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We get the "blues" now and then trying to get the Horseshoe World out in good shape for our readers . . . the advertising revenue doesn't permit our putting the magazine out with as many pages as are needed, and there are times we are criticized when news is left out . . . but just now we are feeling pretty good about the job . . . after all it is a good job, this job of editing a magazine for hundreds of people we like to call our friends . . . to see the fine way they have sent in state tourney reports gladdens our heart even if we don't know where to put all of 'em . . . if yours isn't in this month we promise it will be in the December issue . . . we are going to run enough pages in December to use up every bit of news we have ... it's a promise ... watch for the December number!

## November, 1937

### AN APPRECIATION

The Horseshoe World dedicates this issue to the state, district and club officials.

They are a much discussed and "cussed" lot—they try to keep the wheels rolling through the pitching season, and often they get little thanks. Like all humans they do make mistakes, but pitchers should not be too severe on the club official, for without him there would be no organized horseshoe pitching.

Let's all resolve now to say a kind word to the horseshoe association or club official. Let's thank him for his efforts in our behalf.

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### OUR READERS COME FIRST

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## MUST INTEREST "RUN-OF-MINE" TOSSER, HE SAYS

(Contributed)

The National Association made a radical stride forward when in 1935 at Moline, the plans for having each individual join the National Association directly, and for having the green stamps affixed to all sanctioned shoes were instituted.

In 1936, this plan, though not meeting with the sweeping success hoped for, gave a decided impetus to the National membership and brought about a great increase in the Association treasury. However, it is apparent to me, as an expert observer, that there will be a decided slump in memberships and revenues this year, and this slump, in my estimation, will continue until the National Association finds itself in much the same predicament as it was in prior to the Moline Convention.

It is apparent to me that something must be done to stimulate the interest of the ordinary "run-of-the-mine" horseshoe pitcher. Tournaments will not help, for they are for the experts, and do not do much to arouse the interest of the poorer players. Since the vast majority of the membership of the National Association must be drawn from the poorer players, it is only fitting and just that the poorer player must be give nsome recognition.

Since he cannot find this recognition in tournaments for individuals, there is only one thing left — team matches and team leagues.

This phase of horseshoe pitching has heretofore been almost entirely overlooked in the plan for horseshoe development, but it is my sincere belief that herein lies the secret of the whole thing. It is in leagues that the poorer player finds a place to play, and it is the development of leagues that is going to induce the poorer player to join and receive the playing experience necessary to his own individual development.

It is a fact that there are today many leagues in various cities through out the country, but in nearly all these leagues, only enough teams are entered to take care of the fairly good players—the scrubs who are striving to learn the game are left out until they can show well enough to warrant their being placed on a team. But this chance is remote, for the fairly good players, because of their already being on a team and playing regularly, will

continue to keep ahead of the developing scrub, and he will never find an opening. This condition causes all but a few to lose interest in horseshoes as a whole, and a general decline in the game is the result. Our game is right now in the midst or such a decline as shown by the collapse of many of the leagues existing a few years ago, and it is high time that drastic measures be taken to shake interest back into the game.

In practically all the localities which have had leagues or still have them, one or two teams become too strong for the rest of the league, either because they represent the older clubs or because they are better coached, and this condition also helps to dampen the interest of the newer clubs. If a plan could be devised whereby the eight best players in alocal league could all be put on one team which would play in a bigger league against other teams drafted in the same manner, a much bigger and farther reaching league could be formed which would have a much higher standard of play. Such a league, formed by the leading cities of the state would bring the players of that state more closely together, while it would also bring the leading players of each individual city into more friendly relations with each other due to their team activities against outside play-

This state league must be sponsored by the state association itself.

The local league, thus stripped of its star players, whose leaving creates openings for more players who might otherwise never break into the line-up, would be a much better balanced affair, and interest in the league would be resuscitated in many local centers. There would be, too, the added incentive to the development of these players because of the chance for advancement to the bigger league.

However, we must not stop here in our creation of leagues, but must look even further! In the course of time, would not the same problems confront the state league as had confronted the local league? Would not one or two teams from the larger cities predominate in league play, and would not interest flag in the smaller cities which are being beaten regularly? Exactly! And how are we to balance the state league in order that interest may be kept up? Only one thing! An even bigger league must be formed to take in the best players from several states, or, in other words, an inter-state or national league! Some of the larger cities could pick their best eight players to play on an inter-state team, and still find eight more players who would be able to hold their own with the smaller cities entered in the state league.

This move would keep the state league balanced, and would give the top-notch players of each big city a chance to play matches against the leading players of other states thus bringing them into closer relationship.

Such a league as this would have to be sponsored by the National Association itself, and, fellow horseshoe pitchers that is exactly what I would like to see the National Association do!

With these three classes of leagues operating, I believe there would be renewer interest taken in housesnoe pitching throug hthe land, and there would certainly be a decided rise in the national membership and quality of horseshoe play.

It is not too much to expect that these teams forming the inter-state or national league would eventually become a commercialized function, and the players participating would be able to make traveling expenses and perhaps even a little above. After all, we are all professionals now, and it is not beside the point to discuss money matters here, I believe.

I will be very glad to hear from other players, and especially pleased to hear from horseshoe leaders who might look kindly on my plan for these three classes of leagues being formed. I have a good deal more figured out concerning these leagues, but I believe the start must come from the formation of the inter-state league itself.

I hope then anyone interested will write me or Mr. Howard and give their views concerning this idea. Does the idea appeal to vou? Let's hear from Cleveland, Springfield, Columbus, Dayton, South Bend, Chicago, Ft. Wayne, Toledo, Buffalo, Cincinnati, and other cities! I might add in clossing—Detroit is ready and eager for such a league to be formed.—Lee Rose 5228 Shaw Ave., Detroit, Mich.

### WOLVERINES WIN

The Wolverines, of of Detroit, defeated an Ohio all-star team at Lakeside on July 31, by a score of 25-11. In the best game of the day, Jim Burt, 60 year old Detroit veteran beat Blair Nunamaker, 50-49. Burt won all six of his games. Rose, Davis and Koppitch each won five out of six games for Detroit.

### CORRECTION

In last month's issue we made an error in the Vito Fileccia-William Hamann match at Elmsford, N. Y. Fileccia won three games and lost two instead of winning two as reported in the article.

Watch for the GREEN STAMPS.

## Fernando Isais Wins Midwest National Horseshoe Tournament

By Leland Mortenson

On Saturday, August 23, the Midwest National Championship tournament, open to the world and sponsored by the Iowa State Fair, opened at Des Moines, Iowa. Pitchers representing 11 states and one foreign country started in the preliminaries which were conducted by pitching a round robin of 25-point games.

Official scorekeepers were not used in the preliminaries, but some of the highlights of this part of the tournament were that Ted Allen, world's champion, and defending mid-west national champion, pitched a perfect game of 22 ringers in 22 shoes, and Fernando Isais, champion of Mexico and California, tossed 35 ringers out of 36 shoes in one game. For RP. 97 o

Isais was first in the preliminaries, losing only two games, to Garland Goble, of Minnesota, 25 to 18, and to Sam Somerholder, of Nebraska, 25 to 20. It was erroneously reported by the Des Moines newspaper that the second defeat was at the hands of Stolarik of Ohio.

During the preliminaries, Isais and Allen pitched an exhibition 50-point game which was won by the Mexican king, 50 to 31. In another match before the finals started, Guy Zimmerman, of Sac City, Iowa, successfully defended his Iowa title by defeating Dale Dixon, of Des Moines, 50 to 39 and 50 to 43. Dixon had previously won first in a state meet at Des Moines, which was held with the purpose of determining Zimmerman's leading challenger.

The preliminaries were finished Sunday, August 29, and the standings for this part of the tournament were as follows:

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Fernando Isais36	2
Ted Allen32	6
Guy Zimmerman32	6
Chas. (Casey) Jones,	
Waukesha, Wis32	6
Alvin Gandy, Topeka, Kas30	8
John Paxton, Fairfield, Ia29	9
Sam Somerholder, Guide	
Rock, Neb29	9
Gaylord Peterson, Varna, Ill. 28	10
Sidney Harris, Minden, Neb. 28	
Ellis Griggs, Plainville, Ill. 27	11
Roland Kraft, Lawrence, Kan. 27	11
John Sebek, Canton, O26	
Robt. Bales, Kansas City,	
Kansas26	12
Oscar Bozich, Kansas	
City, Mo26	12
Dale Dixon, Des Moines26	
Howard Robinson, Nebraska	
City, Neb26	12
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\*Anderson lost for 16th place in a pitch-off.

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South Dakota ......15

The following players also started in the tournament, but dropped out after playing a few games:

after playing a few games:
Glen Tassel, Rippey, Ia.; Clifford
Hansen, Gilbert, Ia.; Werner F. Bussing, Westgate, Ia.; Joe Hill, McCallsburg, Ia.; Clarence Barton, Des
Moines, Ia.; Paul Cameron, Des
Moines, Ia.; Lester Thatcher, Russell,
Ia.; W. F. Johnston, Stockport, Ia.;
and F. R. Oman, Uniltim, Ia.

The finals were held on Monday and Tuesday mornings, Aug. 30 and 31, a round robin of 16 players pitching 50-point games, and it was in these finals that Fernando Isais, of Mexico, showed the most marvelous pitching ever seen anywhere, and easily defeated every one of his opponents. Isais undoubtedly did just as well in the preliminaries as he did in the finals, but no record was kept on his ringer percentage then. A few examples of Fernando's pitching are: Against "Casey" Jones he would have scored 25 straight doubles if two of his ringers had not flopped off; against Zimmerman he threw 70 ringers out of 76 shoes; and in his very next game, hooked 56 ringers out of 62 shoes; and these were not hot streaks, but just the way he did all the time.

On top of this, while he was practising two days before the tournament started, he threw 23 straight double ringers. It was the opinion of those who watched Isais that he was and is a man of steel nerves and perfect form, and that he comes nearer to being the perfect howseshoe pitcher than any pitcher yet seen in action.

To Ted Allen goes the credit of taking his defeat in first-class sports-

manlike manner. His average ringer percentage of 81.7 shows that he was better than he ever was in the past, and there is no doubt that he expects to train hard and improve his pitching.

Allen's determination makes it unwise to predict too strongly that he is a sure cinch to lose his world's title to Isais when he is called upon to defend the championship at some future date.

Another star in the finals was Casey Jones, who, against Zimmerman, threw 15 straight double ringers for a new world's record. The day after the tournament was finished the scorekeeper reported that in this game Jones actually tossed 28 straight doubles, but that one of his ringers of the 16th was knocked off by one of Zimmerman's shoes.

The tournament was held under ideal conditions, no wind, and no rain, and the boys tossed to regulation soft steel stakes set in new blocks, the whole of which, and the work involved, being donated by Mr. John Gordon, the Los Angeles sportsman, who also furnished the scorebooks.

The public address system was handled by LeRoy Page, of 1130 Seneca street, Des Moines, and he also was the tournament superintendent; although Leland Mortenson was director of the tournament and the courts, and was responsible directly to the Fair Board.

The Des Moines radio station cooperated to some extent by having Isais, Allen, Jones and Supt. Page at the studio for personal interviews, and again after the tournament was over Isais went on the air. The Des Moines Register and Tribune gave the tournament considerable publicity undoubtedly more than any other leading United States newspaper will devote to horseshoe, but in respect to the radio and the newspaper, the tournament officials were not satisfied, and will hope to have an understanding for a better deal if Des Mo'nes gets the National tournament next year.

At present the scoresheets are being checked by Andrew Stolarik, of Canton, Ohio, for possible errors, and as soon as he has completed his work a full report on each game will be sent to The Horseshoe World.

### How They Finished

Mr. Stolarik has furnished us with figures of the tournament which we are glad to present in this issue.

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H. G. Gilkison, 501 Hunter avenue, Dayton, Ohio, recently wrote a splendid article which appeared in the Dayton Journal. We reprint it:

"In looking over the sports section of The Journal and Herald, I see whole columns and pages about baseball, boxing, golf, but hardly a line about one of the oldest and best established games in the history of the United States.

"Horseshoe pitching dates back 3,000 years. The soldiers of ancient Greece and Rome, when they were world powers, found exercise and sport in throwing the discus. The discus was not always easy to obtain, so they started flinging horseshoes. At first this was done merely to see who could throw the farthest, as in discus competition today. This became exceedingly tiresome, however, so they set up stakes for closer competition. Thus horseshoe pitching was born.

Coming down to more modern times horseshoe pitching was very popular with Washington's army in the Revolutionary war.

Who knows but what our histories would read very different if these soldiers had not kept themselves in good condition by pitching horseshoes. Every school boy knows how Greece first, then Rome, conquered about all the then known world, and how Washington with a handful of farmers, defeated the trained troops of King George. Even the Duke of Wellington is credited with once having made the remark that the Colonial War of Liberation was won on

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WRITES FINE STORY

the village greens by pitchers of horse hardware.

"Baseball which is regarded by many as being our national sport, is in reality an upstart and a newcomer, compared to this fine old American game of horseshoe pitching.

"It is estimated that there are 2,500,000 horseshoe pitchers in this country today, of whom about 200,000 are women.

In recent years the game has undergone quite an evolution with improvements in the courts, in the equipment, and in the method of pitching the shoes. In the old days they used the cast-off shoes of Old Dobbin. They set up stakes in the barnyard or anywhere, and pitched a whirling shoe at varying distances, and, of course, made very few ringers, and those mostly by chance. Now by the use of clay and concrete, we have fine up-to-date courts. We have shoes made expressly for pitching, and the distance has been standardized at 40 feet.

"About 20 years ago someone started pitching the 'open shoe' and that revolutionized the pitching of ringers. An 'open shoe' is one that lands with the heel caulks toward the peg. Mr. Frank Eachus, a barber of Gallipolis, champion of Ohio in 1917 or 1918, claims to be the originator of this innovation in pitching ringers. By the application of science and skill the best pitchers of today are making 75 per cent or better of ringers. I believe the best record so far is 93 ringers out of 100 shoes pitched, made by Ted Allen, present national champion.

"Horseshoe pitching is not so strenuous, and does not require such violent exercise as most of the other sports, and accidents in playing the game are very rare

"There is hardly any age limit. Ted Allen began playing horseshoe on his fathers' Kansas farm, at the age of seven. We read in a recent issue of the Horseshoe World where Roger Holmes, a 10-year-old lad, pitched 36 ringers out of 60 shoes at Bradenton, Fla.

"At the other extreme of age, if I remember correctly, about 10 years ago the national championship was won by a man of 70 years young. There are several men in and near Dayton, who can pitch 50 per cent or more ringers, who are past 50 years of age, or older.

"Physicians who have studied the game not only pronounce it to be conducive to health, and long life, but also state that the act of bending over and picking up the shoes will prevent the players having ap-

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10	50	57	21	80	71.2	1	0	Harris32	49	14 61.		1
11	50	59	23	78	75.6	1	0	Peterson37	54	19 69.		1
12	43	69	25	96	71.8	0	1	Sebek50	71	27 73.		0
13	31	39	11	64	60.9	0	1	Allen50	46	17 71.		0
14	50	91	33	120	75.8	1	0	Somerhalder48	91	34 75.		1
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No.	P	R	DR	SP	Pct	W	L	Opponents P	R	DR Pet	. W	L
1	23	55	19	76	70.5	0	1	Lsais 50	65	29 85.	5 1	0
2	38	72	26	102	70.5	0	1	Griggs50	78	27 76.	4 1	0
3	50	42	13	60	70.0	1	0	Robinson26	31	-7 51.	6 0	1
4	50	48	19	60	80.0	1	0	Bozick19	38	11 63.		1
5	38	56	21	80	70.0	0	1	Paxton50	61	22 76.		0
6	42	74	25	98	75.5	0	1	Zimmerman50	77	29 78.		0
7	50	48	19	64	75.0	1	0	Jones18	37	11 57.		1
8	30	44	15	62	70.9	0	1	Somerhalder50	51	21 82.	7	0
9	50	87	34	108	80.5	1	0	Sebek41	83	32 76.		1
10	37	54	19	78	69.2	0	1	Bales50	59			0
11	50	53	19	74	71.6	1	0	Dixon36	50			1
12	50	48	19	60	80.0	î	0	Kraft20	38			1
13	50	54	23	64	84.4	1	0	Harris12	40	14 62.		1
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14					77.0	0		Allen50	74			
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1	50	75	27	98	76.5	1	0		70	25 71.		1
2	50	44	18	56	78.6	1	0	Griggs37 Robinson20	33	9 58.		1
3	35	86	33	112	76.7	0	1	Paxton50	91	36 81.		0
4	50	66	26	86	76.7	1	0	Bozick29	57	17 66.		1
5	41	54	15	82	65.9	0	1	Gandy50	57	21 69.		0
6	16	52	18	74	70.3	0	1	Isais50	62	26 83.		0
7	47	66	22	100	66.0	0	1	Jones50	69	24 69.		0
8	50	51	21	62	82.3	1	0	Peterson30	44	15 70.		1
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12	50	69	25	94	73.4	1	0	Harris40	65			
13	50	47	20	58	81.1	1	0	Dixon24				
14	48	91	34	120	75.8	0	1	Bales50				
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2	50	68	24	92	73.9	1	0	Bales37	65			
3	13	41	10	64	64.0	0	1	Allen50	54			
4	50	71	27	94	75.5	1	0	Sebek44	70			
5	50	57	21	82	69.5	1	0	Somerhalder41	54			
6	50	62	25	78	79.4	1	0	Dixon24	54			
7	40	86	33	114	75.4	0	1	Peterson50	92			
8	50	51	19	70	72.8	1	0	Harris25	43	13 61.	5 0	
9	43	68	24	90	75.5	0	1	Paxton50	70	28 77.	7 1	0
10	22	38	11	58	65.5	0	1	Jones50	47	19 81.	1 1	0
11	38	60	21	88	68.2	0	1	Griggs50	65	24 73.	9 1	0
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13	22	59	20	82	71.9	0	1	Isais50	68	28 82.	9 1	0
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### WRITES FINE STORY

pendicitis. For the benefit of those who are overweight I will just add, there is no better method of reducing.

"For ages past the horseshoe has been regarded as a symbol of luck, and finding or the possession of horseshoes would bring good luck. Whether the longevity of the horseshoe pitchers is due to this 'horseshoe luck' or to the healthfulness of the game, I will not attempt to say, but the death of an adherent of the

game is a very rare thing.

"The schools, colleges and universities are adding horseshoes to their curriculums of games. Only last year the city of Dayton, with the help of WPA labor, built at Riverside park what are probably the finest horseshoe courts in the state of Ohio. Already the city is reaping the harvest from this outlay. Clubs from Hamilton to Piqua are pitching there. The state tournament was held there last year, and if the proper ones get busy the next national tournament, which will be held this year, can also be brought to Dayton.

"For sport, health, exercise and recreation, I recommend horseshoes.

"H. G. GILKISON, "501 Hunter Ave., Dayton, O."

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The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, 6203 Quimby Ave., Cleveland.

We would know now that, with two distinct national playing and scoring rules, the one intended for club and league play, and of greatest importance to the sport as a whole, is woefully neglected. The solution, of course, would be to have but one method for all. One that would take nothing from the champions, and at the same time carry the necessary appeal and encouragement.

We may be reasonably assured that The National Association officials co-operating, will take care of this important factor in time. In the meantime we should all school ourselves on reasonable calculations combined with popular intuition as to the genius of our time. The smallness of trying to force advance class methods favoring those already learned upon those of lesser abilities or just beginning. Such procedure has long since been extinct, and to continue only adds to the difficulties defeating our every effort toward progress and expansion. In fact is it not a disgrace, a wicked d'sobedience

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1	14	31	8	54	59.2	0	1	Bales50			79.6	1	0
2	22	51	16	72	70.9	0	1	Allen50			84.7	1	0
3	39	62	20	88	70.6	0	1	Sebek50			76.1	1	0
4	50	91	36	112	81.2	1	0.	Somerhalder35			76.7	0	1
5	50	61	22	80	76.2	1	0	Peterson38		21	70.0	0	0
6	39	68	23	96	70.8	0	1	Kraft50			73.9	1 0	1
7	50	34	14	44	77.2 73.5	1	0	Harris10 Dixon32			64.0	0	1
8	50	47 70	18 28	64 90	77.7	1	0	Gandy43			75.5	0	1
10	50	67	28	84	79.7	1	0	Bozick32			71.4	0	1
11	12	43	14	62	69.4	0	1	Isais50			90.3	1	0
12	50	29	11	44	65.9	1	0	Robinson24			43.9	0	1
13	44	44	17	66	66.7	0	1	Griggs50			73.7	1	0
14	23	46	15	66	69.7	0	1	Zimmerman 50			84.9	1	0
15	38	74	24	104	73.0	0	1	Jones 50		26	73.0	1	0
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1	50	53	21	70	75.7	1	0	Gandy26			64.3	0	1
2	30	55	19	76	72.3	0	1	Jones50			81.5	1	0
3	19	31	9	54	57.4	0	1	Zimmerman50 Isais50		17	79.6	1	0
4	4	22	5	42	52.4 66.7	0	1	Isais50 Griggs50		22	3.302	1	0
5	40 50	48	16	72 96	73.9	1	0	Paxton39		23		0	1
7	50	47	25 18	60	78.3	1	0	Bozick25	38		63.4	0	1
8	50	30	9	44	68.2	1	0	Robinson13	17		38.6	0	1
9	29	44	14	68	64.8	0	1	Bales50			75.0	1	0
10	50	68	27	94	72.3	1	0	Dixon40		24	72.3	0	1
11	42	61	19	88	69.4	0	1	Somerhalder50			72.8	1	0
12	37	59	22	84	70.2	0	1	Allen50		22	76.2	1	0
13	20	58	13	60	63.4	0	1	Peterson50			80.0	1	0
14	22	50	17	74	67.6	0	1	Sebek50			82.4	1	0
15	50	61	21	88	69.4	1	0	Harris37	56	19	63.7	0	1
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	38	42	40	68	0.0	0	1	Isais50			72.1	1	0
3	32	60	20	84	61.8	0	1	Griggs50			80.9	1	0
5	50	31	11	48	64.5	1	0	Robinson26			45.9	0	1
6	24	54	21	78	69.2	0	1	Gandy50			79.4	1	0
7	50	49	15	72	68.0	1	0	Bozick34			59.7	0	1
8	32	41	13	64	64.0	0	1	Paxton50			73.5	1	0
9	48	60	20	88	68.2	0	1	Harris50	63	24	71.6	1	0
10	40	68	24	94	72.3	0	1	Kraft50	68	27	72.3	1	0
11	17	46	15	72	63.9	0	1	Sebek50	58		80.6	1	0
12	36	50	14	74	67.6	0	1	Peterson50		-19	71.6	1	0
13	24	39	14	58	67.2	0	1	Somerhalder50			81.1	1	0
14	9	50	20	70	71.4	0	1	Allen50			91.4	1	0
15	37	45	14	70	64.3	0	1	Bales50	49	13	70.0	1	0
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2	20	37	9	62	59.7	0	1	Isais50			77.5	î	0
3	12	38	12	62	61.3	0	1	Allen50			82.3	1	0
4	50	31	13	36	86.1	1		Robinson 0			36.1	0	1
5	39	51	15	88	57.9	0	1	Bozick50			61.3	1	0
6	30	40	12	66	60.6	0	1	Jones50		17	72.7	1	0
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of the ancient injunction to increase and multiply, and a miserable failure on our part to function as intelligent creative animals we pride ourselves on being?

Responsibility Serious; Our Day; The A. A. U.

In view of the many millions interested, and recognizing the plight in which we are engrossed, the important object now involves progress, and that alone, and not partisan powers or privileges of any kind. To become universally popular, survive and grow, requires the devoted services of its chosen leaders as a whole, with charity for all and malice toward none. This is the spirit I have always tried to maintain and is the spirit I shall always be true.

You see the urge in our day to move fast, with zip and color—the streamlined, the time factor, and keeping up-to-the-minute in everything progressive by never failing to take advantage of any necessary changes to attain the same. We have the streamlined playing show which shows that the equipment manufacturers are doing their part. As to the other factors, we will just skip it. The A.A.U. combines all these factors and publicity, and all else comes easy for them.

The success of our affiliation with them will be measured by results of our own efforts in combining these same factors, and when done, great good will accrue to both groups. Just in case some of you are not quite familiar, records of the past show that the A.A.U. have looked with disfavor upon our 50-point game because of the time factor, as such games will not end with any degree of uniformity. Also our cancellation feature, they have felt, was not in line with good sportsmanship as between players of varied abilities, and our time. They favor a specified number of shoes pitched, scoring all points earned, to constitute a game. Is there anything bet-

Our objections have been two-fold. First, we simply did not want to make any changes; second, difficulties in calculating two separate sets of percentage tables was just too much trouble. The question now is, shall we fall in line with the times by putting our own house in order and bring it up-to-date, co-operate with the A.A.U. and grow, or, as in the streamlined automobile age, we are in, just stick to the ox cart or horse, and remain dormant?

I shall be glad to furnish whatever percentage tables necessary for any number of games, at whatever

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Fernando Isais Win								s Midwest National						
7	10	21	6	44	47.7	0	1	Paxton	50	34	14	77.2	1	0
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13	43	57	18	82	69.5	0	1	Sebek	50	60	24	73.2	1	0
14	12	40	14	64	62.5	0	1	Peterson	50	54	23	84.4	1	0
15	37	56	19	88	63.7	0	1	Kraft	50	61	21	69.4	1	0
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No.	P	R	DR		Pct	W	L	Opponents				Pet.		L
1	12	45	13	68	66,2	0	1	Allen		59	122	86.7	1	0
2	38	55	20	80	68.7	0	1	Sebek		60	21	75.0	1	0
3	29	57	17	86	66.3	0	1	Somerhalder		66		76.7	1	0
4	19	38	11	60	63.4	0	1	Peterson		48		80.0	1	0
5	50	54	14	88	61.3	1	0	Harris	39	51		57.9	0	1
6	36	43	13	72	59.7	0	1	Bales	50	48		66.7	1	0
7	34	43	11	72	59.7	0	1	Dixon	50	49	15	68.0	1	0
8	25	38	11	60	63.4	0	1	Kraft		47	18	78.3	1	0
9	20	25	5	50	50.0	0	1	Griggs	50	37	16	74.0	1	0
10	50	43	12	70	61.4	1	0	Robinson	32	34	8	48.5	0	1
11	32	60	20	84	71.4	0	1	Paxton	50	67	28	79.7	1	0
12	9	18	6	36	50.0	0	1	Zimmerman	50	31	13	86.1	1	0
13	7	17	3	40	42.5	0	1	Isais	50	33	13	82.5	1	0
14	20	49	17	74	66.2	0	1	Jones	50	59	23	79.7	1	0
15	26	38	10	72	52.8	0	1	Gandy		48	15	66.7	1	0
	407	623	183	1012	61.8	2	13	Total	. 721	737	270	72.8	13	2
	Н	ward	Robin	nson, S	ixteen	th								
No	. P	R	DR	SP	Pct	W	L	Opponents	P		DR		W	L
1	20	25	5	48	52.0	0	1	Sebek			13	72.9	1	0
2	20	33	9	56	58.9	0	1	Somerhalder	50	44	18	78.1	1	0
3	26	31	7	60	51.6	0	1	Peterson	50	42	13	70.0	1	0
4	0	13	3	36	36.1	0	1	Harris	50	31	13	86.1	1	0
5	4	16	4	34	47.0	0	1	Allen	50	28	11	82.4	1	0
6	26	22	7	48	45.9	()	1	Dixon	50	31	11	64.5	1	0
7	13	17	4	44	38.6	0	1	Kraft	50	30	9	63.2	1	0
8	8	12	2	36	33.3	0	1	Bales	50	26	9	72.2	1	0
9	32	34	8	70	48.5	0	1	Bozick	50	43	12	61.4	1	0
10	4	15	2	40	37.5	0	1	Griggs		32	13	80.0	1	0
11	6	13	1	33	34.7	0	1	Jones		28	10	73.6	1	0
12	24	19	4	44	43.2	0	1	Paxton		29	11	65.9	1	0
13	6	11	2	32	34.3	0	1	Zimmerman .		27		84.4	1	0
14	16	43	13	74	58.2	0	1	Gandy		55		74.4	1	0
	10	31	9	52	59.6	0	1	Isais				88.5	1.	0
	217	335	80	712	47.1	0	15	Total	750	527	195	73.7	15	0
				aylord					P			R SP		et.
				r were				Bales	258	82	33	100		2.0
				y each		ied	100	Peterson		78	31	100		8.0
sho	oes,	and p	olaced	as fo	llows:			Somerhalder	246	77	30	100	7	7.0

the asking, or anything else that is in my power to do. Could more be asked, or could I do more?

After all that has been said and done, does it not follow that there is logic in the old saying, "may hay while the sun shines," as the sun may not always shine for us. In our affiliation with the A. A. U. we have the backing of boards of education the country over, involving millions at students which present a real opportunity if we co-operate now. This is the reason for my

hastily preparing (between work periods which could have been devoted to relaxation for personal good) all my propaganda, in easy stages, with the sincere hope that clubs would take advantage of both sections of our playing and scoring rules, and when done, I could, myself, watch with you, and enthuse over the great growth of our sport.

Personally I feel now that any further efforts along these lines on my part are useless, and only a waste of effort. If you boys are not number of shoes pitched, desired, for interested in it. The next move should show concerted action. The serious question is, shall we take advantage of the opportunity as it is now presented to us and "make hay while the sun shines," or let it slip by, possibly never to be presented us again? You know my interest. What is yours? What shall be done about it?

This coming year we should again have a solid Buckeye State Organization, showing names of commissioners on new stationery for effect, now needed. When written to won't you kindly oblige with whatever information is desired, and co-operate with us, whether or not you feel you can accomplish much in your districts. On behalf of the state officials and myself personally, we extend to each of you the season's greetings. I am

Sincerely and cordially yours, D. O. CHESS, Secretary

### HEADS CLUB

Chas. W. Cowan, 405 West 10th street, Veedersburg, Ind., heads the horseshoe club in his city. He is 67 years of age, but none will deny that he is a crack shot with the shoes.

#### MAY INSTALL COURTS

The new Y. M. C. A. in Spring field may install indoor horseshoe courts.

### IS REAPPOINTED

Carl von der Lancken, 2819 East Fourth street, Tulsa, has been re-appointed as State Representative of the National Horseshoe Pitchers association in Oklahoma.

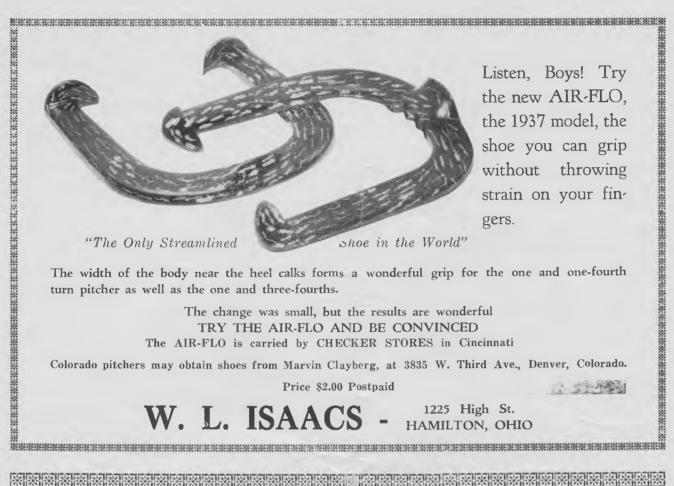
It is hoped that a state organization will be effected this year. Oklahoma pitchers should get in touch with Carl.

"The Art of Pitching Horseshoes," is the subject of a booklet being prepared by Temple R. Jarrell, 23 Ralston avenue, Hyattsville, Md. He is using it as his thesis to secure a Master's degree at the University of Maryland, but plans to publish the article.

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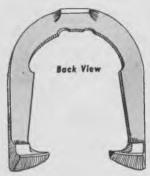




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