

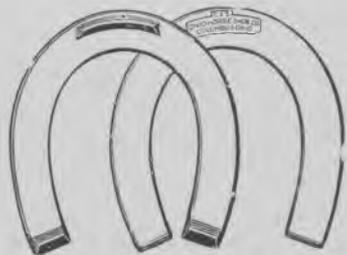
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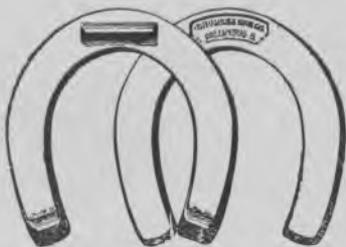
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ONE of the most interesting things about our job is that of watching the horseshoe game spread into new fields . . . . never before have we sent the Horseshoe World into as many towns and cities in as many states as at the present time . . . . the growth of our circulation has not only been remarkable as to numbers this summer but as to the new places where interest in the game has been discovered . . . . and all these magazines aren't going to the United States either . . . . inquiries recently coming in were from Honduras, Brazil, Australia, England, and orders from newsstands in Canada and one in far-away Japan . . . . this is most encouraging and it adds a touch of romance to our work of editing the only magazine devoted exclusively to horseshoe pitching in the world! . . . and this means added business for our advertisers and for everyone concerned in the game . . . . it is most gratifying.

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## WINTER COURTS

EVERY winter, when the snow is heaped high, horseshoe pitchers begin to pine for a place to pitch shoes. The Horseshoe World gets many requests late in the winter for plans for winter quarters, and this year will be no exception.

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# Northwestern Meet Held At White Bear, Minn.

The Northwestern Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, conducted by the St. Paul Playground Department and sponsored by the White Bear Association, at White Bear, Minn., on September 4th, 5th and 6th, 1930.

Results of 100 shoes pitching on the first day of the Northwestern Horseshoe Tournament, follows:

	P	R
M. L. Seltz, Howard Lake	183	49
T. B. Light, Minneapolis	175	42
James Crawford, Duluth	165	47
L. S. Peterson, St. Paul	163	41
R. A. Carlstedt, Minn'olis	162	42
Arnold Maki, Hibbing	161	44
O. B. Jamesgaard, Minn'lis	156	44
R. A. Shea, Newport	156	38
J. H. Karlberg, Minneap'lis	155	33
W. H. J. McGrearty, St. Paul	155	43
J. Hart, Minneapolis	153	37
R. M. Ransdell, Minnea'lis	152	39
Albert Iverson, White Bear	152	36
August Schwin, Wht. Bear	150	37
Geo. Anderson, S. St. Paul	149	38
Ben Damberg, Newport	149	39
J. L. Dahl, Minneapolis	143	33
Ed Casey, New Richmond	147	35
Milton Stovig, Sisseton, South Dakota	145	32
Chris Ramsden, Hugo	141	34
A. Hendrickson, Minn'olis	134	31
Max Krause, Stillwater	134	23
P. F. Biwer, St. Paul	133	23
J. W. Casey, N. Richmond	133	23
Mike Nash, Sr., St. Paul	132	32
P. W. Mishler, St. Paul	131	32
R. Bauman, St. Paul	129	22
Joe Cullen, New Richmond		
Wisconsin	128	29
Carl Hoisser, St. Paul	126	32
Paul Waldera, Minneapolis	121	28
Oral Cole, Minneapolis	118	20
Mike F. Nash, Webster	116	21
L. Lambery, St. Paul	113	24
C. Krem, St. Paul	112	24
Harry M. Brown, St. Paul	111	22
Jack White, St. Paul	109	24
O. C. Lotvedt, St. Paul	107	21
R. Rasmussen, Minneapolis	99	28
D. P. Madden, Benson	90	17
Arthur Schneider, St. Paul	81	15
Wm. Schultz, Stillwater	60	8
Ray Schultz, Stillwater	44	5

The sixteen high men were selected for round robin pitching the next day, which resulted as follows:

	G	W	L	SP	P	R
Jas. Crawford	15	12	3	768	750	365
Arnold Maki	15	12	3	880	722	392
L. S. Peterson	15	12	3	806	711	343

R. A. Carlstedt	15	12	3	842	709	402
M. L. Seltz	15	10	5	852	700	364
T. B. Light	15	10	5	800	639	328
O.B. Jamesgr'd	15	9	6	936	658	352
J. H. Karlberg	15	8	7	852	622	306
August Schwin	15	7	8	962	581	323
J. Hart	15	7	8	850	514	259
R. M. Ransdall	15	6	9	820	582	311
W. H. J. McGrearty	15	6	9	854	532	272
R. A. Shea	15	4	11	818	487	250
Ben Damberg	15	2	13	858	466	235
Al. Iverson	15	2	13	862	451	244
Geo. Anderson	15	1	14	79	206	110

At the end of the round robin schedule, the records showed four men tied for first place: James Crawford of Duluth; L. S. Peterson, of St. Paul; R. A. Carlstedt, of Minneapolis, and Arnold Maki, of Hibbing. Each had won 12 games and lost 3. In conference among the four men, they decided to pair off by drawing names and then the two winners to pitch a game for first and second places and losers to pitch for third and fourth places.

As there were five places to be awarded, it was found that M. L. Seltz and T. B. Light were also tied for fifth place, so they pitched off this tie also.

The results of the pitch off of ties was as follows:  
 First games—Crawford 27 points, 24 ringers; Maki 50 points, 26 ringers; Carlstedt 51 points, 26 ringers; Peterson 31 points, 20 ringers.  
 Finals—Maki 55 points, 40 ringers; Carlstedt 32 points, 32 ringers; Crawford 52 points, 25 ringers; Peterson 31 points, 16 ringers.

For fifth place—Seltz 50 points, 21 ringers; Light 21 points, 16 ringers.

Final results of the tournament: Maki, of Hibbing, first place; Carlstedt, of Minneapolis, second place; Crawford of Duluth, third place; Peterson, of St. Paul, fourth place; and Seltz of Howard Lake, fifth place.

Results of the Ladies and Junior Boys pitching in the Northwestern Horseshoe Tournament are as follows:

	W	L	SP	P	R
Mrs. Geo. Brouillette	4	0	158	209	71
Mrs. Nelle Young	3	1	250	295	41
Mrs. Louise Cumming	2	2	224	112	23
Mrs. H. H. Doehl	1	3	286	137	21
Margaret Boltman	0	4	258	78	8

## Junior Boys

Phil Wald, St. Paul	4	0	146	202	55
James Eppel, St. Paul	3	1	90	191	51
A. Iverson, Wht Bear	2	2	188	167	51
Mer'll Ricks, W. Bear	1	3	174	89	20
Ken. Allen, St. Paul	0	4	238	126	35

## 17-YEAR-OLD BOY WINS

A 17-year-old youth, P. B. Elliott, holds the Yakima county, Washington, horseshoe title as the result of the events sponsored by the American Legion July 4, at the Washington State Fair Grounds. Joe Baker, winner from last year, was his opponent in the finals.

W. E. Snowden and Don Holman annexed the doubles title, defeating Baker and Fred McNemar, 30 to 28, in the finals. The latter were victors of last year's tournament. Fifteen shoe tossers pitched in the qualification round of the tourney, and the eight highest entered the singles finals.

Qualifying round scores submitted were: Joe Baker, 87; P. R. Elliott, 77; L. E. Shearer, 77; C. J. Martin, 76; Alex McLeod, 74; Don Holman, 74; W. E. Snowden, 74; C. O. Kittilsen, 71; Fred McNemar, 68; A. S. Ruckman, 68; Joe Schreiner, 65; Jay Elliott, 59; J. M. Curry, 58; R. Nystrom, 57; W. E. Cox, 52.

In round robin play, Baker won in singles and coupled with McNemar took the doubles. In each event, however, the finals found him loser. In singles the young tosser drubbed him 30 to 11 before the grandstand.

The round robin singles scores:

	W	L	Pts.
Baker	6	1	197
Elliott	5	2	191
Holman	4	3	182
McNemar	4	3	180
Shearer	4	3	179
Snowden	3	4	131
McLeod	2	5	128
Martin	0	7	129

The doubles round robin ended:

	W	L	Pts.
Baker-McNemar	4	1	97
Snowden-Holman	3	2	98
Schreiner-Shearer	3	2	82
Martin-McLeod	3	2	81
Elliott-Elliott	1	4	72
Curry-Nystrom	1	4	56

One of the livest horseshoe clubs to be found anywhere is the Bloomington, Ind., club. L. B. L president of the club.

## PAUL REVERE

### LOSES HIS LAURELS AS A RIDER

Putt Mossman Travels 2000 Miles — Goes Four Days Without Sleep to Pitch At Eastern Fair

Paul Revere had nothing on Putt Mossman, who made a mad dash of 2000 miles on his motorcycle to play at the Brockton (Mass.) Fair September 9-13, and according to S. A. Davidson, who secured his services for the fair and also for the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass., Putt made a great hit.

The following interesting story is taken from the Brockton Enterprise:

"Putt" Mossman, three times world champion horseshoe pitcher, is all that his western and southern friends claim for him. He arrived at the Avon street gate yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock after a continuous ride on his motorcycle of 2000 miles. He brought a native son with him for an assistant, and in spite of the fact that he had been without sleep for about four days, he insisted on giving his first show. The fair barber and his suit of "whites" made a new boy of him. Last night he and his partner slept at the Y. M. C. A. and today they will be ready for some real work.

This morning at 10, he demonstrated his motorcycle act to the stage show committee, headed by J. J. Cahil. He is giving this as an added attraction at the Eastern States Exposition next week. "Putt" will start his evening exhibitions in front of the grandstand tonight about 6:45.

The young ex-champion came direct from an engagement in Iowa, near his home town, finishing that job Friday night. Then he and his young friend hopped on his four-cylinder motorcycle and kept going night and day with only time out for eating and refueling, until they hit Springfield yesterday morning.

They were booked there in the horseshoe exhibition, and after showing his motorcycle stuff to Manager Nash, he was booked for the week with this extra number though it is not on the official program.

#### Lost Near Brockton

After riding 2000 miles he found his toughest going entering Brockton and a couple of hours was con-

sumed when within 25 miles, following wrong directions. They were two tired looking boys when they reached the Avon street gate and it's little wonder that the men in charge asked for more credentials before admitting the star horseshoe pitcher.

The shave, wash and change of clothing worked wonders, but the boys still looked tired but this did not spoil a fine exhibition of horseshoe pitching and a more willing worker never faced the Brockton stakes. Only 24 years of age, he has been pitching horseshoes for seven years, winning his first championship in 1923, and his third in 1926. Since then he has been touring with his exhibition work with the shoes, cycle and tumbling.

He was not in action more than two minutes before he had the crowd with him. He is a bunch of springy muscles, and an all-round athlete. He threw ringers at will after his warming up; threw them through the looped arms of a couple of fans, threw five different styles; lighted and extinguished matches, and many other tricks. He saved his best for the next four days at that, as he was tired, but between numbers he threw hand springs, head springs and somersaults in the air, and he kicked the base of a shovel as high as a six-footer could hold it from the handle end.

After that he took on Walter Gradwell the novice champion who had won the honor an hour before. Gradwell led up to 14 points. Each got a ringer, each two shoes and "Grad" had the near shoe and one or two good doubles, then the young Iowan drew away and made 18 points in a row, to win 25 to 14.

"Putt" then coached a young lady in her early teens, who has a good eye and always hits in the box, at 40 feet. He was willing to help anybody and had a pleasant line in showing his "wares." Today he will have stiffer competition after his exhibition, as he will take on one of the Rhode Island champions, and Thursday he will take on "Bill" Lutted or some other Brockton district leader.

#### WRITES SHOE ARTICLE

Russell Fifer, field editor, has prepared a story on horseshoe pitching for the Oklahoma Farmer-Stockman and it is to appear in an issue this month. The magazine is published at Oklahoma City.

## PCLO MAN WINNER

Sedalia, Mo.—Thursday, Mr. Lawrence Robison of Polo won first place in the annual Horseshoe Pitching contest at the Missouri State Fair late this afternoon.

Mr. Robison won after a hard and close contest with Mr. J. A. Lutz of Kansas City, the runner up.

Mr. Robison and Mr. Lutz met in the final round, each with a record of six contests won and one lost. The final match was very exciting, Mr. Lutz scoring ten points before Mr. Robison broke the ice, the score then run to 27 all and then Robison spurred to run the score to 45 to 30. Before Robison could score again Mr. Lutz scored 12 points keeping the interest at a very high pitch.

Last year Mr. Robison placed third in this contest and it looks like the Robison family will be heard from again as Mr. Robison has two sons who recently outpitched him in a Fox Hunters meet at Kingston. One of the boys came along to enter this contest but was unable to compete in the men's contest because of his youth.

Mr. William Pfender who placed third in this year's tournament was second last year and has always places within the first seven during the last five years in which he has participated.

Immediately following the contest, F. L. Ludemann of Sedalia, Superintendent of the Tournament congratulated the men on their fine sportsmanship and extended to all of them an invitation to come back again next year for a bigger and better tournament. He presented ribbons and medals to the winners. Mr. Robison was presented with a gold medal and a \$50.00 cash prize. Mr. Lutz with a silver medal and a \$35.00 cash prize; Mr. Pfender with a bronze medal and \$25.00, and Mr. Steinman was given a nickle medal and \$20.00 in cash.

#### 1930 Horseshoe Tournament Winners

First, L. E. Robison, Polo, Mo.; 2nd, J. A. Lutz, Kansas City, Mo.; 3rd, William Pfender, St. Joseph, Mo.; 4th, Louie Steinman, St. Louis, Mo.; 5th, C. R. Cassidy, St. Joseph, Mo.; 6th, G. C. Parmelde, Warrensburg, Mo.; 7th, H. L. Jackson, St. Joseph, Mo.; 8th, E. L. Scottel, St. Joseph, Mo.

# ILLINOIS TOURNY--3 STATE MEET RUMORED

The Illinois State Tournament opened at 9 a. m., Aug. 20. The preliminary composed of every entry in the state tournament pitching 100 shoes for points. There were 75 who took part in this affair. The 100 shoes pitched in the preliminary was held open until one thirty p. m. on the first day, starting at 2:30 p. m. inary were classed in A class and

The 12 high scoring in the preliminary pitched one and all in a class for the 12 high moneys, and the man in A class at the end of the tournament was crowned as Illinois State champion, receiving \$50.00 and a \$25.00 gold medal. The second 12 high in the preliminary were put in B class; they played for the second 12 moneys. In the afternoon of the first day, each class pitched off six of their 11 games. Starting at 10 a. m. on August 21, the tournament was in full swing.

A large crowd gathered around the 14 clay courts on both days. At times the crowd was jammed to the limit and much interest was shown. The main feature was in the three small boys, Dale Burcham and Everett Peterson, both age 13 years, getting into A class and out-pitching many of the old heads. Both of these boys are looked to as professionals for their age in the 100 shoe pitch Dale Burcham made 209 points and Everett Peterson made 204. This was the first time either of these lads had ever taken part in such an affair, and sure made a good showing for themselves and a good hit with the crowd of onlookers.

In the 75 that pitched the 100 shoes, the points made run from 150 to 220. The highest ringer game of the tournament was 109.

At the annual meeting of officers and members of the association it was decided to make only one change in the officers, that being to put Lee Atwood, of Pittsfield on the membership committee. Among the officers it was a decided fact for another year to make much large plans for next year. It was put to a vote at the meeting that after this year all going to take part in the state tournament must send in their name and entry fee at least 10 days before the state tournament and this motion carried by a large vote.

Would it not be a fine game booster for Illinois, Indiana and Iowa next

year after the three states have their state tournaments, each state take, say eight men out of each state association and stage a match at the three state fairs at Aurora, providing this could be arranged with the officers of the great fair? I am sure such would draw a large crowd.

At our state tournament this year our ringer percentage was cut down some on account of our crowded conditions which will be remedied another year.

### How They Finished

How the winners finished and their ringer percentage follows:

Milton Tate, Moline .....	58
Howard Collier, San Jose.....	57
Joe Bennett, Congerville.....	53
C. R. Thompson, Chicago.....	52
Gaylord Peterson, Toluca.....	49
George Hilst, Green Valley.....	47
C. L. Heffner, East Peoria.....	43
John Harper, MaQuan.....	45
Dale Burcham, Lovington.....	45
C. E. Jackson, Chicago.....	45
Richard Kunz, Trenton.....	41
Everett Peterson, Toluca.....	37
Casper Lineweber, San Jose.....	55
Frank Irwin, Chicago.....	50
Jerry Benninger .....	53
Lee Atwood, Pittsfield.....	42
Milton Zobrist, Highland.....	46
Ellis Grigg, Plainville.....	48
Harold Burcham, Lovington.....	40
Willis Ayers, Weldon.....	43
Otto Whitten, Milwood.....	45
Ralph Peters, Waverly.....	44
Robert Oestreich, Centralia.....	33
Henry Frank, Centralia.....	37

### RISK-DURYEE MATCH

Holmes county horseshoe fans enjoyed an exhibition of real shoe tossing recently on the Millersburg, O., courts when Jimmy Risk of Montpelier, Indiana, state champion, defeated Bert Duryee of Cleveland, Ohio champion, three out of four games.

In the first game, Risk had at least one ringer on the peg each time, Duryee missed the peg once during the game. In all four games with a total of 648 shoes pitched, there were only 14 times when there was no ringer. In the second and third games, the shoes were all four on the peg 14 times in each game. The percent of ringers for all four games was Risk, 78.4 per cent and Duryee, 72.8 per cent, while the highest percentage of ringers in the last national tournament, 1929, was 69.5.

The score for each game giving points, ringers, double ringers, shoes pitched and percentage ringers, was as follows:

	P	R	DR	SP	Per
Risk .....	50	61	24	74	82.4
Duryee .....	23	52	16	74	70.3
Risk .....	50	65	27	78	83.3
Duryee .....	25	57	21	78	73.1
Risk .....	44	69	25	94	73.4
Duryee .....	50	71	27	94	75.5
Risk .....	50	59	25	78	75.6
Duryee .....	40	56	19	78	71.3

Both Risk and Duryee were brought to Millersburg for a series of games, best three out of five, through the efforts of Judge Wm. N. Crow, president of the Ohio Shoe Tossers Association.

### RETAIN THEIR TITLES

Sedalia, Mo.—Dean F. B. Mumford, of the College of Agriculture, and John F. Case, president of the State Board of Agriculture, both members of the State Fair Board, retained their championship in the annual directors' horseshoe throwing contest on the State Fair grounds Wednesday morning. Every year, members of the board are challenged to a game by the pair, J. W. Head of Palmyra, vice president of the State Fair, and J. Edward Perringer, of Frederickstown, president of the State Board of Agriculture, being the only ones who would dare to take them up.

For the past three years, Dean Mumford and Mr. Case's championship has been unquestioned; but this year, scores were closer, 21 to 19 and 21 to 20. Just to console the defeated players, a third game was played which gave the losers a great victory of 21 to 4 over their aggressive opponents.

For awhile, Wallace Head and Edward Perringer were seriously considering protesting the referee's decision, but all talk of such was immediately hushed when Dean Mumford said he heard they had been throwing "loaded" shoes.

There are 26 entries and \$200 in cash prizes offered in the horseshoe tournament at the State Fair this week. Eight courts are provided for the players, who will struggle throughout Wednesday and into Thursday before the grand champion can be selected. At the practice games this morning, it looked like there would be a close contest.

WILMINGTON, O., SHOE TOSSERS



First row, left to right — Marion Snadley, Justice Rankin, Louise Fouse, "Pal," the mascot; Gerald Smith, Walter Irwin, Elmer Carter, Russell Irvin.

Second row, left to right—Mitt Thompson, Peyton Telfair, John

Hughes, Elza Hughes, William Cooper Clifford Larrick, Thomas Watkins, Chester Prather, Maynard Jefferies, Harry Howard.

Absent when picture was taken: Richard Fahey, John Rhonemus and Orland Linkhart.

Following is a story from the Wilmington News-Journal:

Being declared state champions two consecutive years is nothing unusual for the Smith Cleaning Works horseshoe pitching team, especially if one considers the individual achievements of many of the team's members which includes honors in various tournaments and recognition on many mythical teams in which events some of the most noted shoe tossers in the state have participated.

The horseshoe pitching team sponsored by the Smith Cleaning Works was organized in 1929 through the efforts of Gerald Smith, son of the institution's owner, Smith himself being a shoe tosser of considerable recognition.

The Smith team has piled up hundreds of points over its opponents in the two seasons it has been pitching and has won any number of mail matches with outstanding teams in all parts of the country.

Hamlin Smith, sponsor of the team, has given liberally of his money and his business' automotive equipment to help make the team a success. Each member too, has shown an exceptional willingness to co-operate and it was through this fine feeling that so much was accomplished.

To search the records for outstanding achievements of many of the

team's membership discloses interesting facts. Marion Shadley is co-holder of the world's record for ringers and double ringers in a 25-point game, having pegged 46 ringers and 20 doubles in the state tournament. Shadley is the 1930 Clinton county champion. The Sabina tosser placed third in the Columbus Dispatch open tournament in both 1929 and 1930. Shadley has been selected as a member of the All-County team each year since and including 1926. Shadley's first recognition of any consequence came in 1926 when he placed third in the state tournament held at the Montgomery county fair.

Louis Fouse, another member of the Smith team, was Clinton county champion in 1926 and '27. Fouse has been on the All-County team in 1926-27-28-29.

Gerald Smith, captain of the champions, is co-holder with Shadley, of the world's ringer and double ringer record for a 25-point game, the famous match in which Smith and Shadley each tossed 46 ringers and 20 doubles, being staged at the Montgomery county fair, a few years ago. Smith was the 1929 county champion and took second place in the Columbus Dispatch in 1929, tying for third in 1930. Smith won the state championship in 1926, in the tournament at the Montgomery county fair. He

was runner-up in 1927 and in 1928. Smith has been a member of the All-County team since and including 1926.

Walter Irwin was a member of the All-County team in 1927-28-29.

John Hughes was selected on the All-County in 1926.

Cliff Larrick was an All-County choice in 1926.

Chester Prather has been on the All-County mythical since and including 1926. He took third place in the State tournament in 1927.

Maynard Jefferies was on the All-County choice in 1929 and 1930 and this year won the Greater Cincinnati championship. Jefferies is working in Cincinnati.

Harry Howard was selected on the All-County mythical in 1929 and 1930.

Orlando Linkhart has been an All-County selection since 1926 and in 1928 copped the county championship.

Officers of the Smith Cleaning Works team are: Clifford Larrick, president; Elza Hughes, treasurer; Gerald Smith, secretary, and team captain.

DEFEAT MARTINSBURG

The New Albany (Ind.) Central Horseshoe Club chalked up its 12th victory of the season when they defeated the strong Martinsburg outfit.

B. Gehring, the 16-year-old youth, led the attack for the New Albany squad by winning all his games and pitching 35 per cent ringers. Purlee played best for the losers by taking two games. Following is the score:

New Albany		
Gehring .....	4	0
B. Williams .....	3	1
Hottle .....	3	1
Conklin .....	2	2
	—	—
	12	4
Martinsburg		
Purlee .....	2	2
Herthal .....	1	3
Roberts .....	1	3
Dunde .....	0	4
	—	—
	4	12

WRITING ARTICLE

Frank G. Menke, noted writer, is preparing his 1931 edition of the All Sports Record Book, and is including in it an article on horseshoe pitching, with complete records, etc. He obtained considerable data from Secretary Cottrell and the Horseshoe World.

## Guy Uhlig Wins Nebraska Meet For The Fourth Time

By F. A. Good

THE Nebraska State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was held on the state fair lanes at Lincoln, and during the fair as has been the custom for the past eight years.

Guy Uhlig, the one-armed tosser from Cozar, Nebraska, was again, and for the fourth time acclaimed champion, and won the trophy cup and \$100 cash award.

Uhlig lost out one of the 38 games pitched, and registered an average of 67.54 per cent ringers for the whole tournament. A notable game pitched on the first of the three-day contest was won by Uhlig, who placed 25 shoes about the stake out of 28 thrown, establishing a state and near national record of 89.28 per cent.

Joe Klinkaek, a sturdy Bohemian from St. Michael, took second and lost but three games. Howard Robinson, of Sutton, champion of three years ago, took third award.

Emden Somerholder, a 15-year-old lad from Guide Rock, attained fourth place and L. C. Wise, of Weeping Water, took fifth. The lesser lights of the 16 prize winners, being in the order named:

L. C. Wise, Weeping Water; Sydney Harris, Minden; Ted Wilson, Kennard; Glen Wagner, Wahoo; Leonard Uhlig, Cozar; Louis Klinkaek, Shelton; Chas. McLalend, Omaha; Albert Hartman, Havelock; A. C. Wililams, Turnbull; Wilford Price, Dawson; Raymond Robinson, Sutton.

The skill of the players was marked by better than ever before exhibited in a state tournament and veteran players registered strongly in the prize list.

The state fair lanes are 20 in number and well fenced. A long scoreboard across from the audience side is used to feature many games, chalk records of each inning being marked up.

This year a portable dial board about 3½ feet by 8 feet with a clock-like face recording up to 50, was very happily used. A large arrow centered each dial and the book scorekeeper found little difficulty attending the dials which held removable numbers corresponding to the number on the backs of players.

This dial board was easily moved about to "grab off" some notable encounter, and both players and audi-

ence acclaimed it a success. Another year it is probable more of these arrow contraptions will be used.

Four special prizes were awarded on the basis of all points made with

100 shoes tossed. Here are the winners, with points attained:

Gus Uhlig, 251; Howard Robinson, 221, Emden Somerholder 221, Leonard Uhlig 202.

### HANDICAP TOURNAMENT IN HORSESHOES

The Tacoma, Washington, City Playground and Recreation Department held a very successful handicap horseshoe tournament. Tacoma has quite an active horseshoe club and some very fine pitchers unfortunately for the success of former "dead ringer" tournament, one man is quite exceptionally accurate with the iron shoes. To create interest for all the following plan was followed. The experiment was so successful that we wish to hand it along.

All entries were taken through a qualifying 100-shoe pitch. The 16 men making the highest percentage of ringers were placed in the Championship Flight, the second 16 were placed in the First Flight. Then two independent tournaments were held with like prizes for each winner.

The play in each of these two flight groups was then carried through on the handicap basis. The handicaps were figured on yearly averages. This was possible because of the accurate records kept by the local horseshoe pitching association which holds year-round tournaments.

The handicaps were figured on the basis of 100 shoes, a perfect score being 300 points.

To take a hypothetical case—say a player is rated as a 50 per cent pitcher—he would be expected to pitch 50 ringers or 150 points. He would also be expected to place the other 50 shoes in count (six inches from the peg) or 50 more points which would give him a total of 200 points. To find his handicap subtract 200 from the perfect 300 score or 100. The handicap of 100 points is added to his actual total of points for 100 shoes. Each man's handicap was thus determined. The system brought about one of the closest and most interesting tournaments possible. All matches were close, many one-point games were played and several tie games were turned in.

In pitching we used the criss cross system, each man pitched at an open peg from opposite ends of the courts. After each man pitched he would give the score keeper his opponent's

score in points, but did not pick up the shoes. Each player would then walk to the opposite peg and check his own score, pick up his shoes and repeat the process, until 100 shoes had been pitched.

For your convenience we will take space here to suggest that square-lined paper be used for accurate 100-shoe count.

In the finals of this tournament in the championship flight, Floyd Sayre (yearly average of 63 per cent) met Ira Light (yearly average of 32 per cent). Mr. Sayre had a handicap of 74 points, Mr. Light had 136. In other words, Mr. Sayre had to score 62 points more with each 100 shoes to win. The playoff was for the best three out of five games. Sayre won the first game by one point, Light took the next two games with 2 and 5 points respectively. Sayre took the fourth game by 3 points to even the count in games to two all. Darkness stopped the match short of decision the first day, but was continued with a large gallery the following day. Sayre won the final and deciding game by 10 points. In the final game Sayre with yearly average of 63 per cent pitched 81 ringers out of 100 shoes and Mr. Light, rated as a 32 per cent pitcher, made 48 ringers out of 100 shoes.

The tournament was directed by R. H. Hager, president of the Tacoma Horseshoe Pitching Association, acting as Director of Special Activities for the Metropolitan Playground and Recreation Department.

### MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

Increased interest is being shown in horseshoe pitching in Canada. This is evidenced by the many letters received for horseshoe pitching information and copies of the Horseshoe World.

Canada should prove a fertile field for the manufacturers of horseshoe pitching equipment, as should South America, and some of the other countries of the world, who seem to be starting the game.

**Credit Given Ohio  
Man As Originator  
Of the "Open Shoe"**

Lakeside, Ohio—Back in 1916 at the state horseshoe tournament at Columbus, one of the contestants stood out from all the others. While they were tossing their shoes at the stake with indifferent success, he was scoring ringers with a then unheard-of frequency.

That player was Frank Eachus, Gallipolis barber, the father of the "open shoe," a development that has made of horseshoes a scientific sport instead of the back alley game it used to be. Needless to say he won

the state championship that year.

Those were the days when horseshoe players pitched real horseshoes and when "leaners" figured in the scoring. A year previous, in 1915, Eachus had found that by holding the shoe on the side instead of hooking his finger around the end, as all players then did, the number of revolutions of the shoe could be controlled and that, by exercising care, the shoe could be made to open just as it neared the stake.

That was the beginning of the "one and three-quarter" open shoe that most champions have used and that has made possible the consistent pitching of ringers.

Eachus, who is 56, is not the player he used to be, but he can still pitch with the best. He is a veteran

tournament man, the recent state tourney here being his sixth.

While there are others who claim to have developed the open shoe, old timers at the game are unanimous in giving the credit to Eachus. Among the veterans who remember the first tournament in which the open shoe was used is W. P. Yocum, Zanesville, state champion from 1923 to 1929, and one of the chief contenders for the title this year.

Editor's Note—See cover page for photograph of Mr. Eachus.

**TO GIVE RESULTS**

We have asked Thos. D. Steele, secretary of the Kansas State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, to give us the story for October issue of the Kansas tournament held in September.

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**MAIL TOURNAMENT**

The Horseshoe World has watched with interest the mail tournament staged between the Smith Dry Cleaning team of Wilmington and other clubs.

Here are some of the reports mailed in to The World:

**BLOOMINGTON SCORES**

Raymond Howard,  
London, Ohio.

Friend Howard: By request of the Smith Cleaning Company of Wilmington, Ohio, I am sending to you the scores of four of our men last Sunday who were to pitch 100 shoes each by mail, against four men of that company.

	Pts.	R	DR
Walter Bell .....	147	31	5
J. Bell .....	92	10	0
James Logsdon .....	143	35	6
Ver Taylor .....	136	26	4
	518	102	15

L. B. LACEY,  
Bloomington (Ind.) Team

**WILMINGTON SCORES**

Dear Sir: We are sending our scores from matches played with Nolin, Ky., and New Albany, Ind., as requested by these teams. Other results will be sent soon.

With Nolin, Ky.

	P	R	DR
Shadley .....	208	21	18
Linkhart .....	207	29	15
Prather .....	203	22	19
Smith .....	186	22	16
	804	94	68

With New Albany, Ind.

Howard .....	204	26	14
Smith .....	185	29	13
Prather .....	182	31	10
Rhonomous .....	172	20	12
	743	106	50

GERALD SMITH,  
Wilmington, O., Team

**NEW ALBANY SCORE**

Mr. Howard:

With reference to our mail games with Wilmington, the score follows:

	P	R	DR	SP
Widman .....	192	56	16	100
Longest .....	177	48	8	100
Endries .....	140	32	5	100
Wilhoit .....	114	22	2	100
	623	158	31	400

JAS. J. RUSSELL,  
Central Horseshoe Club, New Albany, Ind.

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**A GREAT GAME**  
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Bert Duryee, Ohio state horseshoe champion, pitched the greatest game of horseshoes ever recorded in an exhibition match at the Gordon Park horseshoe courts in Cleveland, O., recently. Tossing against Blair Nunnemaker, national and world champion, Duryee threw 43 double and 15 single ringers for a total of 101 ringers out of 120 shoes pitched, a percentage of 84½.

Against this the world champion tossed 38 double and 14 single ringers for a total of 96 ringers out of 120 shoes pitched, a percentage of 80. Duryee won, 50 to 31.

The second match, which Duryee won 50 to 33, was a let-down from the first.

In this game the Ohio state champion threw 26 double and 10 single ringers for a total of 62 ringers out of 82 shoes pitched, a percentage of 76. Nunnemaker threw 23 double and 13 single ringers for a total of 59 ringers out of 82 shoes (more) pitched, a percentage of 72.

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**WIN 10th MATCH**

The Mutual Trust Ramblers of the New Albany Central Horseshoe Club won their tenth match game of the season Sunday afternoon at the local courts, by defeating the Columbus outfit 10 to 6.

C. Widman led the attack for the Ramblers with 47% ringers and 3 wins with one reverse.

Williams played best for the losers with 38 per cent and an even break in games.

New Albany			
Meisinhelder .....	2	0	41
Widman .....	3	1	47
Longest .....	3	1	37
Russell .....	1	2	30
Endris .....	1	2	32
	10	6	

Columbus			
Williams .....	2	2	38
Stevens .....	2	2	24
Conrad .....	1	3	30
Murphy .....	1	3	29
	6	10	

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**IN POULTRY BUSINESS**

Harry DeYoung, Patterson, N. J., tosser, is in the poultry business. He operates a fine poultry farm on R. F. D. No. 2.

**MOLINE HAS 8-LANE COURT**

The Moline, Ill., Club has a beautiful 8-course playing ground, lighted for night playing and they have been in constant use from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. during the past two or three months.

"The men bring their wives with them for the evening, tossing," writes E. E. Shafer, secretary-treasurer. "And at times we have from 50 to 100 visitors to watch the games.

"The Moline Dispatch at the present time is conducting a contest on the Prospect Park grounds (association courts) and will send two of our best tossers to Chicago with all expenses paid by the Dispatch for the national contest on September 27.

"Our own association will have a contest, open to all, on September 14, with a purse of \$100 to be divided into eight prizes

"We have word from dozens of the best tossers within 200 miles of Moline who have promised to attend and compete in our tournament.

"Recently a part of our club members went to Sterling, Ill., to engage in a match composed of Sterling and Rock Falls tossers. Result of games: Moline, 25, opponents, 11 games. A game at Princeton, Ill., resulted in a victory for Moline of 24 to 12, and a contest with a picked club at Moline from Tampico, Ill. The result was, Moline 24, Tampico, 4.

"In the Dispatch contest for the National contest at Chicago, we have 175 contestants who will qualify for the honors offered by our local paper.

"We have a Thursday night contest, each week, and eight clubs participate. This contest is to run to the end of the season when the result will be determined by games won and percent totaled."

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**HOLDING TOURNAMENT**

A tournament is being held at the time of going to press with this issue at Ashland, Ohio. Results will be given in next month's issue.

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**RETURNS TO FLORIDA**

Gerald Smith, well known Wilmington, O., tosser, has returned to the University of Florida, where he is a student. He is the leader of the university band.

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**OPERATES MANY COURTS**

Tom Jansky, 6252 Ogden ave., Berwyn, Ill., is operating 22 horseshoe courts. The courts are operated on a rental basis and the idea has been quite successful.

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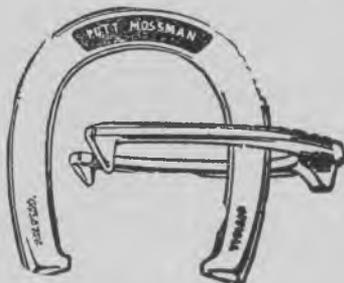
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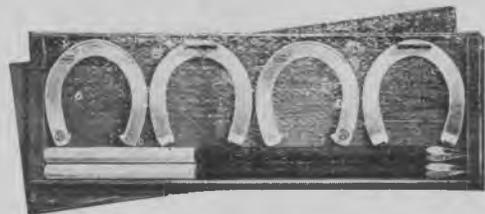


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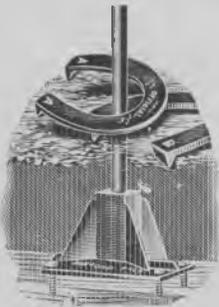
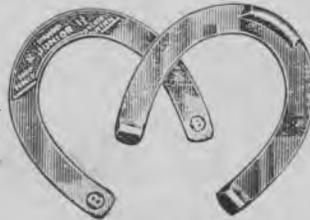
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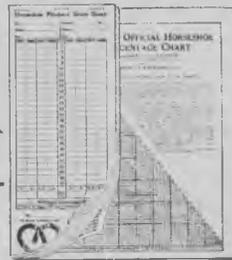


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