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Billiards Championship By SIDELINE

Jack Harris is expected to retain the South Australian amateur billiards championship which will begin next week.

The draw is:—Monday, S. Bannear v. B. Haddy; Tuesday, W. Saunders v. R. Farquharson; Wednesday, J. Harris v. R. Harland; Thursday, P. Bickmore v. H. Johnson; Friday, D. Merritt v. A. H. Hearndon.

Games of one session will be 600 up and the semi-finals of two sessions.

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Billiards Tonight

R. Farquharson and W. Saunders will play in tonight's game in the State amateur billiards title competition.

Farquharson has displayed improved form in recent games, and if he reproduces form he showed two years ago should be hard to beat. Saunders, however, has been playing in top form. He looks the likely winner.

Last night's game resulted:—B. Haddy defeated S. N. Bannear, 600 to 382. Best breaks:—Haddy—25, 53, 30, 25, 32, 54; Bannear—30, 30, 28.

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State Billiards Title

W. Saunders (600) defeated R. Farquarson (324) in the SA Amateur billiards championship last night.

Saunders's best breaks were 64, 52, 41, 41, 32.

The titleholder, J. Harris will meet R. Harland tonight.

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State Billiards Title Play

The News, Wednesday,
August 4, 1948—5



R. FARQUHARSON (left) and W. Saunders deciding the break-up before their match in the State amateur billiards championship tourney last night. Saunders won. Watching are Messrs. M. Wood (president, S.A. Amateur Billiards Association), left, and J. Hemessy (referee).

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State Billiards Title

Titleholder Jack Harris was in fine touch to establish a big lead early in defeating R. Harland in the SA amateur billiards championship last night. Harris won 600 to 410.

Best breaks were:—Harris, 92, 40, 83, 34, 36, 93. Harland, 41, 43, 49, 43. Harris averaged 14.

F. Bickmore will meet B. Haddy tonight.

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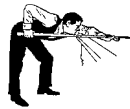
Bickmore Sound In Billiards Win

Last year's runner-up, F. Bickmore, gave a sound display to defeat B. Haddy by 600 points to 332 in the SA billiards championship at the Amateur Billiards Association club-rooms last night.

Best breaks were:—Bickmore—40, 43, 31, 73, 33, 38, 33, 68, 30, 41; Haddy—23, 24, 23, 20, 27. Bickmore averaged 12.

W. Saunders will meet H. Johnson tonight.

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Billiards Title Play

H. Johnson reached the semi-final of the SA billiards title by easily accounting for W. Saunders last night. Johnson won 600 points to 281. Best breaks were:—Johnson—30, 32, 67, 53, 32, 82, 35; Saunders—32, 28, 26. Johnson averaged 11. A. Hearnden will meet K. Merritt in a quarter final on Monday night.

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Billiards Title Play

Including two breaks of over 100, State champion Jack Harris, gave a fine exhibition to establish a commanding lead of 600 to 287 over P. Bickmore in a semi-final of the SA amateur billiards title last night.

The concluding session will be played tonight.

Harris averaged 21. Best breaks:—Harris, 40, 157, 89, 113, 43, 35 (unfinished); Bickmore, 43, 23, 34, 22, 39, 39.

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Harris In Billiards Final

Jack Harris was again in excellent form to defeat P. Bickmore by 1,200 to 705 in a semi-final of the SA amateur billiards title last night. Harris averaged 18 and Bickmore 11.

Best breaks—Harris, 73, 128, 27, 22, 25, 21, 110, 37; Bickmore, 29, 32, 34, 24, 48, 25, 20, 43, 34, 41.

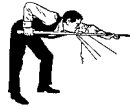
The other semi-final will be played between A. Hearnden and H. Johnson tonight and tomorrow night.

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Billiards Title Play

H. Johnson played consistently to lead A. Hearnden, 600 to 332, in a semi-final of the SA Amateur Billiards championship last night. The match will be concluded tonight.

Johnson averaged 13. Hearnden 11. Best breaks were:—Johnson, 51, 43, 27, 56, 25, 39, 31, 41, 20, 33, 63, 24; Hearnden, 46, 22, 33, 23, 25, 20.



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Amateur Billiards Title

By SIDELINE

The first session of the final of the State billiards championship was played last night between Jack Harris (holder) and Harry Johnson at the amateurs' clubrooms last night.

Scores at the close of play were:—
Harris (in play) 600, with breaks of 60, 34, 41, 36, 23, 48, 29, 33, 31, 21, 70.
Johnson 520, with breaks of 129, 21, 55, 28, 30, 39, 28, 22, 38.

The match will be continued to-night and concluded tomorrow.

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Harris Retains Amateur Billiards Title

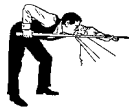
By SIDELINE

Jack Harris retained the State amateur billiards championship last night when he defeated Harry Johnson in the final. Harris has now won the championship on six occasions, and has held it for the last four years.

The final score when the third session of 600 finished last night was 1,800 to 1,457.

Mr. Jack Hennesy was the referee.

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Merritt (S.A.) Beaten In Amateur Billiards

LAUNCESTON, September 7.

The British Empire billiards champion, T. Marshall, of Western Australia, made a break of 236 in the second day's play of the Australian amateur billiards championships at Launceston today.

Marshall was playing the Tasmanian champion, T. W. Cox, in a match which will be continued at noon tomorrow.

Scores at the end of the session were:—Marshall 1,023, Cox 485.

A. G. Bull (NSW) 1,467, d. R. C. Merritt (SA) 762, by 705.

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Empire Billiards Champion Wins By 1,000

LAUNCESTON, September 8.

The Empire billiards champion, R. Marshall, of Western Australia, won his first match in the Australian Amateur championships at Launceston today by defeating T. Cox, Tasmania, by more than 1,000.

Tonight T. Cleary (Victoria) defeated R. G. Merritt (SA) by 1,771 to 1,071.

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HOBART, September 10.—T. V. Cox, Tasmania (1,794), defeated R. C. Merritt, South Australia (805) in the Australian amateur billiards championship today.

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Brilliant Billiards.—The Empire billiards champion, R. Marshall, was in brilliant form in the Australian championships at Launceston yesterday. His eight century breaks included one of 540 and three triple centuries. In the four hours of play, Marshall scored 2,685 to the 838 scored by R. C. Merritt of SA.

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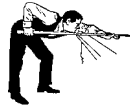
BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP TO MARSHALL

Empire billiards champion, R. Marshall (W.A.) last night defeated the 1947 titleholder, T. Cleary (V.) by 213 in the final of the Australian amateur championship at Launceston.

The play last night was tense, as Marshall's lead at the start of play was only 324. Marshall did not get going early, but a break of 234 put him well in front, and until the last quarter-hour of play the difference was approximately 300. Breaks of 103 and 82 by Cleary reduced the deficit to less than 200 with about 10 minutes to go, but Marshall finished with a 95 break.

Marshall's previous Australian title wins were in 1936-37-38-39-46.

Scores: Marshall, 1,674; Cleary, 1,461. Best breaks last night were: Marshall, 234, 95, 93, 66; Cleary, 186, 103, 86, 82, 72. Marshall's match average was 23.9 and Cleary's 20.9.



The Mail Sat 25 Sep 1948 Page 5

Fairchild wins snooker event

Max Fairchild won the handicap snooker tournament conducted by the Amateur Billiards Association of S.A. last night.

There were 64 entries and the tournament was played in two divisions.

Fairchild (handicap 50) won the top division and Bert Hearnden (handicap 10) the bottom division.

In the final Fairchild, best two of three frames, won 85—69, 111—46.

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Snooker price up

A rise in the price of snooker at Adelaide and suburban saloons was announced today by the S.A. Billiards Association secretary (Mr. P. E. Brady). He said two-handed snooker would now cost 1/3 instead of 1/. This would be the only change.

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SNOOKER TITLE

The State snooker championship begins tonight at Amateur Billiards Association clubrooms, Gawler place.

Tonight's match is between ex-champions L. McKenzie and R. Limmer. Other competitors, who have previously won the title, are F. Bickmore and H. Johnson. Titleholder is J. Harris, who will play his first match of the series on Thursday night.

Draw for this week's games is:—
Tomorrow—Merritt v. Campbell;
Wednesday—Harland v. Fairchild;
Thursday—Harris v. Bickmore; Fri-
day—Saunders v. winner of McKen-
zie-Limmer match.



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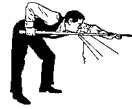
CLOSE SNOOKER GAME LIKELY

A close game is likely when C. Merritt meets S. Campbell in the State snooker championship tonight. Campbell, playing in his first title tournament, shows promise of developing into a first-class player.

Merritt took two frames from J. Harris in a semi-final last year and, with experience at the Australian championship this year, has improved considerably. He has bright prospects of reaching the final.

L. McKenzie defeated R. Limmer by three frames to two in an interesting match last night. The winner was in doubt until near the end of the fifth frame. Limmer, in playing a safety shot, left the pink ball over the top pocket and McKenzie had no trouble in potting it.

Scores:—McKenzie, 61, 33, 61, 46, 67; Limmer, 33, 70, 47, 57, 42.



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SNOOKER STARS MEET TONIGHT

The titleholder (J. Harris) will meet F. Bickmore in the first quarter-final of the State snooker championship tonight.

Harris, who has won the title five times, is playing in top form. Bickmore has won once and been runner-up four times.

Last night Max Fairchild caused the first upset of the series when he defeated Harland three frames to one.

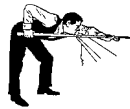
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Snooker tonight

W. Saunders and K. McKenzie will meet tonight in the second quarter-final of the State snooker championship. A close game is expected.

Saunders, unlucky to lose to the titleholder (J. Harris) last year, has shown splendid form at practice, while McKenzie is rapidly approaching the form which won the title in 1942.

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Harris In Snooker Win **By SIDELINE**

Jack Harris (title holder) made a remarkable recovery to defeat Fred Bickmore, three frames to two, in reaching the semi-final of the State amateur snooker championship last night.

In the final frame Bickmore led 53—10, with one red ball left, only to see Harris get a wonderful run to win on the black ball.

Harris defeated Bickmore, 57—51, 35—86, 60—41, 37—59, 71—62.

W. Saunders will meet L. McKenzie in a quarter-final tonight.

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State Snooker Title

Bill Saunders was in excellent touch to defeat a former champion, L. McKenzie, three frames to one, and enter the semi-finals of the State amateur snooker championship last night.

Saunders won, 93—26, 79—28, 22—69, 71—54.

A. Hearnden will meet R. Merritt in a quarter-final on Monday night.



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Snooker tonight

Max Fairchild, who caused the biggest upset in the State snooker championship series when he defeated Harland, will meet Harry Johnson in a quarter-final at Amateur Billiards Association Clubrooms tonight.

Although Fairchild has made great improvement in the past six months, it is expected Johnson's greater control of the cue ball will enable him to win.

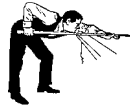
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Johnson Wins Snooker Quarter Final

Harry Johnson was always in command to win easily, three frames to nil, against M. Fairchild in a quarter-final of the State amateur snooker championship last night.

Johnson won 67—33, 71—32, 74—34.

Jack Harris (titleholder) will meet Bill Saunders in the first semi-final tonight.



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High standard of snooker likely

Snooker of a high standard is expected when J. Harris (titleholder) and W. Saunders meet tonight in a semi-final of the State championship.

Harris continues to play a brilliant game, although he was perhaps a little fortunate to beat Bickmore. Saunders showed in beating McKenzie that he is also in championship class. He was beaten by Harris on the black ball last year.

The game will be played at Amateur Billiards Association club-rooms, Gawler place.

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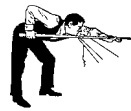
Johnson Wins Snooker Semi-Final

Harry Johnson won comfortably from Bert Hearnden, three frames to nil, in the second semi-final of the State snooker championship last night.

Although Hearnden played soundly, Johnson held the initiative throughout, and potted brilliantly at times to win 91—28, 64—32, 91—51.

Johnson will meet the titleholder Harris in the final tonight.

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Snooker final

One of the best snooker matches seen here for years may be provided by the meeting of J. Harris (titleholder) and H. Johnson in the State championship final tonight.

Both players showed brilliant form in earlier matches of the title series.

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Harris Retains Snooker Title

Jack Harris retained the State snooker title last night by defeating Harry Johnson, four frames to three, after a close struggle lasting more than three and a half hours.

Johnson was the more spectacular, but Harris was in fine touch and potted cleverly at critical stages.

Harris won. 57—56, 87—47, 47—87, 43—81, 81—8, 4—92, 68—38.