

# June Butterfly® NEWS

## 2005

### Two strong teams

While the TTV RE-BAU Gönnern was able to win the Champions League Trophy (Photo on the right, see next page as well), Butterfly partner club Sao Roque became National Team Champion in Madeira in 2004/2005.



Frankfurt/Main. Sometimes four friends are enough. On a private celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of DFB-president Dr. Theo Zwanziger last Saturday in Altendiez the new DTTB Vice-President Steffen Fetzner and record National player Jörg Roßkopf presented the fastest rally-game of the world. Besides Zwanziger old-star Horst Eckel swung the racket.



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## Gönnern provides first Champions League triumph to the Butterflies



The TTV RE-BAU Gönnern has celebrated its greatest triumph in the history of the club and at the same time extended the long list of Butterfly success with one of the most important team titles in International Table Tennis. Winning the Champions League by the German Bundesliga club against defending serial champion and high favourite team Royal Vilette Charleroi (1:3 and 3:1) is amongst the greatest surprises in the history of the European Club competition.

The story of success of the Butterfly club reminds much of the Champions League victory of the FC Liverpool just a few days before in the soccer Eurocup. Alike the English record champion Gönnern as well had given a away most chances on the title at an early stage, so that the later entry of the throne of the so called King's Division was even more of a sensation.

For Gönnern's coach Helmut Hampl the disappointing outcome of the Bundesliga season was the key to the prestigious triumph in the Champions League. „If we had taken part in the Play-Offs of the Bundesliga as well, the success on European stage would not have been possible. Only by the terminated chances in the Bundesliga we had been able to focus completely on the Champions League“, the experienced Coach explained an important reason for the coup of its team.

Another crucial factor was the outstanding performance of Gönnern's top player Timo Boll. The Vice World Champion in the doubles played up in a great manner in Belgium as well as in the second match in front of

## Schedule

**26<sup>th</sup> of June 2005**

Pro Tour: „Brazilian“ Open, Rio de Janeiro

**30<sup>th</sup> of June to 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2005**

Pro Tour: Chile Open, Santiago

**7<sup>th</sup> of July 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2005-06-27**

Pro Tour: US Open

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home audience and disenchanted his former most feared opponent Smirnov twice by 3:0. Finally in the crucial match he took revenge for his unlucky defeat in the first match against European Champion Vladimir Samsonov.

„I was able to preserve my good shape from Shanghai and even increase it. I'm very happy about this victory and therefore this medal gets a very special place“, World's No.3 comments his true gala-performance in the second match. Boll does not hold back his special satisfaction about beating Europe Top-12 winner Smirnov twice, for the Russian had stayed unbeaten by Boll since spring 2003 and had spoiled his hopes for a title at the ECC in Aarhus in the round of the best 16: „I now know how to play against him without disadvantages. My most feared opponent has almost become my favourite opponent.“

Boll's success alone would have been worthless, had not Slobodan Grujic provided the „big point“ plainly. The Serb embarrassed Samsonov by an unbelievable 3:0 and managed the crucial „break“. Grujic was totally perplex after his ingenious match: „I had never beaten him before and only wanted to win one or maybe two games for the accounting“, „Bobo“ explained about his more than fulfilled hopes.

After the two tight defeats of record national player Jörg Roßkopf in the duels of the former European Champions against Jean-Michel Saive, Grujic's coup confirms the not even euphoric judgment of Helmut Hampl: „We're the best team in Europe.“ His explanation: „We have not only beaten Charleroi in the final but before played on a very high level internationally and even kicked out SVS Niederösterreich in the semi-final.“

Because of this Butterfly is proud of it's first Champions League winner. Many years an intense partnership connects the house of Tamasu Butterfly with Gönnern, which exceeds the support of the team. For coach Helmut Hampl, Timo Boll and Slobodan Grujic and personal members of the family of Butterflies.



**One of the guarantees for success in Gönnern: Timo Boll**

## Two times bronze for Nikelis

The Norwegian Open held many surprises in stock. In the teams as well as in the singles of the last tournament relevant for the ECC seeding Holger Nikelis ended up with a Bronze medal. After the man from Cologne beat the Belgium player Patrick Rochet straight 3:0 (11:8, 11:5, 11:7) in the match about rank three another „bronze“ success followed in the teams. This time Nikelis was on it's way with class-2 player Jörg Blumenau, for his standard partner Walter Kilger had not started in Oslo.



## WJC Poland

Butterfly is partner of the Polish federation as well. Here's a picture of the equipment of the International Junior Championships.



## Bound for China!

It's perfect: Timo Boll plays in the China Super League. World's No.3 is going to make three matches for Guangdong Baomashi.

## ITTF World 's Ranking lists, mens (06/2005)

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

## ITTF World 's Ranking lists, women (06/2005)

1	<b>ZHANG Yining CHN</b>	16	<b>GAO Jun USA</b>
2	NIU Jianfeng CHN	17	SONG Ah Sim HKG
3	WANG Nan CHN	18	Li Jiao NED
4	GUO Yue CHN	19	<b>TOTH Krisztina HUN</b>
5	GUO Yan CHN	20	ZHANG Rui HKG
6	<b>BOROS Tamara HRV</b>	21	LI Xiaoxia CHN
7	TIE Yana HKG	22	<b>KIM Hyang Mi PRK</b>
8	Li Jia Wei SIN	22	FAN Ying CHN
9	<b>LIU Jia AUT</b>	24	FUKUHARA Ai JAP
10	KIM Kyung Ah KOR	25	LI Nan CHN
11	<b>PAVLOVICH Viktoria BLR</b>	26	BAI Yang CHN
12	CAO Zhen CHN	27	<b>KIM Hyon Hui PRK</b>
13	LIN Ling HKG	28	<b>UMEMURA Aya JPN</b>
14	STEFF Mihaela ROU	29	PENG Luyang CHN
15	LAU Sui Fei HKG	30	SCHÖPP Jie GER

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## Skirt Luna

Elegant skirt with edging on the side and two pockets. Flexible mixed fabric (60 % cotton, 40 % polyester), cut body tight. Sizes xxs-xl. Colour black.

**26,90 Euro**



## Socks Sneaker In

These short socks promise much freedom of movement for the legs of the fashionable player. Sizes S-m. Colour white with Butterfly brand on the forefoot.

**4,40 Euro**



## FLEECE Jacket

Made of high class fleece the new Butterfly jacket is ideal for warm-up as well as for leisure. Cut straight with regulations of the width and loose cuffs and zipper over the full length.

Sizes xxs-xxxl. Colour marine-blue

**24,90 Euro**



## New Logo T-Shirt

Modern and functional shirt made of 100% DRY FIT polyester. Due to its good moisture regulation perfect for warm-up and training, but good for competition or leisure as well. Fresh design and high quality at an attractive price.

Sizes xxs-xxxl

Colour orange red

**12,90 Euro**



## New V-Neck T-Shirt

Functional t-shirt made of 100% DRY FIT polyester with an elegant V-neck. Offers much carrying comfort and transports sweat perfectly in training or competition.

Sizes xxs-xxxl

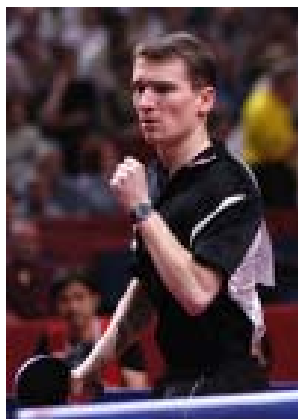
Colours royal blue

**14,90 Euro**



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Today with:  
**Werner Schlager**



In our new Players Talk our top players Timo Boll, Werner Schlager and Michael Maze answer questions of our Newsletter-readers in a loose order. The first part goes to former World Champion Werner Schlager from Austria, where he answers questions of youngsters from the club TTC Eupen in East-Belgium. If you have question as well, which you want to ask, mail them to us. We forward them to Timo, Werner and Michael. Don't be shy and enjoy reading!

**Even on the day of my World's Champions title I was not the World's best player**

At the European Championships in Aarhus you had been very successful in the doubles. With your partner Karl Jindrak you became European Champion for the first time. How important is the title to you and the sport of Table Tennis in Austria?

**The title was very important to me and Karl. For years we have been one of the best doubles of the World and now managed to win a major title.**

In the team final against Denmark your team seemed like the sure winner after the first two singles. How did this sensational turn and the following 2:3 defeat happen?

**A Table Tennis match „best of five“, as played in the teams, is always full of surprises. Three matches were extremely tight and could have**

**ended the other way. Bentsen exceeded his limit in the least match and brought Denmark the title.**

How did you get along with this defeat?

**It was not easy to get along. The following night I hardly slept.**

Is it any difference for you if you play team, doubles or on your own?

**I always try to give my best. No matter if in team, doubles or singles.**

How did you manage to shape yourself up for Shanghai again?

**The time was extremely tight. Yet we had a good preparation.**

How is it possible at all to play two very important tournaments in such a short period of time?

**Almost anything is possible. Yet one will not be in the same shape on both tournaments.**

Isn't it better to change the schedule?

**I hope I don't have to play two such major events in such a short time anymore.**

In Eurosport the reporter said, that many European players enjoy playing in China, for the audience is so great. Does that count for you as well?

**It's more comfortable to play in a crowded hall than in front of empty rows. But for me there is no difference in quality.**

You travelled to China as current World Champion. What have been your goals and your feeling before?

**It was clear to me that defending the title was possible, yet very unlikely. For I was in a good shape when arriving, my goals were to make a medal, no matter in which discipline.**

In the singles you surprisingly dropped out in round two against the Chinese He Zhi Wen, playing for Spain. You led 3:1. How could this match turn and how did you deal with it afterwards?

**The air-conditioning and the bad quality of the balls were unworthy of a WCC. I tried my best, but was unable to bring in my strength under these circumstances. Me and other top-player fight, that something like in Athens or Shanghai won't happen again.**

In the doubles as well you and your partner Karl Jindrak lost to the Dutch double Keen/Heister in round 2 unexpectedly. Have you been powered out after the European title?

**Keen/Heister are a strong combination. Even at perfect environment are the chances 50%.**

You turn 33 in September. Will you be able to become World Champion once again?

**A title says little about a player. My strength is a continuous performance over the years. For example I'm the only player of the World, who has been qualified in each Pro Tour final since 1996 in the singles as well as in the doubles. A great title comes or comes not. Even on the day I became Word Champion I was not the World's best player. I was lucky to have a seeding good for me at the right time, and I was able to use it by play and mental strength. I would consider myself as one of the ten best players of the World.**

What's the most important tournament for you: the World Championships or the Olympic Games?

**The World Championships are harder to win, for the participation is restricted at the Olympic Games. Therefore the WCC are more important to me.**



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 3 – Wide angles!

Though you prevent the immediate attack of your opponent by short services, they still have a disadvantage. On a short ball I can play much wider angles over the outer sides as on long balls. This we can utilize at our return. Now it's important to hit the ball as early as possible with a short, hard kick on the outer side. Again a little change in the grip (Forehand-grip as seen in b. or backhand-grip) can be of help.

In the following exercise we position a bottle on each corner of the side of the service player. On short services we try to play diagonally, so that the ball passes between the net and the bottle after hitting the table. The service player decides about the placing, the return player aims for the far side in the first part of the exercise. If this is successfully practiced it is made more difficult. Now the return player has to let the ball pass on the same side the service goes to – again between net and bottle.

Next month we will develop a feeling for the different length of the return.

