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\$100,000 TORNADO TABLE SOCCER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF IN LAS VEGAS!

World #1 Ranked Belgian Superstar To Battle Top Americans

Las Vegas, Nevada - The \$100,000 World Championships of Table Soccer (also known as "foosball") will take place September 20-24, 2006 at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. About 750 of the world's best table soccer players will be on hand to compete for the titles and cash prizes in a variety of events, including doubles, singles and mixed doubles in divisions for masters, pros, semi-pros and amateurs.

All eyes will be on Belgian superstar Frederico Collignon, who has dominated this and other tournaments worldwide for the last several years, earning him the #1 ranking in the world. He will be challenged by #2-ranked Billy Pappas, 21, of Lowell, Massachusetts, and several other members of the U.S. National Foosball Team, including: Terry Moore of Chicago, Illinois, Robert Mares of Denver, Colorado, and Dave Gummeson of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Other tournament favorites are previous World Singles Champion Tony Spredeman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and other past multi-time World Champions such as Todd Loffredo and Steve Murray.

On the women's side of the competition, U.S. Team member Stayce Fowler of Cedar Rapids, Iowa will attempt to defend her 2005 Women's Singles title, as she faces fierce competition from multi-time champions Cindy Head of Sterrett, Alabama and Moya Tielens of Vancouver, British Columbia.

The tournament is open to all competitors and includes many specialty events, such as 15 & under doubles, 40 & over doubles, 2-ball rollerball, and goalie war. Opening events begin at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20th, with most finals occurring on Sunday the 24th. Spectators are welcome and there is no admission fee to enter the tournament room. There are entry fees for players who wish to compete in an event.

The competition will take place on Brunswick's Tornado Table Soccer tables, the brand used on the U.S. pro tour. The tournament is sanctioned by the United States Table Soccer Federation (USTSF) and the International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF). Sponsors of the event include Brunswick and the Riviera Hotel and Casino.

This is the last major stop on the ITSF World Series tour, giving players from over 35 countries one of their final opportunities to earn points to qualify for expense paid trips to the ITSF World Series Finals in St. Vincent, Italy this November. Other World Series events took place this year in Paris, France, Vienna, Austria and Lugano, Italy with even more qualifying events in countries as diverse as Japan, Poland and Costa Rica. In fact, this year's tour will be the largest worldwide table soccer pro tour ever!!

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

www.vifa.com
www.foosworld.com
www.tischfussball-wm-2006.de/eng_teams.html
www.table-soccer.org
www.ustsf.org
www.foosball.com

- The USTSA Website/USA Rankings
- Player Profiles & Regional Tournament Information
- Official World Cup of Table Soccer Website/Results
- ITSF Website/International Rankings
- Official U.S. Table Soccer Federation Website
- General Information about the Sport of Table Soccer

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