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LEADERS AT A. B. C.

FIVE-MAN TEAMS.

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Lelsys, Peoria.....	2,781
First National Bank, Chicago.....	2,759
Hoffmans, Chicago.....	2,745
Birk Brothers, Chicago.....	2,745

TWO-MAN TEAMS.

Hamilton and Huddle, Philadelphia.....	1,268
Reed and Dresbach, Columbus, O.....	1,247
Pfeuger Bros., Cincinnati, O.....	1,214
C. and W. Gehman, Philadelphia.....	1,187
Schwepke and Watt, New York.....	1,174

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F. Favour, Oshkosh, Wis.....	669
C. S. Bradley, Baltimore.....	653
W. Roach, Wilmington, Del.....	652
D. Meyers, Detroit.....	650
R. Holloway, Indianapolis.....	643

THE ARMORY, LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 24.—The last squad of bowlers in the individual class at the national tournament this evening furnished, perhaps, the most sensational work of the year, F. Favour of Oshkosh, Wis., assuming first place in the singles with 669; C. S. Bradley of Baltimore, Md., was second with 653, while W. Roach of Wilmington, Del., who was the top-notcher for awhile, takes third place with 652. Other good scores for the day were those of H. Rogman of Chicago, 638; F. Decardy, Chicago, 601; E. Stoike, Chicago, 597; W. Frey, Oshkosh, Wis., 575, and C. Schaefer, Chicago, 568.

Secretary Karpf of the American Bowling Congress today announced that next year's bowling tournament in St. Louis will begin on Feb. 11.

Squads of five-man teams and doubles were put on this morning at the National Bowling Tournament before the regular program, in an effort to clear up the schedule, which was disarranged by the elimination of Sunday bowling. The attendance was small, owing to the decidedly inclement weather and the fact that no announcement had been made that the men would bowl. The following are the scores:

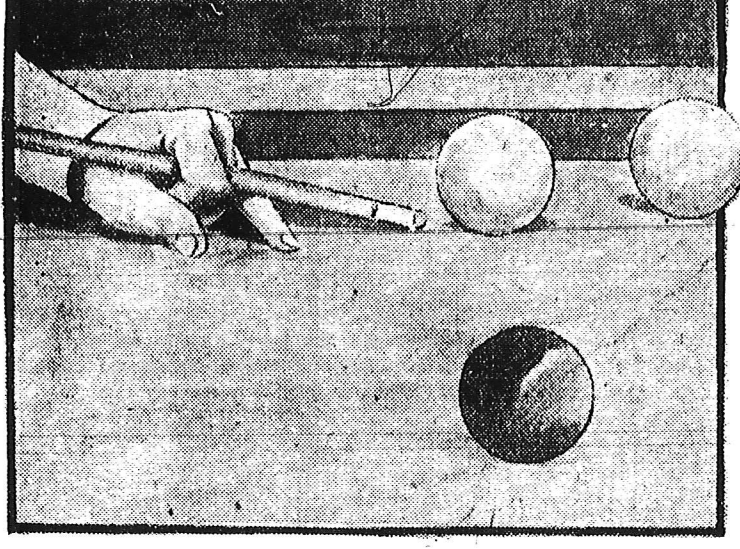
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Baltimore team, Baltimore, Md.....	2,699
Casino, Wilmington, Del.....	2,521
Port Washingtons, Port Washington, Wis.....	2,335
Volunteers, Cincinnati.....	2,275
Fuller's Colts, Maywood, Ill.....	2,556
McLewels, Peoria, Ill.....	2,501
Ames, Ames, Ia.....	2,445
Squire Adams, Louisville.....	2,357
Robinson Norton No. 2, Louisville.....	2,286

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Riemer and Barrow, Milwaukee.....	1,128
Wooden and Torrence, St. Louis.....	1,124
Johns and Vorchies, Newark, N. J.....	1,121
Rasmussen and Hornung, Oshkosh.....	1,116
Shaw and Pest, Chicago.....	1,110
Stoike and Woodberry, Chicago.....	1,110
Miers and Pierson, Newark, N. J.....	1,109
Cooper and Reinhardt, Cincinnati.....	1,105
Seibold and Lenthecke, Baltimore.....	1,096
Kirk and Rogers, Wilmington, Del.....	1,094

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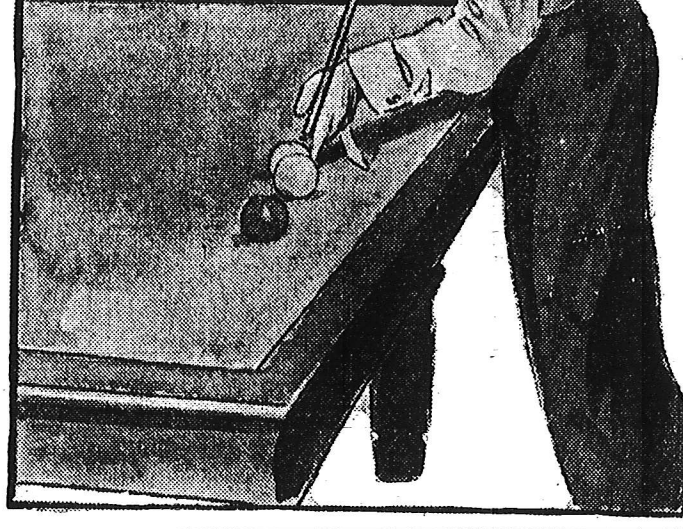
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Lenthe, Baltimore	1,096
Logers, Wilmington, Del.	1,094
Lankerberg, St. Louis	1,089
Bevan, Baltimore	1,085
Owen, St. Louis	1,069
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Bartsch, Chicago	1,057
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Reger, Cleveland	1,055
and Jones, Washington	1,046
Grickson, Oshkosh, Wis.	1,042
Purtenbarger, Cleveland	1,080
Quire, Cleveland	1,080
and Giorde, Omaha	1,084
Cochran, Omaha	1,021
George, Chicago	997

INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

an, Chicago	658
Newark, N. J.	553
Baltimore	577
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Buffalo, N. Y.	563
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and, Chicago	559
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ack, Newark, N. J.	551

CH GETS DAMAGES.

\$10,000 for Being Hit by Ball Batted by Wyatt Lee.

March 24.—August Auerbach, the American Baseball League for damages for injuries received by a batted ball, was today awarded damages by a jury in Judge Court.

occupied a seat in the bleachers of the American League grounds while the Chicago teams were practicing to the game. Wyatt Lee of the Auerbach team batted a long fly, Auerbach in the head. Auerbach has been a physical wreck since. Auerbach contended that Auerbach has been watching the ball.

BOASTS MARVIN HART.

of Middleweight Championship Kentucky is Counterfeit.

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The schedule was prepared at a meeting of the committee held on last Wednesday at Louisville, and it is thought it will be adopted without change. It is understood that the committee most judiciously disposed of the plan. Indianapolis is one of the cities of the league that will come in for its share of the holiday games this season owing to the fact that it is not believed that a day ball will be tolerated in this city, though there is some talk of playing on the seventh day of the week.

While it has not been definitely settled it is believed that the adoption of a playing schedule will be the first of that will come up before the magnate discussion, as no chances will be taken on disrupting the association by the introduction of other matters before the meeting.

Two Points of Contention.

The points of contention at present seem to be the Kelley case and the election of a ball for the league. The former will hardly be brought up, but the latter is sure to come up and the outcome of this first tilt will be awaited with interest, as it will show the relative strength of the two factions. If the league are unable to agree upon a ball it is supposed that each club will take liberty of selecting the sphere it wishes to use.

With the schedule of games drafted and an important meeting of the league near hand and the opening of the season less than a month away, the atmosphere seems to be filled with baseball. Every body seems to wait some of that Sunny Southern ante-season spirit north to tease the fans, and one feels almost like saying, "Oh, gwan, you're only teasing."

The teams have commenced to report and the activity at the training camps is evidence that the season is going to be one of hard-fought battles. The Toledo recruits reported the early part of the week at Norwood Inn, and already manager Grillo is telling about how he is going to hang the flag to the slippery tree. And right across the river Toledo is thinking the same thing as he sees recruits cavorting about Eclipse Park.

The work of signing players has not yet been completed by all of the managers, but when the big league plums begin to drop there will be another rush on the part of the American Association managers to get hold of the winners, and "Wattle" will be there to get the empty sack for his full share.

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