Brandenburg an der Havel in fever of Billiards

Marco Zanetti European Champion

Caudron with World Record

Marco Zanetti is the new 3-Cushions European Champion. At the continental championships in Brandenburg/Germany the Italian beat his opponent Christian Rudolph from Germany with 40:10 points. Zanetti started with seven points in a row and a little later he made another ten so the resistance of the German was broken quit early. Besides that Rudolph didn't find into the match like he did in the semifinal which was played on Sunday morning.

Whilst Rudolph had no problems with Glenn Hofman from the Netherlands the second semifinal was a gripping thriller. Zanetti was ahead with 22 points as Frédéric Caudron (Belgium) started to play. 28 point later he was both leading and world record holder together with his fellow countrymen Raymond Ceulemans and Roland Forthomme.

But Marco Zanetti wasn't impressed too much and fought back to win the match with 40:37 points. At the end both players had a world-class-average of more than 3 points per inning!

In the Women's division Therese Klompenhouwer won the all Dutch final against Karina Jetten. She celebrated a 30:12-victory after 31 innings as well as her fifth European title in a row.

The Birilli Juniors-Event proved the dominance of the Italian squad. At the end Biagio Maceri won the title as he did two years before. His fellow countryman Paolo Sorrentino had to be satisfied with the silver medal while Gabriele Silvestri (also Italy) and Sebastien Skott from Denmark lost the semifinals and received bronze.

Meanwhile Sam van Etten was unbeatable in the youth division, discipline Libre. The Dutchman won the title by a 200:2 in the first inning against his team-colleague Jim van den Zalm. The semifinal which was played earlier today was much closer. Tobias Bouerdick from Germany was ahead in the beginning but van Etten came back into the match to win 200:153. The second bronze medal went to Jason Petit from France.

New European Club-Team Champion in the youth division is the team of BC Ponetovice from Czech Republic. The three players won the title by a clear 5:1 against BV Horna from the Netherlands. The match for the bronze medal was pretty close and in the end KBC Zanzibar from Belgium were a little more fortunate then their opponents from BC Soissons (France).

Furthermore the Libre-Events started in the Women's and Juniors-Division. Also the Birilli-players began their tournament. On Sunday the first group matches were played. The finals will be on Monday and Tuesday.

All results of the European Billiards Championships can be found on www.eurobillard.org under section "Calendar & Tournament Info" whilst all pictures and further media-information are published on www.touch-magazine.net

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