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World Series Of Darts

THE biggest prize in darts history will be on offer at the World Series of Darts, a major new PDC tournament to be staged in Connecticut, USA, in May 2006.

The World Series of Darts will give an American player the opportunity to take home a \$1 million first prize should they be victorious in the 32-man knockout event.

If the winner of the tournament - staged at the Mohegan Sun Casino from 19-21 May - is a non-US citizen, they will win \$100,000.

The World Series of Darts will feature the top 16 players in the PDC rankings along with 16 American qualifiers, and will be screened on leading American channel ESPN.

"This is a tremendous development for darts in the USA and worldwide," said PDC Chairman Barry Hearn.

"The success of the Las Vegas Desert Classic in the past four years has raised the profile of the sport in America and we expect considerable interest in the World Series of Darts.

"The incentive is there for any American darts player who thinks he is good enough to come along, enter a qualifier and try to win a million dollars.

"By offering prize money like this, we are taking the game to a new level - and it's the sort of level darts deserves to be at."

A series of qualifying tournaments will be held across the USA to provide 12 of the players, with the final four coming from a special event on Friday 19 May.

"Friday Night Madness" will allow players to arrive at the Mohegan Sun to enter a specially-arranged qualifier which will complete the field for the main tournament.

The 16 PDC players will be determined from the official ranking list immediately after the 2006 Ladbrokes.com World Darts Championship.

Full details of the dates and venues for the qualifiers will be announced in due course.

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