

BILLIARD TEST NOT WHOLLY CONCLUSIVE

New York Fans Say Question of Supremacy of Schaefer Over Hoppe Still in Doubt.

(New York Times.) That is the composite effect of the general sentiment expressed in local billiard articles yesterday regarding the match between Jake Schaefer and Willie Hoppe for the world's 18.2 billiard championship concluded at Orchestra Hall in Chicago on Wednesday night with Schaefer successfully defending his title by a score of 1,600 to 1,468. No match in the history of billiards aroused greater interest than did this one and no match was ever more skillfully or more keenly contested. At its conclusion the question of supremacy was still in doubt, for a victory by the scant margin of thirty-two points can scarcely be called decisive. Wherever billiard fans foregathered in this city nothing else was discussed. The wonderful showing of both players was the sole topic of conversation. It was agreed that never before had two players been more evenly matched in ability and the prevailing expression of opinion was that Hoppe in defeat was almost as great as Schaefer in victory. The games of both players was dwelt upon at length. They both proved beyond question that they could rise to the greatest heights when hardest pressed. The fact that each had a grand average of better than forty-eight, despite the terrific strain under which they played, showed as nothing else could what masterful billiards they played under the most severe stress to which either could possibly be subjected. General regret was expressed that under the conditions governing championship challenge matches it will be impossible for Schaefer and Hoppe to meet again for some time. Welker Cochran already has challenged Schaefer and they will play within thirty days, probably in Chicago. The conditions provide that challenges can be submitted according to the positions in which the players finished in the international tournament at Chicago last November. Thus Roger Conti, who has returned to France, is in line to challenge the winner of the

Schaefer-Cochran match. This match, however, could not possibly be played before next season, for the rules stipulate that the champion cannot be compelled to defend his title during the months of June, July and August.

Demand for Another Meeting. However, there is nothing to prevent Schaefer and Hoppe playing a match without the title being at stake, and there is a general demand for such a meeting. There is little doubt that it would draw capacity crowds wherever staged, but the chances are that Schaefer would not be able to entertain any such proposition until after he has played Cochran. He would scarcely care to subject himself to the strain of such a meeting on what might be termed the eve of his meeting with Cochran.

While discussing the match yesterday, C. P. Miller, vice-president of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, which donated the diamond medal emblematic of the world's billiard championship, said: "It undoubtedly was the greatest match in the history of billiards. I am highly gratified at the showing made by both players. They are wonderful exponents of the game. I am not in favor of matches of greater length than 1,600 points. I think it is better to have more matches at that length in which the interest is maintained as it was in the match just concluded than to have one match at three or four thousand points in which one of the players may obtain a lead of four or five hundred points and kill any further interest in the affair."

John T. Doyle had the following to say: "The match proved to my satisfaction that the question of ability is a toss up. The breaks undoubtedly decided it. The rolling of a ball the sixteenth of an inch made a great difference. The final score shows that the breaks must have been pretty evenly divided, with Schaefer getting whatever shade there may have been. Such events are a wonderful thing for the sport in general. And it is equally fine for the sport that two such fine young gentlemen are its leading players. It would be impossible to find two cleaner living young men. They are indeed a credit to billiards. As regards settling the question of supremacy between them, I believe they would have to play a match of 10,000 points to reach a decision."

Maurice Daly said: "It was anybody's match right up to the finish. They ought to play again, and I think that if they do they should play at least five nights, 800 points a night, making a total of 4,000 points. I firmly believe that the fact that Schaefer is eight years younger than Hoppe had an important bearing on the outcome, for young Jake had just that much advantage in eyesight. And that is quite an advantage. It means a great deal in sighting the first object ball so that the cue ball can land perfectly on the second object ball."

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GIRL, LONG A CRIPPLE, TO BE CIRCUS RIDER

Daughter of Equestrians With Barnum & Bailey's 25 Years Sees Big Show For First Time.

Fred Bradna and his wife Ella have been circus equestrians stars these many years, about twenty-five, to be exact, with Barnum & Bailey. Probably the happiest day of their circus experience came this week when they were joined by their 17-year-old daughter, Helen, who arrived in New York from Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine. Helen was crippled by infantile paralysis when she was 3 years old, and until two years ago it was thought she would be an invalid for life. Now her recovery is so far around that she plans to learn to ride a horse like her father and mother and will join the circus.

"I have Professor Bagymil Lange of Stuttgart to thank for my recovery," the girl said. "He is famous like Dr. Lorenz and took me under his wing for two years, I who had expected to spend my life in an invalid's chair, will presently—if they will employ me—be riding about the ring with my father and mother."

Helen saw the circus for the first time. She had seen tiny one-ring traveling caravans which sometimes "made" Strasbourg, but she had never seen anything like "the greatest show on earth."

"It was wonderful," she explained. "You do everything in such a big way here in America. You know that although my father and mother have been here many years this is my first visit. I'm going to master English first so that an American horse will understand me, and then I'm going to ride. Through riding about the ring with my father and mother, I think there will be little difficulty about arriving at the goal I intend to reach. Some day, too, will be a wonderful rider."

Fred Bradna said he considered his daughter's recovery remarkable in that nearly every physician who attended her during her early years reported that she would be a cripple for life. Professor Lange, he said, was very patient and journeyed from Stuttgart to Strasbourg to see his patient. Bradna said his daughter's cure had taken \$5,000 from his earnings. "And that's a lot in French money," he added, "but it was more than worth it."

TIGHT ROPE THRILLS.

In 1850 Blondin announced his determination to cross Niagara Falls on a tight-rope, and world-wide interest was aroused. The rope was stretched over the falls nearly 250 feet above the rapids, and Blondin walked across, carrying a long balancing pole. Not content with this, he decided to take a passenger over on his back, and his manager, Mr. Calcutt, volunteered, and was safely carried over.

During the next few years there were quite a number of people who copied Blondin's feat. One man rode across on a bicycle, while a Scotoman named McDowell successfully performed the hazardous feat of walking to the centre

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PARENTS AND THEIR DUTIES

(From the Omaha Bee)

The one sure and certain way of having young men and young women grow up to their estate clean in mind and body is to surround them with clean influences while they are boys and girls. This does not mean to rear them as sissies; it means to rear them as men and women. It was long ago established that a man may be a gentleman and a Christian and

still be an athlete and even a good sportsman. The book of knowledge need not be sealed in order to rear a boy or girl along right lines; they should be taught the meaning of life, and not be allowed to drift into the ways of death because they were not warned of the danger.

But they should be taught the sanctity of life, the manifestation of the Creator as exhibited in the powers and functions of the body and the mind, and early learn to know good from evil. And with a proper self-respect they will readily reject the filth that is proffered under the guise of amusement. The home is the place to provide this training, and it is up to the fathers and mothers to give it. If they neglect their duties, they need not be astonished if now and then a loved child falls into the pit they failed to point out.

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