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## Josey Custom Cues

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Cover Cues: (from left to right)

1 Bird eye front with smoke gray stain with ebony and maple dash ring throughout cue, Birds eye sleeve with 4 ebony concave diamonds, “Black with white speck linen in All Four Cue.”

2 Curly maple front, stain smoke gray, with ebony and maple dash rings with 12 mircata inlays, ebony butt sleeve, with Mother of Pearl snow flakes, with ebony and maple dash rings with silver rings

Benny The Goose plays with this cue.

3 Birds front with brown stain, 4 ebony points with 4 Mother of Pearl and 4 mircata inlays with ebony and maple dash rings throughout cue, ebony butt sleeve, with 8 mircata inlays and 8 Mother of Pearl inlays.

4 Birds eye front with 4 cocoboa points with 4 cocoboa inlays in top of points and 4 mircada eocoboa butt sleeve with 12 mircata inlays with silver ring and ebony and maple rings throughout cue. “This cue is the first Josey custom cue made.”

The cues on the cover are just some of the beautiful work that Keith Josey is producing today. The Josey cue was profiled in the American Cueist, Cue maker discovery section, Volume two, Number 7, June 1994.

In this profile I told you how Keith had help from cue makers, Wayne Gunn and Dale Perry. I went on to tell how he started as a cue repairman because there was such a need and about my first tangible contact with a Josey cue

that came from hitting some balls with his brother-in-law’s cue. The feel and balance told me this cue was a winner. I also mentioned how the cue that Josey made for my son was precisely what he wanted. (Since then

Josey has made a cue for me that hits as good as any I have ever had.) Josey still crafts each cue by hand and puts the same detail and perfection into each and every one, whether it is a Sneaky Pete or a \$1,200 cue.

Since that article, the Josey cue has been in greater demand than ever before. Certainly, attention provides a cue maker with more business, however, only the production of a quality product can continue to attract new customers. Josey has shown the ability to make a cue that will give the hit many customers prefer, and he is waiting to do the same for you.

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*NOTE: The American Cueist does not advocate any one cue maker over another, but is simply displaying the cues and talents of the many great cue makers of today, letting you choose the one that is right for you. I play with and test many cues and I can tell you that the difference in these cues is noticeable only to a very few. These artists of the cue are all turning out top quality products; what you have to do is find the one that can make the cue that has the hit and feel you need We at the American Cueist hope that in showcasing these craftsmen, we have made this task easier for you. Remember, the cue maker you select today could be the legend of tomorrow.*