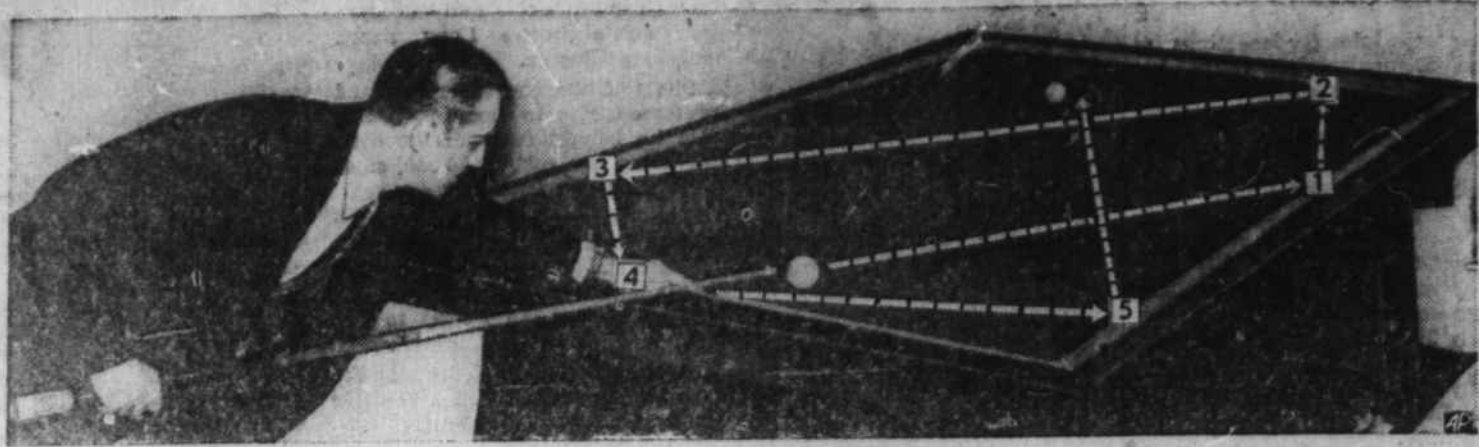


# Cue Champ Put In 4 Hours Practicing Each Day



Here's the shot that won for Ray Kilgore the world three-cushion billiard championship. The 40-year-old expert of the five-cushion shot says "make all the easy shots. The tough ones will take care of themselves."

By RUSS NEWLAND

AP Newsfeatures

SAN FRANCISCO—Personable Ray Kilgore, the world three cushion billiard champion, offers this simple advice on how to become a title contender.

"Make all the easy shots and you must be there or thereabouts in top competition. The hardest thing in billiards is to consistently click on the minor shots. You know they are easy so sometimes you let down. The tough ones will take care of themselves."

Willie Hoppe, the grand old man

of the sport who retired from active competition after winning the three cushion diadem in 1952 for his twelfth such victory, was in the audience in Chicago when Kilgore made his final bid for the 1953 title. It was the last match of the tournament.

Kilgore had to win this one or fall into a three-way tie for first place. His opponent was the Argentine champion and odds-on favorite to succeed the great Hoppe—Ezequiel (Zeke) Navarra.

Hoppe leaned over to a fellow spectator and said:

"Ray Kilgore is the finest five my life," Kilgore recalls. "Hoppe

cushion bank shot maker in the world."

The count was 49-48. Kilgore ahead. Navarra had just played a tight safety, leaving his rival with what appeared to be an impossible shot.

Kilgore studied the set-up. He called a five cushion bank. The ball zipped around the table, hitting five rails before cuddling up to the object balls. The point that won a world championship had been made.

"It was the tensest moment of

## High School Football Work Starts Aug. 20th

Football practice is scheduled to get under way for the Mountaineers on August 20th, it was learned today.

The 1953 edition of The Mountaineers will be made up almost entirely of young players, since the squad lost 17 by graduation in June.

C. E. Weatherby and Bruce Jaynes will be in charge of the varsity squad, while Bill Swift will again be in charge of the Junior Varsity. The third member of the varsity coaching staff for the past few years, Carl Ratcliffe, is assuming the principalship of the Hazelwood school at the beginning of this school term.

Tommy Nichols, a veteran back, is expected to be in full swing this season, and J. W. Stevens, an outstanding freshman of last year, is expected to be among those making a hard fight for a regular berth on the team.

told me afterward about his remarks. I have been practicing five cushion bank shots for years."

Kilgore is a tall, handsome fellow, 40 years old. By the way, ladies, he is a bachelor. He was born in Ladysmith, Wis., and lived for some time in St. Paul, where he first took up pocket billiards.

San Francisco has been his home since 1931, except for a five-year hitch in the Army in World War II. He took up three cushion billiards here and has played this variety for 15 years.

In 1950, Kilgore finished third in the world tournament and two years later in San Francisco was a fourth place finalist. In the latter competition he had the distinction of handing peerless Hoppe his first defeat in three years. Hoppe, however, retained his crown.

Billiard champions really work at their profession. Kilgore practices from four to six hours daily. In addition, he gives lessons at the 924 Market club, operated by a former standout title holder, Welker Cochran.

Kilgore's class has increased to capacity since his world triumph. He says women are showing added interest as players. The champion will go East in the fall for a series of exhibitions.

## Little League Results

LITTLE LEAGUE

Tannery 13 - Main Street 7

Texaco 5 - Hazelwood 3

The Tannery and Texaco teams continued to play good baseball this week and came up with victories over Main Street and Hazelwood. In the first game Tannery collected eleven hits, two of which were home runs by T. J. Stevens. The first came with the bases loaded and the second with two mates on the sacks. Bobby Greer, with three hits in four trips was the leading batsman for Tannery, while Johnny Carswell and Rogers each collected two for three.

For Main Street Woodrow Davis, George Stretcher and Jack Atkins were the leading hitters each getting two hits during the game. Styles hit for the circuit in the third with two men on. Van Green was the winning pitcher and Dalmos Birchfield the loser.

Texaco scored five runs in the first two innings and held on all the way to down Hazelwood 5-3. Hazelwood scored one in the first, second and fifth innings showed much improvement in teamwork and fighting spirit. For Texaco James Carver with three for three, and Bobby Trull and Alvin Gilliland with two each, were the leading hitters. Trull clouted a long homer in the first inning. Hazelwood's catcher Richard Grigg was the leading hitter with two for two. James Carver was the winning pitcher and Carroll Burris the loser.

Box scores:

Tannery	ab	r	h
Burrell	3	0	1
B. Green	4	3	3
Carswell	3	2	2
Holder	2	3	0
Stevens	3	2	2
Beck	4	1	1
E. Birchfield	1	0	0
Deweese	1	0	0
Rogers	2	1	2
Lance	2	0	0
V. Green	2	1	0
Totals	27	13	11

Main Street	ab	r	h
Davis	4	1	2
Siler	3	1	1
Stretcher	4	0	2
Arrington	3	1	0
Styles	2	2	1
Burnette	3	1	1
Sisk	2	1	1
Gribble	1	0	0
Atkins	3	0	2
Russell	0	0	0
D. Birchfield	3	0	1
Totals	28	7	11

Texaco	ab	r	h
Rogers	4	1	1
Gilliland	4	2	2
Davis	3	0	0
J. Carver	3	1	3
Trull	2	1	2
R. Carver	2	0	0
James	2	0	0
Campbell	2	0	0
Edwards	1	0	0
Balentine	2	0	0
Totals	25	5	8

Hazelwood	ab	r	h
C. Birchfield	3	1	1
McCarroll	4	0	0
Riggins	3	0	0
Truitt	2	1	0
Grigg	3	0	2
Green	2	0	1
Medford	3	0	1
Burris	0	1	0
Farmer	1	0	0
Smathers	1	0	0
Totals	22	3	5

Little League Standings

	W	L
Texaco	12	2
Tannery	9	5
Hazelwood	6	8
Main Street	1	13

PONY LEAGUE

In the only Pony League game on Monday, Five Points moved into first place by winning on forfeit from Dayton Rubber. The game between the Waynesville Hornets and Unagusta was rained out and will be played at three-thirty on Thursday afternoon on the Waynesville high school field preceding the regular scheduled games for that day.

Pony League Standings

	W	L
Five Points	9	4
Hornets	8	4
Unagusta	7	5
Dayton	1	12

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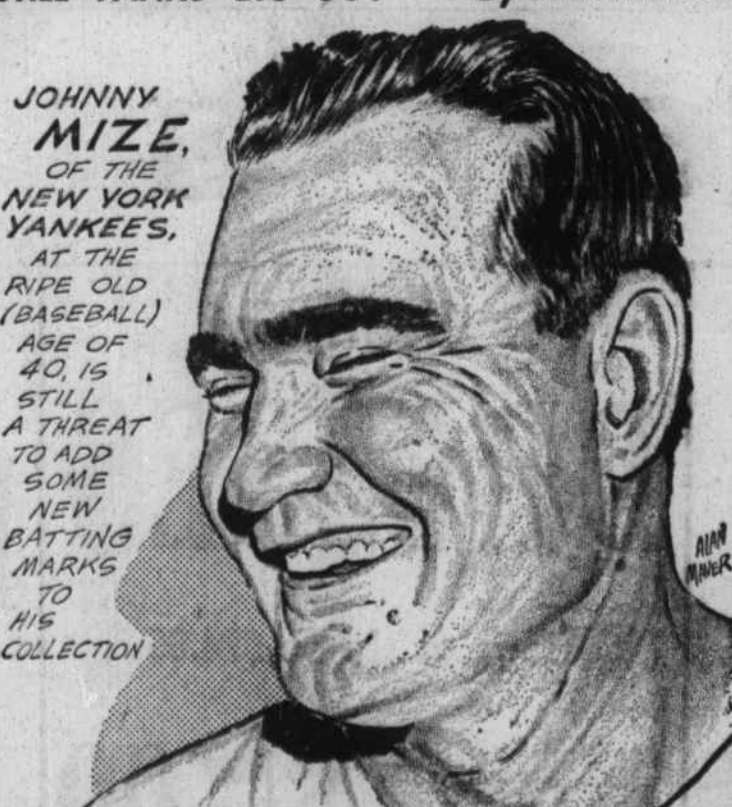
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