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KEEN FIGHT WITH CUES

Dr. Uffenheimer Wins Match by Twenty Points.

POGGENBURG IN DEFEAT

Onetime Billiard Champion Works Hard but Fails to Show Old Skill.

To the surprise of the amateur billiard followers, Dr. Walter E. Uffenheimer, of Philadelphia, defeated the onetime champion, J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, of the Liederkranz, by the close score of 400 points to 380 in the continuation of the amateur championship billiard tournament at the Hamilton Club, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. Dr. Uffenheimer outplayed his opponent in a contest filled with clever cue work, and which ended with the winner averaging an even 8. Furthermore, Dr. Uffenheimer set a new mark for the tournament high run by an impressive cluster of 79 carroms.

Morris D. Brown, the Brooklyn champion, won the evening game, in which he defeated the New York Athletic Club champion, Dr. Walter G. Douglas, 400 points to 291. His winning average was 7.29-55, with high runs of 26, 25 and 24. It was a long drawn out session of open table play. Brown was much the steadier at this, and his cushion carroms were of a daringly brilliant sort that contributed to his overtaking Dr. Douglas when the latter led by nearly one hundred points.

On the whole, Dr. Douglas played the better balkline. His runs of 41 and 33 attested this, but he was afraid of the draw shot, as the ivories rolled somewhat heavily. In his forty-sixth inning he collected a small cluster of 20 that contained the only bit of centre panel nursing so far in the tournament. Despite this, the unevenness of the players' work was demonstrated by the continual line-up from which each suffered, and in overcoming these by his cushion shots Brown won the game by a wide margin.

Those who had watched the futile efforts of Dr. Uffenheimer on Monday night in the opening game were amazed at his proficiency in close nursing yesterday. He was far more certain at holding the ball in position than the experienced Poggenburg. In fact, the latter did not approach him once in this respect throughout the game. That the Philadelphian did not continue to count in larger figures was not so much due to faulty manœuvring as to the fact that a slight nervousness made it impossible for him to control his stroke. Once, as he left the table, after mussing up a most promising lay of the ivory globes, he turned with some petulance to Tom Gallagher, the veteran referee, and remarked: "What's the matter with me, anyhow?" "You are inclined to drive too much," replied Gallagher, and in that lay the explanation as to why Poggenburg was not smothered by a larger score.

Dr. Uffenheimer began by playing the balls rather widely, but in this his variations of the dead ball drive, in which he rolled first the white and then the red around the table to collect the three in one of the corners or on the rail, made his work pleasing. His misses at this stage were largely mistakes as to speed. It was on his tenth turn at the table, during the run of 79, that he overcame this weakness. During this run the daring of his massé shots, which he never shirked, and his certainty of action in kiss combinations, shed a new light on his real calibre as a billiard player.

Later in the competition, when the ex-champion began to overhaul him, Dr. Uffenheimer's judgment as to correct speed diminished somewhat. This led to amusing situations, for he was keen on winning and was always over the balls for the close carroms. Once he collided with Gallagher, and at another time the referee was so blocked that he could not see the count, but it was duly acknowledged by Poggenburg in a sportsmanlike way.

Toward the end he came along with a rush, with runs of 24 and 44, in his forty-fourth and forty-fifth innings, respectively. He played the end rail well during these runs, and at one time the score was within ten points of Dr. Uffenheimer. The latter had been tiring from the long session, but he maintained his nerve under the strain and won the game. The summary follows:

Dr. Walter E. Uffenheimer (white balls)—19, 0, 1, 2, 27, 16, 13, 3, 0, 79, 7, 1, 7, 2, 2, 18, 9, 12, 2, 2, 0, 0, 7, 25, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 33, 0, 0, 4, 4, 2, 0, 0, 0, 17, 0, 8, 0, 1, 2, 0, 4, 3, 2. Total, 400 points; average, 8; high runs, 79, 33 and 29.

J. Ferdinand Poggenburg (spot balls)—7, 0, 14, 0, 22, 4, 12, 4, 11, 0, 37, 1, 10, 0, 0, 4, 13, 0, 0, 29, 0, 22, 27, 2, 3, 0, 3, 11, 4, 1, 3, 4, 29, 1, 18, 3, 4, 0, 0, 0, 3, 1, 0, 0, 24, 3, 3, 1, 0. Total, 380 points; average, 7.37-49; high runs, 44, 37 and 29.

Referee—Thomas Gallagher. Marker—Harry Williams.

The score of the evening game follows:

Morris D. Brown (spot ball)—0, 6, 4, 5, 0, 4, 26, 0, 0, 0