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ENY always crops out all over us when we hear that someone is going to Florida to spend the winter (will the gentleman from Iowa who always remarks that we are Florida-owned and Florida-controlled, please forgive us for this free advertising for Florida) and here's a letter from our genial Secretary, D. D. Cottrell, who says he is on his way . . . we are mighty glad, however, that he is going . . . he does a lot of good for the game among tourists . . . and who knows he might scare up some organization that would sponsor a national tournament in the South. . . . this issue gives more reports of state meets . . . and still they come . . . again we ask you to be patient if you have sent in news and it isn't in this issue . . . it will be printed soon . . . don't forget this is the time to plan for an indoor court.

The Amateur

WE thoroughly believe that the future of the horseshoe game in America lies in the development of the amateur side of the sport.

There has been much complaint because there hasn't been a national tournament for the professionals. We believe that every effort should be made to have one during 1932, but the fact that the game has grown by leaps and bounds during the absence of a national meet, proves that, after all, the amateur side is the one that makes the game progress.

We don't want to overlook the professionals but we have learned a big truth—that amateurs make the game popular.

OUR READERS COME FIRST

In publishing THE HORSESHOE WORLD, our readers come first. The magazine is printed monthly for them and every article is run with the idea of interesting them. Suggestions to the editor for the betterment of the magazine are always welcomed.

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New York State Champion Horseshoe Tournament

By D. D. COTTRELL

For the eighth year the Rochester Exposition held the New York championship tournament on their fine clay courts on the beautiful lawn opposite their business offices. The weather was ideal all the week and the boys were enthusiastic about the plan of the meet and the way the Exposition officials had prepared the courts and looked after the wants of the players.

There were 30 entrants who each pitched 200 shoes in the qualifying round to select the 24 men that were to each pitch each other a round robin in the preliminaries. Robert Brown made the highest score or 382 points, 109 ringers, 29 double ringers or .545 percentage. Brown also stood at the head at the finish of the preliminary round, having won all but two games, which he lost to Dishaw and Sehm. The plan of the tournament was that the 10 men winning the most games in the preliminaries were to play each other two round robins the two men winning the most games to play the best four out of seven games for the championship. Burke and VanAuken tied for the tenth, but on the play-off with one 50-point game, Burke won.

In the finals Brown and Tweedie tied for second place. On the play-off of one 50-point game, Brown won which gave him the chance to play the series of best four out of seven 50-point games for the championship, a gold medal and \$80 in money, with Curtis, who stood first in the finals. In this series for the championship, which was played on Saturday afternoon before a large and enthusiastic crowd of lovers of the game, Brown won four straight games with a total ringer percentage for these games of .515.

In the finals the men were so evenly matched that at the end of the second day of the finals it was possible for anyone of seven of the ten men to win the championship when there was only three more of the 18 games to play for each man. The accompanying tables give the report of the preliminaries and the finals.

At the completion of the tournament Mr. William B. Boothby, Treasurer and General Manager of the Rochester Exposition in a few well-chosen words, presented the prizes.

Mr. Boothby has always appreciated the holding of the tournament as one of the fine drawing cards during the week. Mr. W. G. Broadbrooks with the compliments of the Rochester Journal and American presented the winner, Mr. Brown, with a beautiful loving cup as an additional and rather unexpected prize. The Putt Mossman Horseshoe also donated a fine pair of their shoes to one of the players as a consolation prize.

During the week the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association held its annual meeting and election of officers on Thursday evening.

It was an enthusiastic gathering and showed the association to be in a very fine condition, judging from the reports of its officers. Ernest Hillebrant, 152 Troup St., Rochester, was elected president; Albert Holzhauser, care of Fern Furniture Co., Schenectady, vice president; Henry Sehm, 67 Brookfield Road, Rochester, treasurer and Frank Torpy, 205 Almeda St., Rochester, secretary. The game has grown very rapidly in this state since the state association was organized and bids fair to do even better in the future.

PRELIMINARIES COMPLETE

Name	Address	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct
Robert Brown, Rochester.....		21	2	1133	654	159	1380	688	.488
A. H. Holzhauser, Schenectady		19	4	1055	557	141	1176	643	.474
Roy Curtis, Rochester.....		18	5	1101	592	136	1252	602	.473
Herbert Grant, S. Glenn Falls		18	5	1090	561	116	1392	786	.402
Charles Dishaw, Canton.....		17	6	1031	621	125	1468	708	.423
G. B. Tweedie, Walton.....		17	6	1003	547	125	1260	661	.434
A. J. Pooler, Adams.....		16	7	1001	536	114	1333	805	.386
Wm. J. Miller, Walton.....		15	8	1019	539	94	1488	919	.362
Henry Poelma, Albion		14	9	1002	542	99	1500	966	.361
Robert Burke, Rochester.....		13	10	900	513	87	1430	953	.359
Bert VanAuken, Lacona		13	10	975	525	113	1348	831	.389
Henry Sehm, Rochester.....		12	11	1004	582	95	1516	934	.384
Harrison Poody, Basom.....		12	11	998	528	95	1484	932	.375
F. DeVilbiss, Rochester		11	12	850	451	79	1304	919	.346
Sam Grant, Rochester		9	14	884	504	92	1410	1007	.358
John Niven, Rochester		9	14	879	480	75	1498	1016	.320
Wade Mettice, Schenectady		9	14	863	495	71	1408	994	.326
Frank Rockefeller, Phelps.....		7	16	844	534	90	1504	1067	.355
Wm. Hattrick, Buffalo.....		6	17	843	440	61	1432	1040	.307
Roswell Montros, Watertown		6	17	822	406	62	1322	1035	.307
Ernest Hildebrant, Rochester		6	17	685	398	58	1316	1022	.302
Stanley Drumm, Schenectady		5	18	798	474	74	1510	1100	.314
Wm. J. Farrell, Rochester		2	21	702	372	48	1436	1130	.259
John Moore, Canton.....		1	22	522	250	20	1282	1146	.195
Totals		276	276	22004	12069	2229	33456	22004	.360

		W	L	P	R	DR	SP	OP	Pct
\$80.00	1 Robert Brown.....	12	6	820	500	109	1110	708	.451
60.00	2 Roy Curtis	13	5	826	503	106	1124	636	.447
40.00	3 G. B. Tweedie.....	12	6	797	479	94	1194	746	.401
30.00	4 Herbert Grant.....	11	7	780	424	89	1044	703	.406
25.00	5 A. H. Holzhauser ..	10	8	813	493	108	1168	746	.422
20.00	6 A. J. Pooler	10	8	737	420	72	1144	756	.367
15.00	7 Robert Burke	9	9	786	465	88	1172	803	.396
12.50	8 Charles Dishaw	6	12	732	433	84	1146	788	.378
19.00	9 William Miller	5	13	716	417	81	1210	818	.344
7.50	10 Henry Poelma	2	16	574	357	53	1160	877	.308
Totals.....		90	90	7581	4491	884	11472	7581	.383

New Champions Named in Eastern States

By ANDREW CASPER

Secretary Metropolitan Horseshoe Club, Washington, D. C.

AN elimination horseshoe tournament conducted by the Evening Star, in which there were over 5,000 entries, Harry Fraser Saunders emerged the victor for the second consecutive year. Under the Evening Star system, the four semi-finalists from Washington, Virginia and Southern Maryland, and the defending champion, making 13 in all in the grand finals, paired up, pitching the best two out of three games, the loser dropping out of further competition. The horseshoe game has surely gone ahead in this district in the last 12 months, whereas 35 per cent was good enough to win the championship in 1930, the present champion averaged better than 55 per cent in all his matches.

Below are given the results in the grand finals of the metropolitan championship of Washington, D. C., also the recognized champions of Washington, Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland.

First Round

John Gourvenac, Wash., bye.

Geo. Thompson, Va., defeated M. E. Peake, Maryland, 49-50, 50-19, 50-26.

Joe Merryman, Md., bye.

Clayton Hensen, Va., defeated Parry "Pete" McCurdy, Wash., 50-31, 50-25.

Charles "Chick" Darr, Va., bye.

Ed. Henry, Va., defeated George "Babe" Schnable, Maryland, 50-35, 50-20.

Hubbard "Reds" Quantrelle, Wash., defeated F. Bauman, Md., 50-28, 50-33.

Harry Saunders, defending champion, beat James Stant, Wash., 50-30, 50-15.

Second Round

Thompson beat Gourvenac, 50-14, 50-50, 50-31.

Hensen beat Merryman, 50-14, 50-22.

Darr beat Henry, 50-33, 50-37.

Saunders beat Quantrelle, 50-32, 50-19.

Semi-final

Hensen beat Thompson, 50-31, 50-19.

Saunders beat Darr, 50-27, 50-34.

Final Round

Saunders beat Hensen, 50-40, 50-39.

City of Washington Elimination Championship Tournament

D. Jones defeated J. Davidson 50-24, 50-46; "Hubb" Quantrelle defeated Vic Riston, 50-17, 50-47; John Gourvenac defeated Marcus Evans, 50-5, 50-47; Jim Stant defeated R. Madigan, 50-14, 50-18. Pete McCurdy won from J. Day by default; Jean Monk won from M. Fuggitt by default; Bob Davidson and L. Armstrong drew byes.

Second Round

Pete McCurdy defeated Bob Davidson, 26-50, 50-46, 50-37; Jim Stout defeated J. Monk 50-39, 50-42. John Gourvenac defeated Armstrong 50-40, 50-20; Hubb Quantrelle defeated Jones, 50-47, 50-37.

Semi-finals

Pete McCurdy defeated Hubb Quantrelle, 50-43, 50-27. John Gourvenac defeated Jim Stant, 50-46, 50-47, 37-50.

Finals

John Gourvenac defeated Pete McCurdy, 50-39, 50-39.

City of Washington

John Gourvenac, champion; Pete McCurdy, second; Jim Stant, third; Hubb Quantrelle, fourth.

In this tournament there were approximately 3000 entries, 80 district champions and runners-up, 7 divisional champions and runners-up. Six leading and outstanding pitchers of the district were eliminated in the early stages, namely, Roy Wilson, Charles Fort, Andy Tallmadge, Leonard Westby, Roy Brown and Andy Casper.

Southern Maryland Championship in Connection with Evening Star Tournament

Summary

Frank Bauman, champion of Mt. Rainier and runner-up of Prince George county, defeated D. B. Shoemaker, runner-up of Charles county, 50-5, 50-9.

George Schnable, champion of Montgomery county, defeated Wm. Sullivan, champion of Charles county, 50-42, 50-47.

Second Round

M. E. Peake, runner-up Montgomery county, defeated Frank Bauman, 50-37, 50-47.

Joe Merryman, champion Prince George county, defeated Geo. Schnable, 50-17, 50-40.

Final

Joe Merryman defeated M. E. Peake, 50-22, 50-17.

Recapitulation

Champion Southern Maryland; Joe Merryman, Bladensburg, Md.; Runner-up, M. E. Peake, Bethesda, Md.

Montgomery County, Md.

Geo. Schnable, champion, Silver Spring, Md.; M. E. Peake, runner-up, Bethesda, Md.

Charles County, Md.

M. E. Peake, runner-up, Bethesda, Maryland.

Charles County, Md.

Wm. Sullivan, champion, Indian Head, Md.; D. B. Shoemaker, runner-up, Indian Head, Md.

Prince George County, Md.

Joe Merryman, champion, Bladensburg, Md.; Frank Bauman, runner-up Mt. Rainier, Md.

Northern Virginia

Charles Chick Darr, champion; Clayton C. Hensen, runner-up.

Arlington County

Clayton Hensen, champion, Arlington, Va.; Charles "Chick" Darr, runner-up, Ballston, Va.

Fairfax County

Ed Henry, champion, E. Falls Church, Va.; Geo. Thompson, runner-up, E. Falls Church, Va.

Loudoun County

S. P. Edmonston, champion; Ed Holmes, runner-up.

Northern Virginia championship tournament was held in Arlington, Virginia, with only five entries, the champions of other counties in Virginia conceding the championship to the winner of this tournament.

Results

Ed Henry, champion, Fairfax Co., defeated S. P. Edmonston, champion, Loudoun county, 50-32, 50-26.

Clayton Hensen, champion Arlington county, defeated Geo. Thompson, runner-up, Fairfax county, 30-50, 50-47, 50-30.

Charles Darr, runner-up, Arlington county, defeated Ed Henry, champion, Fairfax county, 50-39, 50-35.

Charles Darr defeated C. Hensen, 25-50, 50-48, 50-24.

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From the
Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL
Secretary
NORTH COHOCTON,
N. Y.

Mr. Victor Larsen, 208 Fifth Ave., New York City, writes that he expects horseshoe pitching to "go on" all winter at Fort George, and that the interest will continue to grow. Mr. Larsen is one of the most ardent horseshoe fans in the metropolitan area, and was the organizer of the Midland Beach Horseshoe Club on Staten Island. He recently took a team of 12 men up to Springfield, Mass., one Saturday to meet a similar team at that city.

One of the most complete reports of a horseshoe pitching tournament that was ever received by your secretary was sent him by L. D. Johnston, secretary of the Clark County Horseshoe Pitchers Association, in Springfield, Ohio. There are eight clubs in the county who had representatives in the meet. The tournament preliminaries were held on three consecutive nights when 31 entrants each pitched 100 shoes each night, one night on the Rice street courts, next night on the Willis Ave. courts and then on the Villa Club courts. The 12 men making the highest total number of points then played a round robin on the Willis Avenue courts. In his report he gives each game, showing the winner and loser with the points, ringers, double ringers, shoes pitched and percentage. Lester Allen who won the meet averaged .442 percentage of ringers. He stood eighth in the Ohio state tournament. He lost only two games. Mr. Allen has been sent a Certificate of Championship of Clark County by the National Association. If all tournaments were run with the same care and system as this tournament seems to have been run, judging by this report, it would go a long ways in putting the horseshoe game on a systematic basis. May there be more of such efficient secretaries of horseshoe clubs.

The time will soon be here when the horseshoe fans in the northern part of the country will have to play on indoor courts or lose the benefit of practice and the enjoyment of the sport during the winter. Last spring when the question of indoor courts

was being discussed, I asked that those who had had experience with them write me. Mr. Henry J. Gunselman, 2037 West 99th St., Cleveland, O., wrote me as follows:

"I had charge of the only indoor horseshoe courts in Cleveland open to the public the past winter. These courts were installed in a basement of one of our public school buildings. We have four regulation clay courts, ground floor, well lighted and heated."

"The fee for playing was only \$2.00 from October to April, of course the courts were not operated for profit, as this came under Community Center Activity. Nevertheless we had a very successful season. Had 45 members, among them being three champion pitchers.

"Bert Duryee, Ohio State champion, and Jimmy Cash, city of Cleveland champion, had some exciting games, scores being published in the April issue of the Horseshoe World. We had one night set aside for outside teams to come in and play our teams, with the results we have created a lot of interest in pitching in Cleveland."

Hope that others will write about their indoor courts and how they have been installed and managed. Horseshoe pitching is fast becoming an all-year around sport in the North, the same as it has been in the South. The Sunshine Pleasure Club in St. Petersburg, Fla., has about 30 courts that are well occupied daily during the winter by those that go to the "Sunshine City" to enjoy their favorite sport away from the snow and ice of the North. The early part of November your secretary leaves for the South and his address will be 746-C Fifth Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla., until next April. All horseshoe pitchers receive a royal welcome and stiff but friendly competition on the courts of the Sunshine Pleasure Club.

Your secretary is beginning to have considerable correspondence about holding next summers National Tournament in different cities. It is to be hoped that some proposition will be received from some place with

sufficient guarantees so that the national officials will feel justified in awarding the tournament to some place. A number of places wanted to hold the tournament last summer, but when it came to the matter of guaranteeing the expenses and the prizes, no satisfactory guarantee was made.

Mr. Dave Swanson, 714½ 18th Ave., Moline, Ill., has written a number of times about holding the next summer tournament in that city and says that they have all the help and facilities necessary for holding a successful meet. For a number of years they have held an open tournament in that city which has attracted players for a number of hundred miles around, and has given wide publicity and aroused great interest in the game. Moline is a city of 38,000, has had an organized horseshoe club for a number of years, which has a membership of 75 and a goodly number of well lighted courts. This year they had a factory and a commercial league and the merchants of the city donated uniforms for the players who represented them by wearing the firm's or factory's name on the shirt. Rock Island, their sister city, also has an organized club who followed the same plan. Since they have been playing other cities they have received numerous letters complimenting their club on their fine appearance. Mr. Swanson is getting the Chamber of Commerce interested in getting the National there and is very sanguine that Moline will make a strong bid for the meet next summer.

If there are other cities that want the summer meet they should begin making their plans at once and write me what they have to offer as these propositions will be considered by the national officials and decision made just as soon as all who wish have had a chance to present their bids.

It is near the close of the year 1931 and every horseshoe fan should resolve that he will become a member of the National Association for the year 1932. Individual membership is

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**MOLINE, ILLINOIS,
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**
By D. D. Cottrell

The third annual open horseshoe tournament was held beginning September 12th at Prospect Park, Moline, Ill., under the auspices of the Moline Horseshoe Association. Because of the limited time the qualifying round consisted of pitching 100 shoes and the 16 men making the most points then playing a round robin to decide the winner.

Joe Bennett, Congerville, Ill., who stood second in the state meet at Springfield, Ill., won the first place, winning 14 of his 15 games, only losing to Hansford Jackson, Kellerton, Iowa, who is champion of that state. The score was 50 to 38.

All ties were played off by pitch-

ing 50 shoes for points resulting in the placing of the men in the positions given in the table printed herewith. More than 50 players, some of them coming a distance of 200 miles or more. About 1500 spectators came to see the players and were interested onlookers, each cheering for their favorite.

The Moline Horseshoe Association were very much pleased that so many skillful players were attracted to the meet, and were especially pleased that they received so commendatory letters from players and fans from other cities and states congratulating them on the success of the tournament. They are planning to make next year's meet bigger and better than ever before.

The information about this meet was sent me by Mr. Dave Swanson, 714½ 18th Ave., Moline, Ill., who is the live wire vice president of the Moline Horseshoe Association.

* SETS NEW RECORD *

Los Angeles, July 17—Jimmie Lecky, of Glendale, Ariz., has been dubbed the "Pitching Fool," by horseshoe enthusiasts who have watched him trim the best on the coast and incidentally set a new world's record in tournament play. His latest accomplishment was to defeat the California state champion 11 straight games.

Lecky, who began hurling horseshoes in Arizona and annexed the Arizona state title in a tournament conducted under the auspices of the Arizona Republic, set the world record in a match with Fernando Isais, champion of Mexico, Los Angeles and Los Angeles county, July 14.

In scoring 50 points against Isais' 42 he threw 101 ringers and 46 times he rang the post with both shoes. Isais threw 97 ringers and had 39 double ringers. During the match the two men hung all four shoes on the posts 31 times. Lecky threw 101 ringers out of 118 tries in the match to set the new world mark.

When Lecky defeated the California state champion he annexed the South Pacific states title. In the 11 games he had a ringer average of 78.4 per cent.

Lecky also established another record for the Los Angeles courts in an exhibition throwing 47 ringers out of 50 shoes.

Much interest is being centered here in another match between Isais and Lecky which is scheduled for tomorrow night. The two will clash in a five-game match on the courts in South Park.

Lecky has trimmed about everything the coast has to offer and has declared himself ready to meet the world's champion or any of the ex-champs.

YOCOM WINS MATCH

William Yocom, former Ohio state champion, defeated Mason Humble of Columbus, runner-up in Central Ohio tournament, four out of seven games on the Jenkins avenue horseshoe courts in Columbus, Ohio, Sunday, Sept. 21. The games were hotly contested. In the seven games there was a difference of only 13 points in favor of Yocom.

	Qualified	W	L	P	R	SP	Pct.
Joe Bennett, Congerville, Ill.....	199	14	1	738	562	904	62.2
Hansford Jackson, Kellerton, Ia.....	227	13	2	733	534	868	60.5
Frank Jackson, Kellerton, Ia.....	226	11	4	697	494	880	56.2
Milton Tate, Knoxville, Ill.....	218	11	4	654	477	893	53.3
Viril Jackson, Kellerton, Ia.....	214	11	4	643	520	982	52.9
Ellis Griggs, Biggsville, Ill.....	215	10	5	667	481	928	51.8
C. R. Thompson, Chicago, Ill.....	228	7	8	648	499	948	52.6
Wilbur Flam, New London, Ia.....	216	7	8	611	499	960	51.9
John Harper, Maquoin, Ill.....	234	6	9	598	412	926	44.3
Phil Riedesel, Wheatland, Ia.....	202	6	9	628	427	920	46.4
Carrol Jackson, Kellerton, Ia.....	211	5	10	528	429	924	46.2
Dave Swanson, Moline, Ill.....	227	5	10	616	472	1030	46.0
John Flam, New London, Ia.....	211	4	11	498	388	916	42.3
Carey Davis, Moline, Ill.....	216	4	11	479	347	880	39.4
Clarence Pfeiffer, Dubuque, Ia.....	208	2	13	385	287	810	33.0
Henry DeSmet, Rock Island, Ill.....	204	3	12	517	369	894	41.2

Hansford Jackson is the Iowa title holder. Milton Tate is Illinois champion. Bennett placed second in Illinois state meet this year. C. R. Thompson was Illinois state champion in 1929.

**GUNSELMAN IS CITY
HORSESHOE CHAMPION**

Henry Gunselman, 2037 W. 99th street, Cleveland, Ohio, is city champion among horseshoe pitchers in the men's division, having won The Press City silver horseshoes in the city playground tourney.

Jim Cash, 5676 Brecksville road, won the silver cup offered for second place, and Larry Patton, 4066 E. 91st street, won the gold medal offered for third place.

Mason Matthews, 16, of 9605 Kirkwood avenue, won the championship in the boys' division and the award of silver horseshoes.

Bob Thompson, 15, of 3345 Cedarbrook road, Cleveland Heights, won

second place and a gold medal. Joe Zabucovek, 16, of 576 E. 152nd St., won third place and a silver medal.

Dorothy Dowd, 1615 E. 73rd street won first place in the women's division. She will be awarded a silver cup. Betty Kerwin, 9113 Harvard avenue, in second place, wins a gold medal, and Cecelia Rubenstein, 11221 Parklawn avenue, in third place, wins a silver medal.

Gunselman is president of the Wade Park Horseshoe Club at Cleveland.

We have special horseshoe cuts to use on your club printing at no extra charge. The Horseshoe World, London, O.

"Lefty" Steinman Wins Missouri Show Crown

Louis (Lefty) Steinman of St. Louis, won the Missouri State horse-shoe pitching championship held at the State Fair at Sedalia, August 28, capturing all seven games and winding up with a ringer percentage of .611.

Lou Meilert, also of St. Louis, finished seventh.

Steinman, who holds the St. Louis individual title also, tossed 281 ringers, including 86 double ringers, out of 460 pitches, in his seven games today.

J. Lutz of Kansas City finished second in the tournament. He had .557 ringer percentage.

Standings of other contestants in the final round follow: C. Cassidy, St. Joseph, third, .519; L. E. Robison of Polo, the 1930 champion, fourth, .536; Paul Saunders, Kansas City, fifth, .494; G. Kelly, St. Joseph, sixth, .542; Meilert, seventh, .545; Z. Parmley, Warrensburg, eighth, .448.

Results of Steinman's games and ringers thrown.

Steinman defeated G. Kelly, 50-29, making 44 ringers, 11 doubles in 70 shoes pitched.

Steinman vs. L. Meilert, 50-42; 47 ringers, 16 doubles, 72 shoes pitched.

Steinman vs. Z. Parmley, 50-14; 26 ringers, 9 doubles, 40 shoes pitched.

Steinman vs. P. Saunders, 50-36; 47 ringers, 12 doubles, 76 shoes pitched.

Steinman vs. J. Lutz, 50-38; 47 ringers, 15 doubles, 78 shoes pitched.

Steinman vs. L. Robinson, 50-37; 33 ringers, 12 doubles, 54 shoes pitched.

Steinman vs. C. Cassidy, 50-37; 37 ringers, 11 doubles, 70 shoes pitched.

Steinman's total, 281 ringers, 86 doubles, 460 shoes. Average, .611.

The best game in the finals was between Steinman and Meilert, both of St. Louis. All four shoes were on the peg seven times, Steinman threw 47 ringers, 16 doubles out of 72 shoes for an average of .652, and Meilert had 46 ringers, 15 double ringers out of 72 shoes for an average of .638.

RINGER PERCENTAGES IN IOWA TOURNAMENT

Hansford E. Jackson, of Kellerton, had a ringer percentage of 70.17 in the 15 games played. This is a state record. Frank Jackson had 65.5 per cent; Harry Reese, 61.3; Dessie

Mossman, 60.2; Vyrl Jackson, 60.6; 55.6; Lyle Brown, 58.6; Guy Zimmerman, 56.4, and Carrol Jackson, 51.5.

They finished in this order, there being 16 men in the finals.

All members of the Jackson family, 48 players, except Lyle Brown, used

including Hansford, used the Diamond official shoe. All others of the the Mossman shoe. Brown used the new Ohio shoe.

Leland Mortenson, Pres., Iowa Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. and Mgr. State Tournament.

CITY CHAMP NAMED IN GRAND RAPIDS

(From Grand Rapids, Mich., Press) Jack Hoeksema, 511 Eastern Ave., S. E., is the horseshoe pitching champion of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Hoeksema received his crown in the form of a silver loving cup presented by The Press at the conclusion of the third annual city tournament held at the courts of the Grand Rapids Horseshoe Pitching club Friday night.

The new titlist went through the tournament without losing a single game, scoring 450 points to his opponents' 147, collecting 265 ringers in 404 shoes pitched for a grand average of 65.6 per cent. Hoeksema's ringer percentage is only 3.9 per cent less than Blair Nunamaker, the world's champion, pitched in winning the national title last season.

Hoeksema dominated the present tournament. Only one contestant was able to press him at any time. This was Norman Dogger who bowed to the champion 50 points to 43 in one of several feature games of the finals. Hoeksema collected 32 ringers against Dogger and the latter was only one ringer behind. Both pitched 60 shoes.

Playoff for Second

Second place in the tournament went to Ed Remus of the Fairview club. He was also rewarded with a silver loving cup, emblematic of his runner-up position, awarded by The Press. Remus' way to second place was achieved by defeating Orrie Kossen, a southpaw, in a play-off. Remus won both games of the extra session running up 100 points while

Kossen was collecting. 79. Remus had 53 ringers for a 44.1 per cent average. Kossen had 47 ringers.

Floyd Reinhart finished in fourth place. Reinhart was called upon to pitch Kossen an extra game Friday night because of an error recorded in the official score sheet Thursday night.

This game easily was the feature of the evening. Kossen started fast, ringing the pin with amazing regularity until he had scored 44 points to Reinhart's 11. Here Floyd steadied himself and began finding the pin with the result that he scored 22 straight points, holding Kossen at 44. Reinhart then brought his total to 43 points and Kossen got 48, where he went out with a double ringer to Reinhart's single.

Hoeksema Is Hot

The best game of the evening, considering the percentage of ringers, was that between Hoeksema and Frank Alaria. Hoeksema beat Alaria 50 points to 2, making 22 ringers, including 8 doubles in 28 shoes pitched for an average of 78.5. Orrie Kossen and Bill Meyers had a ding-dong battle with Kossen, winning 50 to 45. He had 46 ringers for a 53.4 percentage. Meyers, although the loser, had 47 ringers and a 54.6 percentage.

The results of the championship finals in tabulated form, showing games won and lost, points made and lost, ringers, double ringers, shoes pitched and percentage, is as follows:

	W	L	Pts	OP	R	DR	SP	Pct
Jack Hoeksema	9	0	450	147	265	86	404	65.6
Ed Remus	7	2	414	268	254	58	508	50.0
Orrie Kossen	7	2	385	324	245	55	528	46.4
Floyd Reinhart	6	3	375	309	243	53	486	50.0
Norman Dogger	5	4	375	355	237	47	528	44.8
Bill Meyers	4	5	356	346	248	54	552	44.9
Clyde Dunk	4	5	369	334	224	47	554	40.4
Walter Meitz	2	7	249	423	171	25	490	34.8
John Postema	1	8	255	441	174	33	498	35.0
Frank Alaria	0	9	223	450	133	18	490	27.1

SECRETARY'S PAGE

\$1.00 per year. On receipt of this amount your secretary issues a membership card under the seal of the National and mails it to you. The membership for state associations is \$25.00 per year. There are some organized state associations who are not members of the National. Upon receipt of the dues a state charter is issued under the seal of the National which gives the state the power to charter clubs in that state and have full jurisdiction of all horseshoe matters in the state under the National rules. In states that are not members of the National, clubs are given National charters on receipt of \$5.00 for a club of 50 or less, or the fee for clubs of over 50 is \$10.00. If everyone would do his bit there

would not be any lack of funds to carry on the National Association. As it is now, probably 75 per cent of the large correspondence carried on by your secretary comes from sources that are not supporting the National in any way. This is not as it should be. Please let me hear from you as to what you think should be done in this matter.

Every member of any state association or local club that is affiliated with the National is just as much a member of the National as though he sent in \$1.00 direct for his membership. See that all the clubs either belong to the National direct or that state association is affiliated with the National.

The writer frequently receives letters from persons saying that they

belong to some local club or state association that belongs to the National when no membership has been received. Some state associations have voted to send their dues to the National, your secretary has been told, but on taking the matter up with the state officers no reply has been received. Why this is remains more than has yet been found out. Some have written in to have a Certificate of Championship issued to some winner of a meet when the party writing has never been a member of the National association. These certificates are expensive and are issued under the seal of the National, and certainly can not be issued when it is not known how the tournament has been conducted—whether under national rules or not.

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October 24th, on the above courts! Lecky—50 points, 119 ringers, 52 double ringers, 136 shoes pitched, .874 per cent; Isais—35 points, 114 ringers, 46 double ringers, .838 per cent.

Lecky holds the following records: 100 shoes pitched, 94 ringers, 288 points; 50 shoes pitched, 49 ringers, 148 points.

October 17th, on the South Park Courts, in team play, Lecky and Brown vs. Isais and Pease, combined score 486 ringers, 179 double ringers. This is the greatest game ever pitched in a series of ten 21-point games. In this game, Lecky pitched 140 ringers and 54 double ringers.

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ATHOL, MASS., TOURNEY DETAILS REPORTED

The Athol Fair Horseshoe Tournament went over with a "bang"! The largest and best ever held in this section, so acknowledged by several of the pitchers present.

The first day, Saturday, Sept. 5, was for local Athol pitchers and there were 15 entries, divided into two classes, A and B, with two cash and four merchandise prizes in each class. These were played off by the round robin system, one of seven, and one of eight players, each playing every other a 50-point game. Merchants donated gifts for these contests which made it possible to give so many prizes. The management of the fair gave the entrance money. Everyone connected seemed to have a good time and some splendid pitching was the result. I wish to say here, that all praise and most of the prizes went to the three boys of the Kackensky family, who are new pitchers of the game. They only began playing this spring and are sure going strong.

The prizes were awarded as follows: Class A, 1st prize, \$3.00 to Roger Kackensky; 2nd prize, \$2.00, D. Guilmette; 3rd, pair Mossman Shoes, given by the Putt Mossman Horseshoe Co., of Rochester, N. Y., won by Clyde L. Baker; 4th, a fine belt, won by Ed Fredette, given by a friend in the clothing business who isn't looking for publicity; 5th, a Tie Set, won by John Lawsure, given by a friend whom our boys will not forget; 6th, a year's subscription to the Horseshoe World, a splendid little paper on everything about horseshoes; and every "tosser" should be a subscriber to this true informer, only \$1.00 for 12 copies per year. This was won by George L. Burnham.

In Class B, the following prizes were won: 1st, \$3.00 by Paul Kackensky; 2nd, \$2.00, Ted Adams; 3rd, pair Eagle ringer pitching shoes, donated by the Diamond Horseshoe Co., of Duluth, Minn., won by Fred Sweet; 4th, Flashlight, won by Carl V. Walker, donated by Stewart's Hardware Co.; 5th, pair Slippers, won by Jacob Kackensky, donated by J. Garbose; 6th, won by Wayne McGinnis.

The play-off by the 1st prize winners in Classes A and B, for the championship of Athol, was contested by Paul and Roger Kackensky. The first prize, a nice clock, and the

championship was won by Paul Kackensky.

The big day, Monday, started off with 33 entries, who wanted a 100-shoe elimination contest; and how the boys went at it. It did the management good to see how well everything went along. All good, clean sportsmen; no kicks, no trouble. All smiles, and I'll bet everyone knew by night that they had been to a horseshoe tournament.

There were pitchers from Concord, Holden, Melrose, Fitchburg, Gardner, Amherst, Belchertown, Springfield, Greenfield, Northampton, Millers Falls, Athol; also from Keene and West Swanzey, N. H., and several other places.

In the 100-shoe elimination, one had to get as high as 141 points out of 100 shoes to get in the final 12-man round robin. There were 12 men that passed that number, and up to 173 points.

In the pitch-off for the 11 prizes in cash, the following men contested: Bernard Herfurth, Northampton; Ralph White, Amherst; Leo LeBeau, Northampton; Lynn Glazier, Leverett; James Maher, Northampton; Thomas Conner, Holden; Arthur Latourell, West Springfield; Ralph Vincent, Greenfield; Al Greuling, Greenfield; Paul Kackensky, Athol; Dominic Guilmette, Athol, and Herbert Johnson, of Gardner.

Following are the results: Bernard Herfurth and Ralph White tied for first, with 10 wins each out of 11 50-point games; Herfurth won the play-off. First prize was the Tri-State championship certificate and \$12 cash; second prize of \$8.00 going to Ralph White; third prize, \$7.00, to Arthur Latourell; fourth, \$6.00, to Robert Johnson, Greenfield; fifth, \$5.00, to Leo LeBeau; sixth, \$4.00, to Al Greuling; seventh, \$3.00, to James Maher; eighth, \$2.00, Thomas Conner; ninth, \$1.00, Paul Kackensky.

The two special prizes of \$1.00 each for most ringers and most doubles was won by Herfurth of Northampton, who made a total of 278 ringers and 51 doubles; 7800 shoes pitched.

There were 2650 ringers and 379 double ringers made on the Labor Day pitch in the round robin, and 363 more in the elimination. Total for the day, 3392 and 969. Average ringers for each man in the 11 games was 22.2. Twenty-four to 32 ringers per 50-point game was often made.

Percentage of ringers for the 12 high players was 44 per cent.

Total weight of shoes pitched was 19,500 pounds. Total number of feet pitched 312,000 feet, as 1835 rods equal to pitching one 2½ pound shoe about 5½ miles.

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This Lecky Boy Knows His Shoes!

The Horseshoe World has received from D. W. Stevens, Phoenix, Ariz., the record of a game played by Jimmy Lecky, of the Phoenix and Glendale, Ariz., clubs, on July 17, 1931, in which he defeated the champion of Mexico and Los Angeles, Fernando Isais.

Lecky threw 10 ringers out of 118 tries, beating the Mexican by a score of 50 to 42.

Lecky pitching 100 shoes Sept. 15, made the following score: 283 points, 92 ringers, 42 double ringers, with a ringer percentage of .92.

The official scoresheet on this wonderful feat was sent by Mr. Stevenson, and is vouched for by B. F. Pratt, Berkley, Calif.; Ottis W. Rose, Berkley, Calif.; Dale S. Brewster, Glendale, Ariz.; J. E. Tannehill, J. C. Mick and P. H. Shaeffer, Phoenix, Ariz., who witnessed the pitching.



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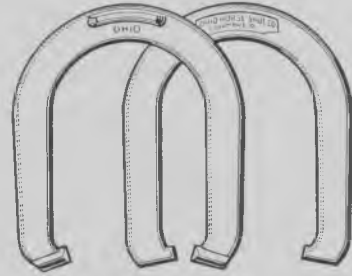
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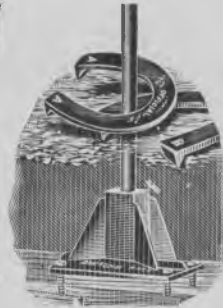
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