

Coach's Corner

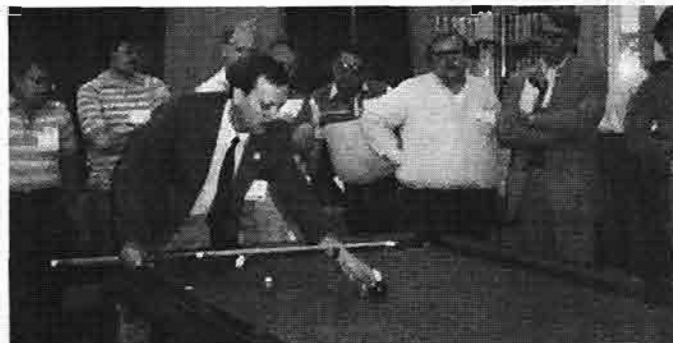
Get Ready To Compete

By now, if you have been following the lessons, you probably have had an opportunity to develop a smoother stroke, better stance and more control, all of which have added to your consistency.

The "Tour Guide" feature in this magazine really illustrates the increasing number of competitive events being scheduled. In the next two "Coach's Corners", we will be discussing the best ways to gear up for a tournament or an important game.

FIRST- Practice the game you will be playing. If you intend to enter a 9-ball tournament, it will be wise to practice 9-ball! It will get you used to the patterns and strategy.

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SECOND- Practice with a player close to your own skill level. DO NOT practice with a beginner. DO NOT pick players that have to lower their speed to give you a shot. This will decrease the competitive spirit you are trying to develop.

THIRD- Play ball in hand after every MISS! Most matches (90%) are won through offense. Playing "ball in hand" will force you to develop a style of play that is aggressive, knowing that if you miss, your opponent will have ball in hand.

NEXT MONTH - More Tournament Preparation!