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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Isn't it amazing how confidence affects a pool players game, even at (especially at?) the top levels?

A year ago, it seemed like Gorst couldn't be beaten. Prior to that, it was Albin. If you think way back, Corey Deuel had a run where he just seemed to win title after title. The same with Darren Appleton and even Nick Varner if you want to go way way back.

Now, it's Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz's time. He just seems like he picked up this year, right where he left off last year. He skipped Derby City, to be ready for the World Pool Championship, and it paid off with another World Championship. That's two World Championships in less than three months. There are first ballot BCA Hall of Fame members who never won a World Championship in this sport. I guess it's all about confidence. When these guys are playing just that little bit better than normal, they are virtually unstoppable, even at the upper echelons of the game.

(Ed note. The story didn't make this issue, but Eklent Kaci put in his bid to be the next player to get "red hot", by beating Sanchez Ruiz in the finals of the World 10-Ball Championship after our deadline for this issue)

Until next time
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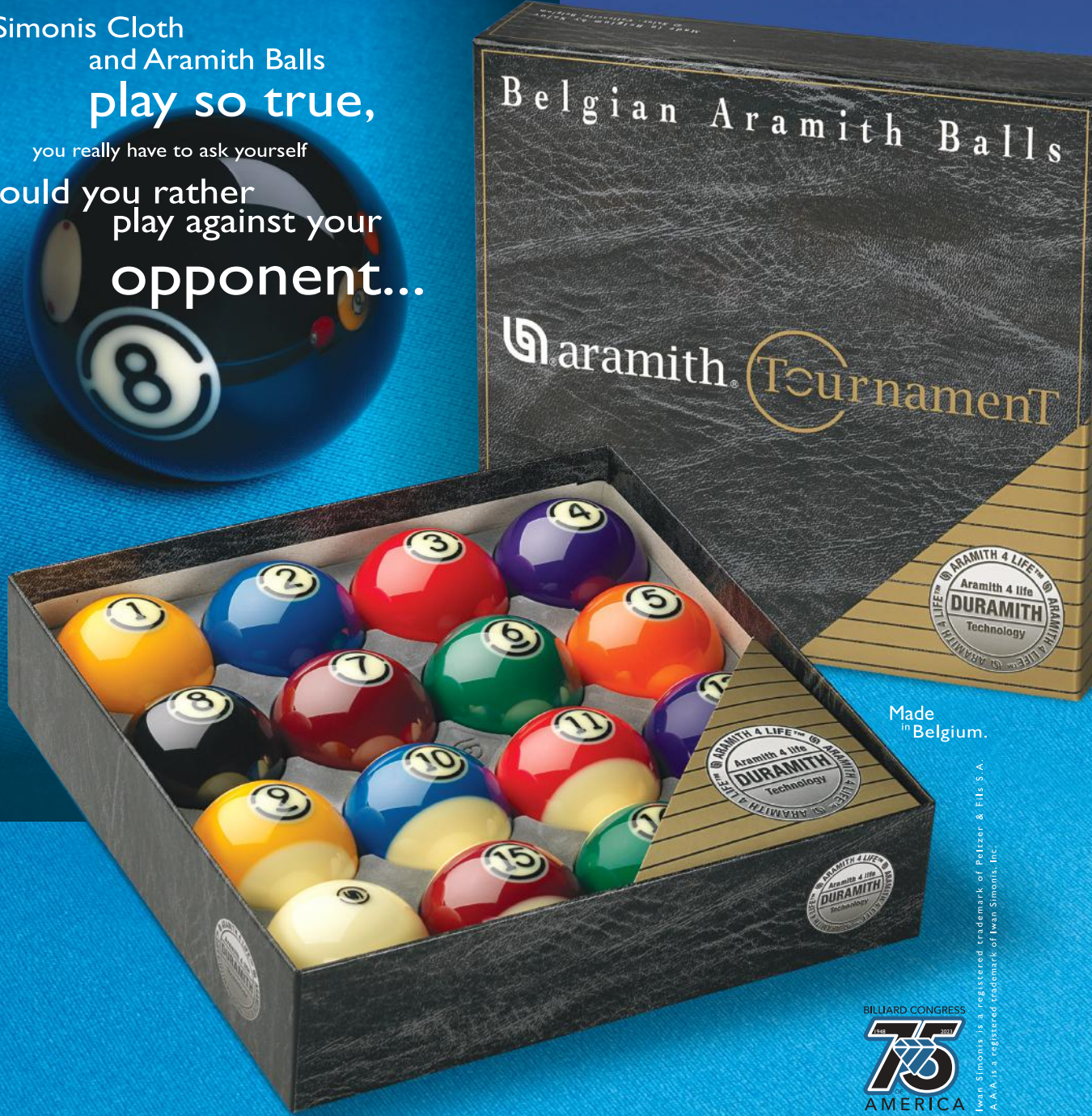
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THE ART OF SLOW ROLLING

INTRODUCTION

Last month I introduced many of you to my Spectrum of Speeds. In that article I presented ten ideas for playing shots in the upper range on the spectrum, which goes from a hard stroke (7) to an extremely hard stroke (9). This month I'm going to talk about shots in the very soft (2) to soft to medium soft (3.5) portion of the spectrum, as shown in the illustration.



Some of you may harbor some reservations about playing shots with a soft stroke, possibly because you heard some commentators insisting that the pros hate to slow roll their shots. That may be true for most shots and posi-

tion plays. Still, there is a time and a place for most things in pool, and that includes using soft strokes when situations calls for it.

You are no doubt well acquainted with Shane Van Boening's thunderous break, which is arguably the best in our sport. What you may or may not have noticed is that Van Boening is also super skilled at slow rolling the cue ball on shots that run from the deftest of position plays to those long slow roll shots where the cue ball is welded to the end rail and the object ball is resting 3-4+ diamonds down the table.

DEFINITIONS

SLOW ROLLING -

Using a soft follow stroke on a variety of shots.

POCKET SPEED PLUS -

Making the object ball with a few inches of rolling distance to spare.

CONTAINING THE ROLL -

The ability to limit the cue ball's roll after contact.

3 EXAMPLES OF SLOW ROLLING

Slow Roll shots are typically follow shots, and the cue ball is often close to or frozen to a rail. To familiarize you with the concept of Slow Rolling the cue ball into contact with the object ball, I am going to focus on three types of shots:

- 1 - Precision position plays using follow.
- 2 - Limiting the cue ball's roll on shots down the rail.
- 3 - Long shots off the rail.

1 - SLOW ROLLING FOR PRECISION SHAPE

The ability to skillfully Slow Roll your shots when the cue ball is away from the rails enables you to meet critical position play objectives. These include getting ideal shape on a Break Shot in 14.1, accessing a gap for shape in Eight Ball, or ending up with the exact cut angle that you need in 9-Ball and 10-Ball to play shape for the next ball.

To execute these Slow Roll shots, shorten your bridge a few inches to accommodate your final stroke, which is going to range from about 2-5" long. A short stroke helps to avoid decelerating into contact. Consider using an open bridge because this will give you a better sight line down your cue on these shots, which place an emphasis on aiming. And, be sure to follow through and hold in for a couple of seconds so you can memorize the feel of that shot.

I advise that you use shorter warm up strokes (WUS) because these will enable you to more closely mirror your final stroke. While making your WUS you will be dialing in an ultra-fine feeling for the required speed. Even though a Slow Roll shot may be easy

to pocket, is still can take several seconds to get a precise feeling for the speed you need, so don't rush your pre-shot process.

It is important to note that Slow Rolling certain shots enables you to match your WUS more closely with your final stroke than is possible on higher speed shots. This slower pace also helps to better feel the precise speed needed, a feature of Slow Rolling certain shot that can boost your confidence when playing these shots.

Diagram #1 is taken from my book, *Break Shot Patterns*, which focuses on getting great position on the break ball. Tony Robles is the architect of this superb Slow Roll shot. On it, he used a two inch stroke and an Extremely Soft (2) speed. This allowed him to gently roll the 3-ball into the side pocket with the minimum speed possible. This, in turn, enabled him to limit the cue ball's rolling distance, which resulted in the best result possible on this precision position play. (Note: drawing this shot would have resulted in a thin and difficult cut shot on the 14-ball.)

Robles could have attempted to get even better position by going to the end rail and back, but he knew that settling for very good position beats going for near perfect shape, especially when you could end up with lousy position or no shape at all. (Note: You can see this shot being played in the companion video to the book.)



2 - SLOW ROLLING FOR POSITION ON CUT SHOTS

On this type of shot you are faced with sufficiently large cut angles such that your ability to contain the cue ball's roll after it rebounds off the cushion is in question. Should you choose to Slow Roll these shots (which will be the better choice in some positions), be apprised that you must control the rolling distance of both the object ball and the cue ball!

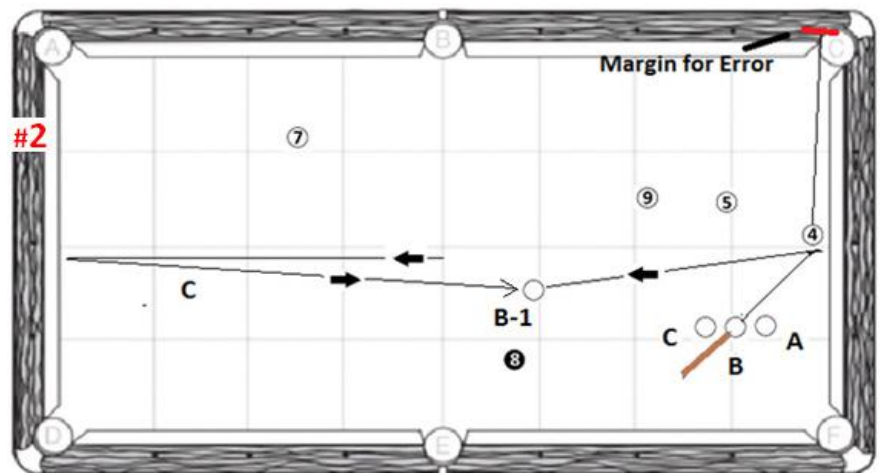
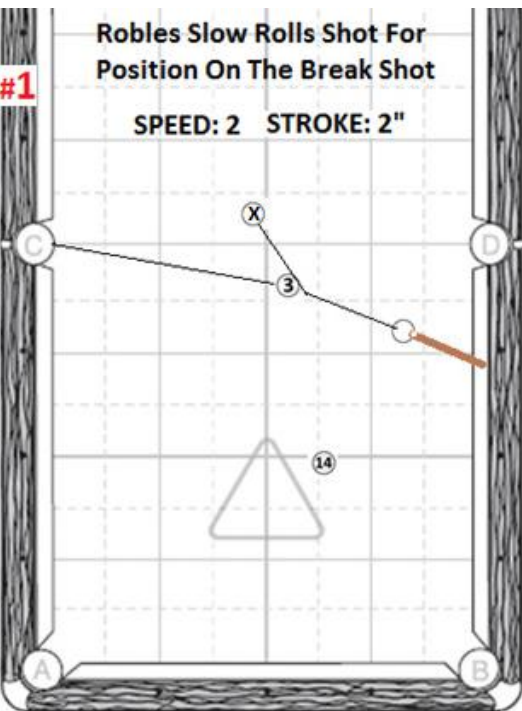
Indeed, the big mistake some players make is in thinking that the cue ball will travel further – often much further – than it actually will when these Slow Roll shots are played correctly. As a result, these players will choose to use a firmer stroke and go an extra rail.

The examples in **Diagram #2** are taken from a game of 9-Ball. From Position A you can easily make the 4-ball and send the cue ball off the rail and out for excellent position on the 5-ball. When the cue ball is in Position C, the steep cut angle forces you to send the cue ball to the distant end rail and back – with Position B-1 as your target. This position play is fraught with danger because of the firm stroke, which elevates the prospects for a miss. In addition, that long travel distance increases the risk of coming up short, or long, of your position zone. You might also send the cue ball far off of the desired path!

With the cue ball in Position B, you can send it directly to B-1 providing you are skilled at Slow Rolling this type of shot. This is much preferable to going up and down the table, which contains the risks we discussed above.

When playing Slow Roll shots like this, build in a slight margin for error by hitting the cue ball a little harder than is needed to get the object ball to the pocket, as shown.

On most position plays your eyes will quickly shift to the cue ball after it makes contact with the object ball. On Slow Roll shots, however, I recommend that you keep your eyes glued to the object ball as it rolls to the pocket and disappears from sight.

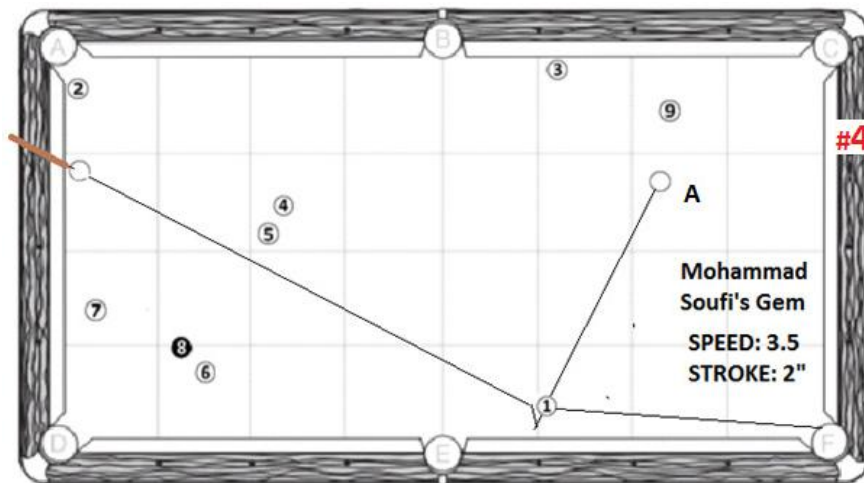


If your speed is correct, the cue ball should stop at or near your target, as in this case in Position B-1. If the object ball drops at the proper speed, then the cue ball's position will reveal how well this cut angle and distance to the pocket match up with the cue ball's ending location.

Diagram #3 shows another commonly played version of a down-the-rail position play. When playing shape on the 4-ball you need to send the cue ball across the table and back down Path B. Or, you could Slow Roll the shot to Position A. We talked earlier about the dangers of playing across the table and back routes to the position zone. So, you will likely be far better off Slow Rolling the shot providing you are skilled enough to use a softer stroke and are confident enough to use this kind of position play in competition.

In this position, if you are able to Slow Roll this shot, the cue ball will stop at or very close to Position A. This gives you ideal shape for playing the 4-ball into the upper left corner pocket, and for sending the cue ball across and down the table to Position C for shape on the 5-ball.

Now, if you opt to send the cue ball across and back, the cue ball could end up at B-1, B-2, B-3, or anywhere else along the travel path for this position play. Any of these locations



will make it more difficult to get good shape on the 5-ball.

3 – BIG PRESSURE SHOTS – SOUFI'S GEM

The long range Slow Roll special shown in **Diagram #4** is the kind that Van Boeing and other greats consistently pocket under intense pressure. This example was taken from the finals of the 2023 World Pool Championship between Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz and Mohammad Soufi. The score was tied at 8-8 in a race to 13 when Soufi was confronted with the long shot on the 1-ball shown in the illustration.

Soufi used a 3" stroke with a level cue. He struck the cue ball at a speed of 3.5, which is midway between soft (3) and medium-soft (4.0). The 1-ball

found the pocket and he ended up with playable position on the 2-ball at Position A.

When taking on a shot like this, your emphasis must be on making the ball. This means that the next ball needs to be in a position, like the 2-ball, where you will be rewarded for making the ball. (If you feel like you won't have a shot, then you should consider playing safe.)

After his super shot Soufi, unfortunately, missed the 3-ball and the momentum shifted to Sanchez-Ruiz, who won this game and the next three on his way to winning the match.

4 – SLOW ROLL PRACTICE

If you are like most players you may typically choose to send the cue ball across the table and out for shape on certain position plays. There is a good chance that, on many of these position plays, you would get a better outcome by Slow Rolling the object ball into the pocket. A big reason why this preferable route is not chosen is that players think the cue ball will roll far further than it actually will on these shots when played with a soft stroke. And they have not practiced these shots enough to have a strong working knowledge of the cue ball's rolling distance when Slow Rolling these shot. Hopefully the exercise below will help solve that problem.

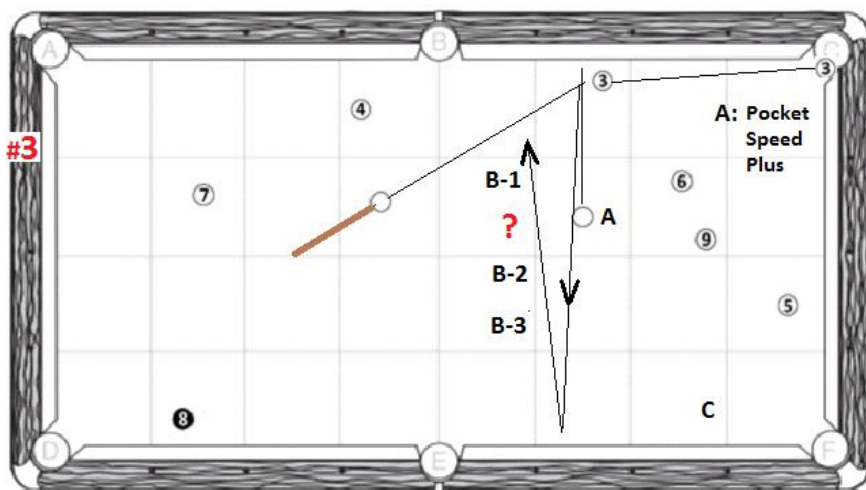


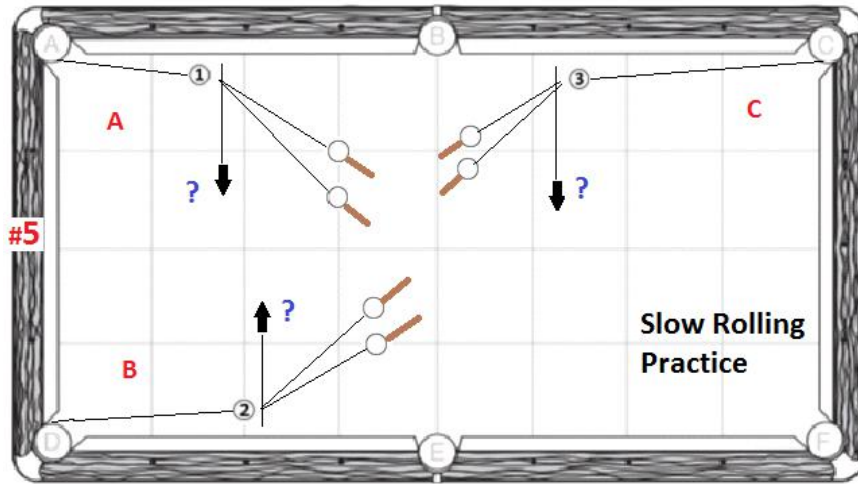
Diagram #5 shows several variations of shots where Slow Rolling each one of them could lead to a better result. Start with the shallower cut first on Shot A, then play the thinner cut. Your goal is to roll the object ball into the pocket with a few inches of speed to spare. Follow the object ball until it drops. Then look to see where the cue ball ended up. When you get the

speed right you will, at the same time, learn the cue ball's rebound distance off the rail. It may surprise you by rolling a far shorter distance than you thought it would.

The thinner cuts will obviously result in longer travel distances for the cue ball. Shot B and Shot C take progressively more speed to get the object

ball to the pocket because it is located further up the rail. So, I repeat, follow the object ball into the pocket, then look to see where the cue ball stopped.

These examples are designed to kick start the development of your arsenal of Slow Roll shots and position plays. I advise that you set up a number of others. Then, with your newly honed skill, begin to play these shots in competition and I think you will be quite pleased with your newly found skills. Good luck!



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Top Five Ways to **IMPROVE** your mindset

ANTHONY BEELER

The term “mental game” does not always mean sitting in a chair visualizing pocketing the final 9-ball to win the U.S. Open.

Controlled breathing and visualization are powerful tools that are often overlooked, but the most important thing is how you prepare and practice. Too often, players spend too much time practicing. However, time is just a baseline toward preparation, and the frustrating part is that it does not always equate to more consistent play.

What’s more important than the time spent is how it was invested. It takes discipline and focus to prepare the right way. Here are 5 ways to work on the mental side of the game.

5. Music

Music is a motivator and makes practice more enjoyable. But is the goal to get better or make sure you enjoy it more? Music does not enhance your performance and sadly, too often players always practice with headphones on. Maybe it’s because they don’t want to be bothered or perhaps, they can concentrate better. But, listening to music while you practice does not help your focus during a real match. Keep the music on in your car but in my opinion it’s best to practice without it.

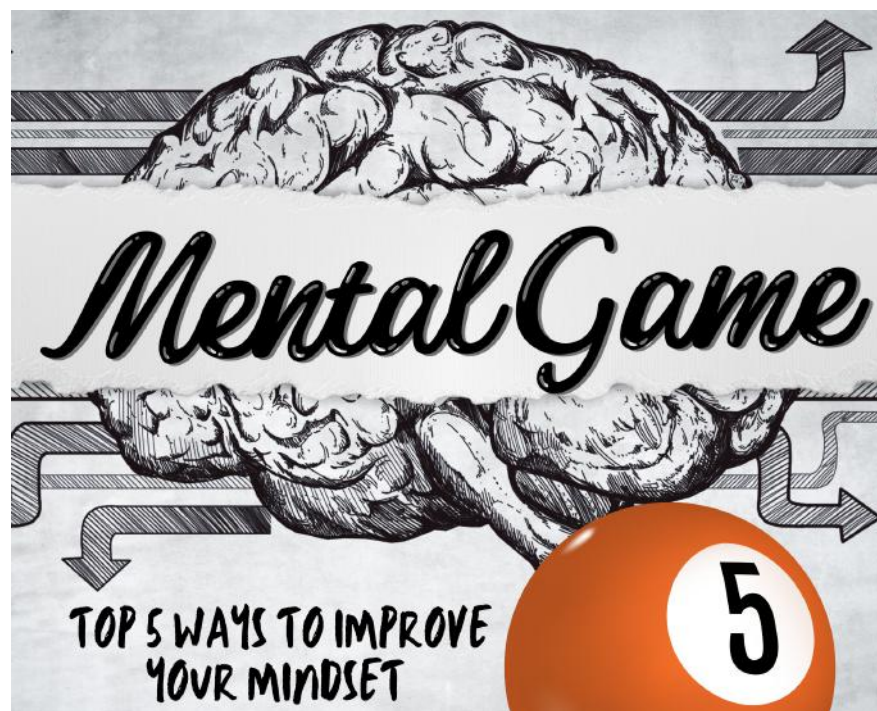


4. Avoid hitting the same shot over 15 times in a row

Players often talk about playing better during practice than during a match. There’s no stress or consequences during practice, but there is no variability either. We groove our stroke during practice, but perfect delivery can often disappear during match play. This premise is all about fine motor skills and how we learn best. Think about strength training and imagine doing the same exact workout every single time! We don’t get better working on our stroke striking the exact same shot over and over. We should avoid excessive repetition and instead rotate our shots to avoid monotony. We adapt and improve by focusing 100 percent on a specific drill or shot during practice. The simple rule is don’t hit the same shot more than 15 times in a row, or you may lose the focus necessary to make progress.

3. Make it a competition

Competition makes practice interesting. We need to be put in pressure situations during practice so we can adapt to the pressures of match play more readily. The more you can make your practice sessions mirror the pressures of tournament play the better



off you will be. When we better understand the emotions that we will feel, then we can prepare our mind and be ready for that same pressure during match play. Remember, pressure is something you feel when you are uncomfortable. Make yourself uncomfortable during practice by setting weekly goals you are trying to achieve. When you get close to achieving your goals you will feel pressure which is excellent training for match play.

2. Avoid talking to your friends

I'm not talking about practice games. I'm referring to the friend that almost always shows up after you miss an important shot. We improve our mental game when we choose to move on from bad shots rather than focusing on them. Talking to your friend about it reinforces the error that was made. Immediately after you hit a shot poorly is the perfect opportunity to work on "moving on". You will hit bad shots during a match. Don't allow your con-

fidence to be affected by a bad shot. Instead, work on letting the past be the past.

1. Make ten perfect strokes in a row

Pool players that visit me for mental training are often treated to this challenge: Make 10 perfect strokes in a row. And I'm talking about talking through the mechanics of a stroke while you are executing each shot -- grooving the stroke with perfect timing. This drill replicates pressure, with distractions. When you are talking through the stroke process you can never give 100 percent of your full

focus to the shot at hand. However, this process also teaches you how to pocket the ball correctly even when your concentration may be divided between two things. I believe you will find this to be beneficial when you are under the pressures of match play. This same mindset applies to various other drills and strategies.

There are many ways to improve your mindset and be the best version of you. Learning how to just be yourself and embrace your own unique qualities can lead to greater self-awareness and a better appreciation for the game.

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UNDERSTANDING How Confidence & Anxiety Impact Pool

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Confidence is defined as “a feeling of self-assurance arising from one’s appreciation of one’s own abilities or qualities.”

Confident pool players “play to win,” versus playing conservatively to avoid losing. Additionally, confidence help with improved focus, motivation, and resiliency – all qualities commonly found in the world’s best athletes (including pool players).

Anxiety is the enemy of confidence and is defined as “an abnormal and overwhelming sense of apprehension and fear often marked by physical signs (such as tension, sweating, and increased pulse rate), and by self-doubt about one’s capacity to succeed.”

Confidence and anxiety work in an inverse relationship, meaning that as we increase confidence, we decrease our anxiety. The opposite also holds true – when we experience anxiety, our confidence decreases. This is an

important relationship to understand if your goal is to improve mental toughness and ultimately play your best.

Improve your confidence

There are ways to improve your confidence every day, including the following:

- Set realistic daily goals that you can successfully complete.
- Keep a journal where you can jot down your daily victories and other important accomplishments.
- Regularly surround yourself with positive people who support you.
- Review your matches but do so as a student looking to learn from mistakes so that you can improve for the future.



Decrease your anxiety

Just as there are ways to improve confidence, there are also things you can do to decrease anxiety:

- Learn stress-reduction techniques, including deep breathing, imagery, and self-talk.
- Develop a pre-game routine that allows you to feel good before you compete.
- Develop a pre-shot routine that helps you play consistently from shot to shot.
- If you feel your anxiety is abnormally high, consider speaking with a professional.

Yes, confidence is king when it comes to pool success, and confident players play to their maximum abilities. Similarly, anxiety, if left unaddressed, can take away from an otherwise talented pool player’s game resulting in a lot of frustration, missed balls, and lost games.

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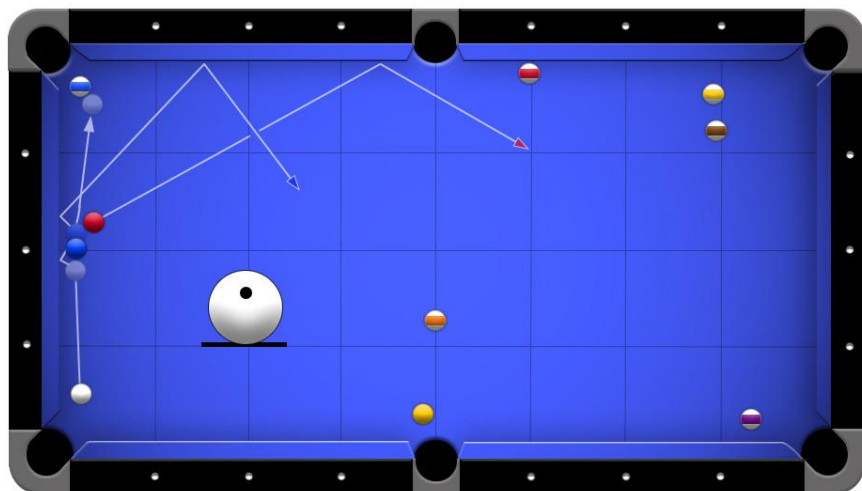
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Accu-Stats Video Productions has been bringing us World Class Pool on video for the last 30 years. With this column, we hope to bring you some examples of the best shots that come up between the greatest players who play this game.

This shot comes from the 2017 Accu-Stats Make It Happen One Pocket Invitational and Shane Van Boening had just left Francisco Bustamante in this predicament. Bustamante needed to find a way to get out of the spot that Van Boening had left him in.

While Bustamante was considering his options, Accu-Stats commentators Billy Incardona and Danny Diliberto debated his options. Bustamante ended up going with Incardona's suggested shot, and came up with this great example of World Class Pool.



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Gospel Trick Shot #37

Mike Massey's Parting of the Red Sea

History of the Trick Shot: This shot has been done twice before in Gospel Trick Shot # 10 (October 2020) by Brian Pauley and in Gospel Trick Shot # 35 (January 2023) by Steve Lillis. Each of the previous editions had different story lines to them which shows that one can use the same Gospel Trick Shot to present a variety of biblical and life lesson messages. Formerly known as the "Football Shot" with the use of a paper bag through which the black ball would roll before dropping in the side pocket, now re-invented by Mike Massey on the UK 7-foot table without the use of the paper bag and re-named as "Mike Massey's Parting of the Red Sea." Mike uses all seven red balls in this shot. This shot includes a powerful biblical lesson which the Israelites had to learn after walking through the Red Sea which God parted.

GTS Name and Why: In the video, Mike Massey does an excellent job of explaining why this Gospel Trick Shot is called "Mike Massey's Parting of the Red Sea." Mike explains that the black ball represents Moses, and the row of red and yellow balls represent the Red Sea. Mike further points out that miracles don't change people, but it's only the power of the blood of Jesus which allows us to be born again that changes us. He further elaborates that the Israelites still continued to worship idols even after experiencing a mighty miracle such as the parting of the Red Sea. Mike then closes off by saying that when Jesus died on the cross, it was so that we could have a born-again experience!

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Acts 7:39-41 says

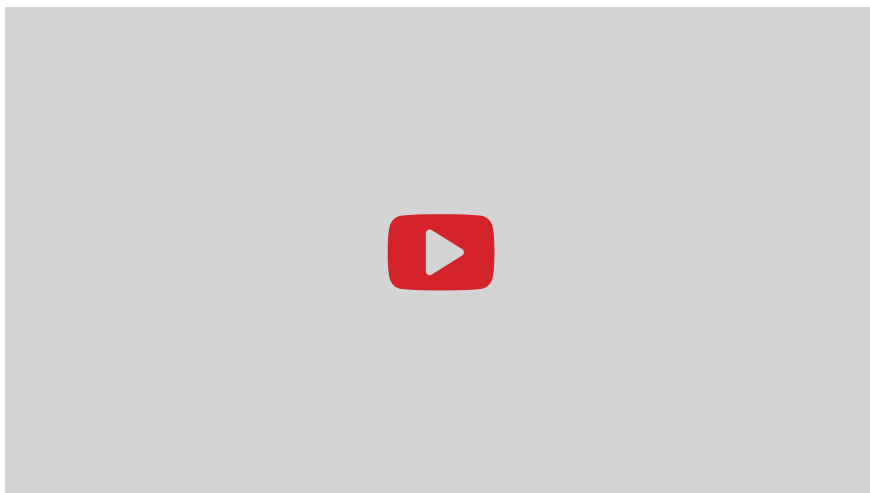
But our ancestors refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt. They told Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don't know what has happened to him!' That was the time they made an idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and reveled in what their own hands had made.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says

God made him who had no sin to be sin[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Cue Ball Placement: The cue ball on the UK 7-foot table is 1 7/8 inches and is smaller and lighter than the 2-inch object balls. The cue ball is placed between the corner pocket and side pocket as shown in the diagram and about 1 object ball's width away from the side rail.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Place the black ball frozen to the side cushion about an inch away from the side pocket and another red object ball frozen to the black ball, as shown in the diagram. The red ball which is frozen to the black ball is very slightly angled to be able to bank the black ball across the table into the opposite side pocket. Then place 6 pairs of object balls, as shown in the diagram, with each pair frozen to each other and each pair about an inch apart from each other. The first pair of object balls are about 2 balls' width away from the object ball that is frozen to the black ball. The row of paired balls should be aligned in a straight line from the black ball directly to the opposite side pocket.

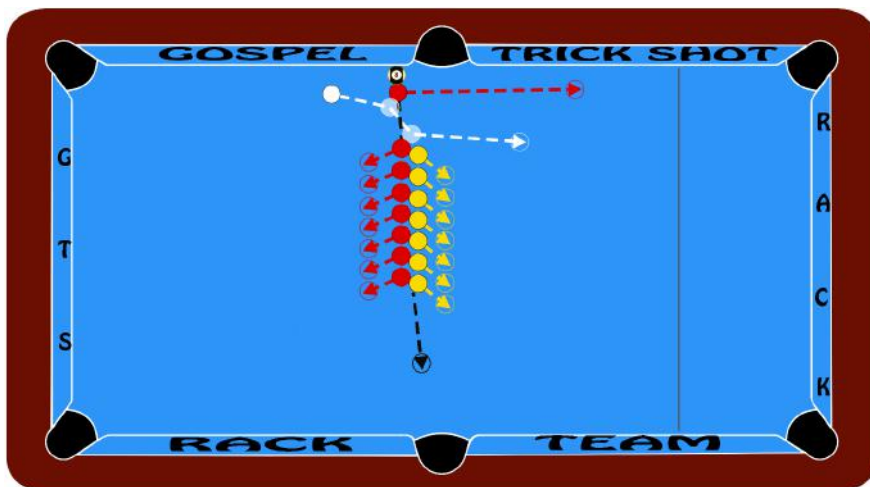


Objective: Hit the cue ball with about one tip of top (running) English, catching about half of the outer right side of the object ball which is frozen to the black ball. The cue ball should then carom off that object ball and then catch about half of the outer left side of the furthest ball of the first pair of balls. The ball that the cue ball caroms into should deflect its paired ball away and then carom into the next pair causing a chain reaction of caroms causing the "Parting of the Red Sea" effect. The black ball would then just have enough space to pass through the pairs of balls which are all deflected away making a clear path for the black ball to pocket in the opposite side pocket. This is a slightly complex shot, but with enough practice this shot can be one of the most impressive shots to display, as it is a great crowd pleaser!

Special Notes: The pairs of balls are set up in such a way that the ball that is caromed into will then also

carom into the next pair of balls and into the next ball at about half ball. That ball in turn is then also caromed into the next pair also catching the next ball at about half ball and so on.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: With this shot, it looks rather impossible for the black ball to make it across the table into the opposite pocket, especially being tucked away in a very tight spot between the side rail and frozen object ball. Not only that, but there are also 6 pairs of obstacle balls in the way, making this shot look really impossible... very similar to how the Israelites felt when they first saw the Red Sea. But after they walked through the Red Sea, there was rejoicing and celebration! So when you make this shot, you can expect the atmosphere in the room to suddenly change from a skeptical silence to an explosive roar of applause and cheering once the "Moses" black ball narrowly escapes and makes it across into the opposite side pocket!



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Francisco Sanchez Ruiz is the new champion of the world defeating Mohammad Soufi 13-10 in the World Pool Championship 2023 final in Kielce, Poland live on Sky Sports, Matchroom.Live, Viaplay, DAZN, and TV networks worldwide.

Soufi won the lag and proceeded to canter into a 2-0 lead within minutes with his explosive style of play a delight to behold for the sold-out crowd. Sanchez Ruiz had to

come from behind against Mario He to reach the final and only lead for the first time at 9-8 but this time, he turned it quickly to 3-2. Soufi got back in to lead and take the following two

racks but scratched on the break in the eighth when back in front. It was an error-strewn rack from there but in the end, Sanchez Ruiz came through to level again.



A break and run in the ninth put Sanchez Ruiz back in front in the Race to 13 at 5-4. The lead was soon stretched to 6-4 but a miss on the four in rack 11 brought Soufi in to cut the deficit back to one. In the 14th at 7-6, Soufi played safe after losing position from the break, Sanchez Ruiz kicked only to leave the two in prime position for the Syrian to come in and level once again. Just when it seemed Soufi would find momentum, a scratch on the break allowed his Spanish counterpart to enter the fray and sweep in for 8-7.

There was very little to separate the pair as it went 8-8. At this stage, another Soufi mistake let Sanchez Ruiz in who started to take control of proceedings by establishing a two-rack buffer reaching double figures in the process and three away from the title. The earlier errors from Soufi were proving to be at his detriment as Sanchez Ruiz broke and run another rack to edge closer to his hands on the title.

It was proving to be a clinic from Sanchez Ruiz who had sussed the break and he reached the hill after just over two hours of action. With three balls left on the table, Sanchez Ruiz lost position on the seven and Soufi came in to nick a rack and then the next to be two away from reaching the hill also.



Mohammad Soufi

In the end, Sanchez Ruiz came good pouncing after Soufi's break in the 23rd rack left the one and eight locked together. Sanchez Ruiz swept in to seal a memorable victory meaning the Spaniard now holds the US Open Pool Championship, World Cup of Pool, and World Pool Championship titles in the Nineball arena.

Sanchez Ruiz said: "It's an amazing feeling. I have no voice. I felt the pressure. I had an unbelievable year last year but this is the first of this year and I cannot believe it. I didn't play my best in the fi-

nal but I fought for it and I got the end result. I knew I could lose a game with someone like Mohammad. He is very good and strong. I played my game though, I am so tired, I feel unbelievable, this is my biggest title for sure. I lost position at 10-8, it isn't easy with the shot clock but finally, I got my chance again."

The World No.1 will now head on to the Premier League Pool and World Pool Masters: "The last year when I won the big titles but when I won the Derby City Classic last year, everything changed in my mindset. I was playing good but I had never won a big title. When you win a big one, your confidence goes through the roof. There's so much pressure in Matchroom events, you cannot compare it to any other. In the Mosconi Cup, wow, I hadn't felt something like that. When you play Mosconi, every tournament after, wow it feels like no pressure."

"To be honest, I have never seen Mohammad play with such character. It's amazing. You can feel his aggressive play and the crowd love him. This tournament will change Soufi's career," added Sanchez Ruiz.

Soufi said: "I am happy to be number two but I am ready for more. I feel very good right now. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported me."



Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz

WIKTOR

VICTORIOUS AGAIN AT ALFA LAS VEGAS OPEN

Story and photos courtesy **PREDATOR MEDIA GROUP**

Heading into this year's Alfa Las Vegas Open, Wiktor Zielinski said the fact that he won last year's event wasn't even registering in his mind.

"To be honest, I didn't even think about it," said the 22-year-old from Poland. "I just wanted to play my best and see what happened."

What happened was he took opportunities when they arrived and battled

through tough layouts and breaking woes when they didn't, as Zielinski won his second consecutive Alfa Las Vegas Open, defeating Sanjin Pehlivanovic in straight sets in the finals Sunday at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Zielinski, who picked up \$25,000 for the victory, needed to survive a shootout against Duong Quoc Hoang in the semifinals to reach the finals and repeat as champion.

"I wanted so bad to win this one," said the Pole. "Hopefully, I showed my best game."

He certainly showed perseverance, battling back from a lack of open shots in crucial situations.

After splitting the first two games of the opening set of the semifinals, Hoang reclaimed the lead with a break-and-run but allowed Zielinski to tie the match when he missed the 1 ball.



Wiktor Zielinski

The 36-year-old from Vietnam reclaimed the lead with a one rail kick in on the one ball and had a chance to increase his lead but misplayed position on the 4 ball then left an opening on a safety attempt. The Pole tied the match, then took his first lead of the set after his opponent fouled but Hoang evened the score again when his opponent missed a jump shot on the 3 ball in the following rack. The Pole recovered and sealed the first set victory when he won a safety exchange in the deciding game, 4-3.

After Hoang jumped out to a 2-0 advantage and sailed to a 4-1 second set win, the two players split the first four games of the deciding set before Zielinski finally got a ball to fall on the break – two, to be exact – then ran out and take the lead. His opponent used a push after his break followed by a safety to tie the match 3-3 and force a shootout.

Even in the extra frame, Zielinski struggled to catch a break.

After pocketing the first two spot shots while his opponent missed the first two, he had a chance to close out the match. Zielinski made the match-winning shot then watched as the cue ball scratched in the opposite corner pocket. He recovered in the next inning, rolling in the game-winner to set up a matchup with Pehlivanovic.

Both players solved their breaking issues early in the championship match, with Zielinski building a 2-0 advantage with back-to-back breaks and runs before failing to pocket a ball on the break in the third game. The 21-year-old from Bosnia and Herzegovina cleared the table to climb onto the scoreboard then added a break-and-run of his own to tie the score. He had a chance to take the lead but missed a makeable combination shot on the 1 and 8 balls. Zielinski cleared the table but his opponent tied the match in the next game when the Pole



Sanjin Pehlivanovic and Wiktor Zielinski

scratched while attempting a safety. Now at the table with the break and a chance to win the set, Pehlivanovic failed to pocket a ball on the break and his opponent used a safety on the 1 ball to find an opening and run out to secure a 4-3 victory.

After splitting the first two racks of the second set, the match was all Zielinski, who went from not being able to buy a break to catching multiple good rolls down the stretch – including a missed 7 ball in the third game and a misplayed safety in the fourth game by Pehlivanovic to help build a 3-1 advantage. Zielinski got one more piece of good fortune in the fifth game when his opponent missed a bank shot of the 2 ball into the side pocket which left a wide open table. After pocketing the 9 ball and leaving a mostly straight in 10 ball for the game winner, the Pole raised a fist and looked to the sky in triumph.

“I knew that it was going to be tough,” said Zielinski. “Sanjin is a world class player. I knew that it wouldn’t be easy. I played almost perfect in the first set and the second one I was a bit more lax.”

Monday will see the conclusion of the women’s Alfa Las Vegas Open with two semifinal matches beginning at noon

followed by the championship at 4 p.m. local time. Sunday night saw defending champion Kelly Fisher reach the quarterfinals with a shootout victory over reigning Puerto Rico Open champion Wei Tzu-Chien only to fall in three sets Silvana Lu of Indonesia. Lu will face Seo Seoa, who defeated reigning World Women’s 9-Ball champion Chieh-Yu Chou in straight sets, 4-3, 4-3. The second semifinal will involve Bulgaria’s Kristina Zlateva matching up against Meng-Hsia Hung of Australia, who staged an epic shootout with Turkey’s Eylul Kibaroglu in the quarterfinals, needing seven innings in the extra frame to win, 7-6.

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SEOA HOLDS OFF HUNG TO WIN ALFA LAS VEGAS OPEN

AS WORLD 10-BALL SET TO BEGIN

Standing in the arena at the conclusion of the women's Alfa Las Vegas Open, South Korea's Seo Seoa didn't hold the championship trophy as much as she cradled it.

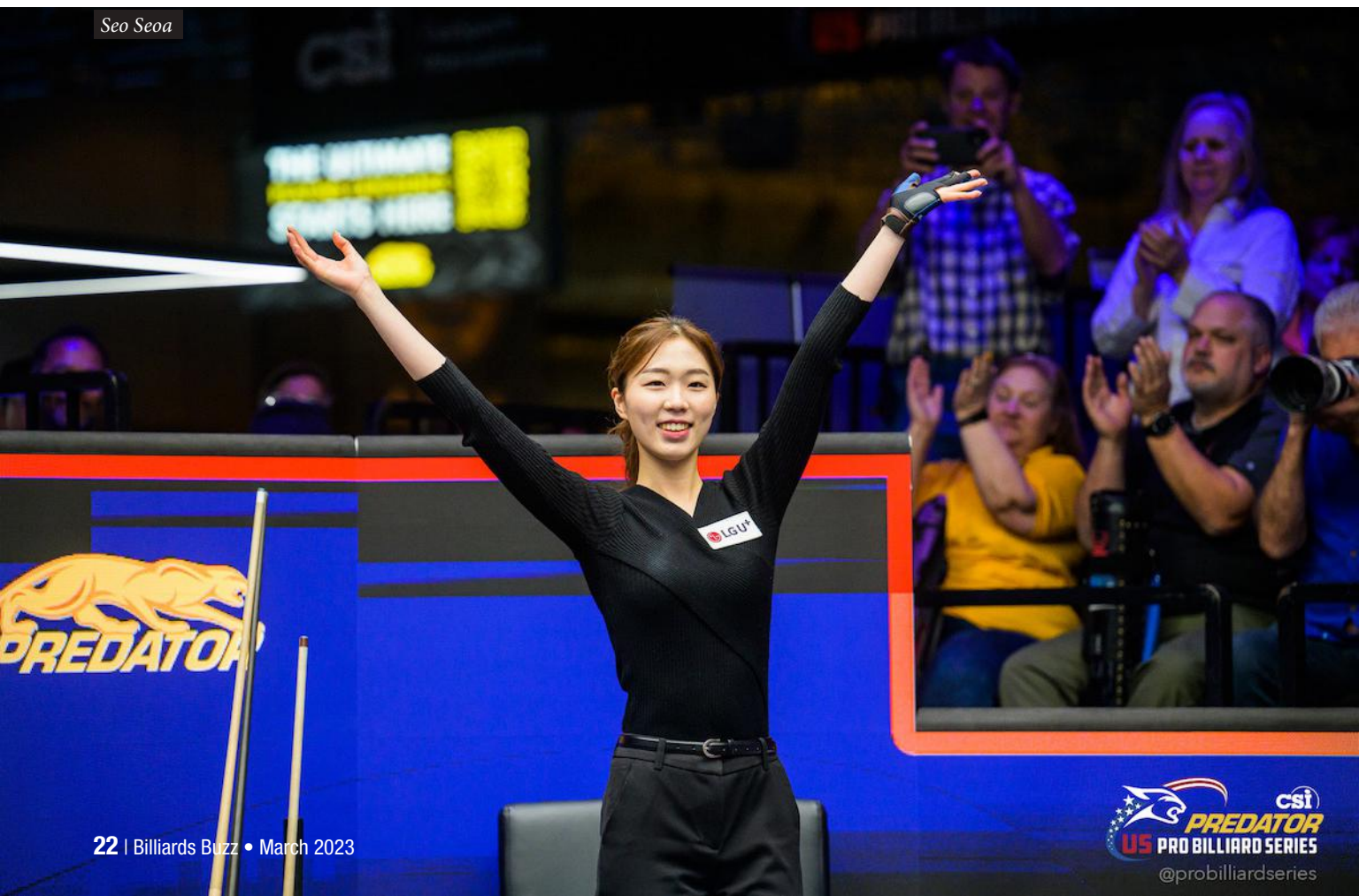
"I am really happy," she said. "This is my first champion title."

The 21-year-old has reason to be excited, having endured a final two days

of play that included taking down reigning World Women's 9-Ball champion Chieh-Yu Chou in straight sets in the quarterfinals, then surviving the semifinals against Indonesia's Silvana Lu. Seoa may have saved some of her best play for last, coming from behind to defeat Australia's Meng-Hsia Hung in three sets at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino Monday night.

The Australian drew first blood in the opening set, taking advantage of a scratch and missed 1 ball by her opponent to build a 2-0 lead. The South Korean was able to climb onto the board in the third rack after her opponent scratched on the break but Hung stole the next game thanks to a successful jump shot on the 1 ball after a push out to increase the lead back to two games. Hung allowed Seoa to hang

Seo Seoa



around tie the set when she fouled in the fifth game while attempting to tie up two object balls then missed a combination shot in the following rack but was able to use a sharp cut shot on the 2 ball and a table-length shot on the 3 ball to clear the table and secure the first set, 4-3.

“She played very good in the first set but I was thinking, it’s okay because it’s three sets,” said Seo. “I was thinking to try hard and stay focused.”

After Hung again won the opening rack in the second set, Seo tacked on two wins of her own thanks to her opponent failing to land a ball on the break in the second game then leaving an opening after a safety attempt on the 8 ball in the following game. Hung tied the match at two games each after Seo scratched but the South Korean capitalized on another misplayed safety and a missed 3 ball by her opponent to secure the set, 4-2, and tie the match.

“That’s the turning point,” said Hung of the missed shot. “I didn’t take my time to think about how to run out the table.”

The wheels really started to come off for Hung in the deciding set. After Seo failed to pocket a ball on the break in the first rack, the Australian appeared to be in position to secure the win but missed the 5 ball in the corner pocket, allowing Seo to return to the table and climb onto the scoreboard. Hung experienced a similar fate in the next rack when she missed the 6 ball and in the third game when she pushed the 2 ball wide of the mark. Each time, Seo cleared the table and increased her lead.

“I lost a little bit of concentration and I wasn’t so sure,” said Hung. “And she played really well.”



Hung had one last chance in the fourth game but missed the 4 ball. With the object ball at one side of the table and the next shot at the opposite end, Seo cleanly pocketed the ball and drew the cue ball backwards between the 6 and 7 balls for a shot on the 5 ball, then closed out the rack for the win and let out a joyous shriek in triumph.

Seo reached the finals by taking advantage of a handful of safeties and unforced errors to edge past Yu in straight sets in the semifinals, 4-1, 4-2.

Hung had a bit more of a fight against Bulgaria’s Kristina Zlateva. After losing the opening set, 4-2, the Australian held a 3-1 advantage in the second set until her opponent snagged a win

then used a table length one rail kick in of the 7 ball and a long cut of the 9 ball to tie the set. After Hung missed the 4 ball in the set-deciding game, Zlateva had an open table but overplayed position on the 5 ball. While she tried to pocket the object ball and hold cue ball positioning for a shot at the 6 ball that was at the same end of the table, the Bulgarian missed and handed her opponent the 4-3 win.

Hung was dominant in the deciding match, winning four straight racks to seal the victory and a spot in the championship game.

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SOUFI CLAIMS

MAIDEN EURO TOUR TITLE

MOHAMMAD SOUFI, the German-based Syrian, claimed his first ever Dynamic Billiard Euro Tour title as he defeated World No.1 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz (Spain) 9-6 to claim the Estonian Open in Tallinn.

Staged at the Kalev Sports Hall in the Estonian capital city, the match was a re-run of last month's World 9 Ball Championship final but this time the outcome was different as Soufi got the better of a sub-par Sanchez-Ruiz.

Soufi's best ever finish on the Euro Tour was a semi-final in Lasko, Slovenia in 2021 but he seems to have found

the confidence to take his always-entertaining game to the highest level. Sanchez-Ruiz came into the final on a roll of all rolls, having totally dominated tournament pool in the past 12 months. However, mistakes here and there allowed Soufi the opportunity to claim victory.

Commented Soufi, "I'm very happy to win this event. After our last match

in Poland and coming second in the World 9 Ball Championship, it gave me a big push to win my next tournament. It inspired me.

"Before coming here, I felt I had to win it. I've the greatest respect for Francisco – he is the best player in the world, he plays very, very good but I wanted to get to this final. I'm so happy and ready for the next event. I've been

Mohammad Soufi



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training so hard and I believe that I have so much more and I want everyone to see what I can do,” he added.

Starting the match as favourite, Sanchez Ruiz unluckily scratched going from 6 to 7 in the opener and Soufi mopped up the table to take the opening rack. Not hanging about, the Spaniard dropped two balls on the break and a quick 2/9 combo levelled things up. Soufi, whose fast-paced style can unsettle opponents, took no time to run out from the break and restore his lead at 2-1.

Sanchez Ruiz enjoyed a golden break to get back on level terms, before Soufi gave the next away, missing the 7 ball into the centre pocket. That gave Sanchez a 3-2 lead but he missed the 3 ball in the next and after some safeties, the Syrian banked it up table and cleared the rack to level it once again at 3-3.

A great table-length cut on the 1 ball from Soufi set up the runout and restored his lead at 4-3. The next rack slowed the pace down as both players had visits as they traded safeties before Soufi fouled to give ball-in-hand to Sanchez and he kept himself together to restore parity as the intriguing match moved to 4-4.

Three off the break gave Soufi a great chance to restore his lead, but he failed to bank the 2 ball and left it hanging over the centre pocket. There were errors from both players before a double kiss from Sanchez left the 3 ball on for his opponent and Soufi ran it out for a 5-4 lead.

Both players had visits in the tenth game but it was Soufi who saw it out

Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz



to open up a two-rack lead at 6-4. That soon became a three-rack lead as a jump shot from Sanchez saw the cue ball fall favourably for Soufi.

Sanchez Ruiz took the next with a well-executed run out but Soufi reached the hill in the 13th rack as he whizzed through the table to put himself on the brink of his first major title. In a must win rack, Sanchez delivered a crusher which saw two balls drop and leave the 2 ball available. He made it and then locked Soufi in a tight snooker, which he escaped from but left the 3 ball on for Sanchez who pocketed it and ran out for 8-6.

Soufi's next break was both dry and illegal but left nothing easy for the incoming Sanchez. He didn't play the best safety and Soufi downed a long 1 ball to stay at the table. There was a 4/9 combination available and Soufi rattled the 9 ball but it stayed out.

Soufi tied up Sanchez in a tight snooker and Francisco had a flash at it that saw balls scatter across the table. Soufi then missed the 4 ball, as the drama mounted, and left it on for Sanchez. He looked favourite but made a shocking miss on the 7 ball to leave three balls between Soufi and the title which he duly executed for a terrific victory.

Soufi has caught the pool world's imagination with his speedy play and devil-may-care attitude around the table and it is something he wants to work on; "I play fast and sometimes I play so fast but I need some coaching in how to play slower at times. It's two or three seconds but I probably need to slow down on some shots. I'll always give my best and I know there are so many good players on the Euro Tour but I'm ready!"

Earlier, Francisco Sanchez Ruiz had beaten Alexander Kazakis 9-6 to move into the final, while Soufi squeezed past Niels Feijen 9-8. The Dynamic Billiard Euro Tour returns at St Johan Im Pongau, Austria on 14th April.

All the matches can be viewed live by visiting www.epbf.com/tournaments/eurotour/ and clicking on the 'LIVE' button. This will take you through to viewing options.

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OLIWIA ZALEWSKA

(POLAND) claimed her fifth Women's Euro Tour title in Tallinn today as she came through two hill-hill closing matches and beat Germany's Veronika Ivanovskaia 7-6 to win the EPBF Estonian Open. It was especially pleasing for Zalewska as she had endured a torrid previous twelve months as she searched for that elusive fifth title.

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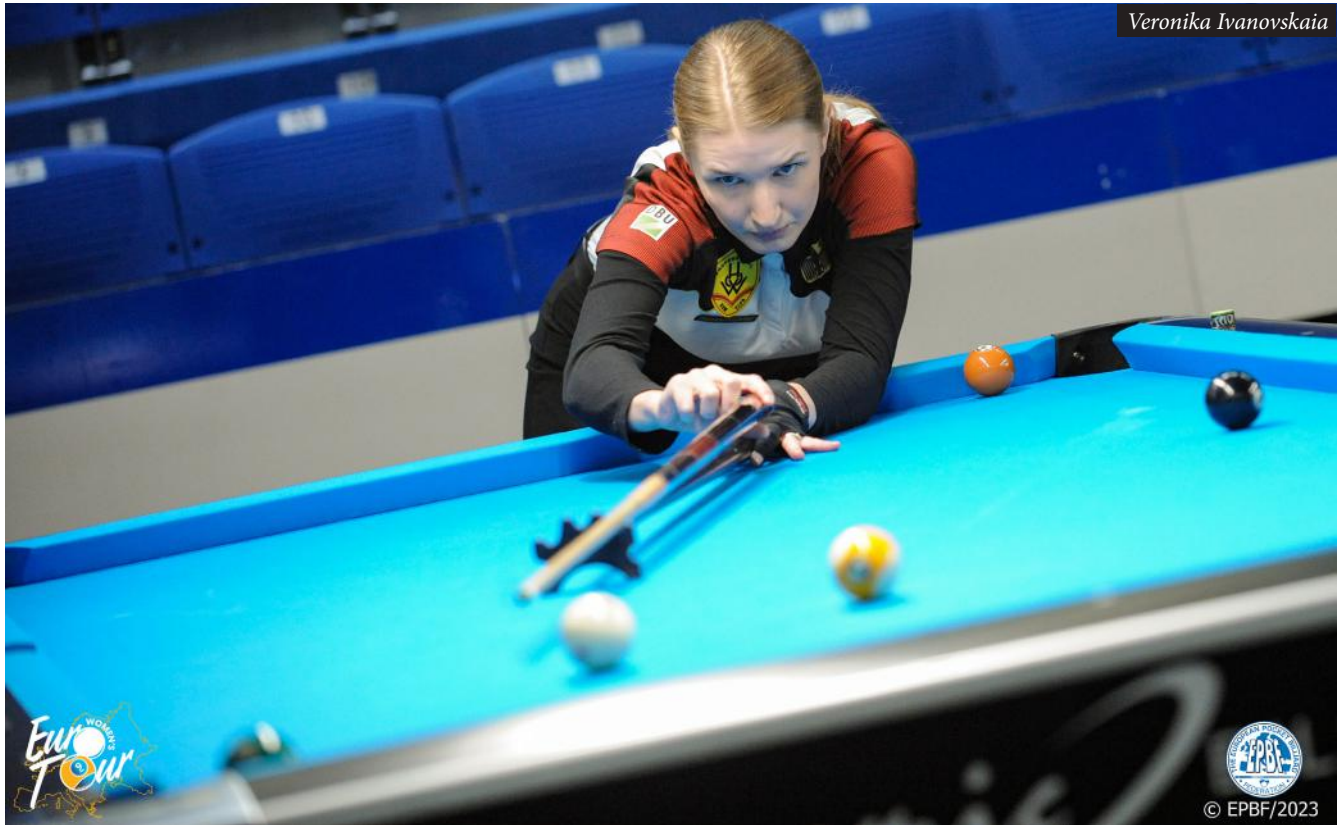
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“I think it was tough because the last couple of Euro Tours I was really, really bad and finished 13th and 17th place, you know, and I was waiting for that moment when I broke through with my game and started to enjoy playing and not be scared,” said Zalewska.

“So, I was really enjoying it and didn’t stress too much of course. It was quite emotional for a few moments. I’m so happy that I played well under pressure in two hill-hill matches.”

With the tournament played down to the final four, Zalewska faced No.1 ranked player, Eyllul Kibaroglu (Turkey) in her semi-final match and dug deep to clinch the match in the deciding rack to move herself into the final.

There she faced Ivanovskaia who had earlier defeated Melanie Sussenguth 7-4 to book her place in the final two. The German has only played in three of the last six Euro Tour events and

with a best placed finish of ninth, a final appearance was a welcome return to form.

Played out in the Kalev Sports Hall, the match was always close and inevitably went to a final rack decider. Understandably, the play went back and forth as both girls tried to keep it tight but in the end, it was Zalewska who prevailed.

She said, “I think my nerves influenced me in a positive way so I could focus more but sometimes when the emotion is too much it can go in another direction. We practice a lot to keep our nerves on a leash so I tried to be focused and tried to play as best as I could. It’s back to the practice table now and I’m looking forward to the next Euro Tour in April.”

It was Ivanovskaia’s second Euro Tour final and her performances throughout will give her hope that the best

is yet to come; “I honestly don’t think nerves cost me – I was actually, throughout the whole match, stable, not too nervous and in the moment. I really enjoyed myself out there and in the end, it didn’t really matter to me if I won or lost because I’m working a lot at the moment on the mental side of my game to truly enjoy what I’m doing.”

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dy brought, the event also attracted a large group of competitive young players, as well as a large number of newbies. Sandys’ dedication to the juniors pool in the Denver metro area is unmatched. She drove 50 miles round trip on Sunday to pick up some of her players.



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Each participant received a unique Bingo card which they brought to one of 10 tables. Eight stations (tables) were set up with individual challenge shots based on the player's skill level and two teaching tables were designated for video stroke analysis.



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The players went from station to station collecting Bingo punches to earn some amazing donated prizes. The format was received positively by families and Felt hopes to bring more events like this in the future.

Special Thanks to the many volunteers who helped organize the event, man stations and spread the word: our amazing photographer Ken Margetts, Sandy Kermoad, Zach Bryan, top player and instructor Chris McDaniel, top local player Marc Vidal, preeminent cue-maker Chris Byrne, Brooke Williamson, Cannon Russell, Greg & Brayden Gallegos, Jim Schultz, Mike Rowles, Central Park Menchies owner Lisa Smith, WPBA player Sara Miller, Ernie Castillo, and the friendly staff at Felt.

Samm is a Master-level instructor certified with the PBA (Professional Billiard Instructors Association) and the ACS (American Cue Sports), and a Senior-level Instructor with the Billiard University. She has nearly 20 years experience working with players of all ages and skill levels, from all over the world. She offers private and group instruction around the Denver metro area, as well as virtually to players from out of state.

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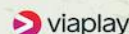
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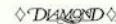


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The final names to complete the field will be announced in the coming days. Fans can hear more on these names soon by following Matchroom Pool on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok here.

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Zheng Xiao Huai to become the first Chinese player at a Matchroom event since 2019

The prize fund for the World Pool Masters 2023 will increase to \$125,000 with the winner now see to take home \$40,000 as China return on the international stage in Nineball for the first time since 2019 from May 10-13 at the Brentwood Centre, Essex in England. Already, the top 14 on the Nineball World Rankings after the World Pool Championship have qualified under-

lining the importance of the ranking system first introduced by Matchroom at the start of 2021 with Joshua Filler set to be seeded as number one after beating Lo Ho Sum in last year's final 9-6:

- 1 Joshua Filler Germany
- 2 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz Spain
- 3 Shane Van Boening USA
- 4 Mario He Austria
- 5 Albin Ouschan Austria
- 6 Jayson Shaw Great Britain
- 7 Wiktor Zielinski Poland
- 8 Max Lechner Austria
- 9 Alexander Kazakis Greece
- 10 Ko Pin Yi Chinese Taipei

- 11 Fedor Gorst
- 12 Niels Feijen Netherlands
- 13 Mohammad Soufi Syria
- 14 Eklent Kaci Albania

China's Zheng Xiao Huai becomes the first wild card with one more to be revealed in the coming weeks.

Tickets for pool's most historic invitational start from only £10 with fans able to soak in all four days of action for just £60. Tickets will go on priority sale to Matchroom Pool Club members on Monday, 20 February with general sale to follow Tuesday, 21 February.

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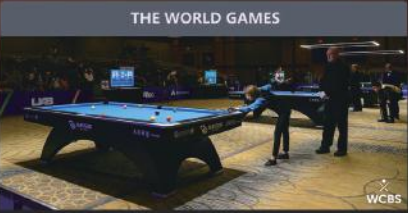
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Wins For **POLAND** And **SPAIN** In Tallinn

THE 2023 LONGONI 9 BALL LEAGUE got underway on Friday evening as two matches completed, giving wins to Poland and Spain at the Kalev Sports Hall in Tallinn. The two victorious pairs were finalists in last year's event and their form carried forward in Estonia.

The evening's programme was shortened as two of the matches were postponed due to travel issues for the competing players but the quality of pool was such to entertain the fans in attendance as well as viewers watching on the stream.

Defending champions Poland got off to a comfortable start as they beat Turkish North Cyprus 7-3. Wojciech Szewczyk, an ever-present last year, was joined by Miesko Fortunski who was making his Longoni 9 Ball League debut. The top two qualifying players

in the rankings were Wiktor Zielinski and Fortunski, but Zielinski's absence from the event gave Szewczyk the chance to continue his run.

Making their first appearance were the TNC pairing of Mustafa Alnar

Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz and David Alcaide



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(Euro Tour #26) and Osman Sanlisoy (ET#181). The Turkish Cypriots did well to keep themselves in the match in the early stages, holding their more experienced opponents at 2-2, before the Poles pulled away as they moved the score to 5-2.

A scratch following a jump shot from Fortunski, got the Northern Cypriots back to the table and they cleared up for 5-3. The Poles though, took the next to reach the hill. At 6-3 down, a solid break from Alnar gave Turkish North Cyprus a great chance to keep themselves in the match but Sanlisoy missed the 6 ball and it was game over as the defending champions took the victory.

Commented Szewczyk; “I’m the lucky guy today because I wanted to play in the doubles and wanted to carry on as it’s a lot of fun, good experience and there’s prizes as well. I’m just fortunate Wiktor couldn’t make it! It sounds bad but I benefitted from that and I was happy to be able to partner Miesko this time.”

Fortunski added, “I didn’t play last year in the Longoni tournament but I watched and enjoyed it and kept my fingers crossed for the Polish team. They made a good job of it and I’m really happy to have played with Wojciech tonight.”

The Spanish pair of David Alcaide and Francisco Ruiz are arguably the best



scotch doubles pairing in the world and they made it an unhappy Longoni debut for home-town players Dennis Grabe and Karl Gnadeberg of Estonia.

Spain got off to a flyer and had got to five racks before Estonia put their first one on the scoreboard. However, another dry break from the Estonians put the Spanish back at the table. And although it was a drawn-out rack, Spain prevailed to put themselves on the hill at 6-1.

They made no mistakes in what was the final rack to give themselves the perfect start to their 2023 campaign.

Full Results

Group A – Poland (Fortunski / Szewczyk) 7 – 3 Turkish North Cyprus

(Other group member – Austria)

Group B – Spain (Alcaide / Sanchez Ruiz) 7 – 1 Estonia (Grabe / Gnadeberg)

(Other group member – Czech Republic)

The other two matches scheduled for this evening – Norway v Switzerland in Group C and Germany v Netherlands in Group D were both deferred until the next Euro Tour stop in Austria in April as some of the players had flight issues and could not reach the venue in good time.

As per the format of the Longoni 9 Ball League, the bottom placed teams in the four groups from last year have been replaced for this season. That means that Albania, Greece, Serbia & Italy have stood down to be replaced with Czech Republic, Hungary, Turkish North Cyprus and Switzerland.

Play reconvenes at St Johan im Pongau, Austria with the second round of matches which take place on Friday 14th April.

Group A	Pts	LONGONI 9 BALL LEAGUE		Group B	Pts
Poland	1		Final	Spain	1
Austria	0			Estonia	0
Turkish North Cyprus	0			Czech Republic	0
Winner Group A v Winner Group C				Winner Group B v Winner Group D	
Group C	Pts	LONGONI MADE IN ITALY SINCE 1940		Group D	Pts
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	Germany	0		
Norway	0	Netherlands	0		
Switzerland	0	Hungary	0		

Nineball World Tour

Expands With Launch In Oceania

- *Nineball Oceania Tour launches in partnership with Australia's Pockets Sports*
- *Minimum of four ranking events for 2023*
- *Aim for Oceania Open to take place in 2024 joining other Matchroom major multi-table events*

Matchroom Pool is delighted to announce the beginning of the Nineball Oceania Tour in partnership with Pockets Sports promising at least four Nineball World Ranking events for players in the Oceania region in 2023 and the first-ever Oceania Open in 2024.

The launch of the tour underlines Matchroom's commitment to offering a fair and transparent system for all players wherever they are in the world to earn vital Nineball World Ranking points which opens the doors to the most-valued tournaments in the sport.



Pocket Sports is Oceania’s largest professional English 8 Ball Pool Promoter looking to venture into 9 Ball. The company hosts over 18 weekends of competitive and professional grade 8 ball and have over 160 contracted players, featuring players from all over Oceania.

Justin Sajich one of Australia’s leading players said: “I am excited that Matchroom Pool and Pockets Sports are collaborating to bring a world-class tournament to my home country. I haven’t played in a Matchroom event for over 12 months, and I am glad I now have one close to home. I know Arthur and Emily will put on a fantastic event that will attract top-class players from all around the world!”

Arthur Titus, Director of Pocket Sports is delighted to be moving into Nineball in partnership with the sport’s leading promoters: “It is an honour to be working with Emily and her team at Match-

room to bring Professional Nineball to the Oceania regions. Pockets Sports currently hosts over 15 weekends of professional 8-ball pool events and are excited to add Nineball to our calendar! This partnership with Matchroom will see Pockets host, organise, and broadcast four Nineball World Ranking Events this year alone and an Oceania Open with the aim to host at Crown Casino Melbourne in early 2024.”

“We are excited to venture into the Nineball scene and with the backing of Matchroom will see professional pool come to life on these parts of the world (fast-tracked). Pockets Sports are contract holders to over 150 of Australia & New Zealand’s top 8 ball players that will play in these events if given the opportunity. This is a massive step forward to player cross-coding.”

Emily Frazer Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director said: “We are on a mission to expand and grow the Nine-

ball World Ranking, and we welcome others to join our exciting journey as we do this. Oceania is a region with demand in 9-ball but with no local regular events players have a tough time to develop and being included within the Nineball ranking system.”

“The players travelling from Australia, New Zealand, and other countries to current Nineball World Ranking events, this collaboration with Pockets Sports gives them a fantastic opportunity to play locally and competitively, accumulating Nineball ranking points and prize money to then make the most valuable events. Pockets Sports have been integral to this launch, with a passionate Director in Arthur, I am confident this launch will be a successful one.”

Nineball Oceania Tour events will be open to all players with the four ranking events expected to fill up quickly.



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- *Second Junior Open to feature on Nineball World Tour*
- *Set to take place on June 2-3*
- *\$10,000 prize fund with winner and runner-up to also qualify for 2024 UK Open*

Matchroom Pool is delighted to announce the launch of the Jayson Shaw Junior Open at this year's UK Open set to run from May 30 to June 4.

Named after two-time Mosconi Cup MVP Shaw, the tournament will offer 64

of the best up-and-coming players the opportunity to play alongside the pros in the second edition of the UK Open at the Copper Box Arena, London.

As part of Matchroom's commitment to growing Nineball and offering

opportunities to all, the tournament will be the second junior open on the calendar alongside the SVB Junior Open which took place for the first time last year at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City during the US Open.

Carrying a prize fund of \$10,000, the JS Junior Open will be free to enter with junior players battling it out for a free spot in the 2024 UK Open and prize money during the penultimate stages of the main tournament on June 2-3. Juniors competing will also receive a custom jersey provided by Onboard Sportswear as well as Kamui chalk and cue tip.

The final will also be live-streamed on the Matchroom Pool social media pages with coverage also set to feature during the live broadcast on Sky Sports in the UK and networks worldwide.

Juniors competing in the tournament will not be eligible to compete in the main UK Open Pool Championship due to match schedules. As part of the entry to the JS Junior Open, juniors will be offered a free season pass for them and one adult to enjoy the whole UK Open to have time to study the world's best as they battle.

Entries will open on Tuesday, 7 March at 2 pm UK time.

Two-time Mosconi Cup MVP Jayson Shaw said: "It is an honour to have a Junior Open named after myself. I love seeing all these young players competing to become champions, it reminds me of when I was growing up trying to become a professional. It will be exciting for them to compete alongside top nineball players in the world, being able to learn from them as well as competing. These players are the future of the game so we need to support them, and guide them as they pur-

sue their goal of becoming champions themselves. I can't wait to watch them display their skills in London."

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer cannot wait to see what Juniors come through at this year's UK Open: "The SVB Junior Open was an overwhelming success last year and it has inspired us to put on, even more, Junior Opens this year alongside our main event. We want to develop the grassroots of Nineball, giving younger players the opportunity and experience in Matchroom events with television cameras and production. This will provide a great platform for up-and-coming players from the UK and beyond to compete in one of London's most historic sporting arenas. I'd like to take the chance to thank our partners at Sky Sports, Cuetec, Diamond Billiards, Aramith Balls, Iwan Simonis, Kamui, and Onboard Sportswear for making it possible."

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- 2 Mohammad Soufi \$30,000
- 3 Kun Lin Wu \$17,500
- 3 Mario He \$17,500
- 5 Albin Ouschan \$10,000
- 5 Jung-Lin Chang \$10,000
- 5 Niels Feijen \$10,000
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- 9 Denis Grabe \$6,000
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- 9 Mateusz Sniegocki \$6,000
- 9 Maximilian Lechner \$6,000
- 9 Sebastian Batkowski \$6,000
- 9 Shane Van Boening \$6,000
- 9 Wiktor Zielinski \$6,000
- 17 Alex Pagulayan \$3,000
- 17 Aloysius Yapp \$3,000
- 17 Ang Tuan Nguyen \$3,000
- 17 Daniel Maciol \$3,000
- 17 James Aranas \$3,000
- 17 Jayson Shaw \$3,000
- 17 Johann Chua \$3,000
- 17 Lars Kuckherm \$3,000
- 17 Mika Immonen \$3,000
- 17 Moritz Neuhausen \$3,000
- 17 Naoyuki Oi \$3,000
- 17 Petri Makkonen \$3,000
- 17 Pin-Yi Ko \$3,000
- 17 Ping-Chung Ko \$3,000
- 17 Thorsten Hohmann \$3,000
- 17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$3,000
- 33 Ajdin Piknjac \$1,500
- 33 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,500
- 33 Ali Al Obaidly \$1,500
- 33 Amil Andre Gangflot \$1,500
- 33 Besar Spahiu \$1,500
- 33 Chris Melling \$1,500

- 33 David Alcaide \$1,500
- 33 Dimitri Jungo \$1,500
- 33 Eklent Kaci \$1,500
- 33 Fabio Petroni \$1,500
- 33 Francesco Candela \$1,500
- 33 Gerson Martinez \$1,500
- 33 Hunter Lombardo \$1,500
- 33 Imran Majid \$1,500
- 33 Jan Van Lierop \$1,500
- 33 Jani Uski \$1,500
- 33 Jose Delgado \$1,500
- 33 Joshua Filler \$1,500
- 33 Khalid Alghamdi \$1,500
- 33 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$1,500
- 33 Lo Ho Sum \$1,500
- 33 Luong Duc Thien \$1,500
- 33 Marius Skoneczny \$1,500
- 33 Mickey Krause \$1,500
- 33 Nick Van Den Berg \$1,500
- 33 Oscar Dominguez \$1,500
- 33 Robbie Capito \$1,500
- 33 Roman Hybler \$1,500
- 33 Ruben Bautista \$1,500
- 33 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,500
- 33 Shane Wolford \$1,500
- 33 Tyler Styer \$1,500
- 65 Abdullah Al-Enezi \$500
- 65 Abdullah El Yousef \$500
- 65 Aziz Moussati \$500
- 65 Bader Al Awadi \$500
- 65 Billy Thorpe \$500
- 65 Daniel Guttenberger \$500
- 65 Daniele Corrieri \$500
- 65 Dimitris Loukatos \$500
- 65 Elliot Sanderson \$500
- 65 Iker Andoni Echeverria \$500
- 65 Jakub Koniar \$500
- 65 James Georgiadis \$500
- 65 Joao Grilo \$500
- 65 Joey Tate \$500
- 65 Jonas Souto Comino \$500
- 65 Marco Teutscher \$500
- 65 Martin Daigle \$500

- 65 Mason Koch \$500
- 65 Mats B. Schjetne \$500
- 65 Mustafa Alnar \$500
- 65 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$500
- 65 Oliver Szolnoki \$500
- 65 Omar Al Shaheen \$500
- 65 Pijus Labutis \$500
- 65 Ping Han Ko \$500
- 65 Radoslaw Babica \$500
- 65 Ralf Souquet \$500
- 65 Ronald Regli \$500
- 65 Sina Valizadeh \$500
- 65 Tobias Bongers \$500
- 65 Toh Lian Han \$500
- 65 Tomasz Kaplan \$500

Feb 02 - Feb 05

2023 Cajun Coast Classic 9-Ball

Pool Do's Sports Bar

Morgan City, Louisiana

- 1 Roland Garcia \$5,000
- 1 Roland Garcia \$4,700
- 2 Roberto Gomez \$3,000
- 2 Roberto Gomez \$2,400
- 3 Joven Bustamante \$1,500
- 3 Lee Vann Corteza \$1,600
- 4 Fedor Gorst \$1,200
- 4 Jeffrey De Luna \$675
- 5 Sergio Rivas \$650
- 5 Zach Marquartt \$650
- 7 John Gabriel \$400
- 7 Vitaliy Patsura \$400
- 9 Hunter White \$300
- 9 Kyle Bova \$300
- 9 Scott Frost \$300
- 9 Tony Chohan \$300
- 13 Drew Jordan \$210
- 13 Jeffrey De Luna \$210
- 13 Jimmy Randolph \$210
- 13 Josh Roberts \$210
- 17 Alvin Anggito \$150
- 17 Dallas Broussard \$150
- 17 Derek Fontenot \$150

17 Jacob Pennison \$150
17 Jay Hennessey \$150
17 Steve Lenz \$150
17 Tookie Babineaux \$150
17 Wesley Duke III \$150

Feb 02 - Feb 05

2023 Cajun Coast Classic Banks

Pool Do's Sports Bar

Morgan City, Louisiana
1 Roland Garcia \$2,400
2 Carlo Biado \$1,200
3 Can Salim \$500

Feb 04 - Feb 05

Sunshine State Predator Pro Am Tour 2023 Stop 1

Stroker's Billiards

Palm Harbor, FL
1 Rolando Aravena \$1,000
2 Raymond Linares \$760
3 Kodi Allen \$550
4 Lee Heuwagen \$400
5 Anthony Meglino \$275
5 Justin McNulty \$275
7 Casey Grove \$200
7 Donny Mills \$200
9 Bobby Garza \$150
9 Derek Santos \$150
9 Jay Winters \$150
9 Michael DeLawder \$150

Feb 04 - Feb 05

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Breaker Billiards

Clifton, NJ
1 Chris Farrell \$600
2 Juan Taveras \$300
3 Christian Taeza \$200
4 Bill Meima \$120
5 Brook Villa \$80
5 Frank Rodriguez \$80
7 Brenda Martinez \$60
7 Levy Lempaam \$60

Feb 04 - Feb 05

PremierBilliards.com Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Action Billiards

Inman, SC
1 Kirk Hixon \$900
2 Cameron Hollinsworth \$625
3 Josh Miller \$475
4 Chad Dill \$270
5 Casey Looper \$150
5 Sam Epps \$150
7 Dustin Brown \$110
7 Joe Bryant \$110

Cambridge, Maryland

1 Andrew Downs \$800
2 Willie Johnson \$495
3 Mike Saleh \$275
4 Coen Bell \$220
5 Brandon Foster \$175
5 Danny Bell \$175
7 Garrett Waechter \$120
7 John Moody Sr. \$120
9 Bethany Sykes \$80
9 David Stanley \$80
9 Huberth Alvarado \$80
9 Joe Feuka \$80

Feb 05 - Feb 05

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Gladi8or Billiards
Los Angeles, California
1 Spencer Ladin \$600
2 Cody Gragg \$420
3 Johnny Kang \$300
4 Christian Marqueses \$200
5 Bob Jocz \$120
5 Rudy Torres \$120
7 David Newcomb \$70
7 Rigoberto Morales \$70

Feb 05 - Feb 05

1st Annual B & L Tournaments Senior Open

Bank Shot Bar & Grill

Laurel, MD
1 Joseph Wright, Jr. \$700
2 Jimmy Varias \$350

3 Wes Ormrod \$220
4 Scott Hurley \$170
5 Andy Lincoln \$120
5 Curtis Fleshman \$120
7 Lou Wehage \$80
7 Paul Oh \$80

Feb 05 - Feb 05

B & L Tournaments 575 & Under

Bank Shot Bar & Grill

Laurel, MD
1 Danny Burtell \$170
2 Harshit Kedia \$340
3 Lai Li \$110
4 Lucas Kilgore \$70

Feb 07 - Feb 12

2023 Bayou State Classic One Pocket Division

Emerald Billiards

New Iberia, LA
1 Roberto Gomez \$7,500
2 Fedor Gorst \$4,000
3 Justin Hall \$2,500
4 Alex Pagulayan \$1,700
5 Roland Garcia \$900
5 Scott Frost \$900

Feb 07 - Feb 12

2023 Bayou State Classic One Ball One Pocket Division

Emerald Billiards

New Iberia, LA
1 Fedor Gorst \$2,300
2 Roberto Gomez \$1,380
3 Hunter White \$460
3 Lee Vann Corteza \$460

Feb 11 - Feb 12

PremierBilliards.com Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Buck's Billiards

Raleigh, North Carolina
1 Tony Pete \$600
2 PJ Schmidt \$400
3 Larry Hughes \$200
4 Justin Knuckles \$100

Feb 11 - Feb 12

B & L Tournaments 10-Ball Mini-Series Stop

Bank Shot Bar & Grill

Laurel, MD

- 1 Omer Abbasi \$430
- 2 Obed Rosario \$220
- 3 Justin Greber \$140
- 4 Rick Molineiro \$110
- 5 Derek Crothers \$80
- 5 Mike Denbow \$80
- 7 David Sund \$55
- 7 Linh Nguyen \$55

Feb 14 - Feb 20

Skinny Bob's Nineball Classic

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$6,600
- 2 Gabriel Martinez \$3,500
- 3 Michael Schneider \$2,500
- 4 Blaine Barcus \$1,800
- 5 Robbie Capito \$1,000
- 5 Roland Garcia \$1,000
- 7 John Gabriel \$600
- 7 Justin Martin \$600
- 9 Alejandro Calderon \$450
- 9 Jeffrey De Luna \$450
- 9 Jesus Atencio \$450
- 9 Joey Torres \$450
- 13 Alex Pagulayan \$300
- 13 Brian Sanders \$300
- 13 Justin Espinoza \$300
- 13 Naoyuki Oi \$300
- 17 Callum O'Donnell \$200
- 17 Eric Aicinena \$200
- 17 James Davis Jr. \$200
- 17 Jonathon Demet \$200
- 17 Nick De Leon \$200
- 17 Robert Flores \$200
- 17 Shane McMinn \$200
- 17 Vitaliy Patsura \$200
- 25 Bob Cavley \$100
- 25 James Davis Sr \$100
- 25 Luis Martinez \$100
- 25 Mark Nanashee \$100
- 25 Mike Durbin \$100
- 25 Roberto Gomez \$100

25 Ryan Braselman \$100

25 Tommy Tokoph \$100

Feb 14 - Feb 20

Skinny Bob's Nineball Classic One Pocket Div.

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$4,200
- 2 Roland Garcia \$2,200
- 3 Roberto Gomez \$1,300
- 4 Tommy Tokoph \$975
- 5 Jeffrey De Luna \$550
- 5 Raed Shabib \$550
- 7 Alex Pagulayan \$350
- 7 Jerry Calderon \$350

Feb 14 - Feb 20

Skinny Bob's Nineball Classic Ladies Div.

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Sakura Miramatsu \$1,900
- 2 Savannah Easton \$1,000
- 3 Tara Williams \$660
- 4 Tina Pawloski Malm \$460
- 5 April Larson \$260
- 5 Kim Sanders \$260
- 7 Angie Payne \$180
- 7 Jennifer Kraber \$180

Feb 15 - Feb 17

2023 Dynamic Billiard Estonian Open

Kalev Sport Hall

Tallinn,

- 1 Mohammad Soufi \$6,392
- 2 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$4,901
- 3 Alexandros Kazakis \$3,196
- 3 Niels Feijen \$3,196
- 5 Daniel Maciol \$1,598
- 5 Mateusz Sniegocki \$1,598
- 5 Miesko Fortunski \$1,598
- 5 Wojciech Szewczyk \$1,598
- 9 Denis Grabe \$1,065
- 9 Jere Virtaranta \$1,065
- 9 Konstantinos Koudiakis \$1,065

9 Nicolar Ernst \$1,065

9 Petri Makkonen \$1,065

9 Roman Hybler \$1,065

9 Ronald Regli \$1,065

9 Tomasz Kaplan \$1,065

17 David Alcaide \$639

17 Dimitris Loukatos \$639

17 Ivan Belmonte \$639

17 Jani Uski \$639

17 Joao Grilo \$639

17 Jose Alberto Delgado \$639

17 Karl Gnadeberg \$639

17 Mats B. Schjetne \$639

17 Michel Rehepapp \$639

17 Miguel Silva \$639

17 Mikael Odgaard \$639

17 Mustafa Alnar \$639

17 Ole Kristian Rudshavn \$639

17 Oliver Szolnoki \$639

17 Pijus Labutis \$639

17 Yuma Dornier \$639

33 Adam Stankiewicz \$319

33 Amil Andre Gangflot \$319

33 Arseny Sevastyanov \$319

33 Carlos Belmonte Blanca \$319

33 George Antonakis \$319

33 Gert Maimre \$319

33 Kim Laaksonen \$319

33 Luca Menn \$319

33 Mika Riikonen \$319

33 Nikita Rudenko \$319

33 Osman Sanlisoy \$319

33 Riku Romppainen \$319

33 Salvador Garcia Fernandez \$319

33 Sebastian Batkowski \$319

33 Stanislav Saiov \$319

33 Szymon Kural \$319

Feb 18 - Feb 19

Northeast 9-Ball Open XXXIV

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

1 Nicolas Charette \$1,100

2 Ron Casanzio \$800

3 Dan Sharlow \$600

4 Bruce Carroll \$450

5 Bucky Souvanthong \$325

5 Len Gianfrate \$325
7 Geoff Montgomery \$200
7 Holden Chin \$200
9 Jamie Garrett \$100
9 Jordan Turner \$100
9 Michael Toohig \$100
9 Ray McNamara \$100

Feb 18 - Feb 18

Tiger Florida Tour 2023 Stop 2

Stix Billiards Oldsmar

Tampa, Florida

1 Stephanie Mitchell \$675
2 Kaylee McIntosh \$425
3 Debbie McIntosh \$250
3 Sofia Mast \$250
5 Jessica Barnes \$125
5 Kim Caso \$125
5 Kim Housman \$125
5 Michell Monk \$125

Feb 18 - Feb 19

Jay Swanson "Swanee" Memorial 9-Ball Tournament 2023

Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

1 Jung-Lin Chang \$2,000
2 Sharik Sayed \$1,200
3 Shane Van Boening \$800
4 Aloysius Yapp \$600
5 Feri Satriyadi \$350
5 Lian-Han Toh \$350
7 Desmond Goh \$200
7 Silviana Lu \$200
9 Ian Costello \$140
9 Jordan Holman \$140
9 Richard Burns \$140
9 Trick Sixty \$140
13 Dwayne Guillory \$120
13 Josh Kondo \$120
13 Marshall Jung \$120
13 Ruben Silva \$120

Feb 18 - Feb 20

2023 Euro Tour Women's Estonian Open

Kalev Sport Hall

Tallinn,

1 Oliwia Zalewska \$1,598
2 Veronika Ivanovskaia \$1,065
3 Eylul Kybaroglu \$852
3 Melanie Suessenguth \$852
5 Bojana Sarac \$639
5 Ina Kaplan \$639
5 Louise Furberg \$639
5 Veronika Hubrtova \$639

Feb 18 - Feb 19

2023 Maryland State Amateur 8-Ball Championships

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard

Glen Burnie, Maryland

1 Charles Randall \$1,000
2 Chenxu Wei \$750
3 Seth Harris \$535
4 Danny Hauser \$375
5 Alex Parker \$225
5 Moe Mozannar \$225
7 Bill Bickford \$175
7 Edward Mejia \$175
9 Joseph Sennett \$125
9 Kane Miller \$125
9 Vince Biondo \$125
9 William Bracey \$125
13 Jay Heilbrun \$80
13 Joe Garofalo \$80
13 Nick Lorah \$80
13 Shaun Stevens \$80
17 Gus Claros \$65
17 Jeff Spelman \$65
17 Joe DePascal \$65
17 Mike Garnett \$65
17 Philip Houser \$65
17 Ray Fitchett \$65
17 Suresh Suryawanshi \$65
17 TJ Fitzgerald \$65

Feb 18 - Feb 19

2023 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 2

Tailgaters Sports Bar

Frisco, Texas

1 Ruben Adame \$1,520
2 Clint Freeman \$1,075
3 Josh Hemsoth \$820
4 Tim Larson \$575
5 Miguel Hernandez \$420

5 Pete Stoval \$420
7 Brian Cady \$320
7 Jonathan Rawlins \$320
9 Chase LaFerney \$220
9 Jeff Turney \$220
9 Joseph Geesling \$220
9 Rodger Shaffer \$220
13 Annie Flores \$120
13 Bryson Redburn \$120
13 Jeff Sullivan \$120
13 Jesus Sorto \$120

Feb 18 - Feb 18

Predator Tri State Tour 2023 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

1 Ronnie Xu \$845
2 Ambi Estevez \$550
3 Juan Melendez \$270
3 Rachel Lang \$270
5 Daniel Torres \$110
5 Don Henriquez \$110
5 Hoa Vu \$110
5 Kevin Serodio \$110
9 Brian Schell \$70
9 Jason Caradang \$70
9 Mike Tritto \$70
9 Pascal Dufresne \$70

Feb 18 - Feb 19

PremierBilliards.com Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC

1 DJ Brads \$700
2 JT Ringgold \$400
3 Jack Whitfield \$250
4 Tracy Hardie \$125
5 Eddie Williams \$100
5 Justin Knuckles \$100

Feb 18 - Feb 19

Northeast 9-Ball Open XXXIV Second Chance

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

1 Rohit Aggarwal \$320

- 2 Joe Wysocki \$220
- 3 Mike Renshaw \$160
- 4 Greg Bombard \$100
- 5 Nick Coppola \$60
- 5 Roger Lakotko \$60

Feb 19 - Feb 21

Shane Van Boening vs Tony Chohan One Pocket Rematch

Griff's

- Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1 Shane Van Boening \$0

Feb 22 - Feb 26

2023 Alfa Las Vegas Open

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

- Las Vegas, NV
- 1 Wiktor Zielinski \$25,000
- 2 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$13,000
- 3 Daniel Maciol \$7,500
- 3 Quoc Hoang Duong \$7,500
- 5 Bader Al Awadi \$4,000
- 5 Jung-Lin Chang \$4,000
- 5 Shane Van Boening \$4,000
- 5 Vitaliy Patsura \$4,000
- 9 David Alcaide \$2,000
- 9 Joshua Filler \$2,000
- 9 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$2,000
- 9 Kun Lin Wu \$2,000
- 9 Maximilian Lechner \$2,000
- 9 Mika Immonen \$2,000
- 9 Oliver Szolnoki \$2,000
- 9 Pin-Yi Ko \$2,000
- 17 Albin Ouschan \$1,200
- 17 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,200
- 17 Alvin Anggito \$1,200
- 17 Denis Grabe \$1,200
- 17 Eklent Kaci \$1,200
- 17 Evan Lunda \$1,200
- 17 Fedor Gorst \$1,200
- 17 Jesus Atencio \$1,200
- 17 Mario He \$1,200
- 17 Mieszko Fortunski \$1,200
- 17 Petri Makkonen \$1,200
- 17 Pijus Labutis \$1,200
- 17 Roland Garcia \$1,200
- 17 Tyler Styer \$1,200
- 17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$1,200

- 17 Yu-Lung Chang \$1,200
- 33 Alan Rolon \$585
- 33 Aleksa Pecelj \$585
- 33 Alex Pagulayan \$585
- 33 Aloysius Yapp \$585
- 33 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$585
- 33 Hunter Lombardo \$585
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- 33 Lee Vann Corteza \$585
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- 33 Mateusz Sniegocki \$585
- 33 Michael Schneider \$585
- 33 Nick De Leon \$585
- 33 Omar Al Shaheen \$585
- 33 Ping-Chung Ko \$585
- 33 Ralf Souquet \$585
- 33 Sina Valizadeh \$585
- 33 Sullivan Clark \$585
- 33 Szymon Kural \$585
- 33 Yoshihiro Kitatani \$585
- 33 Yukio Akagariyama \$585

Feb 24 - Feb 27

Alfa Women's Las Vegas Open 2023

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

- Las Vegas, NV
- 1 Seo Seo \$13,000
- 2 Meng-Hsia Hung \$7,000
- 3 Kristina Zlateva \$4,000
- 3 Silvana Lu \$4,000
- 5 Chieh-Yu Chou \$2,500
- 5 Eylul Kybaroglu \$2,500
- 5 Kelly Fisher \$2,500
- 5 Kristina Tkach \$2,500
- 9 Chia Hua Chen \$1,000

- 9 Hsin-Yu Li \$1,000
- 9 Jasmin Ouschan \$1,000
- 9 Marharyta Fefilava \$1,000
- 9 Shui Ching Chiang \$1,000
- 9 Tzu-Chien Wei \$1,000
- 9 Wan-Ling Wang \$1,000
- 9 Yu-Hsuan Fan \$1,000
- 17 Allison Fisher \$500
- 17 Brittany Bryant \$500
- 17 Eleanor Callado \$500
- 17 Jackeline Perez \$500
- 17 Kim Bogeon \$500
- 17 Nguyen Bich Tram \$500
- 17 Woo-Jin Lee \$500
- 17 Yi-Yun Su \$500

Feb 25 - Feb 26

PremierBilliards.com Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Breaktime Billiards

- Cary, NC
- 1 Mike Davis \$1,100
- 2 Brian White \$700
- 3 Hunter White \$450
- 4 Clint Clark \$300
- 5 Don Lilly \$160
- 5 Joshua Padron \$160
- 7 Barry Mashburn \$100
- 7 Scott Howard \$100

Feb 25 - Feb 26

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Diamond Jim's Billiards

- Nanuet, NY
- 1 Aiden Wagner \$750
- 2 Ray Marisette \$400
- 3 Jennifer Pedutem \$260
- 4 Thomas Schunke \$180
- 5 Brooke Nasta \$130
- 5 Ed Hiem \$130
- 7 Aaron Wagner \$100
- 7 Tommy Migliore \$100
- 9 Angelo Felix, Jr. \$70
- 9 David Marchant \$70
- 9 Giancarlo Delgado \$70
- 9 Henri Hernandez \$70

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MARCH

13th N.E. Pool & Billiard Hall of Fame 9-Ball Open

Mar 04 - Mar 05

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill
Providence, RI

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Mar 05 - Mar 05

Gladi8or Billiards
Los Angeles, California

US Open 8-Ball Championship 2023

Mar 05 - Mar 08

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

US Open 10-Ball Championship 2023

Mar 05 - Mar 08

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

Premier League Pool

Mar 06 - Mar 13

Morningside Arena
Leicester,

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 12

Mar 11 - Mar 12

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2023 Stop 2

Mar 11 - Feb 12

Skip and Jan's Sports Bar
Gilbert, Arizona

WPBA Sondheim Kiwanis Invitational

Mar 15 - Mar 19

Fairfield Arts and Convention Center
Fairfield, Iowa

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 13

Mar 18 - Mar 19

Brickhouse Billiards
N. Syracuse, New York

Monica Webb Battle of the Junior Champions

Mar 24 - Mar 26

Stix Billiards
Villa Rica, Georgia

Tiger Florida Tour 2023 Stop 3

Mar 25 - Mar 25

Brewlands Bar & Billiards
Lakeland, FL

Capone's 2023 Florida Pro Cup Series Stop 1

Mar 29 - Apr 03

Capone's Billiard Lounge
Spring Hill, FL

The Rack One Pocket Classic

Mar 30 - Apr 02

The Rack Billiards
Fresno, California

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 14

Apr 01 - Apr 02

Yale Billiards
Wallingford, Connecticut

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Apr 02 - Apr 02

Gladi8or Billiards
Los Angeles, California

2023 Scotty Townsend Memorial Open 9-Ball

Apr 25 - Apr 30

Arena Billiards
West Monroe, LA

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 15

Apr 29 - Apr 30

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2023 Stop 3

Apr 29 - Apr 30

El Paso, Texas


NWPA Tour 2023 Stop 1

Apr 29 - Apr 30

Legends Billiard Room
Beaverton, Oregon

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	Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	 ESP	65.486,00 US\$	↑
	Mohammad Soufi	 GER	36.392,00 US\$	↑
	Shane Van Boening	 USA	35.700,00 US\$	↓
	Chieh-Yu Chou	 TPE	32.500,00 US\$	↓
	Wiktor Zielinski	 POL	31.000,00 US\$	↑
	Roberto Gomez	 PHI	28.480,00 US\$	↑
	Roland Garcia	 PHI	25.100,00 US\$	↑
	Seo Seoa	 KOR	25.000,00 US\$	↑
	Tony Chohan	 USA	25.000,00 US\$	↓



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