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DYNAMIC ITALY OPEN 2006

IMRAN MAJID FIRST BRIT TO WIN A EUROTOUR-STOP





Winner Imran Majid

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> As a matter-of-fact, it has been a question of time, until a British player would manage to enter the winner's circle of the Euro-Tour. Too remarkable was both the increased quantity and quality of British players on the tour within the last two years. At the Dynamic Italy Open, the altogether 77th tournament in the history of the tour, time has finally come. After already reaching the semifinals in two of the last three previous tourstops before, Imran Majid went two steps ahead and not only entered the final with a clear 9-5 against European No. 3 Niels Feijen

(NL). Profiting from his highly efficient break, Majid also bested overall-ranking leader Thomas Engert (GER) in the title match with 9-4 to win the inaugural Eurotour-title for a British player. Together with his 9-6 quarterfinal-victory against current No. 2 in Europe, Feijen's fellow-countryman Nick van den Berg, he managed to beat the Top 3 of the European overall rankings in a row in one single tournament. Beside this historic achievement, his success pushed him also to the No. 3 of the overall rankings, closely behind still leading Engert and van den Berg. And his chances to further improve there and maybe to

improve there and maybe to become the first British player to lead the European rankings are not the worst. Due to the fact, that still better placed Engert and van den Berg have to defend a lot more points than Majid in the upcoming tourstop in Sindelfingen/Germany, it is maybe a question of days, until Majid will conquer the European pole position.

ABOUT IBPF

International Billiard Promotion Foundation (IBPF), that is the new organizer's name of the poolbilliard Eurotour, the only existing successfull European professional tournament series in pool for now over 12 years. The IBPF is the exclusive partner of the European Pocket Billard Federation (EPBF). With its whole power and engagement, the IBPF, decisively supported by Eurotour titlesponsor Dynamic Billard, wants to further develope the Eurotour with a completely revised system.















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EUROTOUR-STARTER AT 9-BALL WC 2006

The 30.04.2006 was the cut off date for the determination of the WC starting places. According to the qualification guidelines, which have been modified in co-operation with the world federation WPA and used for the first time in 2005, again the continental federations did not get a firm quota of starting places like in the years before; on the contrary these spots were generally assigned to prestigious tournaments and championships. After evaluation of all results it is certain now that at present altogether 38 sportsmen originating from Europe already have their starting authorization for the 9-Ball WC. Again also here the enormous significance of the Euro-Tour is clear in the international comparison. Thus not less than 28 of these 38 European starters acquired themselves their starting authorization on the tour, which like in 2005 corresponds to a quota of nearly 75%. Of the remaining ten qualifiers, six could have likewise went to the WC via the Euro-Tour, if they had not been qualified already in a higher category. Here follows a list of the 28 Euro-Tour qualifiers to the 9-Ball WC: Nick van den Berg (NL), Marcus Chamat (SWE), Markus Juva (FIN), Thomas Engert, Andreas Roschkowsky, Christian Reimering (all GER) and Darren Appleton (GB), as each of them has at least reached one Top 4-Finish on the

Euro-Tour between 01.05.05 and 30.04.06.

At the cut-off date 30.04.06 the Germans Jorn Kaplan, Sven Pauritsch, Michael Schmidt and Thorsten Hohmann, British Daryl Peach, Andy Worthington and Kevin Uzzell, Dutch Huidji See, Marcel Martens and Alex Lely plus Fabio Petroni (ITA), Sandor Tot (SCG), Vilmos Foldes (HUN), Radoslaw Babica (PL), David Alcaide (ESP), Harun Arslan (TR), und young Russian Konstantin Stepanov were among the Top 28 of the Euro-Tour overall rankings. The following four players are listed in the Euro-Tour overall rankings worse than place 28 and represent four further European nations: Philip Stojanovic (CRO), Benjamin Belhassen (FRA), Evangelos Vettas (GRE) and Roger Lysholm for Norway.Ten Europeans have qualified for the WC otherwise: Ralf Souquet, Oliver Ortmann (both GER), Marco Tschudi (CH), Niels Feijen (NL), Imran Majid (GB), David Larsson (SWE), Tony Drago (MLT) and Vincent Facquet (FRA) used the European Championships 2005 as jump board to Asia. British Raj Hundal and Roman Hybler from the Czech Republic had already secured their spot for 2006 through having reached the Last 16 at the World 9-Ball Championships of the past year.

DIAMOND 9 SERIES INFO

A lot of important revises have helped to further increase the standard of the EPBF Eurotour. What has been already successful in the past, was now further developed for the sake of pool billiards sports in general as the "Diamond 9 Series". Long-termed contracts with organizers onspot are the key-point. They help all involved parties like players, visitors, sponsors and media, to plan for their respective purposes. Additionally, the total prize-money was increased to now €36,000.

2006-01-18 - 2006-01-21 Dynamic Czech Open Praha/ Czech Republic

2006-04-12 - 2006-04-16 Dynamic Italy Open Monfalcone / Italy

2006-05-03 - 2006-05-07 Dynamic German Open Sindelfingen / Germany

2006-06-07 - 2006-06-11 Patrick's Austria Open Rankweil / Austria

2006-09-06 - 2006-09-10 Dynamic Netherlands Open Weert / Netherlands

2006-10-04 - 2006-10-08 Dynamic Swiss Open Frauenfeld/ Switzerland

2006-12-06 - 2006-12-10 Dynamic Costa del Sol Open Malaga / Spain



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PI Name

1 ENGERT Thomas

5 CHAMAT Marcus

6 REIMERING Christian

11 ROSCHKOWSKY Andreas GER

3 MAJID Imran

4 FEIJEN Niels

7 PEACH Daryl

8 SOUQUET Ralf

9 PETRONI Fabio

10 KAPLAN Jorn

12 TOT Sandor

13 FOLDES Vilmos

14 PAURITSCH Sven

15 BABICA Radoslaw

16 SCHMIDT Michael

17 TSCHUDI Marco

18 ALCAIDE David

20 ARSLAN Harun

23 HYBLER Roman

24 MARTENS Marcel

27 UZZELL Kevin

30 BELKA Jakob

31 KAPLAN Tomasz

28 LELY Alex

21 SEE Huidji

19 ORTMANN Oliver

22 STEPANOV Konstatin

25 WORTHINGTON Andy

26 HOHMANN Thorsten

29 STOJANOVIC Philipp

2 VAN DEN BERG Nick



TOUR STOP TOP 32

PI	Name	Nat.	Pts
1	MAJID Imran	GB	630
2	ENGERT Thomas	GER	510
3	FEIJEN Niels	NL	420
3	PAURITSCH Sven	GER	420
5	CHAMAT Marcus	SWE	350
5	SKOWERSKI Karol	PL	350
5	TOT Sandor	SCG	350
5	VAN DEN BERG Nick	NL	350
9	ALCOBERRO David	ESP	300
9	GRAY Mark	GB	300
9	KAPLAN Jorn	GER	300
9	PEACH Daryl	GB	300
9	SCHMIDT Michael	GER	300
9	SNIEGOCKI Mateusz	PL	300
9	SOUQUET Ralf	GER	300
9	UZZELL Kevin	GB	300
17	ARSLAN Harun	TR	275
17	COHEN Stephane	FRA	275
17	COMAS Paris	ESP	275
17	DRAGO Tony	MLT	275
17	FOLDES Vilmos	HUN	275
17	JONES Ricardo	GB	275
17	KRISTOFFERSEN Kasper	DEN	275
17	LELY Alex	NL	275
17	MURATORE Bruno	ITA	275
17	OUSCHAN Albin Jr.	AUT	275
17	PETRONI Fabio	ITA	275
17	RILEY Craig	GB	275
17	ROTER Mariusz	PL	275
17	STOLKA Harald	GER	275
17	TSCHUDI Marco	CH	275
17	WORTHINGTON Andy	GB	275

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EURO RANKING TOP 32 RANKINGS

Pts

2575

2380

2320

2280

2175

2075

1970

1920

1895

1845

1805

1770

1730

1730

1725

1725

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1610

1605

1605

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1595

1590

1580

1560

1545

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Nat.

GER

NL

SWE

GER

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PICTURES

Champion Imran Majid proudly presents the trophy.



Runner-up Thomas Engert performing a jump-shot.

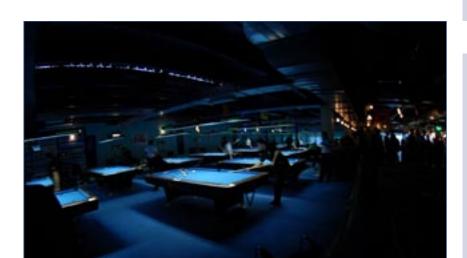


The Top 4 of the Dynamic Italy Open: from left to right runner-up Thomas Engert, semi-finalist Sven Pauritsch, Champion Imran Majid, semi-finalist Niels Feijen.

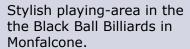
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PICTURES





Eurotour Overall Champion 2005 Niels Feijen during his semi-final against Imran Majid.



Young German Sven Pauritsch proved his status of being a promising talent through reaching his inaugural Euro-Tour semi-final.