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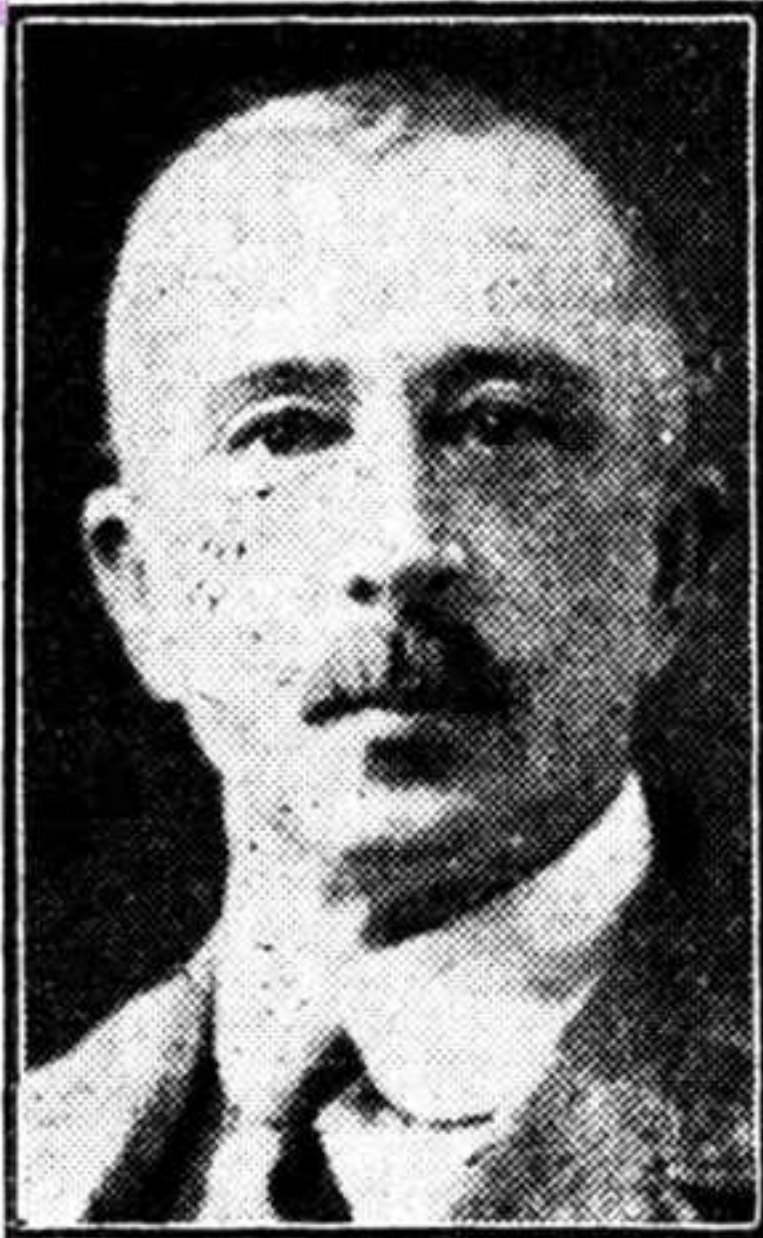
E. H. HINDES

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E. H. HINDS,
Amateur Champion of South Australia.

1923 State Billiards Champion – Highest break 102 unfinished

1924 Runner up to W H Buchanan

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AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The amateur championship matches were continued at the Palace Billiard Halls last night, the players being E. H. Hindes and A. H. Hearndon. There was a large attendance, and the game, on the whole, very interesting, good play being shown by both players. Hindes won the contest with a margin of 71. Principal breaks were:—Hindes, 20, 61, 24, 25, 29, 27, 25, 23, 30, 35; Hearndon, 25, 20, 41, 35, 34, 21.

HINDES WON AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final game of 1,500 up for the amateur championship of South Australia was played by W. H. Buchanan (holder), and E. H. Hindes in two sessions of 750 at the Palace Billiards Hall, Adelaide, on Thursday. The afternoon session commenced at 2.30 o'clock, and there was a large assembly. Both players exhibited great skill, and the scoring was consistently good. Hindes had the better of the running. The ball travelled badly for his rival during the latter half of the session. Hindes ran to his points—750 to 582—and had the excellent average of 15 per visit to the table. The best breaks were:—Hindes.—22, 20, 28, 34, 26, 42, 36, 69, 61, 28, 23 and 56 unfinished; Buchanan—32, 23, 45, 25, 29, 22, 92 and 23. The high standard of play was not maintained during the evening. Hindes added only 1 to

his unfinished break of 56, and then broke down. Buchanan could not get going, the balls continually breaking against him. The leader gradually increased his advantage, and he ran out the winner by 280 points. Mr. S. J. Jacobs (Chairman of the S.A. Billiards Association) complimented the victor on his fine display. Cheers were given by the audience. It is considered that Hindes will give an excellent account of himself when the champions from the eastern States arrive in Adelaide to do battle for the Australian title. The final scores on Thursday were:—Hindes, 1,500; Buchanan, 1,220. The best breaks were:—Hindes.—58 (full), 34, 40, 26, 23, 21, 22, 29 22 and 72; Buchanan—31, 48, 26, 22, 26, 20, 21, and 24. The averages per visit to the table were 8.62 for the winner, and 7.44 for the loser.

E. H. Hinds, who defeated W. H. Buchanan in the final for the amateur billiard championship, comes from China. He retired from business some years ago, and puts in all his time at billiards. Mr. Hinds resides at the Adelaide Club, but is generally to be found wielding the cue at the Stock Exchange Club. Recently he put up a 200 break at the latter place. Local cueists have made him favorite for the approaching championship of Australia to be played in Adelaide.

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Championship Contests

South Australia was eliminated from the Australian championship games when the Victorian representative A. Tricks defeated E. H. Hinds last night, the scores being Tricks 1,200, Hinds 818.

At 2.30 this afternoon L. P. Simmonds (Queensland) and W. Shailer (N.S.W.) began their games.

The final match will be played between A. Tricks and the winner of today's contest at the Palace Billiard Hall tomorrow and Friday. The sessions will begin at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

When this edition went to press the scores were:—

W. Shailer (N.S.W.), 229.

L. P. Simmonds (Q.), 229.

"The South Australian champion, Mr. E. H. Hinds, is identical with the Hongkong-English amateur who for many years took part in the English amateur championship games. He is a real fine cueist, with plenty of style and a penchant for the top end of the table. His faults, to my mind, are a Diggle-like bridge, with a cue hand almost flat on the table, and a long bridge of the flowing type, which gives too much play to the cue and must affect accuracy. He is a real good sportsman, with a predilection for the fascinating cigarette when at the table.

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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 650 when Hinds was 543. The highest breaks were:—Hanley, 31, 35, 35, 47, 30, 31, 29, 21, 24, 27, and 20; Hinds, 27, 23, 28, 32, 27, and 43. On Tuesday next Buchanan (champion) will meet Wickstead, on Wednesday Wilson will play Lee, and on Thursday Wilson or Lee will meet Hanley.