

BILLIARDISTS MATCHED

Vignaux and Sutton to Play at Both Styles Balk Line.

Cablegram Received in This City Yesterday Gives Impression That Frenchman Won in Court.

Again the skill of the French billiardist, Maurice Vignaux, is to be tried against an American. After much controversy and challenging on the part of Vignaux and George Sutton of Chicago, a cable message was received in this city yesterday from Paris, which stated that the two players had arranged to meet in a 500-point match at 18-inch balk line, two shots allowed in balk. The contest will be played on Jan. 29 in the salon of the Grand Hotel.

While there is no intimation in the cable message that the French courts have decided whether or not George Sutton is entitled to the world's championship emblem for the eighteen-inch balkline game, which he claimed from Jacob Schaefer because of the latter's default, it would appear that Sutton had achieved a favorable decision in the case. The reason for this supposition on the part of those well informed on billiard affairs in this city is that Vignaux has also arranged to meet Sutton at the Grand Hotel on March 11 at the eighteen-inch balkline game, under the world's championship rules as formulated in this city, with no count allowed in balk.

In many quarters, but more particularly in Paris, the rapid rise of Sutton to the highest rank of billiard proficiency has created much speculation as to whether or not he will be successful in bringing to this country the emblems that have for several years been in dispute. It is due entirely to the remarkable showing of the American that Vignaux consented to return to match play after his repeated declarations that he would not again appear in a public competition for a championship trophy.

The last appearance of Sutton in this city was in the tournament at the Madison Square Garden Concert Hall, in which Jacob Schaefer won the world's emblem and title at the American style of 18-inch balk-line, with no count in balk. Sutton took third prize in this tournament, and then went to Paris, where he has since shown marked and continuous improvement.

The most recent noteworthy performance of Sutton, and one which is thought to have influenced Vignaux to make the two matches as cabled yesterday, was in an exhibition match with Albert Garnier, in which Sutton won the bank and the lay-off shot, and then ran out the game of 150 points at 18-inch balk-line, two shots to count in balk, without Garnier once appearing at the table.

Knickerbocker Academy Billiards.

F. Lowenthal, playing 190, defeated G. Moon last night in the 14.2 handicap billiard tournament at the Knickerbocker Billiard Academy, Brooklyn. He ran out his limit in sixty innings, while Moon, who was badly off his game, scored only 97. Few brilliant shots characterized the play of either competitor and the averages were poor. The score:

F. Lowenthal, (190)—1 0 1 3 1 5 0 8 4 4 1 4 1 3
2 3 0 0 1 1 9 3 0 7 4 0 3 0 2 2 4 5 2 3 0 3 6
0 0 1 3 10 1 13 2 6 0 1 1 9 0 0 0 1 2 1 2 3 5 15.
Total, 190. Average, 3 10-60. High run, 15.

G. Moon, (160)—0 1 0 8 6 0 3 3 2 0 0 0 1 2 2
4 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 6 0 1 5 3 0 0 0 3 0 7 3 0 0
0 0 1 0 6 1 1 0 5 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 6 9.
Total, 97. Average, 1 37-60. High run, 9.

The players to-night will be M. Hull, 170, and H. Hoxie, 160.

Ballin Won Amateur Billiard Series.

Oscar Ballin won the weekly handicap billiard tournament last night at the rooms of the New York Amateur Billiard Club, Seventy-ninth Street and Columbus Avenue. In the final round of the series Ballin defeated Dr. M. C. Borden, who was handicapped at 12 points, by the score of 10 to 10. Ballin played excellent 14-inch balk-line in all of his contests, also defeating Dr. A. B. Miller, who was the scratch player at 84 points, by the score of 10 to 23 in the second round.