

Willie Hoppe Now Ready To Meet Challengers

Will Give Them a Handicap of 1,000
Points and Will Play for \$2,500

New York, June 11.—Willie Hoppe, the champion billiardist of the world, has listened and listened to his many challengers for so long that he has been stirred to activity, and is now prepared to go through with any challenge that comes his way. But the would-be challenger must get in his word immediately, because Willie is now looking his winter campaign and wants to arrange it so as not to interfere with the exhibition tour.

Six thousand points to 5,000 at 182 ball-line for a side bet of at least \$2,500 is the only condition that Hoppe will dictate.

Volunteering the handicap without it being suggested by the many who have asserted they thought they could beat Hoppe at even for his title shows clearly the small respect the champion has of their ability. Willie has his own opinion of how others in his field rank, and

he doesn't hesitate to place Ora Morningstar at the head of the list. Maybe that's because Ora hasn't been annoying Willie like the other fellows have. However, Willie insists that even Old George Sutton is a better player than any of the younger set. After that Willie thinks it is just a matter of luck whom to place next in line.

Has a Record.

Hoppe has a reason for naming such a big amount as \$2,500 for a side bet. He doesn't think a match with any of the so-called challengers would draw any money, and the \$2,500 side bet, which is the usual amount to be played for in a match, would not suffice to pay his expenses, nor make up for the money he would get giving exhibitions. That's why he names the \$2,500 figure, and not because he would have it serve as a barrier to anybody grabbing his title.

Hoppe is willing to go into a tournament, too, but the terms which he demands must be granted. He wants every man who enters to pay \$250, and the exhibition work he might have to cancel to keep the engagement.

However, Hoppe has started something, and when the billiard promoters begin preparing for their season they may find a good year ahead, induced by the activity of the champion in tournaments or matches.

Canadian Wins First Title Race

Art Spencer, a Toronto Boy, Makes
Good Start in National Championship
Events

New York, June 11.—Art Spencer, of Toronto, and present American bicycle champion, won the quarter-mile titular race, the first of a series of races which will decide the national championship for 1918, at the Velodrome, in Newark.

Spencer beat Bob Spears, Frank Kramer and Reggie McNamara, these three riders finishing in that order.

The championship races are run in eight trial heats, four semi-finals, two grand semi-finals, and then the winners of the grand semi-finals battle it out for first and second places, while the losers

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light it out for third and fourth places. With two men on the track at all times, it eliminates any possible chance of teaming. Arthur Spencer beat Verri in the semi-final and McNamara in the grand semi-final, while he then out-sprinted Spears, who had beat Kramer in his grand semi-final heat, winning by inches; Spears won by a length from Kramer, who has not reached the top of his speed this season, but is getting better every day.

While Spears lost the championship event, he rode a sensational race in the two-mile all-star invitation, winning from Eddie Madden, Reggie McNamara, Alfred Grenis and Frank Kramer. Spears came from about fifth position on the back stretch of the last lap and won out.

Jackie Clark, one of the most popular riders who ever competed in Newark, won the two-thirds mile handicap.

German Prisoners to Sackville.

Sackville Post: The Sackville barracks are to be used to house a number of German prisoners, who are to be brought here to build several miles of new railroad sidings. Last week men were at work erecting a wire fence around the main building, and placing iron bars on the windows. The men will, it is understood, be under military guard constantly.

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