

# AMATEUR BILLIARDS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

### *THE BEGINNINGS*

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In 1913 a group of well known talented billiard players held meetings at the Exchange Hotel in Grenfell St. Adelaide and formed the Amateur Billiards Association of South Australia.

Mr. S.J. Jacobs was appointed President, Mr. C.J. Graves, Secretary and Mr. E.G. Crispin, Treasurer.

The first State Billiards championships were held in July 1913 under the auspices of Mr. Brady at his Palace Billiard Rooms in Adelaide Arcade. Billiards being played exclusively until the first State Snooker championships was held in 1924. In 1923 South Australia hosted the Australasian Billiards Championships.

In 1934 the Association rented 1st floor city premises in central Grenfell St. where 3 tables were installed, the necessary finance was provided by 20 members who purchased £5 (\$10) & £10 (\$20) debentures to a total of £200 (\$400). These were finally redeemed in 1948. The main benefit from this move meant we had control and were the sole tenants of the area rented and admission restricted to financial members of the Association only. The advantages that stemmed from such arrangements are obvious and it became the association's policy to endeavour to maintain this situation at all times.

Unfortunately, in late 1957 the Grenfell St. building was demolished to provide for the construction of much larger premises and we became temporarily homeless, as at that time suitable premises were unavailable. However, to maintain continuity of membership a small room was rented nearby over a café where members met for social discussion, just waiting for the opportunity to obtain premises suitable to the needs of the Association. In the meantime, the 3 tables were stored. The following year the Postal Institute kindly made 3 of their tables available on 1 night per week. By this time the membership had dwindled to 12 and each of them contributed £5 (\$10) annually to keep the Association afloat.

In September 1959 we became aware of the availability of basement accommodation in the A.N.A. Building, 45 Flinders Street, Adelaide, 2 blocks south from Grenfell St. and with the co-operation of the previous tenants, the Bookmakers Club of S.A., the A.B.A. was able to take over the lease of these premises. To be affectionately known as "The Dungeon" in years to come. Modifications to suit our special requirements were effected and the 3 tables removed from storage and installed. During the subsequent years, another table was donated by a Vice Patron and in 1968 a 5th table was purchased. In 1984 after 25 good years at 45 Flinders St., the ANA Building changed ownership and our very generous lease was terminated.

The Association was able to obtain a short term lease on suitable premises at 133 Port Road, Brompton, and following minor alterations was able to re-commence operations in October 1984. In March 1985, the Association was required to remove reference to amateur from its name and rules, and consequently the Association became the BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED.

After 3 years at Brompton, accommodation was again acquired in the city at 288 Waymouth St. on the 1st floor. After 3 years it was becoming difficult to justify staying in these premises with such a high rental and after a special extraordinary meeting was called, the association members decided to sell the tables to a private concern who set up a business at these premises and was known as the Cue Club and invited the Association to use the said premises as our clubrooms.

This arrangement was good for both parties for the 8 years it lasted, but due to another special meeting of the members in 1997, it was decided to once again move to premises at another city location, at 176 Pulteney St., which was located at the rear of the building which was leased by UQ2, another privately run establishment, who welcomed us to set up our clubrooms at the rear of their rental premises. In April 2001 the committee voted to acquire a poker machine license, which was duly permitted. We also moved upstairs with 6 full size tables and established our "Williams / Barrie" match room which was officially opened in May and named in honour of Max Williams and Bill Barrie, two of South Australia's' most decorated players. October 2001 saw the running of the inaugural SA Snooker Open, which was won by Neil Robertson (Victoria). Runner-up was David Collins (Victoria).

February 2003 the Association was forced to move out of its Pulteney St. address through no fault of its own. From September 2003 had a good relationship with another private concern at 20 Shannon Place ADELAIDE. This establishment was called "The Matchroom". The Association has since relinquished the gambling & liquor licences and sold the 6 poker machines it was licensed to operate, and invested the money to keep the association operating with the interest funds received from this investment.

In mid 2015 the Billiards & Snooker Association of South Australia established their own rooms at The Venue, Level One, West Adelaide Football Club located at 57 Milner Road Richmond. 12 Shender tables were installed with the first tournament commencing on September 20th 2015 (IBSF World Billiards).

## **ASSOCIATION FORMATION TIMELINE**

First Preliminary Meeting - Exchange Hotel – Wednesday, 26 March 1913  
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Second Preliminary Meeting - Exchange Hotel – Friday, April 18 1913  
The Journal 11 Apr 1913 page 5  
Advertiser 19 April 1913 page 23  
Sporting Mail 24 April 1913 page 4

First General Meeting of the Association - Exchange Hotel – Friday, 2 May 1913  
The Register 3 May 1913 page 13

Draft Constitution – The Sporting Mail  
Thursday, 8 May 1913 page 8

First match – Palace Billiard Halls, Adelaide Arcade – Thursday, 10 July 1913  
The Journal 11 Jul 1913 page 5

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## BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

*The following administrators had much to do with our progress.*

### PRESIDENTS

### SECRETARIES

### TREASURERS

1913-35 S.J. Jacobs	1912-33 P.J. Brady	1913-14 E.G. Crispin
1935-37 Sir Eric Millhouse	1933-39 F.H. Herring	1914-30 G.F. Steinthal
1937-47 C.T. Fisher	1939-52 W.H. Saunders	1962-67 W.H. Buchanan
1947-52 M.C. Wood	1952-55 C.J. Blewett	1967-68 A.B.L. White
1952-62 R.A. O'Neil	1955-58 R.J. Pretty	1968-69 W.H. Buchanan
1962-87 L.H. Cross	1958-61 T. McLoughlin	1969-70 H. Sievers
1987-88 A.B. Parmiter	1961-72 J. Wright	1970-71 A. Benjamin
1988-2010 J.W. Sallis	1972-73 A.J. Benjamin	1971-72 H. Seivers
2010-2014 F. Rigano	1973-80 D.J. Christie	1972-73 J. Frencham
2014-2017 C. Wignall	1980-82 A.B. Parmiter	1973-78 F.R. Jones
2017- B.J. Jenner	1982-85 C.L. Daniels	1978-79 A.B. Parmiter
	1985-88 J.E. Reeves	1979-80 F.R. Jones
	1988-91 A.F. Garland	1980-84 C.L. Daniels
	1991-93 M. Hender	1984-88 J.E. Reeves
	1993-2010 F.H. Dewens	1988-89 G. Domeika
	2010-2011 R.J. Davey	1989-91 A.F. Garland
	2011-2013 F.H. Dewens	1991-93 V. Henshaw
	2013-2017 J. Dangerfield	1993-2011 F.H. Dewens
	2018	2011-2013 F. Rigano
		2013-2015 F.H. Dewens
		2015-2017 P. Weber
		2018

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## BILLIARDS.

For years past the formation of an amateur billiard association has been mooted in Adelaide. The movement was really advanced last winter, when Tattersall's Club sent Angelo Demodena to Melbourne to play for the Australian championship. Angelo did credit to the State, and it is sufficiently obvious that he, or a better man if one be available, should play for the championship this year at Brisbane. It will, however, be necessary if South Australia is to be represented to have an amateur association here, which will conduct a State championship tournament, the winner of which will be sent by the association to play for the Commonwealth championship.

On Wednesday a preliminary meeting of persons interested in the formation of an association was held at the Exchange Hotel. Representatives were present from leading city clubs, and Mr. S. J. Jacobs presided. Mr. J. E. Barlow, the secretary of the Victorian Amateur Billiard Association, was present, and outlined the advantages of forming a local association. It was decided to convene a meeting to establish an association, and it will be held probably to-morrow fortnight.

There can be no doubt that an association is desirable. It will stimulate interest in billiards, by promoting a championship tournament annually, and it may be reasonably expected that in its turn Adelaide will be made the venue for the Australian championship tournament. The association will be affiliated with the controlling billiard body of the world, the Billiard Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

**SECOND PRELIMINARY MEETING – FRIDAY 18 APRIL  
AMATEUR BILLIARDS ASSOCIATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

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Mr. S. J. Jacobs, who is keenly interested in all branches of sport, has convened a meeting for April 18, at 8 p.m., at the Exchange Hotel, of those anxious to form an Amateur Billiard Association. The general idea is that an association shall be formed with the following chief objects:— To generally control the game of billiards in South Australia after affiliation with the Billiard Association of Great Britain and Ireland. To promote and carry out annually an amateur championship tournament in South Australia. To work with other kindred associations in carrying out the Australian amateur billiard championship tournaments.

**BILLIARDS.**  
**AMATEUR ASSOCIATION  
FORMED.**

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1. To generally control the game of billiards in South Australia after affiliation with the Billiard Association of Great Britain and Ireland.
2. To promote and carry out annually an amateur championship tournament in South Australia.
3. To work with other kindred associations in carrying out the Australian amateur billiard championship tournaments. Mr. C. J. Graves was appointed secretary pro tem, and would be glad to receive communications at this office from players anxious to become members of the association.



FIRST GENERAL MEETING – FRIDAY 2 MAY  
AMATEUR BILLIARDS ASSOCIATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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## **AMATEUR BILLIARD ASSOCIATION.**

The first general meeting of members of the Amateur Billiard Association of South Australia was held at the Exchange Hotel on Friday. Mr. S. J. Jacobs presided over a satisfactory attendance. A draft of constitution was adopted, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. S. J. Jacobs; Vice-Presidents, Dr. A. H. Bennett, and Messrs. W. B. Carr, T. S. O'Halloran, and C. Irwin; Committee, Messrs. C. P. Moody, R. W. Bennett, H. Trevorrah, G. Steinthal, W. J. Denny, H. R. Harley, Napier Birks, and J. H. Thompson; Treasurer, Mr. E. G. Crespin; Secretary, Mr. C. J. Graves. A hundred members were enrolled, and there is every prospect of the number being swelled to 200 now that the association has been properly formed.



First constitution & committee

The Sporting Mail - May 8 1913 page 8

The draft of constitution having been drawn up by a provisional committee, the first general meeting of members of the Amateur Billiard Association of South Australia was held at the Exchange Hotel on Friday for the purpose of its adoption. Mr. S. J. Jacobs presided over a satisfactory attendance. The code of rules which had been formed on similar lines to the Victorian Amateur Associations was adopted as presented by the provisional committee. The chief regulations contained therein will be of interest to all billiard players. They are as follow:—

"The association is formed for the purpose of encouraging the game of billiards in South Australia, and controlling and improving it as an amateur sport; to establish a code of rules to govern the different games played on billiard tables; to fix a "standard" for tables, pockets, and balls; to establish and properly carry out championships in connection therewith, and other competitions; to examine all claims for records, and grant certificates—where necessary. Except where otherwise specified in the bylaws, the rules of the game of billiards, as adopted by the Billiard Association of Great Britain and Ireland from time to time, will be observed in all games played under the auspices of this association.

"The annual subscription to the association shall be five shillings, which will include admission to all functions held under the auspices of the association.

"No record will be recognised by the association unless made under the following conditions, viz.:—(a) The player must be a member of the association; (b) the record must be certified to in a manner satisfactory to the committee, and in a game which shall have been previously notified to the association in a manner to be determined in the bylaws; (c) and have been made on a standard table approved by the committee. A registration fee of 10/6 per annum per standard table to be charged, and a certificate of approval issued to the proprietor or lessee on payment of same.

"An amateur is one who has not, from January 1, 1896, earned his living, or any part of his living, by playing, scoring, or teaching games played on a billiard table: provided also that no one shall be eligible

as an amateur who (1) has played for or accepted a cash prize in a tournament or competition since March, 1911, or has played where gate money is charged without the permission of the controlling body. Nevertheless, the committee shall have power to reinstate any person as an amateur who shall have complied with this definition for a period of not less than two years at the time of his application.

"The secretary shall send to each new member a notice informing him of his election, together with a copy of the rules of the association. Payment of his subscription shall bind a member to adopt and abide by all the rules of the association, and no member shall play billiards or any kindred game in public without having previously obtained the sanction of the committee. 'Playing in public' means any advertised match, or where admission is charged. Violations of this rule will involve the forfeiture or suspension of the player's amateur status.

"An annual tournament for the amateur championship of South Australia shall be held under the auspices of the association in Adelaide, the competitors to be members of the association. The rules and conditions of the association's championship shall be fixed by the committee, who shall also have the power to limit the number of competitors, and may order qualifying games for this purpose.

"The committee shall have the power to affiliate or arrange with the Billiard Association of Great Britain and Ireland, or with any Amateur Billiard Association in any other State or New Zealand, for the purpose of establishing and controlling an Australasian Amateur Championship and the rules of billiards generally."

The following officers were elected:— President, Mr. S. J. Jacobs; vice-presidents, Dr. A. H. Bennett, and Messrs. W. B. Carr, T. S. O'Halloran, and C. Irwin; committee, Messrs. C. P. Moody, R. W. Bennett, H. Trevorrath, G. Steinthall, W. J. Denny, H. R. Harley, Napier Birks, and J. H. Thompson; treasurer, Mr. E. G. Crespin; secretary, Mr. C. J. Graves. A hundred members were enrolled, and more names have since been submitted, so that very soon the association's roll call should be 200.



# BILLIARDS.

**S.A. AMATEUR BILLIARD ASSOCIATION.**  
**FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP,**  
**TO BEGIN TO-DAY,**  
**PALACE BILLIARD HALLS, ADELAIDE ARCADE.**

ADMISSION, 1/.

Two Sessions Daily. Afternoon, at 4; Evening at 8. 1,000 up. Members Free on production of Member's Tickets. Season Tickets (11 games), 5/6, obtainable from P. J. Brady (Manager), or C. J. Graves, Secretary, "The Mail." Five other tables available for the public.  
To-night—P. J. Flannagan v. A. B. John. July 21—A. W. Cooper v. C. T. Lord.  
July 14—F. W. Lean v. R. J. Hill. July 22—G. Steintal v. J. Brennan.  
July 15—A. Demodena v. N. P. Bidstrup. July 23—Winners of first two games.  
July 16—F. W. White v. C. L. Bidstrup. July 24—Winners of next two.  
To be continued on July 28 and 29, and final August 7.

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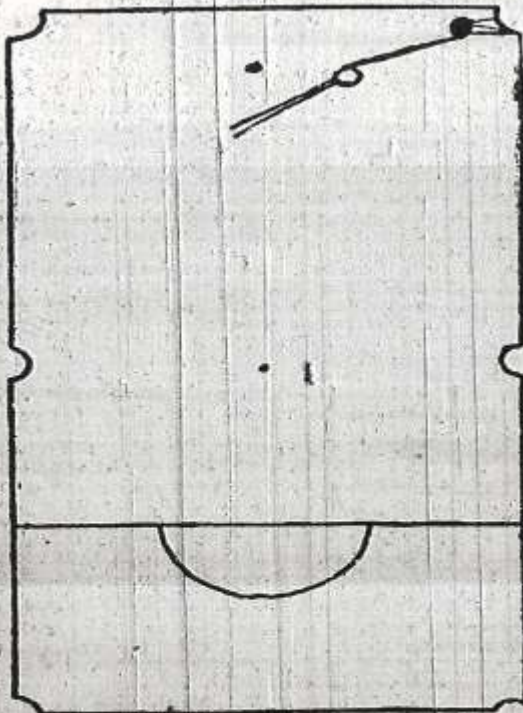
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Play the shot with a lot of side hitting the object ball nearly half-ball. Player's ball will strike the cushion, and, rebounding, will hit the white again, being kissed into the pocket.

## By "Hazard."

At last an amateur championship tournament has been arranged in Adelaide which will be recognised by the association that controls amateur billiards all over the State. Proprietors of saloons have sought to have a thoroughly constituted Amateur Association for years in Adelaide, but until the present body was formed only a few months ago every effort in the past has met with failure. It was really time something of the sort came. I remember one of the big English professional players calling at Adelaide on his way east some years ago, and the first thing he asked on meeting some of the billiard folk was, "Where are your association rooms?" "We have no association and no rooms," was the reply. "What! do you mean to tell me there is no association here," was the response. "Every other place I have called at had its association, and I should think one could be scraped together in Adelaide." He was right, one should have been "scraped" together, and that years ago, but we have bungled along until now without one.

The present association is apparently a very vigorous body. It has been formed barely three months, and yet it already has prepared for the Amateur Championship of the State, and the tournament which is to decide who shall hold that coveted title will begin to-day. All arrangements have been completed to hold it at the Palace Billiard Halls in the Adelaide Arcade, where there is a standard table set in a comfortable hall in which a good view of the game can be obtained. Eleven entries came along, and there was only one absentee that enthusiasts would have liked to see in to make the full complement of good amateur cueists in this State. That was Spencer Wilson, who wrote to the secretary stating that pressure of business would prevent him from coming to town from Mannum to take part in the tourney.

Play commences at 4 o'clock this afternoon between P. J. Flannagan and A. B. John, a couple of good cueists, and the game of 1,000 up will be resumed at 8 o'clock in the evening. The tourney will continue on the dates set out in the advertisement above, and numerous interesting battles should ensue before the final bout arrives early in August.

The fourth round in connection with the St. Peter's billiard tournament was successfully concluded last week. Several exciting finishes were witnessed, particularly between Saxon and Ivett, the former winning by one. Hall and Lovett, two evenly handicapped players, also had a fine finish, Hall eventually winning by eight after a hard-fought game. The gold medal for the highest break is still held by W. Math with 39, C. Lob running him close with 36. The semi-finals will take place next week, when Hall plays Thomas and Lob plays Saxon.

A tournament is being conducted at Glenelg at the Pier Hotel, and a goodly array of entries was received.

Mr. C. Irwin (vice-president of the Amateur Association) has offered a two-guinea trophy for the best break made during the Amateur Championship Tournament.

# BILLIARDS.

## —Amateur Championship.—

The championship matches of the recently formed South Australian Amateur Billiard Association were inaugurated at the Palace Billiard Halls, Arcade, on Thursday. The games were played in two sessions of 500 each. The first engagement was that between P. Flannagan and A. B. John. At the afternoon session, which occupied an hour and three-quarters, the scores were:—Flannagan, 500; John, 357. The leader's principal breaks included:—25, 23, 22, 29, 35, 21, 21, 36, 26, 21, 30, 26, 36, and his opponent's:—20, 28, 26, 20, 23, and 20. In the evening Flannagan ran out with his adversary at 742. The winner's chief scores were:—25, 23, 22, 29, 35, 21, 21, 36, 28, 21, 20, 26, 36; while John secured:—28, 26, and 23. Flannagan went to the table 108 times, and John one fewer. A feature of the game throughout was the absence of a foul stroke of any kind. Mr. P. J. Brady was referee. The tourney will be continued next Monday, when W. Lean will meet R. Hill.



**South Australian Amateur Billiards Championship**  
**THE SPORTING MAIL – July 17 1913 page 6**

**HILL V. LEAN.**

On Monday the tourney was continued, and F. W. Lean and R. J. Hill (of Gawler) provided another interesting contest. In the early stages Hill broke away with a lead of 80, and before they had been playing an hour had increased his advantage to over 100. Hill, although he was playing on a standard for the first time, put up a splendid game, and in a break of 49 negotiated all sorts of obstacles with three-cush canons and other difficult shots. He seemed to strike form sooner than his opponent, who could not get the balls to run nicely for him at all, and it was not surprising to see Hill well out in front at the end of the session, the scores being:—Hill 500, and Lean 420.

In the evening, however, a very different complexion came over the game, and Lean not only made up his leeway with remarkable rapidity, but forged ahead with beautiful billiards, and at the call of 700 was 40 in front. At this stage, however, his luck took a turn, and Hill again caught him. They kept in close company for another century, however, but then Hill went to the front, to stay there, and won with a good margin, the final scores being:—

Hill .. . . .	1,000
Lean .. . . .	875

The principal breaks were:—Hill, 40, 32, 49, 23, 27, 23, 22, 22, 21, 23, 27, 29, 53, 39. Lean, 19, 23, 21, 20, 33, 21, 24, 29, 32.

Each player paid 143 visits to the table, and the averages worked out at Hill 7 and Lean 6.17. It is safe to assert that Hill will play a great deal better in his next game, which will be with Flannagan.

**DEMODENA V. N. BIDSTRUP.**

The game played on Tuesday attracted especial interest, and the sessions were particularly well attended, especially the evening one. The competitors were Angelo Demodena, who represented South Australia in the Australian championship competition last year, and N. P. Bidstrup, who recently put up such a good game against young Walter Lindrum. In the early part the game was very evenly contested. Demodena did nothing startling, although he played a fine game; while Bidstrup moved along steadily. There was never very much between the players, and at the adjournment the scores were:—

Demodena in play .. . . .	501
Bidstrup .. . . .	475

Demodena began the evening in a brilliant style with a beautifully compiled 57, and following this up with one or two smaller although useful breaks, quickly increased his lead to 100. Bidstrup did not play quite as well as he had in the afternoon, and was especially at fault with his losing hazards. He was only once able to reduce his opponent's lead below 100, and then just when he was threatening danger, Angelo compiled 67 by brilliant play. The final scores were:—

Demodena .. . . .	1,000
Bidstrup .. . . .	795

The winner played a pretty all-round game, and there was an infinite variety in his shots. Several times he got out of difficulties by fine screws, and two pull-backs were especially effective. His play at times was a bit cramped, because of Bidstrup's fondness for potting his opponent's white. It is open to doubt whether it was not done too much. Bidstrup's most effective shots were long jennies, which he played with wonderful accuracy, and runs through. He played a good, solid game, and may be expected to do better in future tournaments.

—Amateur Championship.—

The South Australian amateur championship tournament was continued at the Palace Billiard Halls, Arcade, last night, when A. W. Cooper, of Glenelg, met Clem Lord. There was a large attendance at each session, and the onlookers were well rewarded. From the beginning it was evident that Cooper outclassed his opponent. He began slowly, but once he got into touch played excellent billiards, and frequently evoked applause for brilliant shots. At the end of the afternoon session the scores were:—Cooper (in play), 301; Lord, 246. The final scores were:—

Cooper, 1,000.

Lord, 512.

The best breaks were:—Cooper—29, 20, 23, 22, 47, 37, 25, 37, 31, 32, 23, 28, 20, 33, 27, 40, 23. Lord—20, 23.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon G. Steintal and J. Brennan will meet.

Daily Herald - 24 Jul 1913

LINDRUM V. HALL.

Walter Lindrum played a match with R. Hall in the Semaphore Hotel on Friday evening last. There was a fair attendance. Lindrum easily held his own and won with the score 750 against his opponent's 514.

Kapunda Herald - 9 July 1886

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**AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

A brilliant exhibition of billiards was given during the contest for the semi-final of the amateur championship by A. W. Cooper at the Palace Billiard Hall on Monday. There was a crowded attendance in the afternoon and evening. Cooper met J. Brennan, and although the scoring was all one-sided it was a treat to see the young Glenelg player piling on the points. No shot seemed too difficult for him, and the precision with which he executed all sorts of obstinate hazards and three-cushion canons was remarkable. In the evening his form was wonderfully good, and time and again he surprised the onlookers. After the tea adjournment, just previous to which he had compiled the best break of the tournament (74), Cooper carried an unfinished effort to 67, and in 12 visits to the table he only once scored fewer than 20. The first 200 were got in 20 minutes, and he carried his score to 500 in an hour and a half. The balls did not break in Brennan's favour, and he had all the worst of the luck throughout the game. Final scores:—

Cooper .. .. .	1,000
Brennan .. .. .	520

The principal breaks were:—Cooper.—20, 26, 23, 21, 31, 23, 39, 34, 20, 74, 67, 42, 30, 23, 37, 35, 21, 21, 34, 38. Brennan.—24, 24, 20, 23.

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—Demodena v. Flannagan.—

The last of the semi-finals of the amateur billiard championship was contested at the Palace Billiard Halls on Wednesday between A. Demodena and P. J. Flannagan. The latter did not play up to his usual form. Demodena got away with a break of 54 early in the game, and soon had a substantial advantage, which he had increased to 146 at the end of the first session. On play being resumed he forged still further ahead, and at one time was as many as 240 in front, but towards the end of the game Flannagan rallied and got within 200 of his opponent. Final scores:—

Demodena .. .. .	1,000
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The chief breaks were:—Demodena, 54, 23, 34, 22, 30, 30, 34, 26, 21, 24, 20; Flannagan, 41, 25, 20, 20.

This afternoon the final will be played between Demodena and A. W. Cooper, and an exciting contest is expected. The matches have been crowded all the week, and today extra seating accommodation will be provided. Play will commence at 4 o'clock, and will be resumed after the tea adjournment.

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Signor A. Demodena.