

Hoppe and Mosconi Set '48 Cue Pace

Willie Hoppe's successful defense of his three cushion billiard championship and Willie Mosconi's continued supremacy in pocket billiards highlighted events in the sport during 1948.

Hoppe turned back the challenge of Ezequiel Navarra, Argentina, in a 450 point match, 450 to 376. Mosconi won from Andrew Ponzi of Philadelphia, 1,350 to 643.

The list of 1948 champions:

BILLIARDS

WORLD THREE CUSHION-Willie Hoppe, White Plains, N.Y.

WORLD POCKET BILLIARD-Willie Mosconi, Barrington, N.J.

NATIONAL THREE CUSHION-Ezequiel Navarra, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

NATIONAL POCKET BILLIARD-Andrew Ponzi, Philadelphia.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC CLUB THREE CUSHION-Edward Lee, N.Y.A.C., New York.

NATIONAL COLLEGE-Straight Rail-Gordon Howe, Wisconsin; Three cushion-Saul Ashkenaze, Wisconsin; Pocket Billiards-Jack Brown, Utah; Co-ed (Keyshot Pockets)-Jeanne Lynch, Rhode Island State; Team Champions-Pockets-Florida; Three-Cushion-Indiana; Straight Rail-Ohio State.

BOYS CLUBS OF AMERICA-Pockets (Keyshot)-Senior, John Romano, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Junior, Anthony Venuto, Philadelphia.

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS-Three Cushions-Chicago-Sol Lurie; Los Angeles-Danny McGoorty; Detroit-Frank Davis; New York-Louis Eikan.

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS-Pocket Billiards-San Francisco-Joe Procita, Los Angeles; Kansas City-Bennie Allen, Kansas City, Minneapolis-Howard Lindley, Minneapolis; Chicago-Joseph Diehl, Rockford, Ill.; Cleveland-George Chentier, Toronto, Philadelphia-Jack Denn, Philadelphia; Lexington-Howard Spitler, Dayton, O.; New York-Joe Canton, Watervliet, N.Y.