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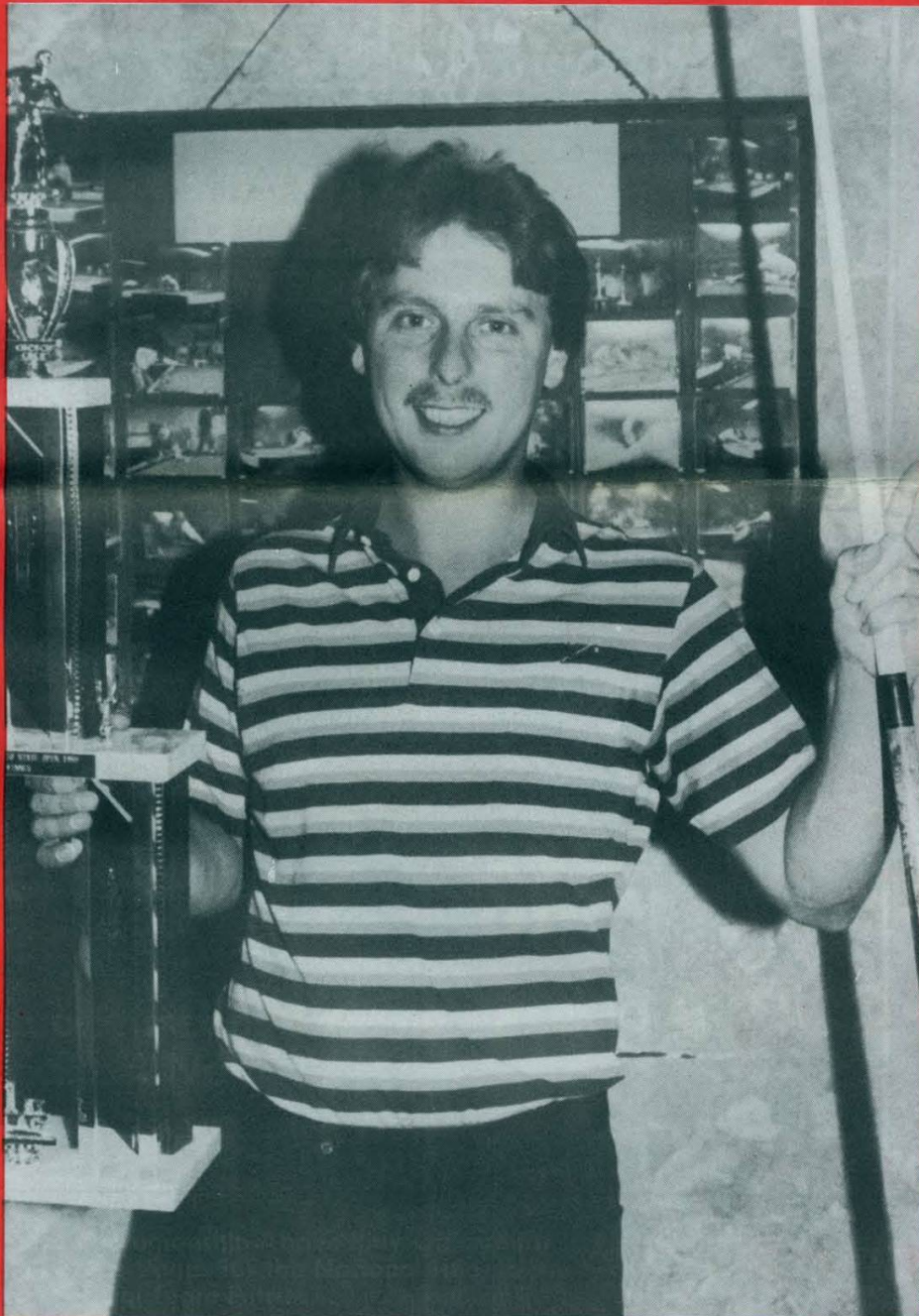
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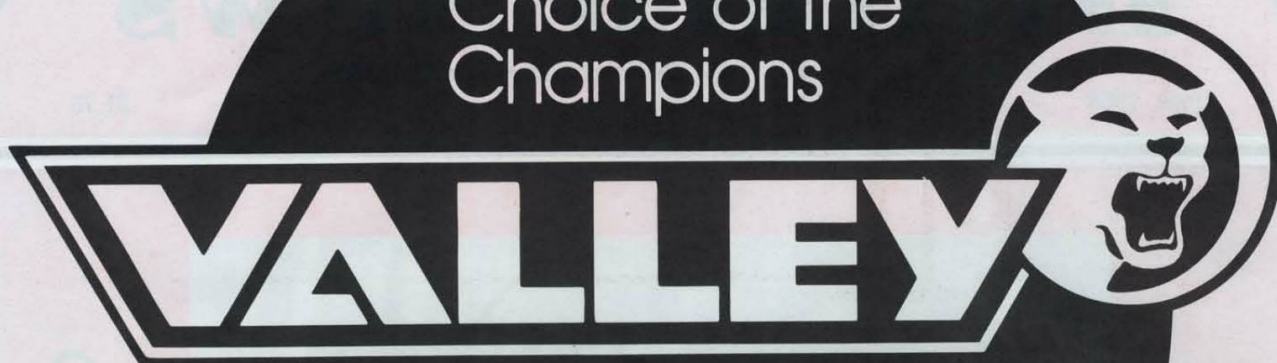


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Kucharew/Dordell Victorious in ACU-I



L to R: Janet Dordell 1st Place Women, Jim McDermott and Nick Kucharew 1st Place Men.

The regional champions from each of the 155 regions of the Associated College Unions-International (ACU-I) converged upon the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee April 22-24 as the 38th Annual International Billiard Championship took place.

The competitors began their climb to the top with a round robin — three games for the men and two for the women. The scoring process was merely a point for the win, with the points tabulated at the end of that series to determine the final four.

However, when the tabulation time came, there were six young men tied for the fourth place position! The determining factor was to be a "sudden death" playoff. Lose the match and you're out!

Successful in that obstacle was Nick Kucharew. Moving on to the final four along with Robert Claybourn of the University of Arkansas, Eric Harnish of the University of Illinois, Sing Cheng "Jerry" Lee from California State U. Hayward and of course Nick! At the same time, the final four in the women's division were, Andrea Schiffman from Purdue, Janet Dordell of Penn State U., Eileen Salter from North Dakota State, and Gail Newman from the University of Miami.

During the break, Bob Reitman, Milwaukee's leading radio personality joined Jerry Briesath, the nation's best known billiard instructor in an hour long exhibition — a short match, a few trick shots and a little audience participation.

The final four followed with their series of race to seven games, leaving Harnish-Kucharew and Dordell-Salter to the finals. Early Sunday morning brought the climax of the tournament as Salter and Dordell battled out a close match, neck and neck for a while until Dordell, very assured, methodically moved to steadily to clear the table. Meanwhile the Harnish-Kucharew match went to a much quicker finish as Nick moved on to victory while Eric was still trying to get into stroke!

And so, we have the winners... Nick Kucharew, a computer programmer, in the midst of continuing his education but would really like work on continuing his career in billiards. He will be competing in the Canadian National Eight Ball Championships to be held in Calgary, June of this year. Being Canadian, his most common game being snooker, is now "hooked" on 8-ball and he's planning on becoming a lot more proficient before January when he will be taking advantage of his paid entry into Bob Opsahl's Rak'm Up Classic. Janet Dordell is one young lady we will probably be hearing a lot more of in the future. Her showing last year in this tournament which gained her second place, was definitely a help in getting over the stage fright that sometimes can accompany a major tournament match. Her determination and slow rhythmic pace is sure to take her further in the sport.

The tournament this year was sponsored by McDermott Cue Manufacturer, the BCA and the

hopefully sooner or later, even the possibility of some prize money will be available to these students.

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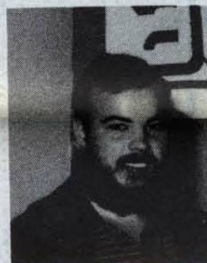


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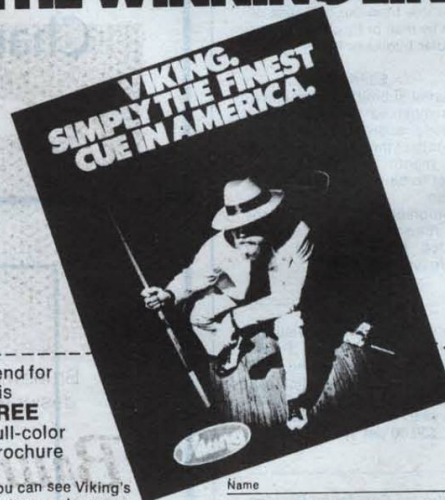
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Loser breaks

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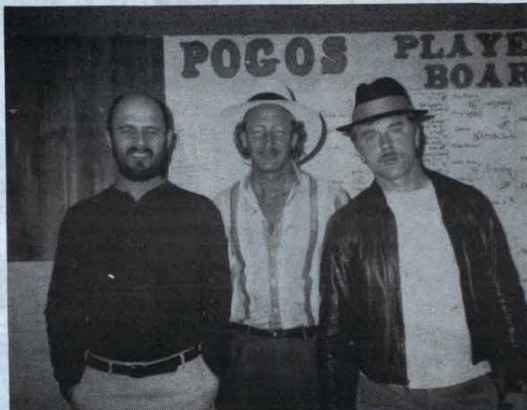
Geiler Wins Pogo's 9-Ball

By SUSIE O'CONNOR

It was definitely a weekend of firsts at Pogo's Pub in Bellingham, WA April 16-17. "Olympia" Rich Geiler won his first 9-ball tournament at Pogo's in four attempts; and for the first time in four years Seattle pro Dan Louie finished out of the money. You can imagine the dropped jaws, as Louie is always the tournament favorite and has won first place in every tournament he has entered to date at Pogo's except one (3rd place).

Louie started out at his usual pace with big wins over Wayne Walberg and Bill Grader, and was then bushwacked by two southpaws. Seattle's top lefty Mike Dooley got ahold of him first. At 10-10 Louie scratched on the break and gave Dooley ball in hand on a one ball and a beautiful 2-9 carom for the match. Louie hiked to the one loss side and unsuspectingly stepped in the other lefty's lair. Ernie Layman was just visiting the area from Newfoundland (!) and practically brought down the house by putting Louie out of the tournament. Louie showed everyone that he is just as gracious a loser as a winner — the mark of a true champion — and one of the reasons he is so well respected in this area.

Layman played terrific in his next match against Geiler too, but went down 11-8 and took



L to R: Mike Keife 3rd, Rich Geiler 1st, and Mike Dooley 2nd.

home a 7/8 place finish. Layman is a very nice competitor and yet another great player from Canada.

Let's go back to the winner's side of the board and catch up on the action. Two Mikeys were on a collision course — Mike Dooley on the lower half of the board, and Mike Keife on the top half. Keife is a local Bellingham player, and an avid 9-ball fan. This weekend was his best showing to date (3rd place). Keife defeated Susie O'Connor, Cocomo, Larry Nelson and Alan "Frenchy" Boutin while waiting for Mike Dooley to complete his

rounds... (Hans Nensda, Stan Tourangeau, Dan Louie and Jack Tanner)... and then the two Mikeys' cue up to play for the "point" position. Dooley was in dead stroke and although Keife made some real nice outs, Dooley eventually prevailed 11-6.

Speaking of good showings, B.C.'s ever improving Jack Tanner had an outstanding weekend. Tanner captured 4th place with wins over Ron Bartley, Ernie Layman, Marv Joe and Dave Tice. This was Tanner's first time placing in the money at one of Pogo's main events.

Good job, Jack!

Geiler played an exceptional tournament — losing his first match to Dennis Hoffman, he tore a blue streak across the one loss side of the board. With an average 11-3 score on his next 10 matches, he showed that he is really a force to be reckoned with. Debbie Cicchitti, Cocomo, Tony Banks, Marv Joe, Ernie Layman, Frenchy, Jack Tanner and Mike Keife all felt that force... in full force as Geiler played superb pool. He seemed determined not to settle for anything less than the first place booty.

The finals were two out of three, race to eight format. Even though "Parking Lot" Richie had slept in his car the night before and looked to be feeling the affects after nine straight hours of play, he kept intensity up until the very last ball was sunk, winning 8-1 and 8-3. Dooley barely had a chance to get out of his chair except to rack. Congratulations, Rich! A well deserved win!!

The consolation tournament (for the first eight players eliminated from the main event) was won by Ray "Lake City" Trichler.

The mini 9-ball tournament was every bit as strong a field as the main event. Dan Louie — determined not to leave Bellingham empty handed — stormed the field of 21 in the race to five, \$10 entry fee tour-

nament and took top honors.

What a great weekend of pool! Thanks to Larry Heinrich of Game Time Billiard Supplies and Cicchitti's East Coast Pizzeria, \$225 was added to the prize fund.

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3 Mike Keife	255
4 Jack Tanner	190
5 Alan Boutin	140
6 Dave Tice	140
7 Stan Tourangeau	75
8 Ernie Layman	75

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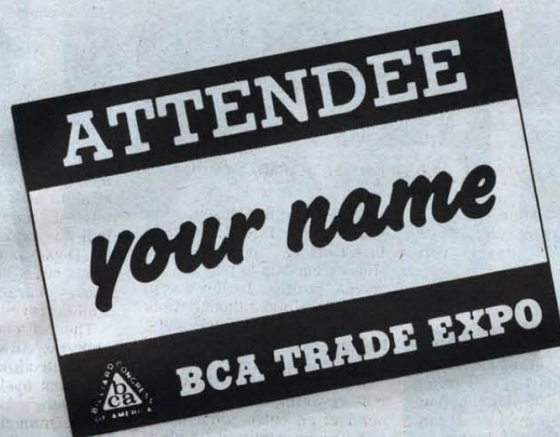
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N.B.N.: What's your background, Joe? Where were you born and raised, education; were you previously a player, etc.?

JOE: I've lived in Akron, Ohio for all of my life. I went to Archbishop Hoban High School, a private all boys high school in the Akron area. I was an all-city football player in my senior year. As a matter of fact, I was offered quite a few football scholarships. However, I elected to stay in the Akron area and go on to college at the University of Akron. As far as being a player, I've won several satellite events like the 1983 Detroit Open, the 1985 Genesee Challenge. I also finished in fifth place out of 1,500 players at the Miller Lite Tournament in Las Vegas. Like many others in our industry, I've loved the game for just about my whole life!

N.B.N.: How did you get into promoting and directing professional billiard tournaments?

JOE: Well, Conrad, in 1980 there were absolutely no tournaments for the advanced players in the Ohio area to compete in. At that time I was managing a chain of exclusive men's clothing stores in the Akron area. So I decided to put on the First Annual Akron Open. The tournament featured 32 players. World Champion Jim Marino from Pittsburgh won the event and I finished in fourth place. My mentor... the late and great Mr. Don Willis of Canton, Ohio, did probably the greatest trick shot exhibition that I've ever seen to date. Over 400 spectators showed up for my first "word-of-mouth" tournament. So with the marketing, sales and advertising background, I knew that featuring the top pros in tournament play would be an excellent way to showcase the

players and at the same time elevate the game in the public's eye. By the way... this year's Akron Open is the "Ninth Annual" and it even had a mention in the *Color of Money*!

N.B.N.: How many events did you direct or promote last year?

JOE: In the past 12 months I've promoted and/or directed the Chicago Classic Cup, the Akron Open, the Glass City Open, the Governor's Cup, the Joe Farhat Open, the Lexington All-Star Open, the Bowling Green Kentucky Open, the Joey Spaeth Memorial, the WPBA Nationals, the Summertime Classic, the Ohio State Open, the Shamrock Shootout and of course this great event, the McDermott Masters. These tournaments totaled together have a combined prize fund of over \$250,000.

N.B.N.: Your approach to promoting and directing seems different than most! How is it?

JOE: All of the players and promoters have one general theme in mind... a tour with plenty of added money and of course television coverage of the tournaments. You've heard it before... however, I'm going to tell you again! It is going to happen! My approach is simple yet I feel very important. Keep putting on as many tournaments as I can so the players can make a living in the meantime. Also, to keep our sport in the public's eye as often as possible until the tour becomes a reality. Our industry is enjoying a great boom period right now... and it's important for tournament play to gain a respected position along with the table manufacturers, cue makers, etc. Believe me, one will feed the other as it has in all other professional sports! Each tournament now enjoys tremendous local exposure by the press, television, and

radio. I can't help feeling that it won't be long before this becomes national exposure.

N.B.N.: Do you offer a package deal to the sponsor?

JOE: Yes, I do.

N.B.N.: How does that work?

JOE: Well, Conrad... basically Joker Promotions is a one man team! What I mean is that when I talk to a potential sponsor, I'm able to offer them some of the special services necessary to promote their event. Such as: a typesetting machine for flyers, my own IBM computer that includes all of the players names and a 5,000 name spectator mailing list, portable scoreboards, master of ceremonies, etc., and much more. For services rendered, a flat fee is generally used plus expenses.

N.B.N.: Do you think tournaments have progressed over the last 10 years?

JOE: Most definitely! Just take a look around us here at the McDermott Masters. This is a first class event... the only thing that is missing is a corporate sponsor making the purse escalate into the \$100,000 range and the television coverage that is so dearly needed to legitimize our sport to the general public. Sixteen hundred spectators showed up here yesterday and paid \$15 admission prices. A lot of these spectators came because they saw promos on local T.V., newspaper articles, evening sports coverage, direct mail, etc. They saw that some of the greatest male and female pool pros in the world were competing in a \$50,000, tuxedo clad tournament at the fabulous Hilton Hotel in Troy, Michigan. Paul Roberts did an outstanding job as the promoter here and I am now trying to have minimum of \$10,000 added and I'm trying to keep the tournament sites

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By JOE KERR

If you just love those close 10 to 10 final matches at a pool tournament, you would have been just short of heaven at Starcher's Recreation in Akron, Ohio on April 14-17, 1988. Straight shooting Jack Hines of Toledo, Ohio almost pulled off the upset for the year in his quest for the Ohio State Championship. As a matter of fact, he had Earl Strickland 10 to 7 racing to 11 in the final session. This, of course, was in front of one of those loyal and faithful Akron crowds, who over the years have seen their fair share of dramatic endings!

Earl was hooked behind the nine ball after a great kick safety on the seven ball by Jack. Earl studied a three rail kick shot at the seven and had to get up off the cue ball several times in order to get just the right line for this all important kick shot. Wouldn't you know it! Earl made a tremendous effort by just hitting the seven, however, us mere mortals saw him thin hit the seven and make it roll the length of the table into the corner pocket. Of course the crowd went crazy... and so did Earl by immediately breaking and running out the next two racks to make it 10 to 10.

In the final game, Earl reversed the trap and played a great safety on Jack. Jack was unable to duplicate a "simple" three rail kick in as Earl had previously done. So Earl stepped up and ran out the remaining balls for the championship. Jack Hines played great pool throughout the entire tournament and has nothing to be ashamed of. Jack has been finishing consistently in the money in his last twelve tournament appearances. Earl had



been off the tour for several months and finished 3rd at the McDermott Masters in Detroit the previous week and promptly came to Akron where he has never lost a tournament! That's right... Earl has played four times in Akron. He has won the Akron Open three times and now adds the Ohio State to his impressive list of tournament titles.

Other great performances were turned in by Harry "Poochie" Sexton of Warren, Michigan. This gentleman has been a great player for years and his "Bulldog" style of play makes

everyone of his opponents stand their ground and fight for every single ball! Well done Harry... 3rd place out of 60 players is certainly a great finish!

Chris MacDonald from Lakeport, California finished in 4th place and has had his best three months on the pro circuit to date. Chris has been improving at a steady pace and finds himself in contention at almost all of the tournaments that he now enters. Doug Metcalf from Mansfield, Ohio had a great 5th place finish in his first attempt at a \$10,000 tournament purse. Doug has been improving his game and is sure to develop his

skills in the future at more of these competitive events.

Pat Fleming of Roseland, New Jersey is back playing in tournaments again and is playing better than ever. Keep up the good play Pat!

Dot and Jim Starcher were very pleased with the turnout of spectators and players for this first time Ohio State Championship. Yours truly promoted and directed the tournament and along with Dot and Jim would like to invite everyone back in October for the 9th Annual Akron Open. We will see if Earl "The Pearl" can make it five in a row?



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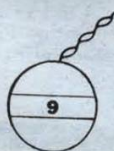
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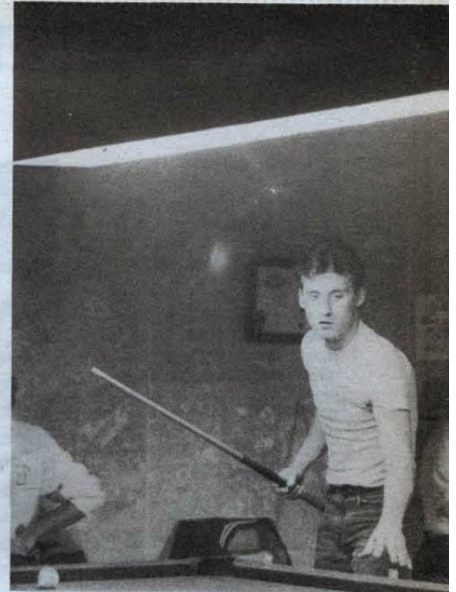
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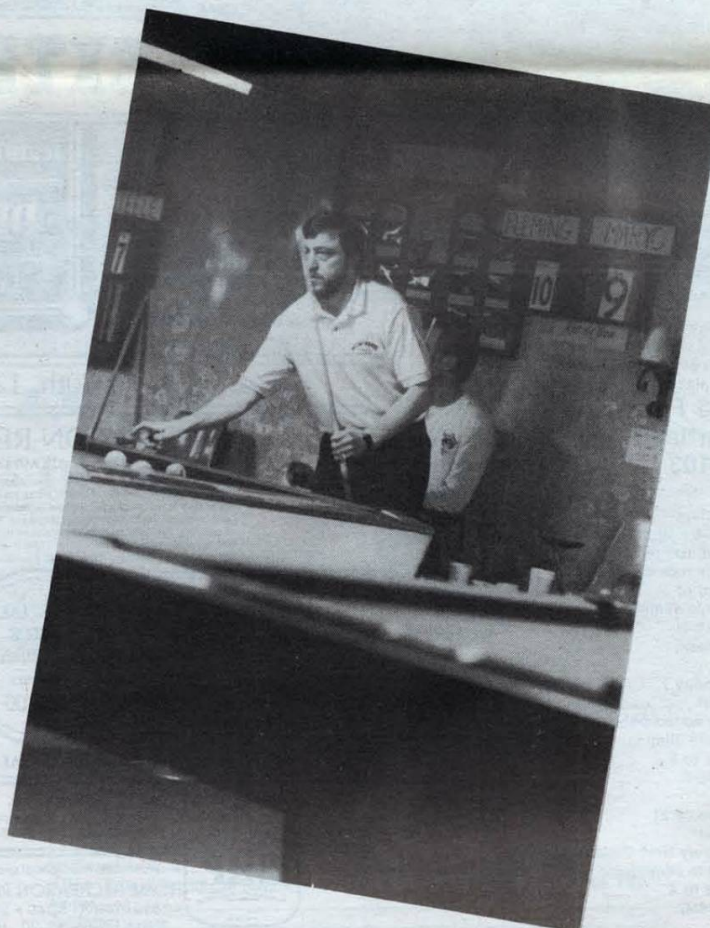
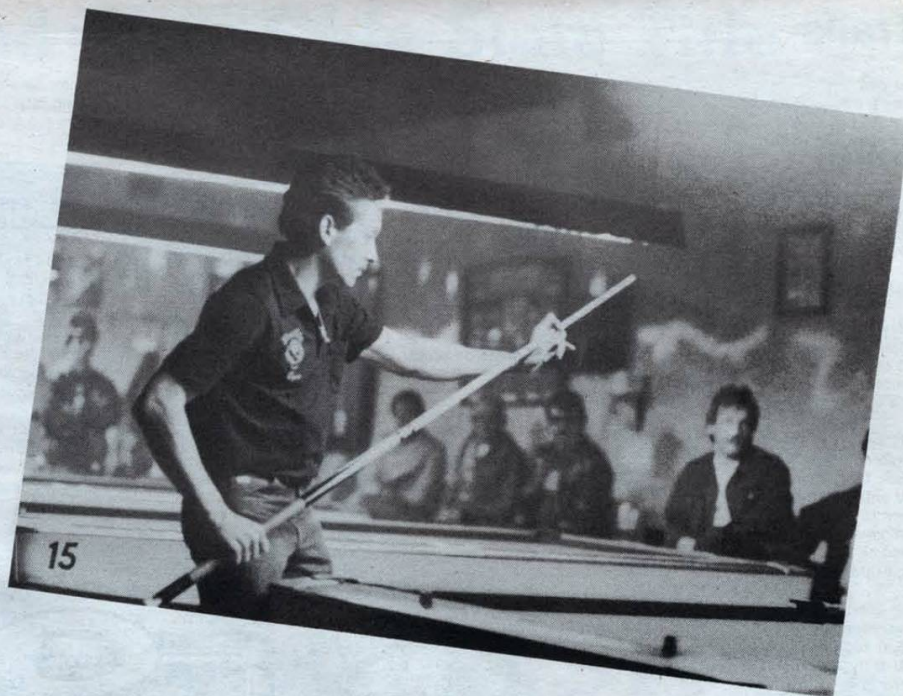
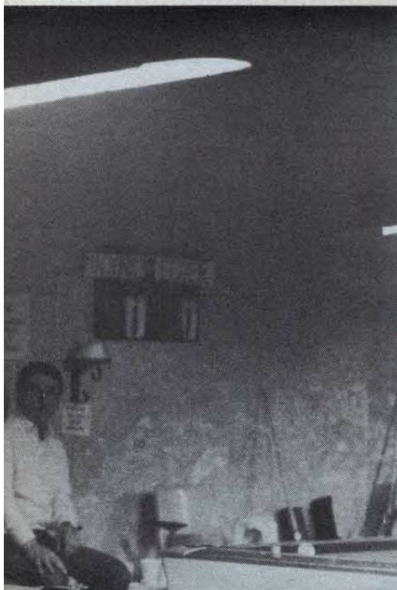
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The talent also makes him invaluable when the need arises to add his two cents to pool hall arguments. When gratuitously refereeing an argument between Bub and Willie, two anonymous pool players at the adjacent table, our expert naturally tends to side with Bub, who, like himself, obviously knows the most about pool. Although our expert never actually saw the shot they're disputing, he can say with positive assurance that Willie's shot was an illegal push shot, since a legal shot would have sent the object ball into the rail 1.05 millimeters to the left of where Bub said it went.

Likely as not, Bub is about six-foot-ten and has a road map of scars across his face, but our expert senses another expert when he sees one. Willie, who's probably cheating to claim five-foot-two, and who weighs all of 103 pounds, doesn't seem to have the proper aptitude for the intricacies of pool, our expert decides.

Another advantage the all-knowing expert has is not having to practice. Practice is for idiots. If there's anything that makes a person look stupid, it's practicing alone at a pool table. I've even notice some severely brain-damaged pool players who imagine there's merit in trying to make the same shot ten times in a row. They even mark the felt with the chalk so they can recreate the same position. Talk about dumb!

Many pool players don't seem to understand an obscure but immutable law of pool mathematics that every self-proclaimed pool expert knows instinctively: There is a finite number of shots a person can pocket in his lifetime. The trick is to know the actual number of balls you will be able to pocket in your own lifetime. If you're a 21,000 shot-player, you might fool around, play by yourself, practice difficult shots — stupid stuff like that — and quickly cut yourself down to a 19,000 shot-player before you realize the severity of the damage you've done. A couple thousand good shots are down the tubes, wasted forever, because you didn't understand the mathematics of expert pool. In a close game sometimes in the year 2003, you'll wish you hadn't wasted those shots.

A parallel to the above mathematical law is another law: There is a finite number of things you can know at any one time. Again, the trick is to have a sense of your own mental capacity, but at any rate it's important to not learn anything you don't need to know. I've noticed that the dead-right pool expert's brain is often filled to capacity by the age of eighteen or twenty. That condition creates a slight dilemma because once the brain is full, a person has to forget something every time he learns anything new. In order to make room for five new things, five old things have to be forgotten.

I think you can readily see the application to pool. By knowing that there's no such thing as a throw shot, our expert doesn't have to forget a bunch of more interesting information already inside his head. Our expert can sight along the axes of two frozen balls and declare with the greatest authority that no matter how his girlfriend hits the first ball, the second ball will go straight into the corner pocket. The fact that the ball does not go into the pocket merely prompts our expert to say, "Well, it would have if you hit it like I told you." The important thing here is that our expert had three or four titillating notions on his mind regarding his girlfriend, and he wasn't forced to lose those thoughts in order to ponder several alleged theories about throw shots.

Bank shot theories alone take up a third of some brains. So it's little wonder that our expert knows that every bank shot is made by simply matching the angle of incidence with the angle of reflection. That law of bank shots is one of the most impressive things our expert knows and, although it takes up a lot of room in his brain, he can use it almost anytime he plays pool. Our expert also knows that spin on the cueball and the force of the shot make no difference in a bank shot, particularly since he hits all his shots at between eighty-four and ninety-one miles an hour. For a two-rail bank shot our expert multiplies by two the above-stated banking law. Three rails, he multiplies by three. Or is it divided? Not to worry. Good pool players never have to bank shots. They always shoot them straight in.

Enough of this. I'll get on with my toast: Cheers to all those smug people who know everything there is to know about the game of pool. May they put their table game where their mouth is. Or is it somewhere else they should put it?

Cornhusker Open Pool Tourney

A total of 105 men and women, all professional billiards players from all the midwest states plus California were in Oxford with two top players eventually proving to be the best in their respective classes in the fifth annual Cornhusker Open Pool Tournament.

The 105 players, 63 in the open division with both men and women competing and 42 in the women's only tournament, was actually a slight decrease in participation from last year, but those conducting the tournament said many of those competing felt the quality of shooting was higher than in past years.

After two previous tries at winning the open division, Jr. Harris, a young man from Colorado Springs, Colorado, eventually was named the winner taking home a purse of \$90. Timi Bloomberg, a Rapid City, South Dakota contestant, eliminated the other 41 players to claim the first prize of \$650 in the women's division.

Dean Blincow, now completing his fifth year as tournament director, said that all previous champions in the open division were back this year including Charlie Shootman of Colorado Springs; Stan Wilson of Omaha and two-time winner Bill Meacham of Colorado Springs.

This year's fifth annual event also saw a new additional nine-ball tournament added for competition.

Blincow said that because it was a new event, there weren't enough entrants to extend the normal three-day event to five so a small nine-ball shot was held. Another tournament official said that many of the players have to be back to their jobs and couldn't play, so the nine-ball tournament next year may be on the following weekend after the usual eight-ball open.

Winner of the nine-ball tournament from a field of 14 players was Mark Rogers of Wichita, Kansas. The contestants played in a single elimination race to seven on an alternate breaks format and started play about 6 p.m. for \$800 prize money.

Also that weekend was the second annual Downtown Shoot-out.

Blincow said this event drew a lot of attention from all the players. He said it was "the general consensus of all the tournament players that this is a new and different format that really works."

Blincow commented that the downtown event "gets the players in all the places downtown that have pool tables." The players pay an entry fee to see how few of shots they can break and clean the balls off the table.

Big Bill Meacham again rose to the occasion by running all 90 balls off of the six tables in 81 strokes.

Blincow said Meacham collected \$450 in prize money for his excellent shooting. His last table run of 15 balls at the Legion Club only took 10 strokes. Blincow said, "If you are a pool shooter try to beat that some time."

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After two previous tries Jr. Harris won the open division. He played through the winners bracket without loss of a match. Harris defeated last year's second place winner Gary Golder and Paul Weigand, last year's fourth place winner sending

them down to the loser's bracket to try and play their way back to the championship.

Danny Medina, the four-time national nine-ball champion, was sailing along in the winner's

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N.B.N.: What about the players as far as tournaments go, better or worse?

JOE: That's a good question, Conrad! Over the past years, I've had the pleasure of spending a lot of time with these great players. Believe me, Conrad... this is a "great" group of men and women out here! I think that the players are as frustrated as a lot of us promoters are. Don't forget that they are the ones supporting these events. It's a difficult task for them to earn a living for themselves, after they pay entry fees, hotel, airfares, food, etc. I give each and everyone of them my vote of gratitude for their efforts. Also, remember that if you don't finish in the top four places.... you almost assure yourself of a break even proposition at most of the tournaments! I think that the players deserve a lot more respect from our industry... yes, I know there are a few who can get out of line, but remember 90% of them are under extreme pressure to perform and earn a living at the game that they so dearly love to play for themselves and us, too! I was a caddy for pro golfer Tony Lema at the Firestone country Club in Akron when I was 16 years old. Golf was at about the same stage at that time as pool is today. You should have heard some of those struggling pro golfer's horror stories. I think the total purse in Akron that week (1963) was about \$15,000, however, a couple of weeks ago the Greater Greensboro Open sponsored by K-Mart had a purse of one million dollars! The pro pool players are just fine, and once the money gets right... they will be even better. Also, the endorsements from within our industry will assure some of these players a secure future just like all the other professional athletes!

N.B.N.: I know you have run both men's and women's events, how about the women?

JOE: The women are a great drawing card to any event. Take this tournament for instance, a crowd of around 400 people showed up on Wednesday to watch only the women compete. The following day, Robin Bell played Joann Mason in the finals and the crowd really got into the girls' great play. They even gave Joann a standing ovation after her first major victory! The girls really are a plus at many of the major events. They really give the spectators a good look at just how well the women are able to play now. The women have a tough time drawing by themselves at a tournament. Since most of the added

money is put up by individuals instead of corporations, it unfortunately seems that they are sometimes willing to cut expenses at the cost of the women. I don't like this any more than the women! I do know one thing... when I see the shows on television, the girls sure make an important contribution to the success of the telecast in my opinion.

N.B.N.: It seems to me the women have taken some giant steps over the last ten years. What are your feelings on that?

JOE: Conrad, you hit the nail right on the head! This week three women played in the men's open division and two of them did extremely well. Belinda Bearden won a match against local Detroit star Mike Sardelli and finished in the money. Jean Balukas beat Howard Vickery this week and in the past year she has defeated some great male players like: Keith McCready, Steve Mizerak, Mike LeBron, Buddy Hall, etc. In my opinion, the girls can't beat a steady diet of men, however, don't think that they can't upset some of the best men! They also have a fine organization for themselves in the WPBA (Women's Professional Billiard Association).

N.B.N.: How about more events for the women?

JOE: The one thing I feel bad about is that there are not enough tournaments for the girls in 1988. Believe me girls, I'm trying, I'm trying!

N.B.N.: And how about the game as a whole over the last 10 years?

JOE: The game itself is still as great as it's ever been. However, now more people are aware of it due to the *Color of Money* movie, the televised matches on cable television and the influx of tournaments throughout the country. The one thing I always think about is a player like Mike Sigel. Mike has dominated this sport for well over a decade, winning over 80 titles in America and several different countries. Yet, the average person at the airport doesn't know who in the hell Mike is! If Mike played any other televised sport he would be a multi millionaire. Television and corporate sponsors are out keys to success. If you don't think television is important, just listen to this! Last month, at the Governor's Cup in Columbus, Ohio, we were setting up the tables for the tournament and the crew was just getting ready to put the cloth on the bed of the table. A young man, who worked at the hotel, came into the ballroom and looked at the gray table top and asked if it was made of rubber! The next words out of his mouth, "Oh, is that Pretty Boy Floyd going to be here?" He didn't even know that slate was used on pool tables. However, he saw the tape with Jim Mataya on the

USA and ESPN cable television and wanted to know if he was going to be there!

N.B.N.: Let's go back to the men for a moment. You seem to have a much easier time with the pros than many tournament promoters and directors. Why?

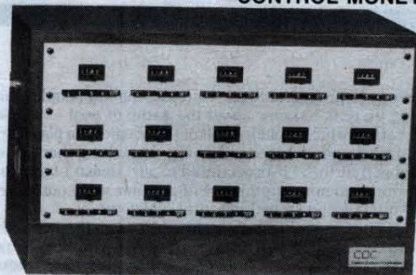
JOE: With the risk of sounding to hearts and flowers here, I think mutual respect is the key. I've never felt as if I've ever taken advantage of a player and in turn I do not let the players take undue advantage of my position. I've said it before and it still holds true, I respect what these men and women are trying to do and in return I hope that they will appreciate what I try and do for them. I also sanction all of my events with the PBA (Professional Billiards Association) and the WPBA (Women's Professional Billiard Association). These associations also have guidelines which I try and follow at all of my Joker Promotions tournaments. Consistency is also very important to me... I try to be as consistent as possible in situations involving the player and the tournament. After years of this, I think the players know pretty much what to expect when they come to a tournament that I'm promoting or directing. I should say that I am very proud of their support in past events. However, I never take it for granted! Sometimes I must discipline a player (it's part of the job). I've played myself for many years and I try to treat the players in the same manner that I would like to be treated. Each player is an individual and sometimes dealing with sixty-four or more egos can be a little taxing! However, that's what I get paid for — to take the heat! I also am a real stickler on scheduling matches. Most of the time I will have the tournament board scheduled out to the finals immediately after the draw. I think the players like this and they can plan their time out more efficiently while at a four or five day tournament.

N.B.N.: How many weeks a year do you spend on the road?

JOE: Conrad, after the past four months, it seems like forever! This has been a busy time for me with all of the events that I had scheduled in. I usually spend about 25 weeks a year away from home. I'm either directing an event or trying to get sponsors for an event. Oh yes, and once in a while I even get to play in an event. In May, I'm flying to Las Vegas to be married and I will get to spend a few weeks on a honeymoon... and since my fiancée, Becky, loves to play as much as I do, we will probably play in the Hard Times Men's and Women's Tournament in Los Angeles while

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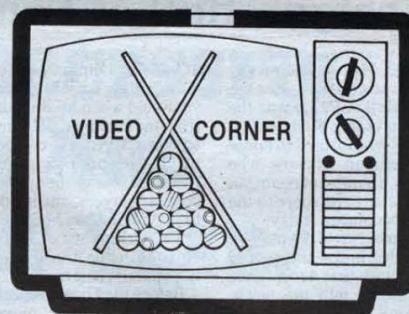
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5 Sherrill Calvert	Univ. of Pittsburgh	IV
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10 Paul Brown	Georgia Southern College	VI
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**1988 ACU-I NATIONAL BILLIARDS
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WOMEN**

Name	Institution	Region
1 Janet Dordell	Penn State Univ.	IV
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9 Renee Marion	Northern Michigan Univ.	VIII
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Watch ESPN listings in June for the Ring 9-Ball Championship and a lot of other pool action throughout the summer.

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Michigan Hall of Fame Inductees

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To this goal two of the players who excelled in the sixties and struggled with that acceptance were inducted into the newly formed Hall.

Jeane Ann (Williams) Cardwell became the first female inducted. Winning many titles in the sixties Jeane Ann is still involved today in her 17th year teaching co-ed pocket billiards

at Lansing Community College. Jim Mataya was barely 15 years old when he won his first title in Lansing, MI and has spanned 20 years of competitive playing and promoting. Certainly Jim is one of the tours most popular players, and in addition to playing he has become quite a TV personality of late. Both Jim and Jeane Ann are certainly popular choices.

Before they could be inducted and in a surprise move Joe Farhat himself was made the first inductee into the Hall.

An why not? No one has worked harder over the last 20 years to promote and elevate the sport than Joe.

Back in the early sixties when no one would run womens events, they were a regular feature dawning players on a National level to this Velvet Rail in Lansing to compete.

We think it's wonderful and proper that Joe was the first inductee.

Over 100 people jammed the Quality Inn in Lansing for the ceremonies with many industry leaders in attendance. Among them: Jim Bakula, Brunswick Corp.; Mike Geiger, DNR Ind.; Chuck Milhem, Valley Co.; Robert Foeschle, BCA; Gerden Hart, Viking Cue and Richard Mull, Lansing Community College.

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out on the west coast!
N.B.N.: If you could choose one type of event for the players to compete in, what would it be?

JOE: My favorite tournament is a 9-ball event. However, I personally love to play straight pool and one pocket. While out in Las Vegas, I will be staying at the Stardust. Now wouldn't it be nice to bring back a world's all-around event at the Stardust Hotel? I think that 9-ball is very exciting for the audience. This is why I favor it for tournament play. I remember those grueling straight pool matches on *Wide World of Sports*. Although I love to play straight pool I don't feel that it is very well suited for television. Even though snooker is very popular in England, I don't think that an American audience could take that much safety play again. In England, the people are a little more reserved. In the United States, we wanted it yesterday... Fast Food! Fast Cars! Fast Everything! I think that the fast pace of 9-ball would really capture the fan's attention, also, I think that if we could get a 9-ball event televised on ABC, NBC, or CBS where the general public could consume it, not just the limited audience that views cable. Then I think we would be close to home! If the ratings are great on cable! Imagine what they might be on network television.

N.B.N.: What change would you like to see as far as tournament structure goes?

JOE: I'd like to see single-elimination, seeded events much like this McDermott Masters.

N.B.N.: Why?

JOE: I really feel the format is suitable if we are to have a chance to put 9-ball on television. We should have a format structure that would leave us with, let's say, four players left for the finals to be televised. They could be short races to six with two tables in use and the cameraman could show great shots on each table as they arise.

Much like in golf where they go from hole 16 to hole 15, then back to Vince on 18. Except they could say, "Look at this great shot that Hopkins just made on table 1," or "Look at this incredible jump-shot that Strickland just made on 2." Then the finals would follow between the winners at these two tables. If you think a race to 6 is too short, consider this... at bowling events they eliminate all week down to five players, then they bowl "1" game for all the cash! The money is usually so good for the top positions that the players wouldn't mind the short sessions at the end. It also would take about two hours air time with commercials. A shot clock could be used to ensure speed of play just like in tennis.

N.B.N.: How far are we from an organized pro tour?

JOE: Well Conrad, I've got a line up starting in January in Knoxville with \$20,000 added. This will be at the beautiful Hyatt Hotel. Then I'll have three other \$10,000 added hotel events scheduled in right after that. Bob Opsahl's Rak-M-Up Classic precedes these events at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina. So I've got the show... now I just need the dough! Conrad? You got around \$600,000 in loose change in your pants? Seriously through... a promoter needs the money to get the television and he needs television to get the cash from the sponsors. If you can get one, I think I just might be able to get the other. If several events were staged in series like this and presented to the viewing audience as the pro tour. Even if it didn't take off as expected at least tournament 9-ball had its fair chance at the big time! But if it did catch on and the ratings are as good as all of us expect them to be, then the sponsors might just be coming to us until hopefully every week in the calendar year was filled with professional tournaments. This, of course, sounds great in theory... however, basically the same

thing happened with golf, tennis, and bowling, didn't it? I know that I'm mixing a little bit of my dream in with reality, but you'll have to indulge me this one time!

N.B.N.: How about the future for the sport?

JOE: We are going through a great resurgence right now. However, we must capitalize on it this time. After the *Hustler* was released in the 60s, the industry enjoyed a brief but profitable period as we are now. With the *Color of Money* being re-released on the movie channels of cable television, I've noticed that all the young new players are trying to play 9-ball instead of the usual 8-ball game. Table manufacturers, cue makers, etc. must realize that pro tournaments can go on forever, long after the movie has burned out, thus keeping the game and interest alive and benefiting their product line. So far a few brave companies in our industry have started to support the the pro tour. This McDermott Masters is one of them and I was very happy to see Brunswick Corporation sponsorship back in October. Also, let's not forget the Peter Vitalie Company, and the National Billiard Table Company of Cincinnati. Let's just hope that this is the start of future support from within our industry. In this way we are showing those in other corporations that we have faith in our own sport!

N.B.N.: How about the future for Joe Kerr?

JOE: The future for Joe Kerr looks good and I'm close to closing another nice big tournament that will be announced at a later date! After eight years of hard work in promoting and directing, I would like to see this sport get its fair share of fame and fortune for both the players and fans! At that point we will all be able to sit back and enjoy the benefits! If anyone out there wants to make pool and/or Joe Kerr's future really great, help me out on the job! Send me that million dollar sponsor! I'll do the rest!

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Langen, June*	7	4	Central
Quinlan, Jerry	6	2	Central
Spoerl, Jack	6	1	Central
Feeney, Donald	6	1	Central
Bengels, Mike	5	1	Central
Stice, George	5	1	Central
Gallardo, Mario V.	4	1	Central

bracket until he met Larry Perera of Sioux City, Iowa.

Perera, a relatively unknown in local circles, sent Medina to the loser's bracket. This set up the match between Perera and Harris to see who would remain undefeated.

Harris prevailed.

Perera would again have to play Medina who had by now defeated Jim Gavil of Colorado Springs and Steve Sales of Sioux City.

This match, between Perera and Medina resulted in a tournament win for Medina, sending Medina back to the championship match against Jr. Harris.

The good-shooting Harris was still up to the task and defeated Medina five to one to pick up the \$900 first place money.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Participation in the women's division was up 10 percent this year, Blinow said. He added, "I can't imagine this much talent

in one tournament."

Timi Bloomberg, Rapid City, shot her way through the field without losing a match. However, in the finals she had to work hard. In the race to four wins, she jumped to a big lead of three to nothing over Margie Justice.

Justice, a Colorado Springs resident, started a comeback and tied the match up at three games each. Bloomberg made the eight ball with a difficult cut

shot to gain the championship and pick up the \$650 first place money.

Earlier in the tournament Bloomberg had sent Justice to the loser's bracket. Justice defeated Gini Keeler last year's third place winner and Toni Gattton, a newcomer this year, to get a chance to replay Bloomberg for the title.

Justice, after the final game, took home \$375 saying she had come to Oxford with \$20 and she went home with \$375 which was to be used for a pair of new boots and other clothing. "I really needed this win," she said.

Gini Keeler proved how consistent she is by finishing in the top four for the third year in a row. Keeler is from Lincoln and no doubt one of the finest players in the state. Bloomberg, the champion, is from Rapid City and is only 24 years old and has had a lot of experience in playing competitive pool.

Her mother and younger sister also participated in the tournament and by luck of the draw they never had to play against the tough shooting Timi.

Oxford entries of Jennifer (Lewis) Tracy, Glenda Stump and Melinda Stump all won a few tough matches and let the out-of-state girls know that there was some good local talent.

NINEBALL

The nine-ball tournament had 14 players with first place going to Mark Rogers of Wichita; sec-

ond place to Melvin Shay of Manhattan; Stan "Buffalo" Wilson of Omaha and Frank Smith of Manhattan shared third and fourth places.

WINNERS

First place, Jr. Harris, Colorado Springs, CO, \$900; 2nd place, Danny Medina, Denver, CO, \$700; 3rd place, Larry Perera, Sioux City, IO, \$400.

Tie for 5th place Jim Gravit, Colorado Springs, CO, \$125; Gary Golder, Castle Rock, CO, \$125.

Tieing for 6th place Paul Weigand, Wichita, KS, \$100; David Carmond, Cherokee, IO, \$100.

Tieing for 7th place Mark Rogers, Wichita, KS, \$75; Frank Smith, Manhattan, KS, \$75; Phil Haneline, Omaha, \$75; Dick Spitzer, Rapid City, IO, \$75.

Tieing for 8th place Mark Rogers, Wichita, KS, \$50; Armand Sharper, Mason City, IO, \$50; Stan Wilson, Omaha, NB; and John Gattton, \$50.

WOMEN WINNERS

First place Timi Bloomberg, Rapid City, IO, \$650; 2nd place Margie Justice, Colorado Springs, CO, \$450; Toni Gattton, \$250; 4th place Ginny Keeler, Lincoln, NB, \$150.

Tieing for 5th place were Dee Northup, Lincoln, NB, \$75 and Kathy Wilson, Omaha, NB, \$75.

Tieing for 6th place were Sam Henrick, Des Moines, IO, \$50 and Julie Mason, Wichita, KS, \$50.

Forever Billiards Tournament in Reno

David Nottingham, whose pocket billiard playing ability continues to rival the prowess of the Sheriff of Nottingham in Merry Ol' England, warmed up for the Sands Regent 7th 9-Ball Open Championship June 8-12, in Reno, Nevada with another victory in Las Vegas.

Dave Nottingham, who captured the \$1,000 first-place prize in the Forever Billiards 1st Annual Nevada State Open Championship 9-Ball Tournament, added another \$1,000 to his bankroll, capturing "The Bar Tournament", Saturday and Sunday, April 23-24 at The Point After Restaurant & Lounge in Las Vegas.

That brings to \$3,100 the amount of cash Nottingham has collected in three tournaments since 1988 began just 4½ months from his latest triumph. His investment? A mere \$285 combined!

This time Dave prevailed over a paid field of 128 players who had to risk a \$10 entry fee at a shot for the \$1,000 bonanza!

His victim was Mike "Nutsy" Katsoras in a one set, race to 9 finale, 9-6.

"Nutsy's" reward was \$400, although is only loss in the two-day event came in that final confrontation.

The event was conducted by the recently-formed F.B.I. pool leagues and coordinated by the F.B.I.'s Tom Nicopolis, Dan Ouellette and Carolyn Nicopolis.

Eight 16-player, double-elimination qualifiers were held at seven locations, with the first- and second-place finishers advancing to the finals.

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Forehand hosted both a men's and women's qualifier at The Meadows Lounge and Nicolson held one for women only, at u. Foxfire Nellis Lounge.

Each sponsor added \$200 to the prize fund of \$1,280 for a purse of \$2,880 less expenses. All players monies were returned. The field was paid through 32 places.

Third- and fourth-place finishers in the 16-players qualifiers received \$20 and \$10, respectively.

Tournament organizers plan the F.B.I. 1st Annual Nevada State Open 8-Ball Championship to be held in September in Las Vegas. Details will appear soon in the National Billiard News.

Next event for the Southern Nevada area in an attempt to

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VFW 20th Anniversary Pool Tournament

By VAL LEMONCELLI

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, State Pool League recently celebrated its 20th Anniversary by fielding the largest group of entries in all three of their tournaments.

The singles tournament had 81 entries and took seven hours and 55 minutes to shoot 216 games of pool on seven tables. John Sweeney of Romanowski Post 6896, District 4 emerged as the 1987-88 champion. Second place went to Galen Morrow of Davison Post 4087, District 10. Cug Hawley of Belding Post 4406, District 9 was third with Bob Brown of Royal Oak Post 1669, District 5 in 4th.

Twenty-nine doubles teams met head to head for five hours before Fred Kemp and Jim Woldt of Taylor Post 4422, District 4 came out as doubles champions for 1987-88. George Stone and Dennis Theobald of Garden City Post 7575, District 4, placed second with Jack Grimshaw and Al Pethers of Allen Park Post 5572, District 4 placing third. Fourth place went to Harry Riney and Lou Barrie of Centerline Post 6756, District 5. Harry and Lou were last years' double champions.

On Saturday, April 30th, 26 teams from around the state of Michigan met for the State Team Championship. After seven hours and 90 games of

pool, Belding Post 4406, District 9 finished as the 1987-88 team state champions. Allen Park Post 5572, District 4, ended up in second with Flushing Post 5666, District 10 in third and Wayland Post 7581, District 8 rounded out the day in fourth.

Twenty years ago the VFW tournament started with the team event only, two pool tables

and took one day. Over the years, it has grown into a two day event with seven pool tables and a singles, doubles and team event. Eleven of Michigan's 14 districts participate with about 90 teams and approximately 1,100 shooters statewide. Next year's tournament will be in the upper peninsula of Michigan in Sault Ste. Marie.



State Pool Tournament Singles, Singles Champion John Sweeney, Romanowski Post 6896, District 4.



Doubles Champions L to R: Jim Woldt, Fred Kemp, Taylor Post 4422, District 1.



STATE POOL DISTRICT L to R: Larry Albert, Don Holt, Mike Bunting (Capt.), Cug Hawley, Ned Vandermolen, Mike Crysler, Jack Bailey.

Sixth Annual Ladies State Pool Tourney

Acorn Post 1669 in Royal Oak was the site of the 6th Annual VFW Ladies Invitational Pool Tournament. On Friday, March 25th, they held the singles and doubles events, and the team event was on Saturday the 26th. The participants represented 13 ladies auxiliaries and six of the 14 VFW districts. The districts represented were the 5th, 8th, 10th, 11th 13th and 14th.

The ladies use the same rules of play that the men use. That being 8-ball, last pocket. All matches for the entire two day tournament were three of five games.

The singles started at 9:40 a.m. with 19 ladies. After five and a half hours and 77 games of pool, the champion was Chris Rappuhn of Davison Post 4087, District 10. Just so happens Chris is the sister of last year's champion, Paula Tomkinson. Second place went to Sharon Domke of Rogers City Post 607, District 13. Sharon is no stranger to these tournaments. She also finished 2nd two years ago. The lady that finished 1st two years ago finished 3rd this time is Alfrida Martens also of Roger City Post 607. Alfrida just happens to be Sharon's mother. Rosie Stewart of Oscoda Post 3735, District 11,

finished in 4th place.

About 3:30 p.m., after completion of the singles, 13 sets of two began competition for the doubles championship. It took five and a quarter hours and 54 games of pool before Paula Tomkinson and Dorit Davis of Davison Post 4087, District 10, emerged as doubles champions for 1987-88. Guess it is only fair, Paula wins the doubles and her sister wins the singles. Come to think of it, the entire day was a family affair. The host post held two 50/50 drawings during the day. Paula won the first one and her father won the second one. In 2nd place, was the hometown team of Marilyn Fairchild and Kathy Kneisteadt of Royal Oak Post 1669, District 5. It amazes me that they could concentrate on pool while constantly working to assist in the smooth operation of the tournament. Finishing 3rd was Kelly Bradford and Linda Topolinski of Chevrolet Motor Post 3087, District 10. These two ladies were the double champions for the last two years. Really a tough duo on the pool table. Fourth place went to Dawn Bender and Denise Holtz of Delton Post 422, District 8.

The next morning, 17 teams began shooting pool and after 8 hours and 73 games of pool, the

champions were the ladies from Otsego Post 3030 of District 8. Second place went to Rogers City Post 607, District 13. In 3rd was Oscoda Post 3735, District 11 and Chevrolet Motor Post 3087, Team No. 1, District 10 came in 4th.

The two day tournament climaxed with an awards banquet, Saturday night. About 240 people attended to applaud the winners and have a super party. And these ladies really know how to party. The band was great and the dance floor was always packed.

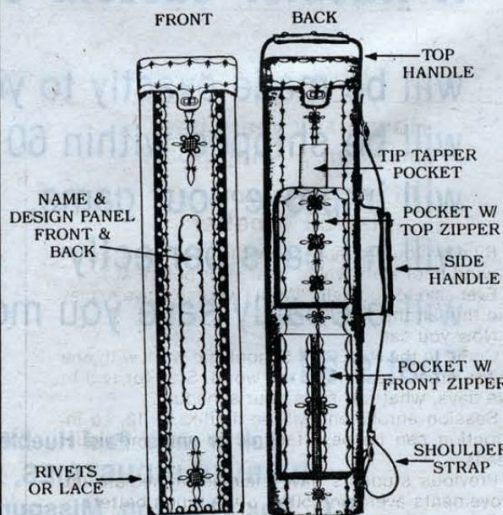
The host post did a superb job in preparing for the tournament and provided excellent facilities for all to enjoy. The hall was decorated beautifully and they made all who attended feel warm and welcome.

For those of you that do not know, Paula Tomkinson is the ladies state chairman. She took over under trying circumstances when Darlene Hamilton passed away last July. Darlene had been the only chairman the ladies had. Paula jumped right in, and with the help of her staff — Lucy Jones/treasurer and Peg Williams/historian — did an outstanding job. I commended them for their hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work.

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3 Buddy Hall	35,221	457
4 Efren Reyes	29,511	327
5 Kim Davenport	23,950	321
6 Dave Bollman	19,182	294
7 Mike LeBron	19,883	289
8 David Howard	19,132	265
9 Jim Rempe	21,081	243
10 Nick Varner	22,255	230
11 Jay Swanson	15,833	170
12 Danny Medina	12,919	168
13 Allen Hopkins	11,900	166
14 Grady Mathews	10,879	166
15 Jeff Carter	10,583	149
16 Keith McCready	9,996	135
17 Howard Vickery	9,386	134
18 Ray Martin	11,225	129
19 Steve Mizerak	8,450	129
20 Wade Crane	7,050	112
21 Jimmy Reid	6,403	107
22 Chris MacDonald	7,145	100
23 Paul Brienza	6,721	98
24 Dallas West	6,862	96
25 Robert Williams	6,350	82
26 Robert Hunter	6,150	66
27 Jack Hines	4,948	65
28 Tom Brown	4,531	60
29 Jimmy Mataya	3,923	55
30 Johnny Archer	3,727	53
31 Sammy Jones	4,050	52
32 Daniel Dennis	2,574	49
33 Mark Maryo	3,619	44
34 Mark Jarvis	2,990	44
35 Steve Dobrowolski	2,350	43
36 Danny DiLiberto	3,200	38
37 Dick Lane	3,000	38
38 Mark Wilson	2,319	34
39 George Brunt	2,150	24
40 Tommy Kennedy	1,737	33
41 Bobby Johnson	1,985	32
42 Dennis Hatch	2,012	30
43 Pat Fleming	1,431	30
44 Gary Nolan	2,225	28
45 Billy Burge	2,073	28
46 Dan Louie	2,650	25
47 Richie Ambrose	1,709	25
48 Mike Zuglan	1,235	25
49 Harry Aporff	1,473	21
50 Ron Casanzio	1,235	21
51 Jose Parica	1,400	20
52 Danny Jones	835	20
53 Jim Marino	1,315	18
54 Kenny Wellman	1,175	18
55 Benny Conway	927	15
56 Charles Rosenblatt	773	15
57 Gary Spaeth	773	13
58 Gerry Watson	912	12
59 Rich Geiler	1,100	12
60 David Nottingham	1,100	12
61 Scotty Boggs	700	12
62 Gothorn Newport	550	12
63 Michael Cone	450	12
64 Bill Incardona	1,000	10

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meet demands of the numerous
players will be a Women's Bar
Tournament, scheduled for ear-
ly June. Date and sites for the
tourney have not been finalized.

Contact Tom Nicopolis at
1-702-798-6803 for further details.

Unlike his smashing victory in
the F.B.I. 1st Annual Nevada
State Open Championship 9-Ball
Tournament, Nottingham's road
to victory was far from smooth.

He was surprised in the third
round of the winner's bracket in
the qualifier at the 4 Seasons
Eatery & Pub by Wes McCur-
tain.

Play was race to four, one
foul, ball in hand and McCurtain
prevailed, 4-3.

Nottingham had just finished
a tough match against Curtis
Payne, who he out-lasted to win
the F.B.I. Nevada State Open
9-Ball Tournament two months
prior. Dave won 4-3, but McCur-
tain did the same to him in "The
Bar Tournament" qualifier
semis.

However, Dave regrouped to
defeat Steve Wilkerson, 4-2 and
Alex Pernas, 4-1 prior to aveng-
ing his loss to McCurtain in the
qualifier loser's bracket finals,
4-0.

Meanwhile, Katsoras had
breezed through undefeated at
The West Hill Pub field that in-
cluded such toughies as "Doc"

White, Jimmy Croley, and Jerry
Russo, all of whom had cashed
in the 64-player Nevada State
9-Ball Open conducted by the
F.B.I.

White knocked Nottingham in-
to the loser's bracket of the
finals the next day in the third
round of the winner's bracket.

From there Dave followed
that 1-4 setback with a 4-2 win
over Greg Kuhl and successive
triumphs over Les Peplinski 4-2
and White, avenging his earlier
defeat with a 4-1 verdict.

Katsoras also strolled
undefeated through the final 16
winner's bracket with a tough
4-2 win over Jay Swensen, a 4-0
sweep of Bernard Rogoff and
consecutive victories against
Peplinski, 4-2 and White, 4-1.

That set the stage for the race-
to-9 finale.

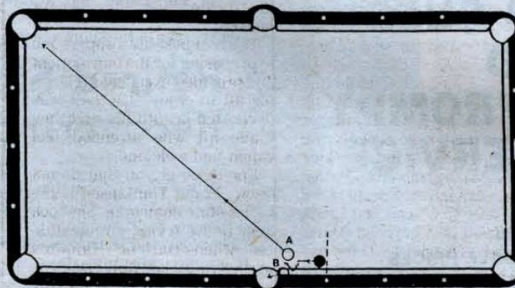
Nottingham quickly broke in-
to the lead 4-1, running out twice
from the break. Katsoras rallied
briefly to close to within 5-3 and
again to within 8-6.

"Nutsy" has trouble with his
break. When he did make a ball
or two he would snooker himself
on the next ball," Nottingham
analyzed. "I got the rolls when
I needed them. I was up 8-6 and
'Nusty' broke and made three
balls, but he was hooked. He had
to kick at the 1-ball and left me
open.

"That was it, but I was wor-
ried, believe me," Dave said. "I
also would like to thank the
F.B.I. pool leagues and the spon-
sors for making events like
these possible in Las Vegas.

White took home \$200 for
finishing third. Peplinski
pocketed \$140 for fourth, while
Kuhl and Jimmy Moore, who
won the 4 Seasons Eatery & Pub
qualifier where Nottingham
nearly was eliminated, each col-
lected for \$100 for their 5th-6th
place efforts.

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Fimple Wins Shootout

by JOE BORTKA

On Saturday, May 7th, Stan Fimple, the 1987 BCA National Champion, along with fifteen of the better players in the Midwest, converged upon Bobby Gene's Lounge in Shawnee, Kansas to shoot at the monthly title.

The field included such players as three time winner Marty Heldenbrand from Cameron, Missouri, Chris Crosser, the recent winner of the Springfield, Missouri tournament sponsored by Huebler Cues, Tom Weidel, Sterling, Illinois, the fifth place finisher in the Moline tournament, Ron Griffus, the best player in Topeka, Kansas area, Don Copp from Lawrence, Kansas, Herb Pennington from Omaha, Nebraska a regular participant. The rest of the field was from the Kansas City area.

Stan started his march through the field with a win over Mike Nagaki 9-3. Stan's next match was a tough 9-8 win over Rick Carlton. He then met Don Copp with Stan prevailing 9-4. Then came Stan's only loss in the tournament, 7-9 to Marty Heldenbrand, making Marty the

winner of the winner's side for the fifth time in these tournaments.

Marty Heldenbrand marched through the field undefeated on Saturday with wins over Richard Cates, Dan Hill, Ron Griffus, and Stan Fimple.

Dan Hill and Tom Weidel proved to be the class of the field on Sunday in the second round. Dan started his march to finish third with wins over Chris Crosser, Steve Bales, Don Copp, Tom Weidel, before losing to Stan Fimple to finish third.

Tom Weidel, after losing his first match on Saturday to Steve Bales, came back Sunday ready to try for the gold. Tom started off Sunday with wins over Joe Bortka, Rick Carlton, Herb Pennington, Ron Griffus, before losing to Dan Hill and settling for fourth place.

The scene was now set for the final match with Stan having to beat Marty twice to win the tournament. The first set, Marty went out to a two game lead before Stan tied the match at two. They then traded games to tie the match at seven, with Stan winning the next two for a 9-7 win. The second match saw Marty take a three game lead.

Stan then tied the match at three. Marty won the next three for a 6-3 lead. Stan won the next game to make it 6-4. Marty came back to make it 7-4. At that point with the score 7-4, Marty in the second set, as I was raking the balls Stan told me, "I'm gonna get him." Marty was breaking the next five games and lost all five to give Stan a 9-7 victory.

I might add that Stan showed the poise of a true champion. I would also like to wish Stan all the luck for defeating his title in Louisville. Stan was headed for Louisville as soon as he was finished here. Good luck Stan and hope to see you win the BCA National again.

This will be the last tournament at Bobby Gene's Lounge. I will try and find another sponsor and put another tournament together. I would like to thank all the players who supported this tournament over the last fourteen months.

Order of Finish

1 Stan Fimple	\$500
2 Marty Heldenbrand	300
3 Dan Hill	150
4 Tom Weidel	100

Letters to The Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

I've recently had the pleasure of viewing the finals of the men's and women's nine-ball championship tournament on ESPN. It had everything a pool player only dreams of. The money, the prestige, a sold out crowd and last but not least, the media.

Unfortunately, I found one thing most distracting throughout the program and that was the level of noise these was in the room. It was so loud I couldn't understand how anyone could concentrate under such conditions. I know when I enter a local tournament here in North Bergen, New Jersey (Columbia Park Billiards), the owner makes sure the noise level stays at a minimum.

It just simply gives the player an opportunity to concentrate on his or her game and a fair chance to win. In closing, if you're a fan of the sport and enjoy watching the pros at their best, just remember you can't expect us to be at that level if there's too many distractions going on. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Frank Rosario Jr.
Pocket Billiard Player
Weehawken, NJ

To the Editor:

I am saddened and depressed at the progress of pocket billiards. I am 73 years old and I don't think that I will ever see pool rise to the great heights it deserves.

I have been in the game 60 years and have played most of the world champions... Mosconi, Crane, Cranfield, Balsas, and other billiard stars past and present. It is a shame that none of

these men have made the money they deserve.

I have played all over New England and Canada, exhibitions in colleges, clubs and pool halls for over 50 years and tried to promote the game. It has been an effort for me and other billiard performers.

It is frustrating to read in *Billiard News* and *Billiard Digest* that tournaments have not begun to realize their potential in terms of popularity and prize money. The prizes are too low compared to the time professional players must put into the game to play at a professional level.

It is my opinion that more should be done to enhance the popularity of the game. The players themselves must work to promote the game. Many just go from tournament to tournament to collect whatever prize money is being offered. Little time and effort is put in promoting and planning some of these tournaments.

Proprietors of pool halls, billiard companies, the National Organization could do more to enhance the sport.

Successful promotion is a key to success. Perhaps a PR company could conduct a campaign to promote the sport. If a collection of billiard hall proprietors and billiard companies contributed to promote a \$100,000 tournament this might set the tone for other large purse tournaments to be organized.

All would benefit... players, proprietors, billiard companies,...

Sincerely,
John Marco

Retired Star Kalman Recovering in Vegas

"Father Time" has nothing on "The Hour Man"!

George Kalman, known as "The Hourman" during his professional playing days in Michigan, recently survived a double ileostomy in which all of his large intestine and his colon were removed in February.

The spry Kalman, who will celebrate his 80th birthday June 5 in Las Vegas, Nevada, is recuperating at his home, with visions of competing in local league play on a limited basis and also of finishing his television game show.

I started back playing about May 1. I'm not playing well, mind you, but I can lean against the big table (4'2-foot by 9-foot) and make a few tough shots," George said.

The former Michigan State Champion in straight pool has played against and beaten some of the best of his day, including tournaments in which the legendary Ralph Greenleaf and Willie Mosconi participated.

Kalman is a retired musician and has played violin in several well-known orchestras. NBN wishes George a speedy recovery.

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