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I recently stumbled upon a fascinating story about Mark Tadd, a legendary figure in the world of pool and billiards. Apparently, people back East never heard of him until I opened up my own pool room here in Florida. One regular customer, Tom Wallace, shared stories about his time managing College Billiards in San Diego during the 90s. He'd often mention Mark Tadd visiting from time to time, sending chills down everyone's spines due to his intimidating presence. Marc Masden, an accomplished one-pocket player from Kentucky, even referred to Mark as "one of the best gamblers in the world." Another remarkable tale involves Mark winning all three divisions at Derby City, including banks, one pocket, and nine ball. Does anyone have confirmation on this achievement? I'd also love to hear first-hand accounts of his prowess during his heyday, which many claim he dominated. If you're curious about Mark's skills or any other player, the first step is often a search through threads dedicated to them. This usually gives you a better idea of what questions you might have about their abilities. I've heard that Mark was at the top of his game during his heyday, with tales like winning three divisions at Derby City and giving weight to Tony Ellin in Las Vegas, only to emerge victorious. So, if you're wondering how good someone is or who they are, try searching for them online. It's a great way to get started on understanding their reputation and achievements. And hey, tell Tom Wallace I said hi! Guy from Kentucky, Marc Masden, calls Tadd one of the best gamblers worldwide. I heard one year Tadd won all three divisions at Derby City, banks, one pocket, and nine ball. Does anyone know if this is true? If so, what year was it? People claim Tadd was at the top during his heyday. Mark Masden, a trust fund baby, only played pool professionally. Mark said Tadd was in top form in the early 1990s. Roger Griffiths demonstrated a break cue and claimed it was impossible to make the cue ball jump out of the table. Pros tried, but the cue ball never left. Marc said he'd do the impossible, broke the rack, and made the cue ball fly. Mark Tadd won Jay Helfert's LA Open in 1993. Efen Reyes walked into Hard Times in Bellflower, saying anyone could have the 8 except for Mark Tadd. This is a true story. Tadd was a dominant player, but his game faded away due to discovering religion and leaving pool and gambling behind. He still plays poker. I attended my first pro tournament at Howard Johnson's in Greensboro, NC when I was around 20. Top pros like Hall, Rempe, Siegal, Varner, Strickland, and Hopkins were there. After the tournament, they'd gather at Baker's pool room. I saw Pete Horn, Hatch, Joyner, Brunson, and Big Indian-looking Tadd playing solo. Tadd never missed a ball while others, including Hall and Varner, stood behind him without speaking. He was that good. Later that night, I met Tony Watson, who was about 12-13 years old at the time and looked only 9 due to his large glasses. Brunson yelled at Lil' Tony for winning the last two and getting up from playing with the big guys. I remember this pool tournament like it was yesterday. Top pros were playing for big bucks, and Mark "Tadd" Thompson was one of them. He pulled out a wad of cash, counted it, and slammed it on the table, saying he had \$506, that's what we're playing for. Tony ended up winning around \$1,800 when it was all said and done. Now, I've heard rumors about Mark "Tadd" Thompson being quite the player back in the day. Apparently, one year, he won all three divisions at Derby City - banks, one pocket, and nine ball. However, that's a myth; it never actually happened. Efen Reyes is often considered the most dominant player in the history of Derby City Classic (DCC), with the best overall record. Eric "The Ghost" Strange was another force to be reckoned with back in the early 90s but his skills faded over time. I heard he discovered a new passion - religion - which led him away from pool and gambling, though he still enjoys playing poker. It's interesting to note that Efen is widely regarded as the most dominant player in DCC history, and Eric "The Ghost" Strange was indeed a formidable opponent back in his prime. He could easily take time off and then suddenly dominate again, much like Mark "Tadd" Thompson was known for. In fact, Mark "Tadd" Thompson was said to be one of the best gamblers in the world, as described by Marc Masden, a good one-pocket player from Kentucky. I've heard stories about him being quite feared at College Billiards in San Diego back in the 90s. The legendary Mark Tadd - his name still sends shivers down the spines of pool enthusiasts worldwide. It's hard to believe he was once at the top of his game, a true master of the table. I'm not alone in my fascination with this pool wizard; many have heard tales of his incredible skills, rivaling even Wayne Gretzky's caliber. I recall walking into Hard Times one day and stumbling upon Tadd practicing with none other than Jimmy M. The atmosphere was tense, with nobody daring to interrupt the session - a testament to Tadd's aura. Another memory that stands out is from the Bicycle Club Tournament, where I saw him having a heated discussion with Efen Reyes over One Pocket. It was clear that Efen was intimidated by Tadd's presence. As time went on, however, rumors began circulating about Tadd's erratic behavior. He'd show up at poolrooms, wielding multiple one-piece house-style cues and boasting about his unbeatable skills without a joint. It's heartbreaking to think about the decline of such an incredible talent. In my opinion, Tadd was an unparalleled gambler for around 5 years straight. I have a tape of him playing Parica Short Rack Banks, where he miraculously came back from being down 3-0 in a race to 5 and won 5-3. The guy was simply unstoppable. Despite his impressive skills, there seems to be an ineffable quality that set Tadd apart from others. Even SVB's work ethic wouldn't have guaranteed success for him; it's as if Beethoven couldn't have written the 9th Symphony better no matter how much he practiced. In my book, winning the LA Open in multiple disciplines - including 9 Ball and Banks, and taking second place in One Pocket to Steve Cook - makes Tadd the greatest pool player of all time. Mark Tadd was a phenomenal pool player, but what happened to his remarkable talent? I had the chance to play him a couple of times, including in a tournament years ago in Salt Lake City. He won easily, beating me 9-4, and it seemed like he was giving about 60% effort. Later, I watched him practice on nine-foot tables, throwing out 15 balls and running them out before practicing his break for an hour. I had heard stories, but didn't realize how good he was until I joined a pool community and learned about his past. If only I knew then what I know now, I would have tried to get him to share some of his knowledge. It's been a while since I saw him, but in the taped matches I have of him, he looks pretty skinny. The last time I saw him, he looked like a professional powerlifter - huge arms! sammylane12... As you know by now, your friend was wrong. Mark Tadd never won any events at the Derby City Classic (DCC). Instead, he won two out of three events at Jay Helfert's tournament in Los Angeles, back in the late 1990s. Mark was an astounding player and a consummate gambler. Later on, he found Jesus and quit pool, but still played poker in Utah. He briefly returned to pool, but realized there wasn't much money in playing pool. Scott Lee from Pool Knowledge.com I grew up in the East and never heard about Mark Tadd until I opened a pool room in Florida. A fellow named Tom Wallace started coming in and told me he managed College Billiards in San Diego for a while in the 90s. He said Tadd would come in from time to time, and just scare everyone. Another guy, Marc Masden, a one-pocket player from Kentucky, called Tadd "one of the best gamblers in the world." One of these two gentlemen told me that one year Tadd won all three divisions at Derby City - banks, one pocket, and nine-ball. Does anyone know if this is true? If so, what year was it? I'd love to hear from anyone with firsthand knowledge of how good he played. I keep hearing he was at the top of the food chain during his heyday. I'm curious to know if the statement about Mark Tadd being the real deal is true, especially regarding the year it's referring to. Hearing firsthand accounts from people who witnessed his impressive skills would be great. Apparently, Mark was unbeatable during his peak, and people were intimidated by him even at a young age. Mark Tadd has an incredible ability with the cue ball that I've never seen anyone else match, including many top pros I've watched over the years. If you ever got the chance to play against him, he could leave you so weak that you might struggle to pull your cue back! Mark was known for his bold bets and would often bet high amounts of his own money. Sorry if this sounds like a knock on the guy, but believe me, he's one of a kind. I had the chance to see my first pro tournament in Greensboro, NC when I was about 20 years old. It was at the Howard Johnsons, and all the top pros were there, including Hall, Rempe, Siegal, Varner, Strickland, Hopkins, and more. After the tournament, they would often go to Baker's pool room, where you'd see big names like Pete Horn, Hatch, Joyner, and Brunson. There was this one guy playing in the back corner by himself who never missed a ball the entire time I was there. He looked intimidating, but people knew not to mess with him because he could probably give anyone a run for their money - which is quite strong! Apparently, no one wanted to play him due to his incredible skills. It's funny to remember this Big Indian-looking dude playing back then who never lost. People like Seigal and Massie would try to avoid him in tournaments, just because he was that good. The same night I saw Tony Watson for the first time; he looked about 9 years old but had a case that was bigger than his entire face! He had these huge glasses on, too. I remember Brunson getting everyone's attention with his loud voice while Tony walked up to the table and counted out \$506 - that's what they were playing for! Tony went on to win around \$1800 when it was all done. It's amazing how well he did considering his age at the time. You have a great memory of that night at Baker's, where people like Frank Tullis got busted by Tony and Earle. Efen Reyes once walked into Hardtimes in Bellflower saying anyone could have the 8 except for Mark Tadd - it's true! I ended up taking the 8 from Efen but made him sign it first. Mark is still a monster player, capable of laying off for a year or so and then coming back to beat almost anyone within a few weeks. It's interesting to note that if Mark had the same work ethic as SVB, he would have been among the top 5 players in the world years ago. Eric knows him well and remembers his strong work ethic even back then. However, it seems like after getting so good, Mark lost interest and hasn't maintained the same level of dedication to improving. Mark is undoubtedly one of the strongest players I've ever had the chance to see, even among all those top pros from years ago. I've known many skilled individuals, including Eric. I knew him back then and still know him now. He had an impressive work ethic, practicing for hours on his breaks or honing specific shots. I believe he simply reached a point where he became too good, losing interest in the process. Eric is undoubtedly one of the strongest players I've ever known. You think he got so good that he lost interest? I'm skeptical about that claim. It's not like he was racking up numerous major titles or anything. If he had won, say, 2-3 World Championships and U.S. Opens each, then maybe that would hold some water. You really believe he got so good that he lost interest? I can't buy into that. There are a few assumptions I'll make about Tadd... He seemed to improve quickly, and nobody ever gives themselves credit for his rise to fame. It's as if he didn't have any teachers or mentors guiding him. So, I assume he learned through self-study. Given this, I also assume he's incredibly intelligent - it's not a stretch to think so. You don't become one of the world's top players by pure chance. Now, my point... What do I think brought down his career? Think about it... This is a guy who could walk into any pool room with a group of top-tier players and still get treated unfairly - no action at all. He didn't want to give up too much in the way of stakes. The issue is that money just isn't there in this sport. I think if he were a golfer with similar talent, he'd still be dominating. So, in essence, I believe pool itself was Mark Tadd's demise. Nobody had more natural ability than this guy - the question is... what happened? I don't know the truth, but I've heard that after being brutally defeated in Washington D.C. by a well-known African American pool player from the area, he found Jesus. It's been so long ago that I no longer recall any details. Lil' Tony walked up to the table, and Brunson yelled out to him, "And you, you little son of a...get up!" Lil' Tony pulled out some cash, counted it, and slammed it down on the table, saying, "That's what we're playing for - 506 dollars." That's heart! He ended up winning around 1,800 in the end. OWNED! I don't know if this is true or not, but it makes sense to me. Total speculation here, but Mark Tadd did have a cocky attitude that was part of his success... AND, as a pool player, you just couldn't help but be jealous of him. It all adds up on the surface, anyway. Does anyone have any more information on this? Just don't become one of the best pool players solely because you're exceptionally talented. I think what ultimately sank Mark Tadd's career is the sport itself. He could walk into a room filled with top-notch players and not get much action, as he didn't want to give up too many shots. The point is that money isn't readily available in this sport. If Mark were a golfer with similar talent, I believe he'd still be at the top of his game today. As it stands, I think pool was his demise. I grew up in the East Coast and never heard of Mark Tadd until I opened a pool room in Florida. A friend told me that Tom Wallace managed College Billiards in San Diego during the 1990s, and that Mark would occasionally visit and intimidate everyone with his exceptional skills. Another fellow, Marc Masden, described Mark as "one of the best gamblers in the world." One of these individuals claimed that Mark won all three divisions at Derby City in one year, but I'm unsure which year this occurred or if it's even true. If anyone has firsthand knowledge of his playing abilities, I'd love to hear from you. In my own experience, I motorcycled through Salt Lake City and played a game with Mark Tadd, where he won using the "spot" rule. Although I lost, I remember our conversation afterward, during which he mentioned that just two weeks prior, he had played Billy Incardona banks and broke even. This impressed me greatly, as he was likely only in his early teens or twenties at the time. Lanny Charles from Memphis recalls seeing videos of Mark playing bank pool in Vegas on YouTube a while back. However, my search today turned up empty results. Some people claim that Mark found Jesus after being beaten in a gambling match by a well-known African American player from the DC area. While I don't know the truth behind this story, it's been so long ago that details have escaped me. It's worth noting that Mark wasn't physically beaten; rather, he was defeated at pool. The alleged location of this event is the "Farmer's Daughter" pool room.