

IVES BEATS WORLD RECORD

At the Garden Billiard Tournament He Defeats Sutton, 500 to 140.

HIS PHENOMENAL RUN OF 140

Slosson Won Over Schaefer at the Evening Game, 500 to 266—Schaefer's Playing Careless and Slipshod — Games Attract Many Spectators.

Frank C. Ives clearly demonstrated his right to the title of billiard champion by breaking all previous records for the eighteen-inch balk line game, when he met George Sutton yesterday afternoon in the tournament at the Madison Square Garden Concert Hall. The young Napoleon was probably never in better form, and the ease with which he clicked off point after point was remarkable.

He ran out the game of 500 points in sixteen innings, making an average of 31¼, which is phenomenal for the new game. This record beats his own figures of 19 6-26, established last May in the Chicago tournament, in which he finished second to Gardner, because of a handicap. His run of 140 in the fifth inning deposes all records for the highest run. The previous record was 111, held by Jacob Schaefer, made in the Chicago tournament.

When the new eighteen-inch game was inaugurated it was thought that the days of long runs and high averages were done away with. Ives, however, by his performance yesterday leaves no room for doubt that he is the most expert billiardist in the world. Sutton, his opponent, just managed to score as many points in fifteen innings as the young champion did in the eventful fifth inning, when he established his new world's record.

The announcement that Ives was a contestant brought out the best afternoon crowd since the tournament began. He won the bank, choosing the white ball, and immediately started in with a run of 9 caroms, retiring on an easy draw. His second inning netted 29. His fourteenth shot in this inning was a long massé.

Sutton made seven in the first inning and made a miss in the second because of a miscue. The young Napoleon added sixteen to his score in the next inning. Sutton clicked off thirteen in the third inning, missing an easy draw shot, and leaving the ivories in a good position.

Ives began to click off caroms and draws with fine skill. His forty-ninth shot, an all-around-the-table stroke, which brought the ivories into position outside the balk lines, was cleverly played. He retired after scoring sixty-one buttons. Sutton warmed up, and ran up thirty before he retired on a very easy single cushion shot.

Ives then got the ivories in a good position on the short rail, and by wizard-like strokes drew them together outside the lines and "nursed" for twenty points before he was compelled to drive. After a few all-around-the-table shots he got them astride the lines and again "nursed" for fifteen before he got into balke and had to drive. He gained an excellent position on a three-cushion shot, getting the balls together outside the balke lines. He secured twenty points on this position, but on a short drive to the side cushion he again got the balls together and passed Schaefer's high run of seventy-nine. His eighty-sixth shot was a very difficult massé.

Ives Rolls Up His Great Record.

After making his ninetieth point Ives showed himself to be an excellent judge of force by bringing the spheres together near one of the short balk lines. He passed the 100 mark amid deafening applause. Until the one hundred and twenty-eighth point he was compelled to drive the balls around the table, and then on a three-cushion carom he got them together once more, but made only seven points before he was compelled to drive. His one hundred and thirty-eighth point was a beautiful follow shot down the long cushion, and the one hundred and fortieth and last shot was played off three cushions. He retired on a rather difficult three-cushion carom.

Sutton, although practically beaten at this stage, did excellent work, particularly in the eighth and ninth innings, when he made several long massés.

Ives added 49 to his string in the eleventh inning through careful position play. In the fourteenth he began with long massés, and soon after got the balls in position and clicked off 80 points. In this inning, as in the eventful fifth, he used rare judgment in the force of his stroke when driving to the cushions for position. He would send the one object ball to cushion to return and come to rest against the other. Then he would "nurse" until he was again compelled to drive. Ives, with successive runs of 23 and 28, ended the game in the sixteenth inning.

Sutton's Excellent Shot.

Sutton made one of the best shots of the day in the fifteenth inning, a massé in one of the corner balk spaces. It was an excellent shot, but was not allowed, as he failed to get out of balke.

Daly and Sutton will meet this afternoon, and Ives and Schaefer will meet to-night.

The summary:

Ives—9 29 16 61 140 1 2 25 6 9 49 15 2 85 23 28.

Total—500.

Average—31 ¼.

Highest run—140.

Sutton—7 0 13 30 1 0 9 2 9 33 4 0 8 24 0.

Total—140.

Average—8 11-15.

Highest run—33.

Slosson Defeats Schaefer.

The game last night resulted in the rather unexpected defeat of Jacob Schaefer at the hands of George Slosson by a score of 500 to 266. The "Wizard" had not been in such wretched form for years. He was in a highly nervous state, and at times did not display enough skill to defeat an amateur.

Only in a few innings did he seem to be himself, and at these stages he made shots that bordered on the phenomenal. Slosson, on the other hand, was in fine trim, and played much better than at any time since the tournament began. The attendance was excellent, and included a large number of ladies.

Schaefer began with 21 points and then retired on his failure to get out of balke. Slosson totaled 22 in his first trial. Schaefer then made runs of 7 and 24, after which he seemed to lose all his cunning. He was unable to gather the ivories, and missed on the easiest kind of chances. From the fifth to the sixteenth inning he scored but 33 points. Slosson, on the other hand, was playing in better form than in any of his previous games. Nothing seemed to faze the Student. He executed a three-cushion carom, the last point in the eleventh inning, which brought forth prolonged applause.

Schaefer Misses Easy Shots.

Schaefer continued to miss easy shots. In the seventeenth and eighteenth innings Slosson was at his best, making strings of 47 and 61. His one hundred and seventy-fifth shot, a four-cushioned carom, electrified the crowd. The score at the twenty-sixth inning was: Slosson, 331; Schaefer, 136.

In the twenty-seventh inning Schaefer seemed to come out of his trance, and ran up 22. In the same inning Slosson gave a grand exhibition of draw, cushion caroms, and follow shots to the tune of 39 points.

At this stage the "Wizard" seemed to be hopelessly beaten. The conclusion of the twenty-eighth inning saw Slosson more than 200 points in the lead. When the score was announced Schaefer looked bored. He showed some of his true form in the thirty-fourth inning, and ran up 66 points, in which were intermingled some of the most phenomenal plays made thus far. His two hundred and fourteenth point was a five-cushion carom, in which two caroms were made off one of the long cushions, a play which seemed impossible to make. Slosson, however, kept at the work, and in a few innings made up for Schaefer's long run. The latter played carelessly in the last few innings, and seemed anxious to have Slosson finish the game, which he did with a run of 9 in the forty-first inning. The summary:

Slosson—22 0 2 7 10 1 0 2 12 4 21 0 14 0 27 27 42

61 5 18 3 8 1 16 0 18 39 11 2 18 21 0 0 23 0 3 44 9

0 0 9. Total—500.

Average—12 8-41.

Highest run—61.

Schaefer—21 7 24 0 1 0 0 2 2 0 10 9 1 2 6 0 12 0

0 12 0 16 0 5 5 1 22 7 0 5 2 14 0 68 1 0 0 5 2 0 8.

Total—266.

Average—6 29-41.

Highest run—66.