



Rudolph Dalton, left, and Herbert Blackstock are among those at Fieldcrest who have challenged "Superdoffer".

Much Interest Shown In Doffing Championship

Prompted by publicity on Avondale Mills' Superdoffer Carl Thornton, much interest has been shown throughout the industry in competition designed to determine the national doffing champion.

A large number of Fieldcrest doffers have indicated they would like to take part in such a contest. Arrangements are being made and details will be given the interested doffers as soon as possible.

An informal committee made up of textile industry officials and representatives of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute has met and formulated suggested rules and regulations for competition to determine the national champion.

It was agreed that the ATMI would serve as official sponsor of the national competition.

Following is a draft of rules and regulations for a proposed tournament:

Warp And Filling Doffers

Competition will be in two categories:

1. Warp doffer
2. Filler doffer

... which means there will be two national champions.

GENERAL PROCEDURES AGREED UPON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Each participating company, regardless of size, will be permitted two entrants in the industry-wide competition—one warp doffer and one filler doffer. Although companies may use any method of selecting their champion doffers, it is suggested that they follow the same procedures that are being recommended for the industry-wide competition.

The committee agreed that competition should be on a home-to-home basis in order to compensate for variations in spinning frames. That is, a doffer would compete against a challenger both on his home ground and on his opponent's home ground before

a winner could be proclaimed.

A winning match would consist of the best total average time in doffing six frames—three frames on the doffer's home ground and three frames on his opponent's home ground. Time would be expressed in bobbins per minute, carried to three significant decimal places.

Timing procedure would be as follows:

1. Time would be based on the total average time required to doff six frames.

2. Each frame will already be "pulled down" with all ends up.

3. The doff box should be pre-positioned, if desired by the doffer.

4. Paper tubes or quills may be pre-positioned, if desired by the doffer.

5. Time shall begin when the doffer grasps the thread guide to raise it.

6. Time shall stop when the last end is pieced up and the doffer has finished the complete cycle of the third frame.

7. The official timer will be a rep-

resentative of the visiting doffer's company.

General rules of conduct are as follows:

1. The doffer may not run.
2. Bobbins dropped on the floor must be picked up.

3. If these rules are not adhered to, or if the proper doffing procedure is not adhered to in every respect, that frame will be eliminated from scoring consideration and the doffer's score will be the average of two frames instead of three.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility requirements will be as follows:

1. Only one warp doffer and one filler doffer may compete as representatives of any one company.

2. Women may compete on an equal basis with men.

3. The doffer must be a working doffer. An individual who has been transferred or promoted to another position does not qualify.

4. The entry fee would be on a company basis, the amount of the fee to be \$25 for each cotton system spinning plant currently in operation by the entering company.

5. Any company may enter the competition, regardless of trade association affiliation.

6. Entries for the national competition will close July 1, 1973. This means that participating companies must complete the selection of their champion doffers by that date.

Implementation of the national competition would be as follows:

The committee proposed to pair company entries arbitrarily, with a view to pairing companies initially in close geographic relationship to each other. This would minimize traveling necessitated by the doffers competing on each other's home ground.

CHALLENGERS

Among the Fieldcrest doffers who have challenged "Superdoffer" are Rudolph Dalton, Blanket Greige Mill; Walter Barnett and Herbert Blackstock, Draper Sheet-ing; and James Lampkin, Fieldale Towel.

Walter Tinsley, of the Bedspread Mill, also has challenged but will not be able to compete since he is now a fixer.

Other employees wishing to compete should notify their personnel manager. It is hoped that details of the company doffing competition can be announced soon.