

# AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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L. W. HAYES

# **1920 Australian Amateur Billiards Championships** **Alcocks Rooms, Elizabeth St. Melbourne**

Two contestants

The Daily Telegraph (Sydney) Wed 1 Sep 1920 Page 10

**MELBOURNE, Tuesday.**—The contest for the amateur billiard championship of Australia was commenced to-night between J. W. Hooper (N.S.W.) and C. T. Luft (Victoria).

Hooper was in excellent form, and at the finish of the session had scored 601 to his opponent's 383.

The best breaks were: Hooper, 60, 56, 54, 47, and 37; Luft, 77, 51, 24.

The Argus (Melbourne) Thu 2 Sep 1920 Page 5

## **BILLIARDS.**

### **AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP. HOOPER FAR IN THE LEAD.**

Mr. J. R. Hooper, the amateur champion of Australasia, increased his lead at both sessions yesterday in the match of 3,000 up for the championship which he is contesting with Mr. C. T. Luft.

In the afternoon Hooper's average was 13.5, and his highest break was 81. He was scoring against the challenger at the rate of nearly two to one. That he did not get larger breaks was due chiefly to the very difficult table. The right-hand top pocket, which is especially hard, brought him and Luft to grief a number of times when they appeared well set for a break. At the close of the afternoon session the scores were:—

Hooper (in play) .. .. .	1,309
Luft .. .. .	775

In the evening Hooper made a good all-round break for 96, though it was marred by a fluke at 54. He was playing hazards with particularly good strength all through the session considering how little experience he has had on the table, and he was usually very deadly at pots. One point worth noting is that he plays with a large shade over his eyes. With the glare of electric lights this seems a good idea, and it is a wonder that other players do not adopt this protection. Hooper's average for the day was 15.1.

The principal breaks made yesterday were:—  
Hooper—27, 27, 81, 30, 50, 44, 34, 78, 29, 34, 96, 36, 60, 51, 42. Luft—46, 27, 29, 33, 29, 45, 20, 27, 28, 30, 61, 24.

The game now stands:—

Hooper (in play) .. .. .	1,800
Luft .. .. .	1,006

## BILLIARDS.

### AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### HOOPER RETAINS TITLE.

The final session of the match of 3,000 up for the amateur championship of Australasia, between Mr. J. R. Hooper, the holder of the title, and Mr. C. T. Luft, was played last night. A large attendance was present.

Mr. Hooper had, as he has had all through, the better of the game, scoring as usual nearly two to his opponent's one. He was playing fine solid billiards, and as he has on his championship belt two breaks of over 400 inscribed, it was hoped that in yesterday's sessions he would succeed in making at any rate a century—something that he had not done during this match; but an 85 was his longest run. This was made in the afternoon, and it included a remarkable screw cannon from the right side cushion to a ball in the jaw of the left top pocket. But if he made no large breaks, he had the very good average of 16 for the whole match.

The principal breaks yesterday were:—Hooper, 39, 38, 85, 62, 32, 68, 62, 41, 52, 28, 38, 31, 51, 32, 79, 45, 76, 26, 33, 45, 33, 24, 27. Luft, 24, 20, 28, 22, 35, 27, 57.

The final scores were:—

Hooper .. .. .	3,000
Luft .. .. .	1,530

## 1921 Australian Amateur Billiards Championships

Elystan Billiard Hall, Sydney, NSW

Referee (Sydney) Wed 5 Oct 1921 Page 15

### **AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The Australasian championship was commenced on Monday evening at the Elystan Billiard Hall, between the Victorian champion, W. Sutherland, and G. B. Shailer. Sutherland was at a disadvantage in the beginning on account of the pace of the table, but soon got accustomed to the strength. Sutherland was the first to reach the century, by the help of a 55 break, to which Shailer replied with 30. Sutherland added 44 with a good all-round break, but let Shailer in with the red ball, and he rattled up 88 before he broke down on a long loser. Two sticks later Shailer passed the third century with Sutherland at 186. This seemed to steel Sutherland, and he then made his best break of 66, made up by all-round and top-of-the-table billiards; but Shailer was too fast a mover, and reached 400 to 242. Shailer's next contribution was 52, mostly off the red, and a few sticks later he ran to his points with 53 unfinished, the scores being: Shailer 666, Sutherland 347.

Kalgoorlie Miner (WA) Wed 5 Oct 1921 Page 6

The match for the amateur billiards championship of Australia between G. B. Shailer, amateur champion of New South Wales, and W. Sutherland, of Victoria, was continued to-night. At the end of the session the scores stood:—Shailer, 1334; Sutherland, 559. The best breaks were:—Shailer, 83, 64 (unfinished), 61; Sutherland, 63, 41.



## **G. B. SHAILER AGAIN AUS- TRALIAN CHAMPION**

Mr. George Shailer again holds the premier title of Australian amateur billiards, having defeated Mr. W. Sutherland, of Melbourne, for the championship title on Wednesday. This is not the first time Shailer has held the title, as he had previously won it twice, and lost it to Mr. J. R. Hooper, who retired last year. Queensland and South Australia failed to send representatives this year, and left New South Wales and Victoria to contest for the title.

The first day's play, published in last week's issue, showed Shailer with a lead of 319. On Tuesday evening Shailer played splendidly, and practically monopolised the table, ending the session with a long lead of 776 points, with only one session of 666 to play. He finished the session with the excellent average of 24.14, and put his 666 points together in the short time of 95 minutes. Sutherland seemed to be put right out of his stride by Shailer's brilliancy, and could not get going.

Shailer started well by running his overnight unfinished break of 53 to 95, and added 44 and 45 in his next two visits to the table. A little afterwards Shailer reached the 800 while Sutherland was 378. Sutherland then added 27, but let Shailer in with the red ball in position, and he did not let up until he had contributed a beautiful run of 83. It was mostly off the red. Sutherland then got going in his best effort of the evening, with a nicely played all-round 63, in which he passed the fourth century, while Shailer was in the ninth. A little later Shailer again struck form, and several breaks between 30 and 60 were rattled together, until he reached his sessional points with an unfinished run of 64. The scores at the end of the session were: Shailer (in play) 1334, Sutherland 559. Sutherland's average for the session was 8.00.

## THE FINAL SESSION.

A full house was present for the final session. Shailer only added 8 to his unfinished 64, breaking down on a long losing hazard. Both players were cautious for a while, until Sutherland got position and ran up a nicely played 55. Shailer then passed the 14th century, and immediately put together a good all-round 63. Shailer departed from the red ball game at this stage, and added 56, 66 and 79 with all-round and top-of-the-table play. With the score at 1800-802 Shailer got in with a splendid 94, all but the first four being from off the red, his favorite scoring method. Then Sutherland got 24, 27, 18, 31, and 50 in succession, making him 995 to Shailer's 1941. Shailer was 1964 when the Melburnian passed the 1000 mark amidst applause. Shailer ran out in his next visit with a 36 unfinished, and won the championship, the final score being :

G. B. Shailer .. .. .	2000
W. Sutherland .. .. .	1035

Shailer's average was 17.43 and Sutherland's 8.13. The table was erected by Heiron and Smith, Ltd., and the room and light were donated by the same firm, who, as in the past, have given the Amateur Billiard Association every assistance possible. At the conclusion of the game, Mr. E. A. Boyle, secretary of the Billiard Association, presented Mr. Shailer with the certificate and trophy, and the good-natured arm of the law responded suitably.

**1922 Australian Amateur Billiards Championships**  
Alcocks Rooms, Elizabeth St. Melbourne

Referee (Sydney) Wed 23 Aug 1922 Page 14

New South Wales is again the pennant State in Australian billiards. The agency was that excellent cueist, Mr. George B. Shailer, and for the third time. He again proved too good for the Victorian, Mr. G. C. Sutherland, a young player who has had very little experience in the fine points of the game, being self-taught and a comparative beginner. This is the second occasion on which he has represented Victoria, and his defeat of such a fine cueist as Mr. Arthur Trickett in the final of the Victorian amateur championship, indicates that the southern State has unearthed a player who may in a year or two bring back the lost title.

Like most Australians, he has a penchant for the losing hazard, but is also versatile in the all-round game. Shailer's play is so well known that it does not require recapitulation. Since Hooper retired the champion has increased in confidence, and the pity is that funds may not allow his going to England this year to compete in the British amateur championship.

**HOW SHAILER WON.**

The Victorian was in the lead early in the first session, but after a while Shailer got in front and kept there, scoring 501 to 444 for the afternoon. In the evening the visitor made the highest break of the championship—115. The first 58 points came from white losers and the balance from the red. His other principal runs during the day were 68, 65, 44 and 42. Sutherland did not have the best of luck during the evening. His highest breaks for the day were 71 and 47. The first day's play gave Shailer a lead of 1003 to 778.

On the final day the scoring was more in Shailer's favor, as he hit up 997 to Sutherland's 697. With the exception of 91 by Sutherland in the final session, only three breaks over 50 were compiled—63, 60 and 51 by the winner. Shailer's average of 11 for the whole game was much below what we are used to from his cue in Sydney, and it was therefore fitting that Mr. Sutherland should have remarked that those present had not seen Shailer in his true form. Final scores:

G. B. Shailer (N.S.W.) .. 2000  
G. C. Sutherland (Vic.) .. 1475

At the conclusion of complimentary remarks by Mr. Meakin (president of the Victorian Association), cheers were given for the winner, who, in response, said Mr. Sutherland was a worthy opponent, who would have done better had the fates been more kind, and would certainly be a billiard force to be reckoned with in the future. Mr. Sutherland eulogised the winner. The game was played at Alcock and Co.'s new hall, St. Kilda-road, on a table which gave every satisfaction.





**G. B. SHAILER,**  
The New South Wales and Australian  
billiards champion, who successfully  
defended his Australian title in Mel-  
bourne last night against G. C.  
Sutherland (Vic.).

## 1923 Australian Amateur Billiards Championships

Palace Billiard Hall, Rundle St. Adelaide

News (Adelaide) Tue 28 Aug 1923 Page 9

The Advertiser Wed 29 Aug 1923 Page 12

### Championship Begins Today

Contests for the amateur billiard championships of Australia were commenced this afternoon in the Palace Billiard Hall, Rundle street. Representatives from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia are taking part.

This afternoon, E. H. Hinds (South Australia) met E. Tricks (Victoria) in the first session of 600 in the game of 1,200 up. Progress scores:—

Hinds (S.A.), 273.

Tricks (Vic.), 255.

This evening's session will be commenced at 7.30.

#### SHAILER'S POSITION.

Following the decision of the South Australian Association that S. P. Simmonds (Queensland) was eligible to take part in the championships, Mr. A. Boyle (secretary N.S.W. Association) wired his association as to whether it would allow G. Shailer, the N.S.W. representative, to play against Simmonds. A reply has been received to the effect that Shailer can take part.



E. H. HINDS.

### Tricks Won.

Tricks started off, but he failed to score. The South Australian opened his account with 41, and led until he was 84 to 57. Tricks appeared not to have settled down, while Hinds was playing with an easy cue. The Victorian then got on to his game. With a six shot he drew level, following with a clever all-round cannon, which gained him much applause, and he finished a 62 break with a brilliant cannon shot. Hinds did not maintain his former standard, and after he had drawn level at 139, the Victorian led at 305 to 280. Hinds played carefully, and a break of 52 put him 20 in the lead. His play was of a high order, and he executed clever cannons near the cushion. At 400 he was 52 in the lead. Tricks appeared to regain confidence, and, by clever cannons, culminating in a break of 72, he passed the South Australian, and led 502 to 453. He left the balls badly for Hinds, and his play was generally superior to that of the South Australian. Maintaining his advantage, the visitor ended a run of good play with a brilliant break of 60, unfinished, leading, at the close of the session, 601 to 487. The evening session was started at 7.30, and would be completed by 9.35. There was a big attendance of spectators. Both contestants maintained their form confidently. The Victorian led the way, and completed the 1,200 to his opponent's 818. Best breaks:—Tricks, 79, 67, 20, 37, 40, 20, 28, 27, 20, 31, 36, and 22; Hinds, 21, 27, 40, 28, 25.

## Shailer Beat Simmonds.

At the Palace Billiard Hall, Adelaide, on Wednesday afternoon, the second interstate contest for the Amateur Billiards Championship of Australia was started. G. Shailer (New South Wales) played S. P. Simmonds (Queensland). There was a large attendance. Mr. W. McFie was referee.

Both men started well, and the scores remained close until around the century, when Simmonds, aided by useful breaks, drew away, and led by 156 to 140, when Shailer, by a 30 break, drew ahead again. Even play followed, both players cannoning skilfully. A break of 41 put Shailer in front, and he kept there until a 43 break again put the Queenslander a little in the lead. The two kept together for a while, and there appeared to be little to choose between them. The play was of a high standard, although excessive caution somewhat marred the exhibition. Finally Simmonds got a narrow lead and retained it. His strokes were sure and clean, and he left a difficult position for his rival. The scores at the end of the afternoon session were, Simmonds, 601; Shailer, 546.

During the evening the players again kept close together. Shailer showed a penchant for playing off the red, and in that way compiled useful and attractively executed breaks. Neither one player nor the other was able to remain in the lead for long, and in that method they approached the 1,000 mark. The one was 994, and the other 993, until Simmonds, with a small break, passed 1,000, amid applause. The Sydneyite was not far behind, and he compiled a beautifully executed 62, all off the red. The great feature was an admirable break of 154 by Shailer, which is said to be an amateur record. Approaching the goal, play became exciting. Simmonds was slightly in advance, when Shailer got going once again. He went to 1,175, and then put "down" his opponent's white ball. With the red ball and his own only on the table he took his total to 1,197, and then broke down, having made a break of 50. Simmonds scored 21, and failed, and then Shailer scored the necessary three, winning by 1,200 to 1,183. Principal Breaks:—Shailer—46, 30, 27, 41, 28, 26, 49, 154, 29, 33, 62, 35, 50; average 10. Simmonds—43, 32, 29, 27, 43, 31, 33, 64, 32, 39, 34, 58, 44, 30, 61; average, 9.

## **INTERSTATE AMATEUR BILLIARDS.**

### **Shailer Leading Tricks.**

The final match of the Amateur Billiards Championship of Australia was started on Thursday afternoon at the Palace Billiard Hall, Rundle street, Adelaide, before a large attendance. A. W. Tricks (Victoria), who had beaten F. H. Hindes (South Australia) on Tuesday, by 1,200 to 818, was engaged against G. Shailer (New South Wales), who had accounted for S. P. Simmons (Queensland) on Wednesday, by 1,200 to 1,183. The match, 2,000 up, comprises the four sessions of 500 each. Two sessions were played on Thursday, and the remaining ones will be contested this afternoon and evening. Mr. W. McFie is referee.

#### **Shailer in Form.**

Shailer started, and rapidly got into form. He led from the beginning, and after he had made several good breaks, the scores stood at 119 to 56. The Victorian then executed pretty shots, and, with a break of 52, he drew to within 11 of Shailer's score, and in the next round passed the New South Wales representative.

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Tricks effected some splendid cannon-shots at this juncture. Shailer played carefully and easily, and a break of 31 put him in front again. He scored consistently, and appeared to be fully confident. After three brilliant all-round cannons, Tricks went off his game, and, hampered by occasional bad luck, and more so by Shailer's skilful placing, he dropped back steadily. At 200, Shailer was 35 in the lead; at 300, he had an advantage of 96; and at 400, he was 185 in front. Tricks could not get the balls into position, but Shailer's score was steadily mounting, and at the end of the session his figures were 501 to the Victorian's 246. The evening play was characterized by steady scoring, Shailer keeping well in the lead. In a fine series of middle pocket shots of the red, he completed a break of 83 (the highest for the day), which carried him well beyond the 60 mark. Tricks followed with finely played shots, and reached 300 with a 31 break. Shailer then sank his partner, but he failed in an attempt to double-balk. He played a more accurate game than did the Victorian, who was lacking in caution. The New South Welshman gave a nice exhibition of difficult shots,

including to push cannons and a glance cannon, following with in off the red, and another nice cannon. The break totalled 23. His next break also evoked interest with a clever screw back off the red, then a fine glance off the red, cannoning the white, and leaving the red in good position. Tricks on several occasions contrived to get the balls in position, and then badly missed. Shailer then reached 700, with the Victorian around the 350 mark. A little later, Tricks put up 7, and then sunk his opponent. With a nice shot for three, however, he left himself in balk. At 380 against him, Shailer's score stood at 719. A break of 22 took Tricks to 413, but when his opponent had reached 800 he was leading by 325. The New South Wales man at that stage again demonstrated nice screw back canons, and a break of 34 saw him at 839. He followed with 48, and at 90 he led by 405. Breaks of 28 and 29 followed, and the game for the night soon concluded, with Tricks's score at 535. Shailer's average break was 8.19, and the Victorian's 4.49. Shailer's best breaks were 47, 31, 27, 31, 52, 39, 26, 83, 34, 48, 28, 29; and Tricks had breaks of 52 and 31 among his best.



## BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

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### Shailer's Easy Win

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Playing in a confident manner, the New South Wales champion, G. Shailer, forged further ahead in the third session of the Australian championship yesterday, and at the adjournment was 1502 as against 839. In the concluding term Shailer again went ahead and ran out with the scores:—

G. Shailer (N.S.W.) .. .. .	2,000
A. Tricks (Vic.) .. .. .	989

This is the fourth occasion that Shailer has won the championship. He was successful in 1913, 1921, and 1922. In Sydney, in 1913, he made the world's record break of 268 for an amateur. Shailer is 40 years of age.



M Wilson	PJ Flannagan	AH Hearnden	AJ Lee	AV Tricks	JE Barlow	W Foulkes	SH Wilson
SA	SA	SA	SA	Vic	Sec Vic	SA	SA
GF Steinthal	J Netter	EA Boyle	GB Shailer	SJ Jacobs	NA Richardson	BW Bennett	A Demodena
Sec SA	VP SA	Sec NSW	NSW	Pres SA	VP SA	SA	SA
	W McFie		CL Bradley		WH Buchanan		I Simmonds
	Referee		Queensland		Champ SA 1922		Queensland



**W. H. Buchanan**

**1924 Australian Amateur Billiards Title**  
**Home Recreations Rooms, 216 Castlereagh St. Sydney**

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW) Tue 26 Aug 1924 Page 12

**AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The annual competition for the amateur championship of Australia commenced yesterday at the tournament hall of Home Recreations, Ltd., 216 Castlereagh-street, before fair attendances. Three States have nominated players, New South Wales being represented by T. B. Cummings, Victoria by E. E. Eccles, and South Australia by W. Buchanan. The competition this year will be decided on the American system, each player meeting each of his opponents. Two sessions, each of 300 points, will be played each day, commencing at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The South Australian champion, W. Buchanan, and the State champion, T. B. Cummings, were the first to meet. Both players are well known in other branches of sport, Buchanan being a representative baseball player, while Cummings is one of the most promising young tennis players in Sydney. His brother, R. O. Cummings, recently won the singles championship of Queensland.

**CUMMINGS v BUCHANAN.**

The match was a most exciting one in the closing stages, and many of the onlookers fidgeted uneasily as the scores fluctuated. Cummings, who beat his opponent by 39, deserves great credit for his fine uphill fight at the evening session. At one stage the score was called, Buchanan 850, Cummings 746. Buchanan was playing confidently, and his victory was heralded, but Cummings gradually overhauled his opponent, and ran to his points with an unfinished break of 33.

The local player was the more consistent in the afternoon session, and at the close he led Buchanan by 123, the scores being, Cummings 500, Buchanan 377. The leader scored breaks of 32, 54, 31, 43, 39, 28, 35, and 23. Buchanan's best breaks were, 31 and 57.

Buchanan was in excellent form at the beginning of the evening session, and he erased the deficit of the afternoon and drew level with Cummings with the score at 552. Cummings had added 52 to his afternoon total at this stage, while the South Australian had scored 175. The visitor forged ahead, and when he had reached 810, Cummings was 743. Some little time afterwards he was 104 in the lead, but Cummings then began to creep up, and had the better of several bouts of safety play. Cummings reached 900 with his opponent only 13 ahead. Both players were feeling the strain now, and several brilliant strokes were followed by futile attempts to "find the pockets." Buchanan then added a confidently-made break of 40, and led 952-913. Cummings soon followed with a 54, in which he controlled the red ball splendidly, and he led 967-961. Cummings then ran to his points. The winner's best breaks during the evening session were 54, 49, 41, 36, 35, 22, and 33 (unfinished). Buchanan's best were 71, 36, 39, 52, 40 (twice), 37, and 25. The final scores were—

T. B. Cummings	1000
W. Buchanan	961



## **MATCHES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.**

**—**  
**SYDNEY, August 26.**

The competition for the amateur billiard championship of Australia was continued to-day in Sydney, when the Victorian champion, E. E. Eccles, played the New South Wales champion, T. B. Cummings. At the afternoon session Eccles scored 500 and Cummings 425. Cummings made breaks of 114 and 69, while Eccles was consistent with several breaks over 30. At the evening session Eccles played consistently, and reached his 1,000 when Cummings was 650. Cummings was out of touch. Eccles's principal breaks were 66 (unfinished), 60, 62, and 49, and Cummings's best breaks were 49 and 32.

## **AMATEUR BILLIARDS**

### **—** **ECCLES CHAMPION**

The last match of the amateur billiard championship of Australia was played last night when E. E. Eccles (Victoria) defeated W. Buchanan (South Australia) by 348. Eccles, with two wins to his credit, thus takes the championship.

In the afternoon session Eccles started well, and by free, confident billiards had established a substantial lead when he reached 500, Buchanan then being 319. This was repeated in the evening, and when Eccles reached 1000 Buchanan's W. Hayes were presented with certificates. Eccles, 40, 82, 48, 50, 41, 55, 82, and 42; Buchanan, 73, 50, and 71.

At the end of the match Eccles and L. W. Hayes were presented with certificates and open orders for winning the billiards and snooker championships respectively.

# **1925 Australian Amateur Billiards Title** **Amateur Sports Club, Swanston St, Melbourne**

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## **INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

### **COLEMAN DEFEATS WILSON.**

The preliminary games for the amateur interstate championship were begun at the Amateur Sports Club on September 1, when C. Coleman (V.) defeated S. H. Wilson (S.A.).

Wilson was the first to get off the mark with 35, Coleman in the meantime having made a number of small breaks. The Victorian representative reached the century mark first, with the scores 100 to 41 in his favour. Wilson encountered misfortune, which he failed to overcome. He had the worst of the "leaves" almost always. With fortune relentlessly against him, it is not to be wondered at that he began to "wilt," and so it happened that when things did come his way he was unable to take advantage of the situation. Coleman, on the other hand, was playing well, and had all the luck that any player could desire. He made two particularly good shots during the session—a long screw along the side cushion into the right bottom pocket, and a red run-through down the table into the left bottom pocket, when the ball was jammed against the cushion. His average was 10.5. His principal breaks were:—76, 30, 23, 33 (red), 34; Wilson made 35, 32, 33. The sessional scores were:—

COLEMAN .....	509
WILSON .....	223

In the evening session Coleman played still better. His jennies and long losers were especially good. Coleman drew away steadily all through the session, but, like an experienced tournament player, he never took any chances. His average was 13.5. His breaks were:—30, 25, 30, 50, 42, 48 (red), 32, 43; and Wilson's were 29, 22, 27, 51, 30. The final scores were:—

COLEMAN .....	1,000
WILSON .....	523

In the semi-final game for the interstate championship on Sept. 2 G. R. Shailer (N.S.W.) had an easy victory over R. E. Ziegler (Q.). He scored nearly two to his opponent's one. Shailer was not playing at his top form, however, for his average was only 11. The highest breaks for the day were:—Shailer, 33, 34, 46, 29, 51, 21, 104, 49, 45. Ziegler, 26, 36, 46, 29, 26, 21, 43. The final scores were:—

Shailer, 1,001  
 Ziegler, 567.



## Shailer (N.S.W.) Defeats Ziegler (Q.)

The second game in the series of amateur championship billiards, which commenced on Tuesday afternoon at the Amateur Sports Club, was played yesterday. On the previous day C. Coleman (Vic.) defeated S. H. Wilson (S.A.), champions of their respective States. Yesterday's game was between G. B. Shailer, representing New South Wales, and R. E. Ziegler, who represents Queensland. Shailer has won the championship of New South Wales five times, and the Australian championship four times. In addition he holds the record break of 268 made by an Australian amateur in the Australian championship, played at Brisbane in 1913. As on the opening day, keen interest was manifested in the contest by billiards enthusiasts, both sessions being largely attended.

In the afternoon session Shailer soon gave evidence of his mastery with the cue. He was in good form, and was rarely troubled by his opponent. The outstanding feature of the game was a shot by Shailer, played off the white ball on to the right-hand top side cushion, and coming back across the table into the left-hand top pocket. Ziegler made some good shots, but it was early evident that he was not in the same street as Shailer. Afternoon scores:—

SHAILER .. .. .	501
ZIEGLER .. .. .	336

Principal breaks:—Shailer: 33, 34, 46, 29, 29, 30, 31, 29, 28, 23; Ziegler: 26, 36, 46, 20, 20, 27.

In the evening Shailer fairly ran away from his opponent, who was completely outclassed. He did not appear to reproduce his form, although he is believed to be capable of doing much better. His experience here should therefore do him much good. Shailer showed out splendidly, and his forceful play was the subject of much favorable criticism. He made a particularly fine break of 104, of which 102 was made off the red. His losing hazards were features of the play. Ziegler failed to get anywhere near him, although he fought hard for most of his score. The final scores were:—

SHAILER .. .. .	1000
ZIEGLER .. .. .	893

Principal breaks:—Shailer: 21, 104, 49, 60, 45; Ziegler: 21, 43.

## Shailer (N.S.W.) Leads Coleman (Vic.).

The final match, of 2000 up, for the title of amateur billiard champion of Australia was opened at the Amateur Sports Club yesterday between C. Coleman (Vic.) and G. B. Shailer (N.S.W.).

The New South Wales representative quickly struck form, and in his third visit to the table strung together a break of 107, the highest for the series, by a fine exposition of all-round billiards. Shortly after he contributed 72, and the Victorian was faced with a deficit of 180. He never appeared to be likely to bridge the gap, and was throughout the session much below form. In subsequent breaks Shailer gave fine exhibitions of red ball play. Afternoon session:—

Shailer .. .. .	500
Coleman .. .. .	279

In the evening Coleman's play improved considerably in the early stages and towards the close of play, but his usual consistency was missing. A break of 87 by Shailer, the first of note, was followed by 56 from Coleman's cue. Shailer in a compilation of 52 exploited the losing hazard effectively. Coleman's next contribution was 43, scored at the top of the table, but his opponent then monopolised the scoring for some time. Coleman at length got into touch, and a fine break of 66 by means of red losers was applauded. Scores:—

Shailer .. .. .	1000
Coleman .. .. .	606

Breaks:—Afternoon: Shailer, 107, 72, 46, 23, 20, 52, 32, 26; Coleman, 20, 26, 23, 20, 27.

Evening.—Shailer, 37, 52, 43, 20, 61, 48; Coleman 56, 43, 44, 22, 66.

Shailer has an average of 12 for the match. The game will be concluded to-day.

## Australian Championship.

### Shailer (N.S.W.) the Winner.

The final match of 2000 up for the amateur billiard championship of Australia was concluded at the Amateur Sports Club last night, and resulted in a win for C. A. Shailer, of New South Wales, who was opposed by C. Coleman, of Victoria.

With a lead of 306 when play was resumed yesterday afternoon, the New South Wales representative was in a winning position, and his good form continued. He played a good solid game and, though his highest breaks were 66 and 42 (unfinished), eleven of his visits to the table produced an average of over 30 each visit. The heavy deficit Coleman had to face affected his play, though he fought a good uphill game and brought off some fine shots. His best effort in the afternoon was 46. At the end of the afternoon session the scores were:—

Shailer .. .. .	1501
Coleman .. .. .	1059

Breaks.—Shailer, 66, 24, 31, 22, 23, 23, 21, 31, 21, 26, 42 (unfinished). Coleman, 27, 40, 27, 46, 30, 22, 23.

Shailer played a beautiful game at night, and quite early in the session compiled a break of 116, in which he gave a fine display of all-round billiards, scoring freely into the centre pockets off the red. He broke down on a difficult cannon. He followed this up shortly afterwards with 92, most of which was scored at the top of the table. Coleman did not appear to be at home on the table, and often failed to score by the narrowest of margins. However, he showed his capabilities in a well-compiled 81. Had Shailer been more closely pressed his exhibition would probably have been better. When the session ended the scores were:—

Shailer (in play) .. .. .	2000
Coleman .. .. .	1317

Breaks.—Shailer, 116, 41, 92, 23, 32 (unfinished). Coleman, 81, 39, 21. For the whole game Shailer's average was 12.5.

Subsequently the health of the winner was honored at the instance of the president, who referred to the sportsmanlike way in which the contest had been carried out. Mr. Shailer, he said, was in a class of his own, and Victoria would be glad to contribute towards the expense of him representing Australia overseas.

Mr. Shailer, in response, said he would be pleased to represent Australia overseas. He felt he had been fortunate in striking other players out of form.

## 1926 Australian Amateur Billiards Title

Ewing House, Adelaide St. Brisbane

The Telegraph (Brisbane) Tue 14 Sep 1926

The first session of the Australian amateur billiards championship, which was held last night at Ewing House, Adelaide Street, produced some excellent play. L. W. Hayes, the amateur champion of New South Wales, met A. H. Hearnden, the champion of South Australia, in the first 500 of their match of 1,000 points.

At the conclusion of the session Hayes was well in the lead, having scored 500 points to Hearnden's 319.

Dr. Crowe, the patron of the Amateur Billiards Association of Queensland, officially declared the championships open. He said that a Queenslanders had never won the Australian title. This was a momentous occasion as it was the first time in 15 years the championship had been decided in Brisbane. He welcomed the visitors from New South Wales and South Australia, and said he would have been more pleased if the other States had also sent representatives.

When play commenced Hearnden appeared to be slightly out of touch, but not so his opponent, who soon after the start compiled a 55 break, made chiefly off long losers. He showed excellent form throughout the play.

Hearnden was distinctly unfortunate. He showed a tendency to break down in the easy shots, and the positions in which he left the balls were the basis of several of Hayes's larger breaks. Hayes, on the other hand, left his opponent very little. In the first portion of the game Hearnden was forced to use screw shots to a much greater extent than his opponent. The result was less control of the balls. Hayes's stronghold was his long losing hazard. He showed great control of the red ball, and worked the middle pockets intermittently with the top ones. All of his breaks were founded on this shot.

## Australian Championship

### Hayes Leads Hearnden

In the first part of the game Hearnden missed quite a number of long losers, as he seemed to be misjudging the table by fractions of an inch. After the hundred mark he began to remedy this defect. He also found difficulty in handling a half-ball follow through shot into the middle pockets. He adopted the shot in an attempt to keep the red ball in the centre of the table. Hearnden, for all his misfortune, which never deserted him during the night, was a most entertaining player. There was nothing of a stodgy nature about his work, and he showed a gameness in trying the difficult shot when he could leave the balls well alone and leave nothing for his opponent. Some of his round-the-table cannons evoked great applause. If he strikes good form to-night in the second 500, he may easily wipe out the deficit.

Only at one stage did the South Australian lead. He overtook Hayes at 124, and they were together at 130. Then Hayes shot away again with several big breaks, including a brilliant 67, and at the 250 mark he was well ahead. At 498 Hayes missed, and Hearnden made his best break of the evening, 27, which carried him to 318. He left an easy cannon up for Hayes to run out his points.

Hayes's best breaks were 55, 36, 67, 28, 32, 28, and 22. Hearnden's best were 20, 26, and 27. Hayes on 55 visits to the table averaged 9.1 points per visit, and Hearnden in 54 visits averaged 5.9.

The concluding 500 will be played to-night.



# Amateur Billiards

## Hayes Defeats Hearnden

By "Q.P."

There was a good attendance at Ewing House, last night, to witness the New South Wales, and South Australian amateur billiard champions, L. W. Hayes, and A. H. Hearnden, complete their heat in the tournament for the Australian championship, under the auspices of the Amateur Billiard Association of Queensland. Mr. A. J. Sapsford was referee and Mr. H. L. Titcombe marker.

The previous nights scores were L. W. Hayes (in play) 500, A. H. Hearnden, 319. Both players went along in short stages. The New South Wales champion always improved his position, his capacity to maintain control being better than that of the South Australian. Hayes gave entertaining displays of hazard striking, interspersed with general billiards. Hearnden occasionally did some good work, but he had frequent bad leaves, which set up difficult problems for him. Hayes was in fine form in a brilliant stick of 86. His other good runs for the session were 76, 58, 43, 34, 31, 25, 24, and 22 unfinished.

Hearnden's best breaks for the session were 43 and 42.

Hayes won the heat by 1,000 points to 547.

The final and deciding heat of 2,000 points, for the title, will be commenced this afternoon at 3 o'clock between Hayes, and the Queensland champion, R. E. Ziegler. It will be continued to-night and again to-morrow afternoon, the final session taking place to-morrow night.

## HAYES' FINE PLAY

Mr. L. W. Hayes (N.S.W.) easily beat Mr. R. Ziegler (Queensland) in the final of the Australian amateur billiard championship, the final session of which was played last night. The scores were 2000 to 813.

When the third session opened yesterday afternoon Hayes (in play) was 1001 and Ziegler was 427. Hayes increased his unfinished 28 to 104 by masterly play. When the New South Wales champion was 1276 the Queensland was only 481. At this stage Hayes had an average of 37 for the afternoon. By the time Ziegler had reached 300 Hayes was 1314. With consecutive breaks of 37 and 118 the latter carried his score to 1474. Ziegler was only 543. Hayes went to his points with 11, unfinished. His best breaks during the afternoon were 118, 104, 96, 87, 37, 36, and 26. Ziegler, who was 552 at the end of the afternoon's play, only exceeded the twenty once, with 23. Hayes's average for the session was 19.2.

Hayes ran further away at the evening session, and ran out with a 57, unfinished. His best breaks during the evening were 28, 52, 104, 24, 26, 46, and 57 (unfinished). Ziegler's best were 42, 38, and 58. Hayes averaged 15.2 for the session.



The Amateur Billiard Association of Queensland continued the Australian championship carnival yesterday afternoon and evening with the final heat of 2,000 points between the New South Wales champion, L. W. Hayes, and the Queensland champion, R. E. Ziegler (Toowoomba), at Ewing House, Adelaide Street. Mr. A. J. Sapsford (referee) introduced the players to a large crowd. Mr. J. Revie marked the scores.

The New South Wales representative early got into his stride, and produced very entertaining billiards. He displayed a fine knowledge of the table, and gave some difficult problems to his younger and less experienced opponent to solve. The frequent occurrence of these positions badly upset the Queenslander's judgment, and Hayes monopolised the table. The redeeming feature in the Queenslander's effort was a brilliant stick of 99 off the red, for which he was heartily applauded. It was artistic and flawless.

Hayes kept up his volleys with remarkable consistency, scoring from every corner and angle. The session ended with Hayes in play (500), with 18 unfinished, to his opponent's 261. Hayes's best breaks were 77, 75, 35, 35, 68, and 18 unfinished, in that order. Mr. Ziegler's best sticks were 26, 21, and 99.

When the evening session started there was a full house. Hayes previously had not been seen at his best here, but after he had reached the thousand mark last night to his opponent's 427, many of the critics confessed that his play was the best amateur billiards they had even seen. He has been described by the Sydney sporting press as "Methodical Hayes." That is an apt designation. He plays the game.

most artistically and he is methodical in every action. He is enthusiastic, keen, and ambitious. These characteristics enabled him to become New South Wales champion in both snooker and billiards in successive years. As a University scholar he was prominent in cricket, tennis, football, and other field games, and now as a school teacher in the New South Wales Education Department he has discarded all other sport to concentrate on billiards.

In the evening session Hayes's best sticks in order were 82 (from 18 unfinished in the afternoon), 21, 26, 20, 27, 34, 24, 101, 40, and 28 unfinished. Ziegler's best were 23, 24, 25, and 21. The Queenslander, though not nearly so well acquainted with the intricacies of the billiard table as Hayes, nor so experienced, gave a most pleasing impression of his capacity at correct delivery and touch. Like his more versatile opponent, he is a natural player.

## FEDERAL BILLIARD COUNCIL.

Prior to the evening play a preliminary conference was held between the inter-State representatives (except Victoria) to discuss the formation of a Federal Billiard Control Council. Messrs. A. Thurlow (Queensland), G. F. Stelnthal (South Australia), and C. O. Thompson (New South Wales) were appointed delegates, with Mr. Thompson, hon. secretary pro tem.

## Success of Mr. L. W. Hayes

The Amateur Billiard Association of Queensland concluded the Australian amateur billiard championship last night in Ewing House, Adelaide Street. The title was won by Mr. L. W. Hayes, of New South Wales. There were good audiences at both the afternoon and evening sessions. Mr. A. J. Sapsford refereed. Mr. J. Revie marked the game in the afternoon, and Mr. J. Dorsett in the evening. The players were Mr. L. W. Hayes (New South Wales champion) and Mr. R. E. Ziegler (Queensland champion).

From his previous night's unfinished break of 28 Mr. Hayes carried that "stick" to 104 before losing position. Mr. Ziegler had nothing left, and failed. Mr. Hayes then monopolised the table to a large extent, and gave fine entertainment. He went to his points with a greatly increased lead. The game was resumed at 8 p.m., and Mr. Hayes carried his unfinished "stick" of 9 to 23, followed at intervals by best runs of 26, 52, 107, 24, 26, 46, 28, and 53 unfinished. Mr. Ziegler played with more confidence and freedom than in previous sessions, and was seen to have fine capacity in his best compilations of 42, 38, 22, and 58. Mr. Hayes won by more than half the game, which was of 2,000 points in four sessions of 500 points each.

The winner was heartily applauded, and received the Queensland Association's gold medal, suitably inscribed. Two handsome cups of the association also were presented to Mr. Ziegler for this year's Queensland billiard championship, and to Mr. H. D. Noyes for the 1925 Queensland snooker championship. Dr. P. F. Crowe (patron) made the presentations, and extended the association's congratulations to the recipients on their fine achievements. Mr. A. Thurlow (president) thanked the patrons for their support to the carnival.

## AMATEUR BILLIARDS TITLE.



### CONTESTANTS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

From left to right — Messrs. A. H. Hearnden (South Australia), L. W. Hayes (New South Wales), and R. E. Ziegler (Queensland).

## FEDERAL CONTROL COUNCIL.

During a recent visit of the southern representatives to the Australian amateur billiard championship carnival the Amateur Billiard Association of Queensland seized the opportunity to confer with the visitors on the subject of forming a Federal Billiards Control Council, which had been first mooted by the Queensland Association in 1922, and was subsequently supported by South Australia and Victoria. New South Wales was apathetic, but a recent change in its official list produced a more harmonious tone, and New South Wales came into line with the result that a council was formed in accordance with a constitution drawn up originally by the South Australian Association, and later amended and improved by the Victorian Association.

The delegates elected at the conference were Messrs. A. Thurlow and T. Smith (Queensland), G. F. Steinthal, and L. Jacobs (South Australia), and C. O. Thompson (New South Wales), who was hon. secretary pro tem. These appointments are sufficient for the time being. Later New South Wales will elect a second delegate, and Victoria will appoint its two representatives. The council is merely to bind the several Australasian Associations together, and to arrive at a common understanding on matters relating to the Australasian championships, and to guide the associations on the way they should go. It is hoped that West Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand will enter.

The constitution is being signed by several affiliated associations.



**1927 Australian Amateur Billiards Title**  
**Palace Billiard Hall, Rundle St. Adelaide**

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## BILLIARDS COUNCIL

### Amateur Status Defined

According to the report submitted to its first annual meeting the Australian Amateur Billiard Council will improve the standard of the game throughout the Commonwealth. The meeting was held today in Napoleon Hotel, Adelaide. Mr. S. J. Jacobs presided.

The report stated that the council was formed on September 16, 1926, when delegates representing Queensland, New South Wales, and South Australia were present. Correspondence was read from Victoria agreeing to the proposal. The draft of the bylaws and memorandum of constitution had been signed by the various States.

Delegates present were Messrs. Jacobs (chairman), G. F. Steinthal (South Australia), C. O. Thompson, A. D. Benjamin (New South Wales), C. McCathie, S. Sutherland (Victoria), and F. Smith (Queensland).

It was decided to hold the next Australian championship in Sydney, and Mr. Benjamin was elected president, with Mr. Thompson as secretary.

The council defined an amateur as follows:—One who has not earned his living, or any part of his living, by playing, scoring, or teaching games played on a billiard table, and has not a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the use of a billiard table. No one shall be eligible as an amateur who has played for or accepted a cash prize in a tournament or competition, or has played where gate-money is charged, without the permission of the controlling body.

The council shall be the sole judge whether a person is or is not included in the definition, and shall have power to reinstate as an amateur any person referred to.

The Maitland Daily Mercury (NSW) Tue 23 Aug 1927 Page 6

The Australian amateur billiards championship commenced at the Palace Billiards Hall, Adelaide. The first game was between G. C. Sutherland (Melbourne) and W. R. Buchanan (the State champion). At the end of the session Sutherland led by 601 to 535. The averages were:—Sutherland, 8.8, and Buchanan 7.8.



## Sutherland Defeated Buchanan.

The Australian amateur billiards championship was begun on Monday afternoon at the Palace Billiards Hall, Rundle street. The States represented were Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia. Mr. P. J. Brady prepared a special table for the occasion. It was originally intended that J. Hayes (New South Wales champion) should meet R. Ziegler (Queensland) on Monday, but at 3.5 p.m. W. H. Buchanan (State champion) began the first session of 600 against G. E. Sutherland (of Melbourne). Hayes and Ziegler will play to-day, and the winners will begin the final game of 2,000 on Wednesday afternoon, the finish being scheduled for Thursday night. Ziegler is the youngest of the quartet.

Sutherland, the Victorian representative, secured a lead from Buchanan early. The eastern State player began a hard and serious game. Buchanan took a considerable amount of time to become used to the table; perhaps owing to his arms having been strained at baseball. Sutherland displayed few clever strokes until in the second hundred, when breaks of 44 and 38 were accomplished. When Buchanan had passed the second century, the Melbourne player was 262, and he went on to 284. Sutherland had scored 301 when Buchanan was 236, and up to that stage of the match there had been little freedom of play. Sutherland ran to 347 with a useful break, his opponent being 272; and he advanced to 400 in 1h. 50m., with a lead of 100. Buchanan then, with a good break of 65, progressed to 388, and was only 46 behind his rival.

He ranged still closer, and both players were applauded for breaks of 52 (Buchanan) and 48 (Sutherland), chiefly off the red ball. At 448, the players were level, and Buchanan at 508 had a lead of 7 over Sutherland, who with a break of 70 got away again. Buchanan then rattled up 30. From 573 Sutherland went on to 601, while Buchanan stood at 535, which were the scores at the close of the session.

### A Thrilling Finish.

Both players showed marked improvement during the first hour of the evening session. At 649 Sutherland was 51 ahead of his opponent, and he carried the lead to 90 at the 652 mark. Buchanan then made a useful break, and when 691 he was only 29 behind. The South Australian headed the Victorian with 802 as against 800, but Sutherland then forged ahead and reached 900 when Buchanan was 885. Shortly afterwards the leeway was reduced to 4, but Sutherland passed the thousand mark 56 ahead. Buchanan again ranged close, and at 1,001 he was within 19 of his rival. Sutherland went on and reached 1,132, and gained a lead of 72, and Buchanan's supporters began to lose hope. When the Victorian had almost succeeded in winning the game, Buchanan displayed his best form of the match, and rattled on a splendid break of 96, a reasonable effort which came just too late, for Sutherland ran to his points at 1,201, when the South Australian required only 5. It proved a thrilling finish.

Best Breaks.—Sutherland, 38, 44, 48, 70, 30, 27, 33, 26, 23, 64. Buchanan, 26, 31, 65, 52, 30, 61, 28, 36 41 96. Average for first session Sutherland, 8.8; Buchanan, 7.8.

## CHAMPIONSHIP BILLIARDS.

### Hayes's Easy Victory.

By Pocket.

A feature of the second day's play on Tuesday afternoon, in connection with the Australian amateur billiards championship, was the remarkable success of Les Hayes, of Sydney, who is the Australian titleholder, and New South Wales champion. He began playing billiards 13 years ago, and in 1922 entered the championship class. In 1926, and again last year he scored convincing victories in the Sydney amateur championships, and in 1923, and 1924, he proved successful in winning the New South Wales snooker championships.

Hayes is a fine exponent of the red ball game, and throughout the game on Tuesday afternoon he displayed a fine sporting spirit towards R. E. Ziegler, the Brisbane champion, and who is practically a junior, and not yet quite advanced to Australian championship class. With additional experience, however, he will have to be reckoned with, for in a year or two he will probably possess the essential match temperament. On Monday the State champion, W. H. Buchanan, with an ounce of luck, may have defeated G. C. Sutherland, the Victorian champion, the scores being—Sutherland 1,200; Buchanan, 1,195.

On Tuesday, however, Hayes advanced to 200 almost before the Queenslander had become accustomed to the table. That score occupied him only half an hour. The third century was made at a somewhat slower rate. When Hayes was 300 his opponent was round about the initial century. The fourth hundred was posted opposite the Sydney billiardist's name in an hour and a quarter. He was then exploiting the red ball in tradesmanlike style, and ran to 400 with a break of 80, before missing a difficult shot. At 438, Hayes was 300 ahead, and then Ziegler ran to 100.

At 498, he was again 300 in the lead, but the Queenslander then improved his game. He made a break of 34, and ran to 222. Hayes went out at 601, Ziegler being 308.

Best breaks were:—Hayes, 23, 27, 39, 34, 80, 27, and 28; and Ziegler, 21, 21, and 34. The winner averaged 9.8.

### THE NIGHT SESSION.

As usual the billiardists displayed better form at night. Hayes had progressed beyond the 900 mark when Ziegler was 510. The Australian champion passed the thousand mark and went to 1,029, his opponent being 584 at that stage of the game. Hayes added more than 80, while Ziegler scored 20, and he ran to his points—1,200, the Queenslander being at 679.

Best breaks for the session:—Hayes, 39, 38, 47, 55, 52, 24, 43, and 52; Ziegler, 25, 24, 37, and 47. The winner averaged 10.4.

To-day at 3 p.m., L. W. Hayes (N.S.W.) and G. C. Sutherland (V.) will begin a game of 2,000 up, in four sessions of 500, the final stage being listed for Thursday at 7.30 o'clock. On the form shown Hayes would appear to have a splendid chance of retaining Australian amateur honours.

## **AMATEUR BILLIARDS**

### **AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.**

ADELAIDE, August 24.

The final match of the Australian amateur billiards championship was begun at 3 o'clock to-day at the Palace Billiards-hall between L. W. Hayes (Australian amateur champion and New South Wales title holder) and G. C. Sutherland (Victorian champion). Mr. V. V. Vaughan refereed. Four sessions of 500 each were the conditions, the final to be played on Thursday night. Hayes was quickly into touch, and he passed the initial century ahead of the Victorian. They made respective breaks of 50 and 63. At 200 Sutherland was 39 behind, an hour having expired. Then Sutherland took the lead, but only temporarily. They were level at 280 and 301, but Sutherland with 40 ran ahead. Hayes was, however, first to reach 400, which occupied him 2½ hours, and a break of 34 gave him a lead of 37. Six minutes afterwards Sutherland passed the fourth century. Careful play followed, and Hayes ran to his points in 2½ hours, Sutherland being 459.

Best breaks:—Hayes: 51, 22, 38, 26, 34, 45, 24 (in play). Sutherland: 63, 27, 52, 23, 20, 46, 30, 31. Averages: Hayes, 9; Sutherland, 8.2.

The match was resumed at 7.30 o'clock. Hayes broke down on the first stroke, and careful play was witnessed. Hayes at 600 led by 39, but both players saw-sawed in the matter of advantage till Hayes got a break of 67. He had reached 850 when Sutherland was 706, and ran to his points, 1,001, establishing a lead of 229. Hayes gave a good exposition of red ball play.

The best breaks for the evening session were:—

Hayes: 26, 27, 21, 23, 28, 31, 67, 24, 21, 26.

Sutherland: 31 and 31.

# AMATEUR BILLIARDS

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

ADELAIDE, August 25.

The Australian amateur billiards championship final of 2,000 up was resumed at 3 o'clock to-day. L. W. Hayes, Australian and New South Wales champion, being 1,001 in play, and Sutherland, the Victorian champion, 772. Play opened quietly, but in the twelfth hundred Hayes struck championship form, and rattled up 60 and 92 in consecutive visits to the table, and followed with 39, his score then being 1,364 to 914. He ran to his points with an unfinished break of 42, closing the session with 1,502, as against 990 by the Victorian.

The leader averaged 9.8, which was good, considering the large amount of safety play.

Hayes and Sutherland progressed evenly at the night session. The final scores were:—

Hayes .. .. . 2,001

Sutherland .. .. . 1,485

Best breaks (two sessions):—Hayes 23, 92, 39, 21, 31, 42 (unfinished), 42, 33, 23, and 31. Sutherland: 23, 21, 55, 23, 30, 26, 20.





**MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR BILLIARDS COUNCIL WHICH MET IN ADELAIDE**

Messrs. C. O. Thompson (New South Wales), F. Smith (Queensland), S. J. Jacobs (South Australia), G. C. Sutherland (Victoria), A. D. Benjamin (New South Wales), G. McCallie (Victoria), G. F. Steinthal (South Australia), and R. Ziegler (Queensland).

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The Daily Telegraph (Sydney) 29 Aug 1928

## AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The first game of the Australian amateur championship was played at Home Recreations' parlors, George-street, yesterday, in afternoon and night sessions. The contest is 1200 up.

The first match was between the N.S.W. champion, L. W. Hayes and the Victorian champion, W. H. Bailey. There was a good attendance at both sessions. In the afternoon play, Hayes had reached his sessional points of 600 to Bailey's 375. Hayes reached his points with 84 unfinished. His other breaks were 33 (twice), 31 and 41. Bailey made 62, 54 (off the red), 27, 32, and 26.

In the night session, Hayes carried his 84 unfinished break to 100, compiled with very fine play, including a predominance of long losers. This is Bailey's strong point also, but in the night play he did not show his earlier form, and his best efforts were 21, 23, 21, 23, and 25, while Hayes was at the top of his form, and with breaks of 45, 28, 41, 100, 38, 36, 46, 32, and 26, he ran out a winner by 232 points. His two big breaks were got mostly by the red loser.

To-day's game will be between A. Sakzewski (Queensland), and A. H. Hearnden (S.A.), the first session starting at 2.30 p.m.

### PRESENTATION TO H. BOYLE

Before the night session of the Australian billiards championship started last night, Mr. A. D. Benjamin, president of the Amateur Billiards Association, on behalf of friends and members, presented Mr. Hughie Boyle, the retiring secretary, with a cheque for £91 17s 6d, as a memento of his 18 years' service.

## Sakzewski Qualifies to Play Hayes

The second semi-final of the Australian billiards championship was played at Home Recreations last night, A. Sakzewski, of Queensland, qualifying to meet L. W. Hayes, the holder, in the final to-day.

Averaging 12.7, Sakzewski scored 1200 against 980 by A. H. Hearnden, of South Australia. Both played fine billiards at times, but were inclined to break down on long losing hazards.

After scoring 25 in one break at 561, Hearnden fired with the wrong ball, and his own and the red were consequently spotted, Hearnden retiring.

Best breaks were;—Sakzewski, 37, 48, 35, 33, 62, 56, 40, and 45; Hearnden, 39, 53, 60, 43.

The Sun (Sydney) Wed 29 Aug 1928

## CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The second game in the Australian amateur championship billiards match was played yesterday at the Home Recreations rooms, George-street, when A. Sakzewski (Brisbane) defeated A. H. Hearnden (Victoria), by 223 in 1200 up.

The afternoon session, 600, saw the Brisbane champion 77 in front, his best efforts being 37, 48, 26, 35, 33, 20, 25, 29, and 20 (unfinished). Hearnden's breaks were 28, 39, 28, 53, 28 twice, and 20. In the night session, Sakzewski played in fine style, and established a nice lead, though Hearnden played quite up to his best form, and made breaks of 60, 43, 27, and 25. The Queensland player, however, maintained his advantage, and averaged 12.7, his highest night breaks being 56, 62, 40, 31, and 45. The final game is now between L. W. Hayes (N.S.W.), and A. Sakzewski 2000 up, in four sessions, the first commencing at 3 p.m. this afternoon, and 8 p.m. to-night. The final will conclude at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

# BILLIARDS AMATEURS

## *Australian Championship : Hayes Beats Bailey in Keen Game*

### WINNER MAY BE SENT TO SOUTH AFRICA

(By "CANNON.")

L. W. Hayes, of New South Wales (holder), toppled over another champion in the opening match of the Australian Amateur Billiards Championship at Home Recreations, Ltd., Sydney, on Monday. His victim was W. H. Bailey, amateur champion of Victoria, regarded as the best of the visiting players. Hayes, therefore, seems assured of winning the title three years in succession—a feat only accomplished by G. B. Shailer, who was an interested spectator on Monday night.

**T**HE qualifying heats were 1200 up, in two sessions of 600 each. Hayes and Bailey were generally regarded as the two strongest contenders for the championship. Unfortunately, the draw brought them together in the opening match on Monday.

The exchanges in the afternoon session were fairly even. Hayes first reached the century, leading 108-81. Bailey soon passed him through the aid of a 62 break, his highest of the session and match, and led 155-141. At various stages the scores were 209-164, 301-235, and 350-294 in his favor. Hayes then spurted, and scored 74 while his rival did nothing, again leading 368-350.

Bailey forged ahead once more, leading 409-395, 450-410, 506-459, and 575-516. Hayes now came to light with his best effort of the match, and ran to points with an unfinished break of 84. Interval scores: Hayes (in play) 600, Bailey 575.

#### **HAYES DOMINATES PLAY.**

Bailey did not catch Hayes again at night. The champion converted his 84 into 106. A lean period for both followed. At his fourteenth visit Hayes made a run of 45, which he supplemented with breaks of 14, 28, and 19 in succession, now leading 769-678. Later, Hayes interspersed runs of 41, 36, 46, and 33, and the scores were called, 976-808 in his favor.

Hayes chalked up a 52 break, which took him past to 1000 mark. Bailey, who had been practically idle, had meanwhile found touch, and decreased the gap with successive breaks of 21, 13, 18, 23, 35, 19, and 14. He had no further opportunity. Hayes fairly swooping to his points in the closing stages with runs of 36 and 100, almost in succession. He eventually won by 232 points. Final scores:

L. W. Hayes (N.S.W.)	.. ..	1200
H. W. Bailey (Victoria)	.. ..	968
Best breaks: Hayes, 106, 100, 52, 46, 45, 41, 41, 36, 36, 33, 32, 31; Bailey, 62, 54, 35, 32. Hayes averaged 12.8 in the final session, and Bailey 10.28.		

Hayes played more attractively than he is wont in this match. He was not in his best form in the afternoon, failing mostly at long losers. He did so again early in the night, but soon got into his stride.

Bailey played even more crisply than the winner. He is brisk in his movements, gets to the table as alertly as possible, loses little time finessing, and is a quick player, perhaps too fast. The best of his game is his losing hazard play.

A. Sakzewski (Q.) and A. H. Hearn-den (S.A.) met in the second qualifying heat yesterday. The final will be played to-day and to-morrow.

## HAYES ESTABLISHES BIG LEAD

L. W. Hayes, amateur billiards champion of Australia, gave a most entertaining display in the first section of the final against A. Sakzewski, of Queensland, yesterday. He scored 500 points to 192 in the afternoon, and at the end of the evening session led 1005 to 487. His best breaks were 48, 82, 44, 72, 71, 40, 64, 54, and 96 unfinished. The last contained 69 points off the red. Sakzewski's breaks were 30, 38, 31, 37, 60, 31.

Representatives of the visiting States made a presentation to Mr. C. O. Thompson, past secretary of the Australian Billiards Council, of a box of pipes.

In the afternoon Hayes averaged 14, and for the day 15.

## HAYES SECURES BIG LEAD.

L. W. Hayes (N.S.W.) has secured a big lead in his match with the Queensland representative, A. Sakzewski, for the amateur billiards championship of Australia.

When play ceased last night, Hayes had scored 1002 to 487. He was much sounder than his rival, and his knowledge of positional play proved to the utmost value. Hayes averaged 15 for both sessions, and his breaks included 96 unfinished, 83, 72, 71, 64, 54, while the Queenslanders' best were 60, 38, 37. The final sessions will be played to-day.

The Sun (Sydney) Thu 30 Aug 1928

## AUST. CHAMPIONSHIPS TITLE

The final for the amateur billiards championship of Australia, between L. W. Hayes (N.S.W.) and A. Sakzewski (Queensland) was advanced a further stage this afternoon at Home Recreation parlors, George-street.

The match will be concluded to-night, and play will commence at 8 o'clock.

At 4 p.m. the scores were:—

Hayes, 1384; Sakzewski, 765 (in play).

The best breaks were:—Hayes, 32, 24, 29, 26; Sakzewski, 37, 48, 42, 33, unfinished.

The Maitland Daily Mercury (NSW) 31 Aug

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

L. W. Hayes, New South Wales, retained his title of amateur billiard champion of Australia, as the result of his match with A. Sakzewski (Queensland), in Sydney.

Hayes, who averaged 15.5 through the match, and a shade under 10 during the evening session, won by 2000 to 1273. At the afternoon session he led by 1487 to 927. Sakzewski was in his best form during the afternoon and nearly held his own against his more experienced opponent.

The Queenslanders' best breaks were 37, 48, 30, 42, 43, 47, 50 during the afternoon, and 30, 43, 65, and 41 in the evening. Hayes's big efforts were 96, 32, 33, 50, 46, 34, 35 (the last four in successive visits), and 65 in the afternoon. In the evening he compiled 65, 31, 32, 63, and in his penultimate visit to the table 101.



# Hayes an Ornament to Billiards

L. W. Hayes, winner of both billiards and snooker amateur titles, who is representing New South Wales in the Australian championship, is a native of Bowthorne, in the Maitland district. He had a few games at Taree, where he first handled the cue in 1912, but he really started playing seriously in 1914, when doing part time teaching at Forbes and Parkes.

G. B. Shailer is a native of Forbes, and Hayes states there was quite a remarkable number of players in that town. L.W.H. is now a vocational teacher at Cleveland street school, an institution which in the past has turned out champions in many sports, including Charlie Kelleway, A. Kippax, cricketer, W. Lann, James and Joe McMahon and Claude Corbett, footballers, and many others.

Hayes won the snooker title in 1923 and 1924, but there was no contest in 1925. He 1926, so missed a chance of completing a hat was competing for the Australasian title in trick. However, he won again this season.

The billiards distinction has come his way in the last three years, and by taking the dual supremacy recently he accomplished a record. He won the Australian leadership in 1926 and 1927, and has various Institute championships to his credit.

His best break in State tournaments is 156,

and at Brisbane in 1926 in the Australasian tournament he did four century breaks with the highest 118. While playing against Nick Winter in an Institute championship he hit up 205.

His greatest feature is his wonderful concentration. Many think him slow, but he is so obviously in earnest that he is always interesting to the keen billiards devotee. He is an ornament to the game, and always upholds the dignity of the position he fills. The champion finds time to act on the committee of the Billiards Association.

## ANOTHER BILLIARDS TITLE

L. W. Hayes last night won the Australian billiards championship for the third year in succession. He played remarkably consistently all through the match, when he met the Brisbane champion, A. Szekewski, in the final, 2000 up. In the afternoon session Hayes made breaks of 32, 24, 29, 26, 22 (twice), 33, 50, 46, 34, 35 and 65. In the night and final session, his best efforts were 65, 31, 32, 38, 25, 23, 63, 24, 26, and 101. During his two games in the tournament he made three breaks of 100 or over and averaged 15.5 all through the matches.

The Brisbane player was beaten by 573, but he played rather well, as in his final session he compiled 37, 48, 27, 30, 42, 28, 47, 47 and 50.

Mr. A. D. Benjamin, president of the Amateur Billiards Association, in congratulating the players, thanked Home Recreations for providing the parlor and table.

Hayes won the special prize presented by Mr. H. O. Thompson, for the compilation of 100 break, gained without a fluke.

**1929 Australian Amateur Billiards Title**  
**Alcock's Rooms, Sturt St. Melbourne**

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# **THE BILLIARDS AMATEURS**

## **Australian Championship Competition**

### **SOME MEMORIES**

(By "CANNON.")

The Australian Amateur Billiards Championship opens in Melbourne next Monday, and will conclude the following Thursday. It was in Melbourne that the first championship took place 23 years ago, the New South Wales representative, H. A. Rumball, defeating A. H. Tricks (Victoria), by 695 points.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** was also successful in carrying off the honors in the next three years. The late J. B. Belfield won the title in Sydney in 1907, defeating E. L. Jacoby by 1120. Belfield made an amateur world's record break of 176 in this championship, and averaged 14.16. Belfield also won the following year at Melbourne, beating A. H. Tricks by 1245 points and averaging 16.01.

When the contest was next staged in Sydney in 1909, Belfield had retired, but Rumball scored a victory over Tricks by 153 points, averaging 12.34. Tricks turned the tables the following Winter, and recorded Victoria's initial success in the championship. He defeated Rumball by 30 and averaged 13.15.

Victoria added two more victories, C. T. Von der Luft won the title for that State in 1911. All games up to that time had been 3000 up.

#### **S.A. AND Q. MAKE DEBUT.**

In Melbourne in 1912, Queensland and South Australia were represented for the first time. L. L. Beauchamp (Vic.) took the honors, defeating R. Kidston (Q.) in his final game by 2000 to 1530, and averaging 8.4.

New South Wales now began another winning sequence. G. B. Shailer regained the title for this State in 1913.

It was at the very opening of the war that J. R. Hooper first competed. He signalled his entry by compiling one of the greatest averages ever made in an amateur billiards contest—50 for a session, and over 21 for the whole game. The contest was shelved during the war period, and until 1920, when Hooper had a rather easy win in Melbourne over C. T. Luft.

Hooper stood out of subsequent championship contests, and Shailer won three in a row, a feat which only the present holder (L. W. Hayes) has equalled, and seems certain to eclipse next week.

#### **TROUBLE WITH QUEENSLAND.**

The Queensland A.B.A. stood aloof from the Australian championship in 1924, "not because of any dispute concerning the status of either L. P. Simmonds, their 1922 and 1923 champion, or any other player (though this issue was involved), but as a protest against the 'dictatorship' of the N.S.W. Association in connection with the Australian championship tournament." That year, F. E. Eccles won the title for Victoria from T. B. Cummings (N.S.W.) and W. Buchanan (S.A.). New South Wales has since swept the board with victories by Shailer in 1925, and L. W. Hayes in 1926-7-8.

Shailer's best average in the championship is 16.48, and Hayes' 15.9. Hayes is expected to better these figures this Winter, and probably establish new records. G. C. Sutherland (Victoria), A. H. Hearndon (S.A.), and A. J. Browne (Q.) are challengers for the title, but Hayes should not be seriously troubled to dispose of any of his rivals.

## AMATEUR BILLIARDS VETERAN

### A. Browne in Championship Match

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.—In the first contest for the year's Australian amateur billiards championship to-night, the Victorian champion, G. C. Sutherland, defeated the veteran Queenslander, Arthur Browne, by 123 in a game of 1200 up.

Browne, who is 75 years of age, has competed in many tournaments over the past 35 years. He played some fine shots, and near the finish of the game drew to within 43 of his opponent. Scores:—

G. C. Sutherland 1200 (75, 43, 39, 55, 60).

A. Browne, 1077 (40, 40, 39, 32, 26).

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A. H. Hearndon (S.A.) and I. R. Henrys (N.S.W.) commenced the second heat of the Australian amateur billiards championship this afternoon.

Progress scores: Hearndon 485, Henrys 285.

Northern Star (Lismore) Thu 15 Aug 1929

Play in Australian amateur billiards championship progressed further to-night, A. H. Hearndon (S.A.), 1200, defeating I. R. Hendrys (N.S.W.), 739. Best breaks: Hearndon, 108, 63, 61, 50 and 52; Hendrys, 52, 50 and 46.

Hearndon will play G. C. Sutherland (Victoria) in the final to-morrow and Friday.

The Age (Melbourne) Thu 15 Aug 1929

A. H. Hearndon (S.A.) proved too good for R. Henrys (N.S.W.) who was substitute for L. W. Hayes, in the second heat of the Australian amateur championship, which was played at Alcock's Hall yesterday. He outpointed Henrys in every department of the game, and compiled one break over the century. Henrys played some fine individual strokes, but lacked positional skill.

Hearndon produced 23 with his first visit. Henrys was going well when he played on while a ball was in motion. This foul stroke was costly, as Hearndon ran up a delightful effort of 108. It was a well-played break, and every stroke was attractive. Then he followed up with other good runs of 20, 49 and 52. Henrys was making some poor attempts at fairly easy shots, and failing to build breaks when he obtained set positions. A new tip was worrying him, and he did not appear to be comfortable. His first break to exceed 20 (a 24) came at 147. Hearndon at this stage being 300. The South Australian, when passing 400, led by 249, but Henrys with two well-made efforts of 42 and 42 in succession, held his own for a while. At 500 Hearndon's advantage was again over 200, and at the interval the scores were 602—313 in his favor. The South Australian had had a big share of luck, but he fully deserved his lead, and had proved much the better cueist of the two.

## Hearndon Too Good for Henrys.

### Final Game To-day.

Hearndon commenced in the evening by increasing a small unfinished run to 36, which Henrys replied to with 27. A further 61 to Hearndon increased his lead to 312. Henrys got two good breaks of 46 and 50, and then Hearndon came with a consistent string, which included breaks of 41, 63, 28, 41 and 41. He had reached 1000 to his opponent's 573. There was only one in it, and he had the game well in hand. The New South Wales man was going for some wild strokes, and letting Hearndon in every time. When he tried a few safe shots his opponent was equal to either scoring or getting out of trouble. Entering the final century Hearndon held a lead of 427, and, taking things quietly, eventually reached game when his opponent was 739. Final scores were:—

Hearndon, 1200 (108, 63, 61, 52, 50, 49, 41, 41, 41, 41).

Henrys, 739 (52, 50, 46, 42, 38).

Hearndon will meet G. C. Sutherland in the final, which will be played to-day and to-morrow. The game is 2000 up, in four sessions of 500 each, beginning at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day.



**MELBOURNE, August 15.**

A. H. Hearnden, of South Australia, was leading J. C. Sutherland, of Victoria, at the conclusion of play to-day for the final of the Australian Amateur Billiards Championship, which this year is divided into four sessions. Two sessions were played to-day, and the concluding sessions will be played to-morrow. Both men played with great determination to-day, and there was little to choose between them, although the South Australian seemed to have most of the luck. The best break of the day was made by Sutherland, 126. The game now stands:

Hearnden .. .. .	1000
Sutherland .. .. .	921

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## AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

### Won by Hearnden

**Melbourne, August 16.**

The final of the inter-State Amateur Championship was completed at Alcock's Billiard Hall to-day between Hearnden (South Australia) and Sutherland (Victoria). Sutherland began the afternoon session 150 in arrears. He was below his form, as may be judged from the fact that his best breaks were 27, 77, 27. In the evening he played much better, but could not reduce Hearnden's lead, and the result was never in doubt.

Hearnden won on his merits. He played a very solid game, and showed much enterprise in forcing position. The best breaks for the day were:—Hearnden, 77, 83, 60, 87; Sutherland, 70, 57. Hearnden's average was 11½. Scores:—

Hearnden .. .. .	2,000
Sutherland .. .. .	1,602

## HEARNDON'S BRILLIANT PLAY.

The final between Hearnden and Sutherland was 2000 up in four sessions. Hearnden was first to show out. He led by 231 to 110. Sutherland drew level at 232, thus adding 122 to Hearnden's one! A break of 61 put Sutherland in the lead for the first time. The lead now see-sawed, but Hearnden was in front at the interval, with the scores 503 to 471 in his favor.

Sutherland drew level at 501 in the evening. Hearnden then forged ahead and led by 1001 to 821 at the close of play. During the session, Hearnden compiled a break of 65 at the top end, which included a run of 20 nursery cannons.

The day's best breaks were: Hearnden, 45, 32, 32, 35, 51, 30, 62, 80, 40, 65, 33, 72 (unfinished); Sutherland, 39, 61, 126, 44, 45, 38. Sutherland's break of 126 in the opening session of the final was the highest of the championship.

Hearnden carried his unfinished 72 to 77 the next afternoon, and supplemented this with successive breaks of 77 and 83. The South Australian had opened up a lead of 415 at the end of the session. Interval scores: Hearnden (in play), 1501, Sutherland 1086.

Hearnden continued to dominate in the final session, early chalking up a break of 87, in which he played splendidly at the spot end.

At various stages he led by 1750 to 1205 and 1873 to 1401. His lead was 500 when he reached 1900. Sutherland made up some leeway, before Hearnden reached points. Final scores: Hearnden 2000, Sutherland 1602. The day's breaks: Hearnden, 87, 83, 77, 77, 60, 49, 45, 44, 41; Sutherland, 77, 70, 57, 42, 55.

Hearnden gave a fine exhibition, scoring well from both hazards and open play, and making many skilful strokes at the spot-end.





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#### **AUSTRALIAN BILLIARDS COUNCIL.**

At the annual meeting in Melbourne the Australian Amateur Billiards Council decreed that future Australian championship games and the Empire championship for 1931 are to be played with crystalate balls. This means that the various State associations will be compelled to follow suit, also that similar balls will be used in the Queensland Amateur Billiards Association's inter-club billiards competitions. In the Australian championship for 1930 all heats will be 2000 up, and the grand final 3000. This year preliminary heats were 1200, with the final 2000. Next year's Australian championship will be played in Brisbane. Appreciation of the hospitality of the South African Council and of the efficiency of its arrangements for the Empire championship in that country last April was expressed. The following are the office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President Mr. A. Thurlow (Queensland); vice-president, Mr. James Davies (Victoria); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. M'Cathie (Victoria).