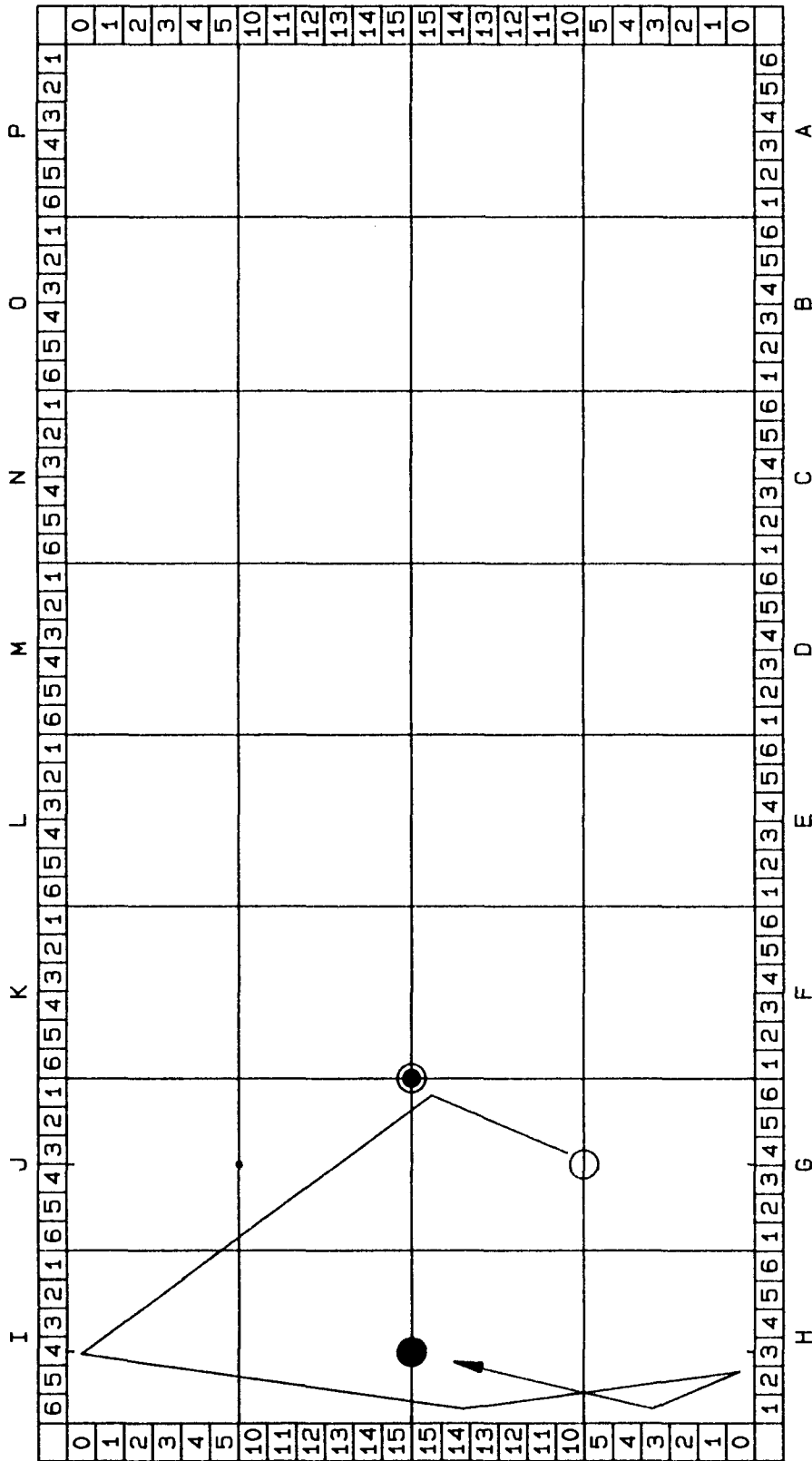


Four Cushion Reverse Shot

By Bob Jewitt



This is a shot from *The Shots of Artistic Billiards* edited by Bob Jewitt and now available through the Billiard Library in Long Beach, California (\$10.95). The new edition is a completely redrawn edition of the booklet that had been distributed by the American Billiard Association.

Artistic billiards is a particular form of the sport, like three cushion or balkline. There are 76 fixed shots that each player gets to attempt three times. Values of the shots vary from four to eleven points.

The shots are set up very precisely. In the diagram, the numbers around the sides of the table are part of a grid system which allows accuracy of better than an eighth of an inch in the specification of the positions of the balls.

The particular shot shown has been deleted from the competition in recent years. It is still an excellent shot to amaze your friends with, and contains some important lessons in the proper mixing of fullness of hit, speed, follow, and of course English. It is not very difficult (only a value of 6 in competition) and can be made on a fairly slow table, which is definitely not true for some shots in the competition, like the nine rail lag and the twice-around-the-table masse shot.