

► **POOLCOMPS.COM SWISS OPEN 2006**

## JONNY FULCHER ACHIEVES SENSATIONAL VICTORY



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**Winner Jonny Fulcher**

> A few days after his 32nd birthday, Jonny Fulcher from Great Britain made a dream come true and won the title of the PoolComps.com Swiss Open Champion 2006. In a close title-match against Maltese Tony Drago, he finally secured his by far biggest success yet with a 10-8 win. Fulcher, whose roots are in snooker, has played only nine events on the Euro-Tour before finally succeeding now in Switzerland. Nevertheless, he is far from being a blank sheet in billiards-sports. During his study of Physics in London, Fulcher not only has captained the England University snooker team to

three wins in the Home Nations team championships, in 1999 he became also the British Universities Individual Champion. Indeed, his list of snooker-victories is still longer than his pool-merites, but with performances like in the PoolComps.com Swiss Open, this will change sooner or later. But Fulcher's win was far from being the only surprise of this tournament. With the semi-finalists Dejan Dabovic from Austria and Spaniard Francesco Diaz, another two players managed to secure their first Top 3 finish on the Euro-Tour, which is an impressive proof of the still increasing level of play.

By far worse, players like Oliver Ortmann, Ralf Souquet or Thomas Engert may remember this tournament, they all failed to reach the single-KO stage of the Last 32. Whereas Ortmann's improve in the overall-rankings has been stopped for the time being, Souquet fell out of the Top 20. Even more costly, Engert's 33rd place could turn out. Arrived as defending Champion and current leader of the overall-rankings, the German lost the European Pole Position to Dutch Star Nick van den Berg. And with only one tour-stop to go, the hunt for the No.1 Year-End-Bonus of €1,500 is re-opened again.

◀ **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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## NEW LIVE-SCORING SYSTEM STARTS SUCCESSFUL

Beginning with the Pool-Comps.com Swiss Open 2006, Tour organiser IBPF initiated its new live-scoring system. For this purpose altogether 20 Laptops were acquired which did the work that formerly two or three people had done with their PDA's. From now on, the players enter the respective scores of their matches directly into the system, which displays the entire results simultaneously also on the official tour-website

[www.eurotour.nu](http://www.eurotour.nu). Both, players and spectators were very excited about this new system and also the internet-statistics recompensed for these efforts through by far more than 12 million clicks from 74 different countries during the tournament. The IBPF wants to thank the players for their co-operation and support of this new feature, which increases the up-to-dateness of the entire results dramatically.

## EUROSPORT OFFERS EUROTOUR-COVERAGE FOR 2007

EUROSPORT, Europe's leading sports broadcaster, is highly interested to prolongue and further more extend its partnership with Euro-Tour organiser IBPF. In a meeting during the PoolComps.com Swiss Open, EUROSPORT expresses the intention to also cover the Euro-Tour season

2007. If a few changes on the part of the IBPF would be made, representatives of the broadcaster offered the opportunity to cover the upcoming season completely on the main channel EUROSPORT1. The IBPF will decide upon signing the contract in November.

## FIFTH TOURSTOP FOR 2007 - 2009 DETERMINED

According to a press-release from Euro-Tour organiser IBPF, the Island Billiards in Frauenfeld/Switzerland will remain the host of the Swiss Euro-Tour stop for the next three years. That is the result of negotiations both parties held during the PoolComps.com

Swiss Open. Whereas IBPF pointed out, that this decision was made easy not least due to the great success of this year's tour-stop, the room-owners of the Island Billiards expressed delight with that decision.

## 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

2006-09-20 - 2006-09-23  
PoolComps.com Dutch Open  
Weert / Netherlands

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

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

## TOUR STOP TOP 32

Pl	Name	Nat.	Pts
1	FULCHER Jonny	GB	630
2	DRAGO Tony	MLT	510
3	DABOVIC Dejan	AUT	420
3	DIAZ Francesco	ESP	420
5	HYBLER Roman	CZ	350
5	LOTFY Bahram	DEN	350
5	MURATORE Bruno	ITA	350
5	PETRONI Fabio	ITA	350
9	ALCAIDE David	ESP	300
9	COHEN Stephane	FRA	300
9	REGLI Ronald	SUI	300
9	REIMERING Christian	GER	300
9	SCHMIDT Michael	GER	300
9	SEE Huidji	NL	300
9	STOLKA Harald	GER	300
9	VAN DEN BERG Nick	NL	300
17	ASLAN Cetin	AUT	275
17	BAIER Benjamin	GER	275
17	FAZANES Antonio	ESP	275
17	FEIJEN Niels	NL	275
17	FELDER Michael	AUT	275
17	FOLDES Vilmos	HUN	275
17	JUNGO Dimitri	SUI	275
17	MAJID Imran	GB	275
17	MLADENOVIC Goran	SCG	275
17	OUSCHAN Jasmin	AUT	275
17	PEACH Daryl	GB	275
17	RUTHEMANN Philip	GER	275
17	STEPANOV Konstantin	RUS	275
17	STOJANOVIC Philipp	CRO	275
17	TEGE Sascha	GER	275
17	TSCHUDI Marco	SUI	275

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## EURO RANKING TOP 32

Pl	Name	Nat.	Pts
1	VAN DEN BERG Nick	NL	2490
2	ENGERT Thomas	GER	2435
3	MAJID Imran	GB	2225
4	FEIJEN Niels	NL	2185
5	REIMERING Christian	GER	2180
6	ORTMANN Oliver	GER	2130
7	DRAGO Tony	MLT	1935
8	STOLKA Harald	GER	1910
9	PETRONI Fabio	ITA	1895
10	LELY Alex	NL	1845
11	FULCHER Jonny	GB	1810
12	UZZELL Kevin	GB	1785
13	ALCAIDE David	ESP	1775
14	PEACH Daryl	GB	1775
15	FOLDES Vilmos	HUN	1755
16	SCHMIDT Michael	GER	1725
17	HYBLER Roman	CZ	1710
18	TSCHUDI Marco	SUI	1700
19	DABOVIC Dejan	AUT	1690
20	ALCOBERRO David	ESP	1685
21	SOUQUET Ralf	GER	1685
22	TOT Sandor	SCG	1655
23	STOJANOVIC Philipp	CRO	1650
24	BABICA Radoslaw	PL	1645
25	COHEN Stephane	FRA	1645
26	STEPANOV Konstantin	RUS	1635
27	SEE Huidji	NL	1595
28	MURATORE Bruno	ITA	1590
29	MARTENS Marcel	NL	1565
30	LOPEZ David	ESP	1555
31	KRISTOFFERSEN Kasper	DEN	1545
32	KAPLAN Thomasz	PL	1540

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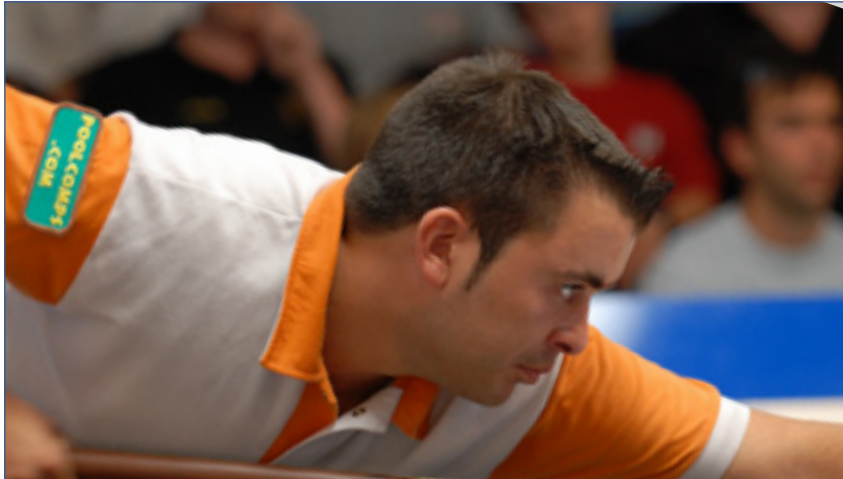


## PICTURES

PoolComps.com Swiss  
Open Champion 2006:  
Jonny Fulcher (GB)



Jonny Fulcher (left) and  
Tony Drago heading out  
for the title match of the  
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Open 2006

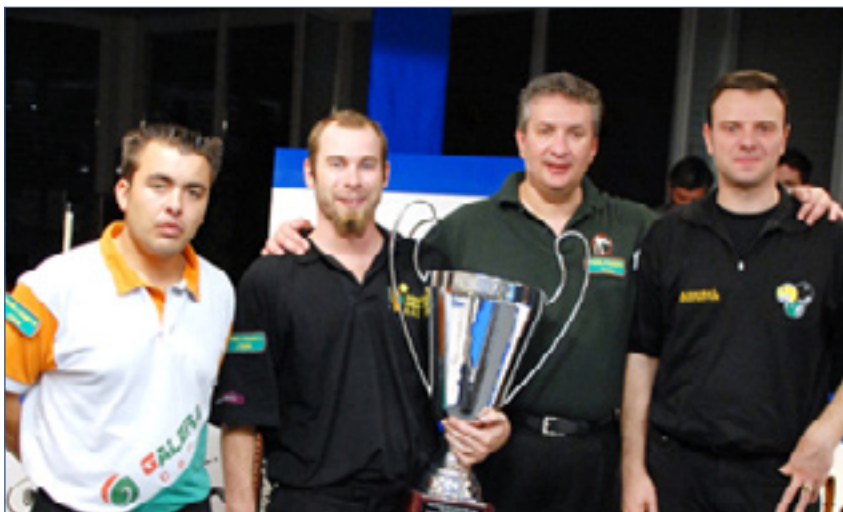


## PICTURES

Spaniard Francesco Diaz could celebrate his first Top 4-Finish on the Euro-Tour.



With his semi-final appearance, Dejan Dabovic made sure the best result of an Austrian player in the history of the Euro-Tour.



The Top 4 of the Pool-Comps.com Swiss Open 2006 (from left to right): Semi-finalist Francesco Diaz, Champion Jonny Fulcher, Runner-up Tony Drago, semi-finalist Dejan Dabovic