

PRINCES COCA-COLA CUP SNOOKER TOURNAMENT - RESULTS
FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2010

'GENTLEMAN' JOE MINICI WINS PRINCES CUP SNOOKER 2010



New South Wales has finally broken the Princes Snooker Cup drought with **JOE MINICI (NSW)** claiming victory at the Princes Entertainment Centre at the weekend.

Joe defeated Steve Mifsud 4-2 in an entertaining, high quality final to become the first snooker player from outside Victoria to win the Cup since its inception 15 years ago.

Steve Mifsud got off to a blistering start with breaks of 57 and 41 and managed to limit Minici to just three points in the first two frames. Steve also had first chance in the next frame but an uncharacteristic error let Joe in for a sublime break of 97 to open his account. Joe also compiled a 50 odd break in the next frame to win it comfortably and level the scores two frames all.

Now it was anyone's match. The fifth frame went Joe's way with three scoring visits to leave Steve needing snookers on the colours.

The sixth and final frame provided real drama and had the crowd of 100 people on the edge of their seats.

Steve Mifsud got in first and with the aid of a 50 break to lead led 62 - 16 with just four reds left. Minici then strolled up and casually cleared the table to win on the final black as if he was taking a walk in the park. It was a fantastic 48 clearance to snatch the frame and Championship 4-2 and it brought a thunderous round of appreciative applause.

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Later, in the post match presentations Joe said:

'I thought I was going to lose 4-0 after the first two frames. Steve was playing superbly. I was just hoping to make the score-line respectable. But in the third frame I made a 97 clearance and that calmed me down and I thought to myself - if I can make a big break like that I can win this match and that was the kick-start I needed. I am very proud to be the first ever interstate player to win the Princes Cup.'

Steve Mifsud was gracious in defeat: - *'Joe played very, very well to beat me today. He deserved this win, the way he played, absolutely.'*



LEFT - Steve Mifsud reacts to Joe's 48 clearance to snatch frame, match and trophy while Joe kisses the trophy and pockets the cheque for \$3,000

Highest break of the tournament went to Steve Mifsud with 115 in an earlier match.

Door prizes to the value of more than \$1,000 were handed out to members of the audience who had come to witness the fine match between these two wonderful players.

Tony Lee won the Consolation Plate Event.

Josh Gorski defeated brother Ben Gorski to win the Princes Cup Junior Snooker Tournament.

Thanks also to Alcock's and Princes for hosting this event.

Special thanks to Director Of Referees, John Ivett, for his tireless efforts behind the scenes over the years to make this tournament happen. Thank you John!

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Match referee Jim Lewis
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YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	HIGHEST BREAK	
1996	Johl YOUNGER	v Glen Wilkinson	4-0	Neil Robertson	110
1997	Steve MIFSUD	v Shaun Budd	5-3	Paul Balzer	137
1998	Robby FOLDVARI	v Shaun Budd	5-4	Brett Rogers	137
1999	Robby FOLDVARI	v Johl Younger	5-1	Rudy Sulaeman	111
2000	Robby FOLDVARI	v Johl Younger	5-1	Johl Younger	133
2001	Johl YOUNGER	v Stan Gorski	4-1	Johl Younger	125
2002	Johl YOUNGER	v Neil Robertson	4-3	Steve Mifsud	121
2003	Aaron MAHONEY	v Robby Foldvari	4-3	Rudy Sulaeman	104
2004	Aaron MAHONEY	v Joe Minici	4-1	Peter Hawkes	104
2005	Steve MIFSUD	v Glen Wilkinson	4-2	S. Mifsud/Wilkinson	121
2006	Aaron MAHONEY	v Steve Mifsud	4-1	Aaron Mahoney	92
2007	James MIFSUD	v Adrian Ridley	4-2	Shared by 4 players	82
2008	Robby FOLDVARI	v Daniel Thorp	4-0	James Mifsud	96
2009	Rudy SULAEMAN	v Robby Foldvari	4-0	Roger Leighton	102
2010	Joe MINICI (NSW)	v Steve Mifsud	4-2	Steve Mifsud	115

Joe Minici becomes the first player from outside Victoria to win the Princes Cup Snooker Tournament.

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 2010 PRINCES COCA-COLA CUP SNOOKER TOURNAMENT FINAL			
STEVE MIFSUD		JOE MINICI	
SCORE	BREAKS	SCORE	BREAKS
* 96	57	1 2	—
* 74	41	2 1	—
0	—	3 * 97	97
41	—	4 * 77	46
27	—	5 * 71	—
62	50	6 * 64	48
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REFEREE: JIM LEWIS		TABLE 1	

As this scoresheet shows, Steve Mifsud got off to a blistering start with breaks of 57 and 41 and he managed to limit Minici to just three points in the first two frames.

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With frames tied 2-2 all, all it was anyone's match. The fifth frame went Joe's way with three scoring visits to leave Steve needing snookers on the colours.

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Congratulations 'Gentleman' Joe!

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ONEFORSEVEN - QUALIFYING ROUND RESULTS:

All 32 players attended for play at 7:00 pm

GROUP A:

WINNER: Tony Lee (578 points)
RUNNER-UP: Haim Rozansky (342 points)

GROUP B:

WINNER: Chris Klemecki (414 points)
RUNNER-UP: Tony West (403 points)

GROUP C:

WINNER: Tony Masci (485 points)
RUNNER-UP: Loc Nuygen (370 points)

GROUP D:

WINNER: Steve Hanna (425 points)
RUNNER-UP: Trevor Yeung (362 points)

Highest Breaks: \$100 each
Raymond Vong: 69
Tony Lee: 50 (x 2)

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