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MARCUS CHAMAT GETS HIS THIRD TOUR-TITLE



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Winner Marcus Chamat

> Again Patrick's Canadian tavern, the venue of the ImproveYourPool.com Austria Open 2006, proved to be a good place for Scandinavian players. For the altogether fourth time in consequence the victory went to a participant from the high north of Europe. After the Swede Nicolas Bergendorff and Markus Juva from Finland in the years 2003 and 2005 it was now as in 2004 "Little Big" Swede Marcus Chamat, who could secure himself the winner's trophy during the fourth Euro-Tour of the current season. As the only one of the altogether 201 players from 31 different nations, who traveled to

Rankweil, he remained undefeated in the whole tournament process and got himself to his altogether third title on the tour at all. In the title match, Chamat stood up to the Dutchman Nick van den Berg with 7-10 and herewith prevented van den Bergs second tour victory in this year. The third places were occupied by Van den Bergs fellow-countryman Niels Feijen and the German Thomas Engert, who could herewith defend his leading in the overall-rankings successfully against Feijen and Van den Berg, who improved to third place. Only a few points behind the overall Top 3 is Rankweil-quarter-finalist Imran Majid (GB), before then on overall-place No. 5 the tournament winner Chamat is noted. However, for defending and/or improving this outstanding position, a hard piece of work is waiting for Chamat in the next tour stop in the Netherlands. As the runner-up of the previous year, at that time he lost the title-match of Weert against Feijen, he has to defend the most points compared with the Top 4 of the overall-rankings. At least for the moment that might make a further improvement in the overall-rankings for Chamat clearly more difficult.

◀ ABOUT IBPF

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



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TOTAL PRICE MONEY RISES TO 40.000,00 EURO

With the commitment of ImproveYourPool.com, the new title sponsor for the remaining Euro-Tour stops in 2006, also the prize money could be raised at these stops lastingly. Both with the ImproveYourPool.com Austria Open and also for the tour stops in the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland the total price money will reach the "magic

mark" of 40.000,00 euro per tour stop for the first time in the history of the euro-tour. Increasing the prize money of 28.000,00 Euro paid in a single tournament in the year 2003 up to today's 40.000,00 Euro means a plus of more than 40%, which is a further component in the success history of the euro-tour in the past years.

EURO-TOUR STOPS AIRED AT EUROSPORT 1

After detailed discussions with the program planners of EUROSPORT, the Euro-Tour organizer IBPF can now announce a large success. Thus one agreed with the leading European Sports broadcaster on the fact that the Euro-Tour presence at their first Channel will be developed substantially. Although the Euro-Tour 2006, consisting of seven tournaments, can further be seen completely on EUROSPORT 2, the transmissions of the Dynamic Italy Open,

the Dynamic German Open and the ImproveYourPool.com Austria Open managed into the first channel of EUROSPORT, which is freely receivable for many millions spectators all over Europe. Between June, 16th., and July, 17th, there are to be seen seven one-hour summaries of the before mentioned tour stops at attractive transmission places on EUROSPORT. You can find the exact transmission dates under www.epbf.com.

NEW EURO-TOUR WEBSITE GOES ONLINE

In the future all activities around the Euro tour are bundled on the newly released Internet-platform www.eurotour.nu. That is the result of a successful test in the context of the ImproveYourPool.com Austria Open. The site registered more than nine million accesses during

the tour stop and in the top more than 7,500 spectators pursued the Internet-Livestream of this tournament simultaneously, and that despite the competition of highly regarded sports-events like the Football WC and the Tennis Grand Slam tournament of Roland Garros/France.

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
Prague/ 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
ImproveYourPool.com Austria Open
Rankweil / Austria

2006-09-06 - 2006-09-10
ImproveYourPool.com Dutch Open
Weert / Netherlands

2006-10-04 - 2006-10-08
ImproveYourPool.com Swiss Open
Frauenfeld/ Switzerland

2006-12-06 - 2006-12-10
ImproveYourPool.com Costa del
Sol Open, Malaga / Spain

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TOUR STOP TOP 32

| Pl | Name | Nat. | Pts |
|----|---------------------|------|-----|
| 1 | CHAMAT Marcus | SWE | 630 |
| 2 | VAN DEN BERG Nick | NL | 510 |
| 3 | ENGERT Thomas | GER | 420 |
| 3 | FEIJEN Niels | NL | 420 |
| 5 | DRAGO Tony | MLT | 350 |
| 5 | REIMERING Christian | GER | 350 |
| 5 | MAJID Imran | GB | 350 |
| 5 | ORTMANN Oliver | GER | 350 |
| 9 | PEACH Daryl | GB | 300 |
| 9 | HYBLER Roman | CZ | 300 |
| 9 | OSBORNE Craig | GB | 300 |
| 9 | TEGE Sascha | GER | 300 |
| 9 | BABICA Radoslaw | PL | 300 |
| 9 | ALCAIDE David | ESP | 300 |
| 9 | PETRONI Fabio | ITA | 300 |
| 9 | STEPANOV Konstantin | RUS | 300 |
| 17 | ALCOBERRO David | ESP | 275 |
| 17 | CANKURT Mehmet | TR | 275 |
| 17 | FULCHER Jonni | SUI | 275 |
| 17 | JUVA Markus | FIN | 275 |
| 17 | KAPLAN Jorn | GER | 275 |
| 17 | LOPEZ David | ESP | 275 |
| 17 | LYSHOLM Roger | NOR | 275 |
| 17 | PAURITSCH Sven | GER | 275 |
| 17 | QUITADAMO Michele | ITA | 275 |
| 17 | SANNWALD Jochen | GER | 275 |
| 17 | SMIT Gilliano | NL | 275 |
| 17 | SOUQUET Ralf | GER | 275 |
| 17 | TOT Sandor | SCG | 275 |
| 17 | UZZELL Kevin | GB | 275 |
| 17 | WORTHINGTON Andy | GB | 275 |
| 17 | ZVILAR Zoran | SCG | 275 |

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EURO RANKING TOP 32

| Pl | Name | Nat. | Pts |
|----|----------------------|------|------|
| 1 | ENGERT Thomas | GER | 2645 |
| 2 | FEIJEN Niels | NL | 2425 |
| 3 | VAN DEN BERG Nick | NL | 2390 |
| 4 | MAJID Imran | GB | 2370 |
| 5 | CHAMAT Marcus | SWE | 2335 |
| 6 | REIMERING Christian | GER | 2125 |
| 7 | ORTMANN Oliver | GER | 2010 |
| 8 | SOUQUET Ralf | GER | 1895 |
| 9 | ALCAIDE David | ESP | 1825 |
| 10 | PETRONI Fabio | ITA | 1820 |
| 11 | BABICA Radoslaw | PL | 1805 |
| 12 | PEACH Daryl | GB | 1775 |
| 13 | UZZELL Kevin | GB | 1760 |
| 14 | SCHMIDT Michael | GER | 1750 |
| 15 | PAURITSCH Sven | GER | 1730 |
| 16 | FOLDES Vilmos | HUN | 1715 |
| 17 | TSCHUDI Marco | SUI | 1700 |
| 18 | STEPANOV Konstantin | RUS | 1675 |
| 19 | HYBLER Roman | CZ | 1660 |
| 20 | TOT Sandor | SCG | 1640 |
| 21 | KAPLAN Jorn | GER | 1635 |
| 22 | MARTENS Marcel | NL | 1620 |
| 23 | WORTHINGTON Andy | GB | 1620 |
| 24 | STOJANOVIC Philip | CRO | 1585 |
| 25 | KRISTOFFERSEN Kasper | DEN | 1560 |
| 26 | SEE Huidji | NL | 1530 |
| 27 | THEHU Jesse | NL | 1520 |
| 28 | STOLKA Harald | GER | 1515 |
| 29 | ROTER Mariusz | PL | 1505 |
| 30 | LELY Alex | NL | 1490 |
| 31 | KAPLAN Thomasz | PL | 1485 |
| 32 | KIRSTEN Marcel | GER | 1480 |

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PICTURES

Champion Marcus Chamat enjoys the moment of triumph.



The final-arena of the ImproveYourPool.com Austria Open again met the highest requirements.



Left picture: Marcus Chamat with the trophy.

Right picture: The Top 4 of the ImproveYourPool.com Austria Open (from left to right): Runner-up Nick van den Berg, Champion Marcus Chamat, Niels Feijen, Thomas Engert (both 3rd)



PICTURES

Dutch Niels Feijen managed his 3rd consecutive semi-final appearance of the running season in Rankweil.



Semi-finalist Thomas Engert defended his leadership in the overall-rankings.



IBPF-Chairman David Morris (l.) and Norbert Engel, owner of „Patrick's Canadian Taverne“, congratulate the Champion Marcus Chamat.