BROWN LEADS AND MAKES HIGH RUN

An Inning of 33 in Evening Game of Amateur Championship Billiard Tourney.

FOUR IN THE FOR SECOND.

Collins of Chicago Outplays Fellow Townsman in the Afternoon Contest.

C. F. Conklin, the international champion, met with another setback in yesterday afternoon's game of the 18.2 balk line amateur championship billiard tourney at the Hanover Club. His fellow Chicagoan, Percy Collins, beat him 400 to 337 in a long game. Collins played better all around billiards while Conklin found himself in difficulties a greater part of the time and didn't execute as capably as usual.

They started out in give and take fashion, playing alternately good and bad, but averaging up pretty well for the first 100 with wide and scattered billiards. Two zeros in succession by Collins enabled Conklin to open the first sign of a gap, but Collins sprinted nobly in the seventh inning and passed the veteran. He ran 37 all over the table, and the break contained two exceptional shots. One was a long draw back from the end rail, a straight draw between balls but at a difficult oblique. The other was a cross table one cushion shot, with the balls so adjusted that the cue ball had to come off the cushion almost in the same path it took going there. Collins did fast nursing on the upper balk line in his next inning, ran 31, and had 321 points in the locker box to 81 for his opponent.

Collins was leaving the balls far apart when he retired, and Conklin was not playing the cushions as well as usual. In consequence he had a prolonged bad streak. He went through nine shallow innings in succession, making only 21 points in that time. Once he had bad luck in getting a lineup after a long and difficult draw. Collins was playing with more dash and confidence and with considerably more all around proficiency. He ran 29 in the fourteenth and stopped on a miscue which jumped his ball off the table. Conklin followed with a comparative brace. Instead of slugging he used milder methods and made 24 in his next two innings. He made a hard masse from a freeze in the fifteenth, but the referee called a foul on him, whereat he looked surprised.

In his nineteenth inning Collins drove the balls until they were weary, but he drove them well and also kept them in restraint while he flicked them in close quarters. An output of 36 resulted and fed his total to 208 strong. Conklin had 117 at the time, but trundled the balls down the starboard rail for 25 points in his half of the inning. More trundling in the twentieth was halted by a lineup in the centre of the table.

Conklin's twenty-eighth inning was richly spiced. It included hard cushion shots and clever position plays. One of the hard shots found the white ball on the bottom rail and the cue ball all but hugging it. He had to play the cue ball thin off the white, skim the end rail, double the opposite corner and fly across the table to the red, also tight to a rail. Position was restored by a long trip to the object balls for a right angle carom, and when the run of 59 was finished, Conklin was leading 259 to 248. That didn't disturb Collins. He reaped a crop of 33 and again took the lead. The reckoning was 282 to 259 in his favor.

Next he fashioned a close knit pattern of 31, for part of which he shuttled the balls back and forth on an end rail most skilfully. It took Collins nine innings to make his last 50 points, but with frequent use of sand paper he got there.

The score by innings:

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