16th world champion junior player from Taiwan which is quite an extraordinary achievement.

In the boys under 19 category, the final was thought to be very even between 2015 under 17 world champion, China's De Jing Kong and 2014 under 17 world champion, Poland's Daniel Maciol. The script writer got it wrong and Kong bounced out at the gate and quickly led 8/0. Maciol won the next game to open his scoring account. Kong won the next (9/1) and an unexpected miss by Kong gave Maciol another opportunity which he took to make the score 2/9. However Kong won the next two and the championship most convincingly 11/2. Kong plays left handed, and his style and confident stroke is reminiscent of a young Wu Jiaqing. Even his appearance is not that dissimilar to a young Wu.

Editor's note: AZBilliards wishes to thank Alison Chang for her work this week. She has been very generous in the sharing of her efforts. Alison publishes at: <http://alison-chang.com/> where you may see more of her writing and photography.

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Through The Keyhole: Some Tips on Tips

By AZB Staff



Until the World 9-Ball Championships in 1994 most had never heard of layered cue tips. At that time my generation had played with a single-piece tip for decades. Before the late 80's there were not very many tip manufacturers out there so your selection was fairly limited. Players hit one another's cues with different tips and through some trial and error they all found a tip they liked.

We knew that a single-piece tip had different consistencies as it went from top to bottom. It was generally accepted that the tip was harder at the surface and softer as you cut it down in height to deeper layers. It was felt (I never saw actual "proof") that you could change the "hit" of your tip by cutting it off to a shorter height. I always believed that the tip held chalk better if you cut it down by 50% or more and that the hit did not change all that much because as you cut down to the deeper layers you were also removing some cushion of leather from the hit, so that should be a trade-off. Again, no proof, just feel.

Then along came Moori, the first layered tip I had seen. This tip said it held the same consistency from top to bottom as all of the leather in a single tip comes from the same leather layer. And it was then easy to produce tips of different hardness and hit characteristics.



And I have been confused about tips ever since. So to clean up my tip knowledge I turned to some work done by Dr. Dave Alciatore and friends via his website: <http://billiards.colostate.edu/index.html> Now, that site can take you way deep into the weeds on cue tips. You can even find the formula there to discover the given peak force of a cueball. It is a great place to spend some time.

But here is a little primer on layered tip basics in order to make proper decisions for your own game:

Q: What are the advantages and disadvantages of laminated tips?

A: Laminated tips are made by compressing and gluing together many layers of leather material, in an attempt to create more consistent properties as the tip wears down with use. Some people think laminated tips are better because they don't seem to compress and harden with use, and they seem to provide more consistency over their lifetime; but others don't like them thinking they don't hold chalk as well or that the glue between the layers can affect performance. In the absence of hard comparison data, it just seems to simply be a matter of personal preference and psychology.

[Quoting Jack Koehler:] "Leather (from the donor animal) is not homogenous. The texture (and hardness) changes from the hair side to the inside. If the tip is made of one piece of leather, you get

a simple progression from hard to soft. The thin pieces of leather skived for lamination purposes have these same characteristics but when you stack them, to get the proper thickness, the final product is much more homogeneous. The randomness of grain from layer to layer when compiling the stacks, which you properly mention, probably also plays a part in the resulting superiority and performance characteristics.”



So does this mean that laminated tips are superior to single piece tips? Not always. The most important role of a cue tip is to deliver the feel that a player desires and to accurately convey the players intended force to the cue ball. Many pros still prefer the hit of a single piece tip. Particularly those who are older and who learned to play without layered tips the single piece tip is still the vehicle of choice.

To conclude: Personal experience is still a great

asset when choosing a tip. When a friend shows up with a new tip take advantage and hit a few shots with it. Hit some center-ball shots just to gauge the “feel” and then some sidespin shots to judge the ability to hold chalk and spin the ball. Listen to the advice of others but choose what feels right to you. There is no right or wrong tip with which to play, and the player today has a wide variety from which to choose. “Feel” is a very personal thing and what feels perfect to Shane or Johnny or Earl may feel uncomfortable to you. You want a tip that adds to your confidence, not one that provides you doubts.



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by Kristen Taggart

1. INDECISIVENESS

When it is your turn to shoot, but you cannot decide which shot to take or you decide to take the easier shot and end up costing yourself the game. This piece is all mental as we begin to lose confidence in our abilities. We have to play the game we know. Plan your shots and stick to your plan. The more you practice, the more confidence you will gain and confidence reduces indecisiveness.

2. NO PLAN

After watching your opponent make shot after shot and then finally missing the ball in the pocket, you are so excited to shoot that you shoot without a plan. You always want to be planning ahead and knowing the shot you will take after your initial shot. If there is no plan, it can make it more difficult for you to make the second shot as you have not set up a shot for yourself.

3. NOT CHALKING BEFORE EACH SHOT

If you are not chalking before each shot, it may cause you to miscue, which can cost you the game. Make sure to always check your cue tip and that there is plenty of chalk on it. Many players make chalking an important step in their pre-shot routine.

4. BAD STANCE

When you are shooting, make sure you have a good "sport stance," as this will help you control your shots better. Feet too wide apart and you affect your ability to bend to the shot. Feet too close together and you have no stability. When you begin to feel that your game is "off" start checking your basics, and the stance is the first of those basics.

5. CHOKING

Also known as competitive anxiety, when you choke it can affect your internal focus on the game. The pressure and excitement of the game overwhelms you to the point that you start "playing outside your head," your brain no longer is communicating directly with your body which affects your reasoning playing skills, you may become nervous and agitated and unable to concentrate on the game anymore. This is why it is said that pool players must have short memories. Forget the bad shots and remember how well you play.



6. THINKING DURING YOUR SHOT

This is a no-no, but most players do it. Try to anticipate and plan before, not during your shot. One way you can do this is by thinking about how to break out clusters and isolate your balls as early as possible in the game. Many players focus on a single word during their final forward stroke. This can be a word like "focus," or "smooth" or just a mental reassurance that the ball will go in and the shot will come off as planned.

7. PLAYING WITH SOMEONE WORSE THAN YOU

This is one of the worst things you can do. You always want to play with someone better than you, so you can improve your game.



8. DRINKING

We suggest not to drink during important matches. Sometimes you need one or two to loosen up, but note that it can affect your game. Contrary to popular legend, folks do not play better when they

are drunk. They just think they do.

9. SHOOTING TOO HARD

Be aware of the speed the shot you are taking needs. A lot of time, we will shoot the ball too hard or too fast, causing us to miss the shot. "Pocket Speed" is a term that players use a lot. A ball struck (particularly into a corner pocket down the rail) too hard will find that the pocket facings may throw it back out onto the table and not into the pocket whereas a slowly hit shot will fall right in.

10. PLAYING WITH OLD EQUIPMENT

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Beloit, WI

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12/17 - 12/18

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01/04 - 01/08

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Tucson, Arizona

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Turning Stone Classic XXVII

01/05 - 01/08

Turning Stone Casino

Verona, NY

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Taom Tips Tour 2016-2017 Stop 4

01/06 - 01/08

KK Billiards

Appleton, Wisconsin

2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 14

01/07 - 01/08

Hard Times Billiards

Bellflower, CA

Website: <http://www.mezzweststatetour.com>

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01/07 - 01/08

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

Website: <http://www.predatorproamtour.com/index.asp>

WPBA Regional Tour Championship 2017

01/12 - 01/15

Zingales Billiards

Tallahassee, Florida

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Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #9

01/14 - 01/15

Dooly's Levis

Levis, Quebec

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Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 7

01/14 - 01/15

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Sacramento, CA

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01/14 - 01/17

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Stop 5

01/15 - 01/15

Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

Website: <http://www.ridethe9tour.com>

2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 15

01/21 - 01/22

Buffalo Billiards

Petaluma, California

Website: <http://www.mezzweststatetour.com>

Joss Tour Stop #9 at Salt City Billiards

01/21 - 01/22

Salt City Billiards

North Syracuse, NY

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Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 8

01/28 - 01/29

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February 1 - February 28:

WPBA Masters 2017

02/01 - 02/05

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

Mt. Pleasant, MI

Website: <http://www.wpba.com/>

Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #10

02/04 - 02/05

Tailgators

Ottawa

Website: <http://www.falconcuesquebectour.com/>

2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 16

02/11 - 02/12

The Cue Spot

Merced, California

Website: <http://www.mezzweststatetour.com>

Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Stop 6

02/12 - 02/12

Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

Website: <http://www.ridethe9tour.com>

2017 World Pool Masters

02/17 - 02/19

Tercentenary Sports Hall, Victoria Stadium

Gibraltar, Gibraltar

Website: <http://www.matchroompool.com/page/WorldPoolMasters/Home>

Joss Stop #10 at Sharp Shootere's

02/18 - 02/19

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Amsterdam, NY

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02/18 - 02/19

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02/24 - 02/26

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02/25 - 02/26

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02/25 - 02/26

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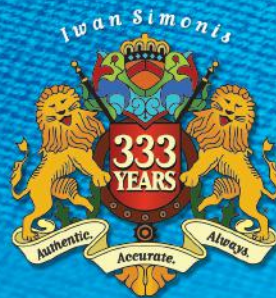
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3 Jin-Hu Dang	\$10,000
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33 Hunter Lombardo	\$2,000
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11/04 - 11/06

Taom Tips Tour 2016-2017 Stop 1

Michael's Billiards

Fairfield, OH

1 Antonio Lining	\$2,600
2 Ramil Gallego	\$1,800
3 Billy Thorpe	\$1,300
4 Shane Winters	\$1,000
5 Martin Zavala Sr.	\$750
5 Louis Demarco	\$750
7 Dennis Hatch	\$450
7 Shane McMinn	\$450
9 Tommy Stephenson	\$250
9 Robb Saez	\$250
9 Brandon Hallett	\$250
9 Ike Reynolds	\$250

11/05 - 11/06

2016 Al Conte Memorial

Hippo's House of Billiards

Yorkville, NY

1 Nelson Oliveira	\$1,000
2 Jeremy Sossei	\$750
3 Bucky Souvanthong	\$550
4 Bruce Nagle	\$400
5 Ron Casanzio	\$250
5 George Texiera	\$250
7 Nick Brucato	\$150
7 Jerry Crowe	\$150

11/05 - 11/06

2016 Al Conte Memorial Second

Chance Tournament

Hippo's House of Billiards

Yorkville, NY

1 Hendrik Drost	\$300
2 Willie Oney	\$200
3 Dwight Dixon	\$120
4 Kevin Ketz	\$80
5 Bruce Carroll	\$30

5 Jarred Zimmerman	\$30
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11/05 - 11/06

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8-Ball Championship

Breaktime Billiards

Cary, NC

1 Mike Davis	\$900
2 Chris Gentile	\$600
3 Shannon Fitch	\$375
4 George Crawford	\$200

11/05 - 11/05

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop

Rack City

Bangor, Maine

1 Aaron Astle	\$850
2 Eric Nickerson	\$450
3 Jeff Yerxa	\$300
4 Ben Harvey	\$200
5 Ross Wheaton	\$150
5 Steve Smith	\$150
7 Jenn Brown	\$100
7 Chad Bazinet	\$100

11/05 - 11/06

2016 NYC 8-Ball Championship

Men's Leisure Division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Rolando Rodriguez	\$1,000
2 Carmine Andujar	\$600
3 Juan Melendez	\$400
4 Carlo Barroso	\$200

11/05 - 11/06

2016 NYC 8-Ball Championship

Men's Grand Masters

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Tony Robles	\$900
2 Jonathan Smith	\$600
3 Michael Yednak	\$250

11/05 - 11/06

2016 NYC 8-Ball Championship

Mixed Masters

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Mike Salerno	\$1,000
2 Emily Duddy	\$600

Monthly Results

Tournament results from November 2016

3 Duc Lam	\$400
4 Koka Davladze	\$200

11/05 - 11/06

2016 NYC 8-Ball Championship

Women's Leisure Division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Diana Tse	\$975
2 Sarah Morlos	\$575
3 Latonia Taylor	\$375
4 Suzanna Wong	\$200

11/05 - 11/06

2016 NYC 8-Ball Championship

Mixed Advanced Division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Rick Miller	\$1,200
2 Shawn Sookhai	\$850
3 Adrian Daniel	\$550
4 Amir Uddin	\$400
5 Jim Curti	\$250
5 Shawn Jackson	\$250
7 Nigel Francis	\$125
7 Ehmunrao Toocaram	\$125

11/05 - 11/06

2016 NYC 8-Ball Championship

Mixed Open Division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Thomas Schreiber	\$1,500
2 Storm Tillman	\$1,000
3 Gary Bozigian	\$700
4 Greg Matos	\$500
5 Alfonso Trinidad	\$300
5 Amy Yue	\$300
7 Esteban Morrell Jr.	\$200
7 Jose Kuilan	\$200
9 Ray Feliciano	\$100
9 Paul Carpenter	\$100
9 Jowen Picardo	\$100
9 Jerry Almodouar	\$100

11/06 - 11/06

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

1 Aurelio Romero	\$510
2 Jaydev Zaveri	\$300

3 Jim Gutierrez	\$200
4 Ron Bernardo	\$120
5 Akbar Karmoddien	\$70
5 Ryan Dayrit	\$70

11/09 - 11/12

2016 Kremlin Cup

Olympic Sports Complex

Moscow, Russia

1 Alexandros Kazakis	\$9,200
2 Thorsten Hohmann	\$4,900
3 Dmitry Chuprov	\$3,370
3 Ralf Souquet	\$3,370
5 Wael El Zein	\$2,450
5 Ruslan Chinahov	\$2,450
5 Maksim Dudanets	\$2,450
5 Daniel Kandi	\$2,450
9 Christos Meligalotis	\$1,250
9 Mika Immonen	\$1,250
9 Daria Sirotna	\$1,250
9 Fedor Gorst	\$1,250
9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$1,250
9 David Alcaide	\$1,250
9 Mark Magi	\$1,250
9 Denis Grabe	\$1,250
17 Edmond Zaja	\$560
17 Babken Melkonyan	\$560
17 Damianos Giallourakis	\$560
17 Mikhael Kiladze	\$560
17 Vitaliy Patsura	\$560
17 Maghsoud Ali	\$560
17 Eklent Kaci	\$560
17 Vladislav Les	\$560
17 Vladislav Shopik	\$560
17 Andrey Seroshtan	\$560
17 Evgeny Stalev	\$560
17 Sergey Lutsker	\$560
17 Kristina Tkach	\$560
17 Denis Fokin	\$560
17 Evgeny Buslaev	\$560
17 Corey Deuel	\$560

11/11 - 11/13

Taom Tips Tour 2016-2017 Stop 2

Highpockets Billiards

Memphis, TN

1 Josh Roberts	\$3,000
2 Alex Olinger	\$2,000
3 Shane Winters	\$1,200
4 Jeremy Jones	\$800
5 Antonio Lining	\$500
5 Shane McMinn	\$500

11/12 - 11/13

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2016

Stop 6

Bullshooters

Phoenix, AZ

1 Rae Evans	\$300
2 Pearl Ortiz	\$220
3 Sophia Morquecho	\$170
4 Susan Mello	\$130
5 Susan Williams	\$80
5 Nina Tagley	\$80
7 Donna Taylor	\$40
7 Justine Bishop	\$40

11/12 - 11/13

JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 13

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards

Elkridge, MD

1 Linda Haywood Shea	\$700
2 Kathy Friend	\$400
3 Eugenia Gyftopoulos	\$290
4 Meredith Lynch	\$130
5 Kia Sidbury	\$85
5 Jenn Keeney	\$85
7 Sharon O'Hanlon	\$55
7 Melissa Jenkins	\$55

11/12 - 11/13

28th Ocean State 9-Ball

Championship

Snookers Pool Lounge

Providence, RI

1 Jayson Shaw	\$2,500
2 Ron Casanzio	\$1,700
3 Nelson Oliveira	\$1,300
4 Martin Daigle	\$1,000
5 Jorge Rodriguez	\$800
5 Joey Cicero	\$800
7 Tom Bertrand	\$600
7 Tom D'Alfonso	\$600
9 Robert Madenjian	\$400
9 Ranulf Tamba	\$400
9 Cleiton Rocha	\$400
9 Mike Dechaine	\$400
13 Jeremy Sossei	\$250
13 Phil Davis	\$250
13 Francisco Cabral	\$250
13 Josh Rupard	\$250
17 Sebastien Laramée	\$125
17 Matt Tetreault	\$125
17 Geoff Montgomery	\$125
17 Paul Dryden	\$125
17 Reggie Cutler	\$125

Monthly Results

Tournament results from November 2016

17 Eric Opitz	\$125
17 Tom Zippler	\$125
17 Mike Giurleo	\$125

11/12 - 11/12

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Corner Pockets Fayetteville, NC

1 Jody Musselman	\$550
2 JT Ringgold	\$325
3 Jason Blackwell	\$150
4 Jeff Young	\$100
5 Earl Davis	\$50
5 Walt Baldwin	\$50

11/12 - 11/13

2016 Virginia State Women's 8-Ball Championship

Diamond Billiards Midlothian, VA

1 Sierra Reams	\$240
2 Jackie Duggan	\$100

11/12 - 11/13

2016 Virginia State 8-Ball Championship

Diamond Billiards Midlothian, VA

1 Eric Moore	\$1,100
2 Max Schlothauer	\$650
3 Chris Bruner	\$450
4 Danny Mastermaker	\$300
5 Jamey Mellott	\$200
5 Kenny Miller	\$200
7 Rich Glasscock	\$120
7 Yuta Morooka	\$120
9 Larry Kressel	\$80
9 Reggie Jackson	\$80
9 Alan Duty	\$80
9 Shaun Wilkie	\$80

11/13 - 11/13

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Steinway Billiards Astoria, NY

1 Arturo Reyes	\$800
2 Pashk Gjini	\$520
3 Tony Ignomirello	\$320
4 Ramon Feliciano	\$195
5 Duc Lam	\$130
5 Akiko Taniyama	\$130

7 Aurelio Romero	\$95
7 Amu Yue Yu	\$95

11/17 - 11/20

Diamond Pool Tour 2016

Season Finale

Casino Del Sol Resort Tucson, Arizona

1 Gus Briseno	\$1,500
2 Mitch Ellerman	\$1,200
3 Paul Feltman Jr.	\$1,000
4 Todd Rowitz	\$600
5 Kevin Peterson	\$400
5 Sam Lenschow	\$400
7 Steve Stowers	\$250
7 Bret Huth	\$250
9 Scott Frost	\$150
9 Brian Begay	\$150
9 Al Terpstra	\$150
9 Oscar Avila	\$150

11/17 - 11/20

Accu-Stats

Make It Happen Eight Ball 2016

Sandcastle Billiards Edison, NJ

1 Jayson Shaw	\$4,000
2 Shane Van Boening	\$4,000
3 Corey Deuel	\$3,000
4 John Morra	\$2,000
4 Darren Appleton	\$2,000
6 Rodney Morris	\$1,000

11/17 - 11/23

All Japan Championship

Men's Division

Archaic hall Amagasaki-city,

1 Pin-Yi Ko	\$17,780
2 Jeffrey De Luna	\$8,890
3 Yu-Hsuan Cheng	\$4,445
3 Thorsten Hohmann	\$4,445
5 Johann Chua	\$2,223
5 Carlo Biado	\$2,223
5 Mika Immonen	\$2,223
5 Dennis Orcollo	\$2,223
9 Efren Reyes	\$1,116
9 Matt Edwards	\$1,116
9 Raymond Faraon	\$1,116
9 Satoshi Kawabata	\$1,116
9 Seung Woo Ryu	\$1,116
9 Li Wen Lo	\$1,116

9 Alex Pagulayan	\$1,116
9 Warren Kiamco	\$1,116
17 Andrew Kong	\$563
17 Jia-Qing Wu	\$563
17 Roland Garcia	\$563
17 Keisuke Hanawa	\$563
17 Lee Vann Corteza	\$563
17 Po Cheng Kuo	\$563
17 Uraoka Takashi	\$563
17 Shintaro Saito	\$563
17 Jeffrey Ignacio	\$563
17 Jung-Lin Chang	\$563
17 Utao Fukumoto	\$563
17 Shimada Yusaku	\$563
17 Kun Lin Wu	\$563
17 Ramil Gallego	\$563
17 Jun Young Yang	\$563
17 Inagawa Yuichi	\$563

11/17 - 11/23

All Japan Championship

Ladies Division

Archaic hall Amagasaki-city,

1 Ho-Yun Chen	\$4,946
2 Chihiro Kawahara	\$2,473
3 Siming Chen	\$1,236
3 Tzu-Chien Wei	\$1,236
5 Keiko Yukawa	\$623
5 Makiko Takagi	\$623
5 Yuuki Hiraguchi	\$623
5 Shin-Mei Liu	\$623
9 Tzi-Ting Wu	\$316
9 Szu Ting Kuo	\$316
9 Yukiko Oi	\$316
9 Hsin Yu Li	\$316
9 Kazuko Taniyama	\$316
9 Masami Nouchi	\$316
9 Kyoko Sone	\$316
9 Chie Fujita	\$316

11/18 - 11/20

2016 Gamblers Pro Tour WNY

Billiards Show Road Players 9-Ball

Days Inn

Batavia, NY

1 Eddie Rosas Jr.	\$820
2 Willie Rhodes	\$560
3 Chris Stawarski Jr.	\$375
4 Jamie Garrett	\$115

Monthly Results

Tournament results from November 2016

11/18 - 11/20

2016 Gamblers Pro Tour WNY

Billiards Show Holiday 9-Ball Classic

Days Inn

Batavia, NY

1 Santo Merlo	\$710
2 Nick Coppola	\$340
3 Eddie Rosas Jr.	\$80

11/18 - 11/20

2016 Gamblers Pro Tour WNY

Billiards Show Holiday Ladies Round Robin

Days Inn

Batavia, NY

1 Lynette Cooper	\$70
2 Cheryl Reed	\$45
3 Lynn Hess	\$25

11/19 - 11/20

Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop 8

Union Station Billiards

Portland, Maine

1 Nelson Oliveira	\$1,000
2 Jeremy Sossei	\$700
3 Dave Hall	\$500
4 Josh Rupard	\$400
5 Cody Francis	\$225
5 Jeff Provencher	\$225
7 Chad Bazinet	\$150
7 Samoth Sam	\$150
9 Bob Dennis	\$100
9 Kyle Pepin	\$100
9 Dave Fernandez	\$100
9 Cody Porter	\$100

11/19 - 11/20

Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop 8

Second Chance

Union Station Billiards

Portland, Maine

1 Brent Boemmels	\$320
2 Lindsey Monto	\$200
3 Travis Webster	\$160
4 Josh Lerner	\$100
5 Jim Hayden	\$60
5 Ross Webster	\$60

11/19 - 11/20

Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #7

Le Terminus

Gatineau, Quebec

1 Danny Hewitt	\$1,100
2 Maxime Villeneuve	\$875
3 Luc Richard	\$660
4 Kitty Solomon	\$480
5 Luc Salvas	\$320
5 John Leblanc	\$320
7 Pierre Normand	\$200
7 Samuel Matthew	\$200
9 Christopher Villeneuve	\$100
9 Jason Hubert	\$100
9 Dany Nguyen	\$100
9 Alain Martel	\$100
13 Andrew Aupin	\$50
13 Eric Cloutier	\$50
13 Jared Amyot	\$50
13 Simon Boucher	\$50

11/19 - 11/19

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia

1 Colin Hall	\$600
2 Jeff Young	\$400
3 Matt Booth	\$200
4 Scott Roberts	\$100
5 Jody Musselman	\$50
5 Jonathan Ailstock	\$50

11/19 - 11/20

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2016 Stop 20

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

1 Stew Warnock	\$1,700
2 Tony Ignomirello	\$1,150
3 Dan Faraguna	\$700
4 Jaydev Zaveri	\$450
5 Dave Callaghan	\$250
5 Arturo Reyes	\$250
7 Shawn Sookhai	\$170
7 Akiko Taniyama	\$170
9 Thomas Schreiber	\$125
9 Marisol Palacios	\$125
9 Amir Uddin	\$125
9 Elvis Rodriguez	\$125

11/19 - 11/20

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop

Maxamilian's Billiards

Tyngsboro, Ma

1 Eric Hunt	\$275
2 Cameo Moy	\$150

3 Jeff Furness	\$100
4 Bob Hooker	\$80
5 Frank O'Malley	\$40
5 Luca Bares	\$40

11/20 - 11/20

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Rockaway Billiards

Rockaway, NJ

1 Paul Spaanstra	\$510
2 Mike Guevara	\$250
3 Yusuf Khan	\$150
4 Eric Carrasco	\$100

11/23 - 11/26

Dynamic Billard Treviso Open

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Hotel

Treviso,

1 David Alcaide	\$3,722
2 Joshua Filler	\$2,659
3 Miesko Fortunski	\$1,595
3 Niels Feijen	\$1,595
5 Sebastian Ludwig	\$1,329
5 Albin Ouschan	\$1,329
5 Konrad Juszczyszyn	\$1,329
5 Marco Teutscher	\$1,329
9 Alexandros Kazakis	\$1,063
9 Mario He	\$1,063
9 Maksim Dudanets	\$1,063
9 Wojciech Sroczynski	\$1,063
9 Nick Van Den Berg	\$1,063
9 Marck Kudlik	\$1,063
9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$1,063
9 Mark Gray	\$1,063
17 Joao Grilo	\$531
17 Mateusz Sniegocki	\$531
17 Maximilian Lechner	\$531
17 Sebastian Staab	\$531
17 Francisco Diaz-Pizarro	\$531
17 Jose Delgado	\$531
17 Stephan Cohen	\$531
17 Andrey Seroshtan	\$531
17 Damianos Giallourakis	\$531
17 Sascha Trautmann	\$531
17 Ralf Souquet	\$531
17 Konstantin Stepanov	\$531
17 Tomasz Kaplan	\$531
17 Imran Majid	\$531
17 Sergey Lutsker	\$531
17 Roman Hybler	\$531

Monthly Results

Tournament results from November 2016

11/26 - 11/27

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2016 Stop 21

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Elvis Rodriguez	\$1,450
2 Brooke Meyer	\$925
3 Paul Carpenter	\$600
4 Adalberto Nazario	\$400
5 Lukas Fracasso-Verner	\$200
5 Shawn Sookhai	\$200
7 Jose Kuilan	\$100
7 Nick Liberatos	\$100

11/26 - 11/26

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Cue Time Sports Bar & Grill

Spartanburg, SC

1 Robert Hart	\$750
2 Bill Fowler	\$500
3 Dayne Miller	\$350
4 Steve Loftin	\$250
5 Hunter White	\$100
5 Samantha Kielson	\$100

7 Andy Bowden	\$50
7 Philip Denton	\$50

11/26 - 11/26

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop

Town Billiards

Hamden, CT

1 William Gibbs, Jr	\$410
2 Bobby Hilton	\$210
3 Paul Laverdiere	\$160
4 Ed Murray	\$100
5 Frank O'Malley	\$40
5 Dave Gavrich	\$40

11/27 - 11/27

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

1 Adrian Daniel	\$450
2 Frank Sieczka	\$210
3 Qian Y Chen	\$120
4 Marcos Santos	\$80



SEASON **3** SCHEDULE

STOPS 7 - 12 (18 TOTAL)

- 13. **HARD TIMES BILLIARDS**
Sacramento, CA
December 17 - 18, 2016
- 14. **HARD TIMES BILLIARDS**
Bellflower, CA
January 14 - 15, 2017
- 15. **BUFFALO BILLIARDS**
Petaluma, CA
January 21 - 22, 2017
- 16. **THE CUE SPOT**
Merced, CA
February 11 - 12, 2017
- 17. **ON CUE BILLIARDS**
La Mesa, CA
February 25 - 26, 2017
- 18. **TOP GUN / LITTLE GUN
HARD TIMES BILLIARDS**
Sacramento, CA
March 18 - 19, 2017



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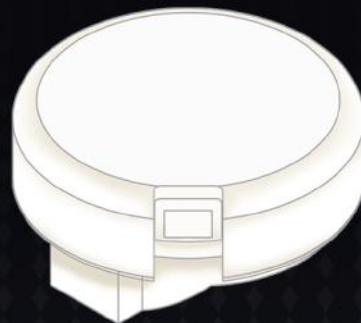
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