

# AMATEUR BILLIARDS ASSOCIATION - SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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**F.K. Stevens**

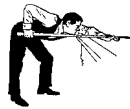
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## Is He Lucky?

**T**HEY call Mr. F. K. Stevens "Lucky Frank" around at Tattersalls Club. When the draw is made for bookmakers' stands in the grandstand enclosure at a racecourse he often finds himself with No. 1 position, which is an advantage if it is nearest the concourse of punters.

In the amateur billiards championship he has often had the good fortune to draw a bye. He has drawn a bye in the contest beginning on Monday. But Mr. Stevens is not so sure that he is lucky, not at any rate with the cue, for in eleven championship contests he has been runner-up six times at billiards, four at snooker, and he has won the snooker title once.

If I were a bookmaker I would not admit that I was lucky; out of fear that I would drive customers away. Both parties to a bet cannot win. Just by way of finishing off this paragraph, is there such a thing as luck, good or bad?



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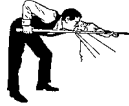
## ***DRAW FOR AMATEUR BILLIARDS MATCH***

The first heat of the State amateur billiard championship will be played at the Palace Billiard Hall on Monday night. The draw is:—

Monday—A. H. Hearnden v. J. Dawe;  
Tuesday—C. C. Hooper v. K. Hetherington;  
Wednesday—W. H. Mathews v. J. Johnson; F. K. Stevens, a bye.

Heats will be of 750 up, and the final, which will be played in three sessions, will be of 2,000 up. The semi-finals will be played on Thursday and Monday week, and the final on August 27, 28, and 29. W. H. Matthews is the titleholder.

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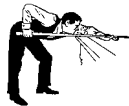


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# **State Billiards Championship Begun**

The South Australian billiards championship was begun last night between A. H. Hearnden and J. Dawe. Scores:—Hearnden, 750; Dawe, 301. Best breaks:—Hearnden, 42, 54, 45, 53, 47, and 98; Dawe, 40, 43, 45, and 47. Tomorrow's match will be between C. C. Hooper and K. Hetherington.

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# **Amateur Billiards Semi-Final Tonight**

The last game of the first round of the South Australian amateur billiards championship was played at the Palace Billiard Hall last night. W. Matthews, with 750, defeated H. Johnson, 470. Matthews's best breaks were 60, 82, 39, 43, 36, 46, 76, and 48. Johnson's best were 42, 34, 30, 48, 30, 55.

Tonight the first semi-final will be played between A. H. Hearnden and C. C. Hooper. The game will start at 7.45.

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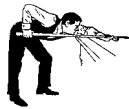
### Billiards

## **W. MATTHEWS MEETS F. STEVENS TONIGHT**

At the Palace Billiard Hall tonight, W. H. Matthews will meet F. K. Stevens in the second semi-final of the South Australian amateur championship. Matthews is the titleholder.

The game will be 750 up, and will start at 7.45. The winner will meet A. H. Hearndon in the final, which will be of 2,000 up. It will start tomorrow night, and be continued on Wednesday and Thursday.

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### **Amateur Billiards Semi-Final**

The result of the second semi-final of the amateur billiards championship, last night, between W. Matthews and P. K. Stevens, resulted in a win for Matthews, who scored 750 to his opponent's 567. Breaks—Matthews—75, 50, 49, 48, 60, 79, 97, 31. Stevens—74, 68, 59, 38, 36, 33.

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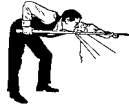
### **Hearnden Leads Matthews in Billiards Contest**

A. H. Hearnden (667) was leading W. H. Matthews (594), holder of the title for two years, at the close of play in the first session of the amateur billiards championship of South Australia last night.

Best breaks were—Hearnden, 62, 62, 38, 76, 52, 42, and 34. Matthews 30, 32, 93, 122 and 36.

The match, which is of 2,000 up, is being held at the Palace Billiard Hall. The second session will begin at 7.45 p.m. today, and the final session at the same time tomorrow.

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### Amateur Billiards Championship

In the second section of the South Australian amateur billiard championship, played at the Palace Billiard Hall last night, A. H. Hearnden is leading W. W. Matthews by 1,333 to 1,282. Breaks—Hearnden, 36, 46, 36, 35, 43, 74, 47, 37; Matthews, 88, 74, 35, 74, 83, 43. The game will be concluded tonight.

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### Billiards

## W. H. MATTHEWS WINS AMATEUR TITLE

By winning the State amateur billiards championship last night from A. H. Hearnden, W. H. Matthews annexed the Brady-Netter Shield. It was the



W. H. Matthews

third time Matthews had won the championship, and his victory gave him possession of the trophy.

The championship game was of 2,000 up, played in three sessions. Hearnden, playing good billiards, led Matthews in the first two sessions, but last night Matthews struck his top form. Catching Hearnden about the 1,500 mark, the champion always seemed a winner from that point. The final scores were

Matthews 2,000, Hearnden 1,892.

Towards the end of the game Matthews showed excellent form. His principal breaks were 33, 88, 56, 72, 43, 83. Hearnden's best breaks were 40, 53, 50, 77, 80.



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## Billiards

# Matthews to Play In Sydney

The South Australian amateur billiard champion, W. H. Matthews, will leave by train tonight for Sydney, where he will represent this State in the Australian championship matches beginning on Saturday.

The draw for the championship has not been announced, and it is not yet known who will represent Queensland. The holder of the title is L. Hayes, of New South Wales. T. Cleary will represent Victoria.





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## Billiards

# S.A. Team to Meet Victoria

The South Australian Amateur Billiards League has selected a strong team to meet a Victorian side in a series of games next week.

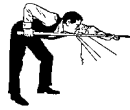
The South Australian team comprises W. H. Matthews, A. H. Hearnden, H. L. Goldsmith, W. H. Buchanan, F. K. Stevens, C. C. Hooper, M. J. Hanley, and F. Bickmore.

Games will be of 300 up, and two sets of three games will be contested simultaneously each night at the Commercial Travellers' Club.

The Victorian team is expected to arrive on Monday, and will be tendered a civic reception at 11 a.m. The first interstate game will be played on Tuesday night, and the series will be continued on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The visitors will leave for Melbourne on Friday, September 27.

Included in the Victorian team is T. Cleary, champion of that State. With W. H. Matthews (S.A. champion) Cleary will be rated number one, and the two will be drawn to meet. Other members of the teams will play according to classification.

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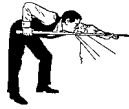
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### Visiting Billiardists at Practice



MEMBERS OF THE South Suburban Amateur Billiard Association of Victoria, who are in Adelaide to play interstate matches against South Australia, photographed practising at the Commercial Travellers' Club today. From left they are:—W. McDonald, E. N. Bracy, A. T. Grant (manager), F. Hancock, T. Cleary (Vic. amateur champion), S. Wood, C. Norman (captain), and L. Beauchamp.

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### **Victoria Defeats S.A.**

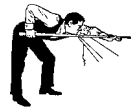
Keen interest was shown in the first interstate amateur billiards contests played in Australia at the Commercial Travellers' Club, North terrace, last night, when Victoria defeated South Australia in a series of matches. Other matches will be continued tonight and tomorrow night. The results of last night were:—Victoria, 5 matches; South Australia, 1 match. Each match was 300 up.

In the No. 1 match of the evening W. H. Matthews—amateur champion of South Australia for the past three years, defeated Victoria's present amateur champion, F. Cleary. In Matthew's score his best breaks were 60, 52, 51, 27, and 24. The best break (113) of the evening was scored by F. Hancock (V.), who also made other breaks of 81, 30, 27, and 24. In this match Hancock defeated W. H. Buchanan, who was three times amateur champion of South Australia. The closest match was between C. E. Norman (300), twice champion of Victoria, and A. H. Hearnden (221), ex-South Australian State champion and a past Australian champion.

L. Beauchamp, three times champion of Victoria, who holds the record for the highest break (237) in amateur competitions, had an easy win over C. Hooper, the snooker champion of South Australia. Beauchamp's average was  $23\frac{1}{2}$  and his best breaks were 78, 67, and 55.

The final scores were P. Cleary (V.), 175, lost to W. H. Matthews (S.A.), 300; C. E. Norman (V.), 300, d. A. H. Hearnden (S.A.), 221; E. N. Bracy (V.), 300, d. H. L. Goldsmith (S.A.), 195; W. McDonald (V.), 300, d. F. K. Stevens (S.A.), 210; F. Hancock (V.), 300, d. W. H. Buchanan (S.A.), 131; and L. Beauchamp (V.), 300, d. C. Hooper (S.A.), 114.

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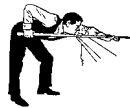
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### **Victoria Wins Amateur Billiards Match**

The interstate amateur billiards matches were continued at the Commercial Travellers' Club last night, Victoria winning by 5 games to one. Brilliant performances were given by the victors. Results:—Cleary (Victoria), 300 defeated Matthews, 105; Norman 300, d. Hernden 150. Bracy 220, lost to Goldsmith 100; McDonald 300, d. Stevens 112; Hancock 200 d Buchanan 173, Beauchamp 300, d. Hopley 137.

Cleary's breaks were 104, 74, 54, 41, his average being 28. Norman made breaks of 64, 51, and 37; Bracy 53, 39, 39; McDonald 66, 58, 41 and 86 (unfinished); Hancock 71, 70, 59 and 53 (unfinished); Beauchamp 104 and 55. Goldsmith (South Australia) made a break of 103.

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# INTERSTATE BILLIARDS

## Victoria Wins Series

At the Commercial Travellers' Club, North terrace, last night, Victoria and South Australia each won three matches in the interstate amateur billiards contests. It was the final night of the three arranged for matches. Victoria won 13 matches, and South Australia 5.

The two States' champions, T. Cleary (V.), and W. H. Matthews (S.A.), met for the third time, when the South Australian won, giving him two wins to his opponent's one. With an unfinished break of 113, Matthews reached his 300 when Cleary was 248. Cleary's best break was 82.

A close game was played between C. E. Norman (300), a former Victorian champion, and A. H. Hearnden (280), ex-champion of South Australia, and a former Australian champion. In this game Hearnden's best breaks were 57, 44 and 40; Norman's best was 47. W. H. Buchanan (S.A.) reached his 300 when his opponent, E. N. Bracy, was 101.

The final scores were:—W. H. Matthews (S.A.) 300, d. P. Cleary (V.) 248; A. H. Hearnden (S.A.) 280, lost to C. E. Norman (Vic.) 300; H. L. Goldsmith (S.A.) 300, d. E. N. Bracy (V.) 101; P. K. Stevens (S.A.) 250, lost to W. McDonald (V.) 300; W. H. Buchanan (S.A.) 300, d. F. Hancock (V.) 248; and C. C. Hooper (S.A.) 269, lost to S. N. Wood (V.) 300.

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### **Billiards League Championship**

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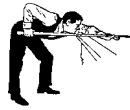
The first two games of the individual championship of the Amateur Billiards League were played last night, and resulted in Matthews defeating Hooper and Buchanan defeating Herring.

The former game was contested at the Norwood Club. Both players showed excellent control of the red ball. Matthews (State amateur champion) compiled breaks of 85, 61 and 51 before half-way points had been reached. Therefore, Hooper's form in being within 50 at this stage was particularly good. Final scores were:—Matthews, 500; Hooper, 364. Principal breaks:—Matthews—61, 51, 85, 58, 98, 50 (unfinished); Hooper—40, 35, 41, 49, 50, 54.

The game between W. H. Buchanan and P. Herring, played at the Returned Soldiers' Club, Angus street, was a great tussle. After passing the 400, Buchanan's greater experience told, and he won by 25 points. The highest breaks made in this game were 61 and 52, but both players were most consistent and returned good averages. The final scores were:—Buchanan, 475; Herring, 450.

Tomorrow night, H. L. Goldsmith will play P. Bickmore at the Commercial Travellers' Club, and A. H. Hearnden will play A. Dechert at the Railway Institute. The semi-finals and finals will be played at the Albert Billiards Hall, Gawler place, on Tuesday and Thursday, November 5 and 7.

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### **Goldsmith And Hearnden Win Billiards Matches**

Goldsmith (500) defeated Bickmore (370), and Hearnden (500) defeated Deckert (255), in the first round of the S.A. Teams' Amateur Billiards Championship last night. Goldsmith started with a 57 break in the game at the C.T.A. Club, and gradually increased his lead until at the half-way stage he was over 100 in front. Bickmore, opening with a beautiful three cushion cannon, went on to make an 88 break, following with a 40. This effort gave him the lead, but Goldsmith replied with 87, and again led. Final scores were:—Goldsmith, 500; Bickmore, 370. Breaks—Goldsmith, 57, 24, 21, 31, 87, 52, 75, 34; Bickmore, 31, 45, 88, 25, 64, 30.

In the other game, at the Railways' Institute, Hearnden went to the front early. After 200 was passed, Hearnden began striking well, and with a good string of breaks, ran out with Deckert at 255. Final scores:—Hearnden, 500; Deckert, 255. Breaks—Hearnden, 30, 20, 38, 45, 66, 24, 41, 51, 42; Deckert, 48, 27, 42, 58.

The semi-finals will be played at the Albert Billiard Hall, Gawler place, which has been exclusively engaged by the league, next Tuesday. The final next Thursday will be played at the same place. In conjunction with the 600 up at billiards, an exhibition game of five sets of snooker will be played by the State champion (C. Hooper) and F. Bickmore.

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### Amateur Billiards

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The semi-finals of the S.A. teams' individual amateur billiards championships, played at the Albert Billiards Hall, Gawler place, resulted in Goldsmith defeating Hearnden and Buchanan defeating the State amateur champion, W. Matthews. Goldsmith began well, and with an excellent run of losing hazards went to the lead. He continued to improve his position from consistent runs which left Hearnden well behind. At this stage the loser was unlucky in the run of the balls, but, nevertheless, the winner played brilliant billiards, and won comfortably. The final scores were:— Goldsmith, 600; Hearnden, 340. Breaks.— Goldsmith, 38, 44, 34, 58, 68, 74, 53, 31; Hearnden, 30, 38, 46, 68, 28.

Buchanan, in the second match, played simultaneously with the other game, surprised by comfortably defeating Matthews 600 to 418. The winner played delightful all-round billiards, and led almost throughout the game. Buchanan's compiling of 600 86 break was a great effort of ball control, while Matthews's 92 was a varied exhibition of red ball and top of the table play. Final scores:— Buchanan, 600 (breaks, 47, 31, 65, 86, 36, 35, 25 unfinished); Matthews, 418 (breaks 92, 45, 35, 43, 22, 28).

The final will be played at the same hall tomorrow night, when Goldsmith will meet Buchanan. In conjunction with this game, an exhibition game of five sets of snooker, between C. Hooper (State amateur snooker champion), and F. Bickmore will be played.



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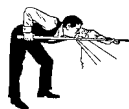
### **Goldsmith Defeats Buchanan In Billiards Final**

The final of the individual championship of the S.A. Billiards Teams' League was won last night by Goldsmith, who defeated Buchanan by 600 to 519.

Best breaks—Goldsmith, 35, 40, 74, 38, 28, 46, 36, 20, 40 and 21; Buchanan, 20, 32, 41, 44, 31, 28, 87, 21, 43 and 33.

An exhibition snooker match between Hooper and Bickmore provided an excellent display of the winning hazard game. At the end of the fifth game Hooper was leading, with the scores—Hooper, 270; Bickmore, 207. Both players continued in fine form to the end of the seventh game. Hooper won by four games to three, with the aggregate scores 383 to 352. Best breaks—Hooper, 34, 32, 23, and 22; Bickmore, 27, 24, 21 and 20.

## 1935 ABASA Amateur Snooker Title



No articles found except references to C.C. Hooper Snooker Champion