

## IVES WON THE TOURNEY.

**Defeated Schaefer in the Cincinnati Billiard Match 600 to 434.**

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3.—The final game in the great billiard tournament at the Pike Opera House in this city, between Schaefer, Ives, and Slosson, was played to-night by Schaefer and Ives, whose superior skill eliminated the "Student" from the contest in the second game. Greater interest centred on the decisive game, and both men played at their best to win the \$1,500 purse offered by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company and the largest percentage of the \$1,575, which represented the gate receipts. Seats were at a premium long before the billiard experts put in an appearance. The audience was composed principally of the leading society people of the city.

Schaefer was a favorite before the game commenced, not because of his residence here, but on account of the general belief that he could defeat his opponent without any great effort. Ives's easy confidence and apparent good form the night before somewhat disabused this impression with many of those present. His "rheumatism" was forgotten.

Ives won the bank and took the white ball. He made only 4 and missed an easy one. Schaefer made 3, stopping at an easy bank, and Ives then missed. Only 3 more were then counted by Schaefer, and Ives won the first applause by a neat cushion shot across the table in the third. He warmed up at once, and, by keeping the balls in the upper left-hand corner as near the rails as the rules allowed, soon passed the fifty mark. He stopped, however, at 58.

Schaefer gained two rounds of applause on taking up his cue by making two pretty masse shots. The marker added 22 to his string.

Ives prevented a run being broken in the fourth inning by making another brilliant masse, but missed the balls near the centre at the next shot. Schaefer then made a number of difficult cushion shots around the table in quick succession. The run was small, however.

Four for the white was the small count that opened the fifth inning. The "Wizard" partially made up for his slowness when he began the next inning. He ran 41, being applauded loudly for his execution of two difficult masses.

The young Napoleon then resorted to the shots he had up to this time avoided—around the table—and kept repeating them until the balls rolled together in the upper left hand corner, for another nurse, which he utilized. The game had taken another aspect by this time. Ives was credited with 205, while Schaefer had but 84, and half an inning in which to augment the number.

Schaefer evidently considered this good advice, as he made three brilliant shots, one a cushion carrom and two of his apparently impossible masses. A pretty cushion draw succeeded by two others set the audience wild. He stopped at 59, but was only interrupted long enough to permit Ives to make 2 with an easy miss before he resumed his brilliant work. Eight difficult cushion draw and masse shots were followed by a miss on a straight shot, apparently easy for a novice.

Ives seemed to have lost the ability to handle his cue when he came up for his half of the inning, as he fell down on an easy one, Garnier's shot, which was the feature of Slosson's playing the night before, was gracefully made in Schaefer's eighth inning. The red ball left the cushion on the upper rail and rolled out slowly, where it met the cue ball, which had been sent around the table like a shot from a gun. Jake continued his steady work in this inning until he had clicked out 68, and the audience applauded wildly when the blackboard figures were changed to read Ives, 207; Schaefer, 219, as the inning was closed.

An expression of determination was apparent on the Young Napoleon's youthful features when he stepped forward for the ninth inning. He did fairly well, and stopped at 33.

Schaefer seemed to gain control of the balls at once, and kept them within bounds until he had counted 41.

Ives began to play better billiards, and finally won the game, the score being 600 to Schaefer's 434.

The division of the purse and receipts was \$1,500 to Ives, \$900 to Schaefer, and \$600 to Slosson.

Schaefer and Ives both leave for Boston Monday for the tournament of that city. They will be joined there by Slosson, who has returned to New-York.

Score:

Ives—4, 0, 58, 87, 4, 52, 2, 0, 33, 58, 42, 19, 1, 0, 11, 3, 2, 6, 49, 4, 163—600.

Average, 28.12.

Schaefer—2, 3, 22, 15, 41, 59, 8, 68, 41, 0, 6, 1, 0, 8, 65, 40, 0, 5, 37, 12—434.

Average, 21.13.

Highest runs—Ives, 163; Schaefer, 68.

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