

29. World Championship 3-Cushion

MP - Points - Av. - Best Game - HR

1974 Antwerpen (BE) 02.-07.04.1974

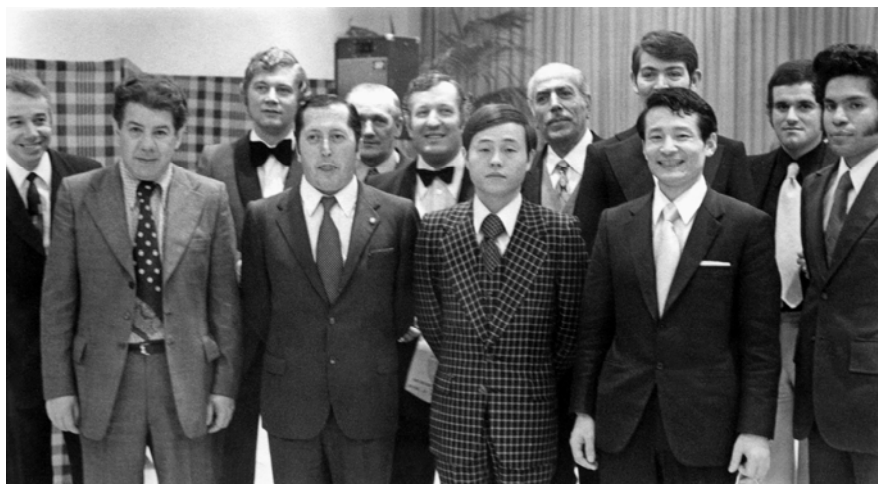
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|---------------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|----|
| 1. Nobuaki Kobayashi (JP) | 21:1 | 660/503 | 1,312 | 2,000 | 11 |
| 2. Raymond Ceulemans (BE) | 18:4 | 643/485 | 1,325 | 2,068 | 14 |
| 3. Yoshio Yoshihara (JP) | 16:6 | 643/569 | 1,130 | 1,621 | 9 |
| 4. Ludo Dielis (BE) | 15:7 | 623/633 | 0,984 | 1,250 | 9 |
| 5. Richard Bitalis (FR) | 12:10 | 564/608 | 0,927 | 1,304 | 8 |
| 6. Marcelo H. Lopez (AR) | 11:11 | 581/550 | 1,056 | 1,764 | 10 |
| 7. Avelino Rico (ES) | 9:13 | 557/644 | 0,864 | 1,071 | 10 |
| 8. Peter Thøgersen (DK) | 8:14 | 530/599 | 0,884 | 1,333 | 8 |
| 9. Jan Doggen (NL) | 8:14 | 577/665 | 0,867 | 1,224 | 10 |
| 10. Alfonso Gonzales (CO) | 8:14 | 514/615 | 0,835 | 0,909 | 9 |
| 11. Frank Torres (US) | 6:16 | 478/673 | 0,710 | 1,200 | 7 |
| 12. Nicolas Chart (EG) | 0:22 | 374/704 | 0,531 | --- | 6 |

60 Points equal innings. Round robin.

Tournament average: 0,930 (6744 / 7248)



Marcelo H. Lopez
 Alfonso Gonzales
 Ludo Dielis
 Avelino Rico
 Jan Doggen
 Raymond Ceulemans
 Yoshio Yoshihara
 Nicolas Chart
 Peter Thøgersen
 Nobuaki Kobayashi
 Richard Bitalis
 Frank Torres



Details

| | Kobayashi | Ceulemans | Yoshihara | Dielis | Bitalis | Lopez | Rico | Thøgersen | Doggen | Gonzales | Torres | Chart | MP | Pts. | In. | Av. | BG | HR | Pl. |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----|------|-----|-------|-------|----|-----|
| Kobayashi Nobuaki JP | | 60 47 1,276 7 | 60 44 1 1,363 9 | 60 40 2 1,500 11 | 60 30 2 2,000 10 | 60 59 2 1,016 6 | 60 36 2 1,666 7 | 60 41 2 1,463 9 | 60 46 2 1,304 11 | 60 49 2 1,224 6 | 60 56 2 1,071 11 | 60 55 2 1,090 4 | 21 | 660 | 503 | 1,312 | 2,000 | 11 | 1 |
| Ceulemans Raymond BE | 59 47 0 1,255 10 | | 60 29 2 2,068 11 | 60 48 0 0,916 6 | 60 35 2 1,714 14 | 60 37 2 1,621 11 | 60 49 2 1,224 6 | 60 45 2 1,333 4 | 60 44 2 1,363 7 | 60 46 2 1,304 6 | 60 50 2 1,200 10 | 60 55 2 1,090 7 | 18 | 643 | 485 | 1,325 | 2,068 | 14 | 2 |
| Yoshihara Yoshio JP | 60 44 1 1,363 6 | 44 29 0 1,517 7 | | 60 64 1 0,937 6 | 60 58 2 1,034 7 | 60 37 2 1,621 7 | 60 59 2 1,016 5 | 60 65 2 0,923 5 | 60 52 2 1,153 5 | 60 57 2 1,052 9 | 60 59 0 1,180 8 | 60 54 2 1,111 6 | 16 | 643 | 569 | 1,130 | 1,621 | 9 | 3 |
| Dielis Ludo BE | 40 40 0 1,000 6 | 60 48 2 1,250 6 | 60 64 1 0,937 4 | | 43 67 0 0,641 6 | 60 53 1 1,132 9 | 60 64 1 0,937 6 | 60 63 2 0,952 5 | 60 54 2 1,111 6 | 60 49 2 1,224 7 | 60 57 2 1,052 6 | 60 74 2 0,810 4 | 15 | 623 | 633 | 0,984 | 1,250 | 9 | 4 |
| Bitalis Richard FR | 29 30 0 0,966 5 | 26 35 0 0,742 4 | 53 58 0 0,913 7 | 60 67 2 0,895 6 | | 60 46 2 1,304 5 | 60 71 2 0,845 6 | 47 45 0 1,044 6 | 49 74 0 0,662 7 | 60 48 2 1,250 5 | 60 67 2 0,895 8 | 60 67 2 0,895 5 | 12 | 564 | 608 | 0,927 | 1,304 | 8 | 5 |
| Lopez Marcelo H. AR | 47 59 0 0,796 4 | 38 37 0 1,027 7 | 37 60 0 1,000 7 | 53 60 1 1,132 6 | 46 46 0 1,000 6 | | 53 56 0 0,946 8 | 60 34 2 1,764 7 | 60 79 2 0,759 5 | 60 34 2 1,764 7 | 60 58 2 1,034 10 | 60 57 2 1,052 10 | 11 | 581 | 550 | 1,056 | 1,764 | 10 | 6 |
| Rico Avelino ES | 26 36 0 0,722 5 | 44 49 0 0,897 3 | 55 59 0 0,932 8 | 60 64 1 0,937 5 | 52 71 0 0,732 5 | 60 56 2 1,071 10 | | 31 46 0 0,673 4 | 60 71 2 0,845 8 | 49 66 0 0,742 6 | 60 65 2 0,923 6 | 60 61 2 0,983 6 | 9 | 557 | 644 | 0,864 | 1,071 | 10 | 7 |
| Thøgersen Peter DK | 22 41 0 0,536 4 | 23 45 0 0,511 5 | 50 65 0 0,769 4 | 60 63 0 0,888 5 | 45 35 2 1,333 8 | 60 48 0 1,029 5 | 60 46 2 1,304 8 | | 54 52 0 1,038 5 | 50 69 0 0,724 6 | 60 81 2 0,740 7 | 60 58 2 1,034 5 | 8 | 530 | 599 | 0,884 | 1,333 | 8 | 8 |
| Doggen Jan NL | 50 46 0 1,086 7 | 35 44 0 0,795 5 | 56 52 0 1,076 6 | 42 54 0 0,777 7 | 60 74 2 0,810 5 | 57 79 0 0,721 6 | 71 60 0 0,661 6 | 60 52 2 1,153 9 | | 50 71 0 0,704 8 | 60 49 2 1,224 9 | 60 73 2 0,821 10 | 8 | 577 | 665 | 0,867 | 1,224 | 10 | 9 |
| Gonzales Alfonso CO | 41 49 0 0,836 4 | 43 46 0 0,934 4 | 39 57 0 0,684 6 | 43 48 0 0,387 3 | 58 34 0 0,895 6 | 48 36 0 1,058 9 | 60 66 2 0,909 6 | 60 69 2 0,869 8 | 60 71 2 0,845 7 | | 53 58 0 0,913 6 | 60 68 2 0,882 5 | 8 | 514 | 615 | 0,835 | 0,909 | 9 | 10 |
| Torres Frank US | 36 56 0 0,642 4 | 35 50 0 0,700 5 | 50 60 2 1,200 7 | 57 34 0 0,596 3 | 57 36 0 0,537 3 | 67 31 0 0,620 4 | 58 46 0 0,707 5 | 65 56 0 0,691 5 | 81 19 0 0,387 4 | 49 49 2 1,034 3 | 58 60 2 0,403 3 | 82 82 2 0,731 3 | 6 | 478 | 673 | 0,710 | 1,200 | 7 | 11 |
| Chart Nicolas EG | 38 55 0 0,690 5 | 30 55 0 0,545 3 | 12 54 0 0,222 2 | 36 74 0 0,486 5 | 46 67 0 0,686 5 | 67 31 0 0,543 5 | 57 36 0 0,590 6 | 61 32 0 0,551 4 | 58 37 0 0,506 3 | 73 36 0 0,529 3 | 68 40 0 0,487 4 | | 0 | 374 | 704 | 0,531 | | 6 | 12 |



Nobuaki Kobayashi interrupts the "title subscription" of Ceulemans

The whole World Championship was dominated by the duel between Raymond Ceulemans and Nobuaki Kobayashi. Both collected game-win after game-win until the penultimate round, in which Ceulemans lost to his compatriot Ludo Dielis and Kobayashi just managed to get a draw against Yoshio Yoshihara. So the last round had to bring the decision.

The final match was hard to beat. After 20 innings Kobayashi already had 34 points and Ceulemans only 12. The Belgian, completely out of step, inevitably strengthened his defense and slowly found his game again. Kobayashi was constantly faced with hardly solvable balls, so that in the 30th inning his lead had melted to 36:30. It stayed like that for another 10 innings (46:39), before Ceulemans went up once more with a series of 10. And in the 47th inning, he had not only turned a 22-point deficit into a 5-point lead, but was also close to winning the match with 59:54. Under enormous pressure and with his last concentration, Kobayashi pulled the match out of the fire. The six points of this final series will probably have cost him more nerves than the whole tournament.

After three and a half hours of play, the Japanese player won the title with 60:59 in 47 innings.

by NOBUAKI KOBAYASHI

THIS SHOT occurred in the final match of the 1974 UMB World 3-Cushion Championship in Antwerp, Belgium. My record was 9-0 and Raymond Ceulemans' record was 9-1. So our match was for the title.

Ceulemans was leading the match 59-58 when this shot came up. I studied the shot for a long time. Every knowledgeable fan in the room knew that the two best shots — off the right and left sides of the red — had kisses in them. I had to find a way to drive the first ball so it wouldn't hit the second one or meet the cue ball again. Speed and attack were very important here. If I went off the right side of the red (Option 1), there was an almost certain kiss off two rails. A three-cushion shot off the left side of the red (Option 2) also had a kiss, as did the five-railer (Shot). Shots off the white looked too difficult.

I finally chose the five-rail shot off the left side of the red, even though there were two kisses to beat. Avoiding the first kiss along the rail was a matter of judging the tempo. I studied the first ball and found a technique to avoid having the first ball and the cue ball arrive at the long rail at precisely the same time. I chose the perfect speed, driving the red ball past the first kiss area ahead of the cue ball, missing the kiss by a millimeter. The red ball died before it reached the second kiss area.

Even though it only tied the score 59-59, that was the shot that won the world title.

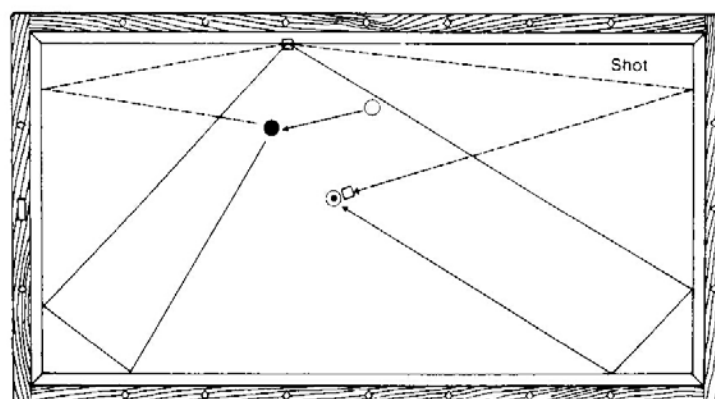
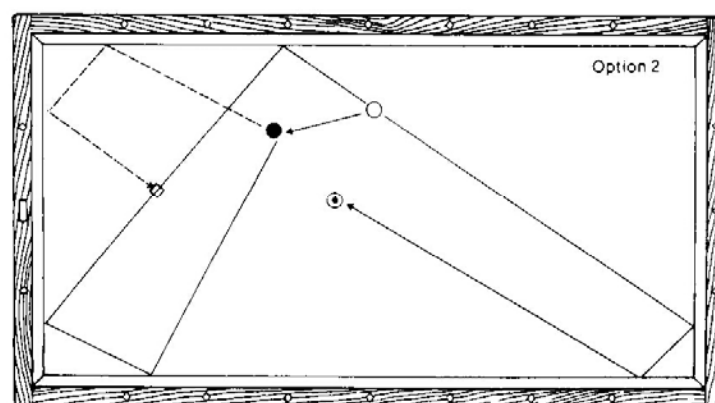
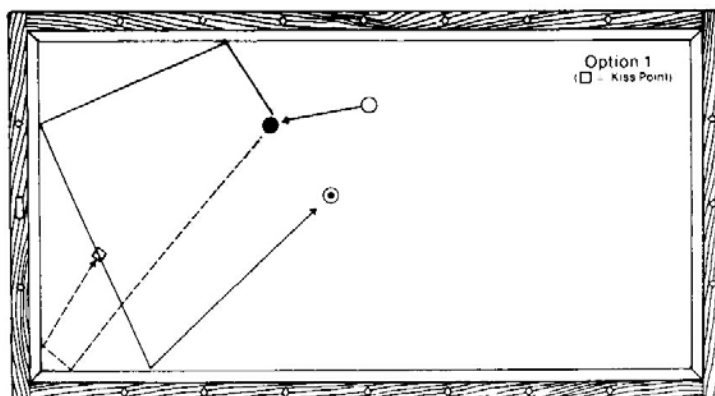


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Aangesloten bij de Kon. Belg.
Bilartbond - Liefhebbers
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Wedstrijd match nr. 64

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Datum 7 april 1974

CEULEMANS R.

TEGEN

KOBAYACHI N.

Club België Distrikt

Club Japan Distrikt

Nr. Licentiekaart

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Te spelen punten: 60

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| Beurten | Punt | Totaal | Beurten | Punt | Totaal | Beurten | Punt | Overdr. | Beurten | Punt | Overdr. | Beurten | Punt | Overdr. | Beurten | Punt | Overdr. |
|---------|------|--------|---------|------|--------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|---------|
| 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 26 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 36 | 51 | | | 76 | | | | | |
| 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 27 | 1 | 21 | — | — | 52 | | | 77 | | | | | |
| 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 28 | 5 | 26 | — | — | 53 | | | 78 | | | | | |
| 4 | — | — | 1 | 29 | 2 | 28 | — | — | 54 | | | 79 | | | | | |
| 5 | — | — | — | 30 | 2 | 30 | — | — | 55 | | | 80 | | | | | |
| 6 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 31 | — | — | 1 | 37 | 56 | | | 81 | | | | | |
| 7 | — | — | — | 32 | 1 | 32 | 3 | 40 | 57 | | | 82 | | | | | |
| 8 | — | — | 3 | 33 | 1 | 32 | 3 | 43 | 58 | | | 83 | | | | | |
| 9 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 34 | 2 | 35 | — | — | 59 | | | 84 | | | | | |
| 10 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 35 | — | — | — | — | 60 | | | 85 | | | | | |
| 11 | — | — | — | 36 | — | — | — | — | 61 | | | 86 | | | | | |
| 12 | — | — | — | 37 | 4 | 39 | 3 | 46 | 62 | | | 87 | | | | | |
| 13 | — | — | 3 | 38 | — | — | — | — | 63 | | | 88 | | | | | |
| 14 | — | — | 6 | 39 | — | — | — | — | 64 | | | 89 | | | | | |
| 15 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 40 | — | — | — | — | 65 | | | 90 | | | | | |
| 16 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 41 | 3 | 12 | — | — | 66 | | | 91 | | | | | |
| 17 | — | — | 1 | 42 | 10 | 52 | 1 | 47 | 67 | | | 92 | | | | | |
| 18 | — | — | — | 43 | — | — | — | — | 68 | | | 93 | | | | | |
| 19 | — | — | — | 44 | 1 | 53 | 7 | 54 | 69 | | | 94 | | | | | |
| 20 | — | — | 1 | 45 | 1 | 54 | — | — | 70 | | | 95 | | | | | |
| 21 | 3 | 15 | — | 46 | 4 | 58 | — | — | 71 | | | 96 | | | | | |
| 22 | 3 | 13 | — | 47 | 1 | 59 | 5 | 60 | 72 | | | 97 | | | | | |
| 23 | 1 | 19 | 1 | 48 | — | — | — | — | 73 | | | 98 | | | | | |
| 24 | — | — | — | 49 | — | — | — | — | 74 | | | 99 | | | | | |
| 25 | — | — | — | 50 | — | — | — | — | 75 | | | 100 | | | | | |

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Uitslag

| | Punten | Beurten | Gemiddelds | H. Reeks |
|---------------------|--------|---------|------------|----------|
| Winnaar KOBAYACHI | 60 | 47 | 1,276 | 7 |
| Verliezer CEULEMANS | 59 | 42 | 1,255 | 10 |

De Winnaar

De Scheidsrechter

De Verliezer



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