

CUE CHAMPION LOSES 1ST TIME IN TITLE MATCH

Leads Challenger in Series, 360-260.

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Jake Schaefer, the billiard spectator, became Jake Schaefer, the billiard player, yesterday afternoon and last night. For most of two days and nights Jake had sat in a high chair in Bensinger's arena disconsolately watching that man named Willie Hoppe play every three cushion shot from A to Z in the first four blocks of their special match for William's world championship.

In the afternoon's fifth block Jake perked up and, altho he lost the session to Hoppe, 60 to 46 in 44 innings, he proved himself again his father's son, one of the all-time balk line masters. It was in the evening, however, that Jake gave the customers the show they were expecting of him. Before it was over, about 10 minutes after 11 o'clock, he had won his first block of the six played by a score of 68 to 60, in 76 frames.

Hoppe Has 360 Points.

Actually the challenger scored his 60th point in the 61st inning, but the block, under the rules of the match, was not officially completed until Hoppe scored his 60th point and the 360th of the match, thereby filling out six 60 point blocks.

Entering today's final two blocks, the seventh of which will open at 2:30 p. m. and the eighth at 8:30 p. m. Hoppe still holds a commanding advantage of 360 to 260, scored in an aggregate of 312 innings. In other words, Schaefer has to count 220 points to reach the decisive total of 480, while Champion Willie needs only 120.

Thruout the first half of the evening session, which saw Schaefer take his first intermission margin of the match, a 37 to 31 edge, after 36 innings, the champion was ahead for only the first three frames, first by 3 to 1 and then by 4 to 1. In the fourth the challenger revealed his comeback promise of the afternoon by firing five in the fourth and six more in the next. To these 11 points, he added 17 in the ensuing 10 innings. This gave him a lead of 29 to 14 thru the 15th frame. On the next nine turns at the table, however, Jake made only one billiard.

Artistry Deserts Hoppe.

Hoppe, obviously feeling none too spry, was having even worse luck, finding single billiards his only method of scoring, barring an occasional two or three. Willie's best shot of the night, and one of the finest of the match, was a magnificent double-the-side-rail shot in the 22d. The champion kept pegging away until the 36th, when he arranged the intermission by scoring his 31st point as a climax to a run of three.

Hoppe had his roughest going of the entire match after the intermission last night, scrambling for a measly 4 points thru 14 innings. In the same span, Schaefer was assuming control of the balls for 17 billiards and a 54 to 35 lead.

Then the situation was reversed. From the 50th thru the 60th, Willie knocked down 16, featured by his high run of seven in the 51st. Meanwhile Jake ran into a batch of zeros, out of which he eked only 4 points. Then he got his finishing two in the 61st, and added another eight while Hoppe was seeking his 60th.

Willie's in a Hurry.

The afternoon intermission juncture was reached in the fastest time and shortest number of innings since Monday's opening session. Hoppe required only 40 minutes and 20 frames to build up a time-out advantage of 31 to 14.

Score by Innings:

AFTERNOON BLOCK.

HOPPE—411 004 301 500 101 003
431 000 312 300 103 132 020 020
05—60. 44 Innings. High run, 5.
SCHAEFER—010 100 110 110 013
200 202 200 100 000 028 008 301
024 0—46. 43 Innings. High run, 8.

EVENING BLOCK.

SCHAEFER—100 500 211 222 052 000
010 000 400 100 110 000 213 301 020 311
000 100 003 000 210 220 000 000 111—68.
Innings, 76; high run, 6.
HOPPE—301 021 000 020 311 000 013
001 211 101 001 203 200 000 101 000 007
200 510 001 030 010 000 000 012 2—60.
Innings, 76; high run, 7.