

BILLIARDS PERSONALITIES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Michael Joseph Hanley

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State Snooker Championships

	Winner	Runner-up
1925	M.J. Hanley	A.V. Thomas
1929	M.J. Hanley	A.H. Hearnden
1930	M.J. Hanley	H. Pfiel
1931	M.J. Hanley	F.K. Stevens
1932	M.J. Hanley	H. Johnson

State Billiards Championships – Runner up 1931

1924 Amateur Snooker Title

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AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP.

The South Australian Amateur Snooker championship is an innovation, but nominations show that it is appreciated by enthusiasts.

The first game will be played at the Palace Billiard Hall on Wednesday, July 23, between A. V. Thomas and Ross Sawers. The draw is:—Eyes, P. Hutton and A. H. Hearnden; July 23, A. V. Thomas v. Ross Sawers; July 24, E. H. Hinds v. M. Hanley; July 28, P. Hutton v. winner of Thomas and Sawers; July 29, A. H. Hearnden v. winner of Hinds and Hanley; July 30, final.

It is difficult to predict the winner, but I favor Hanley's chances. These games should prove interesting.

1924 ABASA Amateur Snooker Title

Note the scores are given as total points

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AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first heat in the South Australian amateur snooker championship tournament was contested at the Palace Billiard Halls last night, when Hanley met Hinds, and won by the wide margin of 85 points, the final scores being—Hanley 201, Hinds 116. The game was marked by consistent potting by the winner, but no large breaks were made. The second heat, between A. V. Thomas and Ross Sawers, proved a close and exciting contest. Both players are new to championship games, but proved by their sterling exhibition that this will not be the last occasion on which they will take part in these events. Flashes of brilliance were shown in many shots, both in potting and safety tactics. The final scores were—Thomas 152, Sawers 131. To-night's games are A. V. Thomas v. P. Hutton, at 7.30; A. H. Hearnden v. M. Hanley, second heat.

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Amateur Association Social

Mr. S. J. Jacobs (president of the South Australian Amateur Billiard Association), supported by Mr. C. R. J. Glover (Lord Mayor), presided at the association's smoke social and distribution of prizes at the Napoleon Hotel.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Jacobs stated that during the year the State billiard championship had been contested. W. H. Buchanan had succeeded in defeating E. H. Hindes in the final game. The snooker championship was won by J. Hanley, with A. V. Thomas runner-up.

An open handicap tournament (in two divisions) had also been conducted, and had the effect of stimulating enthusiasm among members. The first division was won by J. F. Downer with R. Wicksteed runner-up. The prize for the highest break was captured by G. F. Steinthal (74). F. Uren and A. A. Cox were first and second in the second division.

The Australian championship was held in Sydney. W. H. Buchanan represented this State, and he acquitted himself with credit. E. Eccles, the Victorian champion, proved the winner.

1929 ABASA Amateur Snooker Title

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AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

Three heats of the State Amateur Snooker Championship were contested at the Palace Billiards Halls last night, when Buchanan defeated Washington, Hanley defeated Dennis, and Hearnden defeated Deckert. The best break of the night was 35, made by Dennis. Scores:—W. Buchanan (44, 51, 50—145) d. R. Washington (50, 56, 32—138); M. J. Hanley (71, 70, 37—178) d. C. Dennis (41, 30, 57—128); A. H. Hearnden (70, 72, 88—230) d. D. Deckert (21, 34, 11—66). The games for to-night are:—J. A. Morgan v. J. Dawe, F. K. Stevens v. J. Pfeil.

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AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

The second series of games in the South Australian amateur snooker championship was played last night at the Palace Billiard Hall. The players were J. A. Morgan v. J. G. Dawe, and W. H. Buchanan v. F. Baum. F. K. Stevens, who was indisposed, was scheduled to play W. Pfeil, but this game was postponed until to-night. The snooker championship has been revived this year after a lapse of four years. The last occasion it was played was 1925, when M. J. Hanley won the title. Both games last night were interesting, and some excellent winning hazards were made, especially by Buchanan, who won 157 to 100. Scores:—Morgan, 65, 49, and 79—193; Dawe, 43, 58, and 22—127. Buchanan, 49, 58, and 50—157; Baum, 38, 41, and 21—100. Best breaks—Morgan, 21; Buchanan, 27.

1929 ABASA Amateur Snooker Title

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AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

The third round of the South Australian amateur snooker championship was played last night at the Palace Billiard Hall, when F. K. Stevens played W. Pfeil, and A. H. Hearnden opposed A. J. Morgan. Both Stevens and Hearnden won comfortably, which places them in the first and second semi-finals respectively. Scores:—Stevens, 107, 79, and 95—281; Pfeil, 30, 33, and 19—82. Hearnden, 52, 67, and 56—175; Morgan, 49, 40, and 53—142. Best breaks—Stevens, 29; Hearnden, 26. The games to-night are:—M. J. Hanley (holder of the title) v. F. K. Stevens, in the first semi-final, and A. H. Hearnden (amateur billiards champion) v. W. H. Buchanan, in the second semi-final.

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AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

The two semi-finals of the South Australian amateur snooker tournament were played at the Palace Billiard Hall last night between M. J. Hanley and F. K. Stevens, and A. H. Hearnden and W. H. Buchanan. The games went to Hanley and Hearnden.

The first game was largely a battle of strategy with the run of the balls in Hanley's favor. If anything, Stevens overdid the safety tactics in the final game. He was so far in arrear that his only chance was to be aggressive. Owing to the safety play there were no big breaks, but Hanley was consistent with fifteens and sixteens. He won by 49.

The game between Hearnden and Buchanan was more open, and towards the finish some splendid pots were made. The first game finished even, 39—38, but from the second break up the billiard champion forged ahead to win by 59. Scores:—

Hanley (61, 51, and 48)—160; Stevens (23, 33, and 55)—111. Hearnden (39, 61, and 78)—178; Buchanan (38, 35, and 46)—119.

Best breaks:—Hanley, 22; Hearnden, 25. The final will be played between Hearnden and Hanley on Tuesday night, and will be five sets up of the balls.

1929 ABASA Amateur Snooker Title

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AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

The final of the State amateur snooker championship, played at the Palace Billiard Hall last night between M. J. Hanley and A. H. Hearnden, was an excellent exhibition of winning hazard play by Hanley, who won, 305 to 209. This is the third time Hanley has gained this title. Hearnden was the first to get going, and finished the first game 25 in the lead. In the second Hanley played excellent snooker, and allowed his opponent no openings. He maintained this form to the finish. Hearnden rallied in the fifth and final game, but it was too late. Scores:—Hanley (35, 92, 58, 77, and 43), 305; Hearnden (60, 24, 37, 27, and 61), 209. Breaks:—Hanley, 24, 32, 24, and 20; Hearnden, 20, 22, 25, and 29.

1930 ABASA Amateur Snooker Title

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SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

The South Australian amateur snooker championship is now being contested at the Palace Billiard Halls, Adelaide Arcade. There were 22 competitors, and the winners to date are:—M. J. Hanley, G. Youles, H. Hammer, W. Buchanan, B. Ward, A. H. Hearnden, F. Stevens, and R. Dennis. The second round will be completed tonight, and the third round will begin on Monday evening.

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The amateur snooker championship being played at the Palace Billiard Hall has reached an interesting stage. Last night F. Stevens defeated B. Ward, M. J. Hanley won from G. Youles, H. Hammer defeated W. Buchanan, R. Dennis defeated F. Stevens, and H. Pfeil defeated A. H. Hearnden. The two semi-finals will take place tonight, when M. J. Hanley will meet H. Hammer and R. Dennis will play H. Pfeil.

1930 ABASA Amateur Snooker Title

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HANLEY WINS SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

M. J. Hanley won the South Australian amateur snooker championship at the Palace Billiard Hall last night, defeating H. Pfiel by 90 points, the scores being-- Hanley, 288; Pfiel, 193.

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M. J. HANLEY

winner of South Australian amateur billiard association snooker championship. He is one of the leading billiard players in the State.





COMPETITORS IN AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIPS—Left to Right—A. H. Hearnden (amateur State and Australian champion), and M. J. Hanley (amateur State snooker champion), with cups and shields, which will be presented at the close of the State championships.

SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

South Australian Amateur Billiards Association will begin the State snooker championship at the Palace Billiard Halls on Thursday night. The first round will be concluded next Tuesday night, and on the following Wednesday and Thursday the semi-finals and finals will be played. The draw, which took place last night, is as follows:—

Thursday Night—M. J. Hanley v. W. Buchanan. H. L. Goldsmith v. R. Mulroney. Tuesday Night—C. Mallen v. H. Pfeil, F. K. Stevens v. R. M. Gibson.

SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP TONIGHT

M. J. Hanley and F. K. Stevens will meet tonight for the final of the amateur snooker championship at the Palace Billiard Halls, Adelaide.

Last night Hanley (192) beat H. L. Goldsmith (140), and F. K. Stevens (182) beat H. Pfeil (92) in the semi-finals.

Snooker Championship to M. Hanley

M. Hanley retained the State amateur snooker championship, at the Palace Billiards Hall last night, by scoring 300 in the final match of five games to 219 by F. J. Stevens.

Stevens showed excellent all-round form in the early part of the play, scoring the best break of the night—27. Hanley missed many easy shots, but had some brilliant periods. He led by 28 at the end of the second game, and was 14 in front at the finish of the third. He increased his lead by six in the next and in the fifth scored 88 while Stevens added 19.

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Billiards (By "Cue")

Pfeil Wins Snooker Championship Tie

In the first tie of the State snooker championship conducted by the Amateur Billiards Association of South Australia, H. Pfeil defeated F. K. Stevens, the scores at the end of the third game being 162 to 156.

When the first game ended the scores were Pfeil 75, Stevens 38, and at the conclusion of the second Pfeil 120 and Stevens 96.

SECOND SNOOKER TIES

In the second ties of the snooker tournament conducted by the Amateur Billiards Association of South Australia at the Palace Billiard Hall last night Larson (227) defeated Buchanan (126). Rositer (189) defeated Morgan (93). Pullman (149) defeated Matthews (140).

Billiards (By "Cue")

Snooker Semi-finals Tonight

The semi-finals of the amateur snooker championship will be played at the Palace Billiard Hall tonight. M. J. Hanley (holder of the State amateur championship) will meet R. Larson, and H. L. Goldsmith (State amateur billiards champion) will play H. Johnson.

The finals will be played on Wednesday night. This will finish the list of events conducted by the Amateur Billiards Association of South Australia for this season.

Howard Brady and Horace Lindrum will play an exhibition game at the Payneham Billiards Saloon tonight.

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Snooker Semi-Finals

The semi-finals of the South Australian snooker championship, which were played last night, were won by M. J. Hanley and H. Johnson, who will contest the final at the Palace Billiard Hall tomorrow night. Results:—M. J. Hanley, 200, d. E. Larsen, 115; H. Johnson, 139, d. H. Goldsmith, 147.

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Hanley Wins Snooker Championship

M. J. Hanley won the final of the State Amateur Snooker Championship from H. Johnson last night. Scores:—Hanley, 234, Johnson, 235. Hanley has held the championship since 1924. Johnson made a break of 53, an amateur record for S.A. Hanley held the previous record of 32.

Hanley Wins Snooker Championship

M.J. Handley won the final of the State Amateur Snooker Championship from H. Johnson last night. Scores:- Hanley 284 Johnson 235. Hanley has held the championship since 1924. Johnson made a break of 53, an amateur record for S.A. Hanley held the previous record of 32.

1924 ABASA Amateur Billiards Title

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BILLIARDS.

By Hazard.

The Palace Billiard Hall was the scene on Monday of the opening of the 1924 amateur championship. The standard table prepared by Mr. P. Brady was indeed a credit to him, and to the S.A. Amateur Billiard Association, under whose auspices these games are played. The curtained-off playing arena, the special lighting effects of the table, the white coats of marker and scorer, and the referee (Mr. W. McFee) standing by, gave quite a businesslike air to the proceedings.

Hinds, last year's champion, met M. Hanley, and though the game proved a runaway for the former, it was interesting as an opening bout of this important annual tournament. The final scores were:—Hinds, 630; Hanley, 324. Hinds's best breaks were, in the order they were made, 31, 45, 20, 28, 34, 28, 27, 43, 25, 33, his average per stick for the game being 8.03. Hanley made only two breaks of over 20, viz., 44 and 24, his average being 4.05 per stick. He could not strike form, but he is confident of turning the tables in the snooker tournament next week. To-night at 7.30 p.m. A. H. Hearnden will meet Pat Hennessy, and a good game should result.

1925 ABASA Amateur Billiards Title

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AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A spectacular game of billiards was witnessed at the Palace Billiard Halls between Mr. E. H. Hinds and Mr. M. J. Hanley, on Thursday evening in the championship contests. Mr. Hinds could not get going, and Hanley reached 100 before Hinds reached 20. For the next 200 Hanley increased his lead, and at 328 Hinds was only 145. For the next half-hour the scoring was even. Then Hinds commenced to gain, and reduced the lead substantially. However, Hanley was not to be denied, and reached 630 when Hinds was 543. The highest breaks were:—Hanley, 22, 25, 25, 47, 30, 51, 29, 21, 24, 27, and 20; Hinds, 27, 23, 28, 32, 27, and 42. On Tuesday next Buchanan (champion) will meet Wickslead, on Wednesday Wilson will play Lee, and on Thursday Wilson or Lee will meet Hanley.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL.

The first round of the semi-finals in connection with the State championships was contested at the Palace Billiard Halls last evening, when Wilson and Hanley tried conclusions. A large attendance was present, and there was a fine all-round display of billiards. The latter portion of the game was very exciting. Wilson stuck to it, and eventually won by 45 points, the scores being:—Wilson, 650; Hanley, 605. Breaks:—Wilson, 21, 34, 27, 21, 24, 31, 40, 25; Hanley, 42, 32, 24, 40, 38, 29, 37. On Tuesday Buchanan will meet Hearnden, and on Wednesday the final will be played.

1926 ABASA Amateur Billiards Title

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HANDLEY DEFEATED SHARP.

As anticipated, the second series of the amateur championship games in connection with the annual tournament provided an interesting contest between Hanley and Sharp on Tuesday night at Queen's Hall. The lastnamed led to the first hundred, but Hanley, with useful breaks of twenties and thirties, went ahead. Features of the game were Hanley's pots and Sharp's long jennies. Sharp ran to 444 with a break of 54, and got within 35 of his opponent. The race to 500 was won by Hanley. He compiled 62, which was the highest break made. The same billiardist had reached 575 when Sharp passed the half-thousand mark, and he continued in front, winning by 112. The final scores were:—Hanley, 650; Sharp, 538. There were 93 visits to the table, the winner's average being 7.83.

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AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

WIN FOR BUCHANAN.

There was a large attendance at Alcock's Parlour, Queen's Hall, on Monday night to witness the game between W. H. Buchanan and M. Hanley, the occasion being the sixth series of amateur championship billiards. Hanley led until 150 was signalled, when Buchanan found true form. The issue was beyond doubt when he put on breaks of 62 and 60. Hanley's best effort was 43. There were 10 breaks of 20 and over by the winner, and four by the loser. Final scores were:—Buchanan, 650; Hanley, 464.

Breaks:—Buchanan—30, 46, 24, 20, 62, 22, 38, 25, 30 and 60. Hanley—26, 20, 43 and 20. The winner occupied the table on 72 occasions, his average being 9.

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AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.



From left to right—F.K. Stevens (Billiards Trials Champion) - M.J. Hanley (Amateur Snooker Champion), and W. H. Buchanan (Amateur Billiards Champion 1927)

BILLIARDS NOTES.

STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The annual contest for the amateur billiard championship of South Australia has progressed to the second round. In the first round there were some good contests, especially the game between Hanley and Morgan on Wednesday night.

The appointments at the Palace Billiard Hall are ideal. Mr. Brady has spared no expense of effort to give the players the best condition under which to show their top form, and to give spectators comfort. The table and balls were tested in every way in the presence of Mr. J. Jacobs (president of the association) and his committee before the opening game; and the players are unanimous in their praise of the conditions generally. The cushions are playing beautifully. The arena is well appointed and lighted, and the seating will accommodate 35 persons.

On Monday night the championship was opened when F. Stevens (winner of the trials) met H. Goldsmith and defeated him after an interesting contest. At one stage Stevens was 200 points in the lead. Goldsmith, finding his length, scored within 10 of him, but in practice of the trials stood Stevens in good stead and he won. On Tuesday night W. H. Buchanan (present champion) met A. Benson. Although on paper, it looked an easy win for the champion, as the game progressed Benson showed that he was a rugged fighter. He reached the

100, 200, 300, and 400 marks ahead of Buchanan, and only in the last stages could the latter take the lead. The fact was demonstrated that a long game finds the weakness in young players. Most of them play 500 up, at most in practice, and 650 finds them tired and less towards the conclusion. Buchanan compiled a pretty break of 60 and followed it with more than 50. Both breaks were made possible by Benson opening up the game when a little caution would have been better. The final scores were:—Buchanan 650, Benson 557.

Wednesday night was the most thrilling when M. J. Hanley was opposed to T. Morgan, another promising junior. As was the case in the previous night's contest, all the good judges expected Hanley to win comfortably. Hanley said that it was his hardest fight. Praise must be given to both players—Hanley because he fought like the seasoned players he is, and Morgan for a steady and talented display. He reached 400 when Hanley was 350. Then one of the most interesting expositions of the tournament happened. The table produced a 4 break, which brought him to within one point of Morgan, who followed with 52. Hanley replied with 60, and Morgan compiled 56 on his next visit. From that stage Morgan seemed to tire, and Hanley won.

The games so far have been keenly watched by a large number of spectators, the most regular being the association's president, Mr. S. J. Jacobs. The South Australian body is particularly fortunate in having such a keen sportsman at the head of affairs.

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The Amateur Championship.

The second semi-final game in connection with the amateur State championship was played at the Palace Billiard Halls, Adelaide Arcade, on Tuesday night, in the presence of a large attendance. The contestants were A. H. Hearnden (champion in 1926) and M. J. Hanley. The first-named won the match after a scientific display. Hearnden was quickly into touch, and he established a commanding lead. With a break of 43 he held a lead of 100, his score being 167, and the advantage was maintained to 350. Although Hearnden played in confident fashion, he however adopted "safety first" tactics on several occasions. This somewhat cramped his game. When he had reached 486, Hanley was 333. Hanley was applauded for a break of 51. Hearnden stood at 514, and Hanley ran past the fourth century and on to 426, when he broke down on an easy winning hazard. Hearnden, with a break of 70 passed 600, and went on to win the game of 650 up by 181 points.

Hearnden will meet F. K. Stephens tonight, when a game of 1,500 up (in two sessions) will begin at 7.30 o'clock.

Hearnden averaged 8.6, and his best breaks were 70, 46, 43, 43, 43, 42, 35, 29, 27, 26, 25, and 24. Hanley's best were 36, 51, 46, 40, 30, 27, 25, 21, and 21.

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The second game for the State amateur championship was played at the Palace Billiard Hall last night, when M. J. Hanley played J. G. Dawe. Hanley won by 233, the scores being 650 to 417. Both were slow to begin. Hanley had many opportunities in the early stages, but he did not take advantage, while Dawe had an unfortunate run right through the game. Hanley's best break was 61, and his average for the whole game was only 7.5. His last 20 shots averaged nearly 11 each. Dawe's best break was a 37, made early in the game. Scores:—Hanley, 650; Dawe, 417. Breaks:—Hanley—35, 21, 61, 28, 35, 40, 43, 22, 33, and 22. Dawe—37, 25, 29, 20, 26, 20, and 33. To-night's game is between W. H. Buchanan and H. W. Pfeil.

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STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

The first semi-final of the State amateur billiards championship was played at the Palace Billiard Hall, Rundle-street, on Monday night, when A. H. Hearnden defeated M. J. Handley. The match was of a high standard, and the closeness of the scores throughout made it an exciting game to watch. The players were equal at 155, 292, 386, 411, 497, and 534. Handley was 615 and Hearnden 577 when the latter made a break of 66, which brought him within a few points of the requisite 650, and he went out at his next turn at the table. Best breaks were:—Hearnden, 33, 22, 54, 31, 36, 52, 35, 37, and 66; Handley, 55, 37, 22, 25, 29, 20, 32, 35, 35, and 20.

W. H. Buchanan will meet P. K. Stephens to-night, and the winner will meet Hearnden in a game of 1,500 up on Wednesday and Thursday.

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STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

In an amateur championship match played at the Palace Billiard Hall last night, A. Benson (650) defeated M. Hanley (647). Best breaks were:—Benson, 37, 30, 33, 30, 31, 31, 20, 36, 21, 43, Hanley, 27, 74, 22, 31, 28, 28, 34, 23.

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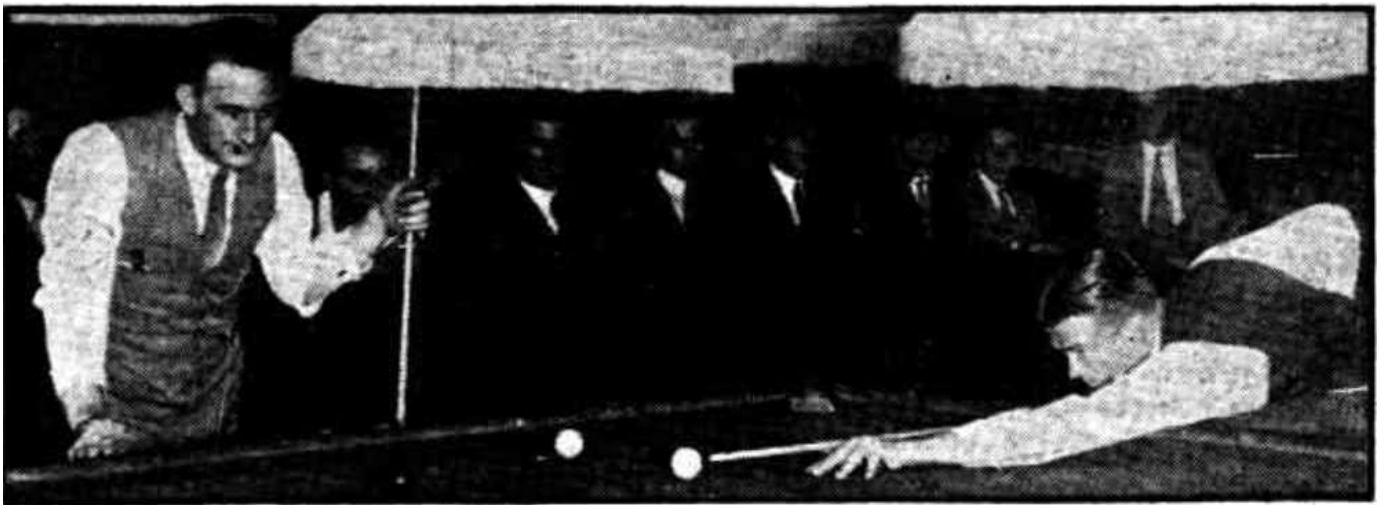
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Amateur Billiards Tonight

Mr. P. J. Brady has arranged a series of games between H. L. Goldsmith (State billiards champion), M. J. Hanley (State snooker champion), W. Buchanan, and F. K. Stevens.

The series, which will begin tonight, will be played at the Palace Billiard Halls, Adelaide Arcade, Rundle street. Goldsmith and Hanley will meet in the first encounter. Each game will be of 500 up.

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STATE AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMPION WINS TOURNAMENT—H. L. Goldsmith about to strike. He defeated M. J. Hanley (State snooker champion) last night at Palace Billiard Halls in the final of the exhibition contests between four leading amateurs.

1931 ABASA Amateur Billiards Title

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In the second match of the first round of the amateur billiards championship, played at the Palace Hall last night, Hanley, 750, defeated Mulroney, 632.

Principal breaks:—Hanley, 28, 33, 28, 31, 41, 28, 42, 21, 43; Mulroney, 22, 38, 35, 25, 29, 28, 58, 31.

Tonight, F. K. Stevens will play R. M. Gibson.

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Billiards Championship Semi-finals

A close and exciting match in the first semi-final of the State Amateur Billiards Championship was played at the Palace Billiard Halls, City, last night, when M. J. Hanley (750) beat W. Buchanan (742). Best breaks for the evening were:—Hanley—54, 40, 38, 28, 39, 67. Buchanan—26, 33, 48, 33, 60, 42.

P. K. Stevens will meet H. L. Goldsmith, the present champion, tonight.

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In the final of the amateur billiards championship of South Australia at the Palace Billiards Hall last night, H. L. Goldsmith, the leader, scored 750 and is in play with an unfinished break of 54. N. J. Handley's score at the close of play last night was 608. The match will be finished tonight.

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NOTES ON THE GAME

By "HAZARD"

The matches in the semi-finals and final of the State amateur championship provided some very solid billiards, perhaps not so spectacular as last year, but, nevertheless, sound.

Buchanan, in his game with Hanley, fought back from 150 behind to a winning lead, only to throw the game away in the last 10. I gave this player an excellent chance of a come-back this year. His practice work was good.

Goldsmith in his game with Stevens made a 100 break, the only flaw being a fluke when about 60. His losing hazard striking was good, as were his winners. This was his first appearance in the championship games.

Stevens played his usual solid game, but could not produce his best form.

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HANLEY DEFEATS MATTHEWS

The second tie of the amateur billiards championship of South Australia resulted in a victory for M. J. Hanley over W. Matthews, the scores being Hanley 759, Matthews 504.

On his third visit to the table Hanley completed a break of 107, but Matthews, fighting back gamely, equalled the scores at 200. Hanley then scored a break of 76, giving him a commanding lead, which he maintained throughout. His two breaks of more than 100 were excellent efforts.

Hanley's red ball play was a feature. His first 500 was scored with a fine average of 22, and had he been consistent enough in obtaining the remainder of his score, he would have broken the record for the highest average (18.5), which is held by H. L. Goldsmith (Australian champion).

Apart from the early stages of the game, Matthews failed to show any of the form which gained him victory in the championship trials. His breaks of 60 and 42, which were scored by all red ball play near the end, were good efforts.

Chief breaks by Hanley were 107, 83, 76, 109, 33, 39, 40, and 34, and by Matthews, 31, 55, 68, 37, 60, and 42.

Billiards (By "Cue")

GOLDSMITH AND BUCHANAN TO PLAY TONIGHT

H. L. Goldsmith (Australian and State champion) and W. Buchanan tonight will meet in the second semi-final of the amateur championship being conducted by the South Australian association.

Playing in the first semi-final, F. Bickmore made a record break of 140. He easily defeated M. J. Hanley, the scores being 750 to 408.

Bickmore is the youngest competitor in the championship, being only 23 years of age. He was runner-up to W. Matthews in the amateur championship trials. He defeated an experienced player in F. K. Stevens in the first tie. Should he maintain the improvement he has shown in the last few games, Bickmore should prove a worthy opponent for the State champion.

Gaming In Billiard Hall

Michael Joseph Hanley, billiard hall proprietor, of Oakley street, city, and James Edward Goldsmith, mechanic, of Goodwood, were each found guilty by Mr. E. M. Sabine, P.M., in the Adelaide Police Court yesterday of having, on May 13, been the occupiers of the Hutt street Billiard Hall, which premises were used for the purpose of unlawful gaming. Hanley was fined £10, with 12/6 costs, and Goldsmith £3, with 12/6 costs.

HANLEY.—On the 13th of January, at hospital, Michael, dearly beloved husband of Eileen Hanley, and brother of Will, Dick (deceased), Frank, and Doris. Aged 40 years