

# Australasian Billiards Championship

Played Adelaide August 1923



M Wilson SA   PJ Flannagan SA   AH Hearnden SA   AJ Lee SA   AV Tricks Vic   JE Barlow Sec Vic   W Foulkes SA   SH Wilson SA

GF Steinthal Sec SA   J Netter VP SA   EA Boyle Sec NSW   GB Shailer NSW   SJ Jacobs Pres SA   NA Richardson VP SA   BW Bennett SA   A Demodena SA

W McFie  
Referee

CL Bradley  
Queensland

WH Buchanan  
Champ SA 1922

I Simmonds  
Queensland

## SHAILER WINS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final match for the amateur billiard championship of Australia, which was adjourned on Thursday evening, with the score G. Shailer 1,000 and A. W. Tricks 535, was continued on Friday afternoon before a fair gathering of spectators. Play was one-sided, Shailer (New South Wales) proving easily better than the Victorian, Tricks. It is only fair to add that the latter was not in the best of health. He rarely had long visits to the table, and the balls went badly for him. Shailer secured his points chiefly from the red into the middle pocket. His play was of a high standard and consistent, particularly at the evening session, in which he showed his true form.

Shailer early made a break of 83, showing well at in-offs into the middle pockets. As time went on his all-round excellence was marked, and he passed 1,200 when Tricks was only 679. Shailer, playing carefully, showed to advantage, reaching 1,300 with fine breaks of 61 and 38. Skilfully exploiting the red, he increased his lead until at the end of the afternoon the points were 1,502 to 839 in his favor.

With the game already as good as won the final session lacked interest, but Shailer, playing an inimitable game, provided a pleasing display, carrying his unfinished break of 35 to 66. With fine cannon shots and playing a clever all-round game, he passed 1,600 with a break of 62 when Tricks had reached 906, adding an-

other hundred while the Victorian increased his score by 5 only. Pursuing his favorite tactics, he made a meritorious break of 77. Tricks went to the table with better success, earning applause for his clever manipulation of the balls in awkward positions, a difficult cannon near the bottom cushions being particularly fine, the effort ending in a break of 44. Shailer made good breaks at every visit, one of 57 being chiefly compiled with two balls only in play. Then he made the best break of the match (88). It took him a little over an hour to run out, while Tricks only made 150. The closing scores were:—

Shailer .. .. .	2,000
Tricks .. .. .	989

Shailer thus won the amateur championship for this year. His average for the afternoon session was 12.1 and for the evening 24.6. The best breaks were:—  
 Shailer—83, 25, 61, 38, 41, 32, 35 (unfinished) to 66, 68, 77, 40, 57, 88, 50;  
 Tricks—30, 44, 31, 35, 31, 25, 38, 44.

Mr. S. J. Jacobs president of the South Australian Billiards Association, in congratulating the winner, said the tournament had been thoroughly successful. The matches had shown that the standard of the game in South Australia would have to be raised, and the association would do their utmost to see that this was effected.

This afternoon an exhibition match of 600 up between S. P. Simmonds (Queensland) and F. H. Hindes (South Australia) will take place at the Palace Billiard Hall.

G. Shailer is 40 years of age. This is the fourth year that he has won the title, his previous successes having been in 1913, 1921, and 1922. He is the amateur champion of New South Wales, and holds the world's record break of 268 for amateur billiards, made in Sydney in 1913. Of these 264 points were scored off the red.