

DE ORO PLANS COMEBACK.

Veteran Enters National Three-Cushion Billiard Tourney.

Alfredo De Oro, holder of the three-cushion and pocket billiard titles at various times, has decided to come back. After a retirement of about a year and a half from public competition the "old master" has sent in his entry for the national three-cushion tournament beginning at Chicago on Nov. 12. De Oro has been practicing in private for the last several weeks, and is convinced that his stroke is as good as ever, and he is determined to make a strong bid to regain his cue laurels. De Oro's last public appearance was in a match against Robert Cannefax in this city. It was then that Cannefax stripped the veteran Cuban of his championship.

Coincident with the announcement that he intends to go in quest of the title still held by Cannefax the announcement was made last night that he will engage Ralph Greenleaf, the world's professional pocket billiard champion, in a 300-point three-cushion match. The players have arrived at satisfactory terms, the dates, place and referee alone remaining to be decided upon. It is probable that the match will be played at the Strand Billiard Academy beginning a week from tomorrow. They will play matinée and evening games of 50 points each for three days.

This will mark Greenleaf's first public appearance in the rôle of a three-cushion player. It is not generally known that the youthful pocket billiard champion is quite adept at the angle game. For several years, however, he has devoted his spare time to mastering its intricacies. Those who have seen him in action declare that he is one of the most spectacular shot-makers ever seen. His sweeping stroke and keen eye give him a natural ability that make him a carrom player of marked ability.

Some of Greenleaf's friends advised him against attempting a three-cushion contest just at this time before he goes West to defend his pocket billiard crown in the final tournament at Chicago on Nov. 7, 8 and 9 against the three men who finish best in the preliminary tournament now in progress there. It is their contention that it might hurt his pocket billiard game and endanger his chances of success in the tournament. The champion differs with them.

"I have been playing so many matches and exhibitions lately that I feel a bit stale," he said yesterday. "I have managed to win right along and make just about as big runs as I ever have, but my stroke has a bound-up feeling which, I believe, would be overcome by a vacation from the pockets and a session of three cushions. It will give me a chance to swing out with a free motion and put a lot of stuff on the cue ball. Then, with about three days more for pocket billiards, I would figure to be in perfect shape."

In order to get one public tryout before assailing De Oro, Greenleaf has arranged to play a three-cushion contest at Lawler Brothers' Academy in Brooklyn on Wednesday night of this week, probably against Harry Frisch, amateur champion of Brooklyn, depending on whether or not Frisch obtains the necessary permit from the amateur association. If Frisch does not, some other opponent will be substituted for him.

Besides that single whirl at the angle game, Greenleaf will devote the remainder of his time before the De Oro match to his pocket billiard activities. Tomorrow night he will meet James Lawler, at the Lawler Brothers' Academy, in a 150 point contest. Lawler is champion of Brooklyn and is expected to give the champion one of the best contests he has yet encountered. Tuesday he is scheduled for a double header, playing Charles Cast at Nicolai's Bleecker Street Academy, after which he will journey to Kreuter's Sixth Street room to meet Louis Kreuter, who several times has just failed to win the title by the margin of a few balls.

Billiard Notes.

David McAndless, the former amateur champion who turned professional two weeks ago, left last night for San Francisco to play in the national championship competition beginning on Nov. 15. McAndless, who holds practically all of the amateur records, is only the third national amateur title holder of recent years to seek premier professional laurels, the others being Calvin Demarest and Joseph Mayer.

Willie Hoppe, the balkline king, has arranged to play two more exhibition matches against Charley Peterson in this city this week. They will play at the Amateur Billiard Club on Wednesday afternoon and evening and at Cranfield's Academy on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mannie Letzter has gained a clear lead in the amateur handicap three-cushion billiard tournament in progress at Joe Thum's Academy. He is the only player with a clean slate, having won three games and lost none. The standing follows:

Player.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
M. Letzter	3	0	1000
J. McDaniel	3	1	.750
F. Becker	3	1	.750
J. Cohen	3	2	.600
W. Quinlan	1	1	.500
M. Cohen	1	2	.333
S. Garfinkle	1	2	.333
E. Lewis	0	1	.000
L. Lipton	0	2	.000
A. Surkein	0	3	.000