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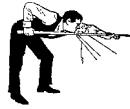
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**No articles found of Annual General Meeting**

Announcement of notice to quit Association rooms Gawler Place before 1955

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**Construction of Adelaide's biggest building—a 12-storey structure in Grenfell street—will begin next year. The estimated cost is between £800,000 and £900,000.**

The building, which will have a frontage of approximately 100 ft. on Grenfell street and 140 ft. on Gawler place, will be constructed by St. Peter's College.

It will be on the north-east corner of the intersection and will be an outstanding feature of the city's skyline.

**Notice To Quit**

They all had leases which contained a provision that they would be required to leave, on being given six months' notice of the owner's intention to oc-

Note this building was named Da Costa

cupy the land for purposes of reconstruction.

The tenants affected are:—

Metters Ltd. (hardware manufacturers), Theodore Bruce & Co. Ltd (auctioneers), Flehr and Co Ltd. (tailors), Pellegrini & Co. Ltd. (church and school suppliers), Ingerson Ltd. (tailors), F. Baker (tailor), J. Carr (boot repairer), the Adelaide Health Clinic, the Amateur Billiards Association of SA, Deane and Keen Ltd. (jewellers and opticians), and C. A. Stewien (Grenfell Fruit Palace).

## **Title Billiards Begins Tomorrow**

The SA amateur billiards championship will begin tomorrow night in the club-rooms of the Amateur Billiards Association in Gawler place.

Matches will start at 7.45 p.m.

The draw is:—

First heat (tomorrow) — C. Blewett v. H. Stone; second heat (Thursday)—R. Merritt v. W. Chapple; third heat (Friday)—H. Gully (last year's runner-up— v. J. Williams; fourth heat (Monday)—B. Haddy v. B. Wilson; fifth heat (Tuesday) J. Harris (present titleholder) v. winner of Blewett-Stone match; sixth heat (Wednesday)—P. Bickmore v. winner of Merritt-Chapple match.



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## **Title play in billiards**

The opening round of the SA Amateur Billiards Association Championships will be played tonight in the clubrooms, Gawler place, City

C. Blewett and H. Stone will play one session of two and a half hours

Selectors will choose a player at the end of the championships to represent South Australia in the Australian Amateur Billiard Championships in Tasmania in August

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## **First Match Of Billiards Title**

The opening match of the SA Amateur Billiards Championship for 1954 was played last night at the clubrooms of the Amateur Billiards Association, Gawler place, when H. Stone 527, defeated C. Blewett 462.

Stone's best breaks were 63 and 59 and Blewett's were 57 unfinished and 50.

The championship will continue tonight when R. Merritt will play W. Chapple.

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### **BILLIARDS**

In the third round of the State amateur billiards championship played last night, H. Gulley 731, defeated J. Williams 409.

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### **State Billiards**

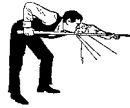
B. Wilson defeated B. Haddy in the second quarter-final of the State amateur billiards championship last night by 616 to 564.

Tonight's game at 7.45 p.m. will be between J. Harris (titleholder) and H. Stone.

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### **Billiards Quarter-final**

In a quarter-final of the State amateur billiards championship, played in the Gawler place clubrooms last night, Jack Harris (titleholder), 837 defeated Harold Stone, 507. Best breaks were, Harris (63, 69, 91, 76 and 73) and Stone (60).



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## **F. Bickmore's Billiards Win**

F. Bickmore defeated R. Merritt 761 to 444 in the last quarter-final of the SA amateur billiards championship last night.

Bickmore's best breaks were 91 and 51. His average was 11.

He will meet titleholder J. Harris in the first semi-final tonight.

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## **Amateur Billiards Championship**

The first session of the State amateur billiards championship ended last night with H. Gully (616) leading B. Wilson (558).

Best breaks were:—Gully, 55, 57, 46; Wilson, 49, 44, 65.

Play will continue tonight in the State Amateur Billiards Club rooms, Gawler place.



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### **BILLIARDS WIN TO H. GULLY**

The first semi-final of the State amateur billiards championship was decided last night when H. Gully, 1,273, defeated B. Wilson, 1,061.

Best breaks were:—Gully, 87, 59, 53, 51; Wilson, 36, 34, 33.

The second semi-final on Monday and Tuesday with 2½ hours' play each night will be between titleholder J. Harris and snooker champion F. Bickmore at the SA Amateur Billiards Association rooms, Gawler place.

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### **Billiards Champion In Good Form**

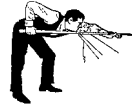
J. Harris, the titleholder, gave an exhibition of billiards that has rarely been excelled in SA when he played F. Bickmore in the first session of the second semi-final in the State amateur billiards championship at the Amateur Billiards clubrooms last night.

Harris ran up many breaks, his best being 207, 128, 137, 171 and 84. His average for the session was 25.

Bickmore's best break was 44.

The sessional scores were:—Harris, 1,101; Bickmore, 338.

The game will be continued at 7.45 tonight.



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## Billiards Win To J. Harris

J. Harris, the titleholder, continued in good form last night to beat F. Bickmore in the second semi-final in the State amateur billiards championship at the Amateur Billiards Club-rooms, Gawler place.

Scores were: — Harris, 1,979; Bickmore, 928.

Harris's best breaks last night were 193, 70, 68, 88 and 82. Bickmore's best were 74 and 54.

Harris's average for the match was 22.

He will now play H. Gully in the final tonight, Thursday, and Friday nights. Each session will last 2½ hours.

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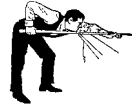
## Harris Leads In Billiards Title

J. Harris, the titleholder, held only a narrow lead over H. Gully, when the first session of the State amateur billiards championship ended last night.

Harris was not in his best form, achieving only one century break.

Scores — Harris (in play) 665, Gully 543. Best breaks — Harris 81, 116; Gully, 59, 47, 45.





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## Good Billiards By J. Harris

J. Harris, the titleholder, was in better form in the second session of the State amateur billiards championship against H. Gully last night.

Harris scored breaks of 65, 62, 114, 142, 119 and 61. Gully's best were 52 and 55.

Progress scores — Harris, 1,697; Gully, 959.

The third and final session will be held tonight.

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## Harris Retains Billiards Title

J. Harris last night retained his SA amateur billiards title when he defeated H. Gully in the final at the ABA clubrooms, Gawler place.

Harris has now won the title 12 times—the last 10 in succession.

Best breaks were — Harris, 141, 49, 63, 60, 50; Gully, 34, 49.

Harris will represent SA at the Australian championships in Launceston on August 16.

The winner and runner-up there will represent Australia at the world amateur billiards championship in Sydney in September.



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## **Harris On Top In State Title**

J. Harris comfortably defeated H. Stone in last night's heat of the SA amateur snooker championship.

Scores:—Harris d. Stone, 76—24, 87—15, 74—45.

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## **Fifth S.A. Heat**

B. Wilson defeated J. Williams three frames out of four in the fifth heat of the SA Snooker Championship last night.

Scores:—Wilson d. Williams, 50—28, 25—60, 77—39, 56—38.



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## **Quarter-Final To Snooker Champion**

**Titleholder Bigmore won three frames out of five to beat ex-champion Limmer in a quarter-final of the State snooker championship last night.**

**Scores:—Bigmore 43, 84, 87, 36, 64; Limmer 46, 11, 85, 66, 27.**

**Youlton and Both will play the third quarter final at 7.30 tonight.**

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## **Brief Snooker Tie**

**A quarter-final in the State amateur snooker championship, held at the SA Amateur Billiards Association rooms last night, was decided in three frames.**

**A. Both, 80, 69, 50, d. W. Youlton, 33, 46, 42.**

**Tonight's quarter-final is between J. Harris and B. Pretty.**



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## Snooker Win

J. Harris won the second quarter-final of the SA amateur snooker championship by defeating R. Prettv. 67—29, 49—52, 81—22, 64—37.

B. Wilson will meet W. Chappell on Tuesday

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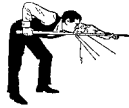
## Snooker Upset

W. Chappell caused an upset last night when he defeated B. Wilson three frames to two in the SA snooker championship.

The first three frames were an exhibition of brilliant potting and controlled position.

Scores:—Chappell, 32, 65, 23, 61, 54; Wilson, 86, 47, 78, 23, 16.

Tonight the titleholder F. Bickmore will be well tested by W. Atkins. The match will start at 7.30 in the ABA clubrooms, Gawler place.



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## **Titleholder Wins Snooker Tie**

**F. Bickmore, the titleholder, beat W. Atkins in the fourth quarter-final of the SA amateur snooker championship last night.**

**Bickmore won 52—43, 55—27, 54—41 after an interesting match.**

**J. Harris, the State billiards champion for the past 10 years, will meet A. Both in the first semi-final in the SA Amateur Billiards Association's clubrooms in Gawler place tonight.**

**The final will be played on Monday.**



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## **Harris Scores In Snooker**

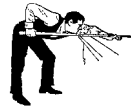
**J. Harris won first semi-final of State snooker championship last night, defeating Alex Both in four straight frames.**

**Both, who had a commanding lead in the second and fourth frames, made one bad shot in each on the yellow ball, which gave Harris the opportunity to clear the table and win by small margin.**

**Harris won 82—30, 72—67, 66—27, 53—47. Harris's best break was 54 in the first frame.**

**The second semi-final between F. Bigmore and W. Chappell will be played tonight.**





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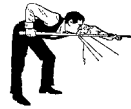
## **Snooker Surprise**

In the second semi-final of the SA amateur snooker championships, W. Chappell caused a surprise by beating titleholder F. Bickmore, four frames to two.

Scores were:—38-58, 15-64, 62-28, 61-34, 60-51, 48-34.

Bickmore seemed to lose touch after winning the first two frames.

The final will be played at 7 p.m. on Monday at the club-rooms, Gawler place, between Chappell and J. Harris, who has held the billiards championship for 10 consecutive years.



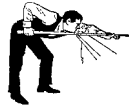
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## **Harris Expected To Win Snooker**

J. Harris, SA billiards champion for the past 10 years and a previous winner of the State snooker title, is favorite for the final of the SA amateur snooker championship which will be played at the clubrooms, Gawler place, tonight.

Harris will meet W. Chapple, who has shown excellent form in the elimination rounds.

The match will be the best of seven frames and will begin at 7.30 p.m.



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## **Harris Wins S.A. Snooker Title**

In an interesting match J. Harris won this year's SA snooker championship last night when he defeated W. Chapple.

Scores were: — 74—33,  
105—5, 46—63, 57—35,  
52—38.

Both players played particularly well but Harris's general experience told in the end.

Chapple had several opportunities but Harris was always able to counter him.

Next week exhibitions will be given between Tom Cleary, who recently won the Empire billiards championship, and Wilson Jones, present holder of the snooker and billiards championship of India.

SA champions will also play.