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BILLIARDS CONCLUDED

Empress Won Second Half of Season as Well as First—Last Games at Week-End

Junior Billiard League activities of the 1931-32 season came to a close at the end of last week when outstanding games from the fixtures of Monday and Thursday night of last week were concluded. Empress won the second half as well as the first so captured the season's honors.

In the final game of last Monday night's fixture, Johnny Saunders, Jewelers, defeated Nick Chenoski, Empress, by a score of 200 to 173, the Jewelers taking the fixture by an aggregate score of 897 to 837.

In the final game from Thursday night's fixture, Chris Perry, Hawks, defeated Roy Fong, League of Nations, 200 to 186, the League winning the fixture 965 to 902.

The final standing for the second half is as follows:

	G.	Ttl.	Av.
Empress	12	10988	916
League of Nations	12	10734	895
Jewelers	13	11617	893
Hawks	13	11395	876

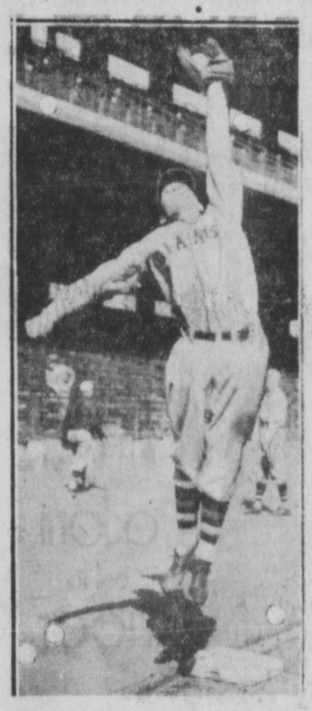
Billiard Averages

Junior League

FINAL STANDINGS

	G.	T.	Av
N. Chenoski (E)	15	2867	191
G. Howe (E)	15	2846	190
J. May (H)	16	3042	190
R. Fong (LN)	15	2831	189
J. Saunders (J)	13	2423	186
P. Vaccher (LN)	15	2768	185
W. Hutson (H)	15	2782	185
A. Zadaroski (E)	15	2762	184
P. Johnson (H)	15	2743	183
W. Funnell (J)	3	546	182
L. Raabe (E)	14	2556	183
W. Murray (H)	12	2173	181
R. Wicks (H)	16	2859	179
P. Chenoski (E)	16	2835	177
E. Batt (LN)	15	2654	177
F. Aldridge (LN)	15	2640	176
B. Wendle (LN)	12	2053	171
A. Strachan (LN)	16	2704	169
C. Perry (H)	15	2438	163
A. Murray (LN)	2	335	168
J. Bulger (J)	16	2507	156
W. E. Hayhurst (H)	4	604	151

With Giants



John Vergez spears a high one during a practice game at Los Angeles. He will keep his third base position with the New York Giants this year.

Two Great Teams, Arsenal and Newcastle United, to Battle in English Cup Final This Month

(By G. W. Laidler)

Who will win the English Cup? That is the question followers of Old Country football all over the world are asking themselves from day to day. The issue will be decided on Saturday, April 23, at Wembley Stadium. The contesting teams in this year's final are "Arsenal" and "Newcastle United," both of which are members of the First Division of the English League and these teams give promise of providing a titanic struggle before the destiny of the famous silverware is decided for another year.

In a league game a few days ago the same two teams met at Highbury and, after a dour struggle, the home team (Arsenal) ran out winners by the narrow margin of one goal to nil. This game drew a crowd of 60,000 people, thus providing supporters of both teams an opportunity of sizing up their favorites' chances on the "fateful" day.

"Cup Final" Day in the Old Land is looked upon as one of the major sporting attractions of the year and is the magnet that draws the people from far and near to Wembley Stadium in London. Last year there were 92,406 in attendance at the game between Birmingham and West Bromwich Albion, two Midland teams, and this year's classic will no doubt, see an even larger crowd because one of the representatives is the premier London team and the match takes place in London.

"The Arsenal" is always a great drawing card because of the very expensive team and is often referred to as the "Bank of England" team. Several of the star players have cost thousands of pounds in transfer fees, whereas the popular manager, Herbert S. Chapman, is recognized as the highest salaried manager in the Old Country today. That he has been successful in assembling a powerful match-winning combination is evidenced by the fact that, in the last three successive seasons, "The Arsenal" has been to the fore in the "honors list" in English football. After five appearances in the semi-final of the Cup they were finally successful in winning the trophy for the first time in the season of 1929-1930. This was followed in the next season by winning the league championship, also for the first time and now, as a fitting climax to their run of success, they are again appearing in the final and, at present, have a glorious opportunity of also carrying off the league championship, as they are now only separated from the leaders, "Everton," by three points, but still have a match in hand. Should "Arsenal" manage to lift both the Cup and the league championship in the one season it would be the first time that this notable feat has been accomplished since the year 1889 when Preston North End achieved the honor.

"Newcastle United," as a contrast to Arsenal, has passed through the most trying and troublesome times of its long career in the last two seasons, as it had to fight very hard indeed to avoid relegation into the Second Division of the league in the season 1929-1930 and again in 1930-1931.

The present campaign, however, has seen a welcome revival and, besides being one of the cup finallists, they are well up among the leading teams in the league. "The Geordies," while they may not be looked upon as such a powerful team as Arsenal, are a team of youth and energy. Some of the players were of the ready-made type and were only secured at high transfer fees, but the majority of them were of the inexpensive variety and were signed on in their 'teens and developed by the club. There is no doubt that the success of Newcastle in this season's campaign has been mainly due to the sterling managerial qualities of the famous old Glasgow Rangers star, "Andy" Cunningham. He was transferred to Newcastle from the Rangers in the role of player-manager but this season has devoted his entire time to the arduous duties of manager, with gratifying results due to his ability to pick up at the opportune moment young players of the stamp and quality that produce the stars of tomorrow. An abundance of strong reserve strength has been a feature of the "Tynesiders" sucess.

Four Times Champions

Newcastle United have been league champions four times, the last ocacsion being in the season 1926-1927. They have also made seven appearances in the semi-final of the cup competition and have been successful in winning the trophy only on two occasions. The last one was just eight years ago, in April, 1924, and recalls to mind an unusual incident in the history of the club. So intent were the directors on winning the cup they apparently rested several of their star players and fielded weak teams in seven league matches. The Football League, however, got "wise" to the little scheme and the result was Newcastle was obliged to pay a fine of £750 to the league as a penalty, which just goes to show how well the professional game is handled in the Old Country for the benefit of the public.

For the benefit of the many local Old Country football fans we give below thumbnail sketches of the players who, barring injury or unforseen circumstances in the meantime, will wear their respective club colors in this season's struggle for supremacy and possession of the coveted English Cup, emblematic of the Blue Ribbon of football in England.

The Arsenal

Moss (goalkeeper)—Transferred this season from Oldham Athletic and immediately took his place in the side to the exclusion of Freedy. Safe and consistent.

Parker (right full-back)—Conscientious captain and a great defender, though reaching the veteran stage. Has already led Arsenal and received the cup at Wembley. Many years with Southampton before going to Highbury.

Hapgood (left full-back)—Bristol born; arrived at Highbury via Kettering. Has already figured in international trial and would no doubt get his cap but for the brilliance of Blenkinsop.

Jones (right half-back)—Joined Arsenal in May, 1928 from Notts Forest as forward; since converted into a wing half-back. Played for Wales in schoolboy and full internationals, and was partner to Vilzard when Wales surprised England at Selhurst Park.

Roberts (centre half-back)—Oftimes referred to as Arsenal's centre full-back and has earned the nickname of "P.C." for vigilance in regard to rival centre-forwards.

John (left half-back)—Welsh international. Offered himself to Cardiff City, but was not accepted. Born at Barry, he played for the town club and Caerphilly. Signed for Arsenal in 1922.

Hulme (outside right)—One of the fastest men in football. Can give most defenders five yards and a beating and can shoot on the run. Staffordshire is his native place, and his previous clubs were York City and Blackburn.

Jack (inside right)—The most costly player on Arsenal's books, and the first player to change clubs for a five-figure fee. Bolton Wanderers was his previous club.

Parkin (centre-forward)—Taken over from Lambert when he lost his shooting boots and confidence. A young player from the northeast, he has scored numerous goals in four seasons for Arsenal's second string.

James (outside left)—The "baby" of the side; actually an inside right. Like all the other forwards, with the exception of Parkin, is an international. Possible injuries may eliminate him from cup final.

Newcastle United

McInroy (goalkeeper) — Preston born, he went to Newcastle in October, 1929, in a critical period from Sunderland. Proved a rare investment, and at the moment playing right on top of form. Played for England against Ireland in 1927.

Nelson (right full-back)—Captain of the team. Secured from Cardiff City in July, 1930. Splendid positional ability and a player whose steadying influence is most marked. Born at Greenock, he has three Scottish caps, and bright prospects of adding to his collection this season.

Fairhurst (left full-back) — A Northumbrian; born at Bedlington, and discovered in the Blyth Spartans' nursery at Walsall, from whom he joined United in May, 1929. Comes from footballing family.

McKenzie (right half-back)—"Father" of the team, being secured from Clackhacuddin (Inverness) in September, 1922. Has all the qualities that make for the complete half-back and always keen to discuss the theory of the game. Born at Inverness, and has been noted by Scottish selectors this season.

Davidson (Centre-half)—Born in Aberdeen and secured from Liverpool in January, 1930. Did not make good until last season, since when he has revealed his full worth.

Weaver (left half-back)—Notorious for his tremendous throw. From corner flag can place the ball further than the far upright. A half-back who excels in developing and participating in attack. A splendid shot. Born at Pugsley and secured from Hull City in November, 1929.

Boyd (outside right)—Been with United since May, 1925. Form varied for a long time, but Newcastle has persevered, and now he is repaying in full as a scoring winger. Born in Glasgow and secured from St. Bernards.

Richardson (inside right)—Born at Ashington and another product of Blyth Spartans, having joined Newcastle as a youngster in April, 1928. Villa wanted him, and now regret that they missed one of the stars of the game. An artist with the ball and develops tremendous thrust.

Allen (centre forward)—Another local, born at Newburn and went from Prudhoe Castle to Leeds, then to Brentford, but it was with Sheffield Wednesday that he built his reputation as a dashing and persistent leader; possessed of a tremendous shot.

McMenemy (inside left)—Son of the famous "Napoleon" McMenemy, born at Glasgow, and has turned out to be the pick of the Scottish Intermediates, for which there was such a scramble. May seem slow at times, but he schemes to great purpose, and has a delightful swerve. Clever in exploiting the cross pass. Secured from Strathclyde.

Lang (outside left)—Another Scot, born at Larkhall, near Glasgow, and came to Newcastle from Larkhall Thistle in October, 1926. A scoring winger with whom the club has persevered to get best results this season.



A nice picture. It's Alice Ryden of the Los Angeles Athletic Club during competition in the pre-Olympic track and field events.

The Referee

The appointed referee is W. Percy Harper of Stourbridge. In 1926 and again last year he was one of the linesmen at Wembley in the Cup Final. Since 1924 he has been honorary secretary of the Worcester F. A.; he is treasurer of the association of Football League Referees and Linesmen, and a leading member of the Kidderminster Referees' Society.

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