Live Sporting News and Notes

WILLIE HOPPE CREATES A NEW RECORD

Every time William F. Hoppe takes his turn at table in a billiard match, every existing record at any style of balkline game is in danger. Nine years ago Hoppe himself established a high run record of 307 at 18.2 balkline in a tournament game and it stood until last night, when he ran off 308 in the second inning of his game with Welker Cochran which was to determine first place in the handicap tournament for professionals. Hoppe won the game in hollow fashion, 500 to 18 on actual play, and 500 to 218 counting Cochran's handicap allotment of 200 points.

Hoppe and Cochran were tied for first place, with four victories and no defeats, when they went to the table last night. Hoppe won the bank and ran two in his first inning. Cochran failed to score from the leave, and then began Hoppe's record-breaking inning of 308, which not only put the game on ice, as the saying goes, but metophorically did the same for young Cochran, who grew 'cold' and out of stroke from his long rest.

Up to the count of 278 in Hoppe's big inning, it was of interest to the spectators to speculate upon whether the champion would better that mark, which he made in his first game of the tournament. Once he had passed the 278-mark the main topic for whispered discussion was whether he would succeed in establishing a new record high run for tournament play. Even Hoppe himself seemed to be affected by the situation as he got nearer and nearer the old mark, so that his play became more and more studied and labored. When he finally counted on the shot which created a new record, it must have relieved the tension so much that he was not concentrated for the next shot, a not over-difficult single rail effort which he missed by a surprising margin, especially in view of his previous uncanny accuracy.

Until the 264th count, Hoppe had the balls in such complete control that, as the novice would say, "he did not have a difficult shot to make." Therein is the great feature of Hoppe's play; he hits the balls perfectly, as to both force and direction, so that he rarely leaves himself a difficult shot. Most of his play for 264 points was at one end of the table, but on that shot he left the object balls at opposite corners the long way of the table, so that it looked like the termination of the run. A four-cushion shot made the next count, but left the balls still widely separated. His next effort was a three-cushion shot which made the count and brought the balls to the lower end of the table. One more counting shot and he had the ivories together, which drew him a big hand and paved the way for his new record.

After that there were many among the spectators who came to the conclusion that the wizard would run 498 points and complete the game in two innings and there was general surprise when Hoppe missed the one-rail shot which would have counted the 309th shot. Those who follow the play of experts closely, however, are never surprised when a man misses a comparatively easy shot after attaining some special object or making a particularly difficult shot. The player becomes keyed up to the highest point to accomplish one thing and, having succeeded, he is prone to relax. In fact, long observation leads the writer to believe that the most difficult shot in billiards, for the expert, is the easy shot which follows the difficult one.

Following his record-breaking run (which was not so high as some that Hoppe has made in exhibition play the last two years for he made 314 here in Boston not long ago and 400 in Hartford, Conn.), the champion counted only 16 points in his next three innings, after which he ran 44, 71 8 and 71 to complete his 500 in nine innings, for an average of 55 5-9. His grand average for five games was 32 36-77, or more than double the grand average of any other competitor.

For winning first place, Hoppe drew a prize of $1,000; Welker Cochran, with the aid of his handicap of 200 points, finished second, netting him $750; George Sutton took third place, and $600, by reason of his afternoon victory over Koji Yamada; George Slosson won fourth place, and $400; Yamada fifth place and $350, and Joseph Mayer was in last place, without a victory, but gets $300 nevertheless. Mayer was a disappointment in the tournament, as was Yamada, for the Jap is capable of much better billiards than he showed.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

Last night, on Black's alleys, in the City League, the Easterns took the four points from the C. P. R. team. Garnett of the winners rolled the highest string with a score of 126. The individual scores follow:

	C.	P.	R.	
Cleary	88	80	100	268—89 1-3
McLaren	95	77	87	259—86 1-3
McDonald	87	106	80	273—91
Howard	94	110	92	296—98 2-3
Stevens	90	87	83	260—86 2-3
	454	460	442	1356
Easterns.				
Williams	88	96	104	288— 96
Garnett	126	94	96	316—105 1-3
Thurston	92	91	82	265— 88 1-3
Smith	104	80	81	265— 88 1-3
Robinson	104	100	81	285— 95
	514	461	444	1419

Tonight the Tigers and Ramblers will play.

IN FAVOR OF NUMBERING THE PLAYERS

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 24.—Opinions of twenty-one prominent football stars, regarding the proposition of making the numbering of players in football games compulsory, point almost unanimously toward the adoption of the rule, says the Yale News. The list of players questioned contains three Yale and five Harvard captains, players of old time and modern football. Only two of these are opposed to the measure. Numbering is at present in vogue at Princeton, Dartmouth, Virginia and Vanderbilt, and has become more popular each year since its introduction by Dartmouth in 1913.

Yale players quoted favoring the reform include ex-captains Charles Gould, Samuel Morse and Fred Daly; Carl Flanders, formerly centre rush, and John De Saulles, formerly quarterback. The following Harvard captains expressed themselves in favor of the system: E. N. Wrightington, captain in 1896; Dr. D. J. Hurley, captain in 1904 and 1905; Hamilton Fish, 1909 captain; Percy L Wendall, 1912 captain, and Charles Brickley, last year's captain. Brickley says:

"Personally I am heartily in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of great benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who is actually doing the work. The option should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

Kelley, Edwards, Booth and Street, all of Princeton; Journeay and Moffett of the University of Pennsylvania, and Thorp of Columbia, approved the system. Kersberg and Hann of Harvard were opponents of the change.

LATE SHIPPING

New York, Nov. 25—Arvd strs Baltic, Liverpool; Finland, London; Themistocles, Algiers.

Genoa, Nov. 25—Arvd str Caserta, New York.

CORNELL WINS FROM PENN. IN BRILLIANT GAME

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Cornell defeated the University of Pennsylvania on Franklin Field today in one of the most stirring contests seen on that battle scarred gridiron in a long time, and tonight the Ithacans are claiming the football championship of the east. The score was 24 to 9, but it does not indicate the terrible scare the fighting quakers gave the undefeated big red team right down to the last period of play. The final quarter opened with Pennsylvania 9 to 7, and Cornell fighting desperately to turn the tide of victory in her favor, the marvellous Captain Barret leading in the attack.

Pennsylvania battered about by various teams during the season, and desperate from adverse criticism because of her poor showing, had risen like a flash in the second period, swept Cornell of her feet, and took the lead amid the frantic cheers of her faithful followers. Then Cornell backed down to the last trench, with defeat staring her in the face, showed her championship calibre. By a mighty effort she smashed Pennsylvania's great defence, and battered her way to victory by scoring two more touchdowns and a field goal.

Twenty-five thousand person saw the New York State team win her way to football honors. It was Cornell's third straight victory over Pennsylvania, and her fourth win over her old rival in twenty-three years. Barret was Cornell's greatest strength and closed his football career by scoring 18 of Cornell's 24 points.

DIRECTORS ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF EDITOR MACDONALD

Toronto, Nov. 25—At a special meeting of the directors of the Globe held today, the resignation of Dr. J. A. MacDonald, as managing editor, was formally accepted, the president expressing the appreciation of the board of Dr. MacDonald's services during his term of service. The appointment of Mr. Stewart Lyon as managing editor was officially confirmed. In accepting the appointment, Mr. Lyon, in a brief speech, said the editorial policy of the paper, which he now had the privilege to direct, would be, the interests of the country first, and the interests of party afterwards.

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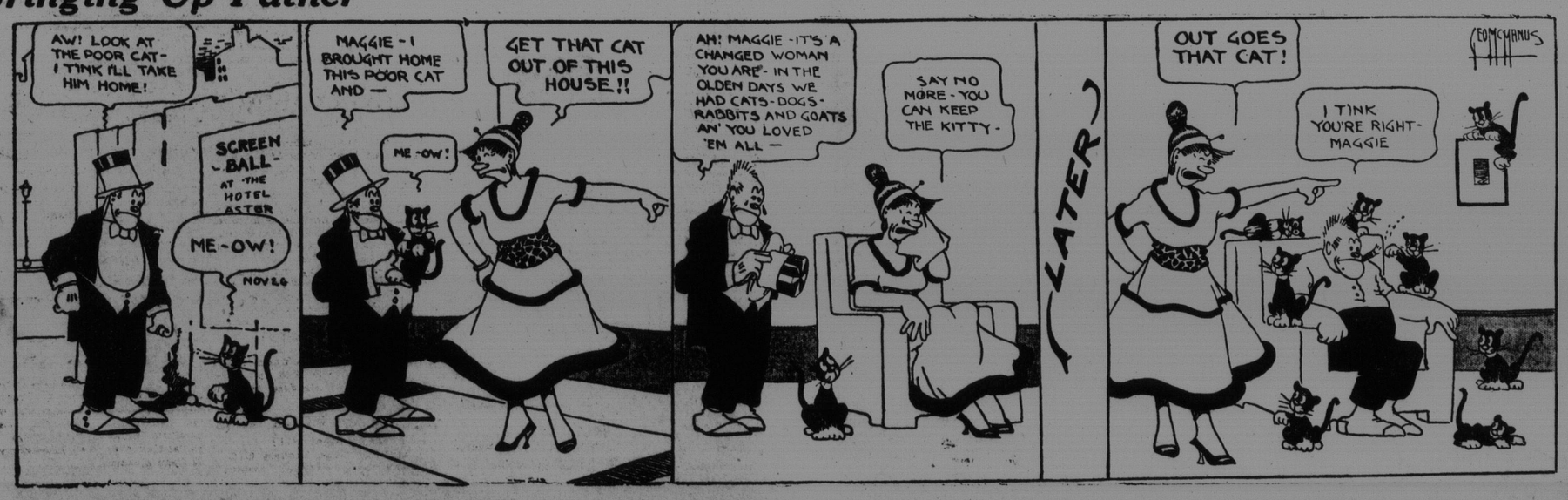
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