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A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF 9-BALL POCKET BILLIARDS

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Jose Parica Breaks the Ice at Childress



LEXINGTON - After several high finishes in 1985, Jose Parica finally won his first major 9-ball tournament, The 5th Annual Clyde Childress Open. In races to eleven, Parica defeated Davenport (5), Bell (10), Strickland (10), Hopkins (8), Varner (8), suffered a loss to Varner 7-11, and then outpointed Varner (10) for the title and the \$5,840 first prize. A bank pool division was featured once again as Gary Spaeth won the \$2,600 jackpot.

CLYDE CHILDRESS OPEN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

March 10-15, 1986

FINAL STANDINGS

9-Ball:

#	NAME	AVG.	PRIZE	#	NAME	AVG.
1st	Jose Parica	(.848)	\$5,840.00	25th-32nd		
2nd	Nick Varner	(.883)	3,796.00	Jr. Harris	(.842)	
3rd	Efren Reyes	(.872)	2,920.00	Mike LeBron	(.829)	
4th	David Howard	(.861)	2,044.00	Grady Mathews	(.813)	
5th-6th				Jim Marino	(.812)	
	Earl Strickland	(.886)	1,460.00	Warren Costanzo	(.804)	
	Allen Hopkins	(.858)	1,460.00	Larry Hubbart	(.776)	
7th-8th				Bob Opsahl	(.766)	
	Chris MacDonald	(.856)	1,109.60	Gary Gentry	(.696)	
	Jay Swanson	(.847)	1,109.60	33rd-48th		
9th-12th				Gary Spaeth	(.854)	
	Dave Bollman	(.837)	846.80	Kim Davenport	(.822)	
	Danny DiLiberto	(.831)	846.80	Paul Brienza	(.815)	
	Toby Sweet	(.825)	846.80	Wade Crane	(.810)	
	Bob Williams	(.812)	846.80	Rich Geiler	(.774)	
13th-16th				Don Polo	(.772)	
	Bob Johnson	(.841)	642.40	Harry Sexton	(.771)	
	Tom Brown	(.838)	642.40	Mike Cone	(.766)	
	Danny Medina	(.819)	642.40	Ronnie Allen	(.764)	
	Howard Vickery	(.802)	642.40	Dave Matlock	(.703)	
17th-24th				Fred Bentivegna	(.699)	
	Steve Mizerak	(.840)	438.00	Jim Heath	(.683)	
	Billy Burge	(.835)	438.00	Richie Ambrose	(.678)	
	Dick Lane	(.819)	438.00	Steve Snider	(.590)	
	Gary Hutchings	(.817)	438.00	Robert Streeter	(.546)	
	Terry Bell	(.816)	438.00	Ray Badami	(.447)	
	Danny Jones	(.791)	438.00			
	John DiToro	(.761)	438.00			
	Tony Coleman	(.750)	438.00			

Banks: (in the money)

NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st Gary Spaeth	\$2,600	5th-6th		7th-8th	
2nd Wade Crane	1,600	Danny Medina	500	Gary Gentry	200
3rd Russ Matthews	1,000	Kevin Nichols	500	Greg Sullivan	200
4th Truman Hogue	800				

ACCU-FACTS

Jose Parica won three of his matches 11-10.
 Gary Spaeth lost both of his matches 10-11.
 Efren Reyes shot four .900's: .919, .911, .903, and .900.
 Reyes, MacDonald, and Brienza shot .900's yet still lost.
 The 9-ball tournament produced twenty-three .900's and eight "wire" matches.

Parica Edges Varner in Photo Finish

It was only a matter of time before the talented Jose Parica would clinch a major 9-ball title, yet it wasn't decided until the last rack of the last session in which Parica finally defeated Nick Varner 11-10. When congratulated, he reminded those present that he won "a mini and a biggie" referring to the mini tournament that he had copped earlier in the week with an equally strong field, and of course, the major title.

Monroe and Dinah Brock added \$10,000 to the forty-eight player 9-Ball division and \$1,000 to the thirty-two player Banks division. The event was hosted by The Sheraton Inn - Lexington South and directed by Pat Fleming. Five Brunswick tables were provided by The Louisville Billiard Supply and covered with Simonis. It was the first sanctioned event for the new PBA player's association.

Both divisions required two final matches. The banks division saw Gary Spaeth forge his way through the loser's bracket winning seven sessions in a row including his last two wins over Wade Crane. The 9-ball division had Parica in the winner's bracket

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Notable matches

The Clyde Childress Open produced its share of notable matches. The number in parentheses is the player's TPA for that session.

With Tom Brown (.836) leading 10-2 and maintaining an outstanding TPA of .947, the tide turned. Gary Hutchings (.874) controlled the match for the next seven racks preventing Brown from pocketing a single ball and forcing Brown to either kick or play safety. Eventually, a missed kick by Hutchings after a Brown safety allowed Brown to close out the set 11-9.

During an unusual rack in which Larry Hubbart (.750) played six consecutive safeties forcing Terry Bell (.832) to kick six consecutive times, Bell still managed to win the rack! Final score: Bell 11, Hubbart 8.

After knotting the score at 6-6, and failing to pocket a ball on the next break, Paul Brienza (.902) never shot again. Dave Bollman (.909) ran that rack, then broke and ran out the rest of the set to win 11-6.

By the time Bob Opsahl (.833) had pocketed a total of nine balls, he was leading 4-0. He never turned

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SCORES & AVERAGES

CLYDE CHILDRESS OPEN

#	Name	Score	Avg.	#	Name	Score	Avg.	#	Name	Score	Avg.	#	Name	Score	Avg.
1)	W. Crane	11	(.824)	24)	N. Varner	11	(.905)	48)	D. Howard	11	(.837)	71)	D. Medina	11	(.817)
	M. Cone	4	(.719)		R. Geiler	4	(.813)		J. Harris	7	(.810)		D. Lane	9	(.792)
2)	A. Hopkins	11	(.876)	25)	D. Lane	11	(.845)	49)	T. Coleman	11	(.717)	72)	D. Howard	11	(.876)
	D. Howard	6	(.826)		M. LeBron	7	(.800)		G. Gentry	8	(.659)		T. Brown	8	(.838)
3)	S. Mizerak	11	(.835)	26)	B. Williams	11	(.865)	50)	H. Vickery	11	(.813)	73)	J. Swanson	11	(.854)
	R. Streeter	3	(.526)		H. Vickery	8	(.778)		B. Opsahl	5	(.744)		H. Vickery	7	(.746)
4)	J. Marino	11	(.920)	27)	D. Bollman	11	(.909)	51)	J. Swanson	11	(.908)	74)	C. MacDonald	11	(.868)
	R. Badami	1	(.476)		P. Brienza	6	(.902)		M. LeBron	3	(.738)		B. Johnson	4	(.826)
5)	W. Costanzo	11	(.795)	28)	E. Reyes	11	(.919)	52)	D. Jones	11	(.792)	75)	D. Bollman	11	(.827)
	B. Opsahl	7	(.726)		T. Coleman	5	(.797)		L. Hubbart	7	(.739)		D. Medina	5	(.772)
6)	T. Brown	11	(.909)	29)	B. Johnson	11	(.840)	53)	G. Hutchings	11	(.821)	76)	A. Hopkins	11	(.896)
	R. Ambrose	2	(.705)		G. Gentry	4	(.727)		W. Costanzo	8	(.838)		T. Sweet	5	(.764)
7)	K. Davenport	11	(.901)	30)	D. DiLiberto	11	(.830)	54)	S. Mizerak	11	(.903)	77)	J. Parica	11	(.836)
	J. Swanson	6	(.768)		D. Polo	6	(.746)		J. Marino	3	(.706)		E. Strickland	10	(.863)
8)	R. Geiler	11	(.787)	31)	C. MacDonald	11	(.829)	55)	D. Medina	11	(.835)	78)	N. Varner	11	(.845)
	D. Jones	8	(.700)		J. Harris	10	(.759)		G. Mathews	6	(.726)		B. Williams	7	(.809)
9)	D. Lane	11	(.833)	32)	J. Harris	11	(.891)	56)	A. Hopkins	11	(.867)	79)	E. Reyes	11	(.892)
	F. Bentivegna	7	(.736)		M. Cone	7	(.820)		J. DiToro	5	(.643)		D. DiLiberto	6	(.797)
10)	B. Williams	11	(.782)	33)	D. Howard	11	(.874)	57)	T. Sweet	11	(.907)	80)	D. Howard	11	(.827)
	S. Snider	1	(.563)		D. Polo	8	(.791)		B. Burge	5	(.797)		B. Williams	5	(.727)
11)	D. Bollman	11	(.814)	34)	G. Gentry	11	(.711)	58)	E. Strickland	11	(.943)	81)	J. Swanson	11	(.851)
	H. Sexton	6	(.746)		R. Streeter	2	(.557)		T. Brown	4	(.853)		D. DiLiberto	9	(.855)
12)	E. Reyes	11	(.851)	35)	T. Coleman	11	(.752)	59)	J. Parica	11	(.813)	82)	C. MacDonald	11	(.859)
	R. Allen	7	(.788)		R. Badami	3	(.436)		T. Bell	10	(.804)		T. Sweet	3	(.769)
13)	B. Johnson	11	(.881)	36)	B. Opsahl	11	(.833)	60)	N. Varner	11	(.902)	83)	E. Strickland	11	(.853)
	J. Heath	2	(.619)		P. Brienza	5	(.761)		D. Lane	7	(.810)		D. Bollman	7	(.759)
14)	D. DiLiberto	11	(.802)	37)	H. Vickery	11	(.803)	61)	B. Williams	11	(.837)	84)	D. Howard	11	(.870)
	G. Spaeth	10	(.836)		R. Ambrose	6	(.662)		D. Bollman	6	(.807)		J. Swanson	3	(.542)
15)	J. Harris	11	(.882)	38)	M. LeBron	11	(.922)	62)	E. Reyes	11	(.911)	85)	E. Strickland	11	(.920)
	D. Medina	7	(.829)		D. Matlock	2	(.703)		B. Johnson	4	(.733)		C. MacDonald	8	(.906)
16)	J. DiToro	11	(.861)	39)	J. Swanson	11	(.930)	63)	D. DiLiberto	11	(.851)	86)	J. Parica	11	(.844)
	W. Crane	8	(.759)		R. Geiler	4	(.704)		C. MacDonald	8	(.753)		A. Hopkins	8	(.857)
17)	A. Hopkins	11	(.841)	40)	D. Jones	11	(.849)	64)	D. Howard	11	(.884)	87)	N. Varner	11	(.910)
	G. Mathews	10	(.814)		K. Davenport	5	(.683)		T. Bell	7	(.812)		E. Reyes	9	(.903)
18)	B. Burge	11	(.871)	41)	L. Hubbart	11	(.842)	65)	T. Brown	11	(.767)	88)	D. Howard	11	(.870)
	S. Mizerak	8	(.835)		F. Bentivegna	3	(.659)		T. Coleman	7	(.754)		A. Hopkins	9	(.800)
19)	T. Sweet	11	(.815)	42)	G. Hutchings	11	(.811)	66)	H. Vickery	11	(.842)	89)	E. Reyes	11	(.821)
	J. Marino	8	(.774)		S. Snider	3	(.621)		B. Burge	8	(.818)		E. Strickland	8	(.844)
20)	E. Strickland	11	(.889)	43)	W. Costanzo	11	(.765)	67)	J. Swanson	11	(.906)	90)	E. Reyes	11	(.900)
	W. Costanzo	9	(.810)		H. Sexton	8	(.785)		J. DiToro	3	(.706)		D. Howard	8	(.877)
21)	T. Brown	11	(.836)	44)	J. Marino	11	(.778)	68)	C. MacDonald	11	(.900)	91)	J. Parica	11	(.906)
	G. Hutchings	9	(.874)		R. Allen	6	(.745)		D. Jones	5	(.806)		N. Varner	9	(.896)
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				47)	D. Medina	11	(.825)					94)	J. Parica	11	(.863)
					W. Crane	10	(.838)						N. Varner	10	(.844)

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Interview

Nick Varner: "PERSONALLY, I THINK I'D LIKE TO PLAY A GAME WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO COMPETE AGAINST A PLAYER, BUT JUST COMPETE AGAINST THE GAME OF POOL."

ACCU-STATS: What do you think is needed to draw more contestants to major events?

VARNER: I think a lot of it has to do with the entrance fee. I think they're on the right track now. They're starting to spread it out more. I don't think that putting 30% or 40% of the prize money first is going to get it because they can't fill it up with champions, they just can't do it.

ACCU-STATS: Do you think that there should be seeding at tournaments?

VARNER: I just don't think that you could get away with seeding right now. Personally, if I was adding \$40-50,000 to an event, I believe I would seed because I think it might help the gate. I think that maybe seeding has been overlooked as far as a chance to draw a good gate.

ACCU-STATS: There have been several different tournament formats tried in the last ten years such as double elimination, two-out-of-three sets, and round robins. What do you feel is the best format?

VARNER: Right now, probably the best thing is double elimination although it might be nice to see some single elimination. I think that if the races are long enough, single elimination would be good and it might be more interesting from the crowd standpoint because

a guy is gone if he gets beat. If Mizerek and Strickland are playing, the heats on! Personally, I think I'd like to play a game where you don't have to compete against a player but just compete against the game of pool.

ACCU-STATS: How do you prepare for a tournament?

VARNER: I try to log as much playing time as I can. There are certain drills that I work on and they are usually oriented around things that you have trouble with. For instance, rail shots where you have to cut the ball thin down the rail.

Varner: "I THINK I ENJOY ONE POCKET THE BEST."

ACCU-STATS: How do you prepare for a match?

VARNER: What I think is real important is getting used to the table when you get to the tournament, getting used to the speed and where to aim. It seems that you've got to aim different. It's not as simple as practicing at home and you're in dead stroke, and then you go to the tournament and you feel the same way. You look up there and you don't know quite where that point is at. Then when you finish out, usually you know where that point is at.

ACCU-STATS: Do you go through any mental preparation?

VARNER: I just try to think positive thoughts. Mostly, I just try to think about winning. I try to keep negative things from entering my mind. The negative is so strong that it's always trying to creep in there and I try to think about winning.

ACCU-STATS: When did you start playing pool?

VARNER: Five, but that's a little unusual.

ACCU-STATS: What other interests do you have outside of pool playing?

VARNER: I like to play golf.

ACCU-STATS: What weight, millimeter, and length cue do you use?

VARNER: Right now I use a cue that's 19 ounce, 12 3/4 mm, and 57 inches.

ACCU-STATS: You wear glasses. Do you wear glasses while you're playing pool?

VARNER: No. I wear my contacts.

ACCU-STATS: Who influenced you most in regards to pocket billiards in your life?

VARNER: I'd say my father.

ACCU-STATS: What is your most memorable moment in pool?

VARNER: I'd say when I won the World Championship in 1980.

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TOTAL PERFORMANCE AVERAGE (TPA) CLYDE CHILDRESS OPEN RANKINGS

If you reviewed any of the scores on the previous pages, you probably noticed a number in parentheses to the right of each score. It was called the Accu-Stats Average. It is actually another name for Total Performance Average. Those numbers reflect the player's ability for a single session. What follows are the overall tournament averages for each contestant.

#	NAME	TPA	#	NAME	TPA	#	NAME	TPA
1.	Earl Strickland	.886	17.	Mike LeBron	.829	33.	Rich Geiler	.774
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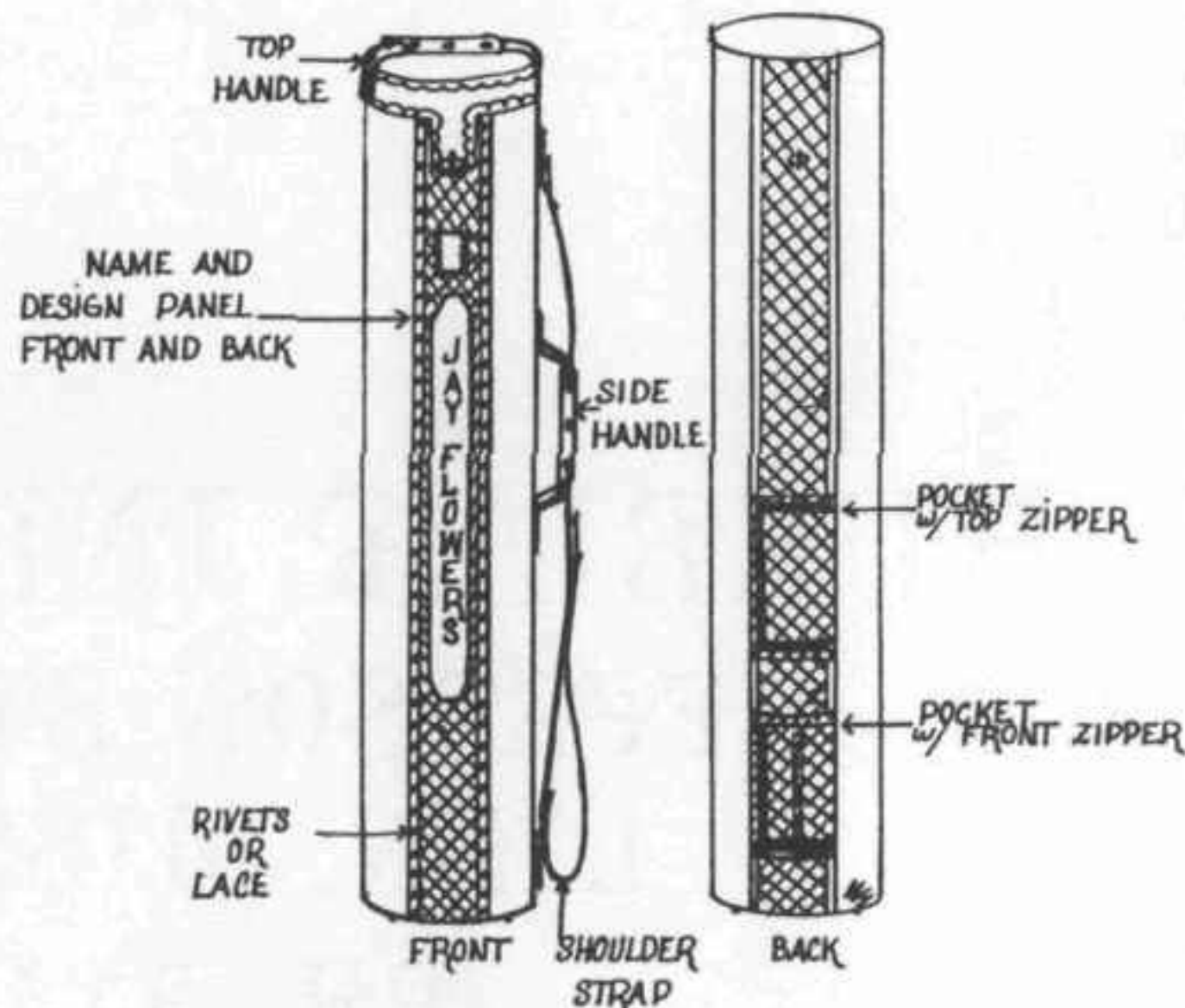
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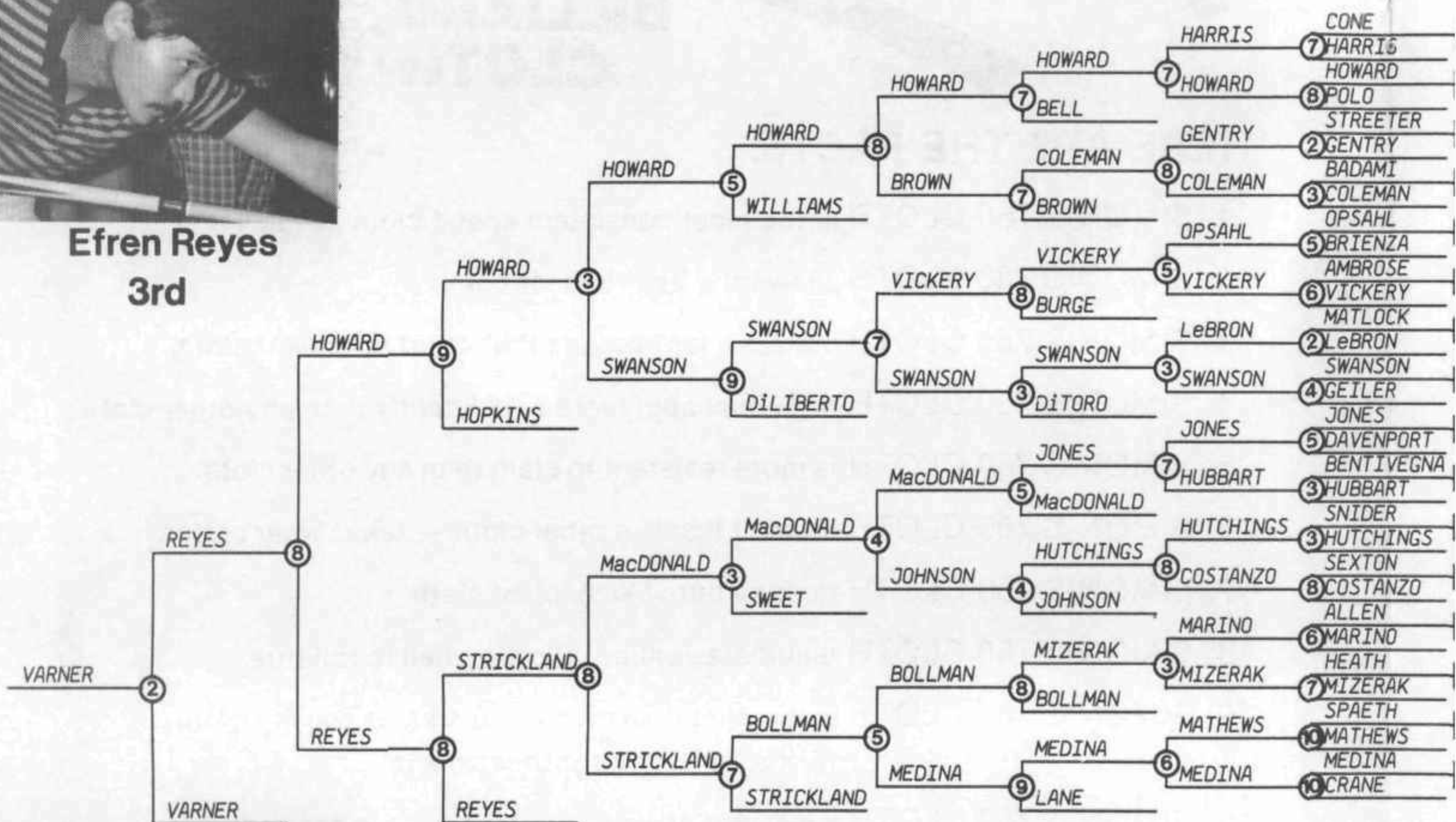
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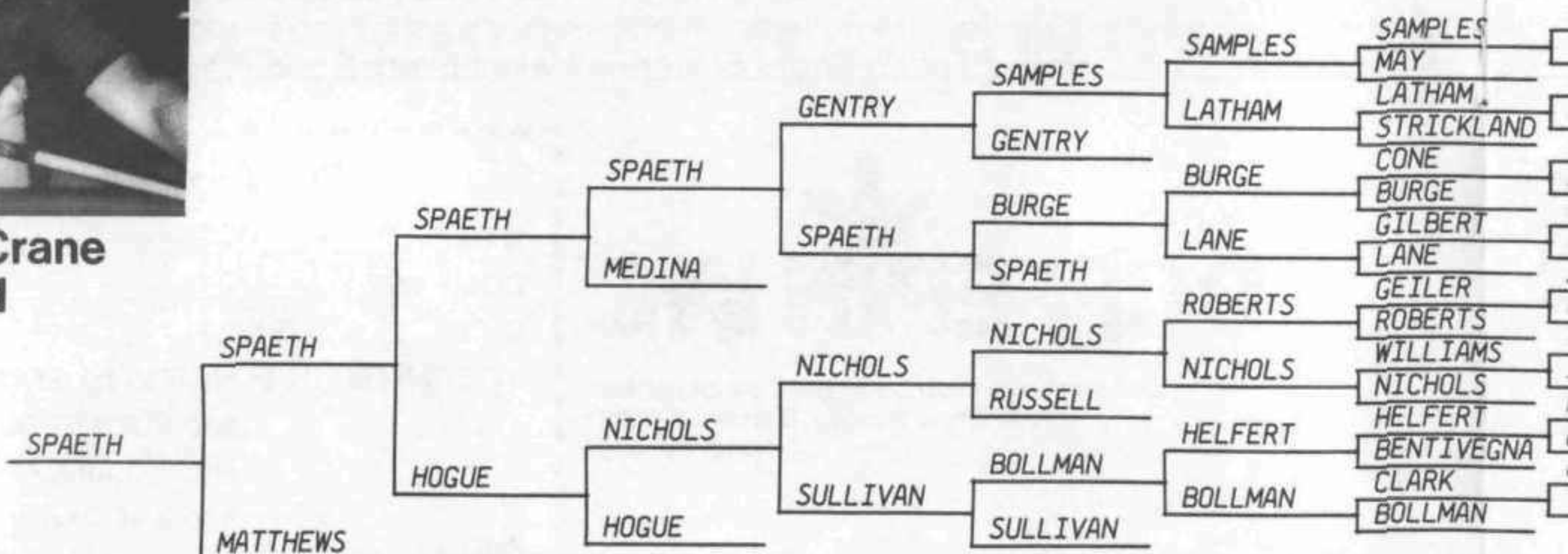
Below are the 9-Ball and Banks double elimination flow charts for the Clyde Childress Open. The bold center lines separate the winners' brackets from the losers' brackets. The names bordering the center lines reflect the results of the first round of play. For instance, Crane defeated Cone. This



Efren Reyes
3rd



Wade Crane
2nd



CHARTS

CLYDE CHILDRESS OPEN

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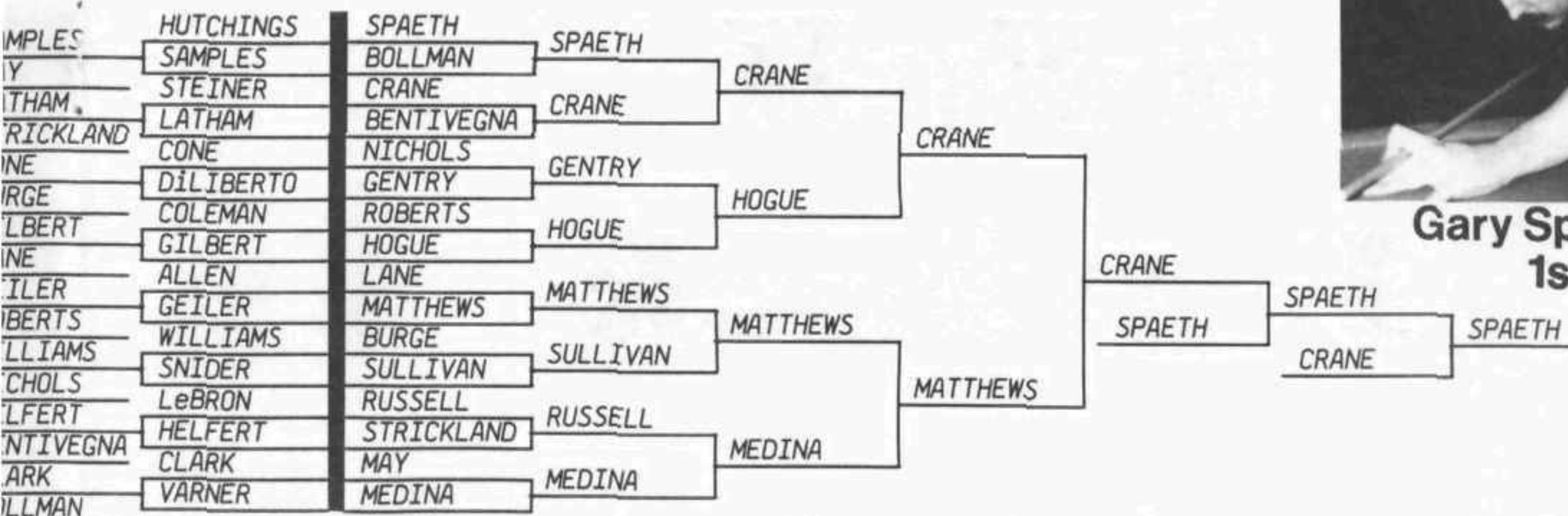
The small numbers throughout the 9-ball chart represent the loser's score for that session. For instance, Crane defeated Cone 11-4, then defeated DiToro 11-8 and so on.

9-Ball



Nick Varner
2nd

Banks



Gary Spaeth
1st

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What's Next?

Our next issue of Accu-Stats will feature the **Classic Cup V** held in Aurora, Illinois. Since the Classic Cup tournament immediately followed the Childress, the Classic Cup issue will be mailed only ten days after this issue. Incidentally, the Classic Cup V winner was Jose Parica (That's two in a row!) and Resorts' "Last Call for 9-Ball" winner was Jim Rempe. Although this year's tournament season got off to a late start you can still expect ten issues of Accu-Stats.

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TOTAL PERFORMANCE

#	NAME	GAMES	BALLS		TPA
			MADE	ERRORS	
1.	Earl Strickland	112	520	67	.886
2.	Nick Varner	143	654	87	.883
3.	Efren Reyes	137	619	91	.872
4.	David Howard	160	758	122	.861
5.	Allen Hopkins	109	479	79	.858
6.	Chris MacDonald	104	475	80	.856
7.	Gary Spaeth	42	169	29	.854
8.	Jose Parica	136	554	99	.848
9.	Jay Swanson	112	483	87	.847
10.	Jr. Harris	75	326	61	.842

(Childress Average = .819)

BREAK PERFORMANCE

(MINIMUM BREAKS= 20)

#	NAME	GAMES	BREAK BALL MADE		BPA
			SHOTS	W/O SCR.	
1.	Wade Crane	55	30	23	.767
2.	Earl Strickland	112	64	45	.703
3.	Rich Geiler	49	20	14	.700
4.	John DiToro	49	20	14	.700
5.	Danny DiLiberto	94	48	33	.688
6.	Jim Marino	62	32	22	.688
7.	Kim Davenport	49	22	15	.682
8.	Steve Mizerak	84	48	32	.667
9.	Nick Varner	143	83	54	.651
10.	Chris MacDonald	104	59	38	.644

(Childress Average = .578)

MISSES

(PER 100 BALLS POCKETED)

#	NAME	BALLS MADE	SHOTS MISSED	AVG
1.	Nick Varner	654	34	5.2
2.	Earl Strickland	520	31	6.0
3.	Allen Hopkins	479	29	6.1
4.	Efren Reyes	619	40	6.5
5.	Billy Burge	198	13	6.6
6.	Gary Spaeth	169	12	7.1
7.	Dick Lane	267	20	7.5
8.	Jose Parica	554	42	7.6
9.	David Howard	758	58	7.7
10.	Jr. Harris	326	25	7.7

(Childress Average = 10.1)

KICK PERFORMANCE

(MINIMUM KICKS = 15)

#	NAME	GAMES	KICKS	GOOD	KPA
1.	Jay Swanson	112	30	28	.933
2.	Bob Williams	82	24	22	.917
3.	David Howard	160	43	39	.907
4.	Chris MacDonald	104	21	19	.905
5.	Jose Parica	136	41	37	.902
6.	Warren Costanzo	76	20	18	.900
7.	Danny Medina	91	29	26	.897
8.	Nick Varner	143	37	33	.892
9.	Steve Mizerak	84	25	22	.880
10.	Bob Johnson	73	16	14	.875

(Childress Average = .808)

RUN OUT OPPORTUNITIES

#	NAME	OPPOR-TUNITIES	RUN OUTS	PCT.
1.	Tom Brown	62	43	69.4
2.	Earl Strickland	89	60	67.4
3.	Gary Spaeth	30	20	66.7
4.	Nick Varner	130	85	65.4
5.	Efren Reyes	119	77	64.7
6.	Jay Swanson	99	64	64.6
7.	Bob Johnson	65	41	63.1
8.	Jose Parica	114	70	61.4
9.	Dick Lane	62	38	61.3
10.	Billy Burge	38	23	60.5

(Childress Average = 52.9)

POSITION ERRORS

(PER 100 BALLS POCKETED)

#	NAME	BALLS MADE	POSITION ERRORS	AVG
1.	Jay Swanson	483	19	3.9
2.	Efren Reyes	619	25	4.0
3.	David Howard	758	31	4.1
4.	Earl Strickland	520	22	4.2
5.	Tom Brown	306	13	4.2
6.	Bob Johnson	306	14	4.6
7.	Toby Sweet	255	12	4.7
8.	Nick Varner	654	33	5.0
9.	Jose Parica	554	28	5.1
10.	Gary Spaeth	169	9	5.3

(Childress Average = 6.6)

CHILDRESS OPEN AVERAGES

Ball made on the break: 64%

Nine ball made on the break: 2.2%

Scratch on the break: 9.3%

Scratch while going for position: 1.1%

Run out from the break: 18%

Run out after making a ball on the break: 31%

Run out with ball in hand: 67%

Bell Emerges Unscathed in Cleveland Clash

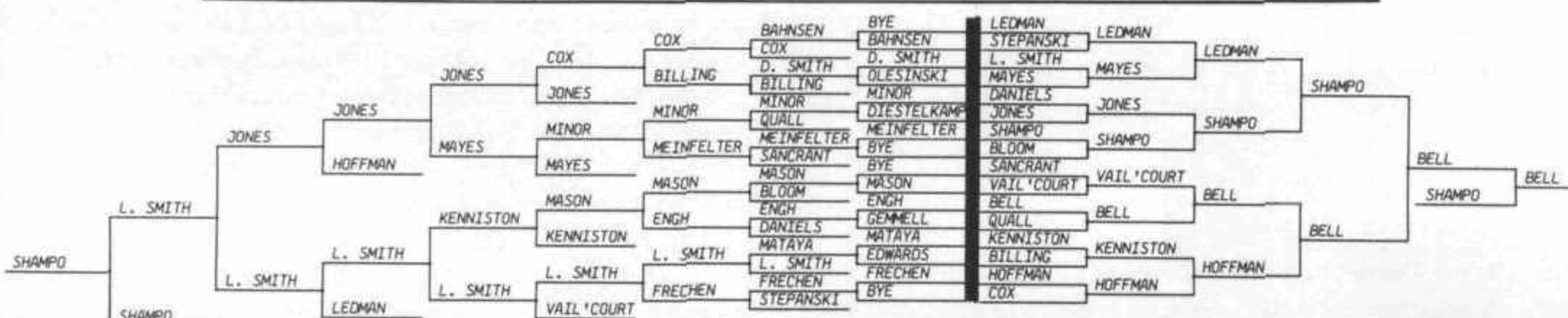
EASTLAKE, OH (2/28-3/2/86) - Robin Bell of Costa Mesa, California added one more notch to her pool cue by copping The 1986 Cleveland Open. In the double elimination, race to nine event, she breezed through the field undefeated disposing of Engh (4), Quall (3), Vaillencourt (3), Hoffman (3), and Shampo twice (8) and (7).

The \$6,200 WPBA sanctioned event was directed by Joe Kerr and hosted by Frank's Billiards of Eastlake. Promoter Frank Zummo generously added \$2,000 to the purse as twenty-eight of the country's top women players vied for the \$2,000 first prize.

The final six matches were "Accu-Styled" resulting in the following scores and averages:

1) LJ Jones	9 (.687)	2) L. Smith	9 (.794)
B. Hoffman	8 (.699)	P. Ledman	5 (.768)
3) L. Smith	9 (.750)	4) R. Bell	9 (.648)
LJ Jones	8 (.712)	L. Shampo	8 (.714)
5) L. Shampo	9 (.776)	6) R. Bell	9 (.744)
L. Smith	7 (.734)	L. Shampo	6 (.684)

NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st Robin Bell	\$2,000	5th-6th	
2nd Lori Shampo	1,200	Bonnie Hoffman	\$500
3rd Laura Smith	1,000	Peg Ledman	500
4th Loree Jon Jones	700	7th-8th	
		Mary Kenniston	150
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Final Standings:		W-L	W-L
1) Randy Bennett	6-1 \$200	4) John Roche	4-3
2) Dave Ascolese	5-2 \$100	6) Chet Helms	3-4
2) Ken Stanlick	5-2 \$100	7) Jim Conn	1-6
4) Kevin Poffinberger	4-3	8) Ed Smith	0-7

Statistical Prizes:

\$25	Randy Bennett, High Tournament Average TPA:	.810
\$25	Randy Bennett, High Single Game Average:	.875

\$25 Dave Ascolese, High Break Performance Avg: .576

\$25 Randy Bennett, High Kick Performance Avg: .893

Five Best Played Matches:

1) R. Bennett	.875
2) R. Bennett	.846
3) R. Bennett	.845
4) D. Ascolese	.841
5) K. Poffinberger	.837

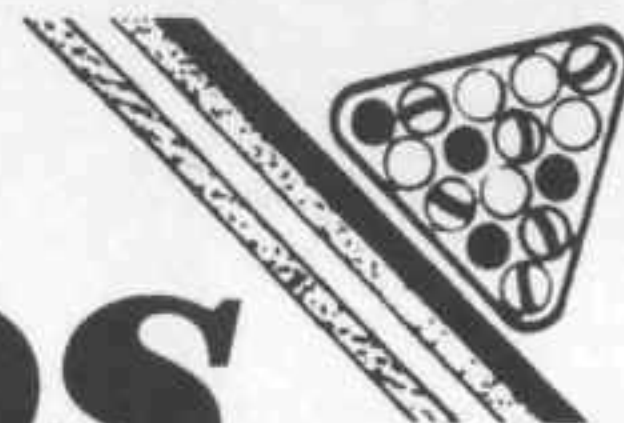
Accu-Stats Analysis of In-The Money Winners:

Randy Bennett: Without question, he played the best pool overall. Even though he ranked low on his break, he posted the best W-L record, the best TPA averages, and kick averages. He was rewarded with \$275 for his skills.

Dave Ascolese: His second place finish was due in part to his exceptional "Break Performance." He had the right combination of breaking hard and at the same time holding his scratches to a minimum. He scratched only twice in fifty-nine breaks!

Ken Stanlick: His tie for second place may be improved next time now that he has learned that scratching on the break 17% of the time is a bit much! (10% is average.)

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Parica Edges Varner

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waiting for Nick Varner. Varner had to defeat Parica twice and fell one short.

The Finals

It appeared to be all over especially after Jose Parica with a 10-6 lead in the deciding match made a ball on the break and had an open shot. But Parica missed that shot and Varner ran out. New score 10-7. Then once again Parica had a chance to close the door yet missed an easy billiard on the nine ball. Varner ran that rack. New score: 10-8. Parica made a ball and scratched the next rack! Varner ran out, then broke and ran out again. New score: 10-10. Varner made a ball on the break, missed a bank shot and it was all over as Parica ran out for the win.

Notable matches

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back as he defeated Paul Brienza (.761) 11-5.

From a 3-8 deficit, Gary Spaeth (.878) played well and managed to even up the score at 10-10. After a series of safeties and kicks, Grady Mathews (.861) was forced to kick with four balls left on the table. Yes, he lucked in the nine ball to win 11-10.

After some exceptional play by Jr. Harris (.810), David Howard (.837) fell behind 0-7. Howard then took control and won the next eleven racks to post an 11-7 win.

Bob Opsahl (.744) and Howard Vickery (.813) had the distinction of playing the longest rack of the tournament. It required twenty-one turns at the table before Vickery sunk the nine ball. Final score: Vickery 11, Opsahl 5.

Exhibiting the best play of the tournament, Earl Strickland (.943) ran nine balls nine times while defeating the unfortunate recipient of this barrage, Tom Brown (.853) 11-4.

After assuming a commanding lead of 10-5, Earl Strickland (.863) failed to pocket another ball. Jose Parica (.836) won the next six racks for his second photo finish win.

In an unusual distribution of balls pocketed, Danny DiLiberto (.855) pocketed 106 balls while Jay Swanson (.851) pocketed only 57. DiLiberto still lost 9-11.

While trailing 5-8, Jose Parica (.906) miscued on the four ball and accidentally banked it. Before Nick Varner (.896) could hit another object ball, Parica was in the lead 10-8. Final score: Parica 11, Varner 9.

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NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st Buddy Hall	\$1,500	5th-6th	
2nd Mike LeBron	700	Dan Christian	200
3rd Bob Hunter	550	Bob Williams	200
4th Tom Brown	350	7th-8th	
		Wade Crane	100
		Grover Lines	100

Super Bowl Open

MELBOURNE, FL (1/18-19/86): 40 Players

NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st Buddy Hall	\$1,440	7th-8th	
2nd Mike Gulyassy	720	Howard Vickery	144
3rd Bob Williams	432	Mike LeBron	144
4th Wade Crane	288	9th-12th	
5th-6th		Steve Cook	100
Jesse Salazar	216	John DiToro	100
Danny Pughsley	216	Gene Catron	100
		Darryl Argenbright	100

Suncoast Open

SEMINOLE, FL (1/25-26/86): \$500 Added

NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st Mike LeBron	\$1,500	5th-6th	
2nd David Howard	700	Bob Hunter	200
3rd Howard Vickery	550	Steve Cook	200
4th Richie Ambrose	350	7th-8th	
		Buddy Hall	100
		Wade Crane	100

Citrus Open

TAMPA, FL (2/1-2/86): \$400 Added

NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st Earl Strickland	\$1,200	5th-6th	
2nd Buddy Hall	600	Steve Cook	100
3rd Bob Hunter	400	Tom Brown	100
4th Mike LeBron	200		

Cue Garden Open

LAKE WORTH, FL (2/8-9/86): \$1,000 Added

NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st Steve Mizerak	\$1,850	5th-6th	
2nd Toby Sweet	1,100	John DiToro	225
3rd Tom Brown	600	Howard Vickery	225
4th Jimmy Reid	350	7th-8th	
		Richie Ambrose	165
		Grover Lines	165

Keg & Cue Open

LARGO, FL (2/8-9/86): \$500 Added

NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st David Howard	\$1,200	5th-6th	
2nd Steve Cook	600	Mike LeBron	100
3rd George Brunt	300	Wade Crane	100
4th Buddy Hall	200		

Granito Open

CHICAGO, IL (3/15-16/86): 50 Players, \$1,500 Added

NAME	PRIZE
1st Paul Brienza	\$1,800
2nd Mark Jarvis	900
3rd Keith McCready	630
4th Mike LeBron	330
5th-6th	
Dallas West	175
Richie Ambrose	175
7th-8th	
Willie Munson	110
George Michaels	110
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John Abruzzo	60
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BOWLING GREEN, KY (2/18-22/86) - Cue Time Billiards was once again the host site for the Bowling Green Open. Jimmy Hodges added \$4,000 to his 2nd annual contest boosting the purse to over \$7,000. Joe Kerr directed the double elimination event which drew sixteen players and paid half of the field.

Earl Strickland captured the \$2,500 first prize posting an undefeated record. In races to eleven Earl overpowered Johnson (6), Varner (4), Vickery (9), Howard (4) and Spaeth (4).

The in-the-money results follow:

	NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st	Earl Strickland	\$2,500	5th-6th	
2nd	Gary Spaeth	1,500	Dave Bollman	\$500
3rd	David Howard	1,000	Howard Vickery	500
4th	Joe Dan Bilyeu	750	7th-8th	
			Nick Varner	185
			Bobby Legg	185

Nick Varner

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ACCU-STATS: Who have you admired most inside and outside of pool?

VARNER: Inside, Luther Lassiter. Outside, Jack Nicholas.

ACCU-STATS: If you were the most influential person in the billiard industry, what would you do?

VARNER: I'd concentrate on getting a tour on television. That would have the most impact on the game from all levels, the bottom to the top.

Varner: "I LIKE STRAIGHT POOL, BUT IT HAS ONE BIG DRAWBACK. I ENJOY RUNNING A HUNDRED BALLS, BUT I DON'T ENJOY SITTING THERE WATCHING MY OPPONENT RUN A HUNDRED."

ACCU-STATS: You play all games and have been a champion in everything at one time or another. What's your favorite game?

VARNER: I think I enjoy one pocket the best. I like straight pool, but it has one big drawback. I enjoy running a hundred balls, but I don't enjoy sitting

Arlington Rec Open

SAN BERARDINO, CA (2/20-23/86) - The Arlington Recreation \$10,000 Mixed 9-Ball Open, the first tournament of any true stature to be held in the San Bernardino area proved to be a rousing success. Promoters John Sanders (Arlington John) and Herb Wiles (Herb Superb) deserve much credit for the well planned, promoted, and organized event.

The race to nine, double elimination event quickly drew a full field of thirty-two due in part to the \$5,200 added by Riverdale's Arlington Recreation Supply and The Southern California Billiard Dealers Association (SCBDA). An impressive thirty-two page spectator program featuring player profiles, interesting articles, official rules, and advertising helped put a finishing touch on the event.

Kim Davenport, the pre-tournament favorite, captured the inaugural event's \$3,300 grand prize after defeating Chapman (5), Hills (8), Romero (2), McCready (7), and Swanson (2). The in-the-money results follow:

	NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
1st	Kim Davenport	\$3,300	7th-8th	
2nd	Keith McCready	2,000	Bill Mielke	\$400
3rd	Jay Swanson	1,000	Ismael Ramirez	400
4th	Buddy Dennis	700	9th-12th	
5th-6th			Ronnie Allen	300
	Craig Hauser	500	Dick Megiveron	300
	Danny Medina	500	Ismael Paez	300
			Al Romero	300

Commemorative gold tip tappers were awarded the 13th-16th place finishers: Frank Almanza, Chris MacDonald, Coyt Chapman, and Danny DiLiberto.

A major 9-ball event is tentatively scheduled for September (see ad).

there watching my opponent run a hundred. And you have to sit down so long.

ACCU-STATS: Do you remember in Livonia, Michigan when four different players ran a hundred balls on you right in a row?

VARNER: Yes, I remember that. I did some sitting that day. I went through the first bracket and I must have had a 20-25 ball per inning average. Then I went 0-7 in the final round robin. The least anybody run on me was eighty.