

FREDDIE OWENS VS. "LITTLE GEORGE" RAMSEY

In 1974, "Tip" Baldwin, Pool Checkers greatest benefactor, put up twelve (\$1200.00) hundred dollars for Freddie Owens of Baltimore, Maryland and "Little" George Ramsey of Detroit, Mich., to play a twenty-four (24) game Pool Checker Match. The match was played in the Fort Pickford Hotel in downtown Detroit.

This match was witness by spectators, checker players and such pool checkers celebrities as the world's match champion, Ollie "Shot Gun" Howard of Bronx, N.Y.; the widely noted Carl "Buster" Smith of Chicago, Illinois, and the co-author of the World's Famous "Black and Waters" Pool Checker Books, Clyde Black.

The first twelve (12) games of the twenty-four (24) games were played on June 29th. Only ten (10) additional games were played on June 30th because one player was behind, and therefore could not win or even tie the score.

During the first half of the match, Freddie had won three games in a row and was leading by the score of four to two after twelve games played. The next day when we assembled to witness the last half of the match, the story going around from reliable sources was that Ramsey, Bill Richardson and Hank Jenkins had got together and stayed up all night, trying to map out ways to circumvent the romping Freddie.

The games of this historic drama was recorded on cassette tape for the Pool Checker Magazine and prosperity by J. Myrick Frazier. During this session there were no other visible individuals that were doing any recording. However, there was only one person that was taking a few notes here and there. This can be verified by listening to the tapes of the many, many people that were interviewed before and during the match. No assemblage or groups were ever given or granted permission to publish any of these twenty-two (22) games without acknowledging the source or their owner, J. Myrick Frazier. However, someone did it anyway!

When a person is telling a joke and a simple minded "nut" yells out the punch line before the finish, it takes all of the beauty and the fun out of it. Therefore, as recorder I purposely, omitted giving the results of the games in order to let the suspense and beauty of these games be enjoyed only by the "RE-PLAYER."

Game One

OWENS Black

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	17-13	16-23
26-19	4-8	27-23	8-11	31-26	3-8	25-22
15-18	23-14	9-25	29-22	11-16	26-23	10-14
24-20	8-11	22-17!	7-10	23-18	14-23	19-26
10-15	32-27	5-9!	26-23	15-19	27-24	19-26
30-23	9-14	17-10	6-15	21-17	2-7	24-19!
15-24	28-19	7-10	17-14	10-17	13-22	1-6
22-17	6-10	17-13	10-14	23-18	16-23	18-9
23-26	9-6	26-30	6-1	Game Ends. (Draw)		

Game Two

RAMSEY Black

11-15	22-17	8-11	25-22	11-16	24-20	16-19	
23-16	12-19	17-13	9-14	22-18	14-23	27-11	
7-16	20-11	5-9	29-25	3-8?	31-27!	8-15	
27-23!	4-8	23-16	8-12	26-23!!	12-26	30-23	
9-14	28-24	2-7	23-19	7-11	32-28!	14-18	
25-22	18-25	21-30	1-5	30-26	5-9	24-20	
15-24	28-19	11-15	19-16	10-14	16-12	15-19	
20-16	19-24	26-23	24-28	12-8	6-10	13-15	
14-17	8-4	17-22	16-12	22-25	4-8	25-30	
23-19	30-16	12-19	28-32	15-10	32-9	19-16	
9-13	16-12	Game Ends. (W. Wins-Freddie)					

Game Three

OWENS Black

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	17-13	16-23
26-19	4-8	27-23	8-11	25-22	9-14	31-26
14-17	21-14	10-17	19-10	6-15	24-19	15-24
28-19	17-21	22-18	1-6	32-27	11-16	27-24
5-9?	24-20!	7-11	26-22	3-7	19-15??	XX-XX
7-10!	15-8	12-3	20-11	3-7!	22-17	21-14
29-25	7-16	25-21	2-7	30-25	16-20	25-22
7-11	21-17	14-21	23-19	20-24	19-28	10-14
Game Ends. (Black wins-Freddie)						

Game Four

RAMSEY Black

11-15	22-17	8-11	25-22	11-16	24-20	15-19
20-11	7-16	29-25	9-13?	17-14!	10-17	21-14
16-20	23-16	20-11	28-24	3-7	24-19	6-9
26-23	9-18	23-14	11-16	27-23	7-11	22-18
2-7	25-22	16-20	31-27	4-8	30-25	11-16
18-15	7-10	14-7	8-11	15-8	12-10	19-12
10-15	32-28	1-6	28-24	6-10	12-8	Game Ends

(W/A) ...



Game Five

OWENS Black

11-16	24-19	8-11	22-17	11-15	28-24	16-20
17-14	10-17	19-10!	6-15	21-14	9-18	23-14
2-6	24-19	15-24	32-28	4-8	28-19	8-11
26-23	5-9!	14-5	6-10	30-26	11-15	27-24!
20-18	26-22	15-24	22-6	1-10	5-1	24-28
1-19	28-32	19-28	12-16	25-21	16-20	31-26
32-5	28-1	5-32	1-28	32-5	Game Ends (Draw)	

Game Six Ramsey Black

11-15	22-17	8-11	25-22	11-16	29-25	16-19!
23-16	12-19	17-13	4-8	24-20	9-14	27-23
8-12	23-16	12-19	22-17	6-9	13-6	2-9
17-13	1-6	26-23	19-26	30-23	14-18	23-14
9-18	28-24	3-8!	21-17	8-12	25-22?	18-25
17-14	10-17	13-29	7-11!	24-19	15-24	20-27
11-15	29-25	5-9	25-22	9-14	32-28	14-18
22-17	6-10	28-24	12-16	17-13	10-14	24-20
16-19	31-26	14-17	13-22	18-25	Game Ends (Black wins - Ramsey)	

Game Seven Owens Black

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-11	7-16	27-11	3-8	28-24	8-15	24-20
9-14	25-22	5-9	17-13	14-18	29-25	12-16
20-11	15-8	22-15	10-19	21-17!	8-11	26-23
19-26	30-23	11-15	32-28	4-8	31-27	2-7
28-24	7-10	17-14	10-17	13-22	9-14!	24-20?
8-12!	27-24	19-15	23-16	12-28	20-16	6-10
16-12	28-32	12-8	10-15	8-3	14-18	3-12
32-28	12-30	28-24	22-17	24-31	25-22	18-25
30-21	31-13	21-25	Game Ends. (Draw)			

Game eight Ramsey Black

11-15	22-17	8-11	25-22	4-8	23-19	9-13
27-23	5-9	23-18*	9-14!	18-9	15-18	22-15
13-22	26-17	6-22	15-6	2-9	24-20	11-15!
19-10	7-14	30-26	14-18	26-17	9-13	17-14
18-9	29-25	8-11	28-24	3-7	31-26	9-14?
25-22	1-6	24-19	6-10	32-27	11-15	19-16!
12-19	27-23	19-24	20-27	7-11	23-19!	15-31
26-23	31-17	23-18	14-23	21-16	Game Ends. (Draw)	

Game Nine Owens Black

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-11	7-16	27-11	3-8	28-24	8-15	24-20
9-14	25-22	5-9	17-13	14-18	29-25	12-16
20-11	15-8	22-15	10-19	21-17!	8-11	25-22
11-15	26-23	19-26	30-23	4-8	32-28	6-10
13-6	2-9	23-18	8-11	28-24	1-5	24-19!
15-24	31-27	24-31	17-13	Game Ends. (Draw)		

Game Ten Ramsey Black

11-15	22-17	8-11	25-22	4-8	23-19	9-13
27-23	5-9	23-18	9-14	18-9	15-18	22-15
13-22	26-17	6-22	15-6	2-9	24-20	11-15!
19-10	7-14	28-24?	3-7	24-19	14-18	32-27
7-10??	30-25?	Why not	19-16?}	1-6	27-23?	18-27
31-24	8-11!	25-18	10-14	19-15	14-23	15-8
12-3	29-25	9-14	25-22	14-18!	22-15	23-26
20-16	26-31	24-20	31-22!	16-11	22-31	20-16
31-13	21-17	13-12	11-8	12-19!	Game Ends. (B. Wins - Ramsey)	

Game Eleven Owens Black.

11-16	24-19	8-11	22-17	9-14	17-13	16-20
25-22	11-15	29-25	15-24	28-19	4-8	32-28
14-17	21-14	10-17	22-18	17-21	25-22	5-9
27-24	20-27	31-24	8-11	19-15	12-16!	15-8
3-12	24-19	7-10!	18-15	9-14	22-17!	16-20
15-11	10-15	11-9	21-5	23-18	6-10	18-14!
10-17	13-22	20-24	19-16	12-19	22-18	1-6!
26-23	19-26	30-23	24-27!	23-32	6-10	28-24
10-14	18-9	5-14	24-19	14-18	19-16!	2-7
32-27	18-22	27-23??	22-25	Game Ends. (B. Wins - Freddie)		

Game Twelve Ramsey Black.

11-15	22-17	8-11	25-22	4-8	23-19	9-13
27-23	5-9	23-18*	9-14!	18-9	15-18	22-15
13-22	26-17	6-22	15-6	2-9	24-20	11-15!
19-10	7-14	30-26	14-18	26-17	9-13	17-14
18-9	29-25	8-11	31-26	3-7	28-24	9-14?
25-22	1-6	24-19	6-10	32-27	11-15	19-16
12-19	27-23	19-24	20-27	7-11	23-19!	15-31
26-23	31-17	23-18	14-23	21-16	Game Ends (Draw)	

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11-15	22-17	8-11	25-22	4-8	23-19	9-13
27-23	5-9	23-18	9-14	18-9	15-18	22-15
13-22	26-17	6-22	15-6	2-9	24-20	11-15
19-10	7-14	30-26	14-18	26-17	9-13	17-14
18-9	29-25	3-7	31-26	7-10!	28-24	8-11
32-27	10-14!	27-23	1-5!	26-22	11-15	21-17
14-30	23-19	30-16	20-18	9-14	18-9	13-6!
24-19	6-10	Game Ends. (B. Wins - Ramsey)				

Game Fourteen. Owens, Black.

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	17-13	16-23
26-19	4-8	27-23	8-11	25-22	9-14	31-26
14-17	21-14	10-17	19-10	6-15	24-19	15-24
28-19	17-21	22-18	1-6	32-27	11-16	27-24
5-9??	24-20	7-11	26-22!	3-7	29-25!!	7-10
22-17	21-14	25-21	11-15	18-11	16-7	30-26!
12-16	20-11!	7-16	19-12	10-15	12-8	15-18
8-4	18-27	26-23	Game Ends (Ramsey wins - White)			

Game Fifteen. Ramsey, Black.

11-15	22-17	8-11	25-22	4-8	23-19	9-13
27-23	5-9	24-20	15-24	20-27	12-16	23-18
1-5	28-24	16-20	24-19	9-14	18-9	5-14
30-25	11-15?	27-23!!	15-24	22-18!	13-15	31-27
24-22	25-4	14-17!	21-14	10-17	4-18	7-10
32-27	2-7	18-4!	20-24!	27-20	6-9	4-25
9-13	25-30	10-14	23-18	14-23	30-2	17-22
2-16!	3-7!	16-2	22-26	2-7	26-30	7-21
30-12!	21-30	12-3	20-16	13-17!	16-11	17-22
30-16	3-21	16-19	21-3!	19-30	3-12	Game Ends (Draw)

Game Sixteen. Owens, Black.

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	24-20	16-23
27-11	7-16	20-11	3-8	28-24	8-15	24-20
9-14	17-13	2-7	31-27	4-8	27-24	8-11
26-23	15-18	23-19	11-15	30-26	7-11	25-22
18-25	29-22	14-18	21-17	18-25	17-14	10-17
13-29	6-10	26-22	5-9	29-25	1-5	25-21
9-14	22-17	5-9	17-13!	14-18	13-6	10-1
19-10	18-22	32-27	22-26	24-19	1-5	10-6
5-9!	6-13	26-30	13-9	30-16	9-6	16-26
6-1	26-22	Game Ends.				



Game Seventeen. Ramsey, Black.

11-15	21-17	9-13	25-21	15-19	23-16	12-19
24-15	10-19	30-25	8-11	27-24	11-15	32-27
15-18	24-15	18-11	17-14	6-9	21-17	9-18
22-8	13-22	25-18	4-11	27-23	7-10	29-25
5-9	28-24	2-7	24-19	10-15	19-10	7-14
31-27	1-5	25-21	3-7	27-24	7-10	26-22
10-15	24-20	9-13	18-9	5-14	23-19	15-24
20-27	11-15	27-23	13-17	22-13	15-18	Game.

Game Eighteen. Owens, Black.

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	24-20	16-23
27-11	7-16	20-11	10-14	17-10	6-8	21-17
8-11	25-22	11-15	26-23!	4-8	28-24	3-7
23-18	8-11	17-14!	1-6	30-26	9-13??	26-23!
6-10	24-19!!	15-24	22-17!	13-15	32-28	10-17
28-3	17-21	3-10	5-9	10-28	9-14	28-32
14-17	32-28	Game Ends.				

Game Nineteen Ramsey-Black

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	17-13	16-23
26-19	9-14	24-20	15-24	28-19	7-11	27-23
3-8	32-28	11-16	20-11	8-24	28-19	4-8
25-22	8-11	22-18	11-16	18-9	5-14	29-25
14-18!	23-7	2-11	13-9!	6-13	31-26	16-23
26-19	11-16	19-15	1-6	25-22	16-20	21-17
12-16	17-14	16-19	15-24	20-27	14-9	6-10
9-5	27-32	22-18	32-14	5-1	Game Ends.	

Game Twenty. Owens, Black.

11-16	24-19	8-11	22-17	11-15	28-24	16-20
17-14	10-17	19-10	6-15	21-14	9-18	23-14
4-8	26-22	8-11	22-18	15-22	25-18	11-16
29-25	7-10	14-7	3-10	18-14	10-17	25-21
17-22	30-26	22-25	21-30	1-6	26-22	6-10
22-17	5-9	30-26	10-15	17-14!	9-18	26-23
18-22	23-19	16-23	27-25	20-27	32-23	12-16
25-22	16-20	23-18	15-19	18-14	2-6	22-17
20-24	17-13	24-28	13-9!	6-13	14-10	28-32
10-7	19-24	7-3!	32-18	3-10!	24-28	31-27
18-32	10-15	Game Ends.				

Game Twenty one. Ramsey, Black.

11-15	23-18	7-11	26-23	10-14	24-20	6-10
27-24	3-7	24-19	15-24	20-27	10-15	28-24
1-6	31-26	7-10	24-20	9-13	18-9	5-14
23-18	14-23	27-18	6-9	21-17	15-19	17-14?
10-17	25-21	2-6!	21-5	13-17	22-13	11-16
20-11	8-31	30-26?	31-22	32-27	22-31!	27-23
19-26	5-1	26-30	1-28	30-23	28-1	23-5
1-28	31-22	28-1	12-16	1-24	5-1	24-27
1-5	27-24	22-18	24-1	18-32	1-24	32-28
24-31	28-1	31-26	16-20	Game Ends.		

Game Twenty Two. Owens Black.

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	24-20	16-23
27-11	7-16	20-11	3-7	28-24	7-16	24-20
16-19	17-13	4-8	31-27!	9-14??	21-17!	14-21
26-23	19-26	30-23	21-30	23-19	30-16	20-4
10-14	27-23	6-10	23-19	Game Ends.		