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## **THRILLING MATCH RACE FINAL IN BERMUDA GOLD CUP**

ORACLE BMW Racing Finishes Second

**Auckland/Munich – October 28, 2003 ...** Match racing fans certainly got their money's worth at the Bermuda Gold Cup this weekend as ORACLE BMW Racing faced some of the toughest competition ever at Bermuda's Hamilton harbor. In the end, it was the Pizza La Sailing team that nosed its way to the front. The team, skippered by four-time America's Cup participant Peter Gilmour, beat ORACLE BMW Racing by 3:2. The Bermuda Gold Cup was the second event of the Swedish Match Tour 2003/2004, with top-flight rivals competing with identically constructed racing yachts of the 'International One Design Boat' class.

Despite the close defeat, ORACLE BMW Racing's Chris Dickson was extremely happy with the performance of his crew, considering that the wind gusts were as high as 24 knots, which required very tight maneuvering. The racing conditions demanded everything from the finalists. "It was a tough day out there. Both crews did a fabulous job of controlling the boats", said the ORACLE BMW Racing team manager, who counts Gavin Brady, Ross Halcrow and Dirk de Ridder amongst his crew. In the semi-final, Chris Dickson's team prevailed over the racing yacht of Dean Barker, skipper of Team New Zealand.

Leaving the Bermuda islands behind, ORACLE BMW Racing now moves on to Hong Kong, where the China Coast Regatta will take place from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The following stage on the Asia tour takes place in Tokyo with the Nippon Cup, starting November 17<sup>th</sup> – the third and final stage of this year's Swedish Match Tour.

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