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Austria Win 2017 World Cup of Pool

Team AUSTRIA has won the prestigious 2017 12BET World Cup of Pool. The Austria team of Mario He and Albin Ouschan did it the hard way by beating a strong and determined team USA by 10 frames to 6 in an exciting and closely matched final.

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Winning the prestigious scotch doubles title for the first time; the Austrians secured the magnificent trophy, gold medals as well as \$60,000 to split. Although disappointed, Shane Van Boening and Skyler Woodward can console themselves with a cheque for \$30,000 and the added bonus of playing so well as a team ahead of the 2017 Mosconi Cup in December.

Earlier in the day both teams had assumed the underdog role in their semi-finals but won through, with Austria beating China and the USA getting the better of Chinese Taipei.

That set up the race to 10 final which got underway in sweltering conditions in the famous York Hall in the heart of London's bustling East End.

The critical moment came in the 12th game, when the US took the bolder option of a pot when the safety might have been the option. Woodward missed the pot and from there Austria levelled it at 6-6.

It was to be the USA's last meaningful contribution to the game as Austria took the next four to win the 12BET World Cup of Pool. The tournament was available live in over 100 countries around the world.

Once again the 2017 12BET World Cup of Pool is sponsored by Rasson Billiards who supplies the Official Table. Once again, the cloth is supplied by Iwan Simonis and the Official Balls are Super Aramith by Saluc. Jean-Francois Schmitz of Simonis & Aramith stated: "It was a great final and as always the Simonis cloth and Aramith balls gave the players the benchmark conditions for the modern professional tournament. The players could not perform at this level using anything else".

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