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**NEW NATIONAL CHAMPIONS CROWNED
AT 2008 U.S. OPEN OF TABLE SOCCER**

Atlanta, Georgia – Nearly 400 table soccer (a.k.a. “foosball”) players and enthusiasts, including some of the greatest names ever to play the game, turned out to compete at the recent U.S. Open of Table Soccer. Held April 17-20th at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Atlanta, the annual event is one of the largest in the United States, and drew players from as far away as Canada, Costa Rica and even Hungary.

Table soccer fans were able to watch some of the best foosball action anywhere, with competitive levels fierce between members of the U.S. National Team, national team members of numerous other countries and a number of very strong, up-and-coming new stars. Adding to the excitement, as a United States Table Soccer Federation sanctioned event the top U.S. finishers in Women’s Doubles, Women’s Singles and Men’s Open Doubles all qualified to compete as U.S. National Champions at the International Table Soccer Federation’s World Championships Finals in Italy later this year.

With categories for men and women and beginner through Master, the tournament was open to all levels of skill and experience. Taking home the National Champions title in Open Doubles were Tom Yore and Bobby Diaz of Florida with Melissa Kegg and Lisa Pride of Ohio taking the title in Women’s Doubles, and in Women’s Singles it was Tiffany Moore of Illinois. The Open Singles event was won by past World Champion Tony Spredeman of Wisconsin. Hanna Smith and Dakota Diaz (KY) picked up the title in Junior Doubles and in Junior Singles it was Evan Jones (NC). Senior events saw John Zoller (LA) and Bruce Nardoci (NC) win doubles, with Nardoci also taking first in Senior Singles. Further categories included numerous specialty competitions, such as “Draw Your Partner Doubles,” “Forward Shootout” and “Goalie Wars.”

All competition took place on Tornado Table Soccer™ tables, made by the Valley-Dynamo division of Brunswick, Inc. Sponsors of the tournament were Independent Foosball Promotions, the Atlanta Airport Hilton Hotel (reservations: 1-404-767-9000) and TornadoFoosball.com. Sponsors of the U.S. National Team include Brunswick, Foosball.com, Sebastian Custom Warm-ups, and Borden Milk Products of North Texas. Video production and live web-streaming were provided by InsideFoos.com.

Other USTSF/ITSF 2008 World Tour events in the United States are scheduled to take place in North Carolina, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas and even Las Vegas, Nevada, while table soccer players from over 60 countries are gearing up for further ITSF competition in Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, India, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, and the UAE, 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, please see the following websites:

www.ustsf.org
www.table-soccer.org
www.vifa.com
www.foosball.com

- USTSF official web site/U.S. National Team sponsorship opportunities
- ITSF official web site/international rankings/news
- Tournament/league information site
- General information about the sport of table soccer

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