

41. World Championship 3-Cushion

MP - Points - Av. - Best Game - HR

1986 Las Vegas (US) 15.-18.05.1986

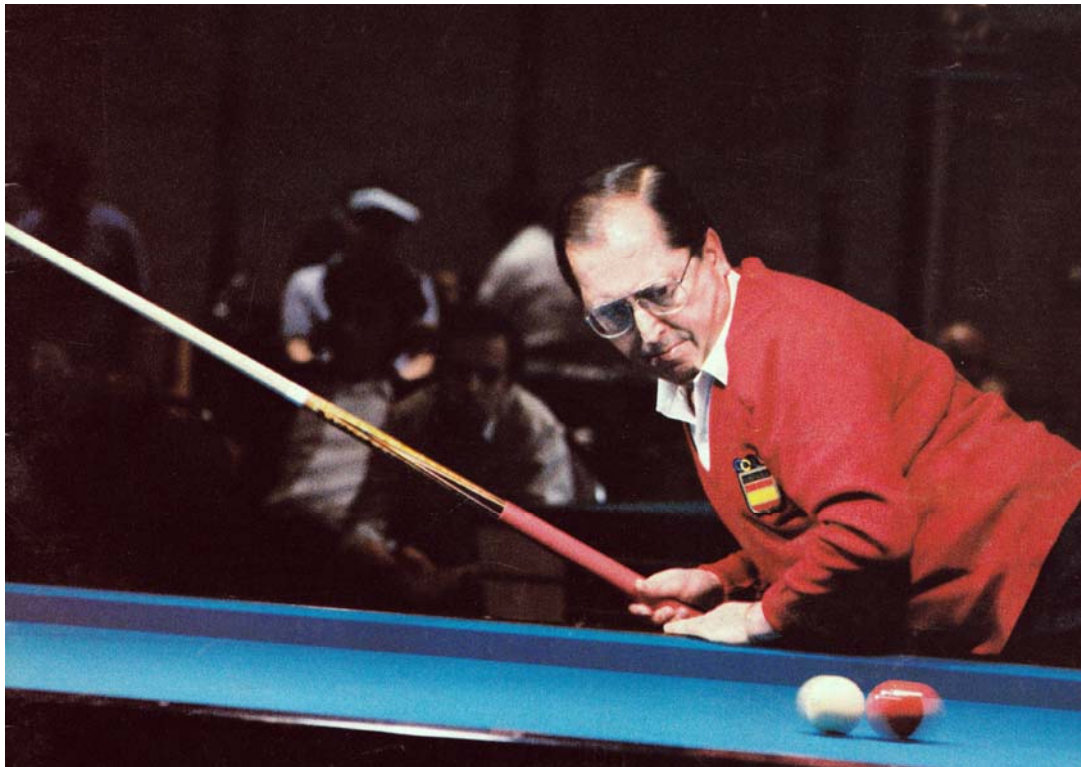
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|----------------------------|------|---------|-------|-------|----|
| 1. Avelino Rico (ES) | 13:3 | 382/368 | 1,010 | 1,470 | 15 |
| 2. Torbjörn Blomdahl (SE) | 12:4 | 381/316 | 1,205 | 1,666 | 10 |
| 3. Raymond Ceulemans (BE) | 14:2 | 398/228 | 1,745 | 2,631 | 14 |
| 4. Marco Zanetti (IT) | 8:8 | 323/304 | 1,062 | 1,612 | 7 |
| 5. Nobuaki Kobayashi (JP) | 10:4 | 311/261 | 1,191 | 1,785 | 13 |
| 6. Frank Torres (US) | 6:8 | 297/316 | 0,939 | 1,282 | 7 |
| 7. Yoshio Yoshihara (JP) | 8:6 | 294/300 | 0,980 | 1,351 | 9 |
| 8. Allen Gilbert (US) | 6:8 | 286/317 | 0,902 | 1,190 | 11 |
| 9. Jorge Theriaga (PT) | 6:8 | 286/316 | 0,905 | 1,086 | 9 |
| 10. Galo Legarda (EC) | 6:8 | 253/307 | 0,824 | 1,041 | 6 |
| 11. Luis Doyharzabal (AR) | 6:8 | 298/335 | 0,889 | 1,111 | 9 |
| 12. Carlos Hallon (US) | 3:11 | 300/368 | 0,815 | 0,806 | 7 |
| 13. Hisham Saad (EG) | 2:12 | 214/351 | 0,609 | 0,694 | 7 |
| 14. Mohamed El Machak (EG) | 2:12 | 248/379 | 0,651 | 1,190 | 6 |

50 points equal innings. Two groups of 7 players.

Semifinal, final, 3rd place match, placement games.

Tournament average: 0,954 (4261 / 4466)





Avelino Rico, the underestimated spaniard

Raymond Ceulemans entered the semifinal against Avelino Rico with a world record Av. of 1.807. As planned, he led 47:27 and a little later at the beginning of the 38th inning it was 48:35. Rico had clearly caught up, but everything still seemed to 'take its usual course'. But now came the great moment of the 55 year old spaniard, he made point after point and finished the game with a super series of 15 points. The first sensation was perfect.

In the final, he now met Torbjörn Blomdahl, who was of course the high favorite. Again, everything seemed to go according to plan, with the Swede quickly leading 40-24. Loudly cheered on by the American audience, which was fully on the side of the underdog, Rico once again managed an improbable comeback. He managed 26 points in the following innings, while Blomdahl only managed another 6. With 50:46 in the final, Avelino Rico became world champion.

Details

Group A

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|---------|-------|-------|----|
| 1. Torbjörn Blomdahl (SE) | 10:2 | 285/243 | 1,172 | 1,515 | 10 |
| 2. Avelino Rico (ES) | 9:3 | 272/291 | 0,934 | 1,250 | 7 |
| 3. Nobuaki Kobayashi (JP) | 8:4 | 261/217 | 1,202 | 1,785 | 13 |
| 4. Allen Gilbert (US) | 6:6 | 253/278 | 0,910 | 1,190 | 11 |
| 5. Jorge Theriaga (PT) | 4:8 | 236/269 | 0,877 | 1,086 | 9 |
| 6. Carlos Hallon (US) | 3:9 | 258/309 | 0,834 | 0,806 | 7 |
| 7. Mohamed El Machak (EG) | 2:10 | 207/307 | 0,674 | 1,190 | 6 |

Average group A: 0,925 (1772 / 1914)

| | Blomdahl | Rico | Kobayashi | Gilbert | Theriaga | Hallon | El Machak | MP | Pts. | In. | Av. | BG | HR | Pl. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------|-----|-------|-------|----|----------|
| Blomdahl Torbjörn SE | | 35 40 0 0,875 6 | 50 39 2 1,282 9 | 50 36 2 1,388 5 | 50 54 2 0,925 5 | 50 41 2 1,219 6 | 50 33 2 1,515 10 | 10 | 285 | 243 | 1,172 | 1,515 | 10 | 1 |
| Rico Avelino ES | 50 40 2 1,250 7 | | 22 29 0 0,758 6 | 50 51 2 0,980 6 | 50 45 2 1,111 7 | 50 62 1 0,806 7 | 50 64 2 0,781 4 | 9 | 272 | 291 | 0,934 | 1,250 | 7 | 2 |
| Kobayashi Nobuaki JP | 35 39 0 0,897 6 | 50 29 2 1,724 8 | | 26 42 0 0,619 4 | 50 34 2 1,470 6 | 50 28 2 1,785 13 | 50 45 2 1,111 5 | 8 | 261 | 217 | 1,202 | 1,785 | 13 | 3 |
| Gilbert Allen US | 27 36 0 0,750 4 | 36 51 0 0,705 4 | 50 42 2 1,190 5 | | 40 48 0 0,833 6 | 50 55 2 0,909 11 | 50 46 2 1,086 5 | 6 | 253 | 278 | 0,910 | 1,190 | 11 | 4 |
| Theriaga Jorge PT | 41 54 0 0,759 7 | 29 45 0 0,644 3 | 18 34 0 0,529 3 | 50 48 2 1,041 7 | | 50 46 2 1,086 6 | 48 42 0 1,142 9 | 4 | 236 | 269 | 0,877 | 1,086 | 9 | 5 |
| Hallon Carlos US | 41 41 0 1,000 4 | 50 62 1 0,806 5 | 26 28 0 0,928 4 | 48 55 0 0,872 6 | 43 46 0 0,934 5 | | 50 77 2 0,649 7 | 3 | 258 | 309 | 0,834 | 0,806 | 7 | 6 |
| El Machak Mohamed EG | 15 33 0 0,454 4 | 36 64 0 0,562 6 | 24 45 0 0,533 4 | 38 46 0 0,826 4 | 50 42 2 1,190 6 | 44 77 0 0,571 4 | | 2 | 207 | 307 | 0,674 | 1,190 | 6 | 7 |

Group B

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|---------|-------|-------|----|
| 1. Raymond Ceulemans (BE) | 12:0 | 300/166 | 1,807 | 2,631 | 12 |
| 2. Marco Zanetti (IT) | 8:4 | 263/246 | 1,069 | 1,612 | 7 |
| 3. Frank Torres (US) | 6:6 | 263/272 | 0,966 | 1,282 | 7 |
| 4. Yoshio Yoshihara (JP) | 6:6 | 244/261 | 0,934 | 1,351 | 9 |
| 5. Galo Legarda (EC) | 6:6 | 219/260 | 0,842 | 1,041 | 6 |
| 6. Luis Doyharzabal (AR) | 4:8 | 248/276 | 0,898 | 1,111 | 6 |
| 7. Hisham Saad (EG) | 0:12 | 164/279 | 0,587 | --- | 7 |

Average group B: 0,966 (1701 / 1760)

| | Ceulemans | Zanetti | Torres | Yoshihara | Legarda | Doyharzabal | Saad | MP | Pts. | In. | Av. | BG | HR | Pl. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|------|-----|-------|-------|----|----------|
| Ceulemans Raymond BE | | 50 27 2 1,851 11 | 50 32 2 1,562 12 | 50 19 2 2,631 10 | 50 20 2 2,500 11 | 50 33 2 1,515 5 | 50 35 2 1,428 7 | 12 | 300 | 166 | 1,807 | 2,631 | 12 | 1 |
| Zanetti Marco IT | 30 27 0 1,111 5 | | 50 52 2 0,961 6 | 33 41 0 0,804 5 | 50 31 2 1,612 7 | 50 32 2 1,562 6 | 50 63 2 0,793 5 | 8 | 263 | 246 | 1,069 | 1,612 | 7 | 2 |
| Torres Frank US | 34 32 0 1,062 6 | 37 52 0 0,711 3 | | 50 60 2 0,833 5 | 50 39 2 1,282 6 | 42 45 0 0,933 7 | 50 44 2 1,136 6 | 6 | 263 | 272 | 0,966 | 1,282 | 7 | 3 |
| Yoshihara Yoshio JP | 12 19 0 0,631 3 | 50 41 2 1,219 8 | 38 60 0 0,633 5 | | 44 56 0 0,785 6 | 50 48 2 1,041 4 | 50 37 2 1,351 9 | 6 | 244 | 261 | 0,934 | 1,351 | 9 | 4 |
| Legarda Galo EC | 12 20 0 0,600 2 | 26 31 0 0,838 6 | 31 39 0 0,794 4 | 50 56 2 0,892 4 | | 50 66 2 0,757 5 | 50 48 2 1,041 6 | 6 | 219 | 260 | 0,842 | 1,041 | 6 | 5 |
| Doyharzabal Luis AR | 41 33 0 1,242 6 | 34 32 0 1,062 9 | 50 45 2 1,111 6 | 37 48 0 0,770 5 | 36 66 0 0,545 3 | | 50 52 2 0,961 6 | 4 | 248 | 276 | 0,898 | 1,111 | 9 | 6 |
| Saad Hisham EG | 18 35 0 0,514 6 | 33 63 0 0,523 3 | 34 44 0 0,772 5 | 16 37 0 0,432 3 | 31 48 0 0,645 7 | 32 52 0 0,615 4 | | 0 | 164 | 279 | 0,587 | | 7 | 7 |

Placement games

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|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| for 5th place: | Nobuaki Kobayashi | 50 : 44 = 1,136 | 4 |
| | Frank Torres | 34 : 44 = 0,772 | 5 |
| for 7th place: | Yoshio Yoshihara | 50 : 39 = 1,282 | 7 |
| | Allen Gilbert | 33 : 39 = 0,846 | 5 |
| for 9th place: | Jorge Theriaga | 50 : 47 = 1,063 | 5 |
| | Galo Legarda | 34 : 47 = 0,723 | 3 |
| for 11th place: | Luis Doyharzabal | 50 : 59 = 0,847 | 6 |
| | Carlos Hallon | 42 : 59 = 0,711 | 3 |
| for 13th place: | Hisham Saad | 50 : 72 = 0,694 | 5 |
| | Mohamed El Machak | 40 : 72 = 0,555 | 4 |

Semifinal

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|-------------------|-----------------|----|
| Torbjörn Blomdahl | 50 : 30 = 1,666 | 6 |
| Marco Zanetti | 24 : 30 = 0,800 | 4 |
| Avelino Rico | 50 : 34 = 1,470 | 15 |
| Raymond Ceulemans | 48 : 34 = 1,411 | 14 |

3rd place match

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|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| Raymond Ceulemans | 50 : 28 = 1,785 | 8 |
| Marco Zanetti | 36 : 28 = 1,285 | 6 |

Final

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|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| Avelino Rico | 50 : 43 = 1,162 | 8 |
| Torbjörn Blomdahl | 46 : 43 = 1,069 | 6 |

One thousand two hundred dollars for a game of billiards

"Ticket prices in Las Vegas were truly not low. When I was in line for a ticket to the finals, my man in front of me in line, when he heard that it was not the great Raymond Ceulemans but the still unknown Blomdahl and the even less known Rico who were in the finals, asked me if I would like to buy his ticket. I inquired about the price, and he said, 'Boxseat' \$1,200. But when I was only willing to pay the also already handsome \$50 normal price for the finals, he pressed his card into my hand, took the \$50 and hurried to the slot machines. Without the "Man of Steel", as Ceulemans was called in the USA, the tournament was of no interest to him. That's how I got what must have been one of the most expensive billiard tickets."

Heinrich Weingartner



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