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OW that Spring is here the horseshoes will begin to fly in the Northern states . . . Many pitchers and would-be pitchers who wintered in the South this past winter have the horseshoe fever and will begin "Spring training" any day . . . and by the way did you ever stop to think how the national tournaments spread the gospel of horseshoe pitching in America . . . That's why the Horseshoe World has always favored a summer tournament in the North ... So many people can attend the northern tournament who cannot enjoy a visit to Florida and as a result thousands of fans become real horseshoe tossers in their own back lots . . . And don't surget that the booklet issued by Secretary Cottrell of the National Association gives much interesting information on the game for the beginner and the old timer, as well . . . We suggest that every horseshoe pitcher own one.

About Equipment

E SUPPOSE that if we write an editorial regarding horseshoe equipment we will immediately be accused of using The Horseshoe World to boost the manufacturers of horseshoe pitching equipment.

While that isn't the intention of this editorial, what if we did boost them? We owe it to them. Some of them are our advertisers, but best of all, these manufacturers are real assets to the sport in general and they deserve your support, and ours.

What we intended to say was simply this: If you are going to pitch horseshoes this summer-and we hope you will -see that you have the best in equipment. Buy good shoes and by all means buy regular horseshoe stakes. Don't use automobile axles. Have your court well laid out and well lighted.

Horseshoe pitching is a very economical game but let's not make it too cheap!

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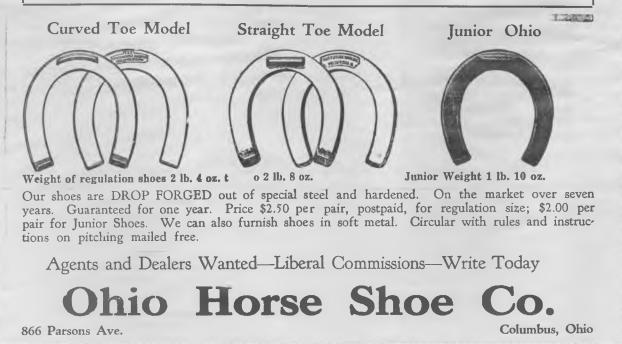
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"Putt" Mossman, at Lake Worth, Fla., February, 1925
Frank Jackson, at St. Petersburg, Fla., February, 1926
C. C. Davis, at St. Petersburg, Fla., February, 1927
Mrs. C. A. Lanham, 1922, Feb., 1924, Sept., 1924, Feb., 1925, and Sept., 1927

Mrs. Geo. Brouilette, February, 1926, and February, 1927 Mrs. Mayme Francisco, 1922, Feb., 1923, Sept., 1923.

SOME ARE PITCHING OTHER MAKES, BUT THEY WILL EVENTUALLY USE "OHIO" SHOES. SEVERAL PLAYERS THAT STARTED WITH OTHER MAKES AT THE ST. PETERSBURG NATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHANGED TO "OHIO" SHOES. 

Here's Story of National Tournament

By D. D. COTTRELL

F OR the third consecutive time, C. C. Davis, from Columbus, Ohio, won the world's championship in the tournament held in St. Petersburg, Florida, February 20 to March 1, from the greatest competition he has ever faced, and with a record of horseshoe pitching that has never been equalled in any such series of games.

He won his first in St. Petersburg in February, 1922, winning every game from each of his 21 opponents, but only averaged 21.3 ringers per game, and the most ringers he made in any one game was 33, including 8 double ringers, with Fred Brust. This was before any record was kept of the number of shoes pitched, so no percentage of ringers could be figured. He also won the world's championship at Lake Worth, Florida, in February, 1924.

In this tournament he won 59 out of the 62 50-point games he played with an average of 41.2 ringers per game. The most ringers he made in any one game was 70, including 25 double ringers with Nunamaker, and his average percentage of ringers for the whole tournament was .667. He pitched six games with more than 60 ringers. He only lost three games. These were the first game he played in the preliminaries and that to Duryee, and then again to Duryee the second day of the finals, and one to Nunamaker the third day of the finals.

At the Duluth tournament last August there were 14 men that averaged over 50 per cent ringers in the preliminaries. The total average percentage of the 12 men that entered the finals was .552, while at this tournament there were only 13 men that averaged more than 50 per cent ringers in the preliminaries, the 12 men that won the right to enter the finals averaged .574 per cent ringers.

The opening game of the tournament was played between C. J. Maurer Mayor of St. Petersburg, and W. J. Tillinghast, president of the Chamber of Commerce. After these two officials, with the members of the Park Board, had welcomed the players to the city. The game was declared a draw and in the play-off Mayor Maurer broke President Ermatinger's straw hat that had been placed on the peg and was declared the winner of the gold horseshoes donated by the Putt Mossman Horseshoe Company. They say that the mayor has a court at his home and is practicing regularly.

Each player had his shoes weighed and measured to see that they conformed to the national rules, and when his name was call alphabetically he drew his playing number for the preliminaries. The players were also instructed by the National Secretary about the rules, and cautioned not to overstep the foul line or do anything that would bother an opponent while pitching. Agreement was made that ties in the first 12 places would not be played off, but all ties in the prize money below the first 12 would be played off by the best two out of three 50-point games.

Davis drew No. 14 and Duryee No. 17, which brought these two head-liners together in the first round according to the 30-man schedule of Mr. D. J. Cowden, Adair, Iowa, which was used. Duryee won with the following score:

This proved to be one of the best games played during the preliminaries and was the only one that Davis lost. In the afternoon Emmett Mossman, Putt's 16-year-old brother, played his best game with Davis as follows:

Duryee, Nunamaker, Risk, Vyrl Jackson and Elmerson, listed in the order of their percentages, were the only ones that did not lose a game during the first day's play. The second day Nunamaker was the only player that had not lost, although each had played ten games. Duryee had met defeat by Nunamaker; Davis had won from Risk, and Vyrl Jackson and Duryee had won from Elmerson.

Nunamaker continued his winning

until Thursday morning when he met defeat at the hands of Davis, with the following score:

P R DR SP Pct Davis50 61 21 84 .726 Nunamaker30 54 17 84 .643

Thursday afternoon Nunamaker met his only other defeat during the preliminaries at the hands of Les Robison, with the score as follows:

P R DR SP Pct L. Robison50 25 6 60 .417 Nunamaker47 23 6 60 .383 The preliminaries were finished on Saturday forenoon and the ties for 12th, 14th and 17th places were played off in the afternoon in the best two out of three 50-point games.

Hansford Jackson, the 12th place and the right to enter the finals from Putt Mossman by the following score: P R DR SP Pct H. Jackson50 36 10 58 .621 P. Mossman31 28 7 58 .483

Emmett Mossman won the 14th place and \$40 prize from J. L. Estep. Mr. Estep, 66 years of age, was the oldest entrant in the tournament and Emmett was 17, and almost the youngest, Herbert Jackson being only a few weeks younger. The score of the games follow: E. Mossman ...50 38 10 64 .531

The above contest created a great deal of interest and was watched very closely by the crowd.

F. Brundige and L. Robison played

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off their the for 17th place and \$25 in prize money resulting as shown by the following scores:

Р	R	DR	\mathbf{SP}	Pct	
F. Brundige 50	29	8	70	.414	
L. Robison27	25	3	70	.357	
Р	R	DR	\mathbf{SP}	Pct	
F. Brundige35	19	2	50	.380	
L. Robison 50	23	8	50	.460	
Р	R	\mathbf{DR}	SP	Pct	
F. Brundige 50	28	10	48	.566	
L. Robison17	18	4	48	.375	
The preliminaries	in	the	Wor	nen's	
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urday afternoon, February 25th. Mrs. Brouillette winning all her games with a total percentage of .451. Mrs. Francisco had a total percentage of .578. Mrs. Francisco lost only one game, and that to Mrs. Brouillette.

The record of this game follows: Mrs. Brouillette 50 35 12 62 .565 Mrs. Francisco 40 32 10 62 .516

The best game in the preliminaries, considering percentage of ringers, was played by Mrs. Francisco when she won in pitching 21 ringers, 8 double ringers in 28 shoes, or .750 per cent. from Mrs. Cumming.

Monday morning, February 27, the 12 men and four women who had won the right to compete in the finals were again cautioned about the rules of the game and especially in not touching the shoes until it was decided by the two playing, what the count was and instructed to call a referee for any close decision. The players also decided to play off any ties by pitching the best two out of three 50-point games, except if there should be any tie for first prize and championship, then it should be played off in a series of best four out of seven 50-point games.

Two different schedules of 12 men play were used, the one published in the article "How to Conduct a Horseshoe Tournament," printed on page 46 in the new book, "Horseshoe Pitching —How to Play the Game," which has just been published by the National association, and another schedule of different arrangement. By alternating these schedules, the same man did not meet the same opponent at the same time of day or on the same court in the three games that each played the other.

After two rounds of games had been played it began to rain and it looked as though all the rest of the games were off for the day, but about 3 p. m. the rain had stopped. The courts which have concrete all around the pegs for the pitchers box except for the clay area, and which are brick paved between the stakes, dried up quickly. The clay had been covered up and what little water had gotten into it was soon dried up by sprinkling dry clay on top.

In September, 1910, the Evening Independent published in St. Petersburg, made the offer to give away free its entire first edition every day when the sun did not shine here before 3:30 p. m., the time of going to press. To show the tens of thousands of visitors in the city that this was no idle offer. the sun failed to shine and soon newsboys appeared at the courts and on the streets and freely gave away the papers although the usual price is five cents per copy. This Monday was the ninety-second time in seventeen and one-half years that the Independent had made good this offer. The paper named St. Petersburg "The Sunshine City." For 367 days ending December 18, 1927, there was not a day when the Independent had to give away its papers.

The Independent printed the number of points, ringers, double ringers and shoes pitched of every game played during the whole tournament, and in addition gave a large amount of space to write-ups of the best games and other features each day.

Because of the rain only nine games of the full schedule of 11 games each of the 12 men were to play each day for three days, were played on Monday. At the end of the day's play Davis was the only man that hadn't lost a game. Duryee lost to Davis and Nunamaker; Risk lost to Duryee and Davis; Nunamaker lost to Davis and Hough, and Elmerson had had a hard day in losing to Risk, Nunamaker Frank and Hansford Jackson.

Considering percentage of ringers, the men winning the four highest places in the tournament stood in the same order Monday night and continued the same order throughout the finals. Davis total average was .741, Duryee .694, Nunamaker .682, and Elmerson .639 for these first nine games. Six of the men had a total average of .610 or better, while the other six were between .595 and .532.

In his game with Duryee, Nunamaker had at least one ringer on the peg in every one of the 40 innings. Davis had at least one ringer on in the last 37 innings of his game with Nunamaker.

Davis pitched what turned out to be the best game of the finals, considering ringer percentage as follows:

In this game of 18 innings he had at least one ringer on every time, and only missed four times of having both ringers on. He started off with three doubles, then a single ringer, then 4 more doubles, then 2 singles, then 6 doubles, then a single and closed the game with another double.

Davis pitched his game with Porter in the preliminaries with exactly the same number of points, ringers, double ringers, shoes pitched and percentage as this game, but had a string of eight consecutive doubles.

The second day of the finals each man played 13 games, the two games of the Monday schedule not played and the full 11 games of Tuesday's schedule.

The sensational playing of the day was done by Duryee in his last four games of the afternoon, after he had already pitched 566 shoes in his nine previous 50-point games that day. He ended his game with Falor by pitching 11 ringers, 4 double ringers in the last 7 innings. His next game was with Frank Jackson in which he made 58 ringers, 19 double ringers in 39 innings. Then he played Carroll Jackson, making 41 ringers, 12 double ringers in 29 innings and his last game of the day was with Thompson in which Duryee made 36 ringers, 11 double ringers in 25 innings before missing the peg with more than one shoe. In these 100 consecutive innings with 200 shoes Duryee pitched 156 ringers, 46 double ringers or an average of 78 per cent. There is no record of any pitching that approaches this skill in any world's championship tournament or anywhere else as far as the writer knows.

The pitching of 100 consecutive innings in such a tournament without missing the peg with more than one **shoe will probably** stand as record for some time to come. Duryee shares with Putt Mossman the honor of pitching the best game ever in any championship tournament as described on pages 10 and 11 of the new book, "Horseshoe Pitching" just published. Duryee lost only one game Tuesday and that to Elmerson.

Tuesday the four women in the fi-

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nals played each other two games each as they did not play their first round Monday afternoon as scheduled on account of rain. Mrs. Francisco won both of her games from Mrs. Brouillette, the second game being the best of the women's tournament, considering the number of ringers made. It resulted as follows:

 P
 R
 DR
 SP
 Pet

 Mrs. Francisco
 50
 39
 8
 70
 .557

 Mrs. Brouillette
 47
 38
 11
 70
 .543

This game was so hotly contested, that it held the breathless interest of the crowd as the score showed one ahead and then the other until at the 25th inning it stood 40 for Mrs. Brouillette and only 29 for Mrs. Francisco. Mrs. Francisco then began gaining gradually passing her opponent's score in the 32nd inning and winning the game in the 37th inning when Mrs. Brouillette only put on one ringer, which Mrs. Francisco covered with a double.

Wednesday forenoon the last day of finals Davis easily won his first six games except the one with Thompson. In the 28th inning the score stood 31 to 27 in favor of Thompson. Davis soon however took the lead and in the 41st inning the score stood 47 to 41 in favor of Davis. In the next inning both pitched a double. Then Thompson came back with another double which Davis failed to cover, leaving the score 47 apiece. Thompson only pitched one ringer in the next inning, which Davis covered with a double, winning the game.

Soon after beginning the afternoon play Nunamaker won from Davis with the following score:

P R DR SP Pct Nunamaker50 65 28 78 .833 Davis31 59 22 78 .753

In this game they had 4 ringers on the peg 14 times and each made a string of nine consecutive doubles, but not at the same time. In the 19th inning they were tied with 19 points each and 30 ringers each although Nunamaker had 13 doubles to 12 double ringers for Davis. At the end of the 23rd inning the score stood 25 each, then Nunamaker took the lead and held it for the rest of the game.

Davis' last two games of the day were first with Elmerson and then with Duryee. If he lost to Elmerson then there was a tie for championship between Davis and Duryee, with 3 games lost by each and the last game which was between Duryee and Davis would decide the championship. If he lost both it would give the championship to Duryee.

onder these conditions with so much resting on the result of these games the crowd was tense with excitement, and breathlessly watched each shoe as it fell, cheering for their favorite as the one or the other gained a point.

Elmerson gave Davis the hardest game, being ahead of him in the 20th inning, with a score of 23 to 21. Then Davis went ahead and held the lead. The 36th inning the score stood Davis 47, Elmerson 29. Elmerson then began to forge ahead until in the next to the last inning the score was Dav.s 48, Elmerson 47, with Elmerson first pitch. He only threw one ringer which Davis promptly covered with a double and won the game.

The score was:

P R DR SP Pet 61 20 88 .693 Elmerson47 61 19 88 .693 This meant that if Duryee should win the last game of the day from Davis, the championship would be a tie between them with each having lost three games. Duryee had already won the only game Davis lost in the preliminaries and each had won one game from the other in the finals. However Duryee did not prove very strong opposition to Davis in this last game which resulted as follows:

Davis equalled the world's championship tournament record by pitching 10 consecutive double ringers in his game with Estep on Wednesday during the preliminaries. He pitched 8 and 9 consecutive doubles in other games during the tournament.

In his last Monday in the finals with Frank Jackson they had four ingers on the peg 15 times, thereby coming within 3 times of equalling the world's record of 18 times held by Duryee and Putt Mossman in that great game mentioned before.

Elmerson and Nunamaker equalled the record of Davis and Frank Jackson by having four ringers on the peg 15 times in their game Wednesday in the finals which was as follows:

In this game they had 4 ringers on the peg six consecutive times, thereby coming within two times of the world's record of eight consecutive times held by Duryee and Putt Mossman in the great game at the Lake Worth, Fla., tournament in February, 1925, which has been previously mentioned.

The third round in the women's finals were played Wednesday afternoon, giving the world's championship to Mrs. Francisco. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Brouillette equalled the game percentage of Mrs. Francisco previously mentioned in the preliminaries by pitching 21 ringers, 7 double ringers in 28 shoes with Mrs. Cumming, or 75 per cent.

The results of the tournament were broadcast by Station WSUN, owned by the City of St. Petersburg and operated by the Chamber of Commerce, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night. This is the first time that the national tournament results have been sent out over the radio.

Every night the results and feature story of the day's play were sent out by the Associated Press, United Press and other news agencies, but in spite of all this, I received a letter two weeks or more after the tournament ended from a gentleman in Salt Lake City, saying he had not yet learned who won the tournament. Evidently the papers in his city and possibly in other cities did not print the horseshoe news that was sent out.

Stoney McLinn, sport writer of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, was in attendance at the tournament nearly every day and sent a number of feature stories about it that were printed in that daily.

Mr. John Lodwick, publicity manager of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce kept publicity and pictures of champions and leading players in the papers and magazines throughout the country for a number of months before the tournament began and during its progress.

Jeff Moshier, sport editor for the Evening Independent, which printed the results of every game played during the tournament usually was able to get the outstanding features of the **afternoon's play** on the front page of the final edition of his paper every evening. He also had a column under the title of "Ringers Here and There" daily that gave an interesting study of the games and players such as a rule does not get into print.

James McDonald, sport editor of the Morning Times, every evening after the records of the day's play had been compiled, assisted the writer in getting them ready for publication so that the readers of the morning paper had complete data on the previous day's play. He was ably assisted by Seth Whitmore, one of his sport reporters.

This is the first tournament in which champions of different trunk line railroads have competed. Mr. James Putnam, Mokane, Mo., came to St. Petersburg as the champion of the M. K. T. railway system, and Lloyd W. Eaton, Columbus, O., as champion of the Pennsylvania Railway System. I understand that the railroads hold tournaments for their different divisions and then the winners of the different divisions get together and compete for the championship of the entire system once a year.

This is the second national tournament in which Glen Porter, Glendale, California, has competed. His first was at Lake Worth, Fla., in February, 1924. He still carried a new five dollar bill as a souvenir that was issued by the First National Bank of Lake Worth, which he received when they paid off their prizes in new bills of that bank. The prizes here this year were paid in gold.

We would hardly know how to carry on a tournament now in Florida without the genial presence and willing helpfulness of our first vice-president, Alex Cumming, of Minneapolis, Minn. His party this year consisted of Mrs. Cumming, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Brouillette, who was accompanied by her mother. The party seemed to thoroughly enjoy the balmy air and especially the bathing here for a couple of weeks at this season of the year after leaving the rigors of a Minnesota winter. Alex made a trip to the east coast while here. We missed his son Art Cumming from the tournament this year as Art usually makes the best of them step some when he gets started piling on ringers.

After the tournament, Mrs. Brouillette and her mother left for a trip to California where she will also pitch some exhibition games before her return home.

Thursday afternoon the only tie in the finals which was between Risk and Thompson, was played off before a large crowd in best two out of three games. Thompson easily won the first two games by the score printed in the March HORSESHOE WORLD.

Thursday evening all the national officers, players, score keepers, ground keepers and others that had helped to make the tournament a success, including thier wives sat down to a banquet at the Beverly Hotel as the guests of the Chamber of Commerce. A large number of horseshoe fans and others were also present.

After the banquet prize and trophy winners were called to the speakers' table where President Errmatinger, after a few appropriate and usually witty remarks presented each what he or she was entitled to, prize money being in gold. Numerous trophies were donated by different business firms of the city. The consolation prize, a pair of nickelplated horseshoes was presented to L. S. Lyemance Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn., with the compliments of the Ohio Horseshoe Company of Columbus, Ohio.

D. D. Cottrell, Nat'l Secy.

HERE'S GOOD IDEA!

Horseshoe "shelter sheds" have been constructed on the Temple Arbor Courts, thus the "boys" at Headquarters are able to carry on in comparative comfort each noon hour and occasionally in the evening, regardless of the inclemency of the weather. The innovation is strictly original with the Temple Arbor club.

Two sheds, 6x7½, have been constructed over each stake or box, with the open ends, (7 ft. high) facing the opposite stake. Strange as it may seem, the sheds apparently offer no hazard, mental or otherwise, and the shoes may be thrown as high as desired. Strong electric bulbs with shades, suspended over the stakes, offer splendid light for As explained evening pitching. before, the blue clay around the stakes is kept soft and pliable, regardless of the temperature of the weather by the occasional application of rock salt and water and covering with burlap and rubber matting. When fully completed the sheds are to have safety zones and seats in the rear of the interior and two hinged doors in front to keep out the snow and rain when not in use. The Temple boys are much pleased over the success of their "new idea" and will be pleased to furnish specific plans and dimensions to those interested. Dr. W. W. Wickware's column in "The Gleaner Forum," Detroit, Mich.

Scoresheets, \$3.25 per 1000, F. O. B. London.

SPORT MAGAZINE SHOWS INTEREST

Sport Story Magazine, through its editor, Handley Cross, is taking a great interest in horseshoe pitching. Following is a letter from Mr. Cross to Secretary Cottrell:

Mr. D. D. Cottrell, Secretary

National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association,

St. Petersburg, Fla.,

Dear Mr. Cottrell:

Many thanks for "Horseshoe Pitching." I found it extremely interesting, and 1'm sure that many of our readers will be glad to know that such a book is available. I will be glad to review it in the first issue available which will be May 8th. I'll send you a copy.

Thanks, too, for the information contained in your interesting letter and for the copies of the "Horseshoe World" that you are sending me. I'm going to use this horseshoe material in an article in the "From the Bleachers" section as early as possible.

You have convinced me that horseshoe pitching is a sport that should be brought to the attention of our readers, and I am going to do what I can toward that end. The small space needed, the inexpensiveness of the equipment, and the fact that it provides interesting exercise for people of all ages makes it very much worthwhile. It occurs to me that an interview with the present champion or with some other wellknown player would be a good feature for the series of interviews with sport champions and coaches that we are running in Sport Story. Will you be good enough to let me know what you think of this idea?

With many thanks for the interesting material that you have sent me, I am

> Yours very truly, Handley Cross.

A. K. Kinley, Cleveland, Ohio, secretary and treasurer of the Mackinac Island Hay Fever Horseshoe Pitchers club, attended the National tournament of Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, at St. Petersburg, Fla., and will have some interesting data to report about the tournament to club members when they get together next August and September on the Island.

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"Horseshoe Pitching-How To Play the Game," has just been published by the National Association and already a number of hundred of the first edition have been sold. It is $5\frac{1}{4}x7\frac{1}{4}$ inches in size, has 80 pages and cover, and costs 35 cents postpaid. Mrs. Lanham, former world's champion, writes: "Want to congratulate you for putting it out. I sure am proud of mine. I think every horseshoe pitcher and fan should own one." Mr. Otto Swanstrom, president of the Diamond Calk Horseshoe Co., writes: :"You have done a wonderful job on that pamphlet. I am sure there will be no fault for anyone to find. You have certainly gone into it in a thorough degree. It is just what the organization has needed for a long time."

Nothing but words of praise from horseshoe fans all over the country have been heard for the book. It was printed by the publishers of the Horseshoe World.

Delegates present at the convention of the National Horseshoe Pitchers association of America, a non-profit corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, which was held at St. Petersburg, Florida, beginning Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, 1928, represented twelve states as follows: :

California-Glen B. Porter, Glendale.

Florida—J. F. Francisco and Mrs. Mayme Francisco, St. Petersburg; Harold Falor, Orlando; C. C. Davis, Bradenton; Blair Nunamaker, Miami. Illinois—Parker Moore, Homewood; Carroll Jackson, Hansford Jackson and C. R. Thompson, Chicago; Les Robison, Peoria.

Indiana-James Risk, Montpelier.

Iowa—Putt Mossman and Emmett Mossman, Eldora; Herbert Jackson, of Lamoni.

Kansas-Bert Duryee, Wichita.

Michigan—R. H. Rizor, Lee Rose and Mrs. M. Rose, Detroit.

Minnesota—R. L. Shrewsbury, Wyzeta; Mrs. Geo. Brouillette, Mrs. C. D. Young and Mrs. Alex Cumming, Minneapolis.

Missouri—James Putnam, Mokane. Ohio—L. W. Eaton, Columbus; J. D. Hough, Urbana; W. E. Stimson, Cleveland; J. Todd Flower and W. H. Motz,

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Akron.

Tennessee—L. S. Lyemance, Jr., of Chattanooga.

Wisconsin-H. E. Elmerson, Kenosha.

National officers present were as follows:

H. L. Ermatinger, president, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Alex Cumming, 1st vice president, Minneapolis, Minn; W. J. Seas, treasurer, St. Petersburg, Fla. D. D. Cottrell, secretary, North Cohocton, N. Y.

The first meeting was called to order by President Ermatinger at 7:30 p. m. in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Roll call showed a quorum being present, R. L. Shrewsbury was elected temporary recording secretary. The following committees were appointed by the president:

. Committee on Rules—J. Todd Flower chairman; W. H. Motz, Alex Cumming, W. E. Stimson, L. W. Eaton, C. C. Davis, Glen Porter.

Auditing Committee—R. L. Shrewsbury, chairman; J. D. Hough, Putt Mossman.

Committee on Resolution... R. L. Shrewsbury, chairman; Alex Cumming and O. J. Hawkins.

Entertainment Committee J. F. Francisco, with power to choose the rest of the members.

Minutes of the meeting of the association at Duluth were read and approved.

Secretary Cottrell reported that he received the charter of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of the United States from Mr. B. G. Leighton the former national secretary, Januay 24, 1928, and the same day sent application to amend the charter and name to read National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, with headquarters at London, Ohio, and that the amendment certificate was filed in the office of the Secretary of State, at Columbus, Ohio, February 3, 1928, and that a copy of the certificate of amendment was in his possession.

Second meeting of the convention was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Friday evening February 24 at 8 o'clock; quorum present; minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Flowers, chairman of the Rules

D. D. COTTRELL, Sec'y North Cohocton, N. Y.

committee reported consideration of changing the national rules to award world's championship on percentage of ringers instead of games won. He moved that the rule remain as it is on games won. Carried by count vote 18 yes, 14 no.

Rule 6 was amended by adding to the rule "No projection shall be allowed ahead of calk on inner circle of shoe." Adopted by a roll call vote on motion of Todd Flowers, chairman of rules committee.

Motion made that champion pitch only the winner of tournament instead of the preliminary games to qualify for finals. Motion lost.

Motion made to revise Rule 9 so a shoe would not be delivered until it struck the ground after being pitched. Motion lost on a roll call vote; 10 yes, 20 no. Motion to reconsider vote lost by a roll call vote, 20 no, 10 yes.

On motion Rules Committee were thanked for their work and dismissed from further consideration.

Mr. R. L. Shrewsbury, chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported the books had been audited and found correct and that the funds shown on hand were found to be on deposit in the American Bank & Trust Co., St. Petersburg, Fla. Report of the Auditing Committee was accepted and they were thanked for their work and dismissed from further duty.

The treasurer's report was adopted. Motion was made and carried that The American Bank & Trust Co. be designated as the depositary of the funds of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

The third meeting of the association was held at the same place Saturday evening, Feb. 25, Vice President Alex Cumming in the chair. After the roll call showing a quorum present, Mr. Shrewsbury, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, made his report, thanking the Chamber of Commerce for making this tournament possible by the generous prizes and trophies offered; Mayor Maurer, the Park Board of St. Petersburg, and all others for their help and interest in this tournament. The Sunshine Pleasure club for the use of their grounds and their part in making the tournament a success.

They especially thanked the Evening Independent and the St. Petersburg Times, the Associated Press and other news agencies, also the visiting reporters of several northern papers for the publicity, support and space they had given to the tournament; also the St. Petersburg Radio Station WSUN for broadcasting the results of the tournament. This was the first time such results were ever roadcast by radio. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

Fourth meeting of the association was held at the same place on Monday evening February 27 at 8:15. President Ermatinger in the chair.

Upon roll call a quorum was shown to be present. Hansford Jackson moved, seconded by C. C. Davis, that Section 5, Article IV, of the National Constitution be amended so as to read "The entry fee shall not be less than Five (\$5) Dollars, covering male entries." Unanimously carried.

Carroll Jackson moved, seconded by C. C. Davis, that Section 1. As 'ale IV, the National Constitution be amended after the words "National body" by adding "for one year from date annual dues are received," and that the clause allowing half vote for memberneips after July 1st be stricken out. Unanimously carried.

Moved by C. C. Davis and seconded by J. Francisco that all the acts of the national officers in carrying on the business of the association since the 1927 convention in St. Petersburg be approved and that the salary of the secretary be \$50 per month and necessary expenses for correspondence, etc., in developing the growth of the association. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bert Duryee and seconded by C. C. Davis, that Article III, Section 2, of the By-Laws be amended by adding the following: "Or in a series of games (not less than six wins in a scheduled 11-game match) same to be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, it being understood that the Board of Directors will give preference to those finishing among the first six in the last previous tournament. The board, however, may, at its discretion, select some other opponent for the championship if proof is positive that he or she will be a worthy opponent of the champion. Not more than three such contests may be held annually. A representative selected by the board shall be in

attendance to conduct the match. No bid under one thousand dollars (\$1000) will be accepted, and 25 per cent up to this amount shall go to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America." Unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

The delegates met in convention session; a quorum being present at the banquet in the Beverly Hotel Thursday evening, March 1. The minutes of all sessions of the convention that had not been previously approved were read and approved. Convention adjourned sine die.

Your secretary received a great many communications from individuals, clubs, manufacturers and horseshoe fans with requests that these letters be brought before the convention. They were referred to the proper committees, mostly going to the Rules Committee. Petitions were received from clubs, signed by most of the members, and were properly presented. With very few exceptions, none of the individual clubs or manufacturers were members or financial supporters of the national association. Your association is the only official body governing the horseshoe pitching game. It wants the help and advice of everyone interested in the game, but it also feels that every individual horseshoe fan, club and manufacturer should become a member and otereby help financially. The National Association could become a power in the sport world and bring horseshoe pitching to the front as a great national game if every one interested would do his bit. Send in your annual dues. Become a member of the national and help boost the sport.

California Game

Following are the scores of three games pitched in San Bernardino on March 2 between Dean Brown of Riverside, former state champion and J. T. Graham of San Bernardino:

First Game

	Pts.	R.	D.R.
Graham		46	9
Brown		46	10
	Second Game		
	Pts.	R.	D.R.
Brown		56	15
Graham		57	15
	Third Game		
	Pts.	R.	D.R.
Brown		53	16
Graham		47	14

Wilbur Swanstrom

Mr. Swanstrom, Red Wing, Minn., bank clerk, aged 29, is the undisputed champion of the Red Wing Horseshoe club, having won that distinction by his defeat of all players in the finals of Class A in contests played at the local courts. He put up a remarkable exhibition winning all of his five games with 263 points. His nearest contender was Fred Nagel, who won 4 games and lost one and that to Swanson. Nagel's score was 221.

The new champion has made steady progress in the horseshoe sport. He at all times plays in form and is a dangerous contender in any event.

The scores of the Class A finals follow:

V	/Ι	l Pts	R	DR	SP
W. Swanson5	0	263	108	15	290
Fred Nagel4	1	221	76	10	328
Reuben Berg3	2	199	76	12	296
Gilbertson2	3	197	66	8	328
H. Borgen1	4	203	87	13	336
Luverne Ring0	5	112	57	3	306
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RINGERS HERE AND THERE

Under the above heading Jeff. Moshier, sport editor of the St. Petersburg Evening Independent, gave almost daily pithy and pertinent paragraphs as the tournament progressed. Some of these are printed here under the dates that they appeared.

Tuesday Feb. 21

Odd statistics on the opening games of the national horseshoe tourney yesterday follow:

Shortest game—Harvey Elmerson and Abner Whipple, 64 shoes pitched. Longest Game—Jimmy Risk and

Carrol Jackson, 196 shoes pitched.

Most Ringers—Single game, Jimmy Risk, 63, with Carroll Jackson; four games, C. C. Davis, 201.

Most Double Ringers — Single game, Bert Duryee, 23, with Davis; four games, Davis, 4.

Closest Games—Harold Falor, 50; Fred Brundige, 49; Les Robison, 50; James Putnam, 49.

Highest Ringer Percentage—Davis, .888, with Glenn Porter.

Only one shutout game was played Davis, defeating Porter, 50 to 0, each pitching 36 shoes.

The tournament statisticians will be working until dark these days figuring up the totals and ringer percentages. Secretary Cottrell is being assisted in this work by W. E. Stimson and Clyde Anderson, secretary of the Sunshine Pleasure club.

The wire services were howling for "dope" on the shoe tossers yesterday and indications are that the demand for horseshoe news will be even greater this year than last with the large field in the present tourney.

Rogers Hornsby, the Braves' new second baseman and the National league's greatest batter, was an interested spectator during the afternoon games, with Judge Emil Fuchs, owner of the Boston club, and Manager Jack Slattery. Al Lang brought several of the Braves' players in to watch the horseshoe experts in the opening games.

Mrs. Mayme Francisco, former women's champion, has received a letter from the horseshoe club at Long Beach, Calif., where she pitched last spring, wishing her luck in the women's tourney. The letter was signed by every member of the Long Beach club.

Horseshoes on "Air"

Horseshoe pitching goes on the air tonight for the first time in the history of radio an dthe slipper game when the St. Petersburg station WSUN, broadcasts results of the national tournament.

Broadcasting of the slipper results will start at 9:05 o'clock and will be repeated Thursday, Saturday and next Tuesday nights.

Through the unusual feature, the radio "audience" all over the world, especially horseshoe players and enthusiasts who are not able to attend the tournament can follow the progress of the national championship.

Station WSUN broadcasts on 516.9 meters, 380 kilocycles and 750 watts.

Wednesday, February 22

Miami is after the next mid-winter horseshoe meet and some lively bidding between the East coast city and St. Petersburg may be expected. This is the first time that Miami has ever made an effort to land the tourney. The Magic City does not have the playing facilities, however, and it is expected that the tournament will return here again next year.

A. K. Kinley, Cleveland, Ohio, secretary and treasurer of the Mackinac Island Hay Fever Horseshoe Pitchers club, is an enthusiastic fan attending the games, and will have a good report on the tournament to make to his club when they meet at Mackinac Island Lext August and September.

* * * Fourteen men are handling the scoring and officiating on the courts during the tournament games. Scorekeepers appointed by Secretary Clyde Anderson of the Sunshine Pleasure club are: C. C. Gardner, H. J. Kocher, B. W. Hooper, H. Schofer, O. A. Beaver, George Vignoe, G. W. Ackers, A. Oemke, A. J. Miller and William Green, O. J. Hawkins, J. F. Bowers and H. F. Humphrey are the three referees called upon to decide the close ones around the pegs.

A new and shiny pair of Putt Moss-

man horseshoes awaits the first radio fan to report "listening in" last night when results of the national tournament were broadcast from station WSUN. This was the first time in the history of horseshoe pitching and radio that the sliper game has gone on the air.

After a discouraging first day, Putt Mossman, former champion, has returned to the one and a quarter turn and hopes to regain his old winning stride. Mossman used both the one and a quarter and one and three quarters here last year and at Duluth and finished far down in the tournament. Now, faced with the prospect of finishing below the select 12 in the preliminaries, the young ex-champion has vowed to stick to his old turn.

Thursday, February 23

Pitching 10 straight double ringers in his game with J. Estep, Davis yesterday equaled the tournament record set at Lake Worth three years ago by Putt Mossman, the former champion. Davis pitched 21 straight ringers. Earlier in the day old Frank Jackson pitched nine in a row and several pitchers have had runs of eight and seven during the tournament.

Jimmy Risk showed the fans how he could drop from 72 to 57 per cent when he lost to old Frank Jackson, 19 to 50, after defeating J. D. Hough, 50 to 12. In his game with Hough, Jimmy had 32 ringers out of 44 shoes, but after his scrap with Jackson, he found that only 38 of his 66 shoes had found the pegs.

Improving as they advance in the preliminary round, Davis and Nunamaker have won the favor of the experts and the dopesters are picking them to battle it out for the title in the finale next week. Davis has the edge on Nunamaker on ringer percentage but realizes that he can't take the Cleveland lad lightly and readily admits that he is the most dangerous contender.

* * * The keener the competition the better Emmett Mossman likes it. Putt's kid brother stepped out and took part of the honors yesterday from Blair Nunamaker, the tourney reader, by downing Frank Jackson, the former champion and then stepping up against Bert Duryee and giving the Kansas plenty to worry over.

Little Emmett, who seems to put

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everything into each pitch, and throws a high shoe that almost touches the wires over the courts, first stepped to the front Monday by giving Champion Davis a real tussle, matching double ringers with the champ in 10 innings. Yesterday he went out and handed old Frank Jackson a good trimming, 50 to 44, averaging almost 60 per cent ringers. Following this game, he met Duryee. Coming from behind, Emmett forged ahead of the Kansas champion and took the lead. 45 to 38. At this point hard luck blasted the youngster's chances and his shoes bounced around and off the pegs as Duryee went out with a spurt of doubles.

Little Emmett has become one of the most popular pitchers in the tourney and with his broad grin has won a host of enthusiastic followers. Among these admirers yesterday were three women who sat in one corner of the temporary stands and cheered for him through his games with Duryee and Jackson.

Friday, February 24

The ringer percentages took a flop yesterday as the stiff wind blew across the lanes during the afternoon and it is hardly probable that Davis will be able to push his average over 70 per cent. for the preliminary round with only seven more games to play. The champion had an even 70 per cent after yesterday's games but was able to average only a fraction over 63 per cent in yesterday's wind.

Putt Mossman moved back to the front of the tournament picture yesterday by staging a sensational comeback. The young ex-champion's unexpected victories over Frank Jackson and Jimmy Risk boosted him to the 500 mark in percentage of games won and lost and he now has an outside chance to tie for 12th place and meet one or two other pitchers in a playoff for the coveted position in the finals.

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Putt was unable to get going earlier in the week and his showing was disappointing as he is considered one of the best pitchers in the country. The change of turns was blamed for his bad start. Now that he has learned his lesson he plans to work harder and attempt to regain his old stride for the national events next summer and winter.

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Working only a low shoe, Mossman

had the advantage of his opponents who were bothered by the wind that carried their high pitched shoes off line.

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With competition as keen as it has been many are wondering what would have happened had George May, the former champ from Akron, entered. May has been pitching ringers at a 75 per cent. clip and had he entered the race would have been even closer.

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They are saying on all sides that this is the greatest tournament ever staged.

Saturday, February 25

Estep had a real battle with Lloyd Eaton, champion of the Pennsylvania railroad shops from Columbus, O. The railroad worker almost clinched the game with a spurt of ringers in the closing frames and came within one point of victory, leading 49 to 43, when Estep pitched two doubles and two single ringers and went out.

The eliminated pitchers had a big time yesterday, staging several close games among themselves and with the leaders. The most interesting game of the day was played by D. T. Leonard, the New York state champion, and Carroll Jackson, oldest son of the former champ. Averaging over 65 per cent ringers with 20 on the pegs in the first 15 frames, Leonard piled up 36 points to Jackson's three. It looked like an easy victory for the New Yorker, but Jackson settled down, pitching almost 80 per cent ringers to win by 50 to 49. With Jackson leading, 49 to 43, Leonard tied the score with a double but Carroll went out on a double in the final frame.

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Champion Davis staged another of his whirlwind finishes yesterday to beat Harvey Elmerson, the Wisconsin youth. Leading Elmerson by five points, the champ pitched four straight doubles to win the game, 50 to 30.

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An odd feature of Elmerson's pitching yesterday was his ringer percentages in his two games before and after his defeat by Davis. The Wisconsin averaged better than 70 per cent in these contests, but fell down badly against the champion.

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Young Emmett Mossman, 16-yearold brother of the former champion, and probably the most popular pitcher in the tournament, finished his afternoon's pitching in a blaze of glory, winning from both his brother and Champion Davis in exhibition games. Cheered on by the spectators, little Emmett pitched brilliantly, averaging better than 60 per cent ringers in the two games and the enthusiastic fans raised \$40 in two collections with which he will buy a new outfit of clothing for the trip back home after the tournament.

Statistics on Emmett's games with Putt and Davis follow:

P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Emmett50	29	8	46	.631
Putt 3	13	0	46	.284
Emmett50	43	12	64	.670
Davis45	41	11	64	.641
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The younger Mossman proved a stumbling block for the Jackson family in the tournament and did his best pitching of the preliminary round to defeat four of the five Jacksons. Only Carroll was able to beat Emmett. Statistics of Emmett's games with the Jacksons follow:

	Ρ	R	DR	\mathbf{SP}	OP	Pct
Frank	50	39	2	68	44	.573
Herbert	50	29	5	70	38	.423
Hansford	50	24	4	52	26	.462
Vyrl	50	31	9	54	26	.574
Carroll	7	12	2	36	50	.333
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Tuesday, February 28

"The greatest performance ever recorded for one day of a national tournament," said D. D. Cottrell, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' association of Champion Davis' sensational pitching in his first nine games of the finals yesterday. Averaging better than 70 per cent ringers in eight games and 80 per cent and over in two games, Davis' performance will be recorded as the greatest in horseshoe history.

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In only one game and then he was not extended, did Davis drop below 70 per cent in ringers. His ringer average for the entire day was just a fraction over 74 per cent. Statistics on his nine opening games follow:

PI	R DR	SP OP Pc
Duryee	57 23	78 38 .731
Hough50	32 12	$42 9 \ .762$
V. Jackson 50	32 14	36 6.888
Falor	45 15	66 26 .682
Nunamaker50	70 25	96 42 .727
Risk	40 15	60 12 .800
M. Jackson50	46 18	64 36 .719
Thompson50	40 15	52 15 .769
F. Jackson 50	71 26	98 45 .724
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In addition to carrying off the hon-

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ors of the day in ringer percentage and victories, Davis made several remarkable streaks of pitching. To dispose of Vyrl Jackson 50 to 6, in 18 innings, the champion threw 14 doubles and four singles, missing the stakes with one shoe only four times. In his game with Blair Nunamaker he matched the Ohioan's double ringers 16 times and had two on the stakes with Frank Jackson's doubles in 15 innings.

Against Old Frank, Davis p. chd 9 straight doubles, one shy of the world's record held by Putt Mossman. Pitching seven straight doubles to start his game with C. R. Thompson, Davis piled up 27 points before the Tampan was able to tally. He had 51 doubles against Nunamaker and Frank Jackson.

While Davis carried off the lion's share of the honors yesterday the other pitchers offered some sensational work to share the spotlight.

Duryee's pitching was consistent. In one game he had six doubles in a row and then five straight twin ringers. Nunamaker's work stood out with his belated rallies turning defeat into victory on several occasions.

The first of Nunamaker's several brilliant performances came in the early games of the afternoon. Against Frank Jackson, he pitched six straight doubles. Pitching 98 shoes with Davis, the Ohio pitcher set a high double ringer mark of 26 but was beaten. Trailing, 33 to 48, Nunamaker threw five straight doubles in two innings, Davis came through with a Jird to win as Nunamaker's second shoe slipped off on the back of his first.

Fourteen points behind Frank Jackson, 28 to 42, Nunamaker threw six straight, one single and a seventh double to defeat the former champion without yielding another point. Throwing doubles in the first five innings of his game with Duryee, Nunamaker took a commanding lead on the Kansas champ and held it through the game. He threw four doubles in a row twice.

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Nunamaker's slip-up before Hough was the surprise of the day. Following his two hard games with Duryee and Davis the Ohio contender slowed up, Hough taking advantage of this, with six doubles in the middle of the game to move to the front and hold his lead until the closing innings. Nunamaker rallied and took the lead, 48 to 46, but two doubles gave Hough the game.

Other double ringer streaks of note yesterday were pitched by Carroll Jackson, Frank Jackson, Harvey Elmerson. Carroll had six in a row with Jimmy Risk, but lost, 37 to 50. Elmerson tossed nine doubles in the first 13 innings of his game with Nunamaker but lost 43 to 50. ine Wisconsin lad had six straight with Hansford Jackson, and lost, 34 to 50. Frank Jackson tossed eight in a row with Thompson and had 35 points before the Tampan scored. Thompson came back and piled up 35 points but bowed to the old ex-champion. Duryee tossed streaks of five and six to defeat Risk, 50 to 37.

Emmett Mossman, the Iowa youngster, was in the stands watching the games and showing his new suit to the fans. His brother Putt, the former champ, is in training for a wrestling match here Thursday night.

Wednesday, February 29 The pitching of Duryee yesterday rivaled the sensational record made by Davis Monday in the opening games of the finals. In his 13 games the

of the finals. In his 13 games the Kansas pitcher averaged almost 71 per cent ringers and scored 12 victories, losing only to Elmerson. Duryee's record for the day follows: P R DR SP OP Pc Opponent E. Jackson 50 51 13 84 44 .607 V. Jackson 50 44 15 64 26 .688 Elmerson50 53 16 64 43 .828 Nunamaker 50 37 15 48 17 .771 H. Jackson 50 34 14 48 19 .708 F. Jackson 50 58 19 78 33 .744 Thompson50 39 12 56 12 .678 C. Jackson 50 41 12 58 21 .707

Totals.....636 558 184 792 341 .705

This day's record has few equals in the history of the horseshoe game. Davis' performance of the opening day of the finals Monday which produced nine straight victories and a ringer percentage of 74 has been credited as the greatest, but Duryee's is not far behind, considering that the Kansas champ had 13 games and played the first six pitchers of the finals in seven of these games.

Probably the outstanding feature of Duryee's sensational pitching yesterday was his doubles percentage. Pitching 364 innings against his 13 opponents he had 484 doubles, or an average of a fraction over 50 per cent. Davis had 184 doubles in 291 innings of his nine games Monday for a percentage of almost 57. These doubles percentages are almost as high as the total ringer percentages in tournaments of 10 years ago.

It is generally accepted that the Kansas champion broke the world's record for consecutive ringer pitching when he went through 103 innings of his last four games with Harold Falor, Frank Jackson, C. R. Thompson and Carroll Jackson, with eitner one or two of his shoes on the stake every time.

Davis was near defeat in four games yesterday before and after his only upset of the day before by Bert Duryee. Elmerson gave the champion two hard battles but fell short 11 and 13 points. Jimmy Risk put up a strong front against Davis and was leading the champion, 43 to 35, when Davis found his ringer eye again and threw six doubles in the last eight innings to win, 50 to 44. Risk missed the peg with both his shoes in the last inning. Nunamaker scored 40 points on the champ.

Thompson, the Tampa pitcher, had one of the highest ringer percentages of the afternoon when he tosed 33 ringers with 42 shoes to deteat Hansford Jackson, 50 to 9. The Tampan had 13 doubles.

Failure to keep up the brilliant pitching with which he starts his games has been the real reason for Harold Falor's low rating in the columns of wins and losses. The young former champion gave one striking example of this with Nunamaker. Pitching 29 of his first 42 shoes on the pegs with eight doubles, Falor was leading Nunamaker 33 to 11, and cracked. In the last 19 frames he averaged less than 50 per cent ringers and lost 47 to 50.

Vyrl Jackson made a game but futile rally against Nunamaker after the Cleveland lad had run his total points to 47. Young Jackson, with only 12 points, threw seven doubles in 10 frames and brought his total to 26 before Nunamaker won on a double.

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Nunamaker did a little double starring along with Duryee in the afternoon, tossing 11 in 22 frames with Falor and 14 in 26 frames with Thompson. The Cleveland lad lost again to J. D. Hough, th Urbana, O., pitcher, who has won only four games, two of these from Nunamaker.

Although beaten back in 18 games, Hough has won the respect of every pitcher in the tournament as a dangerous man when it comes to tossing ringers. The Ohioan has scored better than 35 points in more than half of his games and put up several hard battles with the leaders.

The two Jackson boys, Vyrl and Hansford wasted a lot of energy in two games yesterday. Vyrl tossed seven straight doubles against his father and lost, 47 to 50. Hansford had six in a row with Elmerson and st, 41 to 50.

Yesterday's two victories of Mrs. Mayme Francisco over Mrs. George Brouillette, the other former woman's champion from Minneapolis, recall last year's women's tourney when Mrs. Brouillette defeated Mrs. Francisco for the championship by one game. These two former champions have been rivals in six national tourneys. Mrs. Francisco has finished ahead of her Minneapolis rival four times, but lost the championship to Mrs. Brouillette by one game last year and three g_mes in 1926.

While his brother Putt works out for his wrestling match, young Emmett Mossman has been watching the finals and yesterday after the games had been finished up played an exhibition game with Mrs. Mayme Franc co. The Iowa lad won, 50 to 42.

Thursday, March 1

It was a great finish, that last day bringing the greatest national horseshoe tourney to a close. Just as he add here in 1926 when Putt Mossman and Frank Eckson tied for the title, Duryee missed a chance to tie Davis by one game. Duryee and Davis staged a great Lattle through that last day with honors even as each won 10 clames and lost one.

There were many hard-fought games, especially among the leaders, and Champion Davis was forced to extend himself several times. Only the champion's ability to finish strongly saved him from several defeats.

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In his game with Thompson, Davis threw seven straight doubles early in the game and had Thompson 47 to 41. They both had doubles on twice and Thompson evened the score with two ringers as Davis missed the peg with his two shoes. A double in the last inning won for Davis. They had four ringers on 10 times.

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Statistics of Davis' games yesterday follow:

Opponent P R DR SP Pct .727 Thompson 50 60 21 88 .682 18 66 .758 H. Jackson 50 46 15 66 .682 C. Jackson 50 48 18 66 .727 22 78 .756 F. Jackson 50 58 22 78 .743 34 9 52 .654 V. Jackson50 39 14 58 .673 Elmerson50 61 2088 .693 14 56.732

Totals......531 528 186 740 .714

Statistics on Duryee's closing games follow:

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Opponent	Р	R	DR	\mathbf{SP}	Pct	
F. Jackson	n50	45	14	64	.703	
C. Jackson	n50	39	15	50	.780	
Thompson	50	55	18	84	.655	
Falor		56	20	78	.718	
H. Jackson	n	47	15	68	.691	
Nunamake	er50	43	14	64	.672	
Risk		42	12	66	.618	
V. Jackson	n50	41	14	54	.759	
Elmerson	50	40	16	50	.800	
Hough		30	14	48	.787	
Davis		35	10	58	.604	
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Totals.....530 463 160 676 .685

Davis had six double ringer streaks of six or more and came within one of the world's record of 10 in a row which he holds with Putt Mossman, the former champion. He had four runs of six straight doubles, one of seven and one of nine.

Tossing 28 doubles, Nunamaker came within two of the record for a national tourney, to hand Davis his only defeat of the day. The two pitchers had four ringers on the stakes 13 times. Davis had nine straight doubles, but Nunamaker matched them in five frames in the middle of the game. Trailing, 19 to 25, Nunamaker started a string of nine straight as soon as Davis' long streak ended, and quickly took the lead, 40 to 25. In the last 17 innings of this game, Nunamaker threw 31 ringers and 14 doubles out of 34 shoes, averaging 91 per cent. This is thought to be near a world's record.

Four ringers were on the stakes

eight times when Davis and Frank Jackson met. They matched doubles in four straight innings. Davis won the same by coming from behind and pitching seven doubles and a single ringer in the last eight innings.

Although not pressed by Jimmy Risk, Davis threw six straight doubles in the closing innings of his game with the Hoosier lad.

Next to his game with Davis, Nunamaker's best game of the day probably was with Harvey Elmerson, the Wisconsin champ. Four ringers were on 15 times and they matched doubles in six straight frames. Nunamaker threw seven in a row but Elmerson missed after tossing six. Elmerson led Nunamaker 43 to 17, after 32 innings, but was forced to play 15 more innings before winning, 50 to 27.

Nunamaker started with five doubles against Carrol Jackson and had 22 points before the Chicago n had tallied. The Ohioan won, or to 35, Carroll staking a great rally but falling short.

Harold Falor averaged amost 70 per cent ringers to defeat Nunamaker in 45 of his 66 tosses on the stakes.

Deadlocked, each with 48 points. both Jackson and Risk missed their two shoes in the next inning, but Risk got the point and won out with a double as Jackson missed twice again.

Thompson also made trouble for Duryee after giving Davis a great tussle. The Kansas pitcher led the Tampan, 45 to 13, but Thompson tallied 13 points before Duryee could score again. Duryee's winning points came on doubles in the last three innings.

Duryee had 16 doubles in 25 frames with Elmerson six in a row, and won easily, 50 to 16.

The women's games were not without their interesting features. Ringer percentages were unusually high for women pitchers and Mrs. Francisco had 44 of her 68 shoes on the pegs to win her third straight of the finals from Mrs. Brouillette. In her three closing games Mrs. Francisco allowed her opponents 40 points, 26 of which were gathered by Mrs. Brouillette. The new champion averaged almost 64 per cent ringers in the three contests with 83 of her 130 shoes on the stakes.

Tossing 85 ringers out of 140 shoes, Mrs. Brouillette also bettered 60 per cent in ringers. Her only poor game was with Mrs. Francisco, when she had only 36 ringers in 68 shoes.

Louisville Indoor Season Success

By EDWIN B. PATTERSON

AST FALL the horseshoe pitchers of Louisville, Ky., got together to form a league for indoor play during the winter.

A committee of eight men volunteered to call on the real estate firms to see if a building could be rented to house the courts at a reasonable rental and if successful officers would be elected and members of all clubs in the city invited to join.

After much trouble a building 50 feet square was rented, located in the business district in the heart of the city.

Officers were then elected and eight franchises were offered for sale to firms that went in for "good will" advertising, eight teams were formed, whose total ringer average was as near equal as possible. In order to allow all kinds of players to take part each team was composed of two class A men, two class B, and two class C. A 50-shoe game was decided upon, 25 innings, as that would allow all games to finish about the same time so the players would not be kept waiting.

Only four men were to play in a game, the other two taking the place of a player that could not be present, or was off form, and taken out of the game as a baseball pitcher is.

There are four courts in the building which has a dirt floor and the courts are just the same as regulation outdoor courts. The round robin form of game is played, sixteen 25 inning games make a contest and the team winning the most games wins.

No player on either team plays on the same court twice in a game, and the score is kept on large score boards at each court so the gallery can see just how the game is going and players on each team can see how their teammates are making it. These scoreboards are lined ov and numbered just the same as the regulation scoresheet with the exception of only 25 innings. They are 7 feet long and 18 inches wide.

After each game, while the pitchers boxes are being leveled, the game master takes up the points, ringers and **double ringers of each** player on a score card that is a beauty. On it the player's name, who he plays and what courts he plays on are written before the games start. The player thereby knowing before the game who and where he plays each game.

In order to keep the captain of a team from putting up an "A" man against a "C" man on the other team so the "A" man can get going good before playing another "A" man of his class, each captain is required to hand in a list of the players he intends to **play**, writing down the names in any order he wishes. The two lists are then matched. No. 1 on one team plays No. A on the other, on court No. 1, and so on.

It seems the indoor play has improved the players game wonderfully. Players that had a hard time winning a game in Class C are playing right up to the Class A men.

Any horseshoe fan or secretary of a club that wishes any information about the league here or anyone who has a suggestion to offer that may be of value to us can do so by using the following address. We will be glad to send anyone interested one of our score sheets so they can see how eight men play 16 games on four courts, no player using the same court twice.

Indoor Horseshoe League,

1050 S. 7th St., Louisville, Ky.

SPRINGFIELD, O. CLUB BANQUETS

The Springfield (Ohio) Winter Horseshoe club held its annual banquet and election of officers recently at the home of Oscar Thomas, in N. Limestone St. Edward Paetzell was named president of the club, and Oscar Thomas, secretary, Glendon Jenkins was the speaker of the evening. After the banquet the regular games were played.

This is the second winter for the local club, which now consists of eight men. Games are played Monday and Friday evenings on a special court at the Thomas home. The members of the club are Edward Paetzell, Oscar Thomas, Glendon Jenkins, D. B. Rutan, Alfred Riley, Charles Kramer, Edward Conrad and Alfred Russell.

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COURT RULES

The following are the court rules of the Stockton, Calif., club, which we believe are worth publishing for the benefit of clubs who are new in the game or who have not established court rules:

1. Swearing, use of vulgar language or gambling not permitted. Members doing so forfeit their membership.

2. The custom on all courts is that the loser of the game must scrape the dirt around the peg and leave the courts in good condition for the next game or other players. Every player should do his bit and help in the care of the courts.

3. At night when leaving the court if other players are not present, turn out the lights and return the club shoes to refreshment stand.

4. Visitors holding cards in other clubs are welcome.

5. Be a cheerful loser and modest winner.

6. Encourage new members who are learning the game. Help teach those willing to learn in the method you know of throwing an "open shoe."

7. Other players than team members not permitted to use courts when league or club contests are on.

8. Non-club members must pay 25 cents per day for use of courts and deposit \$2.00 when using club shoes.

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TO C. C. DAVIS, CHAMPION *	:
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Here's luck to you as you put the Shoe,	è
The champion of the day.	
May it land just right and stay	-
there tight,	
In all the games you play.	
Here's seven up on a pair of dice,	,
And a rabbit foot or two,	
Here's a clover, set with two leaves	
twice,	
And a rusty old horseshoe.	
May no blind bat, nor old black cat	

Venture to cross your way,

May gas hold out and tires keep stout,

And spirits keep you gay.

- May no big cop call you to stop, Nor signal bid you halt,
- If you miss a pitch and hit the ditch,

'Twill be another's fault.

- And here's a song as you go along, To sing for the passers-by:--
- Maverick, maverick I was born, Maverick is my cry,
- Maverick, maverick I will live, Maverick will I die.

-C. S. Coles. St. Petersburg, 2-28-'28.

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HERE ARE SHOES **USED BY TOSSERS**

Make of shoes used by each player in the National Tournament, St. Petersburg, Fla., February 20 to March, 1928.

Ohio shoe-manufactured by Ohio Horseshoe Co., Columbus, Ohio-C. Brundige, Eaton, Elmerson, Estep, Carrol, Jackson, Lyemance, Nunamaker, Porter, Les Robinson, Mrs. Young and also Falor and Risor part of the time.

Diamond Calk Shoe-manufactured by The Diamond Calk Horseshoe Co., Duluth, Minn.-F. Brundige, Frank Jackson, Hansford Jackson, Herbert Jackson, Vyrul Jackson and Mrs. Cumming.

Mossman Shoe-manufactured by the Putt Mosman Horeshoes Co., Rochester N. Y .- Davis, Duryee, Evans, Hough, Leonard, Emmett Mossman, Putt Mossman, Putnam, Risk, Rose, Thompson, Mrs. Francisco, Mrs. Brouillette and also Falor part of the time.

Martin Shoe-manufactured by W. J. Martin, Cleveland, Ohio-Moore, Robinson and Whipple.

Risor pitched a shoe of his own manufacture part of the time. . . .

HORNSBY-SMITH WIN SHOE MATCH

The team of Rogers Hornsby and Bob Smith, captain and pitcher of the Boston Braves, proved too much for Eddie Brown and Kent Greenfield, outfielder and twirler, yesterday, in a horseshoe contest following the daily practice, the former winning 50 to 34.

The winners opened fast and at the 13th frame were leading 20 to 4, they continued to hold this margin to the end, the Brown-Greenfield combination getting 29 points to 36 for their closest margin which was obtained at the 36th inning. The Hornsby squad pitched twelve ringers from 100 shoes pitched, while Brown's team gained 4. -St. Petersburg Times, March 1, 1928

URBANA MAN WINS HORSESHOE MATCH

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Urbana, O.-Newspapers received from St. Petersburg, Fla., tell of the victory of Jim Hough of N.

Main street and former resident of Concord township in horseshoe pitching over Mrs. Mayme Francisco, former national women's champion by taking two out of the three games pitched. The importance of this match is indicated by the lengthy article appearing on the sport page. Hough lost the first game 16 to 50 but won the second. 50 to 30 and the third, 50 to 27.

In the second game Hough made eight double ringers in ten frames.

Letters to the Editor

A WORD FROM FT. COLLINS.

COLORADO

Horseshoe World,

London, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I am wondering if the Horseshoe World is still being published. We are re-organizing our Fort Collins club, and would like to keep in touch with the Horseshoe World, and as I used to take your little paper, and enjoyed it I would like to subscribe for it again.

We have been able to interest the city dads to the extent that they are now constructing a twelve-course court for us at the City Park. This court is to be up to date and modern in every way. According to the present plans the boxes will be of cement, with a three-foot hole in the center for the stakes which are to be set in cement to within a foot of the surface of the ground. The court is to be electric lighted, and will be maintained and kept in order by the care taker at the park.

We now have over 25 new members, and expect to have over 100 by the time we get lined up for the first tournament, which will take place as soon as the new courts are ready. If you will send me a few sample copies of your paper I will appreciate it and will endeavor to interest some of the boys in taking it, and in any case I want to take it for at least one year.

Yours very truly, F. T. WOODS.

ENDORSES IDEA

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20, 1928 Editor The Horseshoe World:

I am very much interested in Chas. Rov Cox's article, and believe that his idea of alternating pitchers is the only fair way; also, counting all points and ringers made, having no dead ringers.

It seems to me that the game would lose its greatest interest by Junting the ringers one the same as points, as suggested by Wm. V. Hukill, as it is the ambition of every horseshoe player to make ringers.

We are going to try out the alternating pitch suggested by Mr. Cox, in our association, as we are always looking for any thing that will add interest to the game.

Frances T. Chandler, Pres.

Portland Women's Horseshoe Pitching Association.

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Rio Vista, Woodland, Yuba City, Oakdale, Manteca, Livermore, Oakland and Stockton, Calif. High Schools have added horseshoe pitching to their athletic programs and daily practice is held. Junior shoes are used by the Stockton High School girls and a club for women only is being organized in that city.

Among the interested spectators at the recent Horseshoe Tournament in Florida was E. Kanouse, cashier at Gleanor Headquarters. Cashier Kanouse is ostensibly in Florida for a well-deserved and much-needed rest. However, the other boys at Headquarters surmise that his chief object The Roof Garden Horseshoe Club is to be the name of a new downtown club being organized in Stockton, Calif. Four lanes will be put in on the roof of a ten-story office building. Jim Deeds and his Stockton boys are real live wires.

in being there was to observe just how it's done and then come back and "wallup" them. 'Taint fair, Ed! From Dr. Wickware's column in the "National Gleaner Forum."

* * * Esau Taylor is secretary of the San Bernardino, Calif., Horseshoe club.

L. S. Higgins, 6 Walnut street, Brattleboro, Vt., is a splendid shoe tosser.

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D. T. Leonard 3	0	0	0	3
P. Moore 1	0	0	0	1
Emmett Mossman 1	1	0	0	2
Putt Mossman 3	0	0	0	3
Blair Nunamaker 14	7	6	0	27
Jimmy Risk13	5	1	0	19
Leslie Robison 3	0	0	0	3
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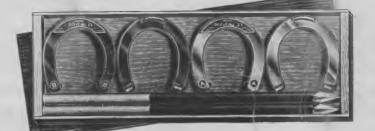
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