



**4th MERIT Open
Montenegro Grand Prix
International Backgammon Championship
8th-14th April, 2019**

Hotel Splendid – Budva | Montenegro

Winner takes 38,000 € (including an added of 6,510 €)

**Total money distribution 258,920 €
(including WBGF World Team Championship,
2 Super-Jackpots, 119 Jackpots and an added of 25,000 €)**

***Marco Fornasir, General Secretary of the Worldwide Backgammon Federation,
has the pleasure to announce the official results of the Tournament***

Master flight - 195 players

Main winner (18 – 16)

Main finalist

3rd place

4th/5th place

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6th/7th/8th place

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9th/10th/11th/12th place

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Bakar Matikashvili | Georgia

Michel Lamote | Belgium

Julian Minwalla | UK

Jan Jacobowitz | Germany

Takis Chatzelis | Greece

Levon Petrosyan | Armenia

Mislav Kovacic | Croatia

Narek Sanoyan | Armenia

Alexey Askurava | Russia

Karen Sarkisyan | Georgia

Stephan Hartmann | Germany

Stéphane Cheneviere | France

Last chance winner (7 – 0)

Last chance finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Claes Dahlström | Sweden

Michael Larsen | Denmark

Michihito Kageyama | Japan

Volker Sonnabend | Germany

Ladies Prize

Laura Monaco | Italy



WBF World Team Championship – 26 teams | 161 players

Winner - GERMANY (8 Players)

Captain of the Team: Volker Sonnabend; Tobias Hellwag; Kimon Papachristopoulos; Ralf Jonas; Heribert Lindner; Jens Averkamp-Peters; Jürgen Orłowski; Andreas Hofmann

Finalist - AUSTRIA (5 Players)

Captain of the Team: Bernhard Mayr; Fritz Rattinger; Wolfgang Bacher; Andreas Laure Fischer; Wolfgang Wühl

3rd place - DENMARK (8 Players)

Captain of the Team: Steen Grønbech; Lars Tralolt; Thomas Kristensen; Freddie Noer; Thomas Kokholm; Michael Larsen; Thomas Myhr; Karsten Bredahl

4th place - ARMENIA (8 Players)

Captain of the Team: Artur Muradyan; Levon Petrosyan; Avetis Rostomyan; Tigran Ohanyan; Sergey Drmoyan; Narek Sanoyan; Suren Karatorosyan; Eduard Mirijanyan

Best individual performer - Mikayel Vardanyan | Russia

Merit Royal Splendid Doubles – 89 teams

Doubles **winner (9 – 3)**

Doubles finalists

Doubles semi-finalists

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Dorel Leon / Eugen Lazar | Romania

Nodari Gagua | Georgia/Russia / Simon

Pankvelashvili | Georgia

Annalisa Agosti / Giorgio Castellano | Italy

Alexey Askurava / Denis Polochkin | Russia

Intermediate flight - 86 players

Main winner (13 - 9 | 7 - 1)

Main finalist

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Pernille Rosendal | Denmark

Stefan Hörbing | Sweden

Lorenzo Rusconi | Italy

Walter Busato | Italy

Yordan Kirchev | Bulgaria

Irakli Jashi | Georgia

Yasar Özdemir | Turkey

Mihai Folea | Romania

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Britt-Marie Wärme | Sweden

Andrey Nesterov | Ukraine

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MERIT International Super-Jackpot 1 - 32 players

Winner (11 - 5)

Ralf Jonas | Germany

Finalist

Allen Tish | USA

MERIT International Super-Jackpot 2 - 24 players

Winner (11 - 9)

Stéphane Cheneviere | France

Finalist

Kristjan Kiki Culjat | Croatia

Ladies Tournament - 22 players

Winner (9 - 0)

Laura Monaco | Italy

Finalist

Filomila Karantzali | Greece

Semi-Finalist

Karen Davis | USA

Semi-Finalist

Amanda Lazard | South Africa

Speedgammon - 128 players

Winner (5 - 3)

Denis Polochkin | Russia

Finalist

Sergey Alenin | Russia

Semi-Finalist

Eva Zizkova | Czech Republic

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Super Speedgammon - 64 players

Winner (5 - 2)

Ralf Jonas | Germany

Finalist

Mislav Kovacic | Croatia

Semi-Finalist

Johan Huyck | Belgium

Semi-Finalist

Denis Polochkin | Russia

869BG Warm-up - 223 players

Winner (7 - 6)

Karen Sarkisyan | Georgia

Finalist

Pernille Rosendal | Denmark

Semi-Finalist

Emond Mezini | Albania/Italy

Semi-Finalist

Laura Monaco | Italy

One Point Match - 128 players

Winner

Denis Polochkin | Russia

Finalist

Giorgio Castellano | Italy

Semi-Finalist

Alexandra Knupfer | Romania/Switzerland

Semi-Finalist

Andrey Nesterov | Ukraine

Mochy's Quiz - 79 players

(Decided with a DMP tie breaket)

Winner

Sebastian Wilkinson | UK

Finalist

Yiorgos Kleitsas | Greece

3rd place

Roberto Litzenberger | USA



Data & Numbers

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Player not participating in the main flights: 39 Total 320 players

37 Countries: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosna i Hercegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Montenegro, The Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Romania, Russia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, USA

Directors: Marco Fornasir | Italy; Arda Findikoglu | Turkey

Tournament Committee: Steen Grønbech – Denmark (president); John Broomfield | UK; Karen Davis | USA; Nodari Gagua | Georgia/Russia; Raj Jansari | UK; Michihito Kageyama | Japan; Petko Kostadinov | Bulgaria; Volker Sonnabend – Germany



WBF **Worldwide Backgammon Federation**

4th MERIT Montenegro Doubles

89 Teams x 400 € = 35,600 €

+ 3,000 € added = 38,600 €

Winner team: 19,300 €

Finalist team: 9,650 €

Semi-Finalist team: 4,825 €

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MERIT Dubrovnik Doubles Champions F. 1 Master (9 - 3)

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MERIT Dubrovnik Doubles Finalists F. 1 Master

Nodari Gagua | Georgia/Russia / Simon Pankvelashvili | Georgia

MERIT Dubrovnik Doubles Semi-Finalists F. 1 Master

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