

# AMERICANS ACCEPT FRENCH CHALLENGE

International Billiard Tournament  
to be Played Last Week  
in April.

## GAMES OPEN TO THE WORLD

Contestants Will Play 18.2 Balkline,  
Each Match to be 400 Points—  
Confined to Amateurs.

America's leading amateur billiard experts will play the best cue wielders of France in an international tournament at the Liederkrantz Club the latter part of April. The acceptance of the conditions of the challenge forwarded by the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players to Count de Dree, President of the French Billiard Federation, was agreed to last night at the annual meeting of the National Association at the Liederkrantz Club, this city. The tournament will be open to the world and, at 18.2 balk line, each game to be 400 points.

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic held since the National Association was organized. Charles Forster, Liederkrantz Club, presided, and those present were Dr. Jennings, Crescent Athletic Club; E. W. Gardner, Acquacknonk Club, Passaic, N. J.; J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, Liederkrantz Club; C. P. Starr, New York Athletic Club; Frank Boose, Liederkrantz Club; Samuel Muller, Liederkrantz Club; Henry Glick, Liederkrantz Club; Robert C. Kammerer, New York Athletic Club; W. H. Kleneker, Liederkrantz Club; Alfred Poggenburg, Liederkrantz Club; C. D. Colman, New York Athletic Club; Major C. E. Waters, Lincoln Club, Brooklyn; A. S. Nicholls, Liederkrantz Club; William Cooper, New York City; Dr. A. B. Miller, New York Billiard Club; Dr. Kuhn, Amateur Billiard Club; Bechtold Beck, Liederkrantz Club; Fred W. Phillips, Liederkrantz Club; Lincoln Brunn, Liederkrantz Club, and G. O. Rudolphy, Liederkrantz Club.

The international tournament was proposed by Count de Dree of France, with a request that conditions for the same be sent to the French Billiard Federation if the plan met with the approval of American players. A set of rules was drafted by a special committee, with J. Ferdinand Poggenburg Chairman. These were accepted with but slight modifications by the Frenchmen. The Americans wanted March, but the challengers were unable to come over before April. It was suggested that the game be 14.2 balkline, but a request was made for 18.2. The only other point at issue was the size of the ball. The Americans named  $2\frac{3}{8}$  inches, but the French players use 61 3-10 millimeters, which is a trifle larger than those used on this side of the water. These modifications were accepted last night by the National Association.

The agreement between the associations calls for an amateur tournament open to the world to be played at the Liederkrantz Club, New York, the last week in April. All games will be 400 points at 18.2 balkline. The committee will receive entries from all bona fide amateurs, but reserves the right to reject any entry. In the event of an unwieldy entry list an elimination tournament will be held at the Liederkrantz Club two weeks before the date set for the tournament.

The details of the tournament will be in the hands of an international committee, which will arrange for the championship challenge trophy and all other matters relative to the games. Four prizes will be offered in addition to the championship cup, and will be awarded to the second and third men, high run, and best average.

It was decided not to hold a tournament to select the contestants, but to make the event an open one. Among those named as likely to enter are Wilson P. Foss, New York; Calvin Demarest, Chicago, present amateur champion; C. F. Conklin, San Francisco; T. M. S. Rolls, Philadelphia; H. S. Wright, Chicago; E. W. Gardner, Passaic, N. J.; Martin Muller, New York; C. Jackson, Chicago; Dr. A. L. Mial, New York; C. S. Norris, New York, and J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, New York.

The annual meeting of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players was held after the details of the international tournament had been agreed upon. The effort to elect a New York man to succeed F. J. Howell of Chicago as President failed and President Howell was elected to succeed himself. The following officers were elected:

President—F. J. Howell, Chicago Athletic Association; Vice President—James A. Sperry, Hanover Club, Brooklyn; Secretary—Lincoln Brunn, Liederkrantz Club; Treasurer—Gustave O. Rudolphy, Liederkrantz Club.

Executive Committee—Dr. A. B. Miller, New York Billiard Club; Edward W. Gardner, Acquacknonk Club, Passaic, N. J.; Dr. L. A. Mial, New York; Charles Forster, Liederkrantz Club, and J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, Liederkrantz Club.

### Gallagher Defeats Marcotte.

Ira Morningstar, owing to illness, was unable to appear in the afternoon game with Tom Gallagher in the four-cornered 18.2 balk line handicap billiard match at Daly's Academy yesterday afternoon, consequently only one contest was decided, and this was between Gallagher and Arthur Marcotte, the former amateur 14.2 champion of Canada, which took place last night. Gallagher, who is playing 1,800 points to Marcotte's 1,500 points, won by the score of 800 to 224. Gallagher in his first seven innings rolled up 103 points while his opponent made 87 points. Marcotte then forged ahead, but at the finish fell far behind, while Gallagher materially increased his lead. This afternoon Gallagher is slated to meet Morningstar, who will play 2,400 points. The evening session will bring together Gallagher and Marcotte. The score:

Gallagher, (1,800)—2 7 19 12 29 9 17 0 0 0 0 0 26 0 2 18 14 0 8 0 3-10 25 53 23 0 23. Total, 800; average, 11 1-27; high runs, 53, 29, 26.

Marcotte, (1,500)—1 8 22 1 29 17 12 2 1 2 11 2 17 2 1 26 25 5 4 1 29 0 2 1 4 0 14. Total, 224; average, 9 3-27; high runs, 29, 26, 25.

### Leonard Wins Match in Play-Off.

The second game of the series to play off the ties between J. F. Poggenburg, F. W. Boyd, C. E. White, and W. C. Leonard in the 14.2 amateur handicap billiard tourney at the Knickerbocker Academy, Brooklyn, last night brought together C. E. White (275) and W. C. Leonard, (220.) Leonard was the winner, making 220 points to his opponent's 225. White maintained a better average throughout, but the handicap was too much to overcome. At the start White lost all chances of a victory by missing some easy shots. Leonard played in fine form. To-night's game will be between F. W. Boyd (225) and W. C. Leonard. Last night's score:

Leonard, (220)—1 6 0 0 21 27 19 18 1 2 0 3 9 0 15 5 1 0 7 8 0 25 1 1 17 1 0 2 0 1 2 0 1 0 3 10 1 1 3 0 1 0 11 2. Total, 220; average, 5; high runs, 27, 25, 21.

White, (275)—0 4 6 3 5 2 1 2 0 17 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 6 12 11 0 1 21 18 5 5 3 8 0 5 9 1 0 0 17 0 0 8 7 5 15 1 0. Total, 225; average, 5 10-43; high runs, 37, 21, 18.

### Mercury F. C. Scores Heavily.

The Mercury Field Club defeated the Old Armory Boys of Brooklyn by a score of 35 to 14. The Mercury's passing was fine. The features were the seemingly impossible shots of Goldberg. The line-up:

Mercury F. C. Position. Old Armory Boys.  
Baer..... Left forward .....Barry  
Steinhardt..... Right forward .....Russ  
Goldberg..... Centre .....Frohlich  
Lieberman..... Left guard .....Haunfelder  
Nadle..... Right guard .....Hart  
Field goals—Steinhardt, 7; Goldberg, 5; Barkley, 4; Baer, 3; Lieberman, 1; Russ, 1; Hart, 1.  
Goals from fouls—Steinhardt, 2; Frohlich, 2; Goldberg, 1. Referee—Mr. Kantrowitz. Umpire—Mr. Katz. Time of halves—Fifteen minutes.

The Mercury Field Club, averaging seventy to eighty pounds, would like to book games with teams offering suitable inducements. Address J. Newman, 288 East Houston Street, New York.

Nearly a Clean Sweep for Centre 159.

A dual athletic meet was held by Recreation Centres Nos. 158 and 159 last Saturday at Public School No. 159, on East 119th Street, and resulted in a sweeping victory for Centre 159 by the score of 122 points to 6. No. 159 won the championship of the Recreation Centre Athletic League last year, and is the holder of the Commissioner Haupt championship trophy.