

Are Spikes Gaining Favor?

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First tee observation at the three big tournaments of the year points decisively to the preference for the leather-soled, steel-spiked shoe. At Worcester eighty per cent. of the professionals and amateurs were thus equipped, while the amateurs at Oakmont exceeded this amount by six per cent., but at St. Louis the women only mustered 56 per cent. in its favor. In the matter of leather bags, the professionals and amateurs at Worcester lead off with 91 per cent.: the amateurs at Oakmont fell far behind, with but 47 per cent., and the women boasted only 45 per cent.

Steel shafts seem to be more popular with the women than with either the professionals or amateurs, as 54 per cent. of the St. Louis competitors used this style club, whereas the amateurs at Oakmont had transferred trust in the wood to the extent of only 24 per cent., and at Worcester only 20 per cent. had forsaken the old hickory. At Worcester 95 per cent. of the tees used were of the manufactured variety, at Oakmont they totaled 89 per cent., and at St. Louis the ladies, always fastidious, declared themselves almost unanimously in their favor—96 per cent.

STATISTICS OF SHOES, BAGS, SHAFTS AND TEES									
SUMMARIES OF THREE LEADING TOURNAMENTS									
	National Open Worcester, Mass.			National Amateur Oakmont, Pa.			Women's National St. Louis, Mo.		
	Total	No.	Pct.	Total	No.	Pct.	Total	No.	Pct.
Soles—Spikes	91	73	80	134	115	86	80	45	56
Crepe & Rubber	91	18	20	134	19	14	80	35	44
Bags—Leather	91	83	91	134	63	47	80	36	45
Canvas	91	8	9	134	71	53	80	44	55
Shafts—Steel	91	18	20	134	32	24	80	43	54
Wood	91	73	80	134	102	76	80	37	46
Tees—Mnfd.	91	86	94	134	119	89	80	77	96
Sand	91	5	6	134	15	11	80	3	4