

Great snooker. The first ever match.

John Roberts Jr. v Tom Reece. 1908.

Sporting Life, Monday 06 April 1908:

At the conclusion of the match at Messrs Thurston's Grand Hall, Leicester-square, on Saturday evening, John Roberts intimated to the representative of the "Sporting Life" that he is prepared to play any man in the world a match at Snooker's Pool for £100 or more a side. The match to be played on the orthodox oblong standard table or on the Octangular-just as the player accepting may elect. The only stipulation made by Roberts is that, win or lose, he (Roberts) is to take two-thirds of the "gate" receipts, and that the Editor of the "Sporting Life" shall be stakeholder and appoint the referee.

Sporting Life, Wednesday 08 April 1908:

T. REECE TO JOHN ROBERTS.

John Roberts's challenge to play any man in the world at Snooker's Pool, which appeared exclusively in Monday's "Sporting Life," is not likely to pass unaccepted. Chatting with the representative of the "Sporting Life" at the Grand Hall last evening, Tom Reece expressed a desire to take on the veteran, providing the match was played on an orthodox standard table. Reece would like Roberts to state how many games he proposes to play, and where; also whether result will go by games won or by aggregate points. On receipt of Roberts's reply, through the "Sporting Life," on these points, Reece will give the matter his immediate consideration.

Sporting Life, Wednesday 08 April 1908:

S. JOHNSON TO JOHN ROBERTS.

S. Johnson (Chicago) intimated to our representative at the Soho-square Salon, yesterday afternoon, that he would like to take up John Roberts's recent challenge to play anybody in the world at Snooker Pool. As, however, Johnson is not thoroughly conversant with the rules of the game, he would be glad to know if Roberts would extend his cartel to include American rotation pool and continuous pool. The former game is very similar to Snooker Pool, the balls being numbered and of different values. Johnson said that Roberts is familiar with both of these games, the veteran having played them while engaged on a tour in America some fifteen years back. A reply from the challenger would be esteemed.

Sporting Life, Thursday 09 April 1908:

C. HARVERSON TO J. ROBERTS.

Readers of the "Sporting Life" will no doubt recollect that a few days ago we published a challenge from John Roberts to the effect that he was prepared to play any man in the world a match at Snooker's Pool for £100 or more a side. The match to be played on the orthodox oblong standard table or on the Octangular—just as the player accepting may elect. The only stipulation made by Roberts was that, win or lose, he (Roberts) should take two-thirds of the "gate" receipts, and that the Editor of the "Sporting Life" should be stakeholder and appoint the referee.

Cecil Harverson, who is one of the very best Snooker players in the profession, and who secured second prize—Dawson took the first—in the Snooker championship tournament recently concluded at Messrs Burroughes and Watts's famous salon in Soho-square, has accepted the challenge thrown out by Roberts, and in all probability lovers of the game will have the pleasure of witnessing a contest which is bound to be keenly fought out from the first stage to the last. Harverson's reply to Roberts is as follows:—

To the Editor of the "Sporting Life."

Sir,—My backers have advised me to take up the challenge thrown out by John Roberts, who challenges the world at Snooker's Pool. They are willing to back me to play him 101 games of Snooker's Pool for £50, the stake to be divided £30 on the result of games played, and £20 on the highest aggregate score. The games to be played on a standard billiard table, 12ft. by 6ft., and games to extend over two weeks of play.

I enclose you a cheque for £10 to bind a match, and am willing to meet Mr Roberts any morning at your office during this or next week to sign articles for the match.—I am, &c., C. HARVERSON.

7. Western-road, Brixton, April 8, 1908.

Sporting Life, Friday 10 April 1908:

JOHN ROBERTS TO T. REECE AND C. HARVERSON.

SOME NOVEL SUGGESTIONS.

John Roberts called at Messrs Thurston's establishment in Leicester-square yesterday afternoon, when a representative of the "Sporting Life" seized the opportunity to interview the veteran concerning the acceptance of his Snooker's Pool challenge by Reece and Harverson. Roberts expressed his readiness to play both professionals named, but inasmuch as Reece was first in the field with a reply, the veteran thinks the Lancastrian should have first choice. Harverson's suggestion that part of the stakes should go with the majority of games won, and the other part with the highest aggregate of points, Roberts thinks a good one. But inasmuch as,

say, one point would be as valuable as 400 or 500 in the latter event, Roberts suggests that the better plan would be to value a majority of points at so much each.

For this purpose Roberts suggests the sum of 2s. 6d. for each point a player scores more than the other in the whole series of 101 games. Roberts will agree to the matches being played on an orthodox standard table, and suggests Messrs Thurston's Grand Hall, Leicester-square, as the venue, and while open to play on any dates suitable to Reece and Harverson, the veteran thinks the week before the Derby end Derby week would prove an excellent arrangement.

On receipt of a reply through the "Sporting Life"—through the columns of which all the negotiations have been conducted—from Reece and Harverson, Roberts will immediately post his cheque with the Editor of this journal.

Sporting Life, Saturday 11 April 1908:

SNOOKER'S POOL CHALLENGE.

REECE & HARVERSON TO ROBERTS.

Yesterday afternoon the "Sporting Life" representative at the Grand Hall, Leicester-square, interviewed T. Reece and C. Harverson anent the reply of John Roberts re Snooker's Pool matches, which appeared in Friday's "Sporting Life." Neither Reece nor Harverson feel disposed to entertain Roberts's idea of 2s. 6d. per point, as in this event the players concerned could not possibly know the extent of their liabilities until the series of games were all over. They (Reece and Harverson) still think the better way would be to have a stated amount on the result of the games, and a further stipulated amount on the aggregate of points, and which they maintain is the most equitable arrangement.

A friendly discussion next took place between Reece and Harverson as to whether it would be quite fair to the Colonial for Roberts to meet Reece and then to follow on with the match with Harverson. It was felt that such an arrangement would operate harshly against the latter, if for no other reason than it would give Roberts the advantage of a week or two's play on the table in readiness to meet the Colonial. Reece at once admitted the force of this argument, and on our representative suggesting that Reece and Harverson should first of all play a match consisting of 49 or 51 games to decide which of the twain should play Roberts, an agreement to this effect was quickly arrived at always, of course, providing that the veteran had no objections to offer to this arrangement. The suggestion is that Reece and Harverson shall be matched in a series of 49 or 51 games of Snooker's Pool, for £50 a side, the same to be decided at Messrs Thurston's Grand Hall in the week commencing May 11 (provided the hall is available). The winner of the foregoing match to play John Roberts a series of 101 games, for £50 a side (£30 on the result of the games, and £20 on the aggregate of points), at the same venue, in the two weeks commencing May 22 (the dates suggested by Roberts), and which would allow of one week's interval between the two matches.

Reece and Harverson suggest a meeting at the "Sporting Life" offices, 148. Fleet-street, E.C., any morning next week to suit Roberts's convenience, so that the two matches could be ratified. Reece and Harverson will be pleased if Roberts will give the matter his immediate attention, and reply through the "Sporting Life."

WALTER OSBORNE TO JOHN ROBERTS.

With reference to the Snookers' Pool challenge to the world recently issued through the "Sporting Life" by John Roberts, and to which replies from Reece and Harverson have already appeared in the "Sporting Life," Walter Osborne, of Leicester, writes:—

"Seeing that John Roberts is out with a challenge to the world at Snooker Pool for £100 a side, and myself being pyramid champion of England and holder of B.A. cup, whilst not being prepared to risk my backer's money to the extent of £100, I am willing to back myself for £25 to play a match with John Roberts, the games to last a fortnight, and will play on result of games or aggregate, I am also agreeable to Roberts's terms as to gate. Re balls and table, I should prefer ivory balls, and standard table passed by the Billiard Association."

Sporting Life, Monday 13 April 1908:

TOM REECE TO JOHN ROBERTS.

Failing to secure a match on level terms with either Dawson or Stevenson, and feeling that the public are anxious to have the opportunity of witnessing a big match ere the curtain finally drops on the present season, Tom Reece is turning his attention in another direction. On Saturday evening the Lancastrian handed to a "Sporting Life" representative the following novel challenge:—

"Tom Recce is open to play John Roberts a match of 16,000 up, on level terms, for £200 a side, and will also wager a further £50 that he defeats Roberts in a contest of twenty-five games of Snooker's Pool, in addition to having an additional sum of 2s. per point on the aggregate result of the latter. One game of Snooker's Pool to be played at the end of each billiards session, excepting the final sitting, when two games must be played to complete the twenty-five."

"The Editor of the 'Sporting Life' to be stakeholder and appoint the referee."

Sporting Life, Wednesday 15 April 1908:

Meanwhile, Reece is making a laudable endeavour to get John Roberts back to the game of which he was such a distinguished ornament for more years than one cares to count. But the chance of succeeding is remote so far as billiards is concerned, although it is practically certain the veteran will be seen on the old familiar table at "Snooker" within the next few weeks. Negotiations are proceeding through the columns of the "Sporting Life," and whether Roberts will oppose Reece or Harverson at Snooker, the event will be both notable and interesting. But what excitement there would be if Roberts were to accept Reece's billiards and Snooker cartel! It would be a red-letter day in the history of the game.

JOHN ROBERTS AND HIS CHALLENGERS.

THE VETERAN'S MANIFESTO.

John Roberts called at the "Sporting Life" office yesterday anent the acceptances of Tom Reece, Cecil Harverson, and Walter Osborne, in response to the challenge issued by the veteran to play any man in the world at Snooker Pool.

Roberts stated that he cannot be a party to Reece and Harverson playing off to decide which should meet him (Roberts), but is prepared to meet all three in turn in the order of their acceptance of the challenge. To put it plainly, Roberts will first play Reece, then Harverson, and next Osborne, a Snooker Pool match of either 51 or 101 games up, for not less than £50, open to £100 a side. The three players named to have the option of declaring part of the stakes to be on the results of the games and part on the aggregate of points scored, or all on the results of the games—whichever suite their convenience. All the matches to be played at Messrs Thurston's Grand Hall, on an oblong standard table, and on the earliest available dates. Roberts to take two-thirds of the "gate" receipts in each instance.

Roberts proceeded to state that the question of practice on the table cannot arise, as arrangements can be made to have a new table for each match. If, as the veteran states, the three players are anxious for a match, all they have to do is to post their stake money with the Editor of the "Sporting Life" (who shall act as stakeholder and appoint the referee), when articles of agreement can be drawn up and signed without any further delay. The veteran is anxious to have the matter settled one way or the other immediately, and will take no notice of any replies unless money is posted. Osborne must clearly understand that Roberts cannot entertain a match for £25 a side; the lowest limit is £50 a side, or no match. It should be mentioned that Roberts will be glad to accommodate Stevenson on the same terms.

Asked if he had anything to say regarding Reece's challenge to him to play a billiard match of 16,000 up, Roberts declared his intention of playing no billiards on the oblong table "this season." This, of course, ends the matter for the present.

Before leaving Roberts asked us to state that he is prepared to give any man in the world 2,000 start in 15,000 up at billiards, and 100 balls start in 101 games Snooker Pool, on the Octangular table, for any reasonable sum a side. The match or matches to take place at once. Roberts has deposited the sum of £50 with the Editor of the "Sporting Life" to bind any one of the foregoing matches whether at Snooker Pool or billiards.

As there is no ambiguity about the foregoing terms and conditions, there should be no difficulty to prevent their ratification immediately.

Sporting Life, Thursday 16 April 1908:

TOM REECE TO JOHN ROBERTS.

Seen by our representative at the Grand Hall, Leicester-square, yesterday, Tom Reece expressed full agreement with the conditions laid down by Roberts anent the proposed Snooker Pool match, particulars of which appeared in yesterday's "Sporting Life." Reece will play Roberts 101 games at Snooker Pool for £50 a side £25 on the results of the games, and the remaining £25 on the aggregate points. The match to be played on a strict standard oblong table at Messrs Thurston's Grand Hall, Leicester-square, in the two weeks commencing Monday, May 25. Reece presumes that Roberts intends ivory balls are to be used for this match.

Reece has deposited £10 with the Editor of the "Sporting Life" to bind the match, and will post the remaining £40 on Monday, May 18—one week prior to its commencement. Articles of agreement will be drawn up at once and forwarded to Roberts (who is at present in Devonshire) and Reece for signatures. The Editor of the "Sporting Life" has been appointed stakeholder, and is also empowered to appoint the referee.

Edinburgh Evening News, Saturday 18 April 1908:

ROBERTS AND REECE TO PLAY SNOOKER.

The paper warfare between Reece and Stevenson aroused the veteran John Roberts to such an extent that in addition to practically admitting that he will return to the ordinary table arena next season, he has made, a match for £50 aside to play 101 games at Snooker Pool. £25 aside will depend on the result of the games, and £25 on the aggregate points. This is an excellent idea, as the men will have to fight to a finish. The match will be played at Thurston's Grand Hall, London, during the fortnight commencing May 25th. It will cover Derby week, a good time in London for billiards, but the affair under notice will, in my opinion, prove a gigantic frost. Talking of Snooker, the Australian Association have applied to the parent body for a ruling as to whether balls should be owed in a Snooker handicap. The answer is emphatically "No." All starts or owings are to be in points.

Sporting Life, Wednesday 22 April 1908:

C. HARVERSON TO JOHN ROBERTS.

In conversation with our representative at the Grand Hall, last evening, Harverson stated that after careful consideration he had decided to forego a meeting with John Roberts in the proposed match of Snooker's Pool. Harverson says that he would have been pleased to play the match had there been no other opponent in the field for Roberts, but as the veteran has fixed up with Tom Reece, he (Harverson) thinks the public will have had sufficient of Snooker's Pool for this season, at least, by the time that this particular match has been decided. The £10 posted with the Editor of the "Sporting Life" Harverson will allow to remain for the present, in the expectation

that Tom Reece will return a favourable reply to the Colonial's challenge for a return match at billiards which appeared in Monday's "Sporting Life."

Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News,
Saturday 25 April 1908. Sydenham Dixon,
President of Billiard Association:

One morning some fifty years ago a certain youthful scapegrace emerged from his father's study with a gloomy face. Asked how he had fared at the dreaded interview, he replied, "Oh, the governor's going to settle up every-thing, but I've had to promise to give up billiards." Then, cheering up slightly, he added, "Thank goodness he never said anything about pool or pyramids." This little episode, for the absolute truth of which I can vouch, has been forcibly brought back to my mind recently by the fact that John Roberts, who was under-stood to have retired permanently from everything except "freak" billiards, has agreed to play T. Reece a match at Snooker's Pool upon an ordinary table. They are to contest the best of 101 games, half the stake to go to the player scoring the larger number of games and the other half to depend upon the higher aggregate of points. The match is to be played at the Grand Hall, Leicester-square, during a fortnight which will include Derby week. It is quite certain that a better date—outside the legitimate season—could not have been selected. John Roberts is a safe draw at all times, whilst Reece is undoubtedly "the man of the hour" in the billiard world at present. Yet I am by no means sure that the public will take kindly to an unbroken fortnight of Snooker's Pool. Played by performers of this class it is a beautiful game to watch for a time, but it does not possess the "infinite variety" of billiards, which nothing can ever "stale or wither." It is quite possible that Roberts, in spite of his sixty years, is the best Snooker's Pool player in the world, though I question if J. Harris, of Manchester, has any superior at the present time. By the way, I am glad to note that his wonderful break of 73, which I had the pleasure of witnessing, was passed by the Billiard Association last week, and a certificate has been granted to him for it. It is impossible to say definitely that it constitutes a record at Snooker's Pool, but it is quite certain that it will take a vast amount of beating.

Sporting Life, Tuesday 19 May 1908:

JOHN ROBERTS v. TOM REECE FOR £100.

Yesterday John Roberts made good his second and final deposit of £40 at the "Sporting Life" office in connection with his forthcoming match of 101 games "Snooker" with Reece for £50 a side. The match, which commences on Monday next, May 25, at Messrs Burroughes and Watts' Soho-square salon, is being anticipated with the keenest interest, and already many seats have been booked by the public.

**A GREAT
SNOOKER'S POOL
CONTEST
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**WILL TAKE PLACE AT
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v.
TOM REECE.
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May 25th to June 6th.
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First day. May 25. Monday.

FINE PLAY BY ROBERTS AND REECE.

Judging by the large attendance in Messrs Burroughes and Watts's Soho-square salon yesterday afternoon, the Snooker's Pool match of 101 games for £50 a side between John Roberts and Tom Reece promises to be one of the most successful events of the season. The whole of the stakes are in the hands of the Editor of the "Sporting Life," who also appoints the referee, and taking yesterday afternoon's proceedings as a guide, there are all the elements of a vastly-interesting and strenuously-contested match: the conditions—£50 to the winner of the majority of games and the remaining £50 to the compiler of the highest aggregate of points—ensure that the players will maintain high pressure from beginning to end. Appended are the details of the games:

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First Game.—The veteran was the first to find an opening, and marked up 17, but Reece at once eclipsed this with a useful 22, and subsequently potting and finessing in great style, went right away and won easily by 84 points to 32. Twice Roberts ran in off the pink, and Reece once, and as these incidents occurred in consecutive strokes, they created much amusement. Time, 28 min.

Second Game.—The game was called 14—0 in favour of Reece, and then 28—15, but a well-played break of 22 subsequently sent Roberts to the head of affairs, and taking

the black and pink at the end in great style, the veteran eventually won well by 67 points to 33. Time, 22 min.

Third Game.—The veteran had by now got the "hang" of the table, and with several dazzling strokes he went off with a fine break of 18 as soon as Reece broke the balls. The younger player, however, was also potting well, and assisted by 10 which the veteran gave him through running in off the green and black. Reece drew up to 33 against 39. Roberts, helped along by 6 which Reece gave away, eventually secured the black, and won a capital game by 58 to 46. Time, 30 min.

Fourth Game.—The exchanges were fairly even at the outset, Roberts leading by 17-14, but with 24 and 23 in consecutive innings, the veteran won his third game very easily by 76 to 30. The veteran's long-range shots in this game were exceptionally brilliant, but Reece had bad luck on several occasions. Time, 20 min.

Fifth Game.—Roberts made a bad start by attempting to pocket a second consecutive red ball, and was thus penalized 7 points, but just afterwards marked up a brilliant run of 42—his positional manoeuvring being very fine. Reece, however, came with a wet sail at the finish to gain a splendid, if unexpected, win by 69 points to 57, his best break being 18. Time, 28 min.

Sixth Game.—Before either player got a ball, Reece was badly "snookered," and opened the veteran's score for him by hitting the pink. Despite this, Reece led at 25 to 15, and maintained a slight advantage to the end. Scores: 52—50. Time, 32 min.

Seventh Game.—Reece again commenced by giving points away, this time 3, and the veteran with consecutive runs of 8, 11 and 24 led by 46—9. Reece here found an opening to mark up a delightful 37, and caused the scores to be called "46 all." Subsequently "53 all" was called, and when Reece got in front, 66-55. he looked all over a winner, until the veteran secured the pink and black, which gave him the game by 68—65. Time, 25 min.

Eighth Game.—Reece played brilliantly from the start, and assisted by 10, given him by his opponent, and useful breaks of 18 and 15, he won by 76—28. Time, 23 min.

Ninth Game.—Roberts marked up breaks of 15 and 12 at his first two visits, and led 27—0, and although Reece subsequently paused him at 39—33, the Lancastrian gave away 11 points, and the veteran won by 60—58. Time, 20 min.

Second day. May 26. Tuesday.

Tenth Game.—Both players paid many visits to the table before attempting to take a ball, and Roberts, subsequently getting the first opening, rattled up a very fine break of 46 (the highest in the match so far), which was supplemented by a 35 at his next hand. The veteran time after time got on to the black in brilliant style, the reds being dashed down with a snap and pace that was greatly appreciated by the onlookers. With the scores called 85—1 in his favour, this game looked a certainty for Roberts, who eventually won by 91-20. Time, 21 minutes.

Eleventh Game.—The most interesting game and best example of Snooker Pool so far. Reece's finessing and safety play was positively brilliant, and reduced the veteran's

usual effectiveness almost to zero. Indeed, with all the reds and also the yellow cleared, Roberts's score was but 4 against his opponent's 43, but on Reece subsequently running in off the green after potting it, Roberts took this ball, and directly afterwards finished up by taking the blue, pink, and black in succession, thereby causing the final scores to read 60-30 in favour of Reece. Time, 37 minutes.

Twelfth Game.—Early on Reece gave five away through hitting the blue when snookered, notwithstanding which he led subsequently by 24—5. Roberts, however, with a 15 break and one or two smaller ones, caught his rival at 38 "all." Then, with the pink and black only left on the table, the scores were 45-43 in the veteran's favour—an interesting position made more so when Reece took the pink. The black, however, went to Roberts with a brilliant shot, giving him the game by 52—49. Time, 25 minutes.

Thirteenth Game.—Reece had one or two fairly good chances early on, but in addition to missing the objective, he paved the way for a few useful runs by Roberts (21 being the best), who led at one time by 49—9. The Lancastrian did much better in the closing stages, which served to lessen the severity of his defeat in this game, the final verdict being 59—26 in favour of Roberts. Time, 18 minutes.

Fourteenth Game.—There was nothing particularly exciting until all the red balls were cleared, at which point Reece led by 25—17. Subsequently, Reece sheltered the blue very cleverly behind the black, the latter being hit three times (twice by Roberts and once by Reece) in succession in efforts to play the former ball. Despite this, however, Roberts eventually won by 63 to 53. Time, 23 min.

Fifteenth Game.—Reece maintained a slight advantage throughout, and won by 63—42. Time, 30 min.

Sixteenth Game.—Mainly owing to splendid snookering, both players gave away a number of points Roberts 19 and Reece 14. When the brown, blue, pink, and black only remained on the table, the scores were called 54—51 in favour of the veteran, who then secured all four balls, two of them with superb strokes, and won by 25 points. Scores: 76—51. Time, 35 min.

Seventeenth Game.—Roberts opened with a 15 break, and afterwards, to the intense amusement of the onlookers, played on the blue when there were half a dozen reds lying handy. This appeared to upset the veteran somewhat, and Reece won by 68 points to 36. Time, 25 min.

Third day. May 27. Wednesday.

Eighteenth Game.—Some clever skirmishing turned eventually in the veteran's favour, and with consecutive breaks of 22 and 15 he established a comfortable advantage - 48-11. Roberts, however, only scored 23 more points, while Reece, securing more of the coloured balls, took his score to 42, and the Lancastrian got off lightly with a defeat by 15 points score - 57-42. Time, 23 min.

Nineteenth Game.—Reece's game all the way wholly and deservedly so, for rarely has finer "Snooker" play been witnessed. Reece made no big breaks of 12 (twice), and 13 being his best - but was always making steady progress, while keeping a watchful eye over the one ball. Altogether the veteran only hit two reds, the blue and the pink, and

was very easily defeated by 92-13 - the winning score being the highest, and the losing the lowest score since the match opened. Time, 36 min.

Twentieth Game.—This was remarkable for the difficulties both players encountered with the coloured balls after downing a red. Each secured four consecutive reds without getting into position for a coloured ball, but thanks mainly to a couple of 15 breaks at the outset, Roberts led at 35-15. Reece was only 6 behind at 39-33 with the pink and black remaining, but these the veteran secured and won by 52-33. Time, 33 min.

Twenty-first Game.—Roberts's potting, especially at long range, in this game was brilliant, and going one for everything that was on, he secured his third game of the afternoon, by 73 points to 44. Roberts's best runs were 14, 12, and 14, and Reece's who made a capital fight of it up to 33-45, 13 and 11. Time 20 min.

Twenty-second Game.—Roberts got a red and the black on each of his first five visits, and reached 40 to Reece's 15. Subsequently the younger player snookered Roberts three times running, which gave him respectable points, and coming up with runs of 10 and 11, he defeated the veteran on the post by 69-64. Time, 30 min.

Twenty-third Game.—A finely contested and played game until all the reds were got rid of, the whole stage Reece led by a single point, 39-38. Roberts, however, shot the coloured balls down one after another in brilliant style, and without allowing Reece to score another point, won easily by 74-39. Time, 32 minutes.

Twenty-fourth Game.—Roberts was first away and reached 19 before Reece scored, but with only the coloured balls left the score were 34 all, the Lancastrian drawing up with a fine break of 23, then Roberts gave 5 away, and this, with Reece securing the black, gave the latter his second win of the evening by 55-45. Time, 26 minutes.

Twenty-fifth Game.—Thanks to a useful break, the veteran reached 34 to 2, and although Reece did catch this run-in value directly afterwards, he could not hold Roberts when he got among the coloured, the elder man eventually winning easily by 75-30. Time, 25 minutes.

Fourth day. May 28. Thursday.

Twenty-sixth Game.—Roberts made steady progress until the game was called 50-22 in his favour, but Reece was heartily applauded when he finished it with a 25 break (green, brown, blue, pink, and black) Scores: — Roberts, 50. Reece, 47. Time, 20min.

Twenty-seventh Game.—The first three scoring hits resulted in breaks of 27 and 15 by Roberts and 14 by Reece. Later, the veteran marked up a pretty 17 and then, securing the pink and black at the end, won a brilliant game by 77 points to 25. Time, 18 min.

Twenty-eighth Game.—With only the colours remaining, Roberts led by 33-30. It then became one hell of a struggle, the final issue depending on the black, which Reece secured, and won by 46 to 44. Time, 15 min.

Twenty-ninth Game.—Reece potted brilliantly and thanks to fine breaks of 22 and 19, led by 62-13 and later 68-20. Roberts, who had none the best of luck subsequently added a dozen to his score, but messed up by running in off the black, and Reece won by 75 to 32. Time, 19 min.

Thirtieth Game.—A nice break of 16, followed by a brilliant 41 (six reds and five blacks), at the ending practically made the game a certainty for Reece. Roberts however, effected several dazzling shots and helped by 10 from Reece, reached 51. Reece won by 78-51. Time, 14 min.

Thirty-first Game.—Roberts went off with a 12 break but Reece soon overhauled him, and after leading at 30-15, got two useful breaks of 17 and 13 at the game to win comfortably by 61-27. Time, 15 min.

Thirty-second Game.—Two breaks of 15 each of Roberts' best of 11 gave the Lancastrian a useful advantage, and, again performing in great style with the colours (another run of 15 going to his credit) Reece again got home by 59 points to 33. Time, 19 min.

Thirty-third Game.—A close and even struggle up to 29-26 (Reece leading), and, once more showing a decided partiality for the coloured balls, Reece pulled up with a break of 22 to gain his sixth (third of the evening) consecutive success by 47-35. Time, 21 min.

Thirty-fourth Game.—The most brilliant of a match so far. Roberts striking with such marvellous precision as to run up 70 points in four scoring hands (Breaks 42, 14, 7, and 9), while Reece was not as behind with a trio of runs represented by 12, 15 and 25 (unfinished), Roberts winning a delightful game by 70-52.

Fifth day. May 29. Friday.

Thirty-fifth Game.—With an 18 break and smaller runs, Reece reached 45 to 8, the latter figure subsequently increased to 15 owing to his hitting the blue. Finishing up by pocketing all the colours from the green up (a 25 break), Roberts, however, went under by 5 points. Scores: —45—40. Time, 26 min.

Thirty-sixth Game.—Roberts marked up 20, which was followed by 16 from Reece. Subsequently the veteran reached 46 to 23 Reece advanced his score to 43, leaving the black ball to decide the issue. This Roberts secured, and won by 53 to 43. Time, 13 min.

Thirty-seventh Game.—After Roberts had scored 6 Reece came away with 41. The veteran played up, and, assisted by runs of 14, 16, and 12, took the lead at 57—56. The black again became the dominating factor, and the veteran won by 64 to 56. Time, 18 min.

Thirty-eighth Game.—A keen game, two splendid Snookering strokes. from which he derived 6 points, practically deciding in favour of Roberts by the narrowest margin. The best breaks were 14 and 21 by Reece, and 18 by Roberts. Scores: - 54-53. Time. 17 min.

Thirty-ninth Game.—Another interesting game, in which, for the fourth consecutive occasion, the black ball dominated the situation. Had Reece secured his last ball he would have won by a point, but he suffered defeat by 13. Scores: —52 to 39. Time, 18 min.

Fortieth Game.—With breaks of 24 and 15, Roberts soon set up a winning advantage, leading 52—17. Reece eventually reached 32, only to finish up by running in off the black to increase Roberts's final advantage, the scores reading 64 to 32. Time, 19 min.

Forty-first Game.—Roberts led at 23—3, but Reece then got in with a fine break of 25, and with all the reds cleared was 37 to his opponent's 24. The veteran dashed in all the colours in one break (27), to win by 51 to 37. Time, 18 min.

Forty-second Game.—Roberts was 45 to 14 (breaks 13 and 20), and although Reece went on with 13, the former again worked among the colours to win by 74 to 36. Time, 22 min.

Forty-third Game.—Breaks of 24, 13, and 12 gave Roberts a big advantage, but Reece had little luck, and the veteran completed a splendid winning sequence of eight games on the day by 80 to 22. Time, 17 min.

Sixth day. May 30. Saturday.

Forty-fourth Game.—When all the reds save three had been taken. Reece led by 39-22, but Roberts then got a fluke and drew to within a point of the Lancastrian by means of a 16 break. The struggle for the colours was keen until Roberts finally ran in off the black to give Reece the game by 55-49. Time, 20 min.

Forty-fifth Game.—Thanks mainly to runs of 14 and 12, the veteran led and 43—23 when all the reds had been disposed of, mid although "snookered" cleverly afterwards on two occasions (giving away 41 points). Roberts eventually won by 65—44. Time, 27 min.

Forty-sixth Game.—Leading off with a fine break of 23, Reece led by 57-30 with only the green, brown, blue, pink, and black remaining. The veteran secured all there in one run (25) in dazzling style, but succumbed by 2 points. Scores: 57-55. Time, 16 mm.

Forty-seventh Game.—With consecutive runs of 5, 17, 8, and 16. Roberts totalled 46. while Reece had to remain content with one red ball as his share. Subsequently Reece got in with a useful 17. and then snookered Roberts to gain a further 7 points and afterwards potting brilliantly and finessing cleverly, secured the last ball to win a sensational game by 64—56. Time, 21 min.

Forty-eighth Game.—Useful breaks of 15 and 22 and two of lesser value, enabled Roberts to lead by 51-8 and although Reece subsequently scored 28 (best break 16) while Roberts further augmented his total by 7. the latter eventually triumphed by 76-51. Time, 20 min. In this game the onlookers were tickled immensely by Roberts aiming at the black when he should have played on the blue, and amid a roar of laughter, the cue ball steered clear of everything and disappeared into a pocket.

Forty-ninth Game.—With his opening stroke Roberts snookered Reece so effectually that the latter hit the pink and gave 6 away. Despite this, the Lancastrian won the game with the greatest case by 74-18 (best runs 12, 14 and 18). Time, 17 min.

Fiftieth Game.—Reece again played fine Snooker, and with breaks of 17 and 21 soon led by 42-4. Roberts accomplished nothing of note until his last hand, when he bagged 15 points. Scores: —57-36. Time. 19 min.

Fifty-first Game.—Roberts got first run of the balls and reached 52-14 (breaks 13 and 23) only to find Reece coming after him with splendid breaks of 14 and 21 and the latter subsequently took the lead with a run of 13 at 55-53. Roberts, however, finished strongly with 22 (unfinished), and won by 75- 55. Time, 16 min.

Seventh day. June 1. Monday.

Fifty-second Game.—Thanks to a couple of useful runs of 17 each, Roberts led by 40—30 (Reece's best break 14) when the colours remained. There was a ding-dong struggle for these, and although Reece took the yellow, brown, blue, and black. Roberts, by securing the green and pink, took the game by the narrowest possible margin. Scores: —49—48. Time, 19 min.

Fifty-third Game.—Reece worked on the black to such effect as to compile breaks of 24 and 46 (the highest in the match so far), and led by 71—5. Subsequent to the veteran subscribing 16, and getting 5 from Reece for hitting the blue out of its turn, the latter again did best and won by 91 points to 32. Time, 16 min.

Fifty-fourth Game.—Despite a capital break of 32 by Reece. Roberts, with 16 as his best, led at 48 to 42. The Lancastrian, however, passed him again at 51—48, but with a dashing 18 (unfinished) the veteran won by 10 points. Scores: —66—56. Time, 20 min.

Fifty-fifth Game.—Roberts's splendid positional manoeuvring in a fine break of 41 was the feature of the early stages, and enabled him to lead 63—26. Subsequently Reece doubled the pink in great style from an awkward angle, but had the misfortune to see the cue ball following it into the same pocket, and although afterwards securing the black, he was beaten by 22 points. Scores. —69—47. Time, 16 min.

Fifty-sixth Game.—A capital run of 23, and 6 given away by his opponent, enabled Reece to lead early on at 37—7, after which Roberts crept up with a useful 18 and one or two smaller items. Reece next reached 51, at which stage he could not lose, unless giving away points, but the veteran got as near as he could with an 18 (unfinished) to succumb by a single point. Scores: —51—50. Time, 21 min.

Fifty-seventh Game.—Reece had bad luck in this game, as after recovering finely from a bad start, he ran in off the pink twice after pocketing it — the second time at a critical period. Although the veteran wound up by missing the black altogether, he won by 58—47. The best break was 23 by Roberts. Time, 18 min.

Fifty-eighth Game.—Reece, with consecutive breaks of 25 and 23 at the outset at once looked a likely winner, and supplementing these efforts by taking all the colours save the blue, he won very easily by 80—41. Roberts had breaks of 16 and 11. Time, 19 min.

Fifty-ninth Game.—Reece opened with a 16 and led by 25—3, but then through unluckily kissing the yellow after potting the black, he gave 7 away, and let his opponent in to cause the scores to be called "34 all." The veteran afterwards got most of the colours, and won by 56—37. Time, 18 min.

Eighth day. June 2. Tuesday.

Public interest in the Snooker Pool match of 101 games up for £50 a side between Roberts and Reece is well maintained. Monday's very fine play serving to attract another good house yesterday afternoon, when the eighth day's play was entered upon at Messrs Burroughes and Watts's Soho-square Salon. With half the stake money earmarked for the highest aggregate of points, the real struggle now centres on this phase of the match, the veteran's majority of wins placing him in an exceptionally strong position in this direction. Up to the end of the fourth game decided yesterday. Reece held his own by taking two of the games, but so keen was the struggle for points that but three separated the aggregates for the sitting at this stage, and those in favour of Reece. But the veteran proved irresistible in the fifth and extra game decided, and won so easily as to add a further 65 points to his big advantage. Details: —

Sixtieth Game.—A very fast and interesting game. Reece leading by 40 to 36 when all the reds had been cleared. The veteran, however, secured all the colours in two hands, and won by 63 to 40. Break:- 15, 14, and 13 by Roberts; and 14 and 16 by Reece. Time, 13 min.

Sixty-first Game.—Roberts took the first red and was then so badly snookered that he gave 5 away in an attempt to extricate himself. Although making no higher breaks than 13, Reece led by 43 to 18 when only the colours remained. He took the green, brown, blue, and pink, in one break, and when Roberts secured the black the scores were: — Reece, 62; Roberts, 27. Time, 14 min.

Sixty-second Game.—Roberts made position for himself early on but running in off the green unluckily, he paved the way for a break of 23 by Reece, who led by 42 to 19 with one red remaining. The Lancastrian evidently did not see this ball, for he promptly downed the yellow, and only a burst of merriment, led to his discovery of the error. This nearly cost him the game, for the veteran, getting among the colours in great style, only succumbed by 4 points—the taking of the pink saving Reece, who won by 50 to 46. Time, 16 min.

Sixty-third Game.—Roberts opened with an effort yielding 47 (the highest break of the match so far), end with all the reds taken, led by 58 to 26. Some clever snookering tactics by Reece, however, made the later stages interesting, and assisted by 11 from Roberts and a 13 break at the end, Reece only went under by a dozen points. Scores: —65 to 53. Time, 20 min.

Sixty-fourth Game.—Reece ran in off the frame of reds with his first, shot — an incident which led us to a heavy defeat, as Roberts got a break of 39 straight away, and adding further runs (best 13 and 14) at almost every visit, he won with the greatest ease by 86 to 18. Time, 15 min.

Sixty-fifth Game.—After the scores had been called 14 all Reece went away with a cleverly executed break of 22. Then, taking a red and the blue in one stroke, he let in the veteran to register two 20's in succession. Eventually Roberts won very easily by 76 to 37. Time, 17 min.

Sixty-sixth Game.—Reece could not manage a double-figure run in this game, and to make matters worse he ran in off the black and also hit the same ball out of its turn,

giving 14 away. Roberts had a trio of breaks amounting to 12, and one of 13, and won by 67 to 27. Time, 15 min.

Sixty-seventh Game.—Thanks mainly to runs of 13, 19 and 11 in consecutive hands, Roberts led by 56 to 5 when all the reds had been disposed of. Reece subsequently secured the yellow, green, brown, and blue; but, despite running in off the black at the end, the veteran had an easy win by 62 to 26. Time, 14 min.

Sixty-eighth Game.—The closest game of the evening, in which the highest run was 13 by Roberts, and although Reece had nine scoring innings his total only amounted to 40, when Roberts took the block and the game by 57 to 40. Time, 16 min.

Ninth day. June 3. Wednesday.

The outstanding feature of yesterday afternoon's play in the Snooker Pool match for £50 a side at Messrs Burroughes and Watts's Soho-Square salon was a magnificent break of 73 by Roberts, who thus tied the existing authentic record, which stands to the credit of James Harris, of Manchester. The veteran's effort which was accomplished in the fourth game, was a marvellous one, as on at least five occasions it looked very big odds against him scoring. Screw-back shots, and follow-throughs to come into contact with one, two or three cushions in order to get behind the coloured ball he was after, were accomplished at a smart pace. He was terribly unlucky in failing to beat record, as the only red with holt a chance of scoring from was practically safe. There were three other reds close to the pyramid spot, either one of which would have proved a soft thing for the veteran but for the balls covering each other's path to the top pockets. One-sixteenth of an inch was all that stood between Roberts and record, and he just failed to establish a now best on record. Details: —

Sixty-ninth Game.—A splendidly contested game until all the reds were disposed of at which stage the scores were 33 all. With Roberts subsequently securing the pink only, Reece (best break 17) won comfortably by 59 to 44. Time, 17 min.

Seventieth Game.—With a fine break of 22 and two single-figure runs, Roberts led by 31 to 0. Afterwards Reece closed up the gap with 24 and with all the colours remaining led by 43 to 39. The yellow and green went to Roberts, and the brown and blue to Reece, after which much amusement was caused by both players making vain attempts to get the pink, which was lying against the shoulder of the right middle pocket. To hit it direct from where the cue ball was lying was dangerous, so Roberts four times, and Reece three times, played on to the bottom cushion first, and only the veteran's fourth attempt succeeded in even touching the pink, but then he did not secure it. The climax was reached when Roberts ran in off the black, to give Reece the game by 78 to 67. Time, 20 min.

Seventy-first Game.—Breaks of 14 and 16, added to single-figure runs, enabled Reece to again lead when all the reds were disposed of 45 to 38. He also did more execution than his opponent among the colours, and won his third consecutive game by 60 to 50. Time, 16 min.

Seventy-second Game.—Roberts opened with the magnificent break of 73 already referred to and as if to keep up the character of the exchanges. Reece finished up with 34 unfinished. Scores:—81 to 46, in favour of Roberts. Time, 15 min.

Seventy-third Game.—The younger player went off with a pretty 24, but was soon caught and passed by Roberts (best break 17), who eventually won an interesting game by 69 to 59. Time, 16 min.

Seventy-fourth Game.—Reece's first turn resulted in a useful break of 18. but was then unlucky to run in off the black owing to an unexpected kiss. Still, he managed to keep in front until only the black remained — Roberts then leading 48—47 but securing this, the Lancastrian won by 54 - 48. Time, 18 min.

Seventy-fifth Game.—A few single-figures runs by Roberts led up to consecutive breaks of 29 and 26 from the same cue at which stage he led by 80—14. 7 of Reece's 14 being presented to him by the veteran. Subsequently Reece secured the brown and blue, but the veteran got the pink and black, to win very easily by 93—23. Time, 19 min.

Seventy-sixth Game.—A run of 15 by Reece was the highest when all the reds had been disposed of the younger player being a couple of points behind — subsequently increased to 4 through his missing the yellow. Reece had slightly the best of it among the colours, but failed to save the game, although only a single point divided the scores at the finish—52-51. Time, 15 min.

Seventy-seventh Game.—Running up a pretty 29 early on, Reece was always in front, and although Roberts once drew to within 9 of him, the former finished well, to win comfortably by 61—39. Time, 18 min.

Tenth day. June 4. Thursday.

Seventy-eight Game.—A small-scoring game, but not without its amusing incident - Roberts playing on the black under the impression that he had pointed the red previously. The seven points then given to him were very useful to Reece, whose best run was 8 and he won by 47-38. Roberts had no doubling runs. Time, 25 min.

Seventy-ninth Game.—In playing from the “D” get behind the frame of reds, Reece hit the black fifty- seven away. Roberts next led 15-0 and marking 2 consecutive breaks of 21 and 15 directly afterwards the scores were called 51-18 in his favour. Later when snookered for the blue, Roberts hit the red and Reece, although having the blue over a pink and yards clear of the other two balls, promptly followed his example, and at his next shot added to his trouble by running in off the same ball. Eventually Roberts won easily by 71-48. Time, 15min.

Eightieth Game.—The veteran's first scoring had yielded a capital of 32, to which Reece immediately responded with an equally meritorious. Then was 16 and 19 the Lancastrian forced ahead to win the brightest game of the day by 74-60. Robert's most notable run was 13. Time, 14 min.

Eighty-first Game.—Roberts again got off the mark in goof style with a splendid 37, but Reece was soon after him with a pretty 30. Later the Oldham man took the lead with a useful 16, and with only the pink and black remaining was for in front 58-54. Some

clever finessing ensued for the last two balls have both fell to Robert's prowess, and so gave him the game by 67-58. Time, 15 min.

Eighty-second Game.—Roberts tool the first run and then gave 7 away through running in off black. The veteran made amends by registering 22. Reece took the lead at the next hand with a run of 30. He made 9 more points, and then had to wait while Roberts cleared the board in two hands and won by 76-46. Time, 15 min.

Eighty-third Game.—Roberts tool seven consecutive hands before securing a coloured ball before Reece, after opening with a useful 24, almost topped the performance by taking five without missing a colour. The Lancastrian, however, was impressive towards the end, and won eventually 61-25. Time, 15 min.

Eighty-fourth Game.—Reece was first away with a break which Roberts excelled by 2, but what followed was a very fine 37 by the veteran at the end and he won by 69-45. Time, 16 min.

Eighty-fifth Game.—Mainly with 18, 14 and 8 Reece made the game safe when all the reds were cleared. Scores, 62-4. Subsequently Reece secured the pink and black and won by 95-18. Time, 14 min.

Eleventh day. June 5. Friday.

Eighty-sixth Game.—Roberts early on was again made at one of those lapses which have been very frequent in the match he downed the blue without taking the presentation of securing a red. Still, he led by 21-15 and marking up consecutive runs of 17 and 21, played the match beyond doubt, Reece winding up with a 13 unwilling to lose very easily. Scores: —79—37. Time, 14 min.

Eighty-seventh Game.—Neither player could do much with the coloured balls at the outset and Reece led by 31-3 when the majority of reds had been disposed of. Roberts then drew up with a useful 20, and playing clever snookering tactical, caused Reece to preserve him with a dozen points. The Lancastrian, however followed up with a brilliant 25 (unfinished), and finished the game out of the by 60-44. Time, 17 min.

Eighty-eight Game.—Thanks to a very fine break of 35, Roberts led by 67-21 when all the reds were cleared, and taken all the colours except the black, he took his fifty-first game (and therefore the match) by 67-28. Time, 15 min.

Eighty-ninth Game.—Roberts opened with a useful 17, but then was back marked by pretty 20 from Reece. The veteran was not to be denied, though, and coming away with runs of 12 and 18, he won a keenly-contested game by 50-44. Time, 16 min.

Ninetieth Game.—Reece went off at score with a useful 22 and supplementing this with a further run of 13, he had won well when the veteran took the pink and black - his best break at the close. Scores: 58-43. Time, 15 min.

Ninety-first Game.—Roberts reached 26 to Reece best break 14, but the Lancastrian made brilliant breaks 19 and 25. Reece won easily by 69-39. Time. 14 min.

Ninety-second Game.—A keen and exciting struggle all the way, the scores, when all the reds had been disposed of, being 47-43, in favour of Roberts. Then Reece secured

the yellow and green. Roberts the brown, next the blue fell to the younger man, but the veteran secured the pink, the final issue depending on the black, which was taken by Reece to give him the game by 60-57. Time, 15 min.

Ninety-third Game.—Reece went away at the start with runs of 20 and 18, and before the veteran got going was leading by 36-16. Subsequently two 14's served to give Roberts the advantage, but the Lancastrian was thoroughly on his mettle, and taking rest of the colours, won a splendid game by 57-48. Time, 16 min.

Last day. June 6. Saturday. Tom Reece Married.

Tom Reece was married at Christ Church, Woburn-square, on Saturday, to Miss Laura Lydia Williams, the daughter of a retired Army officer. The service was very quiet, only a few personal friends being present. The party left the church in motor-cars. Reece had to finish his snooker match with Roberts then. Afterwards he and his bride left for Douglas, Isle of Man.

Ninety-fourth Game.—A trifle slow at the outset. Reece subsequently livened up matters with a useful run of 15. and, repeating the performance directly afterwards, led by 42—13 before the veteran set himself going. Then, with a charming 28. Roberts got to 41, and, after Reece had secured the pink, the veteran fluked the black and brought about the only tie of the match. Scores: - 48—48. Time, 17 min.

Ninety-fifth Game.—Reece was again first away with a capital 20. but Roberts was soon after him with a useful 13, and, supplementing this with a couple of 9's, the latter had a useful lead (42—28) when the reds were done with. Reece, however, took all the colours—finish up with a run of 23 -and won by 55—42. Time, 16 min.

Ninety-sixth Game.—Slow progress was made for a time until Reece found an opening to mark up a useful 17, which carried his total to 48—exactly double the veteran's total. Subsequently Roberts advanced his total by 9 points only—7 of which were given him by Reece—leaving the Lancastrian, who finished matters with a fine run of 18, to win very easily by 79—33. Time. 19 min.

Ninety-seventh Game.—Reece commenced with a bad stroke, touching the black first in an endeavour to get behind the triangle of reds. This paved the way for a useful 15 by Roberts, who added 9 and 13 in successive innings, to lead by 44—1. Later, both sent up runs of 14, and the veteran had no difficulty in winning by 66—45. Time, 15 min.

Ninety-eighth Game.—The play was somewhat streaky at the outset, but after the reds had been disposed of, Reece performed in good style, and, taking all the colours, saving the black, won easily by 53—21. The best runs were 14 and 15 by the winner. Time, 18 min.

Ninety-ninth Game.—Roberts collected a useful 16 early on, and led by 19—1, but Reece subsequently cut out the pace, and, mainly by the aid of runs of 17 and 14, he caused the scores to be called 50—20 in his favour when only the colours remained to be attacked. These the veteran secured in brilliant style in one break (27), and only succumbed by 3 points. Scores, 50—47. Time, 14 min.

One Hundredth Game.—Following a short spell of jockeying for position. Roberts went away in dazzling style with consecutive runs of 23 and 17 (twice), and, finishing up with a taking 18, he won with the greatest ease by 83-25. Included in Reece's 25 was a pretty run of 17. Time, 15 min.

One Hundred and First Game.—There was a keen struggle for the final game, and when Roberts went away with 12 and 25 (a charming break), it looked like falling to him. Reece, however, got on taking with a useful 22, and, taking four of the six colours (green, brown, blue, and pink), the Lancastrian had just sufficient in hand to win when the veteran took the black. Scores. 51—46. Time, 16 min.

The match of 101 games up level at Snooker's pool between Roberts and Reece was concluded on Saturday. Reece had the best of the afternoon play, winning 2½ games to 1½ games, and scoring 222 points to 189 by Roberts. Roberts, 54½ games (5,529 points); Reece, 46½ games (5,209 points). Roberts won by 8 games and 320 points.

Tile Editor of the "Sporting Life" was stakeholder, and Mr G. Reid referee, while the scores were called by W. H. Jordan.

Tom Reece married.

At Christ Church, Woburn-square. W.C., Tom Reece, the popular Oldham professional, was married to Miss Laura Lydia Williams, of Finsbury Park, London, N, the Vicar, the Rev. J. J. Glendinning Nash, officiating. Owing to a recent bereavement in the bride's family, the ceremony was a quiet affair, the colour and gaiety usually associated with such an event being conspicuously absent. The bride, who was married in a fawn travelling costume, was given away by her brother. Mr W. F. Williams, while Mr H. R. Bilby supported the bridegroom. Mr John Howard, a friend of Reece, presided at the organ. Among those in the church were Sergt-Major Fitzgerald (representing Messrs Thurston and Co., Ltd.), Mr W. H. Jordan (representing Messrs Burroughes and Watts Ltd.). Mr H. Sutcliffe (Worsley), Mr E. L. Serle (Messrs Burroughes and Watts's Sheffield representative). Mr Lauriston Fraser and Miss Fraser. Mr and Mrs Lewin. Mr and Mrs King (King and Benson, star vaudeville artistes). Mr Harry Young and Mr G. Reid ("Sporting Life"). Mr and Mrs Reece left at midnight on Saturday for Liverpool, on route for Douglas, Isle of Man, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Among the numerous wedding presents to the happy couple may be mentioned the following: - Messrs Burroughes and Watts, silver fish carvers and fruit-knives and forks; Messrs Thurston and Co. silver coffee service: Messrs Friswell and Co., cabinet of cutlery; the Perforated Music Company, cabinet of music rolls: billiard Pressmen and billiard friends, diamond and sapphire pendant: Mr and Mrs King (King and Benson comedy duo), crown Derby china coffee set: Mr and Mrs H. Sutcliffe (Worsley), gold mounted miniature portrait, of the bridegroom, Mr and Mrs W. Wheeler (Boothstown) silver salt cellars: Mr and Mrs E. L. Berle (Sheffield), case of Sheffield cutlery: Mr A. L. Potter (Worsley), silver set of coffee spoons; Mr F. Wheeler and Miss Upjohn, silver entree dish.

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