

▶ **DYNAMIC AUSTRIA OPEN OPEN 2008**

## NICK VAN DEN BERG IS BACK ON TRACK

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**Winner Nick van den Berg**

> Dutch star Nick van den Berg is Dynamic Austria Open Champion 2008, hosted in Rankweil's "Patrick's Canadian Taverne" for the sixth consecutive time. With this victory, former Euro-Tour overall Champion 2006 van den Berg ended a one year long waiting period for his next Top 4 finish on the tour after having been 3rd in last year's edition of this tournament.

Indeed, this win may be even more worthful for van den Berg reflecting his performance in this tournament. Barely nothing went on its own, the Dutchman had to fight hard in

nearly every single set. In his first two matches after a Bye, van den Berg could only prevail on the finish line. And latest after a following 8-9 loss against Hungarian tour-debutant Gabor Solymosi, hardly anyone would have placed a bet on him to win the tournament. Indeed, van den Berg not only managed it to the Last 32 with a close 9-7 against Danish Lotfy Bahram. He further more let follow a quite comfortable 9-5 against Markus Juva (FIN). And turning around a 1-5 deficit in his following Last 16 match against British Richard Jones into a 9-6 win brought him his quarterfinal-spot. In a tough match against overall leader Mark Gray, the Dutchman threw away a 5-1 lead to suddenly see himself 6-7 down. But throwing in all his experience, van den Berg turned this match again with winning the next three racks to face fellow-countryman Niels Feijen in the semi's. As if he never looked back from there on, van den Berg dominated not only this match giving away just two racks. He also rocketed out of the starting blocks in the title match as he needed barely 30 minutes to take a pre-decisive 7-0 lead against British Imran Majid. Another 25 minutes later, van den Berg sealed a 9-2 victory for his altogether fourth title on the Euro-Tour.

◀ **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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## ▶ EUROPEAN STARTERS FOR THE 10-BALL WC CONFIRMED

Altogether 30 players from 16 different countries were already provided with a spot in the inaugural WPA 10-Ball World Championships to be hosted in Manila/Philippines from September, 29th to October, 5th. The beside mentioned players were evaluated from the Euro-Tour overall rankings after the Dynamic German Open 2008.

Indeed, ten more spots will be up for grabs. First of all, the Top 8 of the 2008 European Championship 9-Ball to be staged in August, will make it to the WC. At least to spots will go into an open qualifier to be hosted from August, 29th to 31st in „Billard Center Die Drei“ in Sindelfingen / Germany. What exactly will happen with possible double-spots - in case that one or more of the Top 8 players of the 9-Ball EC is under the already fixed 30 players - is to be determined later.

Pl	Name	Nat.
1	KEMPTER, Martin	AUT
2	HYBLER, Roman	CZE
3	LARSEN, Martin	DEN
4	ALCAIDE, David	ESP
5	JUVA, Markus	FIN
6	APPLETON, Darren	GBR
7	BOYES, Karl	GBR
8	FULCHER, Jonni	GBR
9	GRAY, Mark	GBR
10	MAJID, Imran	GBR
11	PEACH Daryl	GBR
12	ENGERT, Thomas	GER
13	ORTMANN, Oliver	GER
14	REIMERING, Christian	GER
15	SOUQUET, Ralf	GER
16	VASSALOS, John	GRE
17	FOLDES Vilmos	HUN
18	MURATORE, Bruno	ITA
19	PETRONI, Fabio	ITA
20	DRAGO, Tony	MLT
21	FEIJEN, Niels	NED
22	SEE, Huidji	NED
23	VAN DEN BERG Nick	NED
24	BABICA Radoslaw	POL
25	KAPLAN Thomasz	POL
26	CHINAHOV, Ruslan	RUS
27	STEPANOV, Konstantin	RUS
28	JUNGO, Dimitri	SUI
29	TSCHUDI, Marco	SUI
30	CHAMAT, Marcus	SWE

## ▶ EURO-TOUR REMAINS IN SWITZERLAND

The Euro-Tour stop in October, for which the IBPF had intensely searched an alternative after cancellation of the contract with the former host in Frauenfeld, will be staged in Payerne /Switzerland. During a visit prior to the Dynamic Austria Open, the local organisers around poolroom-

owner Lacroix and co-organiser Grosjean did their best to finally convince the IBPF delegates that the club „One Pocket“ together with the city of Payerne is the best option to host a Euro-Tour event. The signed contract includes the tour-stops for the years 2008 and 2009.

## ◀ 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 Swiss Open  
Payerne / Switzerland

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	BERG-VAN-DEN, Nick	NED	630
2	MAJID, Imran	GBR	510
3	FEIJEN, Niels	NED	420
3	SNIEGOCKI, Mateusz	POL	420
5	BABICA, Radoslaw	POL	350
5	BOYES, Karl	GBR	350
5	CHINAHOV, Ruslan	RUS	350
5	GRAY, Mark	GBR	350
9	APPLETON, Darren	GBR	300
9	BEEKERS, Brian	NED	300
9	JONES, Richard	GBR	300
9	MUND, Ralf	GER	300
9	MURATORE, Bruno	ITA	300
9	ORTMANN, Oliver	GER	300
9	SEIFFERT, Thomas	GER	300
9	SKONECZNY, Mariusz	POL	300
17	CHAMAT, Marcus	SWE	275
17	ENGERT, Thomas	GER	275
17	ERCULJ, Matjaz	SLO	275
17	FOLDES, Vilmos	HUN	275
17	JENISY, Juergen	AUT	275
17	JUVA, Markus	FIN	275
17	KELA, Jani	FIN	275
17	KEMPTER, Martin	AUT	275
17	MENNILLO, Patrick	ITA	275
17	OSBORNE, Craig	GBR	275
17	OUSCHAN, Albin jr.	AUT	275
17	PASCASI, David	ITA	275
17	REIMERING, Christian	GER	275
17	REINTJES, Christoph	GER	275
17	SOLYMOSI, Gabor	HUN	275
17	STOLKA, Harald	GER	275

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## EURO RANKING TOP 32

Pl	Name	Nat.	Pts
1	GRAY, Mark	GBR	2515
2	MAJID, Imran	GBR	2340
3	MURATORE, Bruno	ITA	2265
4	ENGERT, Thomas	GER	2205
5	BERG-VAN-DEN, Nick	NED	2180
6	FEIJEN, Niels	NED	2140
7	ALCAIDE, David	ESP	1945
8	FOLDES, Vilmos	HUN	1935
9	APPLETON, Darren	GBR	1925
10	ORTMANN, Oliver	GER	1920
11	DRAGO, Tony	MLT	1910
12	JUVA, Markus	FIN	1900
13	BABICA, Radoslaw	POL	1885
14	BOYES, Karl	GBR	1865
15	CHINAHOV, Ruslan	RUS	1835
16	REIMERING, Christian	GER	1805
17	PEACH, Daryl	GBR	1800
18	KEMPTER, Martin	AUT	1780
19	SNIEGOCKI, Mateusz	POL	1780
20	SOUQUET, Ralf	GER	1755
21	CHAMAT, Marcus	SWE	1750
22	PETRONI, Fabio	ITA	1730
23	VASSALOS, John	GRE	1700
24	TSCHUDI, Marco	SUI	1685
25	LARSEN, Martin	DEN	1675
26	FULCHER, Jonni	GBR	1650
27	HYBLER, Roman	CZE	1650
28	JUNGO, Dimitri	SUI	1600
29	ERCULJ, Matjaz	SLO	1595
30	STEPANOV, Konstantin	RUS	1595
31	CABELLO, Carlos	ESP	1560
32	KAPLAN, Thomasz	POL	1545

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## PICTURES



Dynamic Austria Open Champion 2008, Nick van den Berg.



Left picture: Runner-up Imran Majid remained chanceless during the entire title-match.

Right picture: A visibly jubilant winner: Champion Nick van den Berg during the winner's ceremony.



Again, the TV-stuff did a great job catching the entire action.

## PICTURES



Left picture: With his very first Euro-Tour podium, young Polish Mateusz Sniegocki entered the Top 20 of the Eurotour overall rankings.

Right picture: Dutch star Niels Feijen, one of the most consistent players over the last couple of years, reached his altogether 18th Euro-Tour podium.



The Top 4 of the Dynamic Austria Open 2008 surrounded by important officials (From left to right): IBPF-chairman David Morris, Norbert Engel, owner of „Patrick’s Canadian Taverne”, runner-up Imran Majid, Champion Nick van den Berg, Niels Feijen, Mateusz Sniegocki (both 3rd) and EPBF-president Gre Leenders



Defending Euro-Tour overall Champion Mark Gray (GBR) still rules the board for the now fourth consecutive tournament.

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