

# Butterfly® March 2006 NEWS

## Michel Maze signs in Levallois



Satisfied faces because of a spectacular coup: Levallois table tennis sporting club has signed a three-year-contract with the Danish table tennis star Michael Maze. Duesseldorf's world class player is supposed to lead the French club to the title and to help Levallois to become a top club in Europe again. Maze will be offered the best conditions in co-operation with his sponsor Butterfly to achieve his personal targets like success in future World Championships and the Olympic Games 2008.

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## Team W C in Bremen

### A Table Tennis Festival of Extraclass

The table tennis world is looking forward to a festival: the Team World Championships in Bremen (24<sup>th</sup> of April until 1<sup>st</sup> May) promise to be a highlight of extra class. 113 Men – and 87 Women Teams are starting in the northern German Hansetown and provide a new entry record. In comparison: 80 men and 61 women teams started 2004 in Katar.

The big question in Bremen is the same as usual: Who can throw the Chinese table tennis emperors off the throne? Nearly undisputedly both teams from the eastern empire dominated the team events two years ago in Doha and before that 2001 in Osaka (Japan). The only team who could interrupt the phalanx of the Chinese were the Swedish men's team 2000 in Kuala Lumpur and a united Korean women's team from the north and the south of the country.

An attack on China in the men's event is written especially on the cards of the host nation.

Lead by their Butterfly – Star Timo Boll, who was the only foreign player with a chance against the World Champions, the German team is aiming for a revenge of the 0:3 loss in Katar. The sensational march into the WC finals 2004 has made the WC hosts more confident that Boll and Co. in view of home advantage secretly hope for the title - coup.

But the Germans have also been warned, when the Vice World Champions, as the big favourites, experienced an unexpected crash – landing by losing to Romania in the quarterfinals at the EC the year before in Århus.

Further serious challengers apart from the WC hosts are especially South – Korea with the „butterflies“ Oh Sang-Eun, Lee Jun Woo and the in Butterfly equipment honoured Olympic Champion of 2004 Ryu Seung-Min as well as the Austrian EC Finalist with Ex – World Champion and Tamasu partner Werner Schlager. The European Champion Danmark, lead by Butterfly Ace Michael Maze, are a little bit less hopeful outside their home borderlines but must be counted as one of the candidates for a medal.

**24<sup>th</sup> of April – 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2006**

**LIEBHERR Team**

**Worldchampionships, Bremen**

**1<sup>st</sup> of June – 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2006**

**Pro Tour: Volkswagen Korea Open,  
Do**

**8<sup>th</sup> of June – 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2006**

**Pro Tour: Chinese Taipei Open,  
Taiwan**

**15<sup>th</sup> of June – 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2006**

**Pro Tour: Volkswagen China Open**



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In the women's event it only needs one look at the momentary World Ranking List for a safe prognosis of China's 16th W C title. The team's supremacy with Olympic Champion and World Single Champion Zhang Yining, who also belongs to the „butterflies“, allows probably only a competition for second place in the final. Chances for a purely asian final lie with the „Chinese branch“ Hongkong as well as the teams from South – Korea with Tamasu player Moon Hyun-Jung and Japan (Saki Kanazawa).

Following this top quartet, some kind of unofficial European Championship is an additional attraction. Fighting for the best places among the teams of the old continent – taking the seeding list as a basis- are apart from the host Germany also European Champion Romania, Hungary, White Russia, Italy, Croatia, Austria and Russia. These team's traditions are right through connected with names of Butterfly – players: Nicole Struse (Germany), Otilia Badescu, Daniela Dodean (both Romania), Kriztina Toth (Hungary), Viktoria and Veronika Pavlovitch (both White Russia), Nicoleta Stefanova, Laura Negrisoli (both Italy), European Top 12 Winner Tamara Boros (Croatia) and of course European Champion Liu Jia (Austria).

The prospect of a generally successful W C for table tennis is very good because of the place. Timo Boll's success resulted in a noticeable upward trend which is reflected in the brilliant advance ticket sales: Until the draw for the preliminary rounds on March 15<sup>th</sup> 62.000 tickets for eight W C days were gone.

In one view the Championships divisions at the Team W C in Bremen (April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> )

## Men:

Group A: China (WC), Sweden, Denmark, Romania, Netherlands, Italy

Group B: South-Korea, Croatia, France, Japan, Belgium, Brasil

Group C: Austria, Germany, Czechia, Polen, Serbia, Norway

Group D: Hongkong, Taiwan, Russia, Greece, White Russia, Slovakia



## Women:

Group A: China(WC), Romania, White Russia, Czechia, Serbia, India

Group B: Hongkong, Hungary, North-Korea, Taiwan, France, Polen

Group C: South-Korea, Germany, Italy, Austria, Australia, Netherlands

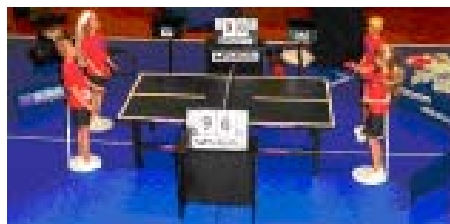
Group D: Japan, Singapur, Croatia, Russia, USA, Slovakia

### Timetable Eurosport :

Mi., 26.4. 14-15.30 Uhr LIVE  
Do., 27.4. 10.-12.30 Uhr LIVE  
Do., 27.4. 13-15.30 Uhr LIVE  
Do., 27.4. 18.30-20 Uhr zeitversetzt  
Fr., 28.4. 14-15.30 Uhr LIVE  
Sa. 29.4., 18.30-20 Uhr teils live, teils zeitversetzt  
So., 30.4. 19-21 Uhr LIVE  
Mo., 1.5. 12.30-13.30 Uhr Finale Damen zeitversetzt  
Mo., 1.5. 13:30-16 Uhr Finale Herren LIVE

## Barbie „goes“ Butterfly

Thinking of table tennis has reached new dimension at Butterfly. The contact to Renate Melin, 2<sup>nd</sup> in charge of the juniors of Borussia Duesseldorf, lead to a connection with Bettina Dorfmann. Mrs. Dorfmann organizes the only Barbie clinic in Germany (repair of broken Barbie dolls).



With 2500 Barbie dolls she owns the biggest collection of Barbie dolls in the world ( entry in the Guinnessbook of records ) and she has set up several pages concerning this topic in the internet. At the moment a documentary with the topic of Barbie is being produced in connection with an RTL documentary „world of wonders“ . One of the topics is Barbie and sport. The idea to the topic table tennis came from her own children who are active members of the junior department of Borussia Duesseldorf. As „Borussia’s“ sponsor Butterfly is as well sitting in the same boat turning these thoughts over.

In many art and craft lessons miniature models were built because the usual table tennis products are too big for Barbie dolls and their users ( see picture ). These mini models were all used in a planned fotoshooting. The whole junior department of Borussia Duesseldorf as well as two „junior models“ (3years!) were actively involved. Everyone who took part had great fun. Extensive picture material will appear shortly on one of Bettina’s web sites.



## ITTF World ´ s Ranking lists, mens (03/2006)

1	WANG Liqin CHN	16	LIU Guozheng CHN
2	BOLL Timo GER	17	MAZE Michael DEN
3	WANG Hao CHN	18	MA Long CHN
4	MA Lin CHN	19	KONG Linghui CHN
5	SAMSONOV Vladimir BLR	20	LI Ching HKG
6	Chen Qi CHN	21	KORBEL Petr CZE
7	OH Sang Eun KOR	22	KO Lai Chak HKG
8	RYU Seung Min KOR	23	PRIMORAC Zoran CRO
9	CHEN Weixing AUT	23	LEE Jung Woo KOR
10	SAIVE Jean-Michel BEL	25	BLASZCZYK Lucjan POL
11	HAO Shuai CHN	26	CHILA Patrick FRA
12	KREANGA Kalinikos GRE	27	SMIRNOV Alexei RUS
13	CHUAN Chih-Yuan TPE	28	LUNDQVIST Jens SWE
14	SCHLAGER Werner AUT	29	CHIANG Peng-Lung TPE
15	CRISAN Adrian ROU	30	KARLSSON Peter SWE

## ITTF World ´ s Ranking lists, women (03/2006)

1	ZHANG Yining CHN	16	STRUSE Nicole GER
2	GUO Yue CHN	17	STEFF Mihaela ROU
3	GUO Yan CHN	18	JIANG Huajun HKG
4	LI Xiaoxia CHN	19	FUKUHARA Ai JAP
5	Li Jia Wei SIN	20	MOON Hyun Jung KOR
6	BOROS Tamara HRV	21	FAN Ying CHN
7	TIE Yana HKG	22	TOTH Krisztina HUN
8	GAO Jun USA	23	LIU Jia AUT
9	KIM Kyung Ah KOR	24	Li Jiao NED
10	WANG Nan CHN	25	WANG Yue Gu SIN
11	NIU Jianfeng CHN	26	ZHANG Rui HKG
12	LIN Ling HKG	27	LI nan CHN
13	CAO Zhen CHN	28	HIRANO Sayaka JPN
14	LAU Sui Fei HKG	29	KIM Hyang Mi PRK
15	PAVLOVICH Viktoria BLR	30	SHEN Yanfei ESP

(Butterfly-players are marked!)

Boll and Zhenqi Barthel became German Singles Champions in Minden – Struse won the doubles

Timo Boll (Goennern) and Zhenqi Barthel (Homburg) won the singles titles at the 74<sup>th</sup> National German Championships in Minden. The number 2 of the world ranking list won in four sets against the German Open Semifinalist Zoltan Fejer – Konnerth (Grenzau) and secured his seventh national singles title. „I played well, otherwise I wouldn't have won“, said the 24 year –old Timo Boll, „even if I haven't got 100 percent of my form during the preparation period for the Team World Championships“. It was the first time for Barthel that she stood on top of the NGC – podium. She beat Jessica Goebel (Driburg) 4 : 2. Barthel, the 19 year - old bronze medal winner of the Junior World Championships won altogether two gold medals in Minden.

In the doubles Struse won the title with her team mate from Kroppach on her side. The two from the Rheinland beat the Busenbach pair Elke Wosik/Kristin Silbereisen 3 : 0. „We played well, especially with our serves and attack play“, says Wu. „I was in good form today and Nicole too in the doubles.“ Bastian Steger (Duesseldorf) and Lars Hielscher (Juelich/Hoengen) dethroned the defending champions and Vice World Champions of 2005 in the mens doubles. They beat the tournament favourites Timo Boll and Christian Suess in four sets and were very satisfied. „We are very happy that we won“, describes Steger. „Naturally were they the favourites but we knew that we had a chance because in a final the cards are dealt new again. We played a lot better than in the rounds before. Boll and Suess play well with each other but today we were best.“

## Kosowski New Polish Champion



Butterfly player Jakub Kosowski became the new Polish Single and Mixed Champion together with Xu Jie – congratulations!

This is the biggest success in the career of the pleasant 23 – year –old right hand player, who who stands at the table for Post SV in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bundesliga. He received not only

many congratulations but the nomination for the Team W C in Bremen as well.

Kosowski was leading 3:1 in an exciting final against the top favourite Lucjan Blaszczyk, who caught up to 3:3 again. Thanks to his speedy legs and a strong finish Kosowski could finally win the last end 11:8 to win the celebrated title.

### *Further results of Butterfly players:*

The young 16 year – old former European Cadet Champion **Natalia Partyka** won third places in the doubles (together with Natalia Bak ) and in the mixed (together with Lucjan Blaszczyk) and reached the quarterfinals in the singles.

**Pawel Chmiel** got surprisingly into the semi-finals where he lost to Blaszczyk 4:1. With Jakub Perek by his side he reached the quarterfinals.

**Maciej Pietkiewicz** got to the quarterfinals in the mixed.





## Butterfly star Maze from Duesseldorf to Levallois

Butterfly star Michael Maze has lived through turbulent times. At first the W C Bronze Medal winner and the German record Champion agreed after weeks of secret talks to dissolve their contract which was supposed to last until 2007. Not even a month later the Danish European Team Champion signed a contract in France with the former European Cup Champion Levallois S.C. TT from Paris, like Duesseldorf a Butterfly partner until 2009.

„We are happy and proud that we could sign up a player of Michael's class as a leader in our team for the next three years. We hope to reach our most important targets with Michael: to regain the French title and being one of the European top teams again,“ commented Levallois' coach Jean-Rene Mounie the spectacular transfer. His club assured the Olympic Doubles Bronze medalist from 2004 enough freedom to concentrate even more intensively on his career as a single player. Mounie:“ we will assist Michael with advice and action.“

Maze's ambitions for important tournaments like World – and European Championships and of course the Olympic Games lead in the end to a clash of interests between Michael and Duesseldorf's targets. During the last months Michael's performance did not fulfil the expectations and he admitted his problems openly:“ there are too many fixtures. It really happened sometimes after big tournaments, that I was very tired or

badly prepared for matches in Duesseldorf“, explained the European Top 12 winner of 2004 his readiness to end the co-operation with the German top club.

Maze stressed especially the friendly character of the separation:“I owe Borussia a lot of thanks.“

Until 2008 his position as top player is taken by another Butterfly ace: Petr Korbel returns to Duesseldorf after 10 years. The fourth of the Olympic Games 1996 in Atlanta is playing for Duesseldorf's league rival



## Timo's magic forhand serves, part 1

Timo Boll is not only feared because of his excellent attacking strokes. No, it is especially the variety of his forhand serves, and the change of spin which causes big problems even for the strong serving Chinese players. Timo's secret: an optimal co-ordinated whole body movement with a maximum of wrist movement, which is hardly recognizable for the opponent. This is not because they are not according to the rules- Timo serves absolutely clean and without any tricks – no, because his movements are extremely fast and always changing. We will discuss this in more detail in the next Butterfly – Newsletter. Naturally Timo uses a special way of holding the racket while serving: the racket is squeezed between thumb and a slightly bent index finger. The other three fingers lie bent and fan – shaped on top of each other to stabilize the direction of the racket. (see pictures A,D,I,J)



**Picture A:** Timo is just going into the starting position for the serve. He takes his body down by bending his knees and his upper body. The weight is clearly on his right front foot. He stands beside the table. The ball is exactly behind the base line of the table. The ball rests on the front of his outstretched palm. The racket is slightly above his ballhand. Timo looks at the ball and appears very concentrated.

**Picture B:** Timo starts the serving movement. The ballhand goes down to the table, the racket simultaneously up to the chest. The back leg has now contact with the floor and stabilizes the whole body movement while the bodyweight is still clearly on the right front leg.





## 08 Stars under the magnifier



**Picture C:** Timo's ballhand goes up and overtakes the racket. Simultaneously the body position becomes a bit more upright. Timo watches the ball very concentrated.



**Picture D:** Timo throws the ball up to the height of his eyes and continues to watch it carefully. Simultaneously he takes the racket, which is slightly open, up to the middle of his chest. During this phase of the serve his bodyweight moves to the left back leg.



**Picture E:** The ball has reached the highest point after throwing it up. Timo moves his ballhand down and takes the racket a little bit down to the chest. The racket touches his shirt. Timo is still watching the ball closely.



**Picture F:** The ball is now below the highest point and is falling down. Timo pulls his playing arm, which is nearly completely bent at the elbow joint, back and to the left. The body weight is now on both legs. The upper body is still bent forward but in the most upright position during the serve. His hips are twisted slightly to the left back side and the right shoulder is forward. Timo's eyes are still glued to the ball.



## 09 Stars under the magnifier



**Picture G** has been taken right after contact with the ball has been made. The elbow is now the highest point of Timo's body because Timo moves so much down to the ball. The photo underlines brilliantly that the service claims an extremely demanding whole body co-ordination from toes to wrist.

The nearly vertical position of the blade and the arm and wrist movement from right to left hint to a sidespin serve without much backspin.



**Picture H:** This picture shows how much the whole body is involved in the serve. The whole body weight is now again on the right front leg and proves the forward directed impulses of this serve variety. If you compare picture H with the previous picture G the extreme engagement of the whole upper body becomes clear. Like in other forhand strokes the twisting of the upper body is dissolved at the moment of ball contact and additional movement energy is gained.



**Picture I:** Timo pushes his body weight now from the front to the back foot to reach a favourable stroke position for the serve return. He still hasn't given up his service grip. This happens shortly afterwards as you can see in **picture J**.



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Sponge Thickness: 1,9/2,1

Sponge Hardness: soft

**Price: 41.90 Euro**



## Kreanga Carbon

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# 11 Products of the month

## Kreanga Aeros

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**Category:** OFF+

**Veneers:** 5 planks/2 glass fibres

**Grip:** FL, AN, ST

**Weight:** (ca.) 90g

**Price: 59,90 Euro**



## Shirt Cooley

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**Sizes:** XXS-3XL

**Colours:** black, red, blue

**Price: 36.90 Euro**



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**Sizes:** XXS – 3XL

**Colours:** black – grey

**Price: 89,90 Euro**

## „I turned my hobby into my job“

***14 youngsters from the table tennis department of DJK Horbach near Aachen ask Timo Boll questions which they think interesting about Germany's Table tennis idol. They play in three different teams in the local and regional leagues and twice a week practice on average. They are no future professionals but players who are very enthusiastic about their sport. It is great fun to ask Timo Boll really cool questions. If you, dear Butterfly News readers have got any questions to Timo Boll send a mail to us. Timo will definitely answer them.***

Timo, when did you start playing table tennis?

**When I was four years old in our own cellar.**

Who brought you to table tennis or was it your own idea?

**My father was the culprit. He bought a table and played with me.**

Can you remember what you liked so much about table tennis when you were a child?

**I simply enjoyed it. That was most important. The ball was always important to me no matter if table tennis, tennis or football, I was a talent everywhere.**

Was table tennis always your number 1 sport?

**Probably yes, because I invested most of my time with it although I was nearly equally good in other sports.**

Which other sports did you do or are you still doing?

**Football, tennis, badminton, inline – skating.**

I play tennis apart from table tennis. Does that matter?

**Difficult question. Now it harms my game because I lose my feeling a bit for table tennis, but when I was younger (up to about 11 years) I played both sports.**

When did you play your first league match and did you win?

**I can't remember. That is too long ago.**

When did you think of becoming a table tennis professional for the first time?

**When I was 14 or 15. When I was 16 I was one.**

Table tennis professional is surely a brilliant job for you, why?

**Because I could turn my hobby into my job.**



Table tennis professionals must live healthy. Do you drink alcohol or smoke a cigarette every now and again, perhaps when you have won and have a little party?

**Well, a beer to celebrate is allowed every now and again but only occasionally. Smoking is absolutely out. I am a big enemy of that!**

What is getting on your nerves being a table tennis professional?

**Stress, you must travel a lot and there is only very little time for the family and friends.**

You are now the number 2 of the world ranking list, when are you going to be number 1 again?

**That is very difficult, because you always have to play constantly well . But I will keep fighting and trying. Luckily I have been the number 1 in the world for 7 months.**

Soon there are the World Table Tennis Championships in Bremen. What do you think your chances with the team are? Can Germany become World Champion?

**Our first target should be to win a medal. That is more realistic than the title. There are many teams against whom we can lose but if everything goes well we can also beat everybody. My top – favourite is China.**

You were always exemplary for me to improve. Did you have a player or another sportsman as an idol? If yes, why?

**Jorg Rosskopf and Jan-Ove Waldner were always my idols. Rossi was the best in Germany and Waldner the best in the world.**

Which Butterfly blade and which Butterfly rubbers do you play with?

**I play with the Timo Boll Spirit blade and Sriver L max. rubbers on both sides.**

Since when and why do you play with it?

**I play with the Timo Boll Spirit since a very long time, since it is on the market. It is fast but has still got enough control. The Sriver is a classic. It has got extremely much spin but is not too soft to play hard strokes as well.**

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