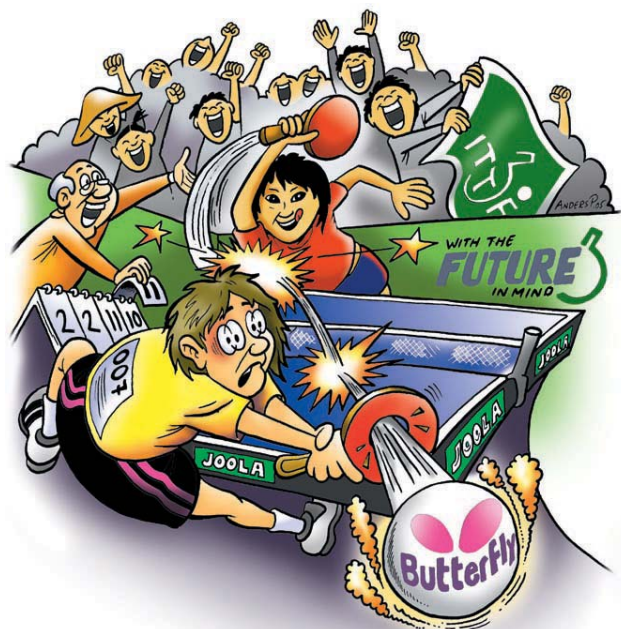


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High class participants at the LIEBHERR World Cup end of October

Timo Boll meets the expectedly high class opponents at the LIEBHERR Men's World Cup in the Belgium City of Liege (21st to 23rd of October): Besides the Chinese defending Champion Ma Lin, the continental Champions from Vladimir Samsonov (Europe) to Wang Liqin (Asia) and the Top-players of the World's Ranking list, the World federation and the Belgium organiser gave away three Wild Cards: to this year's WCC-third from Denmark, Michael Maze, to former World Champion Werner Schlager (Austria) and to local hero Jean Michel Saive. The tournament is noted with 135.000 Dollars and begins on Friday at 14.00 h with the groups and will be continued on Saturday at 11:00 h. The quarter-finals will be held from 19.00 h on. The final Sunday begin at 11:30 h. Head-organizer is Jean-Michael Saive's brother Philippe. The World Cup of the Women is postponed to mid of December (13th to 15th in Guangzhou, China) due to it's collision with the East-Asian Games.

The „Hatrick“ is done!



After his titles in 2001 and 2003 the German wheelchair Table Tennis player Holger Nikelis today won the European Championships for the third time in a row. Until the 25th of September the European Championships in Table Tennis for handicapped people are held in the Italian town of Jesolo. „It got tighter and tighter“, the new European Champion described his match against Jean-Francois Ducay. The French No.11 of the World's Ranking List had beaten Holger team-mate Walter Kilger in the semi final. „We did not expect this“, Nikelis regretted the defeat of his fellow. „But against Ducay Walter has problems once in a while...“ Not so Holger Nikelis! World's No.1 and Paralympic winner of Athens made the title with 11:8, 11:9 and 12:10. And this, though he had not found into his play in the beginning of the singles competition. „But today everything went really well and I felt good from the beginning on“, the 27—year old man from Cologne rejoiced. In so far it had been good that the ECC-organizer had changed the schedule and held the final today. „After the quarter final seeding I have not expected this“, Nikelis remembers. After winning his group the Vice-World Champion had first beaten the Austrian Andreas Vevera, then the French Erwan Fouillen, both by 3:0. Team-colleague Kilger made Bronze.

Schedule

18th of September to 22nd of September 2005
Pro Tour: Volkswagen Open in China

22th of September to 25th of September 2005
Pro Tour: Japan Open in Yokohama

23rd of October to 28th of October 2005
Men's World Cup in Liege (BEL)



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Nikelis points against Westerwelle

Large Media-interest at the IPD 2005

It had been a filled schedule for Paralympic Champion Holger Nikelis at the International Paralympic Day (IPD) in Bonn. After a show-match against Selcuk Cetin the 27-year old Butterfly contract player offered to play rallies against visitors at the market place of Bonn.

Just arrived FDP-head Guido Westerwelle dared a match against Holger Nikelis. „You’ve learned it, I haven’t“, the politician stated before starting. But it was for fun, not for competition and so it did not matter much, that the FDP-man wasn’t able to make many points against Holger Nikelis. That sports of handicapped people have to be promoted, is an agreement throughout all political parties, so Westerwelle.

Meanwhile Nikelis was handed from interview to interview: Bonner Generalanzeiger, Süddeutsche Zeitung, WDR-television and Deutschlandfunk, ZDF, Euronews and South African television and German Radio China as well as the first handicapped magazine in Algeria – all press people wanted to talk to the top athlete. Accompanied was the Vice-World Champion by his two coaches Michael Meißner and Christoph Weber, the equipment was delivered by Holger’s partner Butterfly. Even the President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Sir Phil Craven, visited Holger Nikelis at the Table Tennis booth, before he challenged Guido Westerwelle in blind shooting. For on this day many other sports besides Table Tennis were offered for watching and participating. The IPD 2005, alike two years ago, is supposed to bring the top athletes of handicapped sports closer to the people. So Holger Nikelis played against many passing by, gave autographs and totally forgot that he had only eaten a banana for breakfast and nothing else afterwards. „A pity that we don’t have that many spectators at our normal competitions“, the current European Champion said later on in an interview. „It would be great if we had a similar atmosphere to the IPD.“ In total more than 30.000 spectators visited the event on the market place of Bonn.



ITTF World 's Ranking lists, men (09/2005)

1	WANG Liqin CHN	16	SAIVE Jean-Michel BEL
2	MA Lin CHN	17	LIU Guozheng CHN
3	BOLL Timo GER	18	SMIRNOV Alexei RUS
4	WANG Hao CHN	19	KORBEL Petr CZE
4	SAMSONOV Vladimir BLR	20	KARLSSON Peter SWE
6	OH Sang Eun KOR	21	LEUNG Chu Yan HKG
7	Chen Qi CHN	22	HAO Shuai CHN
8	RYU Seung Min KOR	23	WALDNER Jan-Ove SWE
9	KREANGA Kalinikos GRE	24	KO Lai Chak HKG
10	CHEN Weixing AUT	25	CHIANG Peng-Lung TPE
11	KONG Linghui CHN	26	PRIMORAC Zoran CRO
12	SCHLAGER Werner AUT	27	BLASZCZYK Lucjan POL
13	CHUAN Chih-Yuan TPE	28	JOO Se Hyuk KOR
14	CRISAN Adrian ROU	29	KEEN Trinko NED
15	MAZE Michael DEN	30	ROSSKOPF Jörg GER

ITTF World 's Ranking lists, women (09/2005)

1	ZHANG Yining CHN	16	SONG Ah Sim HKG
2	NIU Jianfeng CHN	17	ZHANG Rui HKG
3	WANG Nan CHN	18	Li Jiao NED
4	Li Jia Wei SIN	19	STEFF Mihaela ROU
5	GUO Yue CHN	20	TOTH Krisztina HUN
6	GUO Yan CHN	21	LI Xiaoxia CHN
7	TIE Yana HKG	22	FAN Ying CHN
8	KIM Kyung Ah KOR	23	KIM Hyang Mi PRK
9	BOROS Tamara HRV	23	WANG Yue Gu SIN
10	GAO Jun USA	25	FUKUHARA Ai JAP
11	LIU Jia AUT	26	MOON Hyun Jung KOR
12	PAVLOVICH Viktoria BLR	27	LI Nan CHN
13	LAU Sui Fei HKG	28	SUN Bei Bei SIN
14	CAO Zhen CHN	29	BAI Yang CHN
15	LIN Ling HKG	30	KIM Hyon Hui PRK

(Butterfly-players are marked!)

Dear Table Tennis friends,

In cooperation with the Federation of German Table Tennis Coaches (VDTT) Butterfly presents to you practical exercises for your play. Enjoy them!

Returns

Part 6 – Aggressive!

This time we train how to respond to short services in an aggressive manner. This can happen either by a flick or an aggressive push. Base for a return, that puts pressure on your opponent, is once again the lunge with the right leg to get close to the ball and hit it at it's highest point.

At the flick as well as the aggressive push one has to hit the ball with slight pressure, yet slightly tangential by the use of a short movement of the wrist. In this moment one should stand stable with the weight on the right foot and neither be moving back- nor forward.

For the training of aggressive returns we need some paper cups – the heavier, the better. Those are positioned at different places along the baseline of the service player. He now services short and variable (and plays a long, fast service once in a while as well). The return player now tries to hit the cup off the table by pushing or flicking. For this the ball should be placed very close to the baseline (respectively the paper cup). In this exercise the cup can be hit directly as well to emphasize the necessary length of the return. The heavy cup forces the return player to put the needed pressure into the ball. This can be increased by putting more weight, for example an old rubber, into the cup.

Next month we become variable!



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The newly developed „Anti Skid“-surface for Butterfly tables Centrefold 25, Europa 25, Octet 25 from season 2005/2006 on.

From the beginning of this season on the Butterfly tables „Centrefold 25“, „Europa 25“ and „Octet 25“ are delivered with a newly designed surface. They now offer a clearly improved surface structure, which means that the coating is made of especially fine and even structured finish. By this the ball meets much more surface, which means, that this surface contains an endless number of tiny parts that increase the amount of surface. For this the „Anti Skid“-surface has a clearly improved, dynamic grip level. Each player can now utilize his skills and technique in a better way, for the surface reacts more precisely and efficiently to the individual style of playing due to its special surface finish.

In summary the new surface has the following advantages:

- better control of the ball
- very good adaptation of the feeling for the ball
- perfect rebound in any situation of the game
- best use of speed, spin and placing precision
- constant playing adjectives over a long period of time



Octet

Type Highclass
Competition
Separate table halves
Width: 1560 mm
Height: 1640 mm
Depth: 570 mm
Surface: 25 mm
Carriage: semi-automatic
Weight: 101 kg
460,00 Euro



Centrefold 25

ITTF approved
Type Premium
Competition
Folded up
Width: 1525 mm
Height: 1605 mm
Depth: 430 mm space saving system
Surface: 25 mm
Carriage: automatic
Weight: 116 kg
620,00 Euro



The Anti Skid logo is attached on the sides of each table model.

Europa 25

ITTF approved
Separate table halves
Width: 1525 mm
Height: 1377 mm
Depth: 144 mm
Surface: 25 mm
Carriage: conventional
Weight: 118 kg
480,00 Euro





Successful coach Helmut Hampl talks about the cooperation with the federal coaches in this second part of the series of interviews. For when ever Timo plays for the DTTB, Helmut Hampl is not the coach at the table. He highlights the future perspective of Timo and is not confirming the current international schedule.

Part 2

World's top has become much wider

Mr. Hampl, you train Timo Boll in the club, so work with him on a daily base. But when Timo plays international for the German National Team you are not at the box and can't coach. Yet you travel with him to the major tournaments and view his matches from the ranks. How do you deal with this situation?

Well, that's the way it is. The Federal Coaches are responsible for the coaching. Me and Timo have a close relationship. Timo knows exactly, that he can come to me and we talk, if he has any problems. Formerly Istvan Korpa used to coach Timo for long years and to him I have a good relationship. We have played together in my active times for five years and we know each other well. Regarding Timo we have adjusted well. In all areas – let it be training or coaching. This has been very cooperative and friendly. Now Richard Prause is coach for the men. He has

played for years with me as his coach. The cooperation with him works very well, too.

If you talk about Timo one gets the impression, that he is a very special player to you. You are not only his coach, you almost seem to be a father figure for him.

We know each other for a long time now. He came to me at the age of eight. Since then I take care of him. I think we spent much time in the hall together and a trustful relationship grows out of this. But I'm not a father figure for him. Maybe if you aim at Table Tennis only, this could be true. But I'm not his father and I don't want to be, for a certain distance is necessary. If this distance between a player and a coach is not there, though there is much trust, one can not offer best performance to each other.

This distance is needed in critical situations to speak out criticism or make tough decisions?

That is normal. Only by this you can perform well. If one is not constantly reminded and motivated and being given the necessary push once in a while, to make a step ahead, it won't work.

Please allow a word about another outstanding player, Jörg Roßkopf. When did you start working with Jörg?

I think he was nine or ten. With him it was different as with Timo. Rossi had done much at his home club DJK Münster (Hessia). His club coach at this time, Horst Heckwolf, had worked with him intensively. Yet in comparison to Timo Rossi was behind about one and a half years.

Timo is now 24 years old. He had already been No. 1 of the World. Currently he is ranked 3. What is the perspective? Does he have the skills to climb the top of the World's Ranking list again?

Timo has won much at a very young age. He is only 24 years old, not already. And he has lost almost a year due to injuries. He was unable to train hard enough. And this was the crucial Olympic Year. This can happen. But in spite of this pity he could establish himself in the World's Ranking List properly and among the TOP 5. This calls for respect. Besides he has worked intensively in terms of physiotherapy, which has paid off. He's on a good way. To consider your initial question about the World Championship: it's a fact that the top of the World has become much wider. It's not like it has been three or four years ago, when ten to twelve players made the World's top. Today the No.1 can loose to No. 20 or 30 at any time and this makes Table Tennis so interesting. I believe Timo is still a young player at the age of 24 and under the circumstances of staying healthy has more to reach. I believe in this. Of course the stress is high, for he also has to bring high performance for his club, TTV REBAU Gönnern, who pays him well.

Talking about stress: in this year the European Championships and the World Championships were held only five weeks apart. Isn't this irresponsible?

You can say this. Two years ago it had been similar. Anyone ending up top in Courmayeur at the Euros dropped out early at the WCC. Vice verse Werner Schlager and Kalin Creanga played top in Paris at the WCC, but had gone out early at the Euros. Of course there are exceptions. The general problem is that there can not be a controlled training process within the short distance between those two major events. Normally one needs to train intensely four weeks ahead of the WCC, especially in the physical section. This is impossible. A player needs two weeks alone just to recover from a great tournament.

Mustn't the ITTF and the ETTU come to a different regulation as quick as possible and for example bring Team-WCC and European Championships into one year?

This would be one option. And then the European Championships should be brought into November or December. Then the Individual WCC in April of the following year. And every four years there are the Olympic Games, normally in August. All top events would then be about a half a year apart. This would be ideal. Why the ETTU refuses to change the schedule I can't tell.