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TOP TABLE SOCCER PLAYERS SHOOT FOR OVER \$25,000 IN PRIZES AT THE 15th ANNUAL TEXAS STATE FOOSBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dallas, Texas – Along with over 300 table soccer (a.k.a. “foosball”) enthusiasts, some of the greatest names ever to play the game turned out to compete at the 15th Annual Texas State Foosball Championships. Held May 25-28th at the Holiday Inn Select D/FW Airport North in Irving, TX, the event has become one of the most popular tournaments in the United States.

Now recognized as an International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) Master Series event, the annual Dallas area tournament was this year granted international tour points status. This means that at the Master level, players were competing not just for \$25,000 in cash and prizes at the event, but also for qualifying points to compete at the ITSF World Championship Finals in St. Vincent, Italy this coming October. And, with many Masters playing exceptionally strong after foosball’s recent U.S. Open and Hall of Fame Classic tournaments in Atlanta and Las Vegas, respectively, the matches at Texas State definitely proved to be extremely intense!

Competition saw match-ups between players such as USA #1-ranked Billy Pappas of Lowell, MA, defending Champion Tony Spredeman of Cudahy, WI and D/FW hometown favorites David Radack and Mike Archer. Indeed, another local favorite, Tracy McMillin of Houston teamed up with Coloradan Robert Mares to win the title in Open Doubles. Along the way, the second place team of Matt Steward and Tracy Rue of Louisiana handed a dramatic upset to the powerhouse team of Pappas and Spredeman who finished third. In Open Singles, Pappas and Spredeman came through with a 1-2 finish, having to overcome Texas native Brandon Moreland. Open Singles also saw a return of Minnesota legend Johnny Horton, who in a fierce and exciting “clash of personalities” match was stopped short by Texas’ own legendary multi-time World Champion, Steve Murray.

Women’s competition featured some of the best in the world as well, with recently crowned U.S. National Women’s Doubles Champions Dusty Bambenek of Canal Fulton, OH and Gena Murray of Ft. Worth, TX taking first and second place in Women’s Singles. Women’s Doubles saw top ranked Tiffany Moore, of Chicago, IL teamed with Minnesota’s Deb Pflipsen taking top honors, and again the team of Steward and Rue (this time, Joy Steward and Keisha Rue) of Louisiana took second.

Tournament play also included numerous categories for men and women from beginner to Master, and specialty events such as “Draw Your Partner Doubles,” “Goalie War” and a 17 & Under event for the younger contestants. Sunday further featured announcement of this year’s inductees into the “Texas Legends of Foosball.” This year’s inductees were Texas veteran players Mike Simons, Scott Moreland and Scott’s son, Brandon Moreland.

All competition took place on more than 50 individually lighted Tornado Table Soccer™ tables made by Texas’ own Valley-Dynamo division of Brunswick. Sponsors of the event included the Holiday Inn Select D/FW Airport North and D/FW area Clicks Billiards, Speed’s Billiards and Texas Billiards. Sponsors of the U.S. National Foosball Team and Team USA include Brunswick’s Tornado Table Soccer™, Warrior Custom Golf, Nike™, Dean Milk Products of North Texas, Bonzini™ USA, Tornello Enterprises and Foosball.com. Video and live web-streaming was provided by InsideFoos Productions and InsideFoos.com.

Other USTSF/ITSF 2007 World Tour events in the United States are scheduled to take place in Kentucky, North Carolina, Colorado, Louisiana, Virginia and Las Vegas, Nevada. Meanwhile, table soccer players from over 40 countries are gearing up for further ITSF competition in Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Romania, South Africa and the UK, among others. In fact, this year’s 56-tournament, five-continent tour will be the largest worldwide table soccer pro tour ever!

For additional details about the event and the sport of table soccer, see the following websites:

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| www.vifa.com | - Tournament/league information site |
| www.table-soccer.org | - ITSF official web site/international rankings/news |
| www.foosball.com | - General information about the sport of table soccer |
| www.ustsf.org | - USTSF official web site/U.S. National Team sponsorship opportunities |

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