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## Fields narrowed in 9-Ball division at US Bar Table Championships

*CueSports International, Henderson, NV (Aug. 25, 2016)* — The 93-player field in the Open 9-Ball division at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual US Bar Table Championships was trimmed to just four players Thursday at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino. On the winner's side of the bracket, Shane McMinn of Ponca, Okla. faces Justin "Iceberg" Bergman of Fairview, Ill. in the hot seat match at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

On the B-Side of the bracket, Billy "Thorpedo" Thorpe will play Jason Klatt at 4 p.m. The winner of that match will play the loser of the hot seat match in the semi-finals. The finals are scheduled for 7 p.m. and will be live-streamed. For live-streaming information, go to <http://www.playcspool.com/live-streaming.html>.

To get to the hot seat match, McMinn, a former Oklahoma State champion, beat Roberto Gomez Jr., 9-6; Josh Roberts, 9-5; Julio Burgos Torres, 9-5; and Mike DeWitt, 9-6.

Bergman, who won the 10-Ball division on Wednesday, posted wins over Billy Thorpe, 9-6; Donny Branson, 9-6; Chris Stanfield, 9-8; Max Eberly, 9-3; Ryan DeBerg, 9-2; and Edwin Garcia, 9-1.

In the Women's Division, Rebecca Wagner of Las Vegas, who placed second in the Women's 10-Ball Division will play Susan Williams of Chandler, Az. in the finals match at 11:30 a.m. Friday. Wagner posted wins against Mary Coffman, 7-4; Debra Aarens, 7-1; and Tina Larsen, 7-1. She beat Williams in the hot seat match, 7-4 on Thursday.

Williams tournament included wins over Sierra Reams, 7-5; Grace Nakamura, 7-6; Anne Carmona, 7-5; and 10-Ball Champion Jessica Frideres, 7-5, before being sent to the B side of the bracket by Wagner. Then Williams beat Frideres again, 7-3, to secure her spot in the finals.

The US Bar Table Championships continue through Aug. 28, with the 9-Ball Division concluding Friday, as the 8-Ball Division begins. The 8-Ball Open Division has 100 players and 20 players in the Women's Division.

Players who place in the top 32 of each open division receive Mosconi Cup USA Team points on a sliding scale. The top three American players with the most points at the end of the year will be selected for the USA Mosconi Cup Team.

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The 2016 US Bar Table Championships are produced by CueSports International, the parent company of the BCAPL and USAPL. CSI also produces independent events, such as the US Open 10-Ball Championship, the US Open 8-Ball Championship and much more. For more information, visit [www.playcspool.com](http://www.playcspool.com) or call 702-719-POOL.

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