

SLOSSON ASSAILS BILLIARD RECORDS

Sutton and Hoppe Not Entitled to High Run Marks, Says the "Student."

The recent statements of George Sutton and Willie Hoppe in relation to their record runs at 18.1 and 18.2 balk-line billiards have prompted the veteran player, George Slosson, to make a statement about his achievements at the game. Mr. Slosson disputes Sutton's and Hoppe's title to record runs, for he says a record must be made in a bona fide match or tournament game. The "Student" states that he has many higher runs than these two players, but he does not say they stand as records.

"Against Cassagnol in my academy," says Mr. Slosson, "where an admission fee was charged, I ran 329 in the fourth inning at 18.2 balk-line. I also ran 368 against Harry Cline and 408 against Mr. Rodman in the presence of twenty witnesses. I have a high run of 207 against one of the best amateurs in the world, Mr. Knapp, at 18.1, and many times I have run over 200 at this style of game and have averaged as high as 100 in 500.

"But I do not maintain that these were records," continued the veteran cueist, "nor is Sutton or Hoppe entitled to one either, except where it was made in a bona fide match or tournament game. The best run on record at 18.2 balk-line was made by Curé in Paris against Jacob Schaefer, 255. The best average at this game was made by Sutton, 100. The record run at 18.1 was made by Frank Ives, 140, who had an average of 31 1/4.

"I dispute Sutton's or Hoppe's superiority over me at cushion carroms, 18.1 or 18.2 balk-line game, and I am willing to subscribe \$500 and enter a tournament against Hoppe and Sutton at any one of the styles named, the winner to take the entire receipts and stake money."

Slosson says that he will challenge for the championship again. He states that the last match with Hoppe, in which he was decisively defeated, was a farce.

"I was entirely out of form and had been so for a long time," says Slosson. "Confidence in stroke and a mind free from all troubles is all that is required to bring out a player's best efforts. It is a curious fact, too, that when one plays well and is confident the balls invariably break well, and, on the contrary, when the player is out of form the balls continually line up on him. This was the condition of affairs when Hoppe and I met. I hope soon to convince the public that I am the equal of any player in the world of billiards."

ANSON BEATEN WITH CUE.

George Moore Stronger at Finish Than Old-Time Baseball Player.

George Moore defeated Capt. A. C. Anson in the first night's play of a two-night tournament in three-cushion carrom billiards at the Union Billiard Academy by the score of 50 to 42 in 104 innings. Moore recently established a new record for this style of billiards, but in last night's game was forced to his full extent to defeat the former baseball player, as he played a close game and on several occasions tied the score. Moore held the upper hand most of the time, but only by a short lead. On one or two occasions the Westerner had a slight lead near the close.

Anson scored all his points in ninety-one innings, missing every shot thereafter to the end of the match. Moore had scored only 38, and then he scored 2 and 1 in the next succeeding innings, making the score 42 to 41. After this stage Moore missed often, too, and in the next thirteen innings of play Anson was unsuccessful in getting a position to net him a single tally, while it was nine of the same occurrences before Moore was successful, but he then ran out from 42 to the final 50 in three shots and won the game.

Anson showed remarkable form for the entire time of play and made the highest single tally, which was 5, and then repeated in the eightieth inning, while the best that Moore was able to get at one time was a total of 4. His consistency in gradually piling up the small scores enabled him to carry off the honors of the evening.

Results of Other Billiard Games.

A. G. Garnaus and Dave Lauderbach, representing Brooklyn in the National Billiard League, defeated Jimmie Blair and John Mahan, New York's representatives, in a game of three-cushion carrom billiards at John Doyle's Forty-second Street Billiard Academy last night by the score of 50 to 33. The teams are playing for the amateur three-cushion carrom championship of the National Billiard League. The visiting team required seventy-two innings to run out their string of 50 points, with a high run of 5. The local players' best effort at the high-run mark netted them 3. The teams will play again to-night at 8 o'clock.

In the continuation of the Class B amateur three-cushion carrom billiard tournament L. Frank defeated H. Turner by the score of 25 to 15. To-night Hal Chase, manager of the New York American League baseball team, will meet H. Hammonds.

In the preliminary games of the 18.2 balk-line billiard championship of Harlem, at the Morningside Billiard Academy, M. Isaacs defeated H. Hoffman last night by the score of 200 to 130. Isaacs made the highest run of the game, which was 28, and his average was 4 1/4.

E. V. Parker, playing 180 points, defeated Mr. Barbosa also 180, in last night's game of the amateur handicap 18.2 balk-line billiard tournament at the Riverside Billiard Academy, 125th Street and Lenox Avenue, by the score of 180 to 167. It was a close contest throughout, and required thirty-five innings to decide it. Parker's high runs were 22, 22, and 20 and his average was 5 5/35. Barbosa's best efforts netted him 30, 32, and 20 and an average of 4 29/35. The tournament will be resumed Monday night.

Two games were played yesterday in the amateur three-cushion carrom billiard tournament at McGraw's Billiard Academy, Thirty-fifth Street and Sixth Avenue. In the first game, played in the afternoon, G. W. Smith defeated Dr. J. H. Birs in a close match by the score of 40 to 24. It took 120 innings to play the game. At the fiftieth inning Dr. Birs led Smith by 14 points, but at this point Smith gained a lead over his opponent and maintained it throughout the rest of the contest. Smith's high run was 4 and Birs's was 2.

In the evening contest Frank Becker defeated Joe Whitson by the score of 40 to 35 in ninety-five innings. At the end of the forty-fifth inning the score was: Becker, 21 points; Whitson, 10. At the sixty-fifth inning Whitson was within six points of Becker, and from this stage on it was nip and tuck between the two contestants. Each player made a high run of 3.

Sergt. Bryan Best Shot on Range.

The weekly shoot of the rifle club of the Seventy-first Regiment, N. Y. N. G., was held at the armory range last night, the high score being made by Sergt. Bryan, who won the gold fob for high score and medal for qualifying for expert with highest score. The shoot was a qualification round for sharp shooters and experts. The shooting was at 200 and 500 yards. Those who qualified as experts were: Sergt. Bryan, 34, 35-69; Lieut. Downes, 33, 35-68; Private Warner, 34 34-68.

The following qualified as sharp shooters: Capt. Wells, 33, 35-66; Lieut. Westerman, 33, 35-66; Private Hardy, 31, 35-65; Corporal Eylers, 32, 35-65; Private Barkelow, 32, 35-65; Corporal Griffith, 31, 35-66; Lieut. Merz, 30, 35-65; Corporal Lunnis, 30, 35-65; Private Orseno, 31, 35-66; Lieut. Potter, 30, 35-65.

The results of the revolver matches were as follows: Lieut. Westerman, 14, 17-31; Lieut. Satterlee, 14, 16-30; Private Warner, 16, 14-30.

Dinner to David Bruce-Brown.

David Bruce-Brown, the winner of the Grand Prize Cup, was tendered a banquet last night at the assembly rooms of the Automobile Club of America, Fifty-fourth Street, west of Broadway. Nearly 100 persons sat down, including several representatives from the Benz Company in Germany. The banquet room was tastefully decorated, the principal ornament being the Grand Prize Cup. E. E. Schwarzkopf was the toastmaster, and among the speakers were: Col. Robert Morrell, Jesse Frohlich, George Diehl, Thomas Moore, Robert Bruce-Brown, Fritz Wuermann, Charles Newmaier, and Major J. Humphries. The dinner was a success, and the representatives of the Benz Company materially contributed to the evening's entertainment.

Regimental Games To-night.

The Winter games of the Seventy-first Regiment will be run off to-night in the armory at Park Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street. Two hundred and fifty entries have been received for the meet, and it should be productive of some fine sport. The feature race will be the two-mile bicycle handicap, for which twenty-eight riders are nominated. W. Van den Dries of the New York A. C. will ride from scratch. The entry for the track events is the heaviest in the history of the regiment. Among the best athletes entered are Dorland, Goggin, Egan, Galt, Malone, Lovell, Sweeney, Wright, Flood, McCahill, and Nereit.