



WORKING MENS CLUB & INSTITUTE UNION

National Individual Billiards

The entry of 27 for the CIU National Billiards Championship was two less than last year, with perhaps the most notable absentee being the 1998 Champion, Neal Rewhorn. With a total of £1,300 in prize money, this contest is the last to be

sponsored by Newcastle Breweries although arrangements have been made for Newcastle's parent company, John Smith's, to take over sponsorship next year.

The current Champion, Tony Mackinder, started his defence of the title by travelling to the Northern Social Club where he overcame the challenge of Jackie Sinclair. Mackinder made breaks of 80 and 75 in a comfortable victory. Also in good form was Jack Hedley, who raced to a massive 420 point victory which included a break of 104. However, the highest break of the preliminary round came from Peter Shelley with a run of 105. An additional break of 94 sealed his win.

Four of the preliminary round matches were unplayed with the tie being awarded to the "away" player in each case. Paul Bennett, in anticipation of his move to the professional ranks, conceded his match to Alf Nolan.

Preliminary Round

Jack Hedley (104) <i>(Maidenhead Ivy Leaf Club)</i>	500	Ivan Stevenage <i>(Nat. Ass. of Railway Soc.)</i>	80
G. Hope <i>(Crewe Pioneer Anglers Club)</i>	179	Maurice Chapman <i>(Selly Oak Inst)</i>	500
Peter Shelley (105, 94) <i>(Ball Green W.M)</i>	500	M. A. Faddes <i>(Crewe Pioneer Anglers Club)</i>	134
Bem French <i>(Boston Railwaymen's Social)</i>	500	P. Emerson <i>(Riverside Social)</i>	167
John Ingleby <i>(Bradley & Colne Bridge Club)</i>	500	Derick Townend <i>(Oaklands Mount W.M.)</i>	282
Steve Best <i>(Billingham Social Club)</i>	281	Geoff Charville (88) <i>(Acklam Garden City Social)</i>	500
Jackie Sinclair <i>(Northern Social Club)</i>	319	Tony Mackinder (80, 75) <i>(North Ormesby Institute)</i>	500
F. Crawley <i>(Hayes W.M.C.)</i>	scr.	G. Lee <i>(Durrington W.M.C)</i>	w/o
M. Downing <i>(Crewe Pioneer Anglers Club)</i>	scr.	P. Johnson <i>(Monks Road W.M.)</i>	w/o
T. Matthews <i>(Riverside Social Club)</i>	scr.	M.A. Lowndes <i>(Crewe Pioneer Anglers Club)</i>	w/o
Paul Bennett <i>(Acklam Garden City Social)</i>	scr.	Alf Nolan <i>(Western Social)</i>	w/o

The sensation of the second round was not only the departure of the Champion but also last year's finalist! Tony James turned in a magnificent performance to defeat Tony Mackinder by almost half the game on the Champion's own table!

Lee Lagan also made an unexpected exit at the hands of Geoff Charville, who is highly regarded in the Teesside area but who has not, so far, made a great impact on the national scene. A break of 109 helped Charville to level the scores at 455 and at this point he took his opportunity, running to game with an unfinished break.

Alf Nolan won the first of his nine CIU titles in 1953 and the most recent in 1989. Playing in the tough Northern area, he almost caused a major upset as he came very close to defeating the 1997 Champion, Darren Kell. With Kell taking an early lead of almost 100 points Nolan played his way back into the match levelling the scores at 360. He then put together a run of eighty points to go clear, subsequently advancing his position to just 5 points from game. Over eighty points in arrears and faced with almost certain defeat, Kell responded in magnificent style to snatch the game with his next two visits, each producing a contribution in the forties.

Peter Shelley made two century breaks to overwhelm Sean Bean, and with the elimination of Lagan and Mackinder, establish himself as the one of the favourites for this years title.

Last 16

G. Lee <i>(Durrington WMC)</i>	500	F. E. Page <i>(Swanley Junction WMC)</i>	180
Maurice Chapman <i>(Selly Oak Inst)</i>	500	Jack Hedley (77) <i>(Maidenhead Ivy Leaf Club)</i>	488
M. A. Lowndes <i>(Crewe Pioneer Anglers Club)</i>	320	John Ingleby <i>(Bradley & Colne Bridge Club)</i>	500
Simon Bean <i>(Riverside Social Club)</i>	269	Peter Shelley (109,102) <i>(Ball Green WMC)</i>	500
P. Johnson <i>(Monks Road WMC)</i>	315	Bem French <i>(Boston Railwaymen's Soc.)</i>	500
Alf Nolan <i>(Western Social Club)</i>	495	Darren Kell <i>(Acklam Garden City Social)</i>	500
Geoff Charville (106) <i>(Acklam Garden City Social)</i>	500	Lee Lagan <i>(North Ormesby Institute)</i>	455
Tony Mackinder <i>(North Ormesby Institute)</i>	252	Tony James <i>(Throckley Union Jack Club)</i>	500

Quarter-final Draw : Chapman v Lee; Shelley v French; Kell v Ingleby; James v Charville.

CIU NATIONAL BILLIARDS CHAMPIONS

1920 J. Jaye (Craghead Social)	1947 Charles Jacques (Kettering Midland)	1975 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)
1921 S. Parr (Abertillery Social)	1948 Tom Jones (Hayes WMC)	1976 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)
1922 W. Charlesworth (South Elmsall)	1949 Victor Muff (Huddersfield Dyers)	1977 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)
1923 J. Dick (Heburn Social)	1951 Reg C. Wright (Hinckley Regent)	1978 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)
1924 J. Daley (St. James & Soho)	1952 H. King (Hinckley Regent)	1979 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)
1925 C. Hudson (Heburn RAOB)	1953 Alf Nolan (Usworth WMC)	1980 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)
1926 J. Stephenson (Willington WMC)	1954 Reg C. Wright (Hinckley Regent)	1981 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)
1927 Roy Crookson (Leeds City Tramways)	1955 Brian Simpson (Usworth WMC)	1982 Bob Close (Western Social)
1928 Howard Hayes (Thornes WMC)	1956 Alf Nolan (Usworth WMC)	1983 Bob Close (Western Social)
1929 P. R. Hinton (Luton Social)	1957 Jack Lambert (Hillfoot WMC)	1984 Bob Close (Western Social)
1930 L. Hall (Holbeck WMC)	1958 John Sinclair (Ashington Excelsior)	1985 Bob Close (Western Social)
1931 J. T. Welch (Stanley Empire)	1959 Roy Oriel (Mountain Ash WMC)	1986 David Edwards (Mountain Ash WMC)
1932 J. Larter (Thornhill Lees)	1960 John Sinclair (Ashington Excelsior)	1987 David Edwards (Mountain Ash WMC)
1933 No Contest	1961 W. Ward (Ashington Excelsior)	1988 Peter Gilchrist (North Ormesby Inst.)
1934 J. Brindley (Barnsley Central)	1962 Alf Nolan (Blaydon & District)	1989 Alf Nolan (Western Social)
1935 G. Ossington (Belgrave WMC)	1963 Alf Nolan (Blaydon & District)	1990 David Edwards (Mountain Ash WMC)
1936 No Contest	1964 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)	1991 Martin Goodwill (Newport & District)
1937 Gladney Hoyle (Thornton Lodge)	1965 Reg C. Wright (Hinckley Regent)	1992 Martin Goodwill (Newport & District)
1938 J. Curtis (York INL)	1966 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)	1993 Martin Goodwill (Newport & District)
1939 G. Ainsley (Tudhoe & Spennymoor)	1967 Alf Nolan (Blaydon & District)	1994 Martin Goodwill (Newport & District)
1940 Tom Jones (Hatcham Liberal)	1968 Alf Nolan (Blaydon & District)	1995 Martin Goodwill (Newport & District)
1941 J. Duston (Stanley Central)	1969 Alf Nolan (Blaydon & District)	1996 Chris Shutt (North Ormesby Inst.)
1942 W. Veall (Moorthorpe Empire)	1970 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)	1997 Darren Kell (Beechwood & Easterside)
1943 S. Green (Moorthorpe Empire)	1971 Alf Nolan (Blaydon & District)	1998 Neal Rewhorn (Hinckley Central)
1944 S. Green (Moorthorpe Empire)	1972 Norman Dagley (Hinckley Regent)	1999 Tony Mackinder (North Ormesby Inst.)
1945 Howard Hayes (Towncroft WMC)	1973 Roy Oriel (Mountain Ash WMC)	
1946 Tom Jones (Hayes WMC)	1974 "Nip" Wright (Skegness WMC)	