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IMRAN MAJID FIRST BRIT TO WIN A EUROTOUR-STOP

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Winner Imran Majid

> 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 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

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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 on-spot 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

TOUR STOP TOP 32

Pl	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

Pl	Name	Nat.	Pts
1	ENGERT Thomas	GER	2575
2	VAN DEN BERG Nick	NL	2380
3	MAJID Imran	GB	2320
4	FEIJEN Niels	NL	2280
5	CHAMAT Marcus	SWE	2175
6	REIMERING Christian	GER	2075
7	PEACH Daryl	GB	1970
8	SOUQUET Ralf	GER	1920
9	PETRONI Fabio	ITA	1895
10	KAPLAN Jorn	GER	1845
11	ROSCHKOWSKY Andreas	GER	1805
12	TOT Sandor	SCG	1770
13	FOLDES Vilmos	HUN	1730
14	PAURITSCH Sven	GER	1730
15	BABICA Radoslaw	PL	1725
16	SCHMIDT Michael	GER	1725
17	TSCHUDI Marco	CH	1675
18	ALCAIDE David	ESP	1670
19	ORTMANN Oliver	GER	1660
20	ARSLAN Harun	TR	1650
21	SEE Huidji	NL	1640
22	STEPANOV Konstatin	RUS	1610
23	HYBLER Roman	CZ	1605
24	MARTENS Marcel	NL	1605
25	WORTHINGTON Andy	GB	1605
26	HOHMANN Thorsten	GER	1595
27	UZZELL Kevin	GB	1590
28	LELY Alex	NL	1580
29	STOJANOVIC Philipp	CRO	1560
30	BELKA Jakob	GER	1545
31	KAPLAN Tomasz	PL	1540
32	ZOLOTILOV Konstantin	RUS	1535

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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.



PICTURES

Stylish playing-area in the the Black Ball Billiards in Monfalcone.



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.