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**INDEPENDENT FOOSBALL PROMOTIONS (IFP) ANNOUNCES
THE \$12,000 LOUISIANA STATE FOOSBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Lafayette, Louisiana – Top athletes from all across the United States are preparing to compete in an unusual, unique sports competition: the Independent Foosball Promotions Louisiana State Foosball Championships. To be held August 24-26th at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Lafayette, LA, this event is expected to draw over 200 table soccer (a.k.a. "foosball") enthusiasts and professionals, including several members of the U.S. National Team.

Now recognized as an International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) Pro Tour Series event, the tournament has even been elevated to international tour status. This means the competition is likely to draw match-ups between players such as USA #1-ranked Billy Pappas of Lowell, MA, hometown favorite Terry Rue, and Houston's Tracy McMillin (hot off a recent Open Doubles first place at the Kentucky State Championships just three weeks ago). Women's competition will feature some of the best in the world as well, with noted champions Gena Murray of Ft. Worth (TX), Dusty Bambenek of Canal Fulton (OH) and Tiffany Moore (IL) leading the field.

At the Master level, players are competing not just for \$12,000 in cash and prizes at the event, but also for qualifying points to compete at the ITSF World Championship Finals in St. Vincent, Italy this coming October. And, with many Masters playing exceptionally strong after foosball's recent U.S. Open and Hall of Fame Classic tournaments in Atlanta and Las Vegas, respectively, the matches at Louisiana State should be extremely intense!

Opening events begin at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24th with most finals matches to be held on Sunday the 26th. The tournament is open to all press and spectators, and there is no admission fee to enter the tournament area. Competition will include numerous categories for men and women from beginner to Master, and specialty events such as "Draw Your Partner Doubles" and "Forward Shootout." This year's tournament will also include Junior categories, including both 17 & Under and 12 & Under doubles and singles events. Players of every skill level can register for events on site, and all competition will take place on more than 30 individually lighted Tornado Table Soccer™ tables made by the Valley-Dynamo division of Brunswick.

Sponsors of the event include Independent Foosball Promotions and the Holiday Inn Holidome (2032 NE Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA; tel: 1-337-233-6815 for reservations), while sponsors of the U.S. National Team include Brunswick's Tornado Table Soccer™, Borden Milk Products of North Texas, Warrior Custom Golf, Nike™, Bonzini™ USA, and Foosball.com. Live tournament bracket charts can be viewed via www.ustsf.org.

Other USTSF/ITSF 2007 World Tour events in the United States are scheduled to take place in North Carolina, Minnesota, Texas and Las Vegas, Nevada. Meanwhile, table soccer players from over 45 countries have been competing in further ITSF tournaments in Austria, Costa Rica, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Romania, South Africa and the UK, among others. In fact, this year's 60-tournament, five-continent tour will be the largest worldwide table soccer pro tour ever!

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

www.vifa.com	- Tournament/league information site
www.table-soccer.org	- ITSF official web site/international rankings/news
www.foosball.com	- General information about the sport of table soccer
www.ustsf.org	- USTSF official web site/U.S. National Team sponsorship opportunities

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