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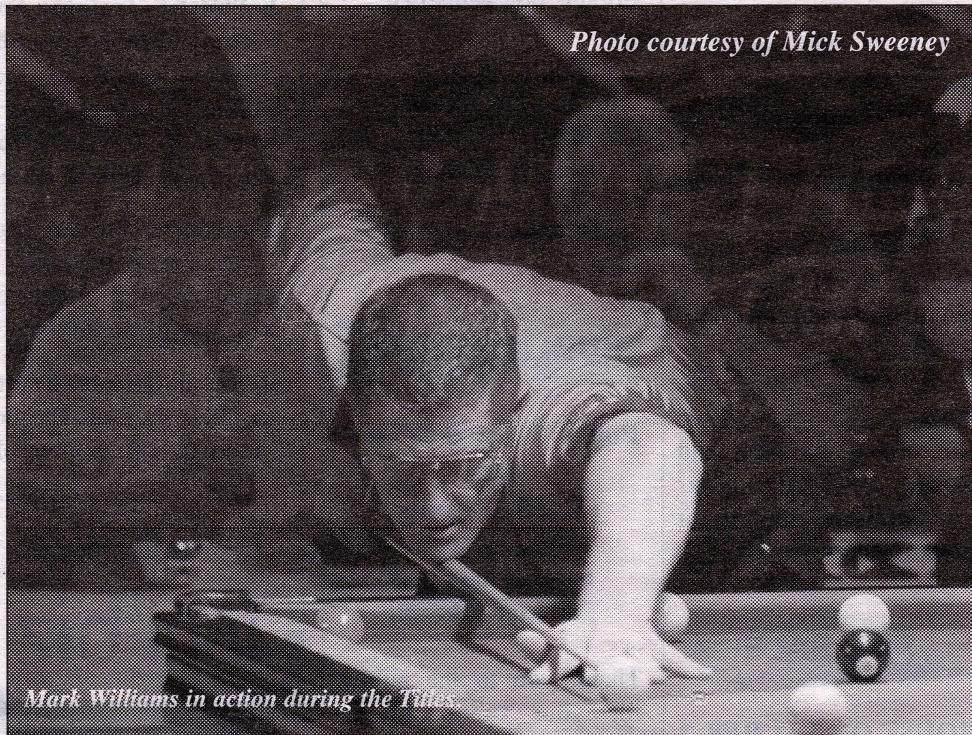


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Mark Williams in action during the Titles.

Victoria came away from the 2010 Australian 8-Ball Pool Championships with all three Team Titles. South Australia on the other hand, won all three Singles Titles.

Euston resident Mark Williams, represented N.S.W. in the Open Teams and played with distinction, narrowly missing selection in the Twelve Man 2011 Australian Team.

N.S.W. had their most successful Titles ever and narrowly missed a place in the final. South Australia and Victoria would face-off in the

qualifying final after finishing 1st and 2nd respectively.

S.A. won through to the final, leaving Victoria to play the winner of N.S.W. v's W.A. match.

All finals in the Open Teams were a race to 17 and with the Elimination Final locked at 14-14. Williams knocked in a great shot securing the 29th frame and N.S.W.

quickly wrapped up the next two frames to defeat W.A. 17-14. N.S.W. now had to defeat Victoria to win a place in the final against S.A.

The Preliminary Final started disastrously for N.S.W. losing the first five frames! But rallied to win the last three and only trailed 5-3 after the first round, The 2nd round again started badly,

but once again N.S.W. won the last three frames to trail 9-7 at the half time. The 3rd round was all N.S.W. winning 7-1 and taking a 14-10 lead into the final round.

The final round had to be seen, to be believed! As good as Round 3 had been, no-one could have envisaged what was happening as N.S.W. lost frame after frame. Victoria won the final round 7-1 and had pinched the match 17-15. NSW were left to ponder the opportunity lost but will learn from the experience and be better for it next year.

Victoria went on to devastate S.A. in the final, belting them 17-9 and secured their 3rd National Open Teams Title in the last five years. In closing, Williams said, "I enjoyed the Championships very much! The standard of play, the sportsmanship and the conditions and comradery were all of the highest ilk".

Mark looks forward to coming back in 2011 to help N.S.W go forward and improve.

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Mark (The Machine) Williams pictured at 2010 Australian Eightball Nationals held at Empire Pool Lounge Adelaide S.A.

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