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## Inspiring force!

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During this quarter lots of events, lot of happenings, memorable moments and some superb achievements took place. However, in this quarter, we here make a special mention of the achievements of two Indian youngsters who not only raised the standards of cue sports and brought it to new heights but also became an inspiring force worthy of emulation.

Pankaj Advani, the wonder boy of Indian billiards rocked indeed to create history by not only winning the IBSF World billiards amateur title a record third time in a row but also bagged a grand double by winning both the points as well as the time format of the championship in the same year for the second time.

Another very talented snooker player of the country, Aditya Mehta not only reached the third round of the 2008 Royal London Grand Prix in the snooker pro- circuit but also smashed a 140 points clearance break in the second round of the competition. India after Yasin Merchant quit the scene in the snooker pro- circuit was looking for a place in the sun and the continued fine form shown by Aditya Mehta to find a place is a testimony of his sheer hard work and dedication and there is no doubt that keeping in mind his growing stature and the way he is grooming his skills it is only a matter of time before he leaves a massive impression in the tough snooker professional circuit.

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Promptness of Cue Sports India again acknowledged at International standards in making available instant scores of [2008 World Pro-Billiards Championship](#) held during July 2008 at Leeds, United Kingdom. Also CSI gets commendation for excellent coverage of [2008 IBSF World Billiards Championship 2008](#) at Bangalore, India.

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During the quarter July – September 2008, there were 8 National level, 10 State ranking (including Inter-Railways) and 8 International tournaments.

#### **Events at a Glance (National arena)**

- [Vijayanagara Club Silver Jubilee Inter-Club Cue Sports Tournament](#)
- [Karnataka State Ranking Billiards & Snooker Tournament 2008 :: Bangalore](#)
- [Delhi State Billiards & Snooker Championship :: New Delhi](#)
- [1st Lala Ghasiram Kalanoria 9Ball Open Championship](#)
- [Inter-Railways Cue Sports Championship 2008](#)
- [Uttar Pradesh State Ranking Billiards & Snooker Tournament 2008](#)
- [Maharashtra State Ranking Billiards & Snooker Tournament 2008 :: Mumbai](#)
- [Alliance Group - ASCA All India Invitation Snooker Championship :: Chennai](#)
- [Madhya Pradesh State Ranking Billiards & Snooker Tournament 2008](#)
- [Andhra Pradesh Inter District Billiards & Snooker Tournament 2008](#)
- [Orissa State Ranking Billiards & Snooker Tournament 2008 :: Bhubaneswar](#)
- [West Bengal State Ranking Billiards & Snooker Tournament 2008 :: Kolkata](#)

While in International arena, all details about Indians performance shared through Cue Sports India in following events:

- [SangSom 6-Red Snooker International Championship 2008 :: Thailand](#)
- [Guinness 9Ball Tour-Leg 4 :: Singapore](#)
- [2008 World Pro Billiards Championship :: Leeds - UK](#)
- [NJI Pentangular 6 Red Snooker Team Series 2008 :: Karachi - Pakistan](#)
- [2008 Predator World Straight Pool Championship :: New Jersey](#)
- [2008 Northern Ireland Trophy](#)
- [2008 IBSF World Billiards Championship 2008 :: Bangalore - India](#)
- [2008 Shanghai Masters Trophy](#)

Additionally, entry pack notification of [E-BOS 2008-09 :: Season 3 :: European Tour](#) was published on Cue Sports India.



## within nation ...

The Wonder boy of India Billiards, **Pankaj Advani** on not only retained the crown won last year, but also made it a double delight for his fans in the process of recording an eventful victory over country mate Devendra Joshi by 2368 - 2022 points in a top notch final spread over three sessions of two hours each for a total of six hours

[Full story](#)



... the third and final session was just amazing. Suddenly, **Devendra Joshi** reached his peak concentration. Trailing by 983 points with about an hour to go, he was transformed into another world. Caressing the balls and coaxing them to a nicety, Joshi piled points over points to cross the 500 mark for the best break of the high quality match. When he had reached 557 ...

[Full story](#)

Displaying his propensity for big breaks, **Geet Sethi** when only on the ninth visit of the three hour match produced a breathtaking 425 but still his appetite appeared to be unsatiated. Occupying the table on his 14th visit for 57 minutes he piled up a mammoth break of 885. He did not stop here, but smashed a break of 750 in his next match on the same day.

[Full story](#)



Though Pankaj continued to win ASCA All India Invitation Snooker Championship at Chennai, but spectator did witness the excellent comeback of **Manan Chandra**. Down to 1-4 he made it 5 ALL leaving no scope for Pankaj, although in vain.

[all details](#)

## abroad ...

**Geet Sethi** reached into the finals of World Pro Billiards 2008 at Leeds, United Kingdom where he lost to Mike Russell. Earlier to this, he beat Pankaj Advani in Quarter Final and Chris Shutt in Semi Final.

[all details](#)



**Team INDIA** wins the NJI Pentangular 6-Red Snooker Team Series 2008 Championship held at Karachi, Pakistan after a tough fight from Bahrai with 8 Points to 7. It is worth to mention that Bahrain participated in this tournament when Qatar pulled out from the championship at last moment, and Bahrain made it to reach in the final. at last moment.

For this exclusive coverage, Cue Sports India thank Ubaid-ur-Rehman Awan, Special Correspondent *from* Karachi – Pakistan for his contribution towards CSI in coverage of the event.

[all details](#)

**Aditya Mehta** made his presence in World Pro-Circuit (Snooker) when he smashed 140 break clearance in his second round match at 2008 Royal London Grand Prix. He remained high scorer for not only the qualifying stage but in the main round too.

[all details](#)



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## Features during October – December 2008

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- 6 Red Pro Snooker Classic Markers' Tournament :: 11 – 25 October 2008
- 2008 World Cup of Pool :: 07 – 12 October 2008
- Australian Open Women Snooker Championship 2008 :: 10 – 12 October 2008
- 2008 Bahrain Championship :: from 27 October 2008
- 2008 IBSF World Snooker (Men, Masters & Ladies) Championship :: 27 October – 08 November 2008
- Indian National Billiards & Snooker Championship 2008 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh 08 – 30 November 2008.

**Dates of Ranking Tournaments for other Indian states and few International events likely to be announced during the quarter.**

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