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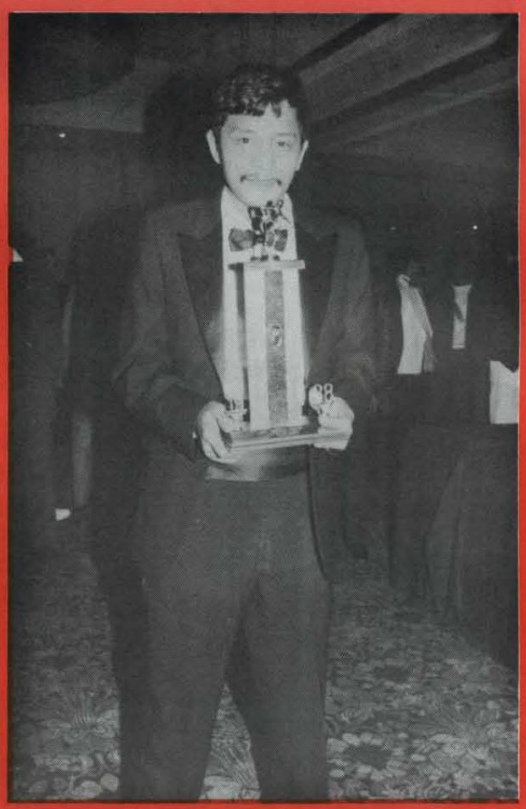

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Sportsmans Bar/Carlos and Charlies Strike It Green at McDermott U.S. Team Open

The 1988 McDermott "United States Team Open" eight ball tournament, now in its tenth consecutive year, is and has always been known as the toughest most coveted team eight ball event available to the league player. This year's Eastern Division championship, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 25, 26, and 27, 1988, was no exception! The Milwaukee event was once again a collection of some of the finest league 8-ball players in the country.

Teams traveled to Milwaukee from as far east as York County, Pennsylvania, as far west as Phoenix, Arizona, and from just about everywhere in between to compete in a unique team 8-ball event where most than just 8-ball knowledge and ability are required to top the vast field of league players, team spirit and a lot of heart are also needed to get through this field.

The three mens team entries from Carlos and Charlies, Toledo, Ohio, exhibited plenty of all three essentials and finished head and shoulders above the rest with the Carlos and Charles #3 team stroking its way to 1st place honors by boasting an undefeated record. The Carlos and Charlies #1 team battled its way to the finals for a 2nd place finish and an unprecedented 1,2 finish from teams from not only the same city, the same association, but from the same sponsoring location as well!

Carlos and Charlies' top teams were guided by the hot sticks and never say die attitude of Jack Heinez and Dave McIlhargey who were common players to both the #1 and the #3 teams. Jack and Dave were able to be the first two common team members on a first and second place team in the history of the Milwaukee event by utilizing the NPBA's unique multiple team entry system.

Since the very first annual U.S. Team Open tournament, held in Milwaukee in 1979, players have been allowed to play on any two teams while no two teams may be identical. Yet in ten years, no one player has ever made it to the finals as a common player! Congratulations to Jack Heinez and Dave McIlhargey for accomplishing this goal which in nine previous years seemed to be an impossible feat.

Players familiar with the progression of the U.S. Team Open remember that in 1987, due to player demand, the need to expand the tournament was clear. This was accomplished when the National Pocket Billiard Association secured two major sponsors; the ever supportive "McDermott Cue Manufacturing" of Menominee Falls, Wisconsin and the "Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino". Because of the two sponsors the tournament was able to expand to two divisions thereby allowing teams from across the continent an added opportunity to compete in this hallmark of team 8-ball tournaments, it also created an opportunity to compete for a national title for teams who found it too distant to travel to the Milwaukee event. The Western Division and national finals are scheduled to occur in Las Vegas at the beautiful Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino on June 23, 24 and 25, 1988.

4th Place — Golddiggers, Cottage Grove, Minnesota L to R: Janene Hague, Karen Wold, Jim McDermott, Joann Dolan, Jolene Herum.

In 1987, the top 4 mens and top 2 womens teams in the Eastern Division were awarded equal money and a trip to the Las Vegas Western Division and national finals. In 1988 we saw another improvement in this tournament, in that the Eastern Division was played out to a champion in both the men's and the women's division and teams were paid out the following cash and prizes:

MEN'S DIVISION

1st Place — Carlos and Charlies #3, Toledo, Ohio

Jack Heinez, Dave McIlhargey, Ted Elias and Gary Lawrence

$4,000 cash plus $500 airfare allowance, 4 days/3 nights accommodations at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino and a #1 seed in the national finals to be held June 25, 1988.

2nd Place — Carlos and Charlies #1, Toledo, Ohio

Jack Heinez, Dave McIlhargey, Dick Reiger and Brent Madlinski

$2,000 cash plus $500 airfare allowance, 4 days/3 nights accommodations at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino and a #2 seed in the national finals.

3rd Place — Arizona's Eight Ball Association #3, Phoenix, Arizona

Dana Hallet, Andy Peterson, Paul Spiczak and Dick Rice.

$1,200 cash plus $500 airfare allowance, 4 days/3 nights accommodations at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino and a #3 seed in the national finals.

4th Place — Miller Time Billiards #1, Moline, Illinois

Dwaine Bowman, Mark Wilson, Scott Kitto, and Jeff Carter

$900 cash plus $500 airfare allowance, 4 days/3 nights and a #4 seed in the national finals.

5th-8th $500 each to:

Sportsman's Bar #4, New Glarus, Wisconsin; The Hayloft, West Allis, Wisconsin; Over the Hill Gang #2, Lake Villa, Illinois; Over the Hill Gang #1, Lake Villa, Illionis.

9th-16th $300 each to:

Arizona's Eight Ball Association #1, Phoenix, Arizona; York Country Eight Balls #1, York, Pennsylvania; Headquarters #2, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Wilson's Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Over the Hill Gang #3, Lake Villa, Illinois; Miller Time Billiards #2, Moline, Illinois; City Pool #3, Adrian, Michigan.

In addition, the following teams won their first match and $100:

Headquarters #3, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Midtown Hustlin' Crew #1, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Sportsman's Bar #3, New Glarus, Wisconsin; The Last Resort #1, North Canton, Ohio; Ship and Shore #1, Toledo, Ohio; Midtown Hustlin' Crew #2, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Unicorn Lounge, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Fraser Q Club #2, Fraser, Michigan; Den's Lounge #2, Toledo, Ohio; The Twin Kegs #4, Taylor, Michigan; Sportsman's Bar #2, New Glarus, Wisconsin; City Pool #2, Adrian, Michigan; Midtown Hustlin' Crew #3, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Hauser's Ball Busters #2, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; Carlos and Charlies #2, Toledo, Ohio, The Last Resort #2, North Canton, Ohio; City Pool #1, Adrian, Michigan; Headquarters #1, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Hauser's Ball Busters #1, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; Iron City Pool #1, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Sportsman's Bar #1, New Glarus, Wisconsin.

In the Women's Division:

1st Place — Sportsman's Bar #2, New Glarus, Wisconsin

Peg Ledman, Debbie Weber, Chera Caltagerone and Julie Fitzpatrick

$??? cash plus $500 airfare allowance, 4 days/3 nights accommodations at Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino and a #1 seed in the womens national finals.

2nd Place — Miller Time Billiards #1, Moline, Illinois

Sandy Bowman, Deb Wilson, Barb Hamilton and Sandy Healy

$1,000 cash plus $500 airfare allowance, 4 days/3 nights accommodations at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino and a #2 seed in the womens national finals.

3rd Place and $900 cash to Sportsman's Bar #1, New Glarus, Wisconsin.

4th Place and $700 cash to the Golddigger's team from "After the Gold Rush" Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

5th-8th place teams received $450 cash: Jeannie's Bar, Owosso, Michigan; Fleetwood Tap, Coal Valley, Illinois; The Next Best Thing #2, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Miller Time Billiard #2.

Plus all women's teams winning their first match also received $100 cash: Roy's #1, Long Lake, Illinois; Nuggets, Cottage Grove, Minnesota; Ben's Place, Owosso, Michigan; Sportsman's Bar #3, New Glarus, Wisconsin; Arizona's Eight Balls #2, Phoenix, Arizona; MAPL #3, Mishawaka, Indiana; Breaking Points Swingers, West Allis, Wisconsin; Roy's #2, Lake Villa, Illinois; Best Place, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Jumbo's, Owosso, Michigan.

This tournament, still expanding for the tenth consecutive year is now the oldest running team event open to any league player in North America. To understand why we must look to the dynamic yet consistant direction and leadership of the National Pocket Billiards Association, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, since 1964, the NPBA is the original tavern league and tournament sanctioning body. NPBA introduced the first computerized league standings, the first handicapping system in league and league tournament play and of course the "U.S. Team Open" 8-Ball Tournament open to any league players of the game of pocket billiards.

Over the course of the U.S. Teams Open's history, the NPBA has implemented some sort of change in almost every year. Art Manske, founder and president of the NPBA, explains, "Just because it works doesn't mean that it's perfect and therefore there is and always will be room for improvement, now this holds true for the U.S. Team Open, the

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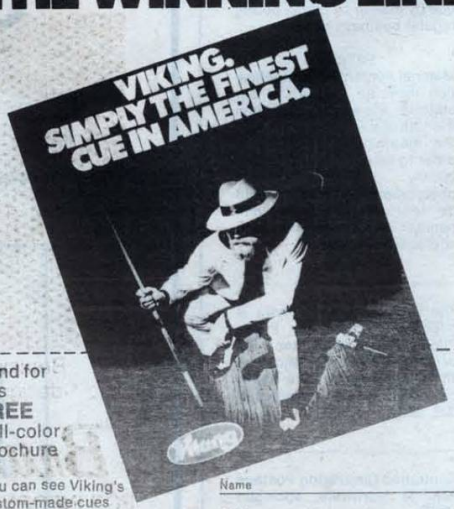

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NPBA leagues and just about anything else in life. This is why we at the NPBA encourage player feedback at all times, whether is be in the form of a survey of players, conversation with myself or my staff at tournaments or through the use of our 800 lines at our office. Our goal is to guide this tournament, the participants in these types of events are the most important single factor. After the 1986 'U.S. Team Open' the players expressed a desire to expand the tournament, hence the introduction of the Ninth Annual U.S. Team Open Eastern and Western Divisions National Championships. Since there is always room for improvement, in 1988 NPBA designed a method where each tournament (Eastern Championship and Western Championship) could be held separately yet be integrally linked to each other through a seeding system in the culmulative national final competition to be held in Las Vegas on June 25, 1988.

This type of seeding system is a new concept to pocket billiards, yet the NPBA feels that they have come up with a system which will prove interesting at the Western Division Championships and national finals. The first place men's teams in both east and West Championships will receive a #1 seed and will start on opposite division ensuring that the two first place finishers will meet only in the finals, should they both remain unbeaten until that time.

This final section of the U.S. Team Open is expected to pay out between $10,000 and $15,000 in addition to prizes awarded in each championship. The women's bracket will be similar with 4 teams making the final round, again first place team playing second place team from the opposite division. This seeding of the finals along with competition and cash prizes each division individually is another player inspired U.S. Open advancement.

The continued success can also be attributed to the fact that the NPBA has consistently paid out the advertised amount of prize money or more at the U.S. Team Open, allowing players to feel confident that there will be the expected put of gold at the end of this tournament each and every year. This year's Western Divisions and national finals is expected to pay out another $65,000 in addition to the $35,000 paid out at the Eastern Division. Add those figures together, and don't forget about the NPBA "Open Individual" tournament which went over with astonishing success at the 1987 event paying out 110% of the entries collected for an individual total of over $16,000 and the 1988 event payout should be over $100,000. A pretty tidy sum of cash prizes for league players from across the country to have an opportunity to play pool for

The individual tournament is open to any NPBA member and will begin June 22. This tournament is set up using a multiple entry system and is played using U.S. Open rules playing four games for total points. Player brackets of 32 are composed and each bracket pays prize money to four places the winner advancing to a final bracket of winners. The 1987 top prize of $3,000 for the men's bracket went to Louis Lemke of Rochester Falls, Minnesota, top women's individual prize was $1,200 and was claimed by Karen Wold also from Rochester Minnesota. Although on site registration is allowed, only for the individual tournament, players are urged by the NPBA to register as soon as possible to avoid long registration lines.

So once again, due to the help of such generous sponsors as the McDermott Cue Manufacturing and the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino along with coordination of the National Pocket Billiard Association, league players will once again converge in Las Vegas for the eight ball event of the year — the 1988 McDermott "United State Team Open" Eight Ball Tournament and the NPBA "Open Individual" Eight Ball Tournament held in conjuction with one another at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, Nevada on June 23, 24 and 25, 1988. For information regarding these events contact tournament coordinator Cathy Trisco at the National Pocket Billiard Association Milwaukee headquarted at 1-800-832-6287; within Wisconsin call (414) 672-3935.

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L to R: Jack Heinz, Ted Elias, Dave McIlhargey, Gary Lawrence.

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L to R: Jack Heinz, Dick Reiger, Brent Madlinski, Dave McIlhargey.

4th Place — Miller Time Billiards, Moline, Illinois
L to R: Jeff Carter, Mark Wilson, Jim McDermott, Scott Kitto, Dwaine Bowman.

5th Place — Over the Hill Gang #2, Lake Villa, Illinois
L to R: George Michaels, Dick Weaver, Fred Bentivegna, Mike Bandy.

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Chris MacDonald Wins first Major

By JOE KERR
Promoter/Director

Chris MacDonald from Lakeport, California, finally won his first major title. Playing solid and steady nine-ball made Chris a tough customer to handle all week long. Chris had previously won the '86 Greenville Open., '87 Reno Pro-Am, and the '87 Sacramento Open. However, the $4,000 first prize at Bowling Green was easily Chris' biggest and most rewarding payday.

A couple of Kentucky world champions were on hand to make sure that the capacity crowds had a chance to cheer on their local champs! Well, they certainly had their chance to cheer... especially when Buddy hall played Nick Varner in the fourth round of the winner's bracket. Buddy took control of the match and led 10 to 5. Nick won the next game to make it 10 to 6, and then in an explosive display of talent, Nick ran "five" racks and out on Buddy to win the session!

Nick looked like the favorite on the winner's side, however, he then faced Chris in the final match on the winner's side.

L to R: Buddy Hall, 2nd; Jimmy Hodges, Chris MacDonald, 1st. Photo by Joe Kerr

Chris upset Nick 11 to 9. Hall then had his revenge match with Varner on the one loss side and avenged his previous match with a solid win of 11 to 2!

Buddy then faced Chris in the finals. Chris took the lead 8 to 2 and looked as though he would win the tournament right there. However, Buddy started to apply that solid pressure by winning one game at a time and won the first session 11-8. The final match had all the odds makers heavily favoring Buddy... but today Chris was not to be denied! Chris played great and won the championship match 11 to 4 for the cash and trophy!

Another fine performance was turned in by Pat Fleming of Roseland, NJ. Pat has not been playing in very many tournaments as of late. His duties with the PBA and his Accu-Video Productions keep this enterprising young man on the move and away from the old practice table. However, with a little encouragement from many of his friends (yours truly included), Pat entered the tournament. Pat felt as though he was out-of-stroke before his first match. All of a sudden, he defeats Gary Lutman 11-0, Grady Mathews 11-8 and Benny Conway 11-0... I'd hate to see him in dead-stroke. Great play, Pat and a fine fourth place finish for yourself!

Jimmy Hodges, owner of Cue Time Billiards and Cocktails, was very pleased with the success of this year's event. Jimmy may be adding on to his existing building and next year's event may be staged in a special tournament area in his beautiful establishment. Jimmy deserves a lot of credit and support from the pool world... for he has put up quite an amount of cash over the past four years for the players on the pro tour to shoot at! This PBA sanctioned event enjoyed a field of 40 players and the top sixteen places were paid as follows:

1	Chris MacDonald Lakeport, CA	$4,000 +Trophy
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3	Nick Varner Owensboro, KY	1,500+Trophy
4	Pat Fleming Roseland, NJ	1,000+Trophy
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6	Johnny Archer Twin City, GA	750
7	Bobby Johnson Richmond, KY	600
8	Dennis Hatch Buffalo, NY	600
9	Ralph Guest Atlanta, GA	400
10	Jerry Watson Canada	400
11	Dave Bollman Virginia Beach, VA	400
12	Benny Conway Kansas City, MO	400
13	Jay Swanson San Diego, CA	200
14	Gary Lutman St. Louis, MO	200
15	Louie Roberts St. Louis, MO	200
16	Grady Mathews Columbia, SC	200

John Fernandez Wins New England Event

By MARK BEATON

One hundred twenty seven of New England's top billiard players shot it out for a qualifying spot in the prestigious Coors New England Billiard Championship Finals played Sunday, March 27th, at the Charlie Horse Restaurant, Route 1A, Lynn, Massachusetts.

With a prize purse exceeding $4,000 and a guaranteed first place pay off of $2,000, the New England Billiard Championship was the most lucrative tavern pool tournament in New England.

The format for the tournament was a combination of three of the most popular pocket billiard games: eight/ball, nine/ball, and 14.1 continuous. With such a variety and longevity of the races, a billiard champion rose to the top on skill with luck playing a minor role in the eventual outcome.

The odds on favorite to take the top money was "Boston Shorty" Johnson of Cambridge, Massachusetts. "Boston Shorty" has been a major figure on the pool scene for over 50 years. This 5'2" giant of the pool world has won more one pocket billiard championships than anyone in the world. The cool calculating billiards machine's last major victory was a first place win in the Senior "Last Call for Nine/Ball" tournament held in New Jersey.

Another big money player who hoped to end up in the green was John Fernandez of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. John's recent win in the Rhode Island State Eight/Ball Championship made him a legitimate contender.

"Boston Shorty" Johnson

The most feared player in this year's New England Billiard Championship was Manny Hammill of Salem. Manny, a seasoned veteran of the road, has been a big money winner as of late. With a first place finish in the Michelob Holiday Classic, at the Charlie Horse Wareham, and back to back victories in the Beck's "Big Shot" tournaments, Manny was on a roll.

One road warrior who came out of the woodwork for the "Big Money" was Bill "The Chicken Man" Dunsmore.

Local boy, Lynn "Sully" Sullivan, the defending champion in this tournament, was no easy match. "Sully", from neighboring Stoneham, is the resident pro at the Charlie Horse in Lynn. You don't mess around with "Sully" Sullivan. The fact that the Coors New England Billiard Championship finals was to be held in Lynn was enough to keep some of the better players away. Word has it that the New Bedford and Brockton, Massachusetts, top guns refused to participate because of "Sully's" home court advantage.

Another force to be reckoned with was Charlie Horse General Manager Glenn Justice. Glenn "The Judge" Justice is fast becoming a legend in South Eastern New England as a first class tournament director and a legitimate contender to finish in the money in eight/ball and nine/ball competition.

The final match for $2,000, first place, and $1,000, second place, come down to "Boston Shorty" vs. Rhode Island's John Fernandez. Hundreds of spectators viewed the final match on one of seven audio video monitors and a ten foot screen. As was expected, "Boston Shorty" breezed through his competitors who included Rick Mansfield of Lynn, Gary Halloran of Swampscott an Lefty Hunt of Brockton. He met his match, however, against Fernandez.

John stayed true to form with two straight wins in the eight/ball series. In the race to 4 nine/ball match, "Boston Shorty" jumped out to a quick win 1-0 lead over Fernandez. The confident "Boston Shorty" snookered Fernandez behind the nine/ball for what appeared an inevitable win. Fernandez dazzled the crowd and shocked "Shorty" with a table length skip shot on the three ball and proceeded to run out.

Nine on the break in game three, by Fernandez, was enough to bust the spirit of "Shorty" Johnson. John proceeded to victory with a 4-1 victory making the rubber match of 14.1 continuous race to 50 not necessary.

The consolation match was between Glenn "The Judge" Justice and Marty Hermon formally from the infamous Fenway Billiards once located in the shadows of Fenway park. Glenn was able to advance to the semi-finals by eliminating Lynn "Sully" Sullivan in what amounted to a pocket billiard war between the two Charlie Horse arch rivals.

Glenn's confidence and pool savvy carried him to an easy victory over Marty Herman taking the $500 third place prize, with Marty settling for the $250 fourth place purse.

Players finishing 5th through 16th places were given a consolation check of $25 for their efforts.

The Charlie Horse restaurants located in Lynn, Kingston, and Wareham, offers some of the finest billiard environment in Massachusetts.

With a combined total of 29 pocket billiard tables and expected openings of two new locations, the Charlie Horse chain is fast becoming the power broker of pocket billiards in the northeast market.

John Fernandez.

L to R: Dave Marcus, Charlie Horse manager; Winner, John Fernandez; Marty Herman, 4th place; Glenn "The Judge" Justice, 3rd place.

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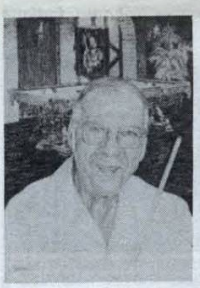

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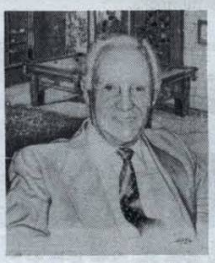

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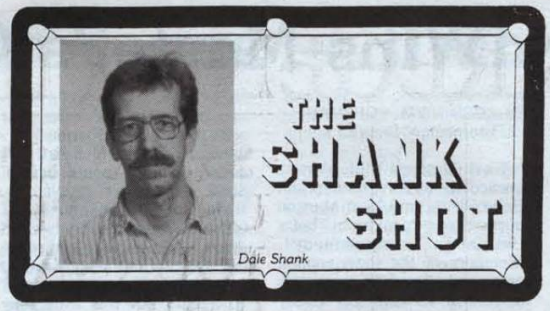

Numbers, numbers, numbers. That's all you ever hear. "Hey, Terry, did you hear that I beat Honyak five-zip in 8-ball?" Never mind that you scratched 14 times in the five games, or that Honyak's 23 scratches might have had something to do with your winning. When all is said and done, winning and losing is a number game. And if you don't want to buy that idea, don't keep score. Play for the purity of the game, whatever the hell that means.

Of course you couldn't even play some games without keeping score. Straight pool, for starts, would be a little strange without keeping score. How would you know when the game was over? Or would you simply play until your mother called to say it was time to come home and clean out your room?

Dont' get me wrong, numbers are fine. In fact, without numbers, politicians wouldn't know if they got enough votes to win, and Uncle Sam wouldn't know how many bucks you owed in taxes. So you can see that life without numbers would be bad, very bad. And besides, our brains require numbers to work right.

Let me tell you a story about numbers and the brain of you, a pool player. You're on the golf course, playing 18 holes with a guy you ran into the night before at the pool hall. You made an agreement that the loser in golf will pay the greens fees and buy lunch. Then you'll head to the pool hall for a 125-point game of straight pool. The loser will pay the table time and buy dinner. It's an equitable arrangement, which means you're absolutely positive you'll win both games. Or, so you thought the night before. As you drove home, you already tasted the caviar, the champagne, and the filet mignon.

Now, you're leaving the 17th green, you're down by 31 strokes and, short of removing the guy's kneecaps, you don't see how you can possible make up that many strokes with just one hole to go. And, sadly, the tricks of Jim and Tammy Bakker, Oral Roberts, and Jimmy Swaggart threw off your belief in miracles. You need help. That's when your brain kicks in, and just in time.

Allow me to briefly suspend this yarn in order to tell you how your pool player brain works, but don't worry, there won't be a test. Part of your brain which controls motivation and emotion is called the limbic system. In normal people, it's divided into two sections: a reward center called the amygdala (no, I can't pronounce it, either), and a punishment center called the hippocampus (you might be able to remember hippocampus if you imagine a school for large water animals: hippo campus). Recent lab tests indicate that pool players' hippocampus is confused. Instead of doling out psychological punishment, the hippocampus does a flip-flop; it turns an unpleasant situation into a pleasant, rewarding one.

What's that got to do with anything? I'll tell you what, it has a lot to do with numbers. Numbers are, obviously, how we keep score in sports. Numbers let us know if we won or lost, and winning is rewarding and losing is punishing. Win, you feel great. Lose, you feel like hell. And those feelings are controlled by how the hippocampus processes numbers. The hippocampus is very clever.

Now, back to you, our golfing pool player. Your hippocampus lets your brain detach the score from the game itself. You focus only on the number. Your hippocampus delicately removes the number 124 from the golf portion of your brain and puts if over into your brain's straight pool department. Abruptly, an embarrassing and punishing golf score of 124 is a fantastic and rewarding 124-ball run in straight pool. Just like that, your hippocampus made you happy.

And now for the real-life application. On the 18th tee your golfing partner notices that you're grinning like a Buddha, and he begins to get suspicious. He thinks you might have held back. He saw you hook seven balls into the puckerbrush, three into the duck pond, and one through a patio window. Now he wonders if you did it deliberately. Maybe you broke your "Palmer Original" putter simply for dramatic effect. He's scared. He thinks you might have been planning to lose, planning to take him to Mack's Good Eats Diner, where you'll buy him a fried egg sandwich for lunch. Then, after drubbing him in pool, make him buy you a seven-course dinner at the Chez Louis.

As you head for the clubhouse, you mention Jack and Arnie. He shudders. After you pay the green fees, you mention Willie Mosconi, and his cheek begins to twitch. When you're at the trunk of your car, taking off your golf shoes, you casually ask him if he'd be interested in playing "40 no-count" when you get to the pool hall.

His voice is a little squeaky when he asks, "What's 40 no-count?"

"Geez, I'm surprised you don't know," you say. "It's the only game I play. It means that until you run at least 40 balls you can't score any points." You notice he's breaking out in a sweat. You continue, "It's pretty simple. Say you run 39 balls, then miss. Tough luck. No score. But every time you run 60 or 70, you get to count them. It's a good game. Keeps out the riff-raff."

Somewhere along the line he's lost you. He's still standing there but he doesn't seem to be hearing you. His eyes are glazed and his neck is flushed bright red. Then he speaks, "Listen, pal, I just remembered I can't go to the pool hall."

"No?" you ask, doing your best to sound worried,

"I have a 3 p.m. doctor's appointment."

"Sorry to hear that. We can postpone the game. You go to the doctor, get all fixed up, and we'll play pool tomorrow."

"No, I wouldn't want to keep you waiting. At my age you never know what they might find. They may want to keep me overnight. And as a matter of fact, I'm not even supposed to eat anything today. Some kind of test I'm getting. Here," he reaches for his wallet, "take fifty bucks. That sould be enough, shouldn't it?"

"Okay, if you insist," you say, quickly snatching the cash.

"My pleasure," he says. "I'll probably see you around sometimes but I've got to run now. Can't neglect one's health, you know."

That's the end of the golfing story, but I'm sure you see the point. Think of your score only in terms of numbers. Don't get trapped into thinking that the number needs to stay attached to the particular game you were playing at the moment. You're a broad-minded person. You don't want to be pigeon-holed into something that restrictive. Start thinking of your hippocampus as your friendly accountant. Move a number here, move another number there. You'll be a much happier person for it.

And one of the nicest things about a confused hippocampus is that it allows you, the pool player, to adapt the number switching technique to other sports. Take bowling, for instance. A league average of 92 won't open many eyes, but a run of 92 in a pool game will draw crowds. A 300 in golf will get you barred from the Pebble Beach course for eternity, but a 300 in bowling will get your name on a little brass plaque. And it works in reverse, too. Say you get only one shot in an 8-ball game. Hey, tiger, in golf that's a hole-in-one. Even Arnie would shake your hand. So remember: It's all in the mind. Use your hippocampus. That's why you have one. It's not whether you win or lose. It's what your brain does with the numbers.

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The nine-ball tournament, race to five with double eliminations was held April 10th at Rack'em Billiard Parlor located in Kokomo, Indiana. There were twenty three players who participated from Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. These are the results:

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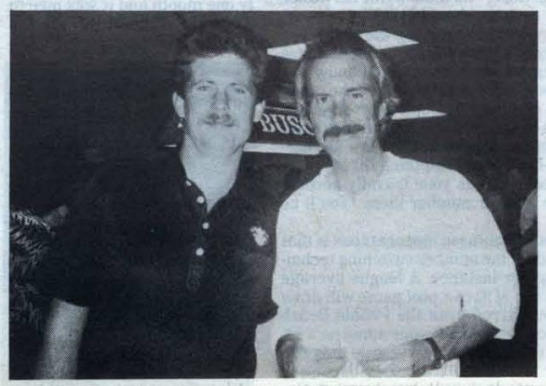

L to R: Tom Munson, owner; Jon Dovinsky, 2nd Place.

L to R: Tom Munson, owner; Steve Cook, 3rd Place; Rodney Pisani, owner.

L to R: Tom Munson, owner; Dave Grossman, 4th Place; Rodney Pisani, owner.

By CORINNE M. HOFFMAN
Tournament Director

When Master's Billiards was opened, the owners, Rodney and Babe Pisani and Tom Munson opened not a "pool room" but a "billiard establishment". Members of the town council came and opened the room with a ribbon cutting ceremony entering a billiard establishment where the room was neat and clean, players would not sit on the rails, put their cigarettes or drinks on the pool tables or use foul language. Rodney, Babe and Tom wanted a room that would cater to the town of Brooksville, its families and older generation and then at times, for those passing through or coming for a tournament they were having. They wanted to change the stigma of the "pool room look" and upgrade the look of the game of pocket billiards.

They had had a "game room" before and it turned into just that, a "game room". Rodney and Babe approached several area businesses: Pepsi of Brooksville, Gene Mc Kuen Insurance, Brooksville Lock and Key and Highland Chrysler to add that additional "little bit" of money for a total added money of $1,500.00 which was GUARANTEED. Brooksville, which is just north of Tampa, drew players from all over the state of Florida and a few from Georgia. Rodney, Babe, Tom and the Master's Billiards staff made sure that all players had hotels or motels to sleep in, showed them restaurants that they could eat at and that were close by and took time to greet and meet the players as well as the spectators that came to see the players play the 1st Annual Master's Open 9-Ball Tournament and see for themselves the new billiards establishment that was in the small city of Brooksville.

This first tournament drew a good response of 37 players who came to play in some "down to the wire" matches. Thirty six men and one woman (Bonnie Hoffman) who played on the first day of play raced to nine and played by the rules that were played in the Florida Tournament Circuit which had just ended about a month before. Since there were 37 players, Rodney, Babe, Tom and myself felt that we needed to pay ninth through twelth place and so we did. Sunday came and the 12 money players began again at 1:00 p.m., but this time they raced to 11. 8:30 p.m. rolled around quickly and it was time for a few door prizes that were donated to be drawn for. J-EF-Q cases, out of Tampa, Florida, which is owned by Jay and Shirley Flowers, donated a case to be made especially for the winner and Robertson Billiard Supply, owned by Charlie Robertson, donated a cue and case.

When all of the drawings and the thanks yous were said, I announced the players that remained in the tournament for the finals. Tom Kennedy from Orlando, Florida was on the winner's side and Jon Dovinsky from Vero Beach was on the loser's side. Tom went through his share of difficult matches beating Stan Coscia, Reggie Bishop, John Stackhouse, George Brunt (11-7), Steve Cook (11-7). Jon Dovinsky who lost early on Sunday was thrown to the loser's side of the board, but his tournament play began Saturday defeating Bill Ferguson, Mike Ives, and then it was Steve Cook who sent Jon to the loser's side where Jon defeated George Brunt (11-9), Dave Grossman (11-8) and then returned for revenge on Steve Cook (11-5).

So now it was up to Jon to defeat Tom twice in the finals. At first when the match started it was through that it would be close and then what started out being, was not, and the match was ended in one match with the score ending 11-7.

One behalf of the owners, Rodney and Babe Pisani, Tom Munson, the Master's Billiards, staff, and myself, we would like to say thank you to the player for coming to the 1st Annual Master's Billiards Tournament. Thank you to the spectators who came to Master's Billiards to watch this tournament and watch the quality of play and manner in which it was shown. A special thank you to the co-sponsors, Pepsi of Brooksville, Gene McKuen Insurance, Brooksville Lock and Key and Highland Chrysler for co-sponsoring this tournament. The owners and co-sponsors of this tournament have promised to have another tournament later this year adding the same or even more money than was added in this first one. They have also made plans to be in the Florida Tournament Circuit which will be held January through March, 1989.

1	Tom Kennedy	$1,920
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10	Jay Flowers	100
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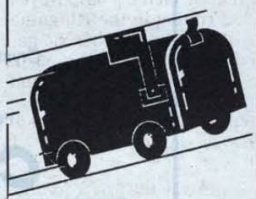

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The McDermott Masters

The McDermott Masters was a huge success. Staged at the Troy Hilton in suburban Troy, Michigan, the setting was one of the finest of this new year.

Although McDermott Cue Manufacturer was the prime sponsor there were several co-sponsors and local sponsors. Peter Vitalie Co. supplied the fine tables. Cushion "N" Cue Recreation Centers along with Saffron Billiard Supplies acted as local sponsors and everyone worked well together to produce a fine event.

The proud sponsors (the Saffrons, the Abrams, the McDermotts).

Local media coverage, both print and TV, was excellent. Features and stories were in the Detroit dailies continually and all the suburban weeklies had features.

It was a refreshing change from past tournaments. For instance the last time we had a major BCA event here was the U.S. Open. It got less total coverage than this event received two days after the finals. BCA has had a history of being totally inept when it come to public relations, due to a complete lack of knowledge on the part of the management. Their backing of this event shows a slight turnaround, perhaps time will tell.

The ballroom at the Hilton was perfect for the event with four Vitalie tables in the main area and two separate rooms for practice.

Players played matches in tuxedos (both men and women) which is the way it should be for a class event.

Local fans really turned out for the event in record numbers with the gate average of a cool 1,000 people a day. For the final, it was standing room only.

Single elimination format worked out very well with sixteen men and four women seeded in the event. The only complaint with the single elimination format was the matches should have been two out of three sets with a race to nine instead of seven.

The women's event was held the day before the men's and completed in one day, with first and second places receiving entry into the men's event.

Some of the pre-event favorites went out early. Ewa Mataya was ousted in the first round by Belinda Beardon and Loree Jon Jones in the second by Robin Bell.

Belinda Beardon got to the final four before losing to Robin Bell 7-5, 7-4. Vicki Paski, playing very well in the event, also lost in the final four to Joann Mason 7-3, 7-3.

So the finals were Robin Bell and Joann Mason. Perhaps Robin took Joann a little too lightly as she really never got going. Joann was playing very well and easily won the first set 7-2 then dropped the second 7-6 to win the championship. A big win for Joann Mason. We will be hearing a lot from this young lady in the future.

So, Robin Bell and Joann Mason qualified for the men's event. Joann couldn't stay due to work commitments so that fell to Vicki Paski and Belinda Beardon and it was finally Beardon and Bell.

The men's event got off to a roaring start on Thursday. Almost all the seeded players got opening round byes. Many local players were entered, Harry Sexton, Billy "Cornbread Red" Burge, Harry Aporff, Jim Mataya, Mike Sardelli and Edgar White. Edgar withdrew just before the event due to the death of his wife after a long bout with cancer. Our deepest sympathy is with Edgar.

The field was also sprinkled with foreign players, Louise Furberg from Sweden in the ladies' event and Nicias Bergendarfer from Sweden, Remo Hess from Switzerland in the men's.

Very few of the men's matches went only two sets, 90% went three sets. And there were some great preliminary matches. Wade Crane barely got by Jean Balukas in three sets after dropping the opening set 7-1, but came back in the event 7-6 after being down 5-2. Crane won the third set 7-5, and the match.

Jimmy Marino, who rarely makes tournament appearances of late, lasted two rounds before falling to Earl Strickland 7-5, 7-3.

The final eight pitted Efren Reyes against Danny Medina with Reyes winning in two sets, 7-5, 7-5. Wade Crane vs Earl Strickland with Earl winning in two sets 7-3, 7-4. Bob Hunter vs Richard Lane with Lane winning 7-5, 7-3. Grady Mathews vs Mike Sigel with Sigel winning 7-5, 7-3.

So Reyes vs Strickland and Lane vs Sigel made up the final four. Reyes moved into the finals 7-4, 7-6, along with Sigel 7-1, 7-3.

The match everyone had been waiting for was about to happen. Sigel vs Reyes.

Reyes knew he must play his best to win and he did. Sigel just never got his game going as he turned the cue ball loose during game number four and let Reyes out.

Efren Reyes, Winner

In the fifth game, Reyes made a difficult draw combination on the 9-ball. Reyes was rolling in the 7th game with the break when he got backed in and made a push. Sigel jumped to his feet and gave Reyes one of his patented softies which missed. Reyes ran out. Set ends 7-1 Reyes.

Sigel won the break for the second set. Game number one, Sigel breaks and runs out. Sigel runs out games two and three. Game number four, Reyes plays a drew combination off the five ball into nine. In game number five, Sigel made a back-under long rail bank on the 7-ball cut the eight in the side and missed a cross side bank on the 9-ball. Reyes banked the 9-ball cross corner to win.

Paul Roberts flanked by T/D Joe Kerr thanks the sponsors.

Paul Gerni Trick Shots.

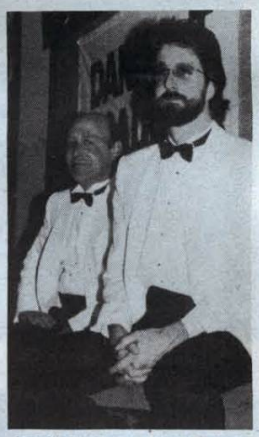
Game number six, Reyes missed on the 7-ball. Sigel made 7-ball but missed on the eight and got a lucky leave, Reyes missed, gave Sigel ball in hand and ran out.

Sigel breaks for game number seven and made a 1-9 billiard shot. Game number eight, Sigel breaks, runs five and makes a 5-9 line shot to win. Game number nine, Sigel breaks and runs out.

Game number ten, Sigel went cold on break, Reyes missed on the 1-ball, Sigel missed 1-9 combination, Reyes runs out. Game number eleven, Reyes breaks and runs out. Game number twelve, Reyes breaks and runs out for set and match.

What a great match for the first time in a long time when Sigel got into the finals and didn't win. Efren needed his best and got it, missing only two balls during both sets of the finals.

We sincerely hope this is an annual event here, as it could hardly have worked out better all around.



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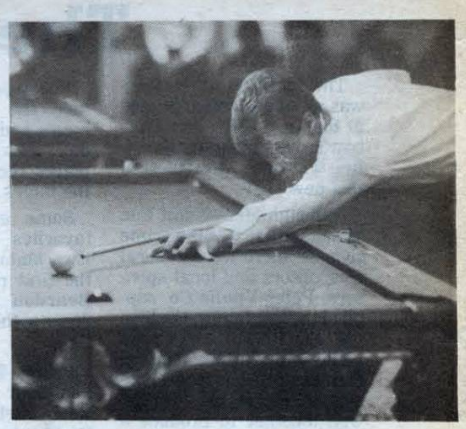

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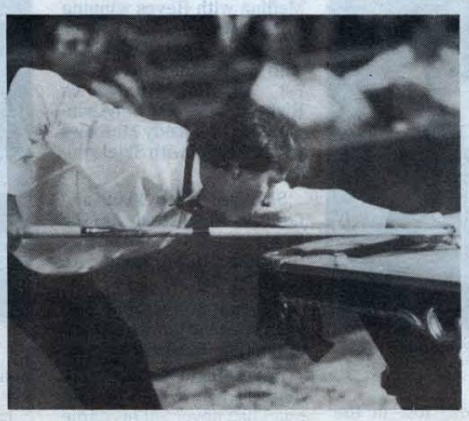

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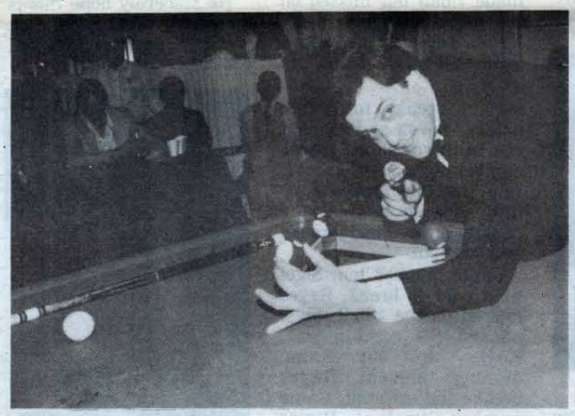

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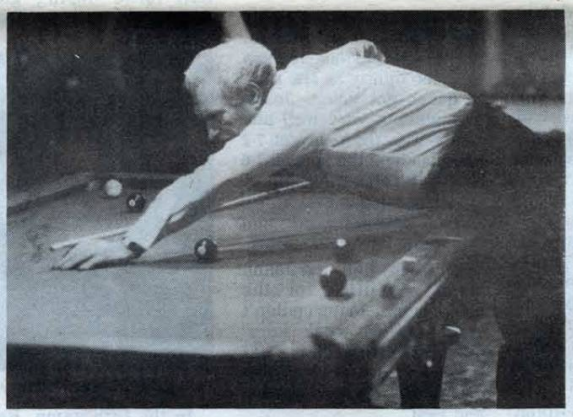

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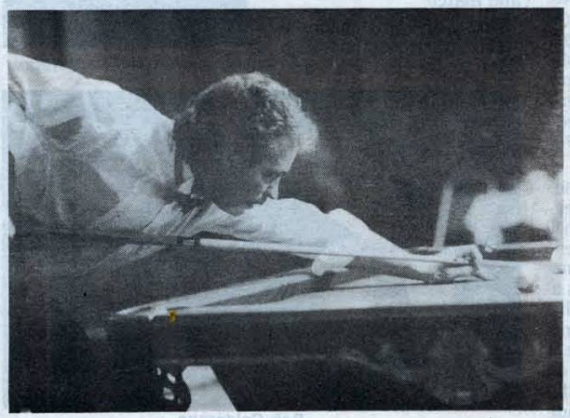

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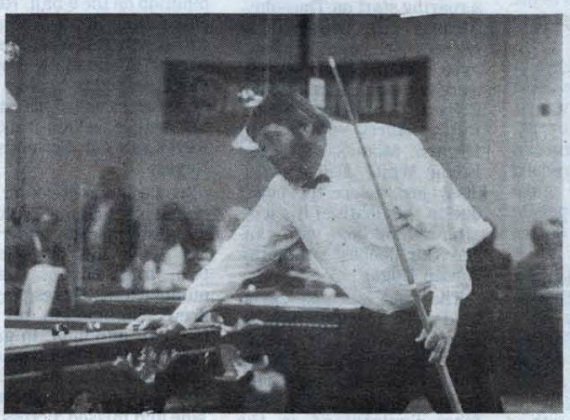

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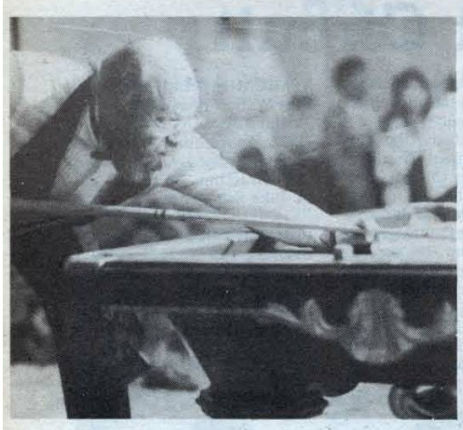

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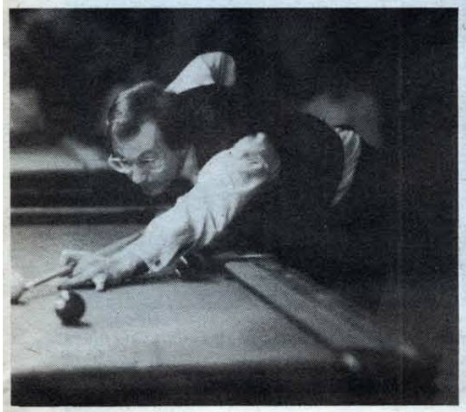

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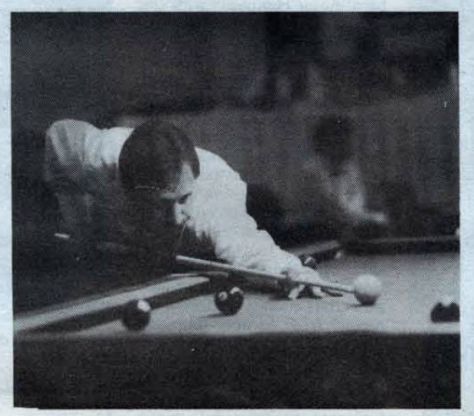

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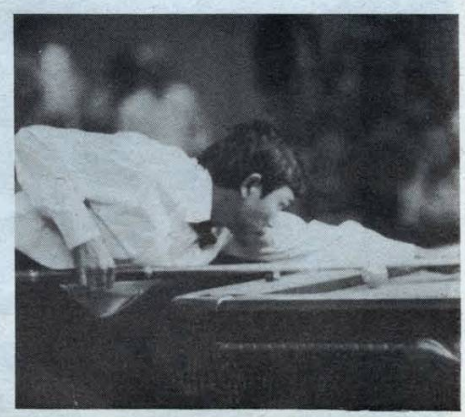

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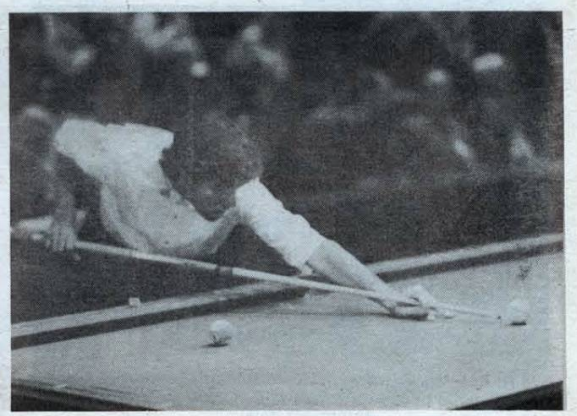

Keith McCready

Florida 9 Ball Tournament Circuit

Bonnie Hoffman *Photo by Randy Beardsley*

L to R: Tom Brown and Tom Stack, owner T.J.'s Billiards.

L to R: Duke Bayman, Rob Morito, Wayne Catledge.

L to R: Rob Morito, owner Bakers Billiards; Rick Howard, 2nd place finisher in Bakers Citrus Open; Corinne Hoffman, Tournament Director.

By CORINNE M. HOFFMAN

It seemed like it was just a few months ago that I starting contacting the Florida billiards establishments about signing up for the 1988 Florida 9-Ball Tournament Circuit. Each of the rooms expressed, at that time, that they would like to have a professional looking tournament and that they would afterwards try to add additional prize money to the prize money in 1989 and for years to come. Eleven rooms signed up for the circuit and at the beginning there seemed to be some great hope that Florida would have a major tournament of $5,000.00 added by a major company, with the tournament to be held in Lakeland, Florida.

The circuit started in January and from there just grew great interest, not only from the players but the spectators, not only from the particular city, but from all over Florida. Players that entered into the tournament knew the prize money breakdown, the rules and regulations and the dress code all before each tournament, because all of them were the same. Each tournament room owner, as well as each tournament director, tried to accommodate the players as well as the spectators. New cloth, new balls, new chalk, bleacher seats, tearing down some of their other tables to accommodate more people, catering food into their rooms and trying to make hotel/motel reservations for the players that could not get rooms because of the Florida tourist trade competition.

The end results from each tournament are the only thing that is left. The memories of all the matches, the surprise turnovers that should have never happened, happened. The close matches that kept all of us on our seats thrilled us all. The number of mini tournaments and qualifiers that were held for the tournaments were numerous and if each of the rooms that participated in the circuit wrote an article, we would take up more pages of this newspaper than we already have.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the players that found their way here and took time to play in the 1988 Florida Tournament Circuit. There were players that were able to only come to one or two tournaments and then there were the ones tha came to every one of them. I would like to thank the room owners, their staff and their sponsors especially for adding the additional prize fund (some of you going to nearby sponsors for additional money that was not advertised and was added when the tournament took place). Thank you for taking time to make accommodations for the players, the spectators and the tournament itself. I would like to thank the spectators that came to the tournaments, who spend the LONG hours at the tournaments, watching the "wee hour" matches and who even helped the tournament establishments clean and straighten up afterwards.

Oh, yes everybody, the 1989 Florida Tournament Circuit is being put together this very moment. We are planning to keep you busy the months of January through February, straight on through, non stop. Be sure to make your reservations early and spend the cold winter season with warm Florida.

Thanks so much **everybody** and I hope to see you next year and years to come.

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January 2-3
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4 Jake Schoner

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Tom Stack, owner T.J.'s Billiards and Dennis Hatch, 2nd place finisher.

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Las Vegas — Utah Interstate

By JOHN CASH

Las Vegans were a-strokin' and a-smokin' and that just about tells the story, as the annual interstate pocket billiard team matches between Las Vegas, Nevada and Layton-Sunset and Ogden, Utah concluded Sunday, April 10.

The three-day competition was hosted by Bob and Linda Murphy Heisler at Murphy's Pub in Las Vegas.

Festivities began Friday evening, April 8 with a delicious buffet-style dinner prepared by Peggy Carson and assisted by Bonnie George, Gary Gibbs and Randy Rudisill, all of Las Vegas.

Players then participated in a "blind draw" partners 9-ball single-elimination, race-to-3 tournament conducted on four tavern-size (3½-foot by 7-foot) tables.

Each entrant paid an $3 entry fee with all money returned to the participants. The turnout was highly impressive, as 32 couples filled the bracket chart!

Las Vegans gave an indication of what was to transpire in the two-day team matches, as seven of the eight prize winners were locals.

Bob Butler and Patty Alvarez teamed to collect first-prize money of $90 from a total fund of $189. "Doc" White of Las Vegas and Chris Wright of Odgen walked off with runner-up cash ($59 total).

Greg Kuhl and Bonnie George took third place ($26 total) and Danny Ouellette and Sue Jewell finished fourth to win a total of $14.

The money was secondary, however, as this competition primarily is a vehicle used to acquaint all players prior to actual team participation.

Originally organized 13 years ago (1976) by Andy Mercer and Bonnie George of Las Vegas and Shirley Crist of Odgen, Utah, this interstate rivalry has been perpetuated by George, with able assistance from her husband Bob, his brother John George of Layton, Utah and the Davis County Pool Association and most recently, Roger "Tiny" Wilson of Ogden City Pool Leagues.

The Utah group, 45 players strong including 25 men and 20 women, made the near-500 mile trip south to do battle with 49 Las Vegans invited to vie with their Utah brethren.

Presently, team competition is conducted semi-annually on a "home-and-home" basis, with this year's return trip to the greater Ogden area (including Layton and Sunset) tentatively scheduled for the third weekend in September.

Play is divided into two categories and played over two days. Utah leagues are structured around 8-ball action and 9-ball is the popular game in Southern Nevada.

Davis County Pool Association and Ogden City Pool Leagues' rules are utilized in the 8-ball format, while Southern Nevada 9-Ball Tavern Onwers Association pool leagues (SN9BTOA) regulations govern 9-ball action (2-shot shoot-out).

As previously mentioned, Las Vegas came out a-strokin' and a-smokin' in Saturday's 8-ball competition.

Paced by captain Joe Tuderious' Las Vegas No. 8 men's team, which dominated the Layton-Sunset eight-player contingent led by Ed Gocel, 17-8, the Las Vegas men "beat Utah at its own game" with a com-

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3 Steve Cook
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7 Glen Robin
8 Tom Kennedy
9 Steve Mizerak
10 Jerry Watson
11 George Brunt
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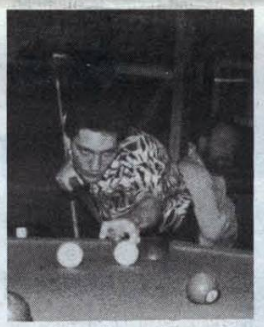

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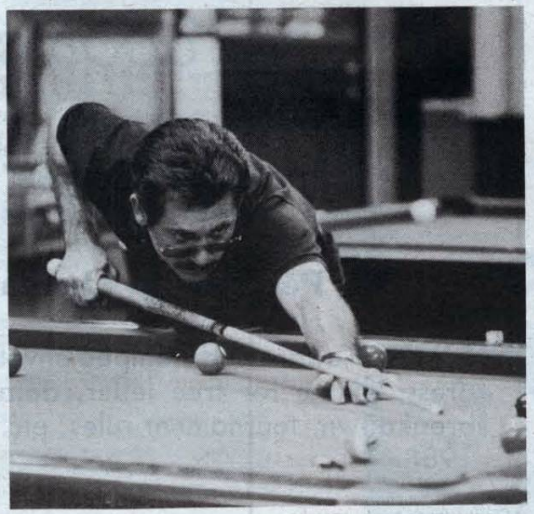

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Las Vegas-Utah

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bined score of 54-31 in the four matches.

Three of the four Las Vegas men's teams were victorious in 8-ball action.

Utah women held a narrow 39-36 edge in their favored 8-ball overall total, based primarily on the strength of their No. 1 Ogden team's 11-5 conquest over their Las Vegas counterparts.

The rivals split four women's matches, as 8-ball play ended with Las Vegas holding a comfortable 90-70 combined, overall lead entering Nevadans more familiar 9-ball competition.

Overall results surprisingly were much closer in 9-ball team play, as Utah staged a rally.

Three of the four Las Vegas men's teams prevailed by narrow margins and Gocel, of Layton, turned in the most impressive individual performance in Utah's only male victory.

In the most exciting match of the two-day festivities, Gocel was perfect 6-0, including a tie-breaker victory over Dallas Ricks after the teams battled to a 20-20 deadlock in regulation!

Las Vegas men edged their northern adversaries 59-53 in 9-ball overall combined score, but it was the local women who "stole the show" on Sunday!

Captain Patty Alvarez' Las Vegas No. 3 women's power overwhelmed its Layton-Sunset rival 18-7, as the Southern Nevada females combined for a 56-44 victory in 9-ball and a collective 8-ball/9-ball total of 92-83.

Again, the Utah and Las Vegas women split the four 9-ball team matches.

Overall, the Las Vegas men captured the 8-ball/9-ball competition 113-84.

When the teams resume team competition in Northern Utah come September, the Las Vegans will take a 205-167 cushion into the matches with their Utah hosts and hostesses!

(Results of the Las Vegas vs. Ogden/Layton-Sunset, Utah interstate 8-ball/9-ball team pocket billiard matches, held April 8-10, at Murphy's Pub, Las Vegas, NV, are as follows:)

Final Results
Men/Women Combined
8-Ball

Las Vegas 90, Ogden/Layton-Sunset, Utah 70

9-Ball

Las Vegas 115, Ogden/Layton-Sunset, Utah 97.

8-Ball/9-Ball

Las Vegas 205, Odgen/Layton-Sunset, Utah 167.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
8-BALL
WOMEN

Utah No. 1, 11; Las Vegas No. 1, 5; Utah, No. 2, 12; Las Vegas No. 2, 8; Las Vegas No. 3, 12; Utah No. 3, 8; Las Vegas No. 4, 11; Utah No. 4, 8.

Combined Team Totals: Utah 39, Las Vegas 36.

MEN

Las Vegas No. 1, 13; Utah No. 1, 9; Las Vegas No. 2, 13; Utah No. 2, 3; Utah No. 3, 13; Las Vegas No. 3, 11; Las Vegas No. 4, 17; Utah No. 4, 6.

Combined Team Totals: Las Vegas 54; Utah 31.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
9-BALL
WOMEN

Utah No. 1, 13; Las Vegas No. 1, 12; Las Vegas No. 2, 14; Utah No. 2, 11; Las Vegas No. 3, 18; Utah No. 3, 7; Utah No. 4, 13; Las Vegas No. 4, 12.

Combined Team Totals: Las Vegas 56; Utah 44.

8-Ball/9-Ball Combined Team Totals: Las Vegas 92, Utah 83.

MEN

Las Vegas No. 1, 13; Utah No. 1, 11; Las Vegas No. 2, 13; Utah No. 2, 11; Las Vegas No. 3, 13; Utah No. 3, 10; Utah No. 4, 21; Las Vegas No. 4, 20 (overtime).

Combined Team Total: Las Vegas 59; Utah 53.

8-Ball/9-Ball Combined Team Totals: Las Vegas 113; Utah 84.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
8-BALL
WOMEN

UTAH NO. 1 (11) — Gayle Erz 3-0, Tina Mildon 3-0, Ronnie Montez 1-2, Susan Robinson 1-2, Chris Wright 3-1.

LAS VEGAS NO. 1(5) — Melody Hubbard 1-2, Sami Irvine 0-3, Bonnie George 2-1, Vera Montana 1-3, Ann Chambers 1-2.

UTAH NO. 2 (12) — Lynda Garcia 2-2, Jackie Owens 3-1, Bernice Gomez 1-3, Chris McNally 3-1, Mary Wilson 3-1.

LAS VEGAS No. 2 (8) — Linda Weihe 1-3, Sue Jewell 3-1, Virginia Curry 1-3, Carol Finch 2-2, Irene Clark 1-3.

LAS VEGAS NO. 3 (12) — Patty Alvarez 3-1, Dee Lutz 3-1, Linday O'Neal 3-1, Gale Harp 1-3, Joan Russell 2-2.

UTAH NO. 3 (8) — Cheryl Gocel 1-3, Vicki Patton 0-4, Lynette Thompson 1-3, Jackie Thursby 3-1, Connie Cantrell 3-1.

LAS VEGAS NO. 4 (11) — Diane Tuderios 2-2, Diane Butler 3-1, Loretta Davis 2-2, Linda Walbridge 2-1, Tami Martinez 2-2.

UTAH NO. 4 (8) — Bessie Peterson 2-2, Jacque Larson 2-2, Connie Gartrell 1-3, Claudette Chesnut 2-2, Cheryl Gocel 1-2.

MEN

LAS VEGAS NO. 1 (13) — Bob Butler 3-0, Joe Cannella 1-2, Dayne Kahau 2-1, Dick Mills 1-2, Jeff Noble 2-1, Jay Swensen 2-1, Mike Worth 1-0, Greg Kuhl 0-1, Jim Blakeman 1-1.

UTAH NO. 1 (9) — Jack Iacovelli 0-3, Rick John 2-1, Craig Bastain 2-1, Randy Bicmore 1-1, Smiley Florez 1-2, Keith Mildon 0-3, Paul Howe 1-1, Roger Wilson 2-1.

LAS VEGAS NO. 2 (13) — Mike Worth 2-1, Randy Rudisill 2-0, Puggy Cho 2-0, Walt Carson 2-0, Randy Leone 3-0, Bubba Cavazos 0-2, Tom Nicopolis 2-0.

UTAH NO. 2 (3) — Joe Gomez 1-1, Dale Thompson 0-2, Howard Musselman 0-2, Steve Hales 1-1, Brad Bradshaw 0-2, Brad Smithson 1-1, Ruben Rodriguez 0-2, Terry Muzzy 0-1, Tom Montez 0-1.

UTAH NO. 3 (13) — Steve Hales 3-0, Howard Musselman 1-2, Joe Gomez 2-0, Dale Thompson 2-1, Terry Muzzy 2-1, Tom Montez 2-1, Brad Bradshaw 1-1, Ruben Rodriguez 0-3, Brad Smithson 0-2.

LAS VEGAS NO. 3 (11) — Andy Clark 2-2, Gene Spangler 3-1, Jim Thorpe 2-2, Phil Little 3-1, Danny Smith 0-4, John Cash 1-3.

LAS VEGAS NO. 4 (17) — Chip Carper 3-0, Willie Weihe 1-2, Tom Hess 3-0, Rusty Carson 1-1, Joe Tuderios 2-1, Gery Gibbs 3-0, Dallas Ricks 1-2, Ray Blaine 3-0.

UTAH NO. 4 (6) — Darrell Smith 0-1, Paul Erz 1-2, Doyle Gartrell 0-4, Clint Campbell 1-3, Ed Gocel 2-0, Robert Shumway 0-3, Kip Chesnut 2-1, Troy Gartrell 0-3.

9-BALL
WOMEN

UTAH NO. 1 (13) — Chris Wright 4-1, Susan Robinson 4-1, Ronnie Montez 1-4, Tina Mildon 3-1, Gayle Erz 1-3.

LAS VEGAS NO. 1 (12) — Ann Chambers 1-4, Melody Hubbard 4-1, Sami Irvine 2-3, Bonnie George 2-3, Vera Montana 3-2.

LAS VEGAS NO. 2 (14) — Sue Jewell 3-2, Carol Finch 3-2, Linda Weihe 3-2, Virginia Curry 3-2, Irene Clark 2-3.

UTAH NO. 2 (11) — Linda Garza 0-5, Jackie Owens 2-3, Mary Wilson 5-0, Bernice Gomez 1-4, Chris McNally 3-2.

LAS VEGAS NO. 3 (18) — Gale Harp 3-2, Linda O'Neal 2-3, Joan Russell 4-1, Patty Alvarez 4-1, Dee Lutz 5-0.

UTAH NO. 3 (7) — Cheryl Gocel 0-5, Jackie Thursby 2-3,

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Our last two Gandy dinner shows featuring an "Evening with Willie Mosconi" and a "$3,000 Challenge Match" between Ray Martin and Jim Rempe which were orchestrated and directed by Dan and Tom Birkbeck, known in the pool world as the "Twin Artists", were a tremendous success and sold-out events. This response, said Steve Bauer, indicates the strong atmosphere of our Gandy luncheon and dinner shows.

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The elaborately decorated "Matador" ballroom of the Hacienda Casino Hotel on the famous Las Vegas "Strip" was a fitting venue for the Valley Company's Second Annual World Electronic Dart Championships on March 4-5, 1988.

Entering the tournament room, the players and guests were greeted with a colorful array of flags and banners representing the countries, provinces and states of the participants. Reflecting the international growth of electronic darts, teams from West Germany and Japan journeyed to Las Vegas to match their skills against a North American team which was to be determined in the qualifying matches among the U.S. and Canadian players on the 30 new Valley "Royal Dartes" machines.

The West German team of Peter Klager, Marion Geisser, Bozica Waengler and Tomas Klinger had won the European qualification tournament last November in Bingen, West Germany conducted by Valley's exclusive distributor, NSM Lowen, and received an all expense paid trip to Las Vegas to compete in the championships. The Japanese team of K. Yonekura, K. Ohno, C. Nieda and M. Kato had earned the same prize and privilege to represent their nation in the Far East qualifers which were held in the plush Pacific Hotel in Tokyo in January. The Far East qualification tournament was sponsored by Takagi Kogyo, Valley's exclusive distributor of "Royal Dartes" in Japan.

The first official function on this year's program was a "get acquainted" party on Friday evening with a tasty buffet and refreshments provided courtesy of the Valley Company for everyone in attendance. The players and guests were also treated to an old fashioned wedding reception complete with four tier wedding cake and champagne given in honor of two couples, one from Germany and the other from the U.S., who had "tied the knot" earlier in the day at one of Las Vegas' famous wedding chapels. Peter Klager, the anchor man on the German team, brought his new bride to the U.S. to root for his team. Newlyweds Ron and Pam Stelter launched their honeymoon by finishing in third place in the mixed doubles event in the North American qualifiers. How do you top this?

On Saturday morning, Tournament Director Bill Nemgar of Salmon Amusement (Idaho), decked out in a striking grey tuxedo, opened the North American qualifications with the introduction of his tournament committee: John Nemgar, James Griffiths, Dave Kristal and Dan Meeker. Valley President Chuck Milhem then introduced many of the dignitaries that were in attendance including Tami Norberg Paulsen of C & N Sales, Mankato, Minnesota, the president of the AMOA National Dart Association; Mr. Toshio Shimizu, president of Takagi Kogyo; his general manager Saburo Okita and advisor Ray Jessup. Also introduced was Ulli Kunnecke, NSM's marketing manager, who is affectionately knows as "Jack Daniels" (I wonder why?), by many of the Americans that have gotten to know and love him over the past two years; Gunter Schmid, NSM's very capable manager of promotions and Stefan Driezihnter, a well known European journalist who accompanied the German team.

Among the special guests was President Isao Tomijima and Executive Manager Kenichi Eguchi of the Valley Dart Club, Osaka, Japan. This club, the first of its kind in the world, is totally dedicated to electronic darts and is equipped with fifteen (15) "Royal Dartes" as well as complete food and beverage services. Other officials from the Valley Dart Club included Keisike Ogata and N. Hideo. Several more Valley dart clubs are scheduled to open in Japan in 1988 with the first in Yokahama this spring.

Following the introductions, play began with more than 150 men and women local qualifier winners from across the United States and Canada quickly warmed up to the small international size target and double bullseye on the "Royal Dartes" machines. The format for the North American qualifications was 501 double out, best of three, double elimination. The matches were exciting and suspenseful with the outcome of many of the games uncertain because of the challenge of hitting the elusive doubles ring to go out. After a short complimentary lunch, play resumed and the field was soon reduced to the finalists. Working their way back up through the loser's bracket, Jim Ratliff and Robin Townsend put up a valiant effort against the ultimate winners, Bruce Holmes and Colleen Washburn for the singles honor. Turning back the eager newlyweds, Ron and Pam Stelter the intense team of Mark Turner and Patty McGill fell one match short of dislodging the mixed doubles winners, Terry Mutton and Carol Johnson for the final two spots on the North American team. The final results for the three events in the qualification tournaments were as follows:

MENS' SINGLES

1 Bruce Holmes
2 Jim Ratliff

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5th Annual Can/Am Event

The 5th Annual Canadian/American Team Invitational Championship was held March 25-27 at the Lima Eagles Club, Lima, Ohio. The event was hosted by A. Van Brackel and Sons of Defiance, Ohio and contained 36 teams from the A. Van Brackel and Sons league program, Town and Country Amusement, Windsor, Ontario, Canada and Jack Eiser Sales, Fort Wayne, IN. Teams competed for awards and $3,600 in prize money.

The Canadian/American Team Invitational is one of the most prestigious tournaments in the country and is often referred to as an All-Star Team Championship. Teams participating in the tournament may be the topped ranked team in their league or an all-star team consisting of the best players from the league. Also, as the title suggests, a team must be invited to compete. Just having a chance to compete in a tournament of this caliber is exciting for the teams participating. The championship is gaining notoriety. The competition received both television and radio coverage.

Mongo Murphs, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Women's Division L to R: Judy White; Mona Parker; Shar Charette; Charlie Kobryn, Coordinator; Deb Top, and Patty Street.

Shorty's #13, Fort Wayne, IN, Men's Division L to R: Rose King, League Coordinator; Weldon Rogers; Mitch Betree; Dave Hancock; Otis Saylor; Danny Bridges, and Art Rivera.

Teams participating in this year's championship from the A. Van Brackel and Sons league program were: Men's Division — Romie's Corner, Auglaize Valley All-Stars, Cue Revue All-Stars, Blanchard Valley Travelling League All-Stars, Norm's Place, Snyder's Corner, Flag City All-Stars, J.B. Shaker's #7, Knotty Pine, Peaceful Valley All-Stars, Northwest Border All-Stars, R-Bar #7 and J.B. Shaker's #2. Women's Division — Silver Dollar, Women's Classic 8-Ball All-Stars, Women's Classic 8-Ball All-Stars, Wagon Wheel #3, J.B. Shaker's #5, Peg Leg, J.B. Shaker's #2, R-Bar and Lima All-Stars. Teams from Jack Eiser Sales league program were: Men's Division — Shorty's #13 B, Shorty's #13, Denny's VIP and Whities. Ladies' Division — Shorty's #8, J & J's Tap, Shorty's #7, Katie's #5, Katie's #6 and P.J. Foulers. Teams from Town and Country Amusement were: Men's Division — Mongo Murphs, Boow's Landing and Ridge #2. Ladies' Division — Mongo Murphs.

The weekend began Friday evening with a Suds-n-Chips mixer, registration and some practice. Competition on the ten tables began promptly at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, continuing through the evening and beginning once again on Sunday morning.

Some of the best pool playing in the country was witnessed at the championship. The competition was intense and many of the shots made were amazing. Everything went very smoothly with everyone making new friends and gaining much valuable experience.

The men completed competition first with a very intense finals match. The decision came all the way to the 8-Ball in the last match. Winner were: 1st place — Shorty's #13 of Fort Wayne, IN; 2nd place — Mongo Murphs of Windsor, Ontario, Canada; 3rd place — Romie's Corner of Ottawa, Ohio.

The results in the Ladies' Division were: 1st place — Mongo Murphs of Windsor, Ontario, Canada; 2nd place — J & J's Tap of Fort Wayne, IN; 3rd place — Wagon Wheel #3 of Defiance, OH.

Congratulations teams.

A special thanks is extended to all those who volunteered their time to make this championship such a smashing success and to Bud Light and C & G Distributing for sponsoring the championship and purchasing the traveling awards.

Mark Jarvis Wins 4th Shamrock Open

By JOE KERR

So you think the pool world is booming? Well if you're looking for a valid barometer... look at this year's Fourth Annual Shamrock Shootout, held March 19 and 20 at Starcher's Recreation in Akron, Ohio. All in all, an amazing 120 players showed up Saturday at noon to play in this great weekend event. Usually 64 entrants always fill up the event. However, I was impressed because 64 players signed up two weeks before the tournament started. So I made the decision to open the event up to a 128 player board. I started the race to seven, double elimination event at 1 p.m. on Saturday, knowing full well that my work was really cut out for me. Eliminating that many players within the two day format was going to be quite a job!

I used all 20 tables in the room and by 11 p.m. Saturday night (only 10 hours), I had eliminated an amazing 96 players "twice" from the tournament! The players were very cooperative and the matches started one after the other without any hitches. It was very exciting to see that many players starting a tournament. The players were equally impressed with the number of fellow competitors that showed up!

On Sunday, I started the tournament at 1 p.m. with the final 24 players left in the Shamrock. Each of these final 24 were in the money and they were all ready to play to see who was going home with the top prize of $1,500. Not bad first prize for a $55 entry fee!

The final match started at 8 p.m. on Sunday night between two hot shooting young players. Nineteen year old Mario Cilitti of Akron went through a solid field of strong players undefeated. This alone is quite an accomplishment, especially if you look at the prize list. You're sure

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Jarvis

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L to R: Mario Cilitti, 2nd; Mark Jarvis, 1st; John Zaksas, 3rd. Photo by Joe Kerr — Promoter/Director

to see that several of the top players on the pro tour were at this event! NOTE: Chris MacDonald finished 5th and promptly left Akron and beat Buddy Hall and Nick Varner to win the Bowling Green, Kentucky 9-Ball Championship. That will exclude Chris from playing in future Shamrock events. Since no major tournament winners are allowed to compete in this fine tournament.

Twenty four year old Mark Jarvis of Chicago had to beat Mario two sessions to win the championship match. He did this in the record time of 47 minutes, defeating Mario 7-1 and 7-4.

It's needless to say that both of these fine young athletes can sure "motor" their way around those nine foot Gold Crowns! Although Mario was a little disappointed in the final results, he should feel great about his second place finish! I've had the pleasure of watching (and helping) this young man develop since he was 14 years old... believe me, he will be in that winner's circle before long!

Mark Jarvis was very happy to win this tournament and I know that this "soon to be father" has some very good uses for the $1,500.

John Zaksas of Chicago, finished third and came to the Shamrock fresh off of a win in Florida. John is a real gentleman at the tournament scene. He quickly became a crowd favorite and had acquired quite a few fans in the Akron area in just two short days. Great showing, John!

Another hometown player that played well, despite the fact that he was knocked into the loser's bracket early, was Jerry Wolfe of Akron. Jerry won a series of tough matches and could have very easily won this tournament from the loser's side also. Anywhere in the top four positions is a great finish with 120 players!

Starcher's owners, Dotie and Jim Starcher (mother and son), were very pleased with the fine turnout of players.

The total purse of $6,000 was divided among the top 24 as follows:

1	Mark Jarvis Chicago, IL	$1,500+Trophy and Jacket
2	Mario Cilitti Akron, OH	1,000+Trophy and Jacket
3	John Zaksas Chicago, IL	650+Jacket
4	Jerry Wolfe Akron, OH	450
5	Chris MacDonald Berkeley, CA	350
6	Jack Hines Toledo, OH	350
7	Mark Maryo Cleveland, OH	250
8	Dave Daya Mt. Carmel, PA	250
9	Rick Garrison Cincinnati, OH	125
10	Rich Leski Cleveland, OH	125
11	Stan Osborn Pittsburgh, PA	125
12	Ed Becker Akron, OH	125
13	Barry Hixon Canton, OH	75
14	Gary Spaeth Cincinnati, OH	75
15	Danny Altomore Pittsburgh, PA	75
16	Gary Kessinger Pittsburgh, PA	75
17	Gary Collins Cincinnati, OH	50
18	Don Blevins Youngstown, OH	50
19	Howard Vickery Columbus, OH	50
20	Gary Bowman Wheeling, WV	50
21	Mike Alvarez Cleveland, OH	50
22	Buddy Dennis Baltimore, MD	50
23	Harry Aporff Detroit, MI	50
24	Rich Namie Pittsburgh, PA	50

Extravaganza

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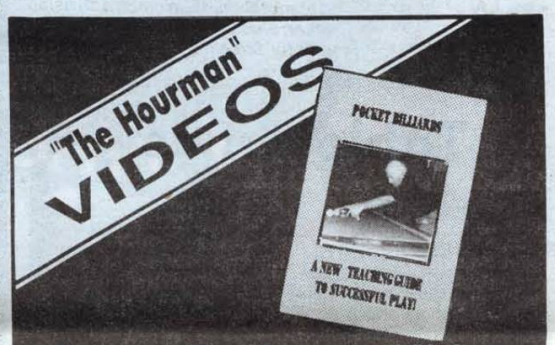

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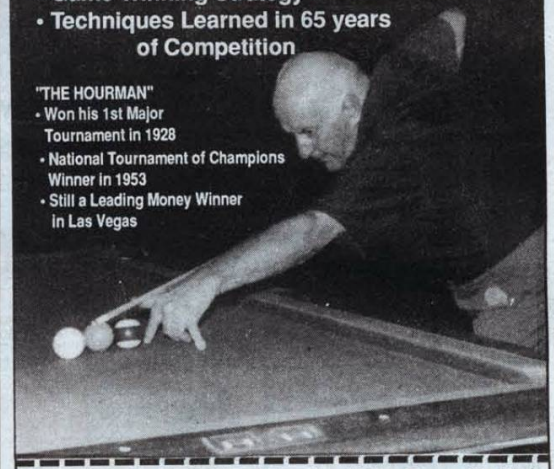

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U.S. Team

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3 Kevin Seamen

WOMENS' SINGLES

1 Colleen Washburn
2 Robin Townsend
3 Sis Chatleain

MIXED DOUBLES

1 Terry Mutton and Carol Johnson
2 Mark Turner and Patty McGill
3 Ron and Pam Stelter

After a brief intermission, the individual team members representing the United States, West Germany and Japan were introduced and were acknowledged with the playing of the national anthems of the three nations. Although the game selection for the world's championships was the same 501 double out used in the North American qualifiers, a modified round robin format with team members from each country having the opportunity to challenge the others in the men and women's singles and mixed doubles matches. Led by the smooth throwing Bruce "The Iceman" Holmes, the more experienced Americans moved quickly out in front and ultimately captured the gold medals. In this, their third year of international competition, a much more relaxed and improved German team emerged as the silver medal winners. Showing great style and technical ability, everyone was very impressed with the bronze team and agreed that the Japanese players will have to be reckoned with in the future. Based on one point for each game won in the round robin matches, the final results were as follows:

U.S.	POINTS
Bruce Holmes	31
Colleen Washburn	
Terry Mutton	
Carol Johnson	
GERMANY	**POINTS**
Peter Klager	18
Marion Geisser	
Bozica Wangler	
Tomas Klinger	
JAPAN	**POINTS**
K. Yonekura	9
K. Ohno	
Ms. C. Nieda	
Ms. M. Kato	

The whole affair concluded with a sumptuous awards banquet finale with the three top finishers in each event of the North American qualifying tournament receiving an attractive plaque from Valley's Chuck Milhem. Each of the team members in the championships were presented with commemorative medallions and the U.S. team was presented with the huge gold cup that has come to symbolize this event. This cup with the newly engraved names of Bruce Holmes, Colleen Washburn, Terry Mutton and Captain Carol Johnson will be shipped to Bingen, West Germany, the site of the 3rd Annual Valley Electronic Darts World Championships in 1989.

Although there were no cash prizes, the world's champion American team will receive an all expense paid trip to Japan courtesy of the Valley Company. Impressed with the skills demonstrated by this stellar dart team, Valley's host distributor, Takagi Kogyo, has promised a series of challenge matches and exhibitions as well as an enjoyable tour of this fascinating country. All the participants in the world championships received a warmup suit and flight bag.

Following the tournament, the overseas visitors were treated to a few days of sight seeing and entertainment including a trip to Lake Mead and that engineering marvel, Hoover Dam, the spectacular Follies Bergier dinner show at the Tropicana Casino Resort and the popular Holiday on Ice show in the Hilton Flamingo. Several of the players left a little heavier around the "middle" and a little lighter in the pocketbook, but they all left with fond memories of the good time they had and the friendships they made in "Vegas".

— Table Trivia —

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Willie Mosconi is 74 years old. Watching him recently at an exhibition in Cincinnati, I can say he'll probably never need glasses.

An optometrist/pool shark once told me that bifocal glasses reflect light from over the tables, and cause a reflection in lining up a shot. (I can attest to this.) He would start every session at the pool hall by changing into his "pool playing glasses", then he would say, "You can't make 'em if you can't see 'em."

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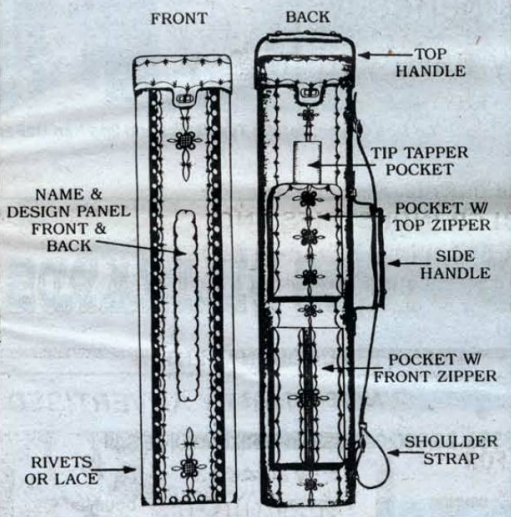

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver To Speak at Conference

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As BCA's major event of the year, we will again meet in conjunction with the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, June 25-July 1, 1988. Special events include fundraising seminars, a 5-K run and recognition of those boosters who were most successful during 1987.

Booster Clubs of America is the national organization of high school booster clubs and other fundraising organizations designed to help school and youth organizations nationwide to raise the necessary funds to conduct interscholastic sports and recreational sports activities.

Las Vegas-Utah

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Lynnette Thompson 1-4, Vicki Patton 2-3, Bessie Peterson 2-3.

UTAH NO. 4 (13) — Connie Cantrell 4-1, Bessie Peterson 3-2, Claudette Chesnut 3-2, Vicki Patton 1-4, Jacque Larson 2-3.

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MEN

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UTAH NO. 2 (11) — Howard Musselman 1-3, Paul Howe 2-2, Ruben Rodriguez 1-3, Randy Bicmore 3-1, Smiley Florez 3-1, Terry Muzzy 1-3.

LAS VEGAS NO. 3 (13) — Gene Spangler 3-1, Phil Little 2-2, Danny Smith 1-3, John Cash 2-2, Jim Thorpe 3-1, Andy Clark 2-1.

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UTAH NO. 4 (21) — Kip Chesnut 2-3, Doyle Gartrell 3-2, Clint Campbell 2-6, Ed Gocel 6-0, Robert Shumway 2-3, Troy Gartrell 3-2, Paul Erz 3-4.

LAS VEGAS NO. 4 (20) — Willie Weihe 3-2, Tom Hess 3-2, Joe Tuderios 3-2, Dallas Ricks 2-4, Ray Blaine 2-3, Chip Carper 3-2, Gary Gibbs 2-3, Rusty Carson 2-3.

(Ed Gocel defeated Dallas Ricks in a one-game tie-breaker after the teams tied 20-20 in a 40 game regulation match.)

Trails

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Vic Tyynismaa, Ishpeming, moved through the field without a loss until he came to our current champion Ken DePetro of Marquette. Ken, who has earned the nickname "Scrapper" among his peers, sent Vic to the second loser's bracket. Vic then dropped Bob Goyen, Ishpeming to the third bracket to win the second level and await the winner of the third level. Archie Henderson, Gladstone, another title holder in the Miller High Life series, was crushed by Bob Goyen five to nothing and now Bob got his second chance at Vic Tyynismaa. Vic took the match five to one.

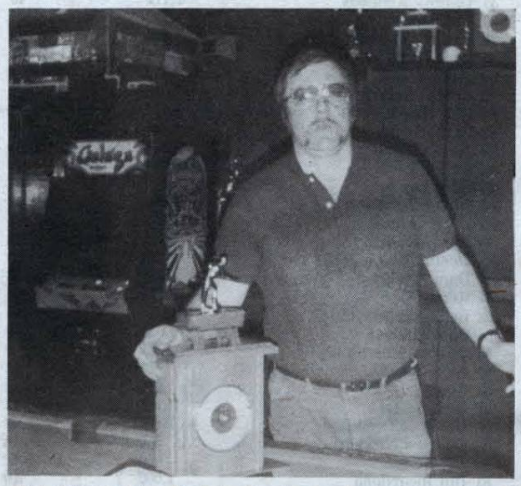
The stage was set. Vic needed to beat Ken DePetro three matches. Ken needed just two from Vic. After the hand shake, the full house was treated to some great pool. Both players showed why they held titles in the Miller High Life series. it was a fight to the finish. Vic won two matches; Ken took one and it came down to one match. After eight games, it was four to four. Ken DePetro scratched on the seven ball and Vic was an easy winner with ball in hand. Up until then, the championship match was in doubt. When Vic rolled in the nine ball, the crowd erupted.

"I have never been so tired as I am now," said Vic.

"I don't think I can drive home," Ken told me. "I think I'll stay in a motel."

The thirteen hour tournament took its toll on the players. Clark Gravedoni, Negaunee donated the five hand crafted trophies. Wally's Bar treated the players with a nice banquet and Miller High Life added money to the purse. The UPPPA has had great success with this tournament format. If you have any questions write Tim Miller 2618 7th Ave. South, Escanaba, MI 49829. We will resume action in September.

UPPA champ Vic Tyynismaa.



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