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WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL REYES CUP

Welcome to the inaugural Reyes Cup, a highly anticipated tournament that is set to become a flagship event on the World Nineball Tour. Hosted in the vibrant city of Manila, Philippines, the Reyes Cup pays homage to the legendary Efren “Bata” Reyes and features a spectacular line-up of the world’s best pool players competing in this landmark event.

As the first-ever Reyes Cup, this event marks the beginning of a new tradition in the world of professional pool, combining world-class competition with a celebration of the sport’s rich history in the Philippines. Over four action-packed days, expect intense matchups, unforgettable moments, and brilliant displays of cue artistry as players vie for the honour of being the inaugural champion.

With high stakes, global attention, and an electric atmosphere, the Reyes Cup is set to become an iconic event on the tour, offering fans and players alike a thrilling experience that will be remembered for years to come.

ENJOYING THE REYES CUP?

Don't miss the next major event on the World Nineball Tour:

The 2024 Mosconi Cup, from November 30 – December 3, at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, Florida, where Team Europe and Team USA face off in the ultimate pool rivalry.

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FORMAT

Unlike the traditional Mosconi Cup format, the Reyes Cup will be mixing things up this year! The format will follow:

- TEAM MATCHES TO KICK OFF DAYS 1-3
- MORE DOUBLES MATCHES TO SHOWCASE ALL PLAYERS
- NO REPEAT DOUBLES PAIRINGS
- FIRST TO 11 POINTS WINS

BREAK RULES

The following conditions on the break shot will apply in all matches at the Mosconi Cup:

- 1 ALTERNATE BREAK.
- 2 PLAYERS MUST BREAK FROM WITHIN THE BREAK BOX.
- 3 THE BALLS WILL BE RACKED WITH THE 9-BALL RESTING ON THE SPOT.
- 4 THE BALLS WILL BE RACKED WITH A MAGIC BALL RACK BY A REFEREE.
- 5 PLAYERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO INSPECT THE RACK.

SHOT CLOCK RULES

Each player has up to 30 seconds to complete each shot. The clock will start when the last moving ball on the table comes to rest. Failure to play a shot in the allocated time will result in loss of visit and cue ball in hand to the incoming player.

After the break shot, a player can take a maximum of 60 seconds to appraise the table. The clock will start after the completion of the first shot in open play. Each Player (singles) or team (doubles) is allowed one 30-second extension per rack. This can be called at any time within the initial 30 seconds.

PRIZE MONEY

All players from both teams will receive \$15,000 for securing their spots in the inaugural Reyes Cup.

PRIZE FUND TOTAL:

\$150,000

REYES CUP SCHEDULE 2024

DAY ONE

MATCH 1
TEAMS EVENT

MATCH 2
DOUBLES

MATCH 3
SINGLES

MATCH 4
DOUBLES

MATCH 5
SINGLES

All players must play at least once in matches 2, 3, and 4.

DAY TWO

MATCH 6
TEAMS EVENT

MATCH 7
SINGLES

MATCH 8
DOUBLES

MATCH 9
SINGLES

MATCH 10
DOUBLES

All players must play at least once in matches 8, 9, and 10.

DAY THREE

MATCH 11
TEAMS EVENT

MATCH 12
DOUBLES

MATCH 13
SINGLES

MATCH 14
DOUBLES

MATCH 15
SINGLES

All players must play at least once in matches 12, 13, and 14.

DAY FOUR

MATCH 16
SINGLES

MATCH 17
SINGLES

MATCH 18
SINGLES

MATCH 19
SINGLES

MATCH 20
SINGLES

MATCH 21
CAPTAIN'S PICK

Captains may not field the same doubles pairing twice
Each team member must play a singles match before playing a second singles match

CYNERGY

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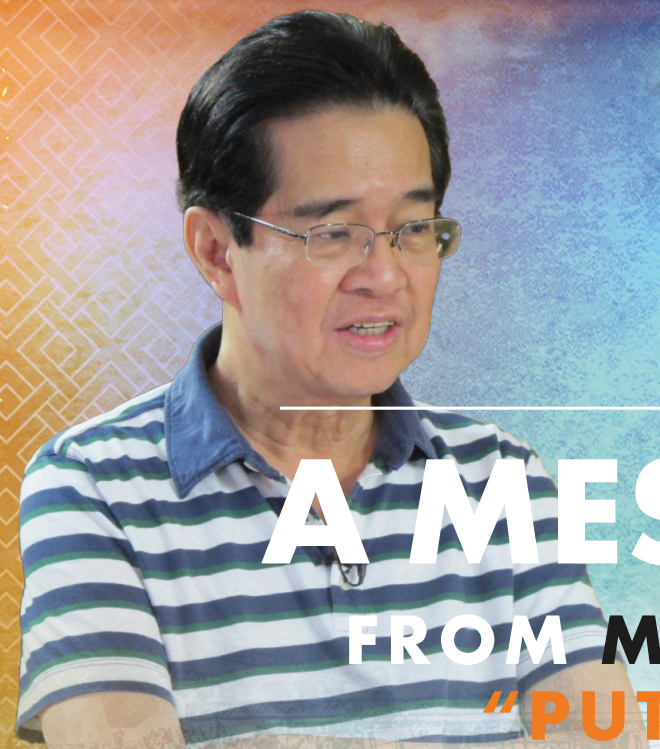


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A MESSAGE FROM MR. ARISTEO "PUTCH" PUYAT

Welcome to the inaugural Efen Reyes Cup—a groundbreaking tournament that showcases the finest talents from Asia and Europe in the wonderful sport of pool, right here in Manila, Philippines. As the head of Puyat Sports, and in partnership with Matchroom Sport, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome players, fans, and everyone who shares a passion for billiards to this historic event.

The Reyes Cup pays tribute to the legendary Efen "Bata" Reyes, whose extraordinary contributions to the sport have inspired generations of players, both in the Philippines and around the world. This tournament represents a new chapter in professional pool, blending the rich traditions of the game with the evolved and refined skills of today's players, as Asia's top talents face off against Europe's finest in this thrilling competition.

Hosting the event in the Philippines is particularly significant. Our nation's deep connection to billiards is woven into the very fabric of this tournament. For decades, the Philippines has produced world-class champions, and it is with immense

pride that we now share our talent and hospitality with the global pool community.

The Reyes Cup embodies the sport's remarkable evolution, not only here in the Philippines but across the globe. It serves as a platform to honour the legacies of legends while spotlighting the rising stars of tomorrow. We are privileged to have exceptional teams—captained by Efen Reyes for Team Asia and Karl Boyes for Team Europe—competing for what is sure to become one of the most prestigious titles in the sport for years to come.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our co-producers, Matchroom Sports, led by the dynamic and innovative Emily Frazer, whose vision and collaboration have made this tournament a reality. Special thanks as well to our broadcast partner, Signal TV, for bringing this event to millions of fans worldwide.

As we embark on this exciting journey, I invite you all to witness the extraordinary skill, passion, and sportsmanship that define the sport we love.

A MESSAGE FROM EMILY FRAZER



Welcome to the inaugural Reyes Cup, an exciting new chapter to the World Nineball Tour, taking place in the vibrant city of Manila, Philippines. Named in honour of the legendary Efren "Bata" Reyes, this tournament promises to deliver a captivating display of world-class pool, enhanced by a unique Asia vs. Europe format that adds a fresh layer of excitement.

Pool in the Philippines is more than just a sport; it's a way of life. Generations of fans have grown up watching and playing the game in crowded pool halls and on the streets, and many of the world's greatest players have come from these very environments. Efren Reyes is a symbol of that heritage, and to hold the Reyes Cup here is to bring the sport back to where its passion runs deepest.

This year, we bring together two powerhouse teams, each representing the very best from their respective continents. Team Asia, led by Efren Reyes himself, features a stellar line-up including Aloysius Yapp, Johann Chua, Ko Pin Yi, Duong Quoc Hoang, and Carlo Biado. Their opponents, Team Europe, captained by six-time Mosconi Cup champion Karl Boyes, boast Europe's finest players: Eklent Kaçi, Mickey Krause, David Alcaide, Jayson Shaw, and Francisco Sanchez Ruiz.

What makes this event so special is not just the talent on

display but the atmosphere created by the fans. Filipino crowds are legendary in their passion for pool, and their excitement will create an atmosphere akin to the biggest team events in the world. The buzz around the arena will be electric, and the players will undoubtedly feel both the pressure and thrill of competing in front of such a devoted audience.

This event is about building a lasting legacy. We envision the Reyes Cup growing into one of the landmark events on the pool calendar, bringing more eyes to the sport, inspiring the next generation of players, and continuing the tradition of excellence in pool. We're laying the foundation for something that will carry the spirit of Efren Reyes and the legacy of Filipino pool to the world for years to come.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr. Aristeo "Putch" Puyat, Founder and Owner of Puyat Sports, as well as our host broadcaster, Cignal TV. Their unwavering support is crucial to the continued success and growth of the World Nineball Tour.

As we embark on a new chapter in the history of professional pool, let the Reyes Cup mark the start of something truly special—a competition where legends are made and where the passion for pool knows no bounds. Enjoy the tournament, and let's make history together!



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LEGEND OF REYES HONoured IN MANILA



When the nineball teams of Europe and USA first squared up in 1994, it came just over a year too late for Willie Mosconi to see the event which bears his name. As a new era begins with the inaugural Reyes Cup however, the man it honours will be at the heart of proceedings, still full of enthusiasm, warmth and charm following his recent 70th birthday.

The position of pool's all-time greatest player remains up for eternal debate. Efrén Reyes is in that discussion, but what raises no dispute is the unique nature of his standing as one of sport's great statesmen, universally respected and revered within his field in a fashion reserved for the likes of Pele and Arnold Palmer.

That status is assured forever, but it might never have happened without the upheaval of leaving his home behind at an early age, to be suddenly thrust into the life of his nation's capital city.

"My father left me in the care of my uncle, who operated a pool joint called "Lucky13" in the heart of downtown Manila," Reyes recalls. "At the time, pool was played in similar establishments across five districts of the city. Most of the players were enthusiasts who loved the game."

Reyes was captivated by what he saw and wanted to be a part of it. Legend has it that after spending much of the day cleaning the premises for his uncle, and developing his game while standing on a Coca-Cola box to reach the shots, he would sleep on the very tables where large sums had been won and lost during the day.

"In many cases, the better players competed in money games, often backed by sponsors who placed bets on their matches," he explains. "I watched these matches and aspired to be one of the players involved. By the time I was 12, I had developed enough skill that bettors began to back me in their games. They took me to various billiard halls around the city, looking for opponents. Because I was young, many accepted the challenge, and these matches went on for a year or two. Eventually, there were no players left who were willing to face me. Finally a friend of mine, Cesar Morales, convinced me to try my luck in the United States."



Comparisons between stars of different sporting eras can be notoriously challenging, and particularly so when much of Reyes' heyday came long before there was anything like the globalised, structured nineball scene of today. At its very highest level the game was a virtual American preserve, and particularly so at the US Open, where players from the host nation truly established their legend.



Nick Varner was among them, having achieved what was then the unique feat of successfully defending the title in 1990, but when Varner went in search of equalling Earl Strickland's then-record three US Open wins four years later, Reyes turned the event's history on its head by beating him in the final.

He was the first Philippines player to win the championship. That 1994 success was the start of what remains an unequalled sequence of four US Open finals in a row, and although he came out on the wrong end in all of the other three, Reyes was soon celebrating what he sees as his greatest achievement.

"The peak of my career came at the World 9-Ball Championship in Cardiff in 1999," he says. "I won the tournament, defeating the world's best pool players, and the event was broadcast live worldwide, so it made me known to pool enthusiasts across the globe."

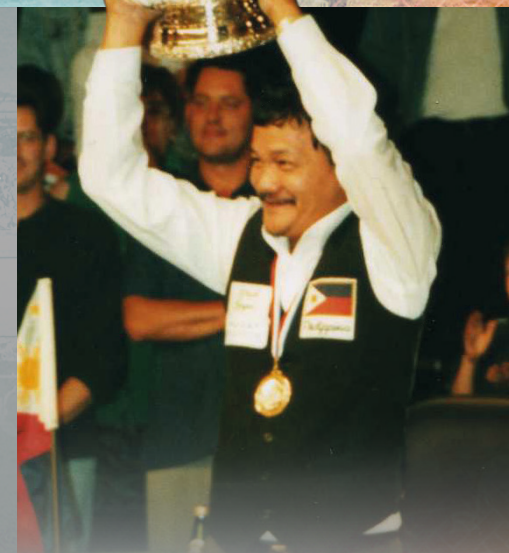
With the game spreading rapidly on an international level around that time, the launch of a World Cup was a natural progression, and when it arrived in 2006 Reyes teamed up with Francisco Bustamante to make the Philippines its first ever winners.

Having defeated American giants Strickland and Rodney Morris in the final, they saw off the equally strong German team of Ralf Souquet and Thorsten Hohmann three years later in Quezon City. So the Philippines were now the first multiple champions, while Reyes and Bustamante became the first pair to win the tournament on home ground.

"I am deeply thankful and proud to have received awards and accolades from presidents and sports officials, recognizing me as one of the great athletes our country has produced. One of my proudest moments was being a flag bearer for the Southeast Asian Games held here," he reflects.

Yet the stature of Reyes has always been about so much more than what he has won. Tales of extraordinary accessibility and generosity to his adoring public are part of the legend, and so is the humble manner in which he has conducted himself.

"I believe that my humility in both victory and defeat has helped me earn the appreciation of fans," he acknowledges. "More importantly, I have always respected my opponents and the game itself."



Michael McMullan

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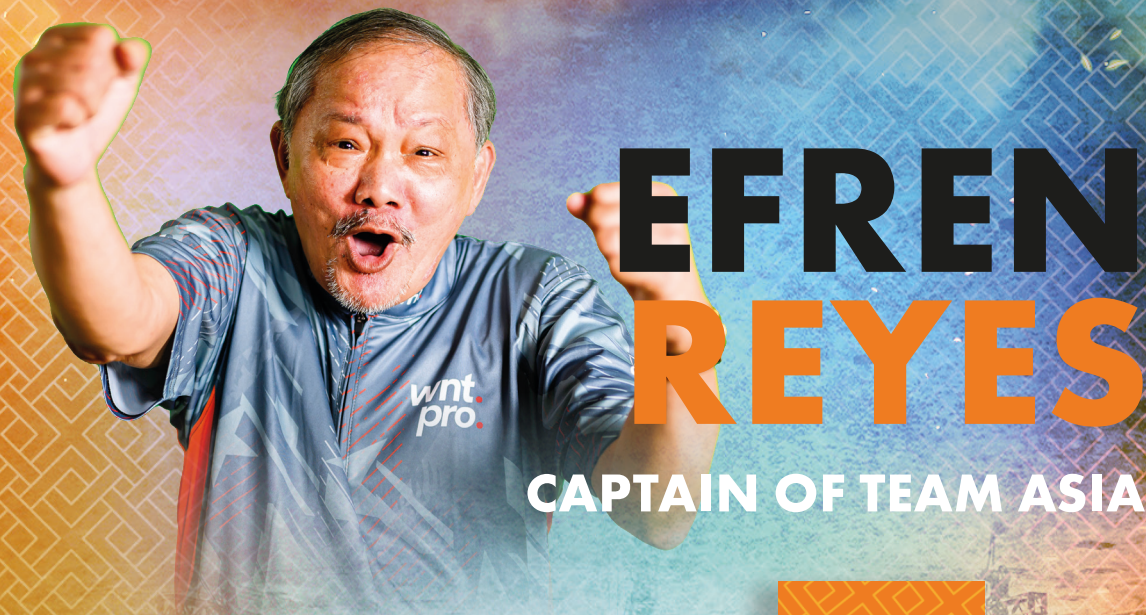


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TEAM EUROPE

OFFICIAL TABLE OF THE REYES CUP

TEAM ASIA



EFREN REYES

CAPTAIN OF TEAM ASIA

When you think of pool, Efredn Reyes is the undisputed icon, not only in Asia but across the world. Known as "The Magician," Reyes has been a dominant figure for decades, inspiring generations of players. Now, in the inaugural Reyes Cup, he's taking on a new challenge as captain of Team Asia.

For Reyes, this tournament carries profound significance. "It's a great honour to lead Team Asia in the first-ever Reyes Cup," he says. "This event is special not only because it bears my name but because it celebrates Asia's pride and passion for the sport." Reyes' role as captain isn't about instructing the fundamentals—his team already comprises elite players—but about fostering unity and guiding them toward a collective goal. "My role is to inspire belief and unity within the team. We're not just here to compete against Europe; we're here to win."

Reyes understands that in a tournament of this calibre, success requires more than individual brilliance. For him, teamwork is key. The lineup he commands features a balance of seasoned champions and rising stars, all bringing their unique strengths to the table. "Our team is a blend of experience and youth," Reyes explains. "We have players like Ko Pin-Yi, Duong Quoc Hoang, Carlo Biado, Aloysius Yapp, and Johann Chua, each with their own style and expertise."

Ko Pin-Yi, a quiet but formidable competitor, has a reputation for excelling under pressure, while Duong Quoc Hoang, the 2024 Scottish Open champion, has rapidly risen through the ranks. "Ko's laser focus and Hoang's dynamic rise have brought a lot of attention to our team," Reyes notes. In addition, Carlo Biado, who's won major titles like the World Championship and the US Open, adds experience and poise to the team's core. "Each player—from Ko's discipline to Biado's calm precision—brings something crucial to our pursuit of victory."





Then there are the talents of Aloysius Yapp and Johann Chua, whose energy and creativity provide an extra spark. Yapp has already displayed maturity beyond his years, while Chua's flair and technical prowess, particularly evident during the European Open, add an unpredictable element to the team's approach.

For Reyes, the Reyes Cup is an opportunity for Asia to showcase its depth of talent and its passion for the game. Although he respects Team Europe, Reyes remains steadfast in his belief that Team Asia has what it takes to triumph. "This is more than just individual brilliance—it's about teamwork," he asserts. "My job is to make sure every player feels confident and supported. We respect our opponents, but we're determined to come out on top."

As Reyes leads Team Asia into this historic event, he's motivated by the chance to solidify their place in pool's history. "The Reyes Cup is set to become a landmark event in the world of pool," he concludes. "With the skills, teamwork, and support we have, I'm confident we're ready for the challenge—and for victory."

With Efren Reyes at the helm, Team Asia not only has the leadership of a legend but also the drive to make history on their own terms.



ALOYSIUS YAPP



Aloysius Yapp has long been on the verge of a breakthrough on the global stage, and his journey to becoming one of the sport's top talents has been nothing short of remarkable.

His standout performance at the 2021 US Open, where he reached the finals, cemented his status as a player capable of contending with the world's best. That result, coupled with his consistency on the World Nineball Tour, is a testament to his unrelenting determination and skill. Yapp's momentum has only grown since, with back-to-back WNT Ranking Event titles at Wolf's Den Billiard Club and the International Open.

Now, as the first player to qualify for Team Asia at the inaugural Reyes Cup, Yapp reflects on this career-defining moment and his high expectations for the upcoming tournament. The Reyes Cup, inspired by the legendary Mosconi Cup, pits Team Asia against Team Europe in a high-stakes team event, bringing together the world's finest players in a format that promises intense drama.

"It's unbelievable," Yapp says, still taking in the magnitude of what he's accomplished. "I'm still really speechless

about it. I can't wait for this event. I know it's going to be really great and go down in history."

Growing up watching the Mosconi Cup, Yapp often imagined what it would be like to compete in a similar team format representing Asia. Seeing that dream come to life through the Reyes Cup is a moment of fulfillment for Yapp. "It means the world to me," he reflects. "To see it finally happen is truly amazing, and it means a lot to be part of the team for the first edition."

Yapp joins an elite roster, with none other than Efren "Bata" Reyes—the tournament's namesake—serving as Team Asia's captain. Alongside him, players like Ko Pin Yi, Johann Chua, Carlo Biado, and Duong Quoc Hoang complete a formidable line-up, making Team Asia a strong contender for the title. "I knew before the players were announced that Team Asia would be really strong," Yapp notes. "Asia is home to a lot of the top players, so I know we'll be ready to not only take on Team Europe but to take home the win."

Despite his confidence, Yapp acknowledges the pressure of being the first to qualify for Team Asia. "Yeah, for sure, I feel a lot of pressure," he admits. "But I know I will do my best. I have to make sure that I'm 100% ready."



The tournament, held in Manila at the iconic Ninoy Aquino National Stadium, brings additional excitement for Yapp. Pool is more than a pastime in the Philippines—it's a passion that runs deep. "For sure, it makes me feel nervous," Yapp shares. "But I've been there a couple of times before, so I know what the hype for pool is like out there. The fans are all crazy, and I know they will be rooting for Team Asia."

For Yapp, the Reyes Cup represents more than just another tournament—it stands as one of the pinnacle achievements of his career thus far. "If we can win this, it could be the most important title of my career," he acknowledges.

While this will be Yapp's first foray into a team event of this magnitude, he approaches it with quiet confidence. "It's something new for me... but nothing I can't handle," he says, determined to rise to the occasion as he embarks on this historic chapter of his career.



JOHANN CHUA

Johan Chua is no stranger to the spotlight, but qualifying for Team Asia at the inaugural Reyes Cup has left even this seasoned competitor awestruck. Known for his dynamic, high-energy playstyle and fierce competitive spirit, the Filipino pool star is set to represent Team Asia in what promises to be a monumental moment for his career.

"It's unbelievable," Chua said, reflecting on what it means to be part of Team Asia. "I'm getting goosebumps now. The moment that shirt was on my body, it became real. I'm so excited, and I'll never forget this moment."

For Chua, representing Team Asia is an honour that goes beyond just playing pool—it's about being part of something historic. "Being part of the very first Team Asia means the world to me. We've been waiting for this matchup between Asia and Europe for so long, and now it's finally happening. To be part of the first Reyes Cup is something I'll carry with me for the rest of my life."

Chua's enthusiasm doesn't stop there. He's ready to step up as the vocal leader of a team filled with calm, composed players. "I'm going to be the Jayson Shaw of Team Asia," Chua said with a grin. "Most of the guys on our team are very calm, but I'm going to bring the intensity and energy. I think that's what we need in those high-pressure moments."

Chua has been preparing for a moment like this for over two decades. Having played pool for most of his life, he feels more than ready to take on the challenge. "I've been preparing for this my whole life," he said. "I always make sure my mental game is sharp, and I'm just going to focus on playing my best."

This is Chua's first time competing in a format similar to the Mosconi Cup, but despite being new to the environment, he's excited to embrace the challenge. "I've watched the Mosconi Cup every year, but we'll have to figure it out as a team when we get there. It's our first time, so we'll adapt and learn as we go."

The Reyes Cup being held in the Philippines is a huge factor for Chua. He's well aware of the passion his country has for the sport and is thrilled to be playing in front of his home crowd. "It's going to be wild," he said with excitement. "The

fans in the Philippines love pool, and I know they're going to bring that same energy to the Reyes Cup. I'm expecting crazy support from my fellow countrymen."

Playing on home turf comes with added pressure, but Chua is confident that his family and friends in the crowd will give him the motivation he needs. "Yeah, there's a bit of pressure playing in the Philippines, but having my family, friends, and supporters there will give me the strength to fight through it."

Chua believes that the Reyes Cup is more than just a one-off event. He sees it becoming a major part of the global pool calendar, especially in Asia. "This is going to be big for us. I think every year, players in Asia will be fighting to qualify for the next one. It gives us something to look forward to and strive for. This is going to have a lasting impact on pool in Asia."

As for what fans can expect? Chua keeps it simple: "Be ready. This is it—it's happening. I'm going to give you a good performance, and you won't want to miss it."

As the Reyes Cup draws near, Johan Chua stands poised not only to represent his country but to etch his name in the history of this prestigious new event. For the hometown hero, the stakes couldn't be higher, and the opportunity couldn't be greater.



KO PIN YI



Ko Pin Yi, one of most accomplished pool players from Chinese Taipei, has added another accomplishment to his stellar career—qualifying as the third player for Team Asia at the inaugural Reyes Cup. With multiple titles under his belt, Ko is no stranger to high-stakes competition, but representing his continent in a team format marks a new chapter in his journey.

For Ko, qualifying for the Reyes Cup is a moment of immense pride. "I feel incredibly proud. To represent Asia in the first Reyes Cup, a competition I've always dreamed of, is amazing. It's a significant milestone in my career."

Transitioning from individual tournaments to a team-based competition presents unique challenges, but Ko is ready to embrace them. "The biggest difference is that in a team event, we need to collaborate and discuss strategies, whereas in individual events, it's more about personal performance. This team format will allow me to learn a lot from my teammates and improve as a player." What sets Team Asia apart, according to Ko, is the camaraderie and dedication that Asian players share. "We often practice together, even

outside of competitions. Our training never stops, and that creates a strong bond between us. I think this camaraderie is one of our strengths."

Speaking of Team Europe, Ko recognises the formidable challenge that lies ahead. "Our opponents are extremely experienced, and this is the first time Asian players are participating in a team event of this scale. But if we perform at our best, I believe we can rise to the occasion."

Beyond contributing to the team's success, Ko has personal goals for the Reyes Cup. "I hope to score points in my matches and help lead the team to victory. Winning the MVP award would be incredible, but my main focus is on supporting my teammates." As for handling the pressure, Ko's approach is to keep things in perspective. "This is my first time in such an event, so I don't want to put too much pressure on myself. I'll focus on staying relaxed and enjoying the game." His ability to maintain composure under pressure is a hallmark of his career, and it will be key as he navigates the intense atmosphere of the Reyes Cup.

Ko hopes that his performance at the Reyes Cup will leave a lasting legacy, not just for himself, but for the sport of billiards in Asia. "I hope the Reyes Cup brings more attention to billiards and inspires more people to appreciate the game. It's a great opportunity to elevate the sport." He believes the Reyes Cup will have a lasting impact on the sport in Asia. "With only the top players getting the chance to participate, it's something that all of us will aim for. I believe this event will inspire more Asian players to train harder and strive for excellence."

As the tournament approaches, Ko has a message for his fans: "Thank you so much for your support. Your encouragement motivates us the most. I hope you'll continue to cheer for us in the Reyes Cup."

Ko Pin Yi's combination of talent, humility, and determination ensures that he will be a force to reckon with at the Reyes Cup. Fans can expect him to bring his best to the table, both as a player and a leader for Team Asia.





DUONG QUOC HOANG

The Vietnamese Pool Sensation, Duong Quoc Hoang, the last wildcard pick for Team Asia at the inaugural Reyes Cup, carries with him the weight of immense pride and opportunity. Known for his quiet yet focused demeanour, Duong's selection in the team surprised even himself. "I had only 1% hope that I could be a member of Team Asia," he shares, reflecting on the emotional moment he received the official announcement. "When it came, my mind exploded, it was so amazing."

The Reyes Cup, a historic event bringing together Asia's finest players to face off against Europe's best, represents a landmark for Duong, his country, and his sport. As one of the few Vietnamese players competing at this level, Duong is well aware of the significance this event holds, not just for him but for the entire Vietnamese pool community. "This is definitely the next historical milestone for Vietnamese pool," he says proudly. "What I and other professional Vietnamese players are doing is showing the next generation that playing pool is a profession."

Duong knows the challenges ahead are formidable. Competing in a team format for the first time at such a high level brings both excitement and pressure, but he remains optimistic. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me," he says, determined to rise to the occasion. "I've prepared my whole life to be here; everything is still there waiting to explode." For Duong, the camaraderie and unity within Team Asia will be the key to their success. "I have teammates, I am not alone. Whenever I am under pressure, I believe that my teammates will be behind me."

When asked about how he expects to deal with the fierce competition from Team Europe, Duong is confident that Asia's strength lies in their unity. "Every team will have unity, but we Asians do it better than anyone," he states. "I believe this will help us win."

Being a wildcard pick, Duong brings fresh energy to the team, but he's also eager to learn from his world-class teammates. "What I think I lack compared to the top players is stability. They play naturally, like the way they eat every

day," he observes. His goal? To improve his consistency and turn that 50% chance in every shot into a 100% win.

Playing in front of a home crowd in Asia, Duong feels the pressure but also the excitement of performing on such a grand stage. "Of course, I am a quiet person, somewhat shy and timid," he admits. "But everyone has their first time... please cheer for me and Team Asia."

A victory at the Reyes Cup would be more than just a win for Duong. "It would be historic, putting our continent on the world pool map," he says, hoping that this event opens doors for more Asian players on the global stage. As he prepares for this monumental challenge, Duong's message to his fans is simple: "Thank you, Vietnamese fans, world fans—thanks to you I can be here. I am grateful and hope this tournament gives you memorable moments."

Duong Quoc Hoang may have been a wildcard, but his determination, passion, and hunger for victory make him a player to watch as Team Asia looks to make history at the inaugural Reyes Cup.



CARLO BIADO



As a former World Pool Champion and one of the sport's most decorated players from the Philippines, Carlo Biado's inclusion in the tournament adds another chapter to his already illustrious journey. His exceptional skills, honed over years of competing at the highest level, will now be on display in a team format, a new and exciting challenge for the veteran cueist.

Upon receiving the news of his wildcard selection, Biado

was filled with disbelief and joy. "At first, I could not believe it. It was one of the happiest days of my career," he shared. Despite his decorated career, being chosen for the Reyes Cup felt like a monumental achievement. He admits to feeling some pressure, but it's outweighed by excitement. "Yes, I do feel a little bit of pressure, but it's more about the excitement. I just want to perform at my best for the team."

Biado's confidence in Team Asia's chemistry is high, knowing that they can adapt and work well together. "I don't think we'll have any issues. We're all good players, and we can adjust easily," he said. Playing in his home country of the Philippines, Biado knows the crowd will be an incredible support. "The Philippine crowd is wild. Not only am I excited to perform for them but to show the world how incredible the fans will be."

For Biado, winning the Reyes Cup would be a personal and historical triumph. "It means so much to me to win the first ever Reyes Cup. This is history, and to be part of that is an honour," he stated. With the tournament named after the legendary Efren Reyes, Biado feels an extra layer of motivation. "If we win, under Efren Reyes as a captain, his legend continues."

Mental toughness and physical preparation are key for Biado as he approaches this high-stakes event. "It's all about mental toughness and motivation. If your mind isn't right, everything else falls apart. So for me, that my main focus in preparations."

As one of the more experienced players on Team Asia, Biado knows that leadership is not about taking charge but supporting the team. "We're a team, so we help each other. They already know what they're doing, and my job is to be there and play my best," he explained.

Looking ahead to the tournament, Biado is eager to engage with the home fans. "To all the fans, it's happening for real! I'll play my best, and let's make the event wild. Team Asia will show that we're the best!"

With the Reyes Cup fast approaching, Carlo Biado's experience, skill, and passion will make him a player to watch as he represents Team Asia in this historic event.





KARL BOYES

CAPTAIN OF TEAM EUROPE

When it comes to European pool, Karl Boyes is a name synonymous with grit, precision, and winning mentality. A six-time Mosconi Cup champion, Boyes knows exactly what it takes to emerge victorious on the grandest stages of the sport. Now, as he takes on the role of captain for Team Europe in the inaugural Reyes Cup, the stakes are high, and the pride of an entire continent rests on his shoulders.

"The Reyes Cup is more than just another tournament for me; it's a chance to apply all the lessons I've learned throughout my career in a new way. I've been part of many successful teams, but now, as a captain, it's about bringing my experience and knowledge to help these players perform at their best. My role isn't about showing them how to shoot—they've already mastered that—it's about building chemistry and unity within the team, which is essential for us to win."

"Having been part of so many Mosconi Cup wins, I understand the pressure that comes with team formats, and the Reyes Cup will be no different. But pressure is what drives us—it's what brings out the best in players, and I know my team is ready to rise to the occasion."

"We have an incredible mix of talent on Team Europe, with each player bringing their own strengths to the table. Eklent Kaçi was the first to secure his spot after finishing runner-up at this year's World Pool Championship. That impressive performance vaulted him to third place in the World Nineball Tour rankings. Kaçi has already proven his skill in team formats, having competed in the Mosconi Cup, and I'm confident he'll rise to the occasion in this event."

"Mickey Krause, our team's rookie, has been a revelation this season. Starting the year ranked 63rd before the UK Open, his meteoric rise to 14th after his victory at the European Open has been nothing short of remarkable. His momentum and fresh energy will undoubtedly be a huge advantage for us in the Reyes Cup."



"And then there's Jayson Shaw. His fire and passion are contagious. He's the driving force of this team, infusing every match with intensity and energy. Having been in this position many times before, Jayson's experience will be crucial in keeping us focused and maintaining momentum throughout the tournament. His relentless determination is something every player on this team can feed off."

"Our team is rounded out by the Spanish duo, Francisco Sanchez Ruiz and David Alcaide, and I couldn't be prouder to have them on board. What Francisco has achieved on the World Nineball Tour in such a short span of time is nothing short of extraordinary. World Champion, US Open Champion, World Cup of Pool Champion, Premier League Pool Champion—all in one year. It's a historic feat. Alcaide, on the other hand, is a veteran in team formats, being the first Spanish player to compete in the Mosconi Cup back in 2006. His vast experience and tactical sharpness make him an invaluable asset to our squad."

"I know both Francisco and David are hungry to prove themselves on this stage, and I have every confidence that they'll deliver when it matters most."

"We respect Team Asia—they have a strong lineup—but we're here to win. I've seen what these guys can do under pressure, and I believe we have the experience and the chemistry to take home the cup. My job is to ensure every player feels confident and supported, knowing that we're not just playing as individuals but as a united team. We're here to make history, and I'm honoured to lead this group of incredible players into what will surely be a tournament to remember."

"The Reyes Cup is a new challenge, but for me, the goal remains the same: victory. This is a moment to cement Europe's place in the sport, and I'm confident we're ready to rise to the occasion."





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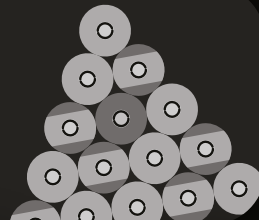
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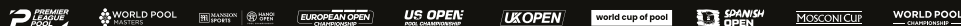
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EKLENT KAÇI



At just 25 years old, Eklent Kaçi has already carved out an impressive career in the world of professional pool. Known for his precision, the Albanian has showcased his greatness at a young age winning the 2023 UK Open championship. As the first European player to qualify for the inaugural Reyes Cup, Kaçi is poised to add another historic achievement to his growing list of accolades. With his sights set on winning for Team Europe, Kaçi is ready to take on the challenge and continue his upward trajectory in the sport.

For Kaçi, the long-anticipated Europe vs. Asia competition is a dream come true. "We've been looking for Europe versus Asia for many years, and now it's finally going to happen in the Philippines," Kaçi shares, beaming with pride. "Not only is it exciting to play in a tournament named after the legend of our sport, Efren Reyes, but to be the first to qualify for Team Europe is truly an honour."

Kaçi's impressive runner-up finish at the 2024 World Pool Championship in Jeddah played a crucial role in his qualification for both the Reyes Cup and Mosconi Cup. His performance in Saudi Arabia earned him vital ranking points, propelling him into the top tier of the World Nineball Tour standings. "Finishing second in Saudi Arabia made a big difference. I missed a lot of tournaments last year due to my arm injury, so this was a huge comeback for me," he explains. "It was a really good week."

With four years of experience competing in the Mosconi Cup, Kaçi is no stranger to the high-stakes environment of team competitions. "I've played in the Mosconi Cup four years in a row, and in my first year, I became the youngest player to qualify for Team Europe," he recalls.

His progression over the years has been evident, with strong performances and few losses in recent matches. This experience has bolstered his confidence heading into the Reyes Cup. "Team Europe plays well in this format. We've got the experience from the Mosconi Cup, and I think Team Asia will struggle against us."

While Kaçi admits to feeling the pressure of recent successes, he is more focused on the excitement of competing in

the Philippines for the first time. "I've never played in the Philippines, but I know pool is so big there. Everybody loves the sport, so I know the arena will be packed with crazy fans."

Despite overcoming an arm injury that sidelined him last year, Kaçi has managed to return stronger than ever, as evidenced by his runner-up finish at the World Pool Championship. His recovery has been a challenge, but he has adapted his technique to ensure he's ready for the upcoming battles. "Some shots feel different because of the position of my body, but I've been practising and adjusting."

With the Reyes Cup marking Matchroom's return to the Philippines after 14 years, Kaçi is thrilled to be part of this historic event. "It will be a pleasure to play out there," he says, fully aware of the passionate fanbase waiting to welcome him.





MICKEY KRAUSE

Mickey Krause's meteoric rise in the pool world has been nothing short of spectacular. As the second player to qualify for Team Europe at the inaugural Reyes Cup, and fresh off a European Open victory, Krause is now gearing up for one of the biggest challenges of his career.

Reflecting on his Reyes Cup qualification, Krause is still taking it all in. "It sounds unbelievable—I can't wait." At the start of 2024, competing at the Reyes Cup wasn't even on his radar. "I wasn't really thinking about it. I just focused on playing my best pool and letting things happen. I had thought about the Mosconi Cup in the future, but qualifying for the Reyes Cup? That's something even better."

Being part of the first-ever European team for the Reyes Cup is a milestone for Krause, and the excitement is palpable. "It's an unbelievable feeling, especially because it's the first edition of this event. I've had the chance to play against some of the best Asian players recently, and I can't wait to face them again—this time as part of Team Europe."

One of the pivotal moments in Krause's career was his time spent training in the Philippines. "Their love for the game is unmatched. They take safety play to another level, and that's something that's really helped my game, especially with the tight pockets we'll see at the Reyes Cup. It's not just about potting balls; it's about strategy, and the atmosphere there was electric."

Fans are eager to see how Krause will perform under the pressure of a high-stakes team event. He's prepared for the challenge: "I'm just going to play my best and enjoy the experience. This will be the first time a lot of people are watching this kind of event, and I know the Asian crowd loves pool—it's going to be incredible."

Krause also had the honour of playing the tournament's namesake, Efen Reyes, during his time in the Philippines. "I played two sets of one-pocket with him, and it was unreal. Efen sees the game in ways most players can't even imagine. He's so creative, and playing against him taught me so much."

As for the atmosphere, Krause anticipates it will be even bigger than the Mosconi Cup, a tournament he has long admired. "The only event I've really sat down to watch is the Mosconi Cup, and the Reyes Cup in the Philippines is going to be even bigger. Playing in front of that crowd is going to be a next-level experience."

Krause knows the importance of staying focused, despite the high-energy atmosphere. "At the Reyes Cup, I'm going to focus on my own game. You can't rely on your opponent to miss, and I imagine my teammates will do the same. It's about bringing our best individually to contribute to the team."

For Krause, winning the Reyes Cup would be the culmination of an already incredible year. "It's an exciting prospect. Matchroom always puts on a great show, and with thousands of fans cheering us on, I think it's going to be a lot of fun."

With his confidence growing after recent successes and his hunger for more, Mickey Krause is undoubtedly one to watch as he steps onto the Reyes Cup stage. "I've learned a lot this year, especially from winning the European Open. I can't wait to test myself in this new environment and see what more I can learn."



DAVID ALCAIDE



David Alcaide has long been one of Europe's most respected and seasoned pool players. With a career that includes triumph at multiple Mosconi Cups and the European Open title, Alcaide is no stranger to the intensity of high-stakes tournaments. Now, as he steps onto the stage for the inaugural Reyes Cup, the Spanish veteran is relishing the opportunity to make history once again.

"What excites me most is being part of something new and historic," says Alcaide. "Playing in the first edition of the Reyes Cup was one of my goals when I started this season, and now that I'm here, it feels amazing."

With years of experience both in singles and team formats, Alcaide's presence in Team Europe is invaluable. "I've played in the Mosconi Cup for several years, and I hope that experience will benefit not only me but the entire team," he explains. "I'll give my best to help everyone feel like we're part of a family. That's what team events are all about—being united."

As one of the more experienced players in the European squad, alongside stars like Jayson Shaw, Alcaide acknowledges the mix of seasoned talent and rising stars in Team Europe. "After Jayson, I might have the most experience, but we've got an incredible lineup. Eklent Kaçi and Francisco Sanchez Ruiz are both at the top of their game, and Mickey Krause has had an outstanding season. Together, we're strong."

For Alcaide, the key to success lies in unity. "Our biggest strength going into this tournament will be our togetherness," he says. "We win together, and we lose together. Being united as a family is what will carry us through."

Handling the pressure is something Alcaide is used to, and he approaches the Reyes Cup with his typical level-headedness. "My focus is to give 100% in every moment. I can forgive myself for mistakes, but I won't forgive myself if I don't give everything I've got," he shares. "Pressure is part of the game, but I've learned to embrace it and enjoy the experience."

In a team event like the Reyes Cup, balancing individual performance with team support is a crucial aspect, but for Alcaide, the choice is simple. "I don't balance—I just worry

about the team," he says firmly. "I give everything for them."

Facing Team Asia presents its own set of challenges, but Alcaide remains confident. "Team Asia has great champions, but I believe their lack of experience in team events like this could work in our favour," he explains. "Communication will be essential. It's fundamental for getting through tough moments, and we have to stay connected as a unit."

As for what winning the Reyes Cup would mean, Alcaide doesn't hesitate: "It would be a dream. I'm confident, I'm focused, and I'm ready."

One of the elements that excites Alcaide the most is the opportunity to once again share the stage with his long-time friend and teammate, Francisco Sanchez Ruiz. "Playing with Fran again is always special," Alcaide says with a smile. "Having us both together, cheering each other on, will be important for the team's success."

With the Reyes Cup set to launch as a major new event in the world of pool, David Alcaide's leadership and experience could be the cornerstone of Team Europe's success. As he prepares to lead his team into this historic moment, one thing is certain: Alcaide is ready to make his mark.





JAYSON SHAW

Jayson Shaw has built a reputation as one of the most passionate and vocal players on the global pool stage. As he steps into the inaugural Reyes Cup, he brings with him a wealth of experience from the Mosconi Cup and an infectious energy that Team Europe can rely on.

For Shaw, the pressure of this new team event isn't unfamiliar—it's where he thrives.

"My experience playing in the Mosconi Cup over the last nine years will help a lot," Shaw says, confident in how his years of competing under intense pressure will translate to this new arena. "We're up against Asia's best players in front of their home crowd in Manila, but I'll handle the pressure like we do at Mosconi. I'll feed off the crowd and use that as motivation."

Shaw is well-known for wearing his heart on his sleeve, and it's this raw emotion that has made him such a vital part of Team Europe. "I'm always loud and vocal, and that's what I plan to bring to this event too," he explains. "During high-pressure moments, I'll be there supporting the team with everything I've got."

Competing in the Reyes Cup holds special significance for Shaw. This is not just any team event—it's one that honours a living legend. "It means the world to compete in the first-ever Reyes Cup. Efen Reyes is a legend of the game, and it's an honour to be in the same room as him, let alone play in a tournament named after him."

Shaw thrives in team formats, and he attributes much of that success to his ability to stay motivated and keep the team's spirits high. "I've always been a team player, ever since I was young," he says. "I just try to keep my spirit up and make the team happy—that relaxes me a lot, knowing they're good." Chemistry is key in any team event, and Shaw is confident in the bond within Team Europe. "We're all close friends, which makes everything easier. I know what I bring to the table: fun, focus, and energy, and that's crucial for any team. Team bonding has been great so far."

As a multiple-time Mosconi Cup winner, Shaw has plenty of

experience leading by example, but he doesn't feel any extra pressure in this new event. "Not really," he says casually. "I know the drill. No extra pressure—just go out, have fun, and make sure my guys are fully prepared." Shaw's preparation for high-stakes events like the Reyes Cup is simple but effective. "I work out, eat well, get lots of rest, and most importantly, I have fun. That's the key to performing well on such a big stage."

Looking ahead to the competition, Shaw is most excited about the atmosphere in Manila. "I'm really looking forward to playing in front of the Team Asia fans. I know they'll be loud and supportive, and I can't wait to see all of them."

As Team Europe heads into the first-ever Reyes Cup, they'll have Jayson Shaw's energy, passion, and vast experience to help guide them. If his past performances are any indication, he'll be a force to be reckoned with.



FRANCISCO SANCHEZ RUIZ



A dominant force on the World Nineball Tour, Francisco Sanchez Ruiz has collected an enviable array of titles over the past few years, including World Champion, US Open Champion, and World Cup of Pool Champion. Now, as he steps into the team format for the first-ever Reyes Cup, he is more motivated than ever to bring his success into this historic event.

"It's a huge honour to be part of the first-ever Reyes Cup," says Ruiz. "To be chosen for this event means a lot to me. The Reyes Cup has the potential to grow into something as iconic as the Mosconi Cup, and to be here at the beginning is a dream."

Ruiz is no stranger to high-stakes competition, however, he believes there's something special about team events, a format where camaraderie play as much of a role as individual skill. "Team events are the best," he shares. "It's different from playing as an individual, but in many ways, it's better because you're playing for your team. My goal is simple: I want to help Team Europe win."

When asked about his European teammates, Ruiz exudes confidence. "We've got a strong team. Mickey Krause and Eklent Kaci have both been playing incredibly well, and that gives all of us extra confidence. With players like Jayson Shaw and David Alcaide, I believe we've got the right mix of talent and experience to take on any challenge."



Team chemistry will be vital in the Reyes Cup, particularly as Team Europe faces the challenge of playing in front of a Filipino crowd that will undoubtedly be rooting for Team Asia. But rather than being daunted by the prospect, Ruiz views it as fuel. "Playing in front of a crowd that favours Team Asia is going to be extra motivation for us," he says. "It's going to be an awesome experience, and I can't wait."

Ruiz is also quick to acknowledge the strengths of Team Asia. "They're incredibly strong under pressure," he admits. "But for us, the key to beating them will be giving everything from the very first game like how we do it at the Mosconi. We'll need to play at our best from the start and maintain that intensity."

The importance of communication in a team event like the Reyes Cup cannot be understated, according to Ruiz. "Good communication is essential," he says. "We need to have a good connection and understanding within the team, and that will make us stronger."

Ruiz is especially excited about the chance to share this experience with his best friend and teammate, David Alcaide. The two Spaniards have competed together before, and their bond on and off the table is something Ruiz sees as a major asset. "It's fantastic to share this experience with David. We've been through so much together, and I know we'll help each other in every way possible."

For Ruiz, the Reyes Cup is not just about competing; it's about making history and building a lasting legacy. "This is an event that will be remembered for a long time," he says. "My personal goal is to win together with my team and enjoy every moment of it."

With his eyes firmly set on the title, Ruiz remains grounded and focused on the task ahead. "The Reyes Cup is going to be something special, and I'm ready to give everything I've got for Team Europe."



THE POOL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD



In the heart of Manila, amid the bustling streets and towering skyscrapers, the unmistakable clatter of billiard balls reverberates through countless halls. Billiards, or pool as it's commonly known, is more than just a game in the Philippines; it's a cultural phenomenon that has captivated the nation for decades.

The Pearl of the Orient has been the birthplace to many elite cueists throughout history, crafting a reputation of exceptional Filipino mastery and innovative strategies that have revolutionised the way the sport is played across the world.

But where did this craze come from?

The first taste of billiards in the Philippines was introduced during the Spanish colonial era in the form of carom, initially adopted by the elite Spaniards but gradually spread among the general populace. However, the real incubator that produced today's hype began in early 20th century when American soldiers stationed in the Philippines played pool as a pastime. This exposure inspired Filipinos to naturally take to the game.

As pool lent itself to gambling, it became popular among out-of-school youth and unemployed men, who played on makeshift or homemade tables. With limited employment opportunities, these pool enthusiasts devoted countless hours to perfecting their skills. This relentless practice instilled the stamina, persistence, and deep understanding of the game that characterises many top Filipino players. For many, pool became more than just a hobby; it was a lifeline, providing income through money games that put food on the table.

By the mid-20th century, billiard halls, or "bilyaran," had become ubiquitous, serving as social hubs where people from all walks of life could gather, play, and bond. The sport's accessibility and affordability further fuelled its popularity, making it a staple in Filipino communities.

Jose "Amang" Parica was one of the first Filipino players to make an impact internationally, paving the way for future generations. Nicknamed "Amang," meaning 'Father' in English, Parica sparked the Filipino Invasion of the United

States in the late 1970s. His career includes over 100 international titles across the US, the Philippines, and Japan. Notably, in 1988, he won the All Japan Championship in 9-Ball and triumphed at the JPPA World 9-Ball Championship, defeating Efren Reyes in the final to become the first male Asian player to win a world title in pocket billiards.

Standing as a rival to Parica was Efren "Bata" Reyes, often celebrated as the greatest





player of all time. Born in 1954 in Pampanga, Reyes moved to Manila at a young age to live with his uncle, who owned a pool hall. Here, Reyes spent his nights cleaning the hall and even sleeping on the tables, unknowingly setting the stage for a remarkable career. His ascent to stardom is the stuff of legend, highlighted by multiple World Pool Championship titles and victories in prestigious tournaments like the US Open Pool Championship. Known as “The Magician” for his incredible skill, creativity, and strategic brilliance, Reyes’ influence extends far beyond his own success, inspiring a new generation of Filipino cueists.

The achievements of players like Reyes and Parica not only elevated the international profile of Philippine billiards but also sparked a fresh wave of talent. Today, modern champions such as Carlo Biado, Alex Pagulayan, James Aranas, and Johann Chua proudly carry forward the legacy of Filipino excellence.

Carlo Biado’s career is a testament to this enduring legacy. He secured his place among the greats by winning the World Pool Championship in 2017 and the US Open Championship in 2021—remarkable achievements that underscore his elongated prowess in his 30s.

Similarly, Alex Pagulayan solidified his status as a world-class player by winning the World Pool Championship in 2004, followed by a victory at the World Pool Masters in 2007. His dominance was further demonstrated at the 2007 World Summit of Pool Nineball Championship, where he triumphed over fellow Filipino legends Francisco Bustamante and Warren Kiamco before defeating Van Boening in the final.

Johann Chua and James Aranas represent the latest chapter in this storied tradition. Their victory at the 2023 World Cup of Pool marked the Philippines’ fourth title in the tournament, setting a national record. Chua’s strategic brilliance has continued to shine, propelling him to the semifinals of the 2024 World Pool Championships and the finals of the 2024 European Open, embodying the relentless pursuit of excellence that defines Filipino billiards.

The Philippines has firmly established itself as the global capital of pool, thanks to its rich history and the remarkable achievements of its players. The passion for billiards, deeply ingrained in the country’s culture, has propelled the nation to the forefront of the sport. From the early days of carom to the international success of today’s champions, the story of Filipino billiards is one of resilience, dedication, and unmatched skill.

As the sport continues to evolve, the Philippines remains a beacon of excellence, inspiring future generations to embrace cue sports and uphold this extraordinary legacy.



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MOSCONI CUP 2023 – LONDON, UK

Team Europe asserted their dominance with a resounding 11-3 victory over Team USA, securing their fourth consecutive Mosconi Cup title. Led by captain Ralph Eckert, the European team delivered a commanding performance, setting the tone for the tournament with a clean sweep in the opening session.



PREMIER LEAGUE POOL 2024 – CONNECTICUT, US

Shane Van Boening claimed the PLP title in a thrilling encounter against Ko Pin Yi, showcasing his trademark skill and composure. With the final match tied at 4-4, Van Boening shifted into high gear, seizing control of the table and securing victory with a swift break-and-run in the final rack.



UK OPEN 2024 – TELFORD, UK

Rising star Robbie Capito claimed his first Matchroom title in impressive fashion, overcoming elite opponents like Joshua Filler and Fedor Gorst to reach the final. Capito demonstrated his determination till the end of the tournament, where he defeated Mieszko 'The Butcher' Fortunski 13-10 to secure the UK trophy.



EUROPEAN OPEN 2024 – FULDA, GERMANY

Mickey Krause claimed his first Matchroom Major title with a remarkable run in Fulda, overcoming top contenders such as Albin Ouschan, Ko Pin Chung, and Skyler Woodward. In the final, Krause displayed unwavering composure as he defeated Johann Chua 13-8, securing not only the title but also his spot on Team Europe for the inaugural Reyes Cup.



YEAR IN REVIEW 2023/24

WORLD POOL MASTERS 2024 – HILDESHEIM, GERMANY

Fedor Gorst emerged victorious in a thrilling race-to-13 showdown against Joshua Filler. Proving his resilience, Gorst bounced back after being down 10-12, taking advantage of Filler's dry break to clean up back-to-back racks to secure his first Matchroom Major title.



WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 – JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Fedor Gorst ascended to the top of the world rankings after a spectacular performance in Jeddah, capturing his second World Pool Championship title. In a dramatic hill-hill final, Gorst held his nerve to edge out Eklenk Kaci in a tense race-to-15 hill-hill battle. This victory made Gorst the youngest player to win multiple WPC titles, further cementing his place in the history of the sport.



US OPEN 2024 – ATLANTIC CITY, USA

Fedor Gorst made history once again, winning his first US Open and becoming the first player to capture the World Pool Masters, World Pool Championship, and US Open titles in the same year. In a gripping final, Gorst triumphed over Shane Van Boening 13-10, preventing the five-time US Open champion from securing another historic victory, in the first all-American final since 1999.



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BIO: Marcel Eckardt is a renowned referee, having officiated major pool and snooker tournaments worldwide. He made history as the youngest referee to oversee the World Snooker Championship final in 2020 and has been an integral figure in Matchroom Pool events since 2020, including this year's prestigious World Pool Championship. Marcel also took charge of the finals at prestigious tournaments such as the US Open and the European Open, further solidifying his reputation as one of the top referees in the sport



NAME: Ben Taylor-Fuente

AGE: 42

HOME COUNTRY: United Kingdom



BIO: Ben Taylor-Fuente is a respected referee with extensive experience in the world of professional pool. Known for his calm and authoritative presence, Ben has officiated at numerous international tournaments, including this year's World Pool Masters, UK Open, World Pool Championship, European Open, and US Open. His consistency and dedication have made him a trusted figure at top-level events on the World Nineball Tour calendar.

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