

# Magic Invitational 2000 - Sydney

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With 2360 votes, the **Magic** Invitational Player's Ballot had the best on-line response ever. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote. And now, the sixteen invitees to the 2000 **Magic** Invitational to be held November 16-19 in Sydney, Australia: (each player is listed along with his top accomplishments of the 1999-2000 Pro Tour season)

## **Slot 1) Last Year's Magic Invitational Champion**

**Chris Pikula [United States]**

**6 Pro Points**

**4th Invitational Invite (Rio de Janeiro, Barcelona, Kuala Lumpur, Sydney)**

1st, Magic Invitational (Kuala Lumpur)

11th, Grand Prix Pittsburgh

## **Slot 2) 2001 World Champion**

**Jon Finkel [United States]**

**68 Pro Points**

**3rd Invitational Invite (Barcelona, Kuala Lumpur, Sydney)**

3rd, Pro Player of the Year

3rd, Pro Tour Washington DC

14th, Pro Tour Chicago

1st, 2000 World Championships

1st, Worlds Team Competition (on Team USA)

1st, Grand Prix St. Louis

3rd, Grand Prix Pittsburgh

1st, U.S. Nationals

## **Slot 3) Champion, PT London '99**

**Kyle Rose [United States]**

**47 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

8th, Pro Player of the Year

34th, Pro Tour Washington DC

1st, Pro Tour London

9th Grand Prix Philadelphia

**Slot 4) Champion, PT Chicago '99**

**Bob Maher, Jr. [United States]**

**72 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

1st, Pro Player of the Year

47th, Pro Tour Washington DC

1st, Pro Tour Chicago

2nd, 2000 World Championships

1st, Grand Prix Seattle

30th, Grand Prix Kuala Lumpur

3rd, Grand Prix Nagoya

12th, Grand Prix St. Louis

**Slot 5) Champion, PT Los Angeles '00**

**Trevor Blackwell [United States]**

**50 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

5th, Pro Player of the Year

1st, Pro Tour Los Angeles

16th, Pro Tour New York

7th, Grand Prix San Diego

1st, Grand Prix Nagoya

6th, Grand Prix St. Louis

**Slot 6) Champion, PT New York '00**

**Sigurd Eskeland [Norway]**

**47 Pro Points**

**2nd Invitational Invite (Barcelona, Sydney)**

9th, Pro Player of the Year

28th, Pro Tour Washington DC

1st, Pro Tour New York

26th, 2000 World Championships

13th, Grand Prix Copenhagen

**Slot 7) Champion, PT Washington D.C. '00**

*(Player from Championship Team with Most Pro Points for 1999-2000 Season)*

**Darwin Kastle [United States]**

**69 Pro Points**

**4th Invitational Invite (Rio de Janeiro, Barcelona, Kuala Lumpur, Sydney)**

2nd, Pro Player of the Year  
1st, Pro Tour Washington DC  
8th, Pro Tour London  
42nd, Pro Tour Chicago  
10th, Pro Tour Los Angeles  
29th, 2000 World Championships  
5th, Grand Prix San Diego  
15th, Grand Prix Seattle  
14th, Grand Prix Philadelphia  
3rd, Grand Prix St. Louis  
4th, Grand Prix Pittsburgh

**Slot 8) Player with the Most Pro Points for 1999-2000 Season (Pro Player of the Year)\***

*\*If Pro Player of the Year is already invited, invite goes to uninvited player with the most Pro Points for the season*

**Alex Shvartsman [United States]**

**58 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

4th, Pro Player of the Year  
38th, Pro Tour Washington DC  
14th, Pro Tour London  
38th, Pro Tour New York  
20th, Grand Prix Tohoku  
6th, Grand Prix Lisbon  
4th, Grand Prix Sao Paolo  
1st, Grand Prix Tours  
5th, Grand Prix Seattle  
3rd, Grand Prix Madrid  
3rd, Grand Prix Taipei  
23rd, Grand Prix Philadelphia  
2nd, Grand Prix Cannes  
1st, Grand Prix Nagoya  
14th, Grand Prix Copenhagen

**Slot 9) Top Ranked North American DCI Member (Composite Rating)**

**Ryan Fuller [Canada]**

**27 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

1st, Canadian Nationals

19th, Pro Tour Chicago

20th, 2000 World Championships

2nd, Worlds Team Competition (on Team Canada)

**Slot 10) Top Ranked Latin American DCI Member (Composite Rating)**

**Gerardo Godinez [Mexico]**

**5 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

??, Mexican Nationals

65th, 2000 World Championships

**Slot 11) Top Ranked European DCI Member (Composite Rating)**

**Noah Boeken [The Netherlands]**

**18 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

1st, 2000 European Championships

55th, Pro Tour Washington DC

52, Pro Tour Los Angeles

25th, 2000 Worlds Competition

4th, Grand Prix Copenhagen

**Slot 12) Top Ranked APAC DCI Member (Composite Rating)**

**Katsuhiro Mori [Japan]**

**0 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

8th, Japanese Nationals

**Slot 13) Highest Ranked Player, Player's Ballot**

**Zvi Mowshowitz [United States]**

**34 Pro Points**

**2nd Invitational Invite (Kuala Lumpur, Sydney)**

38th, Pro Tour Washington DC

10th, Pro Tour London

12th, Pro Tour New York

10th, 2000 Worlds Championships

11th, Grand Prix Memphis  
11th, Grand Prix San Diego

**Slot 14) 2nd Highest Ranked Player, Player's Ballot**

**Dave Price [United States]**

**23 Pro Points**

**3rd Invitational Invite (Barcelona, Kuala Lumpur, Sydney)**

55th, 2000 World Championships

32nd, Grand Prix Memphis

19th, Grand Prix San Diego

4th, Grand Prix Seattle

5th, Grand Prix Frankfurt

5th, Grand Prix Pittsburgh

**Slot 15) 3rd Highest Ranked Player, Player's Ballot**

**Kai Budde [Germany]**

**35 Pro Points**

**2nd Invitational Invite (Kuala Lumpur, Sydney)**

3rd, German Nationals

10th, Pro Tour Washington DC

11th, Pro Tour London

51st, Pro Tour Chicago

42nd, Pro Tour New York

10th, Grand Prix Tours

16th, Grand Prix Madrid

**Slot 16) 4th Highest Ranked Player, Player's Ballot**

**Ben Rubin [United States]**

**50 Pro Points**

**1st Invitational Invite (Sydney)**

6th, Pro Player of the Year

4th, Pro Tour London

3rd, Pro Tour New York

42nd, 2000 World Championships

17th, Grand Prix Seattle

9th, Grand Prix St. Louis

1st, Grand Prix Pittsburgh

For those interested here is all the data from which the different players were picked.

### **The Top Ranked Players**

[ The ratings were taken from the top composite ratings as posted on August 31, 2000]

#### **Top North American Player**

- 1) 2079 - Jon Finkel [United States] (ALREADY INVITED - SLOT #2)
- 2) 2032 - Ryan Fuller [Canada] - INVITED
- 3) 2020 - Bob Maher, Jr. [United States] (ALREADY INVITED - SLOT #4)
- 4) 2009 - Trevor Blackwell [United States] (ALREADY INVITED - SLOT #5)
- 5) 2006 - Mike Long [United States]
- 6) 2001 - Fred Marcus [United States]
- 7) 1998 - Dave Humpherys [United States]
- 8) 1993 - Ben Rubin [United States] (INVITED - SLOT #16)
- 9) 1992 - Darwin Kastle [United States] (ALREADY INVITED - SLOT #7)
- 10) 1986 - Andrew Nishioka [United States]

#### **Top Latin American Player**

- 1) 1951 - Gerardo Godinez [Mexico] - INVITED
- 2) 1869 - Gustavo Chapela [Mexico]
- 3) 1865 - Andres Werner [Argentina]
- 4) 1843 - Ernesto Mingorance [Argentina]
- 5) 1839 - Carlos Mao [Brazil]
- 6) 1839 - Eduardo S Teixeira [Brazil]
- 7) 1836 - Rafael a Le Saux [Chile]
- 8) 1833 - Thomas E Felsberg [Brazil]
- 9) 1831 - Jose Ricardo P de Castro [Brazil]
- 10) 1831 - Douglas Maioli [Argentina]

#### **Top European Player**

- 1) 2008 - Noah Boeken [The Netherlands] - INVITED
- 2) 2005 - Sigurd Eskeland [Norway] (INVITED - SLOT #6)
- 3) 2002 - Raphael Levy [France]
- 4) 2000 - Dominik Hothow [Germany]
- 5) 1998 - Tommi Hovi [Finland]
- 6) 1995 - Jakub Slemr [Czech Republic]

- 7) 1981 - Carlos Barrado [Spain]
- 8) 1980 - Nicolas Labarre [France]
- 9) 1972 - Niels S Sanders Jemsen [Denmark]
- 10) 1971 - Tom van de Logt [The Netherlands]

### **Top APAC Player**

- 1) 1932 - Katsuhiko Mori [Japan] - INVITED
- 2) 1918 - Yoshikazu Ishii [Japan]
- 3) 1913 - Satoshi Nakamura [Japan]
- 4) 1908 - Sasanuma Kiyoshi [Japan]
- 5) 1908 - Masaya Mori [Japan]
- 6) 1904 - Tsuyoshi Fujita [Japan]
- 7) 1898 - Itaru Ishida [Japan]
- 8) 1897 - Toshiki Tsukamoto [Japan]
- 9) 1898 - Goro Matsuo [Japan]
- 10) 1896 - Kotaro Ando [Japan]

### **Player's Ballot**

[The Player's Ballot was voted upon by 2360 players through a ballot on Sideboard.com]

- 1) Zvi Moshowitz - INVITED
- 2) Dave Price - INVITED
- 3) Kai Budde - INVITED
- 4) Ben Rubin - INVITED
- 5) Mike Long
- 6) Gary Wise
- 7) Steven O'Mahoney-Schwartz
- 8) Jakub Slemr
- 9) Brian Hacker
- 10) David Humpherys
- 11) Chris Benafel
- 12) Raphael Levy
- 13) Satoshi Nakamura
- 14) Matt Linde
- 15) Alan Comer
- 16) Brian Selden
- 17) Dirk Baberowski
- 18) Nicolas Labarre
- 19) Tommi Hovi

- 20) Gabriel Tsang
- 21) Tony Dobson
- 22) William Jensen
- 23) Daniel O'Mahoney-Schwartz
- 24) Brian Davis
- 25) Robert Dougherty
- 26) Aaron Forsythe
- 27) Masaya Mori
- 28) Warren Marsh
- 29) Stephan Valkyser
- 30) Michael Turian
- 31) Janosch Kuhn
- 32) Andre Konstanczer
- 33) Justin Gary
- 34) Svend Geertsen
- 35) Lan Ho
- 36) Tsuyoshi Fujita
- 37) Christian Luhrs
- 38) Dominik Hothow
- 39) Raffaele Lo Moro
- 40) Nicolai Herzog
- 41) Patrick Chapin
- 42) John Ormerod
- 43) Mark Le Pine
- 44) Ryan Fuller
- 45) Terry Tsang
- 46) David Williams
- 47) Tadayoshi Komiya
- 48) Masayuki Higashino
- 49) Toshiki Tsukamoto
- 50) Gary Krakower
- 51) Noah Boeken
- 52) Tsuyoshi Doyama
- 53) Sturla Bingen
- 54) Gunnar Refsdal
- 55) Tsuyoshi Ikeda
- 56) Mike Bregoli
- 57) Tom Vande Logt
- 58) Benedikt Klauser
- 59) Ayumi Hidaka
- 60) Michael Pustilnik

- 61) John Larkin
- 62) Richard Edbury
- 63) Mike Heffern
- 64) Holger Meinecke
- 65) Matthew Vienneau
- 66) Trey Van Cleave
- 67) Dan McNeill
- 68) Edward Fear
- 69) Mike Hron
- 70) Marc Aquino
- 71) Thomas Preyer
- 72) Jean-Louis D'Hondt
- 73) Daniel Clegg
- 74) Jamie Parke
- 75) John Hunka
- 76) Kurt Burgner
- 77) Donald Gallitz
- 78) Joe Weber
- 79) Helmut Summersberger
- 80) Mattias Jorstedt
- 81) Brock Parker
- 82) Marc Hernandez
- 83) Rich Frangiosa
- 84) Scott McCord
- 85) Shawn Keller
- 86) Abraham Snepvangers
- 87) Bruce Cowley
- 88) Matt Urban
- 89) Sam Waller
- 90) Niels Jensen
- 91) Alejandro Dominguez
- 92) Mike Thompson
- 93) Roc Herms Pont
- 94) Andrew Nishioka
- 95) Peter Leiher
- 96) Mattias Kettil
- 97) Olivier Ruel
- 98) David Bachmann
- 99) Lucas Hager
- 100) Yann Hamon
- 101) Antoine Ruel

- 102) Bryan Hubble
- 103) Hector Fuentes
- 104) Franck Canu
- 105) Igor Frayman
- 106) Eric Phillips
- 107) Christer Ljones
- 108) Michael Sochon
- 109) Jeremy Brower
- 110) Carlos Barrado
- 111) Johan Franzen
- 112) Micheal Rumsey
- 113) Erno Ekebom
- 114) Antoine Menard
- 115) Drew McLean
- 116) Dave Devenport
- 117) Travis Turning
- 118) Nicholas Jonathan Wong
- 119) Paco/Franci Llopis Martinez
- 120) Richard Jones

Some data for this year's Invitational

### **Invites by country**

United States (10)	[Blackwell, Finkel, Kastle, Maher, Mowshowitz, Pikula, Price, Rose, Rubin, Shvartsman]
Canada (1)	[Fuller]
Norway (1)	[Eskeland]
Germany (1)	[Budde]
Mexico (1)	[Godinez]
Japan (1)	[Ishii]
The Netherlands (1)	[Boeken]

### **Invites by previous Invitational attendance**

First invite (9)	[Blackwell, Boeken, Fuller, Godinez, Ishii, Maher, Rose, Rubin, Shvartsman]
1 previous invite (3)	[Budde, Eskeland, Mowshowitz]
2 previous invites	[Finkel, Price]

(2)

3 previous invites [Kastle, Pikula]  
(2)

And finally, some overall Invitational data for those still interested:

## **Previous Invitations Final Results**

### **1997 - Hong Kong**

- 1) Olle Rade [Sweden] - (11-4) [prize: never turned in a card]
- 2) Mike Long [United States] - (12-2-1)
- 3) Mark Chalice [United States] - (9-6)
- 4) Matt Place [United States] - (9-6)
- 5) Scott Johns [United States] - (8-6-1)
- 6) Andrea Redi [Italy] - (8-6-1)
- 7) George Baxter [United States] - (8-7)
- 8) Leon Lindback [Sweden] - (6-6-3)
- 9) Eric Tam [Canada] - (7-7-1)
- 10) Tom Chanpheng [Australia] - (7-8)
- 11) Shawn "Hammer" Regnier [United States] - (6-8-1)
- 12) Brian Weissman [United States] - (6-9)
- 13) Bertrand Lestree [France] - (6-9)
- 14) Alexander Blumke [Switzerland] - (5-9-1)
- 15) Thomas Andersson [Sweden] - (5-10)
- 16) Amiel Feldman [Switzerland] - (4-11)

### **1998 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

- 1) Darwin Kastle [United States] - (11-3-1) [prize: Avalanche Riders, *Urza's Legacy*]
- 2) Jakub Slemr [Czech Republic] - (10-5)
- 3) Svend Geertsen [Denmark] - (9-5-1)
- 4) Brian Hacker [United States] - (9-5-1)
- 5) Mike Long [United States] - (9-5-1)
- 6) Mark Justice [United States] - (9-6)
- 7) Tommi Hovi [Finland] - (8-7)
- 8) Toshiki Tsukamoto [Japan] - (7-6-2)
- 9) John Chinnock [United States] - (7-7-1)
- 10) Paul McCabe [Canada] - (7-8)
- 11) Brian Weissman [United States] - (6-8-1)
- 12) Olle Rade [Sweden] - (6-8-1)

- 13) Terry Borer [Canada] - (6-9)
- 14) Chris Pikula [United States] - (6-9)
- 15) Nathan Russell [Australia] - (4-8-3)
- 16) Jason Zila\* [United States] - (0-15) \* did not attend event

### **1999 - Barcelona**

- 1) Mike Long [United States] - (10-4-1) [prize: Rootwater Thief, *Nemesis*]
- 2) Sturla Bingen [Norway] - (12-2-1)
- 3) Chris Pikula [United States] - (10-4-1)
- 4) Jon Finkel [United States] - (9-5-1)
- 5) Darwin Kastle [United States] - (9-6)
- 6) David Price [United States] - (8-7)
- 7) Brian Hacker [United States] - (8-7)
- 8) Sigurd Eskeland [Norway] - (7-6-2)
- 9) Svend Geertsen [Denmark] - (6-7-2)
- 10) Brian Selden [United States] - (6-7-2)
- 11) Satoshi Nakamura [Japan] - (6-9)
- 12) Matt Place [United States] - (6-9)
- 13) Randy Buehler [United States] - (5-10)
- 14) Olle Rade [Sweden] - (5-10)
- 15) Jakub Slemr [Czech Republic] - (5-10)
- 16) Steven O'Mahoney Schwartz [United States] - (3-11-1)

### **2000 - Kuala Lumpur**

- 1) Chris Pikula [United States] - (10-5) [prize: Meddling Mage, *Planeshift*]
- 2) Jon Finkel [United States] - (11-4)
- 3) Zvi Mowshowitz [United States] - (10-5)
- 4) Dave Humpheries [United States] - (10-5)
- 5) Pat Chapin [United States] - (10-5)
- 6) Kai Budde [Germany] - (9-6)
- 7) Mike Long [United States] - (9-6)
- 8) Dirk Baberowski [Germany] - (7-8)
- 9) Darwin Kastle [United States] - (7-8)
- 10) Steve O'Mahoney Schwartz [United States] - (7-8)
- 11) Nicolai Herzog [Norway] - (6-9)
- 12) Dave Price [United States] - (6-9)
- 13) Jakub Slemr [Czech Republic] - (6-9)
- 14) Koichiro Maki [Japan] - (5-10)
- 15) Brian Hacker [United States] - (5-10)
- 16) Gary Wise [Canada] - (2-13)

## **Overall Magic: the Gathering Invitational Statistics**

### **Ranking by Country (unique individuals)**

#### **United States (25 unique, 44 total)**

George Baxter  
Trevor Blackwell  
Randy Buehler  
Mark Chalice  
Pat Chapin  
John Chinnock  
Jon Finkel  
Brian Hacker  
Dave Humphreys  
Scott Johns  
Mark Justice  
Darwin Kastle  
Mike Long  
Bob Maher, Jr.  
Zvi Mowshowitz  
Steven O'Mahoney Schwartz  
Chris Pikula  
Matt Place  
David Price  
Shawn "Hammer" Regnier  
Kyle Rose  
Ben Rubin  
Brian Selden  
Alex Shvartsman  
Brian Weissman

#### **Canada (5 unique, 5 total)**

Terry Borer  
Ryan Fuller  
Paul McCabe  
Eric Tam  
Gary Wise

#### **Sweden (3 unique, 5 total)**

Olle Rade  
Thomas Andersson  
Leon Lindback

**Japan (4 unique, 4 total)**

Koichiro Maki  
Katsuhiko Mori  
Satoshi Nakamura  
Toshiki Tsukamoto

**Norway (3 unique, 4 total)**

Sturla Bingen  
Sigurd Eskeland  
Nicolai Herzog

**Czech Republic (1 unique, 3 total)**

Jakub Slemr

**Germany (2 unique, 3 total)**

Dirk Baberowski  
Kai Budde

**Australia (2 unique, 2 total)**

Tom Chanpheng  
Nathan Russell

**Denmark (1 unique, 2 total)**

Svend Geertsen

**Switzerland (2 unique, 2 total)**

Alexander Blumke  
Amiel Feldman

**Finland (1 unique, 1 total)**

Tommi Hovi

**France (1 unique, 1 total)**

Bertrand Lestree

**Italy (1 unique, 1 total)**

Andrea Redi

**Mexico (1 unique, 1 total)**

Gerardo Godinez

## **The Netherlands (1 unique, 1 total)**

Noah Boeken

## **Ranking by Number of Invites (based on attendance)**

### **4 invites**

Darwin Kastle [United States]

Mike Long [United States]

Chris Pikula [United States]

### **3 invites**

Jon Finkel [United States]

Brian Hacker [United States]

David Price [United States]

Olle Rade [Sweden]

Jakub Slemr [Czech Republic]

### **2 invites**

Kai Budde [Germany]

Sigurd Eskeland [Norway]

Svend Geertsen [Denmark]

Zvi Mowshowitz [United States]

Steven O'Mahoney Schwartz [United States]

Matt Place [United States]

Brian Weissman [United States]

### **1 invite**

Thomas Andersson [Sweden]

Dirk Baberowski [Germany]

George Baxter [United States]

Sturla Bingen [Norway]

Alexander Blumke [Switzerland]

Terry Borer [Canada]

Randy Buehler [United States]

Mark Chalice [United States]

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