

World's Top 100 Players Poll: From The Mouths of the Top Players Themselves!

Photos by Jerry Forsyth

This poll was taken by a select few of the world's top players from around the globe. Players taking the poll consisted of a range of international professionals, including Efren Reyes, Thorsten Hohmann, Johnny Archer, Jeanette Lee, Mika Immonen, Luc Salvas, Raj Hundal, Marlon Manalo, Jasmin Ouschan, Ralf Souquet, Mike Davis, Corey Deuel, Helena Thornfeldt, Charlie

Williams, Monica Webb, and more - 30 players in all.

The Top 100 could also include women in the rankings, but a separate list for women was encouraged.

Ranking points were awarded to respondents as follows: 1= 30 points, 2= 29 points, 3= 28 points, 4= 27 points down to #30, which was worth 1 point.

All the points for all players were then tal-

lied and the player with highest points was ranked at #1 and so on. Where the player placed himself or herself in their own poll did not count for any points.

Though some of the players polled do not compete on the world scene, players from different countries were polled to reflect a truly international opinion poll.

According to professional Players around the world the Top 100 Players in the World are:



John Schmidt: "All he needs is more confidence in himself. His game is already there." — Johnny Archer



Efren Reyes: "Efren has a way of dazzling even the the best of us. His creativity reminds me how much I still can learn. It is very humbling. This is why I really appreciate every moment i can pick his brains." — Mika Immonen



Ralf Souquet: "Ultraconsistent and very careful . Makes least amount of unforced errors than any other player. Also lives pool like no other player and is very professional and victory-orientated." — Thorsten Hohmann



Ga Young Kim: "The fastest and most furious player on the women's tour. She embodies the potential talent that women can possess in cue sports." — Charlie Williams

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Thorsten Hohmann: "Thorsten is a very methodical player, he has a great attitude. Watching him in gear can be inspiring. Good pre-shot routine, too." – **Mika Immonen**



Jasmin Ouschan: "Jasmin has the most potential for greatness than any woman player I've seen thus far. Simply impressive." – **Charlie Williams**

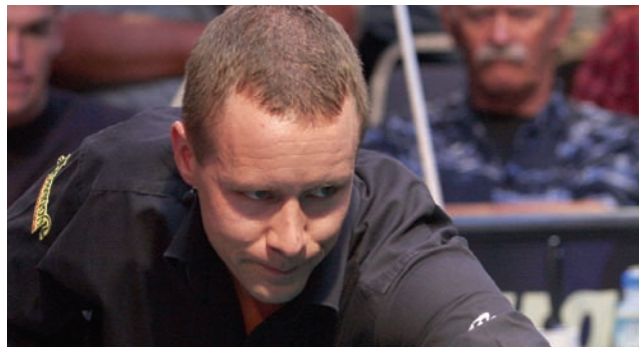
1. Efren Reyes (PHI)
2. Johnny Archer (USA)
3. Thorsten Hohmann (GER)
4. Ralf Souquet (GER)
5. Mika Immonen (FIN)
6. Alex Pagulayan (PHI)
7. Dennis Orcullo (PHI)
8. Marlon Manalo (PHI)
9. Francisco Bustamente (PHI)
10. Ronnie Alcano (PHI)
11. Chia Ching Wu (TAI)
12. Chin Shun Yang (TAI)
13. Earl Strickland (USA)
14. Rodney Morris (USA)
15. Corey Deuel (USA)

16. Thomas Engert (GER)
17. Niels Fiejen (NET)
18. Charlie Williams (USA)
19. Fong Pang Chao (TAI)
20. Jose Parica (PHI)
21. Marcus Chamar (SWE)
22. John Schmidt (USA)
23. Oliver Ortmann (GER)
24. Nick Van Den Berg (NET)
25. Po Cheng Kuo (TAI)*
26. Gabe Owen (USA)
27. Jeremy Jones (USA)
28. Rodolfo Luat (PHI)
29. Nick Varner (USA)
30. Dennis Hatch (USA)

31. Mike Davis (USA)
32. Evgeny Stalev (RUS)
33. Tony Robles (USA)
34. Hui Kai Hsia (TAI)
35. Santos Sambajon (PHI)
36. Shannon Daulton (USA)
37. Buddy Hall (USA)
38. Shawn Putnam (USA)
39. Imran Majid (UK)*
40. Antonio Lining (PHI)
41. Lee Van Corteza (PHI)*
42. Steve Knight (UK)*
43. Gandy Valle (PHI)*
44. Cliff Joyner (USA)
45. Leonardo Andam (PHI)



Rodney Morris: "He makes high pressure situations look like fun practice because of his loose style of play." – **Thorsten Hohmann**



Mika Immonen: "Mika has an intensity that is rare in any sport. His banking is the best in Europe hands down and his kicking knowledge is impressive. His game is so well rounded and that makes him one of the most dangerous guys out there." – **Charlie Williams**



Allison Fisher: "Allison's snooker-inherited technique and pre-shot routine are among the best in the world. Watching her actually improves my patience and approach for the shot." – Mika Immonen



Johnny Archer: "Strong mental game packed with world wide experience makes Archer a complete player. Always dangerous." – Thorsten Hohmann

46. Larry Nevel (USA)
 47. Ramil Gallego (PHI)*
 48. David Alcaide (SPA)
 49. Raj Hundal (UK)
 50. Pei Wei Chang (TAI)*
 51. Alex Lely (NET)
 52. Satoshi Kawabata (JPN)
 53. Kim Davenport (USA)
 54. Danny Harriman (USA)
 55. Warren Kiamco (PHI)
 56. Daryl Peach (UK)*
 57. Shane Van Boening (USA)
 58. Darren Appleton (UK)
 59. Luc Salvas (CAN)
 60. Jeff DeLuna (PHI)
 61. Christian Reimering (GER)
 62. Troy Frank 3 (USA)
 63. Tony Drago (MAL)
 64. Hiroshi Takenaka (JPN)*

65. Fabio Petroni (ITL)
 66. Chei Wei Fu (TAI)*
 67. Kunihiko Takahashi (JPN)*
 68. Stevie Moore (USA)
 69. Riko Diks (NET)
 70. Vilmos Foldes (HUN)*
 71. Rob Saez (USA)
 72. Charlie Bryant (USA)
 73. Mick Hill (UK)*
 74. Sandor Tot (HUN)*
 75. Nico Otterman (GER)*
 76. Jorn Kaplan (GER)*
 77. Tony Crosby (USA)
 78. Ernesto Dominguez (MEX)
 79. Shin Young Park (KOR)
 80. Go Takami (JPN)*
 81. Michael Schmidt (GER)
 82. Tyler Edey (CAN)
 83. Brian Groce (USA)

84. Tony Chohan (USA)
 85. Pat Holtz (SCO)*
 86. Marcus Juva (FIN)*
 87. Marco Tshudi (SWZ)*
 88. George Breedlove (USA)
 89. Dave Broxson (USA)
 90. Marco Lohtander (FIN)*
 91. Dimitri Jungo (SWZ)*
 92. Luong Chi Dung (VIE)*
 93. Craig Riley (UK)*
 94. Andreas Roschowsky (GER)*
 95. Bobby Hunter (USA)
 96. Roman Hyber (Czech)*
 97. Max Eberle (USA)
 98. Jason Shaw (UK)*
 99. Hayato Hijikata (JPN)*
 100. Steve Davis (UK)*
 *Players who do not actively compete in U.S.



Marlon Manalo: "Plays the game the way it should be played. His break is so strong. He has the whole package." – Johnny Archer



Corey Deuel: "Simply put; he's a genius on the table" – Charlie Williams

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Charlie Williams: "He has strong shotmaking strength though he loses his cue ball a lot. But he is a good grinder when it comes to winning a match." — Johnny Archer



Jeanette Lee: "Being such a recognizable figure around the world and a full time mom doesn't leave Jeanette much time to breathe. Factor in life long injuries in her back, it's really amazing how she has stayed at the top of women's pool for all these years." — Charlie Williams



Chia Ching Wu: "Wu has good heart, he will go a long way. Considering how young he is it is amazing how much knowledge this kid has. He does have the best 9-ball break I have ever seen." — Mika Immonen



Earl Strickland: "Strickland's greatest weapon is his long stroke and fast pace. His instinctive play is the best I have ever seen. You have to show some serious firepower before you can actually put fear in this guy." — Mika Immonen

What About the Chicks with Sticks?

Only a handful of women pros were quizzed for this poll at the end of last year, and some of those from overseas who haven't actively competed on the world scene, so the statistical data is still lacking for a full list of female competitors.

But, with limited input of the players polled (and men players also allowed to nominate women), the Top 25 women included those shown. Hall of Fame player Loree Jon Jones was also mentioned, but as she is not actively competing on the women's tour either here or abroad, she was removed from the list.

Allison Fisher (UK)
 Karen Corr (UK)
 Ga Young Kim (KOR)
 Jeanette Lee (USA)
 Jasmin Ouschan (AUS)
 *Shin Mei Liu (TAI)
 Monica Webb (USA)
 Kelly Fisher (UK)
 Helena Thornfeldt (SWE)
 Gerda Hofstatter (AUS)
 Xiao Ting Pan (CHI)
 Vivian Villarreal (USA)
 *Akimi Kajitani (JPN)
 Sarah Ellerby (UK)
 Jennifer Barretta (USA)
 Tiffany Nelson (USA)
 Kim Shaw (UK)
 *YC Chen (TAI)
 *Meng Meng Zhou (CHI)
 Julie Kelly (IRE)
 Dawn Hopkins (USA)
 *Sung Hyun Jung (KOR)
 *Jui Fang Fan (TAI)
 Jennifer Chen (TAI)
 Ewa Mataya Laurance (USA)
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