

# RALPH GREENLEAF IS POOL CHAMPION

## "Boy Wonder" Clinches Title by Defeating Edward Ralph in National Tourney.

### STANDING OF PLAYERS.

#### Pocket Billiard Tourney.

Player.	W.	L.	H.R.	P.C.
R. Greenleaf.....	8	0	48	1000
B. Allen .....	6	2	81	.750
J. Keogh .....	6	2	41	.750
J. Concannon .....	5	4	48	.556
L. Kreuter .....	5	4	29	.556
C. Seaback .....	5	4	68	.556
J. Maturo .....	3	6	49	.333
L. Layton .....	3	5	40	.375
E. Ralph .....	2	7	22	.222
M. Fink .....	1	8	22	.111

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Ralph Greenleaf of Wilmington, Del., won the pocket billiard championship of the United States tonight by defeating Edward I. Ralph, Hightstown, N. J., 125 to 53 in the national American pocket billiard tournament. Greenleaf has one game to play, but even though he should lose this match he would still win the title. He has won eight straight.

Greenleaf, who is 22 years old, won tonight's match in eighteen innings, the third shortest of the tournament. He had a high run of 70, which stands second to Bennie Allen's world's record run of 81, made in the present competition. Ralph's high run was 22.

The youthful star outclassed his veteran opponent and had a high run of 70, which started in the third frame. The run included all fourteen balls in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh frames and nine balls in the eighth frame. This took all the heart out of Ralph and he missed shots after that which a tyro could have made with ease, Greenleaf winning by an unfinished run of 5 in the fourteenth frame. This victory gave Greenleaf eight consecutive triumphs.

Keogh and Allen are tied for second place, each having won six games and lost two. They will meet tomorrow in the final match of their schedule. There is a triple tie for fourth place between Louis D. Kreuter, New York, Concannon, and Seaback. They have completed their schedules and each has five victories to his credit and four defeats. John M. Layton, Columbia, Missouri, stands seventh, Maturo is eighth, Ralph ninth, and Morris D. Fink, Philadelphia, tenth. Layton won three games and lost five. He still has one to play, but the result will not change the standing. Maturo won three and lost six, Ralph won two and lost seven, while Fink won but one of his nine matches.

Greenleaf has one more game to play, meeting John M. Layton of Missouri tomorrow evening in the final match of the tourney, but even if Layton should pull the unexpected and stop the sensational youngster, the title still goes to Greenleaf, as both of his nearest opponents, Bennie Allen and Jerome Keogh, have lost two games. The score by frames:

Greenleaf—0 6 8 14 14 14 14 9 13 5 6 14 8 5. Total, 130. Scratches, 5. Net score, 125. Safeties, 4. High run, 70.

Ralph—14 8 6 0 0 0 0 5 1 9 8 0 6 1. Total, 58. Scratches, 5. Net score, 53. Safeties, 3. High run, 19.

By defeating James Maturo of Colorado Springs, by a score of 125 to 70, Jerome Keogh of Rochester tonight tied with Benny Allen of Kansas City for second place in the tournament, each man having won 6 games and lost 2. They meet tonight in the curtain raiser to the final game between Greenleaf and Layton.

The veteran Keogh clearly outplayed his Western rival at every stage of the game, and, with high runs of 17 and 20 in close proximity, soon took a commanding lead. Keogh played a remarkable position game, and his judgment on safety play was almost perfect. Maturo's best effort was 19.

The score by frames:

Keogh—8 12 14 3 12 9 1 8 0 13 13 10 14 6 5. Total—128.

Forfeits—3. Net score—125. Safeties—7. High run—20.

Maturo—6 2 0 11 2 5 13 6 14 1 1 4 0 8 0. Total—73.

Forfeits—3. Net score—70. Safeties—5. High run—19.

Referee—Peterson.

Joseph Concannon, the Brooklyn pocket billiard expert, lost a golden opportunity to tie for third money when he dropped his last game in the tourney this afternoon to Charles Seaback. The final score was 125 to 54 in favor of the Hartford man. This leaves a three-cornered deadlock for fourth money, \$750, between Seaback, Concannon and Kreuter, their totals standing five won and four lost.

The score by frames:

Seaback—4 14 8 14 1 10 14 9 14 14 5 7 12. Total—126. Scratches, 1; net score, 125. Safeties—6. High run—34.

Concannon—10 0 6 0 13 4 0 5 0 0 9 7 0. Total—54. Scratches—None. Safeties—7. High run—16.