



Press Release

Down to last 32 players

In an epic thriller, Melling ousted Petroni to secure a spot in the single elimination

Friday, 30 September 2011: Chris Melling (GBR) ousted Fabio Petroni (ITA) in an epic thriller with 8:7.

The match started off to Melling's liking. He was ahead 4:0 after about 10 minutes. Knowing Melling, this is not unusual. But Petroni did not think about giving in. "I was surprised when he fought back and got me under a lot of pressure", said Melling. Petroni performed a strong comeback and tied the score at 4:4. Then Melling ran another rack with his own break and benefitted from Petroni breaking dry, taking a 6:4 lead again. Once more, Petroni was down two racks and once more he did not give in but fought back. He profited from Melling who found himself unluckily snookered after he pocketed a tough jump shot. Running that rack and another one, Petroni tied the match at 6:6. He was almost on his way to the hill when the cue ball scratched into the side pocket from an almost unbelievable angle. Lady Luck was on Melling's side this time. So Melling was on the hill first. But needless to say that Petroni again did not give in and tied the match at 7:7. Then, after a few safety shots were exchanged, Melling found himself in the better position and ran the rack, winning the thriller with 8:7. "Believe it or not, I have just played with a new shaft that I have never ever played before. But Ralf (Souquet) told me the tip was great. I thought if it works for him, it could work for me, too", said Melling after the match. "Fabio played great pool and kept me under pressure constantly. He was very hard to beat tonight", Melling stated and left the venue, preparing for his next round match.

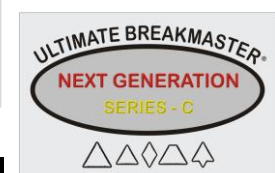
In the meantime, unfortunately, all local players have exited the event. The last Hungarian hopes Miko, Solymosi and Varga were all eliminated in the 4th loser's round.



Chris Melling (GBR)
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The following players will play tonight at 21:00 local time in the single elimination stage of the event:

Last 32 Single elimination

Nick van den Berg	NED	v	Albin Ouschan	AUT
Harald Stolka	GER	v	Andreas Roschkowsky	GER
Marcus Chamat	SWE	v	Artem Koshovyi	UKR
Joao Grilo	POR	v	Imran Majid	GBR
Karl Boyes	GBR	v	Markus Buck	GER
Daryl Peach	GBR	v	Dimitri Jungo	SUI
Francisco Diaz-Pizarro	ESP	v	Ruslan Chinakhov	RUS
Damianos Giallourakis	GRE	v	Huidji See	NED
Ralf Souquet	GER	v	Carlo Dalmatin	CRO
Sascha Tege	GER	v	Richard Jones	GBR
Mario He	AUT	v	Mateusz Sniegocki	POL
Nikos Ekonomopoulos	GRE	v	Darren Appleton	GBR
Jayson Shaw	SCO	v	David Alcaide	ESP
Philipp Stojanovic	CRO	v	Mark Gray	GBR
Petri Makkonen	FIN	v	Chris Melling	GBR
Jani Siekkinen	FIN	v	Denis Grabe	EST

The Euro-Tour event will be hosted by the European Governing Body for Pool, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) and organized by International Billiard Promotion (IBP). For further information and reference please go to the event website www.eurotouronline.eu, www.beassy.com or contact our press office.



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