Report on 2013 TV Broadcasting of Billiards Events

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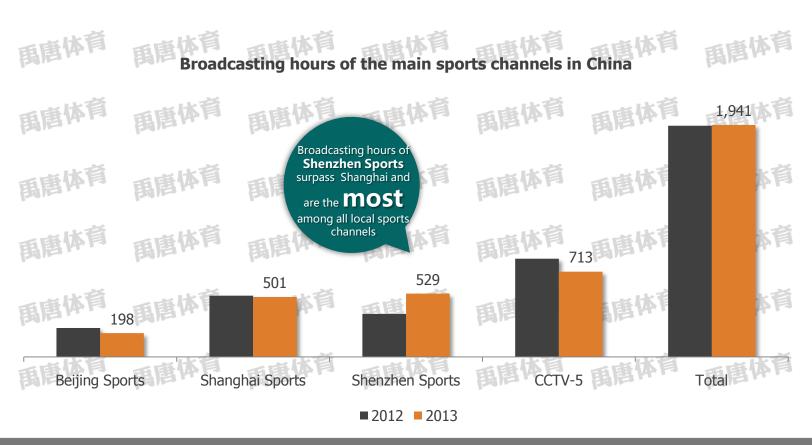
Notes:

- This report observes and analyzes the television broadcasting of billiards events in China, as well as the current business development status of billiards events. Some successful cases are also given.
- Media referenced in this report: CCTV sports channel is the only sports channel that uses satellite for transmission, therefore is the center of our attention. In order to show the whole landscape of television broadcasts, we use three typical local sports channels to complement the analysis, including Beijing Sports, Shanghai Sports, and Shenzhen Sports (Guangdong Sports rarely broadcasts billiards events).
- All events include first-runs and reruns. We define first-run as "events broadcasted within the events' schedule".
- All data come from CVSC-SOFRES MEDIA.

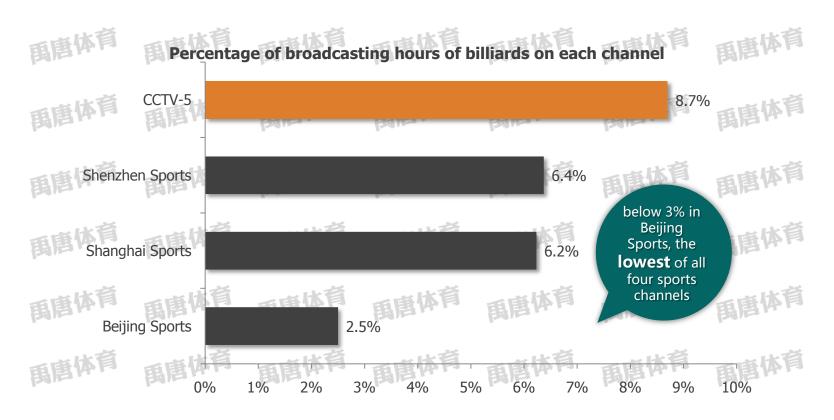
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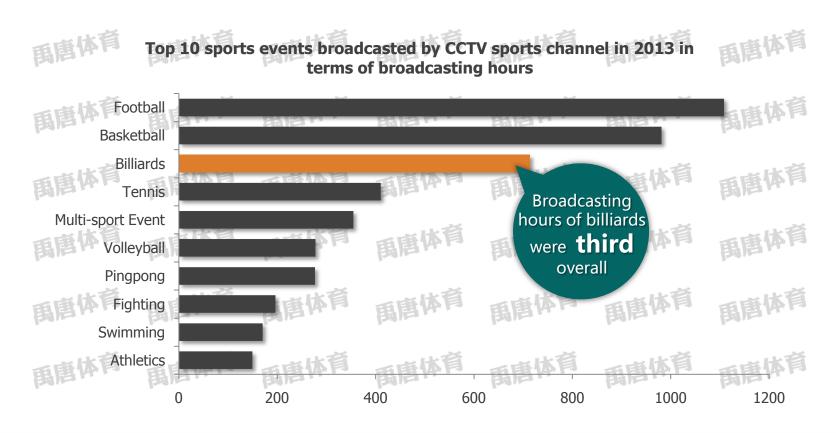
Total broadcasting hours reached 1941 hours, slightly more than the year before, with CCTV being the main broadcaster



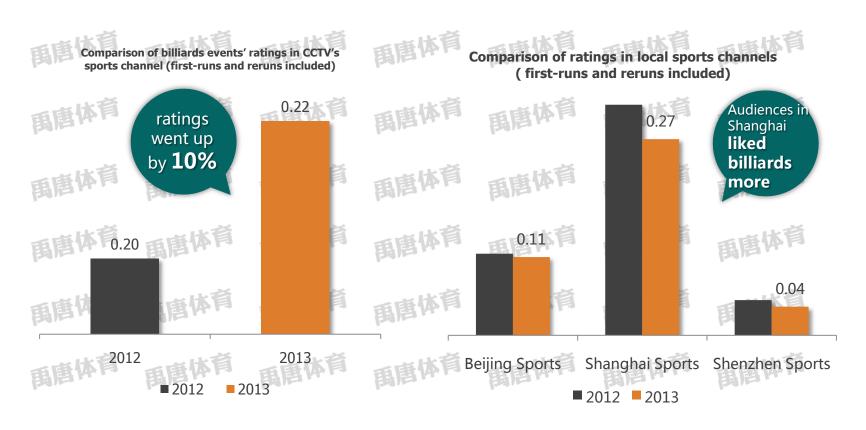
Billiards takes up 8.7% of total broadcasting hours on CCTV, and over 6% on both Shenzhen Sports and Shanghai Sports



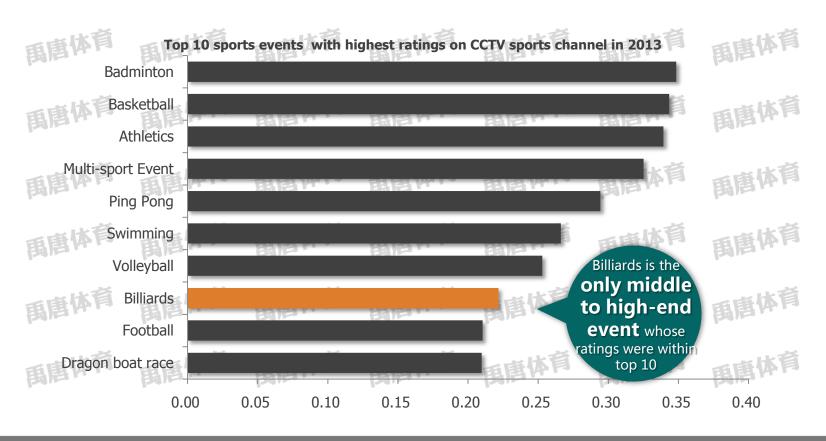
Billiards were broadcasted less intensively than football and basketball, two traditional sports events



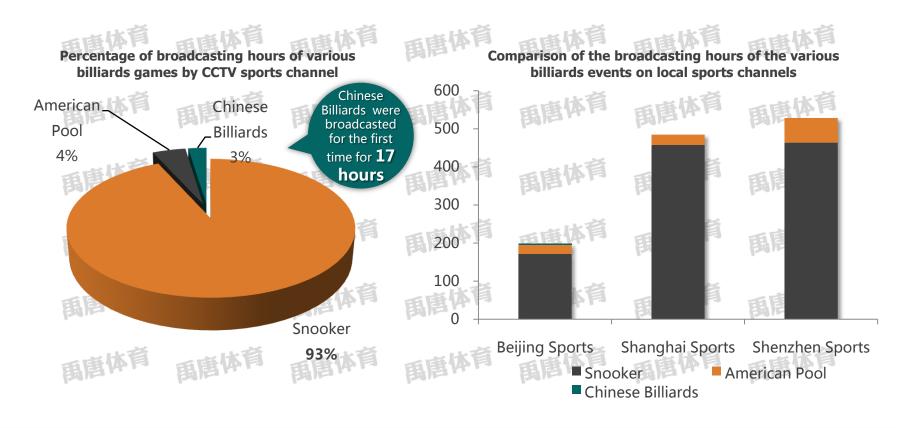
Average ratings of billiards of CCTV were 0.22%, an increase from last year, but the average ratings of local sports channels all dropped



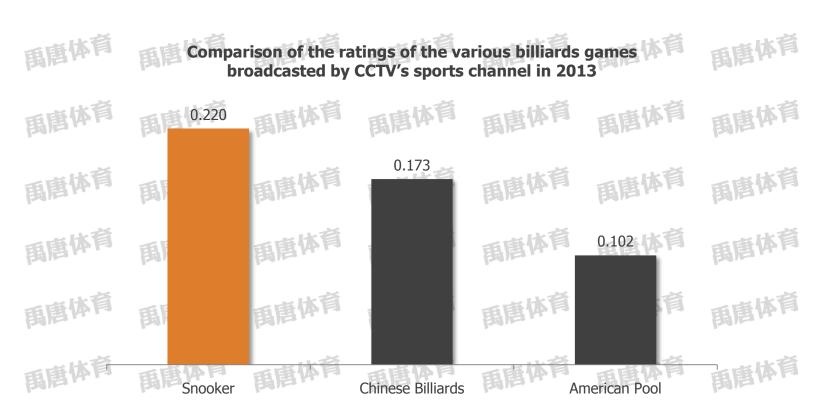
Competing with traditional popular sports, the ratings of billiards still managed to stay within the top 10, roughly the same as football



90% of the broadcasted billiards events were Snooker; Chinese Billiards was broadcasted for the first time



The more mature Snooker has a stable audience, making its ratings the highest of all billiards games



Business Billiards

Ding junhui appeared in all of the top 10 most viewed billiards events

Highest among the ratings of all billiards events, but only 42nd on the

Event	Matchup	Channel	Date	Start Time	Ratii
Second round of 2013 World Snooker Championship	Mark King VS Ding Junhui	CCTV 5	2013-4-29	20:11:00	1.37
Finals of 2013 World Snooker International Championship	Fu Jiajun VS Ding Junhui	CCTV 5	2013-11-3	19:29:50	1.18
Second phase of the finals of 2013 Snooker Shanghai Masters	Ding Junhui VS Xiao Guodong	CCTV 5	2013-9-22	19:33:59	1.16
Semi-finals of 2013 Snooker Shanghai Masters	Hawkins VS Ding Junhui	CCTV 5	2013-9-21	19:31:36	1.15
Second round of 2013 World Snooker Championship	Mark King VS Ding Junhui	CCTV 5	2013-4-28	21:47:33	1.14
Third phase of the quarter-finals of 2013 World Snooker Championship	Ding Junhui VS Hawkins	CCTV 5	2013-5-1	17:09:30	1.13
Quarter-finals of 2013 World Snooker Championship	Ding Junhui VS Hawkins	CCTV 5	2013-4-30	20:33:03	1.10
First round of 2013 Snooker Shanghai Masters	Ding Junhui VS Gilbert	CCTV 5	2013-9-18	21:50:10	1.02
Second round of 2013 Snooker Shanghai Masters	Ding Junhui VS Murphy	CCTV 5	2013-9-19	21:18:42	0.95
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker International Championship	Ding Junhui VS Dott	CCTV 5	2013-11-2	20:31:31	0.90

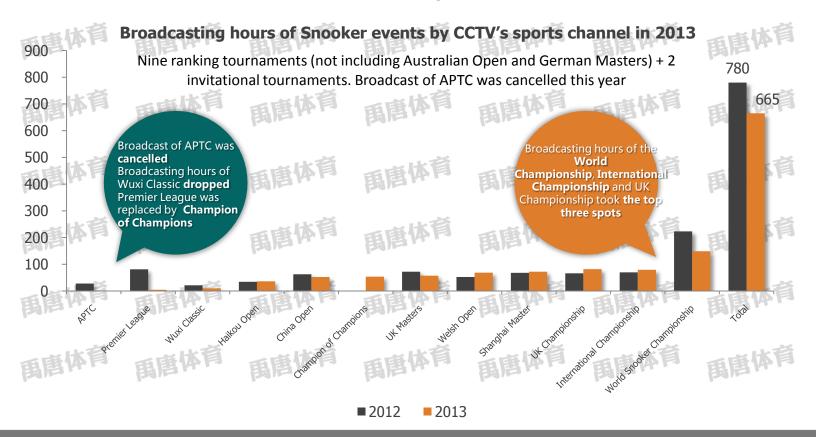
Top 5 most viewed billiards events on local sports channels, American nine ball made the list

Channel	Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%
	First round of 2013 World Snooker China Open	2013-5-5	10:31:42	0.65
Shenzhen	Finals of 2013 World Snooker PTC	2013-3-21	19:27:15	0.59
Sports	First round of 2013 World Snooker China Open	2013-3-28	19:26:17	0.30
China Open was hottest	Group match of the first stage of 2013 World Nine Ball China Open Women's Championships	2013-5-16	19:47:57	0.29
	Semi-finals of 2012/2013 season Snooker Welsh Open	2013-2-18	19:26:48	0.28
	Quarter-finals of 2012/2013 season world snooker PTC	2013-3-20	19:35:01	0.86
Beijing Sports	Fourth round of 2013 World Snooker PTC in Yixing	2013-6-14	19:31:19	0.82
PTC was	Semi-finals of 2012/2013 World Snooker PTC	2013-3-23	19:35:00	0.72
mainstream	Finals of 2013 Beijing Nine Ball International Open Women's Championships	2013-10-19	17:31:04	0.70
	2013 World Snooker PTC in Yixing	2013-6-13	19:30:54	0.54
	Award ceremony of 2013 World Snooker Shanghai OTO Masters	2013-9-22	21:50:35	2.88
Shanghai	Finals of 2013 World Snooker Shanghai Masters	2013-9-22	19:30:00	2.02
Sports Focusing on	Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker Shanghai Masters	2013-9-21	21:41:05	1.78
local events	Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker Championship	2013-5-2	20:09:36	1.42
	2013 World Snooker Shanghai Masters	2013-9-19	19:30:01	1.33

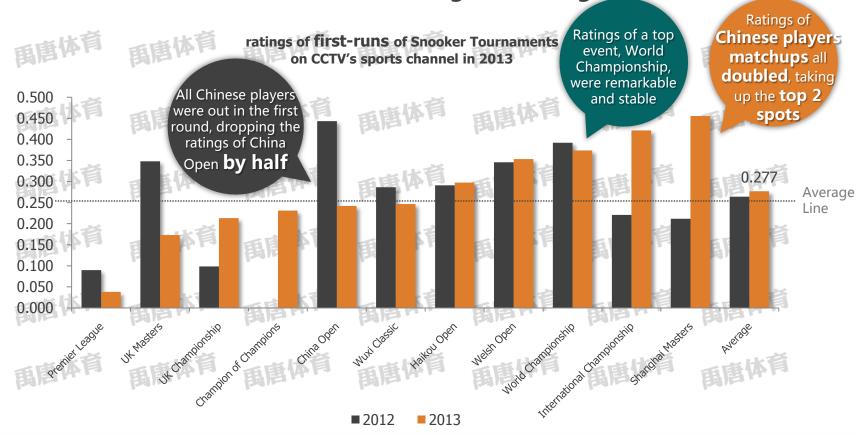


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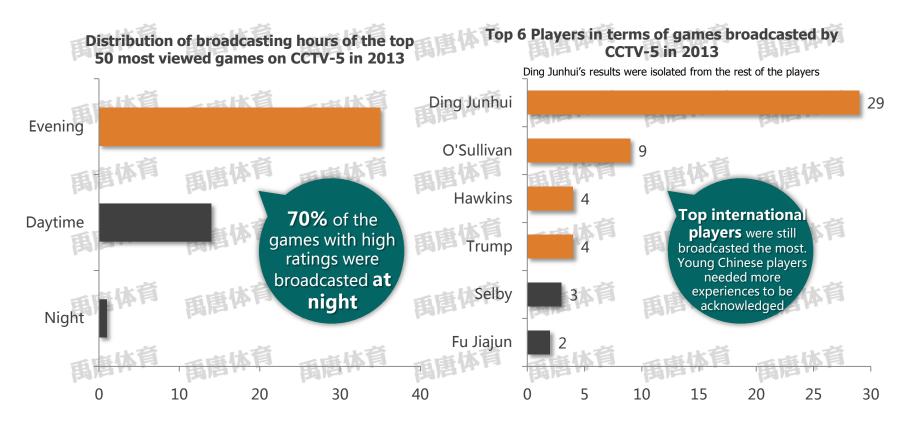
CCTV broadcasted 11 Snooker events, totaling 665 hours, 15% down from the year before



Ratings of first-runs were 0.277%, slightly up from the year before. Some events held in China had good ratings, some not



O' Sullivan' s presence guaranteed good ratings, second only to Ding Junhui



January-The Masters

Summary:

- Selby won the event for the third time by scoring over 100 points and beating reigning champion Robertson 10-6
- Ding Junhui scored more than 100 points twice, but spoiled two game points and lost three games in a row, out of the first round 5-6

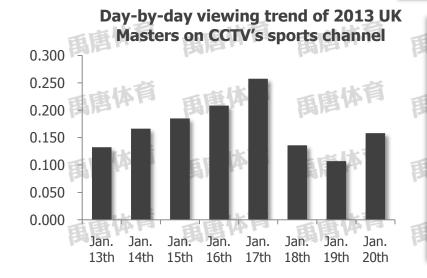
Ratings Performance:

•First-run hours : 25

ullet Average ratings of first-run : 0.17%

•Rerun hours: 32

•Best Ratings of first-run: **0.28%**



Top 5 most viewed games of 2013 UK Masters on CCTV's sports channel					
Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%		
Quarter finals of 2013 World Snooker UK Masters	2013-1-17	22:18:22	0.28		
Finals of 2013 World Snooker UK Masters	2013-1-20	22:38:23	0.27		
First Round of 2013 World Snooker UK Masters	2013-1-14	16:45:48	0.26		
First Round of 2013 World Snooker UK Masters	2013-1-17	12:29:59	0.24		
First Round of 2013 World Snooker UK Masters	2013-1-15	22:17:34	0.23		

February-Welsh Open

Summary:

- Maguire beat Bingham 9-8, ending a five year drought without winning a championship
- Ding Junhui lost two game points in a row, and was out in the semifinals

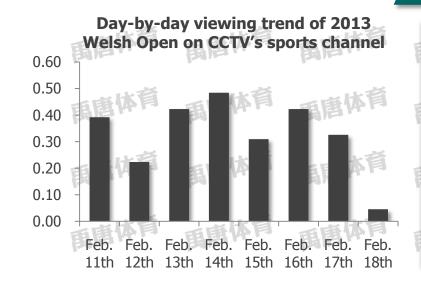
Ratings Performance:

• First-run hours : **36**

• Average ratings of first-run: **0.35%**

• Rerun hours : 32

• Highest ratings of first-run: **0.86%**



Top 3 most-viewed games of 2013 Weish Open on CCT v 3 sports channel				
Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%	
Semi-finals of 2012/2013 season Snooker Welsh Open	2013-2-16	21:08:39	0.86	
Second round of 2013 World Snooker Welsh Open	2013-2-14	22:03:53	0.58	
First Round of 2013 Welsh Open	2013-2-13	22:01:35	0.55	
Qualification of 2012/2013 season Snooker Welsh Open	2013-2-11	18:34:41	0.54	
Opening game of 2013 World Snooker Welsh Open	2013-2-13	20:31:03	0.45	

Ton 5 most-viewed games of 2013 Welsh Onen on CCTV's snorts channel

February-Haikou Open

Summary:

- Allen beat Stevens 10-4, and won the title two years in a row
- Ding junhui was quickly defeated 0-5, not even getting into the quarter-finals

Ratings Performance:

•First-run hours: **36**

•Average ratings of first-run: **0.30%**

•Highest ratings of first-run: **0.70%**





Top 5 most viewed games of 2013 Haikou Open on CCTV's sports channel

Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%
Second round of 2013 World Snooker Haikou Open	2013-2-28	19:33:11	0.70
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker Haikou Open	2013-3-2	22:22:22	0.68
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker Haikou Open	2013-3-2	19:41:51	0.52
Quarter-finals of 2013 World Snooker Haikou Open	2013-3-1	22:15:01	0.44
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker Haikou Open	2013-3-2	16:37:14	0.40

March-China Open

Summary:

- Robertson withstood Selby's comeback and beat him 10-7, getting his 7th trophy
- All five Chinese players were out of the first round, Ding junhui included

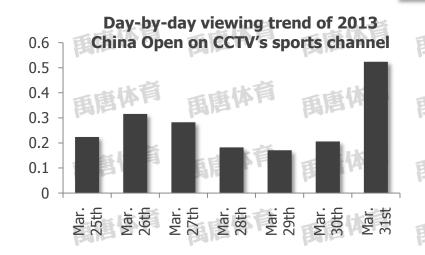
Ratings Performance:

•First-run hours: 39

•Average ratings of first-run: 0.24%

•Rerun hours: 13

• Highest ratings of first-run: **0.52%**



sports channel					
Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%		
Finals of 2013 World Snooker China Open	2013-3-31	19:21:48	0.52		
First round of 2013 World Snooker China Open	2013-3-26	19:30:01	0.50		
First round of 2013 World Snooker China Open	2013-3-27	14:32:35	0.40		
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker China Open	2013-3-30	15:08:39	0.35		
Second round of 2013 World Snooker China Open	2013-3-28	22:15:00	0.33		

Top 5 most viewed games of 2013 China Open on CCTV's

April-World Championship

Summary:

- O' Sullivan successfully defended his championship and won the event for the fifth time, scoring over 100 on 6 strokes
- Ding Junhui didn't score in the third phase, and lost to Hawkins 7-13, not able to get into the quarter finals

Ratings Performance:

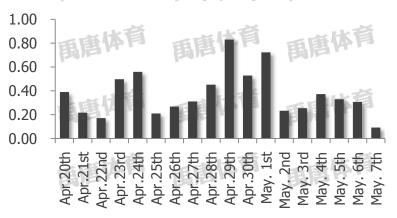
•First-run hours : **108**

•Average ratings of first-run : **0.37%**

•Rerun hours : **41**

• Highest ratings of first-run: 1.37%

Day-by-day viewing trend of 2013 World Championship on CCTV's sports channel



sports channel					
Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%		
Second round of 2013 World Snooker Championship	2013-4-29	20:11:00	1.37		
Second round of 2013 World Snooker Championship	2013-4-28	21:47:33	1.14		
Third Phase of the quarter-Finals of 2013 World Snooker Championship	2013-5-1	17:09:30	1.13		
Quarter-finals of 2013 World Snooker Championship	2013-4-30	20:33:03	1.10		
First-round of 2013 World Snooker Championship	2013-4-23	18:39:31	0.87		

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June-Wuxi Classic

Summary:

- •Robertson won his eighth title in this ranking tournament by beating Higgins 10-7
- ●The Chinese team had a good start but couldn't sustain it; Ding junhui was out in the second round

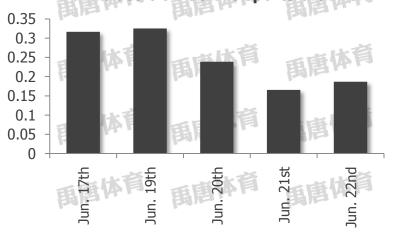
Ratings Performance:

•First-run hours: 10

•Average ratings of first-run: **0.25%**

• Highest ratings of first-run: **0.33%**





Top 5 most viewed games of 2013 Wuxi Classic on CCTV's sports channel

Events	Date	Start Time	Ratings%
2013 World Snooker Wuxi Classic	2013-6-19	22:15:02	0.33
2013 World Snooker Wuxi Classic	2013-6-17	22:15:02	0.32
Third round of 2013 World Snooker Wuxi Classic	2013-6-20	22:15:01	0.24
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker Wuxi Classic	2013-6-22	14:34:27	0.19
Quarter-finals of 2013 World Snooker Wuxi Classic	2013-6-21	14:32:34	0.17

September-Shanghai Masters

Summary:

- •Ding Junhui beat Xiao Guodong 10-6, and won his 7th ranking tournament title
- •The first time there was a Chinese derby in a big ranking tournament; Shanghai Masters made history

Ratings Performance:

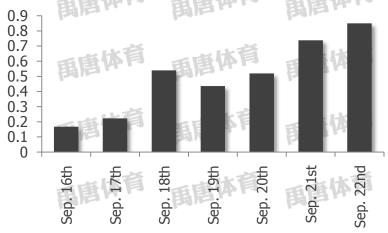
•First-run hours: 43

•Average ratings of first-run : **0.46%**

•Rerun hours: 29

• Highest ratings of first-run: **1.16%**





CCTV's sports channel					
Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%		
Second phase of the finals of 2013 World Snooker Shanghai Masters	2013-9-22	19:33:59	1.16		
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker Shanghai Masters	2013-9-21	19:31:36	1.15		
First round of 2013 World Snooker Shanghai Masters	2013-9-18	21:50:10	1.02		
Second round of 2013 World Snooker Shanghai Masters	2013-9-19	21:18:42	0.95		
First Round of 2013 World Snooker Shanghai Masters	2013-9-18	19:33:49	0.77		

Top E most viewed games of 2013 Shanghai Masters of

October-International Championship

Summary:

- •Three championships in a row! Ding Junhui beat Fu Jiajun 10-9, and won his ninth title of the ranking tournament
- •Chinese derby in a big ranking tournament again

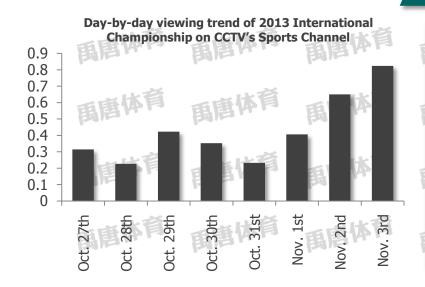
Ratings Performance:

•First-run hours : **50**

•Average ratings of first-run: **0.42%**

•Rerun hours : **36**

• Highest ratings of first-run: **1.18%**



TOP 5 most viewed games of 2013 International Championship on CCTV's sports channel					
Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%		
Finals of 2013 World Snooker International Championship	2013-11-3	19:29:50	1.18		
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker International Championship	2013-11-2	20:31:31	0.90		
Third round of 2013 World Snooker International Championship	2013-10-30	19:32:59	0.76		
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker International Championship	2013-11-1	19:30:55	0.71		
Semi-finals of 2013 World Snooker International Championship	2013-11-2	14:24:30	0.65		

November-Champion of Champions (replacing Premier League)

Summary:

- \bullet O' Sullivan was down at first, but then came back and won the title again
- Ding Junhui missed two clutch shots and was not able to get into the quarter-finals

Ratings Performance:

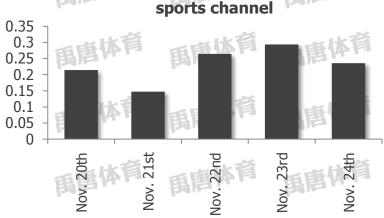
•First-run hours : **39**

ullet Average ratings of first-run : $oldsymbol{0.23\%}$

•Rerun hours : 14

•Highest ratings of first-run: **0.57%**





Top 5 most viewed games of 2013 Champion of Champions on CCTV's sports channel

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	Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%		
	Group match of 2013 Snooker Champion of Champions	2013-11-22	22:13:06	0.57		
ı	Group match of 2013 Snooker Champion of Champions	2013-11-23	16:00:00	0.48		
	Finals of 2013 Snooker Champion of Champions	2013-11-24	21:49:16	0.41		
l	Semi-finals of 2013 Snooker Champion of Champions	2013-11-23	21:06:39	0.35		
	Finals of 2013 Snooker Champion of Champions group match	2013-11-22	16:05:01	0.30		

November-UK Championship

Summary:

- •Robertson beat Selby 10-7, and achieved a grand slam
- \bullet Ding Junhui scored over 100 twice, but still lost to Walden 4-6 and missed the final eight

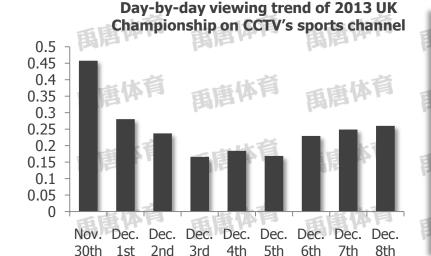
Ratings Performance:

•First-run hours: **57**

•Rerun hours: 26

• Average ratings of first-run: **0.21%**

•Highest ratings of first-run: **0.46%**



CCTV's sports channel						
Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%			
2013/2014 season Snooker UK Championship	2013-11-30	21:41:42	0.46			
Finals of 2013/2014 season Snooker UK Championship	2013-12-8	22:02:17	0.45			
Semi-finals of 2013/2014 season Snooker UK Championship	2013-12-7	21:22:37	0.45			
Quarter-finals of 2013/2014 season Snooker UK Championship	2013-12-5	22:18:37	0.41			
Semi-finals of 2013/2014 season Snooker UK Championship	2013-12-6	22:21:29	0.40			

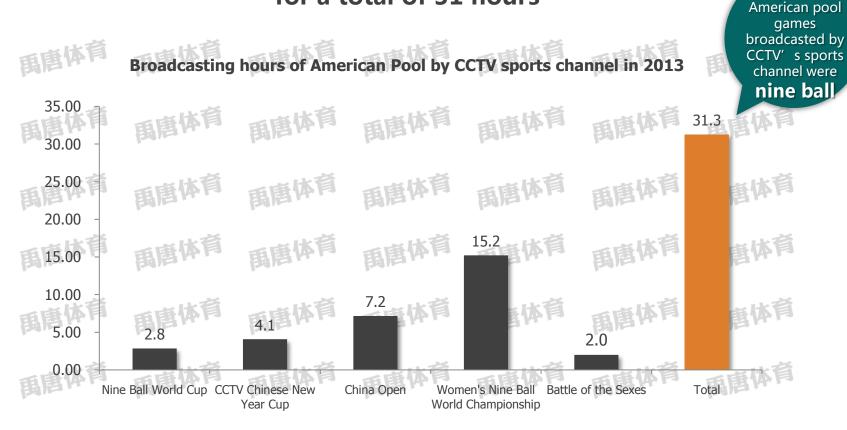
Top E most viewed games of 2013 UK Championship



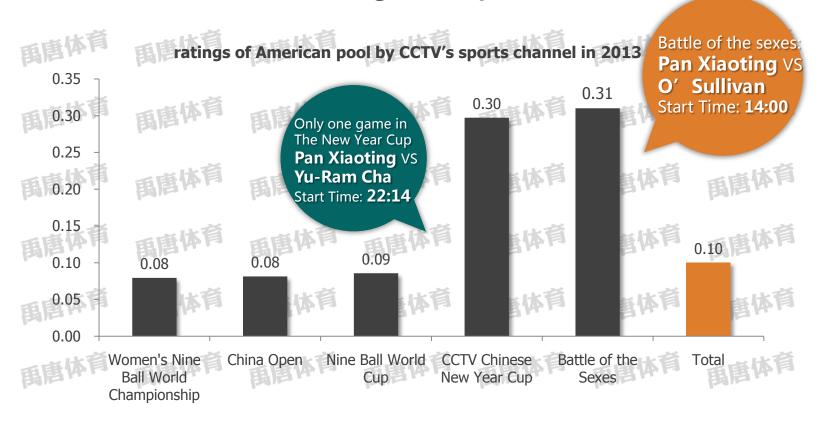
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CCTV broadcasted American Pool, mainly nine ball, for a total of 31 hours



Taped videos were broadcasted mostly in early morning, with ratings of only 0.1%



Celebrity effects in Women's Nine Ball helped increase ratings

Nine ball needs celebrities like Pan Xiaoting and Hanyu to draw more attention

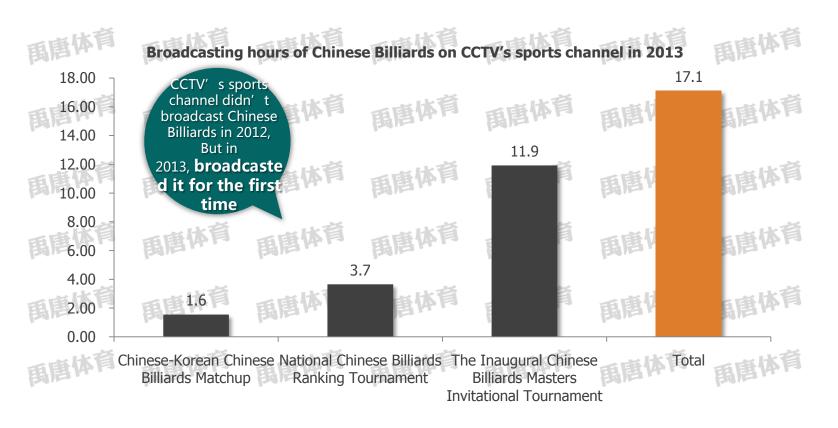
Top 5 most viewed American Pool games on CCTV's sports channel

Event	Date	Start Time	Ratings%
The Inaugural CCTV Women's Nine Ball Chinese New Year Xiaoting VS Yu-ram Cha	Pan 2013-2-22	22:14:58	0.35
Third Place Playoff of 2013 Women's Nine Ball World Championship Liu Shasha VS Tan Heyun	2013-8-13	17:33:18	0.33
Semi-finals of 2013 Women's Nine Ball World Champions Han Yu VS Tan Heyun	ship 2013-8-12	16:30:05	0.32
2013 American Nine Ball Pan Xiaoting VS O'Sulliv	an 2013-12-28	14:00:37	0.31
Finals of 2013 Women's Nine Ball World Championship L Yuanjun VS Han Yu	in 2013-8-13	16:30:01	0.30
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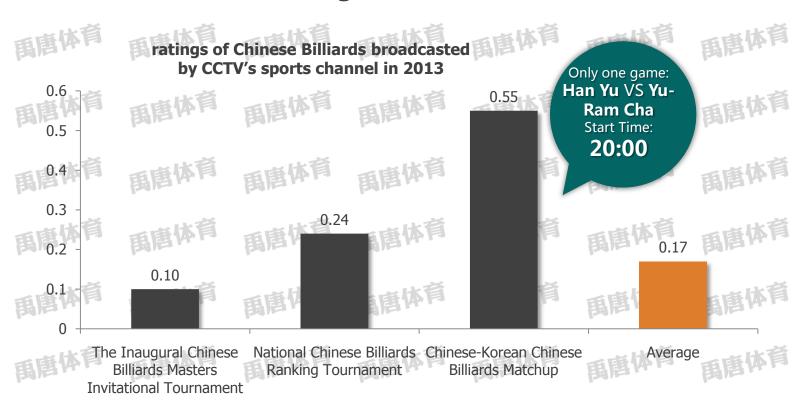


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CCTV's sports channel broadcasted Chinese Billiards for a total of 17 hours in 2013



Chinese Billiards weren't broadcasted much, and the average ratings were 0.17%



Ratings were higher at night, but not as high as nine ball during the same period

Hendry was the brand ambassador, but just like nine ball, games between two beautiful women achieved higher ratings

Top 5 most viewed Chinese Billiards games on CCTV's sports channel

Event	Date	Start Time	Rating%
2013 Chinese-Korean Chinese Billiards Matchup Han Yu \ Yu-Ram Cha	/S 2013-10-8	20:01:20	0.545
2013 National Chinese Billiards Ranking Tournament in Suzhou Higgins VS Zheng Yubo	2013-10-25	19:30:01	0.365
The Inaugural Chinese Billiards Masters Invitational Tournament in 2013 Hendry VS Shi Weida	2013-1-3	22:15:00	0.188
The Inaugural Chinese Billiards Masters Invitational Tournament in 2013 Chen Qiang VS Gareth Potts	2013-1-4	12:32:08	0.147
The Inaugural Chinese Billiards Masters Invitational Tournament in 2013 Chen Qiang VS Doherty	2013-1-5	22:10:00	0.139
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Business Development of Snooker is more mature and is better received

Limited by factors like influence of the event, broadcasting and target audiences, sponsorship for American pool and Chinese Billiards still center around **brands related to billiards industry and real estate companies**, for instance, the "Chinese Billiards invitational tournament" titled by Qiao's, the "National Chinese Billiards Ranking tournament" titled by Star, and the "World Nine Ball China open" titled by Pudong Tangcheng.

In contrast, the business development of Snooker in China is **more mature**, **the brand awareness is much better**, and the sponsorship fees are mostly in millions or tens of millions.

Event	Sponsors for the 2013 event	
Shanghai Masters	Bank of Communication's OTO Fortune, for three consecutive years	
Haikou Open	Gujinggong Liquor	
China Open	Bank of Beijing, for three consecutive years	
Wuxi Classic	China Sports Lottery , Liyue Real Estate · Li Hu Xiang Xie in 2012	
International Championship	none	

Values of Snooker that Brands Treasure



Chinese

Billiards

Brands & Snooker: Mengniu and Bode made superficial efforts and achieved limited effects



- Mengniu: In cooperation with Snooker for years, but only uses chest marks and rarely uses advertising films
- **Bode**: uses Ding Junhui's film appearances in its ad, but the ad was not broadcasted on Satellite TV channels.
- Comments: Ding Junhui's popularity and influence is without doubt, but these two brands failed to maximize the best Chinese billiards player's values—for a mass consumed goods company such as Mengjiu, the rest of their celebrity endorsers are more popularized; or Bode, the advertisement cost is higher than the endorsement fees

Chinese

Billiards

Brands & Snooker: K-Boxing incorporates Snooker in depth and achieves a win-win situation



K-Boxing Men's Clothing

- > Player Resources : chest advertisement on three top players, and the ad endorsed by Selby and Trump is shown frequently on CCTV-1/5/News Channel
- >TV Media: CCTV5 is Snooker's broadcasting partner

Snooker

- >Magazines : exclusive interviews of players by fashion magazines, and ads in professional magazines
- **▶Web Media**: cooperation with sports portals
- >Social Media: interaction through Weibo.
- >Offline Events: Have players appear at VIP Jacket Fashion Night
- >Others: brand' s picture albums, Posters for shops, etc.
- >K-Boxing achieves a brand transformation through the help of Snooker resources; For Snooker, the frequent display of K-Boxing ads further increases its awareness in **China**

Player Resources: Robertson, Selby and Trump



TV Media: Various forms of partnership with CCTV-5's Snooker broadcast







TV studio background



Standard ad







Corner ad

Custom TVC

Web Media: chest ad is eye-catching on a champion





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- 史上100杆147一览: 火箭皇帝第1 塞尔比创造历史

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K-BOXING MEN'S WEAR (SHANGHAI) CO. LTD **劲霸男装 (上海)有限公司**

K-BOXING MOMENTS WITH THE MASTERS **大师劲霸时刻**

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K-Boxing won "2013 China's Best Brand-Building Case Evaluation" with "Moments with the Masters"

As the leading brand of China's Men's Business Casual clothing manufacturer, K-Boxing very accurately selects a sport that perfectly matches its brand essence. Furthermore, K-Boxing takes advantage of World Snooker's powerful appeal, and focuses on its core communication values of "K-Boxing=Jacket masters". It not only relies on traditional media such as TV, newspaper and radio, but also makes use of new media such as Weibo, portal sports, search engines, videos, financial media and precision advertisement, thereby integrating all kinds of media resources, both online and offline. By powerful and effective communication and promotion, it successfully maximizes the consumers' awareness of the association between Snooker and K-Boxing, and brings forth a wide-ranging emotional resonance and brand identification. The preference towards K-Boxing is greatly improved, and the brand association and awareness is solidly established. This is a classical case where a clothing brand crosses the industry boundary and plays good sports marketing.

Yu Tang Sports Thinks:

- Marketing values of Snooker: **its influence, celebrity effects, TV exposure, brand value added, and ROI** are gradually getting acknowledged, providing a new sports marketing resource outside of football and basketball for brands; the business development of Snooker is becoming more and more mature.
- Snooker events are overly dependent on **Ding Junhui**'s **influence**, the dropping and increasing of audience ratings of 2013 China Open and Shanghai Masters respectively is clear evidence. **Nurturing of new players**, **promotions of events**, **and cultural identity** should be further strengthened to make this gentleman's game thrive in China.
- American nine ball and Chinese Billiards are no match to Snooker in terms of both influence and business development. Women matchups draw the most attention.
- Nine ball and Chinese Billiards have a solid mass foundation in China, and Chinese players are performing well on international courts. In addition, the government is doing more to help these games grow. Therefore, it is safe to say that in the near future, Snooker, Nine Ball and Chinese Billiards will share the Billiards market in China.
- As far as brands are concerned, whatever the sports event is, the quintessence of sports marketing is on audience groups, matching of essence and the brand, as well as on whether continuous transmission and resources integration can be achieved.



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