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## Young Guns Dominate Opening Day of US Bar Table Championships

*CueSports International, Henderson, NV (Aug. 22, 2016)* — The opening day of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual US Bar Table Championships (USBTC) began with a field of 74 players at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino. And by the time the first day's matches concluded, just three remained on the winner's side of the bracket: Sky Woodward, Justin Bergman and Billy Thorpe — all among a growing group of strong, young players.

Woodward and Bergman will face off at Noon Tuesday and the winner of the match will play Thorpe for the hot seat. Thorpe posted wins Monday over Can Salim, 7-4; Mike Massey, 7-1; Randy Hatten, 7-2; Larry Nevel Jr., 7-5; and Shane Van Boening, 7-4.

Bergman also played strong all day, with wins over Miguel Batista, 7-6; Jason Klatt, 7-1; Jesse Piercey, 7-4; Dale Stanley, 7-2; and Vilmos Foldes.

Woodward's path had victories over Manny Perez, 7-5; Mo Salamah, 7-4; Bret Huth, 7-0; and Chris McDaniel, 7-2.

However, there are plenty of solid players on the B-side of the bracket hoping to take home the \$3,800 first prize, including Manny Perez, who plays Rodrigo Geronimo at 9 a.m. and Mike Massey, who plays Dale Stanley. Others still on the one-loss side include Van Boening, Sal Butera, Bret Huth, James Adams, Jamie Bruce, Salim, Shane McMinn, Foldes, Piercey, Hattan, McDaniel, Belobradie, Nevel and Josh Roberts.

In the Women's 10-Ball Division, Rebecca Wagner will play Jessica Frideres for the hot seat at Noon Tuesday. Wagner posted wins against Trihn Lu, 5-3; Kimberly Whitman, 5-4 and Mary Coffman, 5-0. Frideres' path included victories over Grace Nakamura, 5-1; Heather Cortez, 5-3; and Adina Pelletier, 5-0.

On the one-loss side, Nakamura takes on Whitney at 9 a.m. and Kimberly Kirk plays Deb Aarens, also at 9 a.m. The winners of those matches play Pelletier and Coffman.

The US Bar Table Championships take place through Aug. 28 and offer 8-ball, 9-ball and 10-ball divisions, as well as Master of the Table bonuses for both the open and women's divisions.

In addition, 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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### **10-Ball Divisions Aug. 22-24**

Open 10-Ball: Race to 7/\$5,000 added

Women's 10-Ball; Race to 5/ \$1,000 added

### **9-Ball Divisions: Aug. 24-26**

Open 9-Ball: Race to 9/\$5,000 added

Women's 9-Ball; Race to 7/ \$1,000 added

### **8-ball Divisions: Aug. 26-28**

Open 10-Ball: Race to 5/\$5,000 added

Women's 10-Ball; Race to 4/ \$1,000 added

### **Master of the Table Bonuses\***

Open Divisions: \$1,500/Women's Divisions: \$500

\*Players must compete in all three divisions to be eligible for the bonus.

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