Edgar T. Appleby Defeats Brother in Final Match for National Amateur Billiards

Fine Position Play Deciding Factor of Game

Francis Beaten Despite Brilliant Rally in 12th Inning; Score Is 300 to 194

FINAL STANDING OF PLAYERS

Name	Won.	Lost.	High Run.	High Average.
E. T. Appleby	5	0	142	17 11-17
F. S. Appleby	4	1	106	15
F. A. Renner	3	2	67	9 12-23
F. N. Collins	2	3	92	27 3-11
T. H. Clarkson	1	4	57	8 9-17
E. W. Gardner	0	5	47	7 9-36

Edgar T. Appleby, of the New York Athletic Club, won the national amateur 18.2 balkline billiard championship last night by defeating his brother Francis S. in the final and deciding game of the tournament at the Crescent Athletic Club. The score was 300 to 194. It was the nineteenth annual staging of the classic and the first time in the history of billiards that brothers were finalists.

Francis finished second in the final standing. Emil A. Rennar, of Youngstown, Ohio, was third, and Percy N. Collins, of Chicago, fourth. T. Henry Clarkson, of the Amateur Billiard Club, of this city, and Edward W. Gardner, of Montclair, N. J., finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Edgar gave an exhibition of position play which would have been a credit to any professional. He executed simple draw shots, cushion caroms and the most difficult masses with ease, but the prize shot of the game was executed in the twenty-first inning. While playing along the short rail Edgar found the balls lined up and too far apart for a masse. He astounded the big audience by jumping his shooter over the red for a perfect carom.

Fifty-one Was High

The winner completed his 300 points in the twenty-fifth inning with an unfinished run of 51, for an average of exactly 12. Francis had an average of 8 2-24. As a result of his victory Edgar Appleby gained a leg on the beautiful silver trophy, emblematic of the annual championship.

Almost from his first turn at the table it was apparent that Edgar was in good stroke. He went into double figures in four of his first five innings and was soon leading his brother by a score of 108 to 45. In his fifth inning Edgar gathered a cluster of 51, which proved to be the high run of the game. He gathered the balls at the head of the table and, playing delicate position, added point after point to his total. He was puzzled for an instant when the balls lined up, but solved the difficulty by playing a brilliant kiss shot for his forty-first point. He finally missed on a long cushion shot.

Francis suddenly came to life in the eighth and ninth innings with runs of 22 and 29 respectively, but most of his shots were of the difficult variety. His position play was surprisingly poor. He made a fine masse for his tenth point in the ninth inning, but missed in attempting an almost impossible masse.

Edgar was now leading by a slim margin of five points, 147 to 142, but in his tenth inning he again bunched the scores and amassed 53 points. For a while it seemed he would go on indefinitely, but he lost his position on his thirty-second carom after driving the red to the opposite cushion. Edgar made several masse shots during this run which were exceptionally good.

In Difficult Position

It was Edgar who was now being left in difficult positions and for seven innings he could not bunch the balls. Francis meanwhile gathered a 37 and a 15 and a latter tally made in the fourteenth inning put him in the lead for the first time, 166 to 156.

The lead was shortlived, however, Edgar coming through with a 34 in his eighteenth inning missing on a two-cushion shot. He made a delicate carom for his 200th point when an easy four just touched the red ball.

Another run of 25 in the twenty-first inning gave Edgar the advantage 225 to 187 and it was during this run that he made his sensational jump-shot. A cluster of 43 two frames later put Edgar on the road to victory and he completed his total with an unfinished run of 31.

Although each scored four victories in the previous games, Edgar compiled the better record. He was credited with breaking the championship high run record when he tallied 142 points, and also had a better average than his brother Francis. The longest run credited to Francis was a cluster of 106.

Edgar's best average was 17 11-17, made in the game in which he defeated Percy N. Collins, of the Illinois A. C., of Chicago, while Francis compiled a high single average of 15. With respect to general average Edgar is far in the lead. He made 1200 points in 93 innings for an average 12.9, while Francis made his tallies over a stretch of 128 innings, averaging 9.02.

The scores:

Edgar T. Appleby: 7, 19, 13, 23, 31, 0, 2, 4, 2, 2, 2