

SCHAEFER IS NEW

18.2 CUE CHAMPION

Dethrones Willie Hoppe, Titleholder Since 1906, in Play-Off in World's Tourney.

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RESULT IS A BIG SURPRISE

New Titleholder Turned Trick by Beating Former King Twice on Successive Nights at Chicago.

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CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Jake Schaefer dethroned Willie Hoppe as the world's 18.2 balk line billiard champion at the Congress Hotel here tonight, winning the play-off game to decide the tournament by a score of 500 to 346. The result was a great surprise, for even after Schaefer defeated Hoppe on Tuesday night; Willie ruled the favorite to win the decisive match and retain the title, which he had held since 1906.

In defeating Hoppe, Schaefer required six innings to make his 500 points, averaging 83 2-6, with a high run of 212. Hoppe's best inning was his first, in which he made a cluster of 140, and his average was 69 1-5.

The score by innings follows:

Schaefer—86 212 16 12 130 44—500. Average, 83 2-6; high run, 212.

Hoppe—140 26 7 126 47—346. Average, 69 1-5; high run, 140.

Until he met Schaefer in what was scheduled to be the final match of the tournament Hoppe had not been defeated. He had won five straight games. On the other hand, Schaefer had been defeated by Roger Conti, the young French professional. Hoppe had defeated Edouard Horemans, Roger Conti, George Sutton, Ora Morningstar and Welker Cochran, and, while his playing had not been sensational, and high runs and big averages had not been made by him, there were few who believed that Schaefer would prove equal to the task of defeating him. When Schaefer did succeed in winning on Tuesday night there were few who thought he could repeat in the play-off game. They considered it too tough an assignment.

Schaefer Brilliant Throughout.

Throughout the tournament, with the exception of the game in which Conti defeated him, Schaefer played brilliantly. In his match against Cochran he established a world's record high average for championship tournament competition, when he ran out a 400-point game in two innings for an average of an even 200. The best previous average for tournament play was made by George Sutton in 1906, when he ran out a 500-point match in five innings for an average of 100.

Schaefer is the first Chicago born boy to win the world's 18.2 title. To defeat the mighty Hoppe two night in succession was a feat which stamps young Schaefer as a great master, a worthy son of the wizard whose feats on the green cloth never will be forgotten.

It took more than shot-making ability to defeat Hoppe by 400 to 26 one night and repeat the following night, 500 to 346, and Jake demonstrated he is a chip of the old block. In his last two tournament games he averaged 200 and 66 4-6 and topped off tonight with 83 2-6, the best three consecutive performances in the history of the game.

Hoppe was a far different man from the preceding night, playing a fine game, but having two bits of hard luck. After running 126 in the fourth inning the cue ball jumped on a short draw shot and slid off to the side. He was then within 27 points of his younger opponent and the packed house was in a tense state. Hoppe left the balls close and Jake was soon speeding on the way to his goal.

Schaefer scored 50 points in five minutes, but at 130 he missed a one-cushion cut shot in the corner and once more Hoppe got an inning. He ran 47 and then miscued, which is a rare occurrence for him. It spelled defeat, as Schaefer found the balls close, and, getting them at the top of the table, ran out with 44. The winning shot was greeted with a salvo of applause, followed by three cheers for the new champion and then for the popular loser.

Unlike the game of the preceding night, when each player had several tough open table shots, the misses tonight left the balls in fairly good shape, so much so that not a single miss was recorded.

Hoppe Gains Early Lead.

There was not a vacant seat when the players banked for the lead. Schaefer won and ran 86 before missing a one-cushion shot. Hoppe soon showed he was in good stroke and scoring more rapidly than Jake, ran 140. At the 138th he nearly missed a one-cushion shot and two shots later he stopped.

It was an expensive miss, as the balls were close and Schaefer was going well, altogether he got a little out of position at 14, but recovered with a good long table drive. He turned the century in sixteen minutes and kept the ivories under control at the foot of the table for a long time. At 212 he fell down on a dead ball one-cushion draw. He now led, 208 to 166.

Hoppe ran 26 and missed a one-cushion shot, but Schaefer missed after making 16. Hoppe looked to be off for a run, but after making 7 missed a left-handed one-cushion shot off the end rail. Schaefer counted 7 and then he, too, missed a one-cushion. Then Hoppe made his last bid for victory with his run of 126.

It is expected that Hoppe will immediately challenge Schaefer for a match for the title. Under the rules governing competition for the diamond medal emblematic of the world's 18.2 balkline billiard championship Schaefer must defend his title between March 15 and April 1 next if challenged.

Schaefer won the tourney with six victories and one defeat; Hoppe finished second with five and two; Cochran and Conti were tied for third with three and three; Horemans and Morningstar tied for fifth with two and four and Sutton finished last with one victory and five defeats.

Besides winning the championship medal, Schaefer won the first cash prize of \$3,000. Second prize was \$1,500, third, \$1,000, fourth, \$750, and fifth, \$270.