

= Jasmin Ouschan =

Jasmin Ouschan (pronounced yaz @-@ MEEN ocean , German pronunciation : [?jasm?n ???an] ; born 10 January 1986) is an Austrian professional pool player from Klagenfurt , Carinthia . Her first professional competition occurred in 2002 , but she did not officially become a professional member of the Women 's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) until 2007 . She is currently one of the top @-@ ranked women in the world according to the 2010 prize money list and by the WPBA rankings . At times , she has been ranked as the number one female player in the world . Since 2006 , she has been listed among the top @-@ ten women in the annual prize money rankings . Ouschan competes regularly with men on the EuroTour and in 2008 became the first woman to earn a medal in an open world pool championship .

In international competition she has earned the World Games 2005 gold medal and World Games 2009 silver medal in nine @-@ ball . As of 2013 , she has earned a total of twenty @-@ nine individual European Championship gold medals (ten in eight @-@ ball , ten in nine @-@ ball , six in straight pool and three in ten @-@ ball) since 1999 , including eighteen (four in eight @-@ ball , five in nine @-@ ball , six in straight pool and three in ten @-@ ball) since joining the open Women 's division in 2005 . She was the Youth European Champion in eight @-@ ball six consecutive years from 1999 ? 2004 .

In the 2010 Pool & Billiard European Championship , held in Zagreb , Croatia , she became the first woman to sweep gold medals in all four disciplines contested (eight @-@ ball , nine @-@ ball , ten @-@ ball and straight pool) . In 2010 , she also won the Women 's World 10 @-@ Ball Championship .

= = Background = =

Born and raised in Klagenfurt , Ouschan began playing pool at a very early age because her parents owned a pool hall . Although she had a miniature table of her own , she aspired to play on the regulation size table and started playing by standing on a box . She has trained with Michael Neumann since the age of six and continues to train with him to this day . She has a younger brother named Albin . She graduated from high school in 2004 and has since taken coursework to become an accredited pool trainer in Europe .

= = Career = =

She has earned eight open European Championship titles in eight @-@ ball (2006 , 2008 , 2009) , nine @-@ ball (2005 , 2009) , and straight pool (2005 ? 2007) in the women 's division . She also won eleven Youth European Championship titles in eight @-@ ball (1999 ? 2004) and nine @-@ ball (1999 ? 2001 , 2003 , 2004) .

= = = Pre @-@ professional = = =

In 1996 , she entered at a tournament in Austria in which players like Allison Fisher , Gerda Hofstaetter and Franziska Stark participated and placed 4th place behind these three well established players . In 1998 , she earned a silver medal in eight @-@ ball and a bronze medal in nine @-@ ball at the Youth European Championship . Starting in 1999 , she won gold medals in both events every year as a Youth until 2004 except in 2002 when she earned a silver in nine @-@ ball .

Her first professional competition was the Florida Classic 2002 . In 2002 , she had professional earnings of US \$ 1 @,@ 750 in prize money for taking first place in the 2002 WPBA Amateur Nationals . In 2005 , she had earnings of \$ 1 @,@ 700 . That year she became the World Games women 's nine @-@ ball champion . She also moved up to the Women 's division in the annual European Championships in 2005 and has earned at least one gold medal each year since .

In 2006 , she was ranked sixth among women in the prize money year @-@ end rankings with a

total of \$ 36 @, @ 251 in earnings . That year , she won the May 14 ? 20 , 2006 BCA Open Nine @-@ ball Championship women 's division , defeating the UK 's Allison Fisher and earning \$ 20 @, @ 000 . She has competed in what have traditionally been regarded as men 's tournaments , especially while participating in the EuroTour . She placed 5th in the men 's World Straight Pool Championship in 2006 , which was won by Thorsten Hohmann . She also finished 3rd in the women 's World Pool 10 @-@ ball Championship in Manila , Philippines .

= = = Professional = = =

In 2007 , she joined the WPBA . That year , she was ranked ninth among women in the prize money year @-@ end rankings with a total of \$ 23 @, @ 000 in earnings . Her best payday for the year was a second @-@ place finish at the WPBA San Diego Classic for which she earned \$ 8 @, @ 300 . She competed again at the Men 's World Straight Pool Championship in 2007 but lost to Warren Kiamco in the last 16 to finish in 9th place .

In 2008 , she was ranked fourth among women in the prize money year @-@ end rankings with a total of \$ 44 @, @ 059 in earnings . During the season , she reached the top of the world rankings . Her largest victory that year was the September 14 WPBA Carolina Classic 7 ? 1 win over Jeanette Lee , which earned her \$ 13 @, @ 500 . In 2008 , she reached the Men 's World Straight Pool Championship semifinal by beating Mika Immonen and defending champion Oliver Ortmann , but then lost against Francisco Bustamante . However , her third @-@ place finish resulted in the first medal won by any woman in an open world pool championship .

In April 2009 , she won the European Championship eight @-@ ball competition . She was also the world 's top @-@ ranked woman in early 2009 . On June 21 , 2009 she earned \$ 12 @, @ 700 for winning the WPBA Great Lakes Classic . On July 25 , she earned a silver medal after losing to Allison Fisher at the 2009 World games . Ouschan also won the October 14 ? 18 , 2009 WPBA Pacific Coast Classic and the November 11 ? 15 , 2009 WPBA Nationals . She finished third among women in 2009 with earnings of \$ 58 @, @ 578 .

In the March 2010 , European Championships she swept all four disciplines , including the newly contested ten @-@ ball . First in straight pool she defeated fellow Austrian Gerda Hofstatter . Then in ten @-@ ball , she defeated German Ina Jentschura . Next , she defeated Norwegian Line Kjorsvik in eight @-@ ball . Finally , she defeated Hofstatter again in the nine @-@ ball championship . She became the first woman to win more than two gold medals in a single competition . In October in Manila , Philippines , she won the Yalin Women ? s World 10 @-@ ball championship . During the year , she also won the WPBA September 23 ? 26 , 2010 Atlanta Classic held in Atlanta , Georgia . Her 2010 total of \$ 41 @, @ 391 ranked second among women .

In January 2011 , she won the WPBA Masters by defeating Karen Corr at Mount Pleasant , Michigan for a prize of \$ 7 @, @ 500 @. @ 00 . At the 2011 European Championships , she won gold medals in straight pool , ten @-@ ball and nine @-@ ball , but did not medal in eight @-@ ball . On March 26 , she defeated Kjorsvik for the straight pool title 75 ? 31 . Then , on April 1 , she defeated Hofstatter , 7 ? 2 in nine @-@ ball . On April 2 , she defeated Nataliya Seroshtan 6 ? 1 in ten @-@ ball . Her 2011 total of \$ 31 @, @ 300 ranked eighth among women .

Her 2012 total of \$ 30 @, @ 470 ranked fifth among women . At the European Championships , she won gold at the 10 @-@ ball competition , and she placed in bronze in the other three individual events as well as the team competition .

Her 2013 total of \$ 26 @, @ 048 ranked eighth among women . At the European Championships , she won gold at both the straight pool and the 9 @-@ ball competitions , and she placed in bronze in the other two individual events as well as the team competition .

= = Equipment and sponsors = =

She shoots with Predator / MEZZ (regular with 314 shaft) and Predator BK2 (Break) cue sticks . She is sponsored by Kärnten Sport (Kaernten Sport) Kelag , Sportsunion , Predator , and Justis Cue Cases . Her home club is the PBC Eintracht Klagenfurt .

