

# SCHAEFER DEFEATS HAGENLOCHER 500 TO 328 IN BILLIARD CLASSIC

## CHAMPION IS FAR FROM BEST STRIDE

American Unsteady, but Own Uncertainty Kills Off Chances of Rival.

## GERMAN EARLY LEADER

Capacity Gallery Watches Opening Contest of International Cue Tournament.

By SAMUEL J. BROOKMAN.

Despite an erratic exhibition, Jacob Schaefer, youthful king of 18:2 balk-line billiardists, won his opening match in defense of his title in the ballroom of the Pennsylvania Hotel last night, defeating Erich Hagenlocher of Germany 500 to 328. The youthful Chicago wizard has played far more dazzling billiards in the past than he did in his initial effort of the tournament. He miscued astonishingly on four occasions and ran into such frequent difficulties that his friends were silently thankful that his opponent, too, failed to play consistently. With all that, however, Schaefer showed frequent flashes of perfect, versatile, sustained execution that indicated it will be no easy task to deprive him of his title.

It will behoove the champion, however, to show decided improvement in a hurry. He averaged 29.7-17 and that despite the fact that with the match nearly two-thirds over his average was very close to 50. His succession of miscues was the most surprising feature of his lapse in the late innings. He had a scintillating run of 140. His next best was 72. The foreign expert averaged 19.5-17 and had a high run of 105.

### Lack of Experience Tells.

For Hagenlocher it may be said that he has a sound foundation upon which to build his billiard fortunes of the future. He opened in sensational style, reaching 122 in two innings, with a truly brilliant run of 106, and then his lack of tournament experience here failed him. He lost his steadiness, his perfect timing and gauging as Schaefer drew up to him.

The American gave him opportunities galore, but he was unable to take full advantage of them. His choice of shots was faulty at times, but his execution on the whole was very satisfactory. His masse, equally proficient left hand or right, was generally under perfect control. It stood out brilliantly in his best run of the match.

Welker Cochran of San Francisco, Roger Conti of France, William F.

## A Champion Hard to Beat



JACOB SCHAEFER.

Hoppe of New York and Edouard Hornmans of Belgium, the other four contenders for the title, get into action today, the first two in the afternoon, the others at night.

Throughout the run of 195 in his second inning, the young German brought one round of applause after another with his mastery of the masse. More than once it drew him out of difficulty when the balls were aligned along the lower rail. One masse that required a long follow and kiss—it was on his fifty-fourth shot—was a glittering gem of execution.

Hagenlocher gathered intelligently and showed great precision in his single cushion shots. It was a single cushion effort, however, that finally stopped him at 105. The German had opened with a run of 17 after winning the break, but on missing a two cushion carom left Schaefer nothing, and the champion, after one vain try, sat down again. Hagenlocher then held the table for twenty-five minutes in making his run of 195.

Schaefer sat calmly enough in his corner of the enclosed square, while Hagenlocher drew into the lead. He has come from behind before in billiard matches, and an early advantage for an opponent is no novelty for him. The youthful champion showed traces of perturbation,

however, when on his second trip to the green cloth he failed for a long time to gather the ivory. He had to bring all sorts of difficult draw shots and three cushion shots into play to sustain his run. After counting 15 the ball wizard appeared to have the balls in control, but he lost them again, and it was more or less labored billiards that marked his run of 51.

It was Hagenlocher's turn to find an unfavorable leave after Schaefer's miss, and the champion slowly but surely began overhauling his opponent. A run of 44, marked by greatly improved billiards, brought the defending title holder to within 23 points of Hagenlocher's total, and his supporters, who had been warred by the German's splendid start, began to feel considerably relieved.

Schaefer finally passed his rival in the fourth inning. His execution seemed to be getting smoother, his touch more delicate, his confidence more pronounced as he passed the 150 mark. He began nursing the balls carefully near the lower end of the table, counting rapidly as he kept the ivory within the radius of less than twelve inches. Point followed point, and in an astonishingly brief period he had reached 100. On he went to 105, tying Hagenlocher's second inning run and then passing it. The champion was apparently strok-

## Scheduled Boxing Bouts

**TO-NIGHT.**  
Pioneer A. C.—Danny Edwards vs. Johnny Curcio, fifteen rounds; Joe McDonnell vs. Johnny King, twelve rounds.  
**THURSDAY.**  
192d Medical Regiment Armory—Joe Gillis vs. Young Diamond, twelve rounds.  
**FRIDAY.**  
Rink S. C.—Sammy Noble vs. Charlie Schuler, ten rounds; Young Grey vs. Terry Miller, ten rounds.  
**SATURDAY.**  
Ridgewood Grove S. C.—Dutch Brandt vs. Frankie Engle, twelve rounds; Jackie Murray vs. Hermana Brodew, eight rounds.  
Columbuswealth S. C.—Fannam Joe Gunn vs. Marty Cross, twelve rounds; Andy Tucker vs. Pickles Martin, twelve rounds.

ing along at his best when he missed an easy draw on the 141st point. It was an inexcusable slip, but it only showed that the Chicago youth was human. But he had brought his total up to 235 and he was 110 ahead of Hagenlocher, with his average close to 60 that far.

Hagenlocher gathered only 25 as his fifth inning effort, missing on a one cushion shot, one of the strong points of his game as a rule. But Schaefer failed on his third shot and the German had a fine opportunity again. He was going well when he miscued on a draw, a shot that in practice would have given him no trouble at all. The slip of the cue ended his run at 15 and cut deeply into his average.

The champion reached 300 in his sixth inning and went on to 309, when an unfortunate alignment in one corner compelled him to try a kiss shot. He failed, however, by a hair breadth margin. The run of 72 gave him a lead of 309 to 162, though, and when Hagenlocher, on his second shot following, failed to get the balls out of balk it looked as though Schaefer's victory was assured.

Play for the next twenty minutes was marked by comparatively short runs by each man. Each miscued astonishingly on one occasion and they were leaving each other little to fatten their totals on. Hagenlocher, however, with runs of 32 and 36, gained a little ground so that at the end of nine and one-half innings the score was: Schaefer, 339; Hagenlocher, 231.

Everybody looked for Schaefer to finish his string in the twelfth inning after Hagenlocher had missed a masse, but at 58, after counting on a difficult kiss shot, the Chicago youth was short on a draw and his total remained at 432. The German trailed by 158 points at 276.

**JAKE SCHAEFER.** Spot ball—0, 51, 44, 140, 2, 72, 27, 0, 3, 24, 13, 56, 2, 13, 2, 27, 24. Total, 509 points. Average, 29.7-17. High runs, 140, 72 and 56.

**ERICH HAGENLOCHER.** White ball—17, 105, 2, 1, 25, 12, 1, 0, 32, 36, 29, 16, 44, 4, 0, 4, 0. Total, 328 points. Average, 19.5-17. High runs, 105, 44 and 36.

Referee—Albert G. Cutler.  
Before the contestants began their billiard duel, Dr. Edward J. Catell of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, one of the Quaker City's leading after dinner speakers, addressed the gathering, most of his talk being in a humorous, highly entertaining vein. Well past three score years and ten, Dr. Catell attributed his health, his "love of life," largely to his "devotion to the great game of billiards." He had played the game sixty years, he said, and he hoped to play it sixty more.

## How Schaefer Triumphed as Viewed by Cue Expert

Stroke for Stroke Story of Opening Match in World Championship Billiard Tournament Told by Veteran Master.

By THOMAS J. GALLAGHER.

It was a game in which miscues were features. Schaefer made four and Hagenlocher three, and each was made when a comparatively simple draw shot was in view. Hagenlocher did not perform so well as in practice at masse work. He counted on several difficult strokes of that description, but made failures on three, each of which was costly.

Schaefer was successful on every masse shot he tried. In spots both played beautiful billiards. Frequently they struggled hard to control the spheres. Hagenlocher was obstructed by four freezes. In one instance he had the balls spotted. Schaefer did likewise when he was confronted by one provoking contact. In each case a count was effected. By the players did not display their usual control. There were continually driving and shifting positions.

Although Hagenlocher obtained 165 in his second inning Schaefer was the first to get the measure of the table, and while Hagenlocher, applied himself chiefly to draw and spread effects Schaefer played general billiards with admirable resourcefulness. Hagenlocher won the balk, led with a two cushion shot, counted, and on his second stroke, a draw, had the balls in close order at the head end of the table. On his twenty-second the objects were left wide apart. Schaefer tried a long single cushion stroke and missed by a couple of inches.

Hagenlocher began his second inning with a long direct carom. In six strokes he had the balls well under control. On his twenty-second the objects aligned at the middle of the head rail. A masse stroke on which he played on the white ball, the nearest, causing it to kiss the red into the left corner, where the cue ball, after describing a wide curve, caught it, solved the problem and elicited great applause. Then with a combination of drive, draws and masse strokes, he held the ivory under control until he had accumulated 105. He held the balls near the head rail. At 86 and 80 freezes were overcome by clever masse efforts. He missed on a single cushion shot across on his first stroke.

### Schaefer Gets Under Way.

Schaefer gathered the objects in the upper left corner but his cue ball was so far from them that the position was not favorable. It was not until he had an open table struggle, involving a remarkable display of execution that on his twelfth stroke he got the balls in a favorable position. On his thirty-seventh stroke he made a drive in which he tried to make the red ball hit the foot rail. It struck hard against the right rail near the corner and left one object at the head end of the table, the other at the foot.

Another succession of hard shots followed until he scored 51, when a two cushion stroke failed to connect. Hagenlocher had a promising opening, but made only 2. He failed on a long spread draw and left the balls in the upper corner. Schaefer made 44 and missed on a single cushion. Hagenlocher made one and again failed on a spread draw.  
In one shot the champion had all three balls in the upper left corner. Then working like a nicely adjusted piece of mechanism, he varied between forceful massé and delicacy and, apparently having gauged the table, rapidly compiled 140. A miscue sent him to his seat. Hagenlocher followed with 25 and retired when he missed a simple single cushion. Schaefer got two and failed on a spread draw, which just missed the second object in the upper left corner. Hagenlocher made 12, and, like Schaefer, miscued on a draw effort.  
In his sixth inning Schaefer played beautifully and precisely for 72. He obtained most of them at the lower end of the table. A nasty kiss aligned the balls with the red tight in the lower left corner. He tried a kiss follow, failed, and left the balls in balk. Hagenlocher made two caroms, but on the second failed to get the balls out of balk to 20 the next inning both missed. Hagenlocher followed with 32, a "roll off" on a short follow stopping him.

### Young Jake Miscues Again.

Schaefer began his eighth inning with a good opening, but on his fourth stroke again shocked the spectators by miscuing. With a run of 36, Hagenlocher turned his second hundred, reaching 231, as against 239 for Schaefer. A masse that stopped close to the second object gave Schaefer the table. He realized 24 from a perfect break. Hagenlocher then made 29 and was going well when he miscued.

Schaefer picked off 13 and ran into a kiss on a three cushion around the table effort. When Hagenlocher had made 16 in his twelfth inning he encountered an ugly freeze, which he tried to master with a masse stroke that moved the first ball and did not carom. He sat down with the score 375 to 276 in favor of Schaefer. The champion clocked off 52 in rapid order, got a bad freeze, had the balls spotted and counted with a two cushion stroke. At 56 he fell an inch short on a two cushion draw with twist. Hagenlocher aroused enthusiasm by a beautiful exhibition which netted 44. A masse played with his left hand was futile.

Schaefer answered with 13 and concluded with another miscue. Hagenlocher made 4 and missed on an around the table attempt. Schaefer got kissed into a count, made another legitimately and then falling on a follow in the fifteenth inning what looked like a finishing run by Schaefer ended in 27, a faulty two cushion effort stopping it. After Hagenlocher had missed "by a hair" on a three cushion stroke, Schaefer got out in the seventeenth with a run of 24, winning by 500 to 328.

## SOLDIER BOYS MAY BOX IN ARMORIES

Adjutant-General's Order Likely to Be Modified to Permit Bouts.

By CHARLES F. MATHISON.

The order issued by Adj.-Gen. Kincaid forbidding professional boxing bouts in the military armories of the State created a sensation in ring circles, for by the decree boxing among members of the National Guard in the armories also is prohibited. These contests have been in progress for several months in a number of the armories, the contestants being restricted to members of the Guard. When the attention of William Muldoon, chairman of the State Athletic Commission, was called to the fact he said he did not understand there was any objection to bouts between Guard members, and he would try and have the order modified to permit a continuance of bouts between the soldiers.

Mr. Muldoon was asked for his reason for objecting to the leasing of armories to outside promoters of boxing and replied: "If permission could be obtained for the transfer of the Republic A. A. license to the 102d Regiment of Engineers the result would be to open every armory in the State to professional boxing. This would wipe out every small boxing club in the State, and as many of the promoters of clubs which cater to a restricted neighborhood are under heavy expense, few of them making any profit, the effect of closing their doors would be an injustice to them. Many of these clubs are saddled with long time leases which they could not terminate and this would mean financial loss."

It has been suggested that Madison Square Garden would be injuriously affected by the opening of the armories. I do not think so. The Garden has a clientele that would not be drawn away by armory bouts in remote parts of the city, but as there are armories close to nearly all the smaller clubs (one next door to the Rink S. C. in Brooklyn), it can be seen the competition would be brought close to their doors. Were it not for the fact that all small clubs would be wiped out by the opening of the armories I would have been inclined to permit the O'Connor-O'Rourke combination to go into the 102d Regiment quarters and see what they could do in the way of attracting the crowds. I doubt the ability of any promoter to put on paying attractions so far from the center of the city."

## Pepper Martin Outpoints Edwards in Thrilling Bout

Before one of the largest crowds which has witnessed a show in that club this season, Pepper Martin of Brooklyn last night gained the judges' decision over Frankie Edwards in a twelve round contest in the Broadway Exhibition Association Club in Brooklyn. The contest was one of the best seen in this section in some time.

Both lads went at it hammer and tongs from the opening song until the final bell and each got in some hard blows to face and body. The only thing resembling a knockdown came in the fifth round when Martin caught his

rival with a hard right hander to the jaw and sent Edwards down to the middle of the ropes. Edwards, however, was up instantly and resumed slugging. In the third round Martin landed a hard right to body. Frankie claimed the blow was low, but continued to box after a short rest period. Willie Singer of Harlem knocked out Joey Baker of East New York in the fourth round of a scheduled six round contest. The encounter was an interesting one while it lasted, with both lads taking some hard blows on jaw and face. Singer was the better boxer. The Harlemite weighed 131 pounds, while the Brooklynite tipped the beam at 123 pounds.  
The second six rounder between Nat Pincus of Brownville and Murray Layton of Manhattan ended with Pincus getting the judges' decision. Layton did the best work in the closing rounds, but could not overcome the large lead Pincus rolled up at the start. Both weighed 115 pounds.



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