

▶ **DYNAMIC ITALY OPEN OPEN 2008**

## DARREN APPLETON UNDERLINES BRITISH DOMINANCE

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**Winner Darren Appleton**

> Exactly one year after having reached the podium of a Euro-Tour event for the first time, British Darren Appleton scored his biggest coup so far with winning the Dynamic Italy Open 2008, hosted in Castel Volturno. With an astonishingly clear and invulnerable 9-2 in the title match against local hero Bruno Muratore he not only entered the exclusive and prestigious club of Euro-Tour Champions but crowned his outstanding performance throughout the entire tournament. In his first three matches he managed to score nearly perfect results as he gave away

one single rack against Ilker Derolur from the Netherlands. The other two matches against the Italians Roberto Luise and Gianluca Ascheri went with 9-0 to his favour. In his first attempt to enter the Final round of the Last 32, Appleton lost against fellow-countryman Imran Majid with 3-9, indeed a comfortable 9-5 against swedish Christoffer Magnusson sealed his spot for the final stage. And what Appleton let follow here, is so far matchless in the entire nearly 16 years long history of the tour. After scoring wins over new No. 2 of the Euro-Tour overall Rankings Tony Drago (9-4), German ace Oliver Ortmann (9-5), No. 4 Imran Majid (9-8), No. 1 Mark Gray (9-6) and finally No. 3 Bruno Muratore, Darren Appleton became the first player to beat the complete European Top 4 within one single Euro-Tour event.

People, who have not studied the Euro-Tour overall rankings for let's say for about a year may rub their eyes in disbelief as not less than three British players are under the Top 5, added by one Maltese and one Italian. The formerly dominating nations Germany and the Netherlands however dropped back with having their best players on No. 7 (Niels Feijen, NED) and No. 10 (Ralf Souquet, GER).

◀ **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 15 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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## ▶ IBPF SEARCHES NEW SPOT FOR EURO-TOUR IN OCTOBER

After long consideration between IBPF and the local organizer in Frauenfeld / Switzerland, Island Billiards represented by Mr. Jimmy Kolonis, both parties agreed in mutual consent that the Euro-Tour „Dynamic Swiss Open 2008 & 2009 will not be held in Island Billiards. On one hand it turned out to be too much of an effort - financial and work - to make the necessary changes which the Euro-Tour requires. On the other hand decided the fact, that the capacity of 16 tables is quite a challenge for a proper scheduling, especially regarding the fact that the number of announcements is still increasing.

Looking back at the past years in Frauenfeld, the IBPF wants to explicitly thank the Island Billiards team for all they did for the sports and the Euro-Tour in particular. The IBPF is aware that it has „lost“ for now a great organizer with the pool heart in its right place and with great passion to the sports.

To fill the gap, IBPF is now looking for another location to organize the Euro-Tour in October. The former dates are firm and will not be moved due to the quite packed international calendar of events. Further details will follow as soon as possible.

## ▶ SUCCESSFUL PREMIERE FOR HORIZON TV

As already stated in the previous Euro-Tour newsletter, the IBPF had to find a new TV-production company for the Dynamic Italy Open as the long-termed cooperation with its former provider Kozoom had come to an end. Despite the new company Horizon TV had neither much time to prepare for this effort nor was used to the kind of long days a Euro-Tour could provide, they did an excellent job in Italy. The IBPF is looking forward to further establish this new cooperation.

## ▶ EUROPEAN WC-SPOTS 2008

The Dynamic Italy Open 2008 has been the last Euro-Tour to be flowing into the valuation for determining the players, who have made their way to the World 9-Ball Championships over the Euro-Tour. About 30 spots of the European contingent are fixed now, the remaining spots depend on the results of the European Championships in August. Qualified players will be informed soon.

## ◀ 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 €44.000.

2008-02-07 - 2008-02-09  
Dynamic French Open  
Paris / France

2008-04-10 - 2008-04-12  
Dynamic Italy Open  
Napels / Italy

2008-05-22 - 2008-05-24  
Dynamic German Open  
Sindelfingen / Germany

2008-06-12 - 2008-06-14  
Dynamic Austria Open  
Rankweil / Austria

2008-09-11 - 2008-09-13  
Dynamic Dutch Open  
Weert / Netherlands

2008-10-16 - 2008-10-18  
Dynamic ??? Open  
to be announced

2008-12-04 - 2008-12-06  
Dynamic Costa del Sol Open  
Malaga / Spain

TOUR STOPS 2008

## TOUR STOP TOP 32

Pl	Name	Nat.	Pts
1	APPLETON, Darren	GBR	630
2	MURATORE, Bruno	ITA	510
3	GRAY Mark	GBR	420
3	KEMPTER, Martin	AUT	420
5	ALCAIDE, David	ESP	350
5	FEIJEN, Niels	NED	350
5	MAJID, Imran	GBR	350
5	PEACH, Daryl	GBR	350
9	BERG-VAN-DEN, Nick	NED	300
9	BOYES, Karl	GBR	300
9	ENGERT, Thomas	GER	300
9	FAZANES, Antonio	ESP	300
9	GUZMANN, Rafael	ESP	300
9	KAPLAN, Thomasz	POL	300
9	ORTMANN, Oliver	GER	300
9	STAAB, Sebastian	GER	300
17	BABICA, Radoslaw	POL	275
17	CHAMAT, Marcus	SWE	275
17	CHAPMAN, Martin	GBR	275
17	DAMOULAKIS, Aristeidis	GRE	275
17	DAS, Serge	BEL	275
17	DRAGO, Tony	MLT	275
17	GAMA, Manuel	POR	275
17	IACOBUCCI, Giuseppe	ITA	275
17	JUNGO, Dimitri	SUI	275
17	JUVA, Markus	FIN	275
17	LARSEN, Martin	DEN	275
17	OVERTON, Damian	GBR	275
17	REIMERING, Christian	GER	275
17	TSCHUDI, Marco	SUI	275
17	VASSALOS, John	GRE	275
17	YASSIN, Mohammed	LIB	275

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## EURO RANKING TOP 32

Pl	Name	Nat.	Pts
1	GRAY, Mark	GBR	2440
2	DRAGO, Tony	MLT	2325
3	MURATORE, Bruno	ITA	2265
4	MAJID, Imran	GBR	2160
5	PEACH, Daryl	GBR	2155
6	ALCAIDE, David	ESP	2090
7	FEIJEN, Niels	NED	2090
8	VASSALOS, John	GRE	2065
9	VAN DEN BERG, Nick	NED	1940
10	SOUQUET, Ralf	GER	1935
11	ENGERT, Thomas	GER	1920
12	ORTMANN, Oliver	GER	1895
13	BABICA, Radoslaw	POL	1885
14	JUNGO, Dimitri	SUI	1885
15	JUVA, Markus	FIN	1845
16	KEMPTER, Martin	AUT	1830
17	APPLETON, Darren	GBR	1825
18	REIMERING, Christian	GER	1805
19	CHAMAT, Marcus	SWE	1785
20	FOLDES, Vilmos	HUN	1785
21	TSCHUDI, Marco	SUI	1780
22	STEPANOV, Konstantin	RUS	1730
23	KAPLAN, Thomasz	POL	1680
24	LARSEN, Martin	DEN	1670
25	FULCHER, Jonni	GBR	1665
26	SEE, Huidji	NED	1665
27	CABELLO, Carlos	ESP	1625
28	HYBLER, Roman	CZE	1615
29	FACQUET, Vincent	FRA	1600
30	FAZANES, Antonio	ESP	1600
31	TEGE, Sascha	GER	1595
32	CHINAHOV, Ruslan	RUS	1590

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## PICTURES



Dynamic Italy Open  
Champion 2008 Darren  
Appleton proudly present-  
ing the winner's trophy.



Left picture: Runner-up  
Bruno Muratore was left  
chanceless in the title-  
match.

Right picture: Focused  
until the very end. Dar-  
ren Appleton showed no  
mercy.



A packed crowd pro-  
vided a great atmosphere  
throughout the final stage.

## PICTURES



Left picture: Martin Kempfer reached his altogether second Euro-Tour podium in Castel Volturno and became the most successful Austrian player in Euro-Tour history.

Right picture: Mark Gray's story of success goes on as the Euro-Tour overall Champion 2007 made it to another semi-final in Italy.



The Top 4 of the Dynamic Italy Open 2008 (From left to right): Champion Darren Appleton, Runner-up Bruno Muratore, Martin Kempfer, Mark Gray (both 3rd).



The European pool-elite: The Last 32 of the Dynamic Italy Open 2008 prior to the start of the final stages.