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WE HAVE never known, in the history of the Horseshoe World, so many tournaments and special matches . . . we are swamped with scores, stories, etc. . . and we are happy . . . that's what we like . . . However we must ask those who have contributed articles to be patient . . . advertising revenue will not permit us to print a larger magazine, so we will have to be content with getting as much of this news in this month as possible, with more to follow next month . . . bear with us . . . we know you understand the situation. . . Don't get discouraged and quit sending in news . . . we want it and will get it printed eventually . . . We welcome into the horseshoe game a new horseshoe periodical known as the Pacific Coast Horseshoe Pitchers Journal, published at Portland, Ore. As we understand it they hope to become the official organ of a Pacific Coast Association . . . Rev. E. V. Stevens reports he just shipped some shoes to Japan . . . Other good news in this issue . . . Read it all!

The Indoor Season

WITH crisp days reminding us that old man Winter is just around the corner, horseshoe pitchers should begin making plans for indoor courts. Even the smallest towns have some vacant building that can be converted into a horseshoe court.

You will find the game even more fascinating this winter, pitching in some indoor court.

We are told that an indoor court can be made a profitable thing for the man who wants to start one, but be that as it may, why not every club resolve now to fix up indoor quarters, so they can keep that old pitching skill in trim without having to brush snow away from the pegs.

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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Wisconsin Title-holders Named in Shoe Battle

With an entry list of 70 in the Eighth Annual Wisconsin Men's Championship tournament, won by H. Elmeron, 32 entrants in the third annual boys' tournament, won by C. Jones, and 10 entrants in the first annual women's tournament won by Mrs. C. Z. Johnson, officials of the annual affair feel that their efforts were well repaid.

Wisconsin shoe tossers responded with much enthusiasm.

Elmeron, who hails from Milwaukee, has won the championship crown six consecutive years and is considered one of the country's best pitchers.

The tourneys were held at the state fair grounds during fair week at West Allis. Eight new courts were used.

Following are results of the tourneys:

Final Round Robin Men's Meet, 12 Players

Name	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct	Prize
H. Elmeron	11	0	550	398	136	570 69.8	\$75.00
H. Olson	10	1	507	390	104	696 56.0	\$50.00
H. Sheets	9	2	525	407	137	630 64.6	\$40.00
A. Klobuchar	9	3	494	380	96	734 51.7	\$30.00
D. Fowlkes	5	6	410	343	76	704 48.7	\$23.75
S. Johnson	5	6	395	330	79	670 49.2	\$23.75
V. Licht	4	7	495	416	114	754 55.1	\$18.00
K. Jones	4	7	397	312	72	672 46.4	\$18.00
W. Dussault	4	7	420	307	80	698 43.9	\$18.00
B. Soch	2	9	359	346	76	678 51.0	\$12.00
C. Pendleton	2	9	419	320	69	732 43.7	\$12.00
R. Sheets	2	9	285	235	49	600 39.1	\$12.00

Final Championship Round

Winner						Loser					
	P	R	DR	SP	Pct		P	R	DR	SP	Pct
H. Elmeron	50	42	14	60	70.0	H. Olson	16	29	7	60	48.5
H. Elmeron	50	39	15	52	75.0	H. Olson	15	28	7	52	54.0
H. Elmeron	34	52	14	86	60.0	H. Olson	50	54	15	86	63.0
H. Elmeron	50	43	15	62	69.3	H. Olson	18	30	7	62	48.3

Total for Four Games

H. Elmeron	184	176	58	260	67.7	H. Olson	98	141	36	260	54.2
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Final Round, Boys' Meet

C. Jones	3	0	150	108	32	176	60.8	Jr. Champ. Trophy
J. Lyons	2	1	136	98	27	194	50.5	Runner-up Medal
A. Berling	1	2	78	63	14	174	36.2	Third Place Medal
M. Dussault	0	3	100	73	12	180	40.5	Fourth Place Medal

Finals, Women's Meet

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Mrs. Johnson	50	23	0	86	27.0
Mrs. Rust	48	21	0	86	24.0
Mrs. Rust	50	25	5	72	34.0
Mrs. Johnson	44	26	3	72	36.0
Mrs. Johnson	50	24	5	70	34.0
Mrs. Rust	43	22	1	70	32.0

Totals for Three Games

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Mrs. Johnson	144	73	8	228	32.0
Mrs. Rust	141	68	6	228	29.8
Runner-up prize silver trophy					
A. J. Klement, president, and C. A. Dussault, secretary treasurer, Wisconsin State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, served as an executive tournament committee.					

WINS KANSAS MEET

Lester McCollom of Kincaid, Kans., won the Kansas state championship on Sept. 15th. He won every game played. McCollom pitches the new model Ohio shoes.

The Ohio Horseshoe Co. team won the last half season title in Columbus, O. The Pennsylvania Railroad team won the first half.

Jack Lewis, Columbus fireman, is president of the Columbus league.

LAUDS SHOE GAME

Following is an editorial from the Hartford, Conn., Times on horseshoe pitching:

"Zest for the rural sport of horseshoe pitching seems to be sweeping eastern cities. Hartford has been taking it up with elan and eclat this season, as the sport pages of the Times almost daily show. In Bristol, Mrs. Albert F. Rockwell has donated a concrete court sufficient to accommodate forty players.

The middle west has been agog over this game for several years, chief activity centering in Ohio. Contests, culminating in a national tournament, specially manufactured horse shoes, standardized rules and quite an elaborate ritual as to the details of professional playing have added to the increasing interest of the sport.

Horseshoe pitching has the merit of offering stimulating exercise, a high degree of competition, and excellent opportunity for developing skill. Amateurs can readily adapt the game to their level of play. The professional rules are pretty rigid, requiring a minimum distance of 40 feet between stakes, shoes to land within six inches of the stake to count, and 50 points to win a game. Ringers count for three points and a "leaner" is worth no more than the nearest shoe, one point, it being judged an accident among the professionals. A fine point in the sport is to learn to throw the shoe with just enough circling motion so that it will reach the stake open side forward, thus assuring the greatest likelihood for a ringer. It is not much of a game for women, being a bit too taxing on finger and arm sinews, but as a he-man's pastime it deserves to count its fans by as many as need and like sturdy outdoor exercise."

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CHARLES S. GERRISH

Kittery Point, Maine

CASH IN ON YOUR HOBBY

16-Year-old Boy Wins Nebraska Horseshoe Crown

By F. A. Good, Supt., Tournament

For the past seven years the horseshoe contest has been staged on the state fair grounds. The grounds are prepared and the incidental expense and premiums awarded are cared for by the fair board. A nominal entry fee of \$1 is charged. This is now a permanent feature of the state fair.

Sept. 11, 12, 13 were the pitching days and despite an annoying wind the quality of the games played indicated much improvement.

A new state champion emerged from the skilled talent. Emden Somerhalder, just out of high school at Guide Rock, upset the slate and Guy Uhlig, thrice a state champion, was forced into second place.

Sixteen entered the finals. All in the money class. Uhlig lost his game with Somerhalder. He also lost to Howard Robinson. Somerhalder lost to Robinson, also to Leonard Uhlig, a nephew of the then champion. This created a tie that was played off in the presence of an excited audience which cheered lustily.

Somerhalder got the jump on the champion from the start and held a lead of 10 to 15 points to the finish, the score standing 34 to 50 at the close. Somerhalder averaged 80 per cent ringers.

The new champ, a sturdy lad of 16, has been pitching in the money class at the last three tournaments. This winning, \$100, added to his previous game savings, is a nest egg that helped make possible his immediate entrance to Cotner College, at Lincoln, where he is now grabbed off for the football squad. Emden purposes a course that would qualify him to become physical director at some school or university.

Pitching 100 shoes counting all points, results were as follows:

Guy Uhlig	226
Leonard Uhlig	225
Howard Robinson	207
Sidney Harris	190
Emden Somerhalder	189

Joe Klinkacek, St. Michael, is an exhibition game put 30 consecutive ringers on the peg. Somerhalder skunked one of the big shots. Another got but five points on him.

The 16 finalists who were each awarded a special prize of one year's

subscription to the Horse Shoe World were:

	W	L
Emden Somerhalder, G. Rock	14	2
Guy Uhlig, Conrad	13	3
Howard Robinson, Sutton	12	3
Leonard Uhlig, Conrad	12	4
Sidney Harris, Norman	11	5
Lewis Russell, Bennet	10	5
Joe Klinkacek, St. Michael	9	6
Louie Klinacek, Shelton	8	7
Wilford Price, Dawson	8	7
W. Shirk, Omaha	6	9
Fred Oldfather, Lexington	6	9
Theodore Nelson, Kennard	5	10
Fred Schoonover, Omaha	4	11
P. J. Enright, Lincoln	3	12
Albert G. Hartman, Lincoln	1	14
John Smith, Superior	0	15

GERRISH GIVES EXHIBITION

Portsmouth, N. H., Herald

Yesterday afternoon Charles Gerish of Kittery Point, Maine, state horseshoe pitching champion, gave an exhibition at Hedding Camp Ground in connection with the Old Home Day program. The courts were laid out on the baseball diamond and the grandstand was filled with spectators who showed great interest in the novel and fancy pitching of the "mule's mittens." The champion introduced some of the modern pitching methods, including different turns of the shoes and grips and participated in contests with five players, including two games at the same time on adjoining courts. Mr. Gerish using one shoe on each court against the other two players. The fancy pitching included throwing ringers between the feet of a man beside the stake, throwing ringers on stakes covered by blankets, lighting matches set against a stake with one ringer and snuffing them out with the next, throwing ringers over cigarettes stuck in the dirt and throwing ringers over separate stakes at various distances as spectators called the shots.

Dwight and Elwood Havey, of North Sullivan, Me., put on an exhibition horseshoe pitching match at the Windsor Maine fair. They were both blindfolded during the match.

Dwight Havey is the Maine champion and recently performed before a movie camera. He was featured in the picture section of the New York World recently.

SANTA BARBARA IS WINNER IN TOURNNEY

Santa Barbara (Calif.) Horseshoe club members were winners in every event which they entered in the tournament held at the Santa Barbara county fair in Santa Maria according to the president, Robert Rogers. Results of the tournament were as follows:

The singles event, in which four teams participated, Santa Barbara, Orcutt, Santa Maria and Paso Robles, was won by Chas. Cox of Santa Barbara. A. Newell was second. Both are members of the Santa Barbara Horseshoe club. The ten-men team event was won by the Santa Barbara team. The doubles event was won by the Santa Barbara boys against a big field, Santa Maria, Orcutt, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Rio Grande. The team representing Santa Barbara consisted of W. Lattemore and C. Shirrill, both played a wonderful game, not losing one. The prize was a silver cup to be won three times.

FERGUSON WINS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP CROWN

One of the features of the Columbus, Ohio, Gateway Jubilee program was a horseshoe pitching contest for city championship. Eight of the best pitchers in the city competed for a silver trophy.

In the finals, Myron Ferguson defeated Art Meier, four out of five games with the following scores:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Ferguson	50	40	12	72	55.5
Meier	35	33	5	72	45.6
Ferguson	46	40	8	84	47.6
Meier	50	42	9	84	50.0
Ferguson	50	35	13	54	64.6
Meier	21	24	5	54	44.4
Ferguson	50	33	11	56	58.9
Meier	27	24	6	56	42.8
Ferguson	50	47	12	88	53.4
Meier	42	43	10	88	48.8

Ferguson average for five games was 56 per cent; Meier, 46.3 per cent.

Pleasant Hill Horseshoe Club, Hanover, Pa., has a membership of 30.

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From the
Secretary's Desk

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

Letters continue to come since what appeared in a recent secretary's page of the Horseshoe World asking if some certain shoe is "legal" or "official." All the answer that can be given is to refer the writer to Rule 6 of the National Rules. This rule is very specific and is published on page 48 of the book, "Horseshoe Pitching—How to Play the Game," which is issued by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and can be obtained as long as the copies last by sending 40 cents for one copy, or three copies for \$1.00 to D. D. Cottrell, North Cohocton, N. Y. If the shoe complies with the specifications given in this rule it is legal and official, but if it does not it is not official. Any one that can read the English language and understand it can decide this point. Your secretary has no authority to decide any one make of shoe official or to say that it is. If the question is to be finally settled as to any particular shoe it will have to be brought before the committee on rules at the next National Convention. I hope that this statement will stop so much correspondence on the subject as all that your secretary can do is to write you what has been said above.

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Mr. G .E. Middling, 125 W. Bur-nam, Battle Creek, Mich., in a recent letter writes about forming the American League Horseshoe Club (Major League) for 1932. He says that he understands that there will be at least one major league composed of cities of 40,000 or more with eight to 12 teams in each league, each team composed of not more than seven players, five to be used per game. All games to be pitched on a 100-shoe basis, certified by a Notary Public and mailed to the Horseshoe World. Upon receipt of the games each week, the different clubs are to receive their opponents' score as well as that of the other clubs in the circuit. Members to have been bona-fide members of each city's club on which they are playing, during the year 1931. Each member of each team to receive some token according to the place they finish in the league.

He says that he thinks the Horseshoe World would be the organ to promote this kind of play and could do a great deal for the sport in this field. He says that he would be glad to work out all the details if this plan is interesting to enough city clubs. Write to Mr. Middling and see if some thing can not be worked out if you are interested.

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Andrew Casper, 534 Shepard St., N. W., Washington, D. C., writes me that the Evening Star of that city sponsored a tournament in Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland and the District of Columbia in which there were over 5000 entries. In the eliminations county champions were decided. These kind of meets are what foster the horseshoe game where ever held.

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A report of the Tacoma, Wash., City Handicap Elimination Tournament has reached your secretary. This tournament seems to have been over a period of two weeks and on the plan of a golf tournament. Mr. F. Sayre, 9644 East C St., won by pitching at different times 100 shoes until he had pitched a total of 800 shoes, making a total of 5.5 ringers or .743 per cent. The highest number of ringers he made in 100 shoes was 81 and the lowest number 71. Harry Long, his opponent in the finals, in pitching 900 shoes made 541 ringers or an average of .601 per cent. This record of Mr. Sayre certainly is a fine one and as far as the writer knows is one of the best ever made in such a trial. Most state, county and national tournaments are run on the round robin plan where each man, after the qualifying round is held by pitching a certain number of shoes, plays each other man in the preliminaries and then if finals are a part of the plan a certain number of the highest in the preliminaries play each other another round robin for the championship. Most always these games are 50 points.

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Some have written about deciding how ties should be played off or decided in tournaments. These mat-

ters should all be agreed on before the tournament begins. When the time is limited it is well to decide that all places tied in games won and lost, be decided by the total number of points made by each player the highest number being given the highest place. Then if there is a tie in the total number of points also, decide by the largest percent of ringers, as happened in a tournament of which the writer had charge a short time ago.

But be sure to agree upon these ways or some other way to decide ties before the tournament begins. In pitching a certain number of shoes for place or elimination when such is the plan, if there is a tie in the number of points made let the number of ringers decide or if then tied let the number of double ringers decide. Or if so agreed let each man in the tie pitch the same number of shoes again and win the place according to the points made in this second try.

When playing a 50-point game or any other number of points decided upon as a game, the game is ended as soon as one player makes 50 points or the number agreed upon. If he scores more than 50 points on his last pitch, the total of the game should appear in the total column of the score sheet although in the inning column on the sheet the full number of points should be recorded as well as all of the ringers made in the last pitch and these ringers should be counted in getting his percentage of ringers. For instance if a player had 49 points in a 50-point game and pitched a double ringer in his last inning, the count on the score sheet in the inning column should be a double ringer and 55 points, but in the total column on the sheet only 50 points should be recorded as it was a 50-point game.

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SHOES TO GO TO JAPAN

Rev. E. V. Stevens, of Marlboro, Mass., recently sold a set of official horseshoes to go to Tokio, Japan, and another set to go to a social settlement house in the mountains of North Carolina.

Kentucky Championship

The Kentucky championship horseshoe tournament was played at Central Park, Louisville, this year. The entrants being regional champions from the sections of the state where the game is played.

Sam Mattingly, defending champion, was eligible to play if defeated in his county tourney, but he took part and won, his runner-up representing his county.

Lee Akers, champion of Hardin, and Wm. Gregory, Jefferson county, tied for first place, Akers winning the play-off.

The players were so evenly matched that every game was interesting. Hall Nelson, county champion, was the "hard luck guy" of the tournament, losing his games by from two to six points.

At the finish of the scheduled games the contestants were tied for the first four positions, and the play off left the standing as follows:

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
L. Akers	6	1	345	221	51	480	.460
Gregory	6	1	345	207	39	462	.448
Mattingly	4	3	334	203	46	454	.449
Nuttall	4	3	305	205	31	500	.410
Troutman	3	4	292	181	28	456	.396
Reid	3	4	284	179	26	454	.394
Hall	1	6	305	214	42	504	.422
D. Akers	1	6	240	181	28	458	.373

The play-off of the ties, were two best out of three games, and are not counted in the regular schedule games.

The Kentucky championship horseshoe tournament with a schedule of 128 games, lasting three months, was won by the Stansanco Club team of Louisville.

The Stansanco Club is the recreation department of Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co., and sponsors all lines of sports. Their horseshoe team was organized in 1927 and have won the indoor title twice, Louisville championship twice, state championship twice and was runner-up to Nolin, Ky., in the 1929 championship of Kentucky.

The team standing is as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Stansanco	86	42	.671
Will Sales	65	63	.509
Nolin, Ky.	64	64	.500
New Hope, Ky.	53	75	.414
L. Strauss	52	76	.406

A FINE YEARBOOK

The 1931 Year Book of the Dominion of Canada Horseshoe Pitchers Association gives the records and pictures of Walter Cook and E. L. Stahle, of Wellsley, Ont., Waterloo County champions of 1930; of Fred Kecheho, of Christiana, 1929 ringer champion of Middlesex County; a picture of Rev. F. M. Stewart, Linwood, Ont., who tells how to pitch horseshoes; a picture of Father Jas. J. Hogan, Lucan, Ont., who tells how to pitch ringers; a picture of Mrs. Stewart Smith, lady champion of Canada (singles) and of Mrs. D. Napier, 1136 Woodbine Ave., and Mrs. D. G. Jackson, 246 Lumsden Ave., Toronto, doubles champions.

"Good Advice from an Old Timer" is the subject of an article in the book by John Riley, Muncey, who, with his nephew, won the doubles championship of Canada in 1929.

There are many other interesting articles and pictures of horseshoe champions in the book which contains 48 pages, nicely bound, in blue antique cover.

GERRISH WINS

Portsmouth, N. H. Aug. 29—Two Maine men, Charles S. Gerrish, of Kittery Point, a former school teacher from Oil City, Pa., and Ralph Robinson, a 21-year-old mill worker of South Paris, fought it out this afternoon in the final round for the championship at horseshoe pitching of the States of Maine and New Hampshire.

Wins Two Straight

Gerrish won out at the end in two straight games. The score of the first was 25 to 11 and the second 27 to 10. In the first game Gerrish made 12 ringers to his opponent's from Oxford county eight. In the last encounter Gerrish scored the same number of ringers, while Robinson accounted for two less.

Over 20 of the Pine Tree and Granite States best barnyard golfers were on hand for the encounter, which was opened with Mayor F. W. Hartford throwing the first pair of shoes. It is the first of its kind ever to be held, but from its success will not be the last.

Gerrish went through every round of the championship tournament, winning each of his matches in straight

games and indicated clearly by the easy manner in which he won his matches why he is the Maine champion. Robinson also won his trial round as well as the two semi-finals in straight games, but evidently tired during his match against Gerrish, as he never hit the stride he exhibited in the previous encounters.

The prizes of the tournament were awarded tonight at the fire house, as William F. Woods, the fire chief, is treasurer of the tournament, and Fred L. Noyes, secretary.

The summary:

First Rounds

Henry Cummings, South Paris, Me., defeated H. L. Philbrick, Kittery, Me., 2-0.

Ralph Robinson, South Paris, defeated Amos Petraske, Portsmouth, 2-0.

James Woods, Portsmouth, defeated William Woods, Portsmouth, 2-0.

N. Young, Kittery, defeated Paul King, Kittery, 2-0.

A. Pickering, Portsmouth, defeated Norman Clark, Portsmouth, 2-1.

Basil Harris, Portsmouth, defeated Ralph Picking, Portsmouth, 2-1.

Charles Gerrish, Kittery Point, defeated John Govet, Franklin, N. H., 2-0.

John Thompson, Portsmouth, defeated F. L. Noyes, Portsmouth, 2-1.

First Semi-Finals

Charles Gerrish defeated John Thompson, 2-0.

Ralph Robinson defeated Henry Cummings, 2-0.

A. Pickering defeated Basil Harris, 2-1.

J. Woods defeated N. Young, 2-0.

Second Semi-Finals

Charles Gerrish defeated A. Pickering, 2-0.

Ralph Robinson defeated James Woods, 2-0.

Finals

Charles Gerrish defeated Ralph Robinson, 2-0.

A horseshoe tournament was held in connection with the New England Fair, Worcester, Mass., Sept. 29-October 3.

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We have just seen the official scoresheet for a practice pitch staged by Louis Steinmann, Missouri State champ. Here's the story: 247 points, 75 ringers, 30 double ringers, 100 shoes pitched, ringer average 75 per cent. Theo. Schmeer was the scorekeeper.

Long Live the Jackson Regime!

Iowa Shoe King Bows in Defeat — But It's Still King Jackson

By LEIGHTON HOUSH, in the Des Moines Register

TWO sons, Hansford and Carrol Jackson, pulled a fast one on the "old man" Wednesday afternoon at the fairgrounds and knocked the veteran Frank Jackson out from under his Iowa state horseshoe pitching crown. Hansford taking possession of the title and thus keeping it in the family.

The new champion faltered only once during the 15 final games, losing a 50 to 40 contest to Harry Reese of Lake City. Hansford qualified for the final round with a record of 36 victories and four losses, putting him in a tie for second place behind his father who dropped only one contest out of his first 40.

Hansford Beats Dad

Frank Jackson first went down before one of his sons when Hansford beat him, 50 to 40, tossing 39 ringers out of 60 shoes. Hardly had the father recovered from that defeat when another son, Carrol, put on the finishing touches by knocking his dad out of the running, 50 to 49.

By his victory the champion collected \$75 in cash, a medal and a trophy. He tossed 70 per cent ringers during the 15 games.

Dessie Ties

Dessie Mossman, in the absence of the expert Putt Mossman, kept the family among the leaders by finishing in a tie for third place with Harry Reese. Reese and Miss Mossman, the gallery pulling for the latter throughout the tourney, won 11 games and lost four.

Vyrl Jackson finished fifth and Wilbur Flamm of New London and Sam Hervey, Harlan, tied for sixth, Guy Zimmerman of Sac City, and Lyle Brown, of Des Moines, two pre-tournament favorites, faltered in the final round and tied for eighth honors with eight wins and seven losses.

At the end of the qualifying round robin affair Wednesday noon Frank Jackson led with 39 wins and a single loss. Fred Burmaster of New London eliminated Rex Tague of Stuart for the sixteenth qualifying position after the two had tied.

Following are the 16 men who

qualified and how they finished in the final round played Wednesday afternoon:

	W	L
1 Hansford Jackson, Kellerton	14	1
2 Frank Jackson, Kellerton	13	2
3 Dessie Mossman, Des Moines	11	4
4 Harry Reese, Lake City	11	4
5 Vyrl Jackson, Kellerton	10	5
6 Wilbur Flamm, New London	9	6
7 Sam Hervey, Harlan	9	6
8 Guy Zimmerman, Sac City	8	7
9 Lyle Brown, Des Moines	8	7
10 Carrol Jackson, Kellerton	6	9
11 Jimmy Rainbow, Cedar Falls	5	10
12 Fred Burmaster, New London	4	11
13 M. A. Hill, Roland	4	11
14 W. E. Rexroat, Woolstock	4	11
15 John McCoy, Des Moines	2	13
16 W. F. Johnston, Stockport	2	13

The qualifiers and their scores:

Frank Jackson, Kellerton	39	1
Guy Zimmerman, Sac City	36	4
Hansford Jackson, Kellerton	36	4
Harry Reese, Lake City	35	5
Lyle Brown, Des Moines	35	5
Vyrl Jackson, Kellerton	35	5
Carrol Jackson, Kellerton	32	8
Dessie Mossman, Des Moines	29	11
John McCoy, Des Moines	29	11
W. E. Rexroat, Woolstock	28	12
Sam Hervey, Harlan	28	12
Wilbur Flamm, New London	27	13
W. F. Johnston, Stockport	27	13
M. A. Hill, Roland	26	14
Jimmy Rainbow, Cedar Falls	25	15
*Fred Burmaster, New London	23	17
*Rex Tague, Stuart	23	17

*Burmaster won playoff.

Following are those who did not qualify:

Glen Tassel, Rippey	22	18
Joe Hill, Roland	21	19
Dave McKeg, Marshalltown	20	20
Harold Rains, Oskaloosa	18	22
C. A. Gunder, Colo	17	23
Russell Sheets, Boone	17	23
John Flamm, New London	16	24
E. G. Duden, Allerton	16	24
Fred Oman, Kinërin	15	25
Thomas Bryan, Centerville	15	25
J. P. Hanson, Fort Dodge	15	25
F. M. Dyer, Maxwell	13	27
Carl Hurst, Maxwell	12	28
Henry Ryan, Centerville	12	28

Ralph Crosby, Fort Dodge	12	28
Floyd Saffell, Des Moines	11	29
Ace Dows, Ames	9	31
Fred Hooper, Redfield	7	33
Leroy McCurdy, Oskaloosa	7	33
Martin Shea, Des Moines	5	35
R. O. Williams, Council Bluffs	5	35
Sylvester Uhl, Sioux City	3	37
Ray Uhl, Sioux City	3	37
Reed Ward, Runnels	2	38

The following withdrew:

Vernon Wineland, Dallas Center; Edgar Johnson, Storm Lake; C. E. Fronsdaahl, Council Bluffs; Fred Ashley, Des Moines; O. E. Anderson, Des Moines; Emmett Mossman, Eldora; Dave Schaffer, Storm Lake.

PRaises De Woody

The following is taken from the Derrick, Oil City, Pa., newspaper:

C. S. Gerrish, who long ruled the horseshoe pitching domain while a resident here has some nice things to say about Milo DeWoody in a letter received from Kittery Point, Maine, where Gerrish now makes his residence. The letter follows:

Dear Sir:

Very likely it is not often that the Derrick gets news of Oil City doings from its readers in Maine, but there is something going on there in sport achievement that ought to be reported in the Derrick. It is the remarkable skill of Milo R. DeWoody, of Hasson Heights in his handling of the hoofwear against scores of other players over the nation, in the season contest being carried on by the Mail Game League of the United States the headquarters of which being at Adair, Iowa. After four months of the 1931 pitching Milo is right at the top of the League. Scores for 200 shoes pitched are sent in each month. Of DeWoody's 800 shoes to date he has made 1908 points, with 570 ringers, 219 double ringers, thus averaging 72 per cent ringers and 80 per cent of his total shoes in counting distance which must be within six inches of the stake.

Anyone knowing anything of the grand old game knows that his performance is wonderful. When DeWoody's silver slipper has been snapped across the 40-foot gap and has settled in the clay, a hoof-print is made plainly encircling the stake.

Cordially yours,

Charles S; Gerrish

C. W. Peck, Reading, Mich., is secretary of the Hillsdale County Horseshoe Club.

SPARKS FROM THE PEG

At the annual election of the Nebraska State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Guy Uhlig, Cozad, was elected president and Leonard Wise, Weeping Water, secretary.

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We had a letter from our old friend Charles Clyde Davis, former National champion. He is now located at 2711 E. 51st Street, Kansas City, Mo. Davis writes that he plans to put a new shoe on the market.

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W. L. Mann, Athol, Mass., is a real booster for the game. He was chairman of the committee which conducted the Athol Fair tournament recently.

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George O. Decker, who has charge of the presswork on the Horseshoe World, was the manager of the Madison County, Ohio, tournament held at West Jefferson. The tourney was sponsored by the Madison Press Co., London, Ohio. Decker is foreman of the commercial printing department of the Madison Press Co.

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Among the Yakima dyed-in-the-wool fans are: J. F. Schreiner, Geo. E. Stacy, F. A. Chandin, Fred McNemar, A. S. Ruckman, C. O. Kittilsen, Jay Elliott and T. J. Donnelly, of Tiecon; J. A. Stern and E. A. Morrow, of Sunnyside; E. H. Thompson, Harrah, Wash.; C. H. Sherman and Joe Galipo, of Seattle. All these gentlemen are welcomed as subscribers to the Horseshoe World.

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"Lefty" Steinmann, the Missouri state champion, annexed the St. Louis city title again this year. Louis is a member of Jack Claves Sunset Burial Park team.

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Officers of the Moline, Ill., horseshoe club are Andrew F. Peterson, president; Dave Swanson, vice president, and Arthur Davis, secretary-treasurer.

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Officers of the Phoenix, Ariz. Horseshoe club are J. W. Mitchell, president; Frank Dyke, vice president, and J. E. Tannehill, secretary.

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A horseshoe tournament was held in conjunction with the National

Dairy Show at St. Louis, Mo., October 12-19.

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Indoor court season is near at hand. Springfield, Mass., expects to install an indoor court.

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A number of club secretaries have interested their members in the Horseshoe World within the past two or three months, adding many new names to our list. We thank the club officials and greet the new subscribers. Such co-operation is needed to keep a magazine creditable to the sport it represents progressing.

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The editor was unable, due to illness, to attend the annual dinner of the Clark County (Ohio) Horseshoe league, held at Springfield recently. He realizes he missed a good meal and a great opportunity to fraternize with a fine bunch of fellows. This dinner is held each year at the close of the pitching season.

PITCH GREAT GAMES

C. A. Benedict, of Johnstown, O., won the Ohio State American Legion Horseshoe championship at Cleveland, Ohio, August 16th. In the finals, Benedict won two straight games from E. H. Jungclas, and averaged 77½ per cent ringers. Only once in the series Benedict did not have one or two ringers on the stake.

Benedict has greatly improved his ringer percentage since using the new model Ohio Shoes.

The scores:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Benedict	50	20	7	26	76.9
Jungclas	3	6	1	26	23

Benedict	50	25	10	32	78.1
Jungclas	7	10	2	32	31

R. R. TEAM CHAMPIONS

In the play-off of the Columbus, Ohio, city championship, the Pennsylvania Railroad horseshoe team defeated the Ohio Horseshoe Co. team 12 out of 16 games. These games were played on the Westerville courts, Sept. 20th. The following are members of the championship Pennsylvania team: Lloyd Eaton, Capt.; L. C.

Hill, M. M. Ferguson, C .B. Miller and Bob Keethler.

Mason Humble of the Ohio Horseshoe team had the best record for the season; he won 52 out of 55 games played.

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MY GAME

A Horseshoe Idyl

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Forty feet away,
Clears the brain, keeps eye awake,
And doctors take no pay

If (tho') you would gain good health,
If you'd dispel the blues,
Then join allegiance to the wealth
That's at hand in the gray mare's shoes.

The only thing against the game,
Says the veteran ringer wringer,
Is the plaint of the household dame
"You're always late for dinner."

For you who never knew
The thrill of a ringer or two,
A trial of the new "open" shoe
Will win you to the crew.

Flingers of darling ringers,
Getting out under the blue,
Learn the devotion of other slingers,
For the lucky equine shoe.
Charles S. Gerrish.
—Portsmouth (N. H.) Herald.

POOLER-VAN AUKEN MATCH

Scores made recently by Mr. A. J. Pooler, Adams, N. Y., and Mr. V. J. VanAuken, Lacona:

Pooler	50	28	6	58
Van Aukent	36	23	7	58
Pooler	44	30	7	74
Van Auken	50	32	7	74

Pooler	50	31	8	72
Van Auken	36	23	7	58
Pooler	50	35	12	56
Van Auken	24	27	7	56

Pooler	50	27	5	54
Van Auken	35	21	6	54

Lansing-Battle Creek Horseshoe Gam

Played at Postum Courts, Battle Creek, Mich., July 19, 1931

LANSING	Won	Lost	Pts.	R.	D.R.	S.P.	Pct.R.
Fisher	2	4	240	159	26	400	39.8
Johnson	2	4	240	144	23	384	37.5
Price	1	5	218	122	22	318	38.4
Graham	0	6	240	143	33	370	38.6
Ehret	0	6	159	132	26	346	38.2
Beckwith	0	6	185	116	16	360	32.2
TOTAL	5	31	1282	816	146	2178	37.5

BATTLE CREEK	Won	Lost	Pts.	R.	D.R.	S.P.	Pct.R.
Cadwalder	6	0	300	165	41	328	50.3
Skinner	6	0	300	167	42	350	47.7
Gersline	5	0	250	137	23	358	38.3
Emmerson	5	1	286	170	34	346	49.2
Middling	4	1	234	119	28	276	43.5
Wulf	4	2	279	171	38	390	43.8
Case	1	0	50	26	3	68	37.9
Harrison	0	1	39	19	2	62	40.0
TOTAL	31	5	1738	974	211	2178	44.8

ILLINOIS MEET IS WON BY TATE

By L. E. Tanner, President

The Illinois tournament was held at the Illinois State Fair August 26 and 27. To put a fine edge on things this year it was held under a large tent, the tent being 60 feet wide and 120 feet long. The outside tent poles were extra long, raising the sides to a good height. There were no sides on the tent, making it fine for the pitchers and also for the onlookers.

Starting at 9 a. m., Aug. 26, all entries pitched 100 shoes for points. Howard Collier, of Fiatt, Ill., led with 237 points. There were 15 others not many points behind him.

Class A was composed of the 16 high men in the 100 shoes pitched; the lowest in this class was 199. This class started at 1 p. m. on Aug. 26.

Starting the finals on the round robin plan that afternoon, each one in A class playing eight games at the wind-up of the first day our last year's champion, Milton Tate, of Knoxville, led with eight wins, Ellis Griggs, of Plainville, Ill., and Dale Burchan, of Lovington, Ill., following close with seven wins and one lost. Joe Bennett of Congerville, Ill., followed close with six wins and two lost. All others in the class followed close. At the close of the eight games play was discontinued till 9 a. m., Aug. 26.

All of Class A took their posts all fresh, ready to finish. At the close

of the tournament they stood as follows:

	W	L
Milton Tate, Knoxville, Ill.....	14	1
Joe Bennett, Cougerville, Ill.....	13	2
C. R. Thompson, Chicago.....	12	3
Ellis Griggs, Plainville.....	12	3
Dale Burchan, Lovington.....	10	5
Geo. Hilst, Green Valley.....	9	6
Lloyd Looyer, Glasford.....	9	6
Howard Collier, Fiatt.....	8	7
Paul Ingersol, San Jose.....	7	8
Russel Sigler, Pitsfield.....	6	9
Walter Lindahl, Gilson.....	6	9
Willis Ayers, Weldon.....	5	10
Earl Bonke, Curran.....	4	11
Rolla Siegfried, Cartage.....	3	12
Chas. F. Higgins, Arthur.....	2	13
Ed Price, Yorkville	0	15

These 16 men pitched for our 16 highest prizes and for state championship. Milton Tate of Knoxville won the championship for the second time; he received as his prize, \$50 in cash and a 17 jewel white gold Illinois watch. In this class there was plenty of competition for all; it was a hard fought affair from start to finish. Quite a few games passed the 100 ringer mark, one game going to 127 ringers.

On the second day when Mr. Tate came to his last game, Mr. Dale, of Burchan, Ill., the boy wonder, went in to set our champion down. This boy is only 14 years old. He and Mr. Tate had it, our champion after so long a time winning, but it was anyone's game until the last shoe. At that stage of the game the large crowd got so enthused that the only

way we could hold them back was to use ropes. We think we have the champion up to 14 years of age. If any other state don't think as we do, challenge him.

Starting at 1:30, Aug. 27, Class B was composed of high scoring men in 100 shoes—17 to 25. This was an eight-man class, and they played all of their games the first day. The class was composed of high-grade pitchers. Their scores came in as high as Class A, and part of them several games over 100 ringers. All of this class received cash prizes.

This tournament was a success in every respect. During the tournament the officers and members held the election of officers. All officers of the association were at the tournament with the exception of A. W. Houston, of Gibson City and Earl T. Howel, of Champaign. Their offices were declared vacant and refilled by new men.

Regarding shoes used in this tournament, I think we had some of all makes, and there were ringers in all of them.

To the pitchers of Illinois—If you didn't attend this year's tournament you sure missed it. The officers of the association take the opportunity of thanking all of you for the loyal support in making our 1931 state tournament the best ever, and ask all of you to do as good in 1932, and better if that is possible. If any Illinois pitchers have any suggestions for the good of the association and for the good of the game, please write me. I thank you, and also the Horseshoe World.

L. E. TANNER.

WINS EXHIBITION

Santa Barbara, Calif. — Jimmy Lecky, world horseshoe record holder, won his exhibition games with Fernando Isais of Los Angeles yesterday afternoon in Oak park. Lecky beat Isais two out of three games in the 25-point match, 25-24, 17-25 and 25-19. He made 19 ringers out of a possible 24, and on five different occasions there were four shoes on the peg at once.

Isais evened up the count in the 50-point match, winning the event 50-31. An exhibition of trick pitching followed. The exhibition was arranged under the auspices of the Santa Barbara Playground commission.

MERLE STONER

CHAMPION OF CALIFORNIA PITCHES

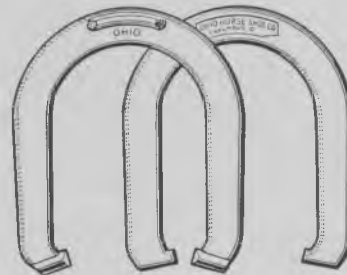
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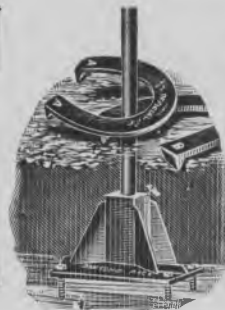
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