**BIC 2025**

**Backgammon Glory in Brussels: A Weekend of High Stakes and Heartbeats**

On Saturday, May 31st, and Sunday, June 1st, the Tennis – Hockey – Bridge Club Orée in Brussels transformed into a battlefield of strategy and nerves, hosting the **Belgian Individual Championship (BIC) 2025**. With 24 elite backgammon players locked in for a weekend of relentless mental warfare, the title of **Belgian Backgammon Champion** was up for grabs — and no one was going to give it away easily.

Behind the scenes, the event ran like clockwork thanks to a dedicated organizing team: **Toon** skillfully managed the tournament schedule, **Chantal** took care of all registrations and administration with tireless precision, and **Guy**, serving as tournament director and referee, ensured smooth play and fair rulings throughout the weekend. Their efforts made the intense competition possible.

Among the fierce competitors stood the defending champion, **Itzhak Solsky** — 2024’s winner — back to claim what he believed was still rightfully his. But the draw was unforgiving. The format: 9 intense rounds of 9-point matches, five to be fought on Saturday, the remaining four on Sunday. The structure? Swiss — only the strong and consistent would survive.

**Day 1: The Rise of Inge**

Saturday saw a blazing start. **Inge**, cool-headed and razor-sharp, stormed through the field with a *perfect 5 out of 5*. A commanding lead, yes — but far from comfortable. Three strong contenders — **Nick**, **Toon**, and **Sassan** — trailed closely with 4 wins, lurking in the shadows, ready to pounce. Right behind them, a pack of skilled warriors with 3 victories each: **Sonja**, **Onur**, **Hassan**, **Itzhak**, **Frédéric**, **Michel**, and **Csaba**. The leaderboard was stacked, and the air was thick with anticipation.

With four rounds remaining, anything could happen. And it did.

**Day 2: Shocks, Comebacks, and a Final Showdown**

Sunday. The pressure was palpable.

**Round 6** opened with a bang: **Nick** topples **Sassan**, climbing to 5 wins. At the same time, **Inge** falters — a painful defeat at the hands of **Toon**. The standings explode into chaos: three players now share the lead with 5 points. Behind them, **Hassan**, **Michel**, and **Csaba** linger with 4 wins — still alive, still dangerous.

**Round 7** delivers a blockbuster matchup: **Nick vs. Toon** — a duel that would crown the virtual leader. The room holds its breath. **Nick** edges out **Toon** in a nail-biter, taking his sixth win from seven matches. He surges ahead — but he’s not alone. **Inge**, **Michel**, **Toon**, and **Csaba**, each with 5 wins, are circling like wolves. Two rounds to go. Every match now feels like a final.

**Round 8 — The Turning Point**

In a stunning twist, **Michel defeats Nick**, yanking him down from the top and igniting the race all over again. The standings are now more electrifying than ever: **Nick**, **Csaba**, **Toon**, and **Michel** each hold *6 points* — a four-way tie at the summit.

Close behind, **Frédéric**, **Daniel**, and **Onur** are hot on their heels with *5 points*, all still in striking distance should results go their way. With so many possible outcomes, tension crackles like static in the room. One final round remains — and every roll could change everything.

**Final Round: One Match to Rule Them All**

The final round descends into mayhem.

**Onur**, with nerves of steel, *crushes Nick’s dreams*, defeating him and ending his title hopes in heartbreak. **Frédéric**, steady and sharp, *takes down Toon*, stopping him just short of glory. With that decisive loss, **Toon remains stuck at 6 points**, denied the chance to claim the crown.

Meanwhile, only one match remains — and *all eyes are on it*.

**Michel vs. Csaba**. The arena hushes. Every roll echoes like thunder. The final match — long, fierce, unforgiving. The two players trade blows, neither willing to bend, both dreaming of glory. Spectators are packed around the board, breaths held, hearts pounding.

And then — *it happens*.

**Csaba wins.**

Victory hard-earned, emotions raw, the tension breaking like a storm. From the middle of the pack to the top of the podium — **Csaba is crowned Belgian Backgammon Champion 2025**.



It was a weekend of ambition, heartbreak, and brilliance. And thanks to the impeccable organization of **Toon**, **Chantal**, and **Guy**, the BIC 2025 reminded everyone why backgammon is more than just a game — it’s a test of will, wit, and unwavering focus.

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