

BIC 2026 – A Dominant Victory for Geert Van Der Stricht

On Saturday 30 May and Sunday 31 May, the **Belgian Individual Backgammon Championship (BIC 2026)** was held at the Sandeman Club in Ghent.

The tournament consisted of **nine 9-point matches**: five rounds on Saturday and four on Sunday. It was a demanding weekend requiring complete focus, concentration, and endurance from every participant.

Saturday: A Perfect Start

After five rounds, **Geert Van Der Stricht** stood alone at the top of the standings with a flawless **5 wins out of 5 matches**.

Close behind were **Itzhak, Luc Palmans, and Nick**, each with **4 victories**. With four rounds still to be played on Sunday, the championship race remained wide open.

Sunday: The Gap Widens

In the first round on Sunday, Geert continued his remarkable run, improving his record to **6 wins out of 6**.

Among his closest challengers, only Nick managed to keep pace, moving to **5 wins**, while **Paulus, Ronny, Alf, and Patrick Bové** remained in contention with **4 wins**.

Round 8: The Title All but Secured

After Round 8, the outcome was virtually decided.

Geert had extended his perfect record to **8 wins out of 8 matches**, while **Itzhak, Luc, and Paulus** trailed with **6 wins** each. Barring a miracle, there was no realistic way to prevent Geert from claiming the title.

Round 9: Perfection Achieved

Then came the final round.

Geert was simply unstoppable. He completed an extraordinary **9 wins out of 9 matches**, securing the **BIC 2026 title** in spectacular fashion.

Nine matches played. Nine matches won.

A truly convincing and undisputed championship performance!

A Champion's Legacy

This latest triumph adds another prestigious trophy to an already impressive career.

After becoming **Belgian Chess Champion** in **2003** and **2014**, and winning the **Belgian Individual Backgammon Championship** in **2013**, Geert now adds the **BIC 2026 title** to his collection.

Congratulations, Geert Van Der Stricht!

A phenomenal performance, a perfect score, and a thoroughly deserved championship victory.

Belgian Individual Champion 2026 – 9 wins out of 9. Simply outstanding!