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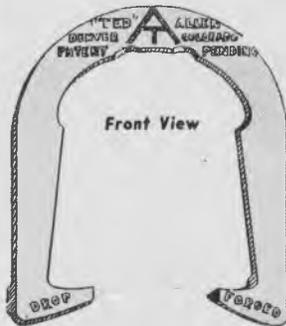
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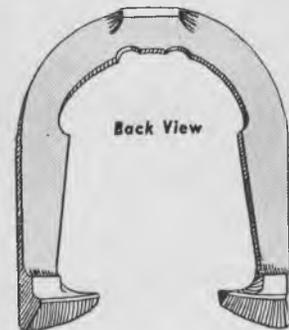
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Here it is October again . . . winter is just around the corner so make the best of these warm rays, boys . . . next issue tells the news of the Midwest National meet at Des Moines . . . it was won by a mighty fine lad, Fernando Isais, a Mexican boy who lives in this country . . . he topped our National Champion, Ted Allen, who is said to have taken defeat graciously . . . of course the championship belt didn't change hands in the Des Moines meet . . . it wasn't the National meet (and there won't be one this year, too bad!) . . . bet Ted Allen will get busy brushing up on his ringers from now on until a National is scheduled . . . tournaments are about over and results are rolling in . . . they are filled with real scores . . . we present as many as we have room for in this issue. . . more to follow.

October, 1937

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ABOUT OVER
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Fall is the best season of the year, to our notion, with the exception of one thing—it brings us closer to the close of an outdoor horseshoe season.

The Autumn, with its beautiful scenes of painted trees, covered with leaves dipped in the truest of hues that cannot be duplicated by the artist's brush, does bring to us the cooler days that are soon to be followed by winter. Then horseshoe activity must stop—at least in most states.

However, there's solace in the thought that the indoor court has become popular, which reminds us that we should tell you it isn't a bit too early to start planning for indoor lanes. Let's make it a 365-day-per-year game!

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O'SHEA WINS TITLE IN FINE STATE SHOE TOURNAMENT

The Massachusetts State Horseshoe championship tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday August 7 and 8 at the courts of the Smith Mills Horseshoe club, North Dartmouth, Mass. (North Dartmouth is a part of Greater New Bedford.)

The outstanding feature of the meet was the remarkable pitching of J. L. O'Shea, Brockton, who easily carried off the 1937 title. O'Shea, a member of the Quincy Point club regained the crown he lost last year on his home courts to Stanley DeLeary, full blooded Indian of Amesbury and in doing it he shattered all percentage records for State championships and made horseshoe history with a ringer percentage of .810.

Saturday morning was taken up by qualifying and at 2:30 o'clock Mr. W. C. T. Lewis chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Dartmouth made a welcoming speech to the visiting players.

The 40 qualifiers then commenced a series of 4 man round robins, with the two low men dropping out of each 4.

The twenty winners of the first series were: O'Shea of Quincy Point, O'Brien of Quincy Point, Herfurth, Northampton; Laurino, Springfield; Landry, Fall River; Deleary, Amesbury; Tillikainen, Fitchburgh; Weston Quincy Point; Sweeney, Quincy Point; Thibault, Fall River; Larson, Melrose; Gilpatrick, Quincy Point; Bristol, Melrose; Phillips, Springfield; Brinkman, Springfield; Fazio, Fall River; Tapaile Fitchburgh; Coneau, Lynn; Robillard Jr., Fall River; King, Smith Mills.

To these were added the four losers having the highest ringer percentage, making the number twenty four, who again battled in another series of 4 man round robins. The winning twelve of the second series were: Larson, Melrose; O'Shea, Quincy Point, Herfurth, Northampton; O'Brien, Quincy Point; Laurino, Springfield; Landry, Fall River; Tillikainen, Fitchburgh; Stowell, Smith Mills; Deleary, Amesbury; Hoard, Lakeville; White, Amherst, Grinnell, Smith Mills.

This twelve played a final round robin Sunday afternoon. In the four man round robins the home club had eight starters of whom only three survived the first round, King, Stowell and Grinnell going into the semi-final series. In this round King was eliminated by DeLeary, last year's champ. Stowell and Grinnell entering the final twelve. The youngest entrant was thirteen year old Donald Jackson of Smith Mills who qualified at 178 and won one game before being eliminated.

Carl Larson of Melrose was the highest qualifier with 231. Frank

Bristol of Melrose was the only player to beat DeLeary, the defending champion, in the preliminary games, he won 50-48 after trailing 39-48. Another close game was between Gil Brinkman and Harry Turner, Brinkman winning 50-49, this was the longest game of the tournament, 88 shoes being pitched. The shortest game was Russell O'Brien and Ralph Forsstrom. O'Brien winning 50-1 with 30 pitched shoes. The poorest showing of any game was Comeau of Lynn, with a ringer percentage of only .184.

On Sunday afternoon, under a hot sun and before a large crowd of fans the final twelve man round robin was played. There was hardly a doubt from the beginning but what O'Shea would finish in the lead but it was not expected that he would so completely overwhelm the other contestants to carry off the title. He broke all New England championship records with his ringer percentage of .810 for the eleven games played. After four hours pitching in the terrific heat his throwing was just as strong and perfect as in his first game. The only physical effect he had to show was a beautiful sunburn. Out of 594 shoes pitched he made 481 ringers, his highest percentage in a game was .905, his lowest .730, he pitched the .905 game against O'Brien a fellow team mate, O'Brien scored only five points with a ringer percentage of .524. O'Shea easily beat DeLeary, the hero of 1936, 50-11, and Herfurth, a former Mass. State and New England champion 50-12, he also took Larson of Melrose, a man always hard to beat, 50-5. In the game with DeLeary there were four on ten times. The highest score against him was made by Edgar Landry of Fall River who got 31 points. The highlight of the day was his game with O'Brien, 38 ringers out of 42 shoes pitched.

Tillikainen who finished in second place scored the only shut-out of the meet, beating Hoard 50-0, and also lost the closest game in the finals to Larson 50-49, each man pitching 70 per cent.

In one game Tillikainen made twenty four ringers out of his first twenty-eight shoes.

Herfurth and DeLeary surprised everyone by finishing low in 8th and 9th place respectively, although each pitched over 60 percent.

The final scores:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
O'Shea	11	0	.810
Tillikainen	8	3	.678
Larson	7	4	.623
Laurino	7	4	.620
O'Brien	7	4	.548
Landry	6	5	.604

Stowell	6	5	.556
DeLeary	5	6	.619
Herfurth	4	7	.617
Grinnell	3	8	.494
White	1	10	.494
Hoard	1	10	.431

The new champion received a medal from the State Association as also did the runner up and the third man, these were presented by Ralph Forsstrom, the Mass. State secretary. The home club awarded cash prizes to the first eighteen men.

The tournament was a successful one and the club officers feel that their efforts were rewarded. Many of the players and the State officers were loud in their praise of the smooth and efficient manner in which the tournament was handled. A large number of gate prizes, donated by Dartmouth merchants were given away. Sonny Smith the five year old club mascot made the drawing for the prizes.

The players finishing in the prize money were: O'Shea, Quincy Point; Tillikainen, Fitchburgh; Larson, Melrose; Laurino, Springfield; O'Brien, Quincy Point; Landry, Fall River; Stowell, Smith Mills; DeLeary, Amesbury; Herfurth, Northampton; Grinnell, Smith Mills; White, Amherst; Hoard, Lakeville; Weston, Quincy Point; Gilpatrick, Quincy Point; Tapaile, Fitchburgh; Sweeney, Quincy Point; Robillard Jr., Fall River; Brinkman, Springfield.

The Smith Mills courts are located about three miles from the center of New Bedford, on Buzzards Bay in Southeastern Massachusetts, they have a poetic setting with beautiful surrounding and are considered among the finest in the State. The club is financially sound and has a large membership of enthusiastic players and supporters and looks forward to many more successful seasons.

TO BUILD COURTS

Four well equipped horseshoe pitching courts will be constructed at an early date at Burleson Park, and turned over to the Horseshoe Pitching club, city officials announced Tuesday. Equipment for these courts has been ordered and will be installed immediately upon arrival, it was stated.

Members of the local organization will become affiliated with the National Horseshoe Pitchers association and will compete in tournaments next spring, it was stated.

Wesley Boulch has been elected president of the new organization and B. R. Johnson, secretary treasurer. The organization is still open for members.—Greenville (Tex.) Herald.

NEWSPAPER SPONSORS TOURNEY

On Sunday, August 1, the Staten Island Open Championship Tournament sponsored by the Staten Island Advance, was held at Willowbrook Park, S. I., on the 16 splendid new clay courts built by the New York Park Department.

Frank Gamble sent out the "call to arms" to horseshoe pitchers within 100 miles of Staten Island, to attend this tournament. The men responded nobly. They came from Atlantic City, Absecon, Elizabeth, Patterson, Jersey City, Englewood, and West Englewood, N. J. From Camden came Mr. D. Eric Brown, the president of the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers association, and his team mates. New York was represented by men from New York City, Brooklyn, Corona, West Hempstead, Elmhurst and Maspeth, Long Island.

The 16 courts could not take care of this crowd of horseshoe pitchers, and so as not to disappoint those coming from such great distances (Staten Island is not such an easy place to get to) Frank Parker at once built six temporary courts.

Fifty-eight men qualified, and as it had been agreed in advance that all classes would play in round robins, 14 local players gallantly withdrew, leaving a field of 38 visiting players and six local men to start play promptly at 1:30 under the direction of Frank Gamble, Frank Parker, as chairman and referee, Hal Squires, honorary chairman, representing the Staten Island Advance.

Classes A. and B, each 10 men; Classes C. and D, each 12 men. Vito Fileccia, present New York State champion, and also holder of the Staten Island open title present to defend it. Vito lost his Staten Island title to Larry Mahoney, the New Jersey State champion, after a hard battle. The competition in every class was very strong, and the upsets were many. Vito lost one game to his team mate, H. Christie, the first time in three years that Christie beat Vito in a tournament. He also lost one game to Larry Mahoney, and with it went the title. Larry won all nine games, and at the rate he is throwing the old irons around very few playing today will beat him. This goes even in a world's championship tournament.

This he-man's sport is slowly but surely passing into the hands of children. Take the records of "little Artie" Scolari, of Patterson, N. J., for an example. This smiling little chap of 12 summers, standing about four feet tall, weighs 75 pounds, and has been compelled to stop pitching with

the Junior class (30 feet) as he has run out of opponents, beating such champions as Larry, Vito and even Ted Allen at that distance. In this tournament he pitched from the 40-foot mark Senior class. He qualified with 87 points for 50 shoes pitched, landing in Class C. In the tenth frame his opponent was C. Hart, of Jersey City. Every spectator present was attracted to their court, Little Artie playing a man more than 6 feet tall, weighing 225 pounds. It was a case of Jack and the bean stalk, Artie winning 40 to 27. The applause lasted for a full minute.

Former Senator Mark Allen donated a beautiful trophy to be given to the local player, making the best showing. Mike Quigley won this as he was the only local player to qualify for Class A. Mr. Quigley, by the way, practically introduced horseshoe pitching on Staten Island. In his day he was unbeatable; today he may not finish near the top, but he fights to be in there with the topnotchers, win, lose or draw. He is a good sport, and the best-natured Irishman this side of Ireland.

Mr. Allen also presented trophies to winners of Class A, B, C, D, and medals to all those finishing second and third in all classes. Mr. Mallen the Park Department director, was also present, and was warmly cheered after making a rather lengthy speech.

The results follow:

Class A		R. Pct.	
W	L	B.G.	9 G.
Larry Mahoney.....	9	0	78.0 73.3
Vito Fileccia	7	2	83.4 68.4
Henry Christie	7	2	65.5 57.2
Otto Peters	6	3	67.0 54.9
John Rosselet	5	4	64.8 50.8
Ch. Seacord	3	6	61.5 43.0
M. Belsky	2	7	60.5 48.2
Joe Puglise	2	7	63.5 42.8
Lee Davis	2	7	52.0 37.8
Mike Quigley	1	8	50.2 36.7
Class B			
Paul Puglise	9	0	50.5 50.4
John Wilkenson	7	2	57.9 43.6
F. Hessler	6	3	53.5 43.0
Frank Belsky	6	3	50.5 42.5
Ed Lane	5	4	46.8 40.0
Alex Robertson	4	5	53.5 43.0
Geo. Schavel	4	5	51.5 36.7
P. McGill	2	7	44.6 35.8
A. E. Belling	2	7	35.3 28.2
Joe Engel	0	9	44.8 33.2
Class C			
V. Kestle	10	1	
F. Egger	10	1	
Artie Scolari	9	2	
Geo. McNeil	7	4	
A. Dunbar	7	4	

D. E. Brown	6	6
C. Hart	5	6
J. B. Beling	4	7
Wm. Simmons	4	7
Fr. Brady	4	7
H. Schmidt	1	10
Elden Carl	0	11

Egger won the play-off for first place.

Class D	
J. Heim	9 2
Ea Foggin	9 2
G. B. Roberts	8 3
Joe Mahoney	8 3
Tom Ellis	7 4
C. Dorshimer	7 4
Al Barnes	5 6
Al Anderson	4 7
Frank Highly	3 8
Al McQueen	2 9
Wm. Gaffeny	2 9
C. Bard	2 9

NEW JERSEY CHAMPION

Mahoney Defeats Fileccia, New York State Champion Horseshoe Pitcher, Friday, Aug. 13

Larry Mahoney, New Jersey State horseshoe pitching champion of Lincroft, N. J., defeated Vito Fileccia, New York State champion, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a match at the courts of the Elmhurst Horseshoe Club at Elmhurst, Long Island, Friday evening, August 13, before a large crowd of spectators.

Fileccia won the first game, 50-41, and the third game 50-25, while Mahoney won the second game which was closely contested, 50-45. In the fourth game, Mahoney, rankling with his defeat of the third game, started with a barrage of ringers, and out of the first 20 shoes pitched only missed scoring a ringer once, and quickly ended the game 50-8 with the highest ringer percentage for a single game of 84.5 per cent, while Fileccia averaged 60.4 per cent. Mahoney also won the fifth and sixth games easily 50-27 and 50-20, winning four games to lose two.

Mahoney						
Games	1	2	3	4	5	6
Points	41	50	25	50	50	50
R. Pct.	65.0	69.5	59.4	84.5	80.8	76.7

Shoes pitched, 384; Ringers, 276; Double Ringers, 103; Ringer percentage, 71.9.

Fileccia						
Games	1	2	3	4	5	6
Points	50	45	50	8	27	20
R. Pct.	66.6	65.3	75.0	60.4	63.5	58.4

Shoes pitched, 384; Ringers, 250; Double Ringers, 82; Ringer Percentage 65.

Mahoney pitched "Ohio" horseshoes.

TOURNEY WINNER



James O'Shea, Brockton, Mass, who recently won the Massachusetts State Horseshoe championship, regaining the crown he lost in 1936.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Allegheny County Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was held August 14th and 15th on the Courts of the Carlton Club in Lawrenceville. Over a hundred pitchers entered the qualifications and when the Round Robin was reached the following remained: Carson, Falk, Cherry, Onderka, Buckley, DiRocca, Vogel and Hoffman. The Round Robin ended in a tie between Carson of Tarentum and Falk of the Hayfield club, Dormont. In the pitch-off Carson was the winner fifty to forty. His average for the Tournament was 68% while Falk went 63%.

In the Class B Division, Brothers of the Hayfield Club was the winner with Barry of Blawnox the runner up.

The Tournament was voted the "Best Ever" in the County and plans are already being made for next year's which will be held on the Courts of the Hayfield Horseshoe Club in Dormont.

HORSESHOE NEWS FROM RICHMOND CO., STATEN ISLAND

On June 27th The Richmond County Open International Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was held on the Courts of the Home club.

The Richmond County Horseshoe & Social Club, sponsored the Tournament, which was sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Ass'n.

Under the able management of "Rube" Otto Peters and Harry Schmidt both of Jersey City, N. J. and Frank P. Gamble, Publicity and contact secretary of the Home Club, it turned out to be the best and biggest Horseshoe Pitching Tournament ever held in this county, to date.

The following Clubs from many miles around responded to the call by sending their top notch players, Audobon, H. S. C. Bergen, H. S. C. Englewood, H. S. C. Paterson News, H. S. C. Lincroft, H. S. C. from New Jersey. Long Island's Clubs represented were De Kalb H. S. C. and Elmhurst H. S. C. New York City was represented by The Emerald Club, Ft. George club and Highbridge Club.

As the Home Club had only 17 courts available, and as it had been agreed to have all classes play in Round Robin competition, the 34 players having the highest qualifying scores were permitted to enter the tournament, which got under way at 1:30 P. M. in four classes A, B, C and D.

So as to permit as many visiting players as possible to enter the tournament, many of the local players did not take part, but assisted the committee to make this tournament one not easily forgotten.

Class A brought together the 10 leading players for many miles around among them was Vito Fileccia New York State Champ, Larry Mahoney New Jersey State Champ, John Wilkenson New York Park Dept. Champ, Otto Peters Jersey City Champ, Paul Puglise a coming star player, from from Patterson N. J., Henry Christy Long Island Champ, Mike Quigley the pride of Staten Island, the man who introduced the game to this county, Owen Farmer, Joe McManus, Wm. White, these later three men can upset any man when least expected.

Class B was made up of 10 men who play in Class in the average tournament. Even in class C and D any of these men would have won a State Championship a few years ago. This can be easily seen with an average of 37.3 for 5 games played.

Of course, the feature game was in the last frame, the game bet. Mahoney and Fileccia, N. J. and N. Y. State champions, these two boys have been meeting for the past three years. Vito has defeated Larry 5 times in the past

two years, but the upset came at last. He has not been able to hit his stride this season so far, Larry, changing from a ¾ turn to a 1¼ turn is going like a house afire, he is breaking all sorts of records this season, on June 13th, breaking the New Jersey State record with a game of 85.2. This 17 year old boy is going to town, and he will give even the great Ted Allen, World's Champion a fight for the championship this year. He has already taken part in one world's championship tournament. At the tender age of 15 he traveled 1100 miles to Moline, Ill. This long train ride, stage fright, and wet grounds, defeated him, but he shall try again, you can not keep the Irish fighting spirit down.

VISIT OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Zimmerman honored Eastern Oregon with a visit on the 27th and 28th of June. This famous exhibition team appeared at La Grande, Elgin, and Wallowa, Oregon, and proved to the people of this section that they are real champions.

Mr. Zimmerman and Roy Smith enjoyed two splendid games in La Grande. In the first game "Zim" made a ringer percentage of 81.8 to Smith's 71.5. In the second game both men threw 110 shoes each, with "Zim" making a percentage of 79 and Smith 75.5. At Elgin "Zim" threw 45 ringers out of 50 shoes in a match with Smith, who was able to score only three points during the entire game, even though his percentage was 60. A large audience witnessed the exhibition at Wallowa. Here again ringer percentages were well above the 70 mark. After the exhibition, the Zimmermans and the Smith family enjoyed a pie, cake and ice cream feed.

After spending the night in Wallowa, "Zim" and his family departed for towns in Washington where they were scheduled to stage exhibitions. Both Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman are real people on and off the courts, and it is hoped that they will again pay a visit to this section next year.

FINE MATCH

A splendid exhibition was played at Elmsford, N. Y. to open the new Elmsford courts, between William Hamann and Vito Fileccia, Hamann winning three out of five games pitched.

Totals for the five games were:

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Fileccia	2	3	203	222	72	346	64.1
Hamann	3	2	215	227	71	346	65.6

Ralph G. Gressel, Laduc, Alberta, Canada, Box R, is a real shoe enthusiast.

BUCKEYE STATE NEWS

A Page Devoted to the News and Views of the Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association

6208 Quimby Ave, Cleveland, Ohio District, County and Asst. Commissioners, Clubs, Officers, Members and all Interested.

Gentlemen:

It was quite a disappointment to all that we could have neither a National or Buckeye State tournament this year. I worked hard on our Great Lakes Exposition to get horseshoes into it, first for a National Tournament, then for a State Tournament with a World's Championship Match, and finally for a Championship Match for the World's Championship but it just was not in the books.

When the National Ass'n changed their plan to an individual affiliation of 25 cents (15 cents to National and 10 cents to State), beginning June 1, 1936 to superceed the former plan of \$50.00 from each State for charter Your State Officers met the National Secretary in Columbus to formulate our State Constitution and By-Laws, we estimated our state affiliation membership would possibly not be over two thousand the first year which would only bring in 200 dollars at 10 cents out of each 25 cents, and we made it 35 cents (20 cents to State and 15 cents to National), with the feeling that this would take care of prize money for a State tournament, however, there were only 508 affiliations in 1936 and the National received \$76.20 and State \$101.60. The National gained by 26.20 but the State was no better off and still unable to support a tournament without begging. I made this known early this year but no one was able to beg hard enough it seems.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 1, 1937

CASH RECEIVED:

September 24, 1936 check from Dafler\$93.47
 Nov. 9, 1936 check for Chess ...5.40
 Feb. 20, 1937 check from Dr. Pottle 39.21
TOTAL \$138.08

EXPENDITURES:

Feb. 24, 1937 Madison Press & Plate\$13.14
 Feb. 24, 1937 Chess (postgae)...5.04
 April 19, 1937 Floral Products Dayton 10.30

June 1, 1937 Chess (postage) ...7.36
TOTAL \$35.84
 Net Cash on Hand \$102.24 at close of year June 1, 1937.

Henry J. Gungelman, Treasurer
 The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association

So far this year (Sept. 1) we have only eighty (80) affiliations (60 from Cincinnati and 20 from Columbus). We should, from now on until the outdoor season closes, put on a drive for affiliations from Club members making it as nearly 100% as possible and use this number in adjusting the fee for next year to assure a tournament next year, while making the drive the opinion or feeling of the members as to what the set-up should be will be of great help to us as something will have to be done to bolster up the finances if a State tournament is to be assured. If we can count on only 500 affiliations in the State who are willing to support the State and National Association's you can readily see that the fee should be raised to one (\$1.00) dollar (15c to National and 85c to State) which would bring \$75.00 to National and \$425 to State. In the latter we could have our tournament and pay the prizes but the National would still be no better off. Personally, I believe the sport is too cheap as it is, and perhaps the fee should be placed at two (\$2.00) dollars divided 50 cents for the Horseshoe World, 50 cents to the National Ass'n and \$1.00 to the State and in event 500 would affiliate the State would receive \$500.00, the National \$250.00 and all would receive a years subscription to the Magazine. Loy D. Johnston who was elected President of the State Asso. in Dayton last year had something like this in mind but had to resign due to his territory being doubled by his employer and being unable to do a thing for the Association and his views were lost. It is time that we should be making our plans for next year and Yours and those of the Members will help us and welcome, kindly be free in expressing them, and in the meantime let us see how many affiliations can be secured for the balance of the 1937 season. I am,

Sincerely yours,

D. O. Chess, Secretary, The Buckeye State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association.

WINS TOURNEY

Dr. Kenneth Smith, of West Liberty, Ohio, was winner in a recent horseshoe tourney at Clarksburg, O. Paul Smithson, Chillicothe, was runner-up.

IN PRIZE MONEY

William R. Evans, the lad who makes up this magazine each month, was one of the winners in the Eagles picnic tourney at London, Ohio, recently.

C. E. Sturm, co-founder of the Horseshoe World, now resides in Blanchechester, where he is connected with the Brown Publishing Co.

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SOUTH JERSEY OPEN TOURNEY

The fifth annual horseshoe pitching tournament for the open championship of South Jersey was held at Clementon Lake Park on Sunday, August 15, 1937. It was the most successful one ever held, the entries totaling 51, among whom were some of the best players from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and included Ted Allen, present world's champion.

Round robin play was conducted in four classes of 10 men each, with the fifth class playing an elimination to four men, who then played a round robin to decide the winner. Qualifying was by best score in two rounds of 50 shoes each, 101 or over for Class A, 85 for Class B, 76 for Class C, and 68 for Class D.

Trophies for the first four classes were presented to the winners by the park management and additional prizes were distributed to the first four players in each class. Many thanks to the park management in providing every convenience for the players including a portable amplifier by means of which players and spectators were kept informed of the progress of the tournament.

The largest and most interested audience to ever witness this contest lined the courts during the whole afternoon. A trick pitching exhibition by Art Scolari, of Paterson, Junior State Champion, assisted by the Puglise brothers, assembled the crowd from throughout the park at 1 p. m. and the clever tricks of this 12-year-old youngster brought rounds of applause from the spectators. Immediately following the exhibition each of the players was introduced to the audience and the tournament games started at once. Ted Allen, together with Larry Mahoney, New Jersey State Champion, and Vito Fileccia, New York State Champion, were the center of interest and the real scientific exhibition of pitching these players did was a revelation to the crowd, most of whom had never seen a horseshoe contest before.

Ted Allen won the tournament with nine wins, having rather easy sailing until the eighth game when he met Fileccia. Fileccia matched Allen until the score stood 25 to 21 in Allen's favor, when Allen started a streak of double ringers to win the game 50 to 21.

Ted Allen, in winning the South Jersey Open Horseshoe Pitching championship, scored a sensational victory over Larry Mahoney when he came from behind (trailing 29 to 48) to eke out a 50-48 victory for the

championship. It was the last game of the regular round robin play and both players had been undefeated in eight games. Mahoney started the game with a flash and streaked away to a 12-3 and then 18-6 lead, but Allen caught up with him at 25 all in a steady exchange of ringers. Mahoney at this stage forged ahead with a continual barrage of ringers, pitching 29 ringers with 32 pitched shoes to lead 48-29.

Allen then started his "mechanical arm," pitching ringers with deadly accuracy and did not miss a ringer for the next 11 innings, 22 straight ringers, to nose out Mahoney, 50-48, and completely shutting out his 15 ringers. It was the best game ever played in the state, and kept over 300 spectators in a continual frenzy.

Allen pitched in true spectacular championship form, but he early realized he was in a battle. Larry Mahoney was subdued but in losing covered himself with glory. Allen pitched 73 ringers to Mahoney's 72 ringers in 94 pitched shoes. In the first 50 shoes Mahoney averaged 76 per cent ringers, while Allen averaged 74 per cent. Both players lost ringers due to the sandy South Jersey soil.

New state records made were: Allen, 22 straight ringers; Mahoney 29 ringers with 32 pitched shoes; four ringers on the stake 17 times; four ringers on the stake four consecutive times; 58 total double ringers in a single game; highest ringer percentage for a game in New Jersey.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Allen	50	73	30	94	77.7
Mahoney	48	72	28	94	76.6

Mahoney finished second, defeating Fileccia 50 to 41 in a game packed with thrills. The lead changed five times, leaving them tied at 31 each. Mahoney then pitched 10 ringers in the next five frames to forge ahead 43 to 31. When he missed, Fileccia was quick to take advantage and brought the score to 43-41, but Mahoney was not to be denied, and ran out the game 50 to 41, when Fileccia had trouble in making his ringers stay.

Kline, of York, Pa., finished third, and had little trouble with the other players, George MacNeil, of Absecon furnishing him with his toughest game when he went out to lead 18 to 4, and 43 to 34, but Kline being a good finisher, slapped on 11 ringers out of his next 14 shoes to win 50-43.

Class B was won by Emil St. Onge, of Pottstown, Pa., who made a clean sweep of his games. In second place was Junior Jones, of Olean, N. Y., who lost his first two games and then proceeded to win the other sev-

en by large margins. Pitching in this class was Scolari, last year's Junior champion, and finished fourth, losing only three games to Peters, 32-50, St. Onge, 41-50, and Jones, 41-50. Another year will see this 12-year-old pushing the leaders, as this is his first try at the 40-foot distance. Other interesting games in this class were McMurtry 50, Myers 48; Scolari 50, Mongillo 40; McGraw 50, Schmidt 45; McGraw 40, Jones 50 Onge 50, Peters 34; Peters 23, Jones 50.

Class C was won by Joe Puglise, of Paterson, N. J., who found the competition easy in this class, no player scoring over 25 points against him. The remaining players were very evenly matched and many close games resulted, no less than 17 of them being won by less than four points.

Class D ended in a tie between C. Hart, of Jersey City, and A. J. Dunbar, of Philadelphia, each winning eight games. In the play-off, Dunbar won 50 to 9. The players in this class were so evenly matched in ability that over half the games were won by a margin of 10 points or less.

In Class E an elimination was run off to cut down the remaining players to a four-man round robin owing to lack of facilities for more, only two courts being available. The winner was Joe Mahoney of Lincroft, N. J., with S. C. Myers, of York, Pa., second, H. Scheuneman, of Philadelphia, third, and Wm. Yoder, of Camden, N. J., fourth.

The tournament was sponsored by the New Jersey State Association and was under the direction of D. E. Brown, association president. Assisting as chief scorer was Frank Gamble, of Staten Island, who very ably handled the mass of detail records necessary. Scorekeepers for the games were W. D. Witt, of Philadelphia, W. E. Santoro, of Perth Amboy, N. J., Ben Murphy, of Jersey City, C. Hessler, of the DeKalb Club, Staten Island, and Jean Brown, of Camden, N. J., and to them we owe many thanks for the efficient and accurate recording of the scores.

	W	L	Pct.
Ted Allen, California.....	9	0	74.6
Larry Mahoney, N. J.....	8	1	70.7
Vito Fileccia, N. Y.....	7	2	66.3
I. Kline, Penna.	6	3	52.1
John Lartz, Penna.....	5	4	47.7
E. Myers, Penna.	4	5	56.2
Geo. MacNeill, N. J.....	3	6	45.8
Wm. Hare, Penna.	2	7	42.7
Mike Quigley, N. Y.....	1	8	42.5
P. Puglise, N. J.....	0	9	47.2

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DENNY WINNER IN MISSOURI

Jimmy Denny, 19 years old, won the Missouri championship from a field of 16 finalists at Sedalia, Mo., August 25 and 26. He lost his first game and then came through with 14 straight victories. Brooks Denny, his older brother, was runner-up. Twenty-seven men entered, and pitched 100 shoes. Jimmy Denny was high qualifier, with 238 points, 74 ringers; Bill Pfander, of St. Joe, a one-armed left-hander, was low of the 16 finalists, with 188 points and 49 ringers. Following are the results:

Name and Town	W	L	R	DR	SP	Pct.
J. Denny, St. Louis.....	14	1	641	209	952	.673
*B. Benny, St. Louis.....	12	3	644	210	984	.654
Joe Wors, St. Louis.....	12	3	677	216	1052	.634
Oscar Bozich, Kansas City.....	11	4	607	192	972	.613
*L. Steinmann, St. Louis.....	10	5	660	223	1022	.645
Sidney Plott, Anderson.....	10	5	648	198	1016	.638
C. R. Thompson, Springfield.....	10	5	618	192	972	.625
Paul Lattray, St. Louis.....	8	7	609	177	1002	.607
Perle Key, St. Louis.....	7	8	566	167	1000	.566
J. Elkins, Stella.....	6	9	594	159	1036	.573
Wm. Pfander, St. Joseph.....	6	9	486	106	944	.514
Jack Erwin, Kansas City.....	6	9	497	131	974	.510
Everett Frost, Kansas City.....	3	12	409	96	828	.482
C. Gosney, Kansas City.....	3	12	366	93	818	.447
Dan Cook, St. Joseph.....	1	14	429	108	872	.492
F. Frost, Kansas City.....	1	14	385	83	854	.451

* Won pitch-off.

SOUTH JERSEY OPEN (Continued from Page Six)

Final Standings Class B

Name	W	L
Emil St. Onge, Penna.....	9	0
Jones, New York.....	7	2
O. C. Peters, New Jersey.....	7	2
A. Scolari, New Jersey.....	6	3
Sam Mongillo, New Jersey.....	5	4
R. E. McGray, New Jersey.....	4	5
Kyle McMurtry, New Jersey.....	3	6
Wm. Simons, New York.....	2	7
C. Myers, Penna.....	1	8
H. Schmidt, New Jersey.....	0	9

Class C

Name	W	L
Joe Puglise, New Jersey.....	9	0
C. Ludwig, Penna.....	8	1
H. Baxter, New Jersey.....	7	2
A. Robinson, New Jersey.....	5	4
E. Scheuneman, Penna.....	5	4
E. Pern, Penna.....	3	6
K. M. Bovee, Penna.....	3	6
L. Mattson, New Jersey.....	3	6
G. B. Roberts, Penna.....	2	7
W. Reed, Penna.....	0	9

Class D

Name	W	L
A. J. Dunbar, Penna.....	8	1
C. Hart, New Jersey.....	8	1
C. Dorshimer, New Jersey.....	6	3
R. Holdcraft, Penna.....	6	3
F. E. Gant, New Jersey.....	5	4
R. Santoro, New Jersey.....	4	5
J. Twist, Penna.....	4	5
A. Bechtel, Penna.....	3	6
G. W. Fiske, New Jersey.....	1	8
W. Mullen, Penna.....	0	9

Class E

Name	W	L
J. Mahoney, New Jersey.....	5	1
S. C. Myers, Penna.....	4	2
H. Scheuneman, Penna.....	3	3
Wm. Yoder, New Jersey.....	0	3

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEEK MATCHES

A team from Washington D. C. composed of Temple Jarrett, Lee Fleshman, Lem Sales of Md., Mel Johnson, Charles Heleker, Frances Battiste and Bill Woodfield of D. C. motored to Richmond, Va., on August 29, 112 miles to meet a team of stars from central N. C. league. Woody Thomas, Carl Garner, Spencer Warren Joe Gray, Glenn Hoover, of High Point Wilson Hill, Thomasville and Luke Rumley of Lexington, about 200 miles from Richmond. Washington, Md., team won 6 matches to 1. The courts in Byrd Park playground were used through the courtesy of P. N. Binford, director. Ray Frye of Orkney Springs, Va., who has been employed by Richmond Playground for the past three months to teach the art of putting on ringers was the referee. Ray recently won the Virginia state and Washington D. C. Metropolitan titles in the 9th annual Tournament sponsored by the "Washington Star" and will leave Richmond shortly for a tour of New England states giving exhibitions of trick pitching and incidentally challenge all comers to a match. Was this match between N. C. Stars and Metropolitan Washington D. C. teams unusual in meeting in a neutral city? Of course the main idea was to save distance. Would like to book matches with any teams within a hundred miles of Washington D. C. If of greater distance maybe a half way horseshoe spot can be located. All interested in horseshoe sport in Middle Atlantic states write me. Maybe

possible to have a middle Atlantic Tournament in 1938, or best teams from all sections meet for championship once a year. In 1938 Washington D. C. should have its greatest in this sport. D. C. Playgrounds have recently installed six regulation courts, lighted and the equal of any in U. S.

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SOME GOOD MATCHES

Some good matches have been played in Scranton, Pa., this summer. Here are the statistics of the games:

Name	Sc	R	DR	S	Pct.
Walter Maconegny.....	50	57	21	76	75.0
San Lanyon.....	28	49	15	76	64.5

11 times all four were on the stake. Walter had a run of 13 straight double ringers. The score of this game was 22-1 in favor of Lanyon when Maconegny started his run of 13 straight doubles. Six of these doubles were topped. Of course this was not the finish but Maconegny had more double ringers than that. It was too much for Lanyon.

Here is the score of another game. This is the best game ever pitched in Scranton (including shoes pitched, ringers, double ringers and percentage for the amount of shoes pitched.)

Name	Sc	R	DR	S	Pct.
James O'Toole.....	51	72	23	102	70.5
Walter Maconegny.....	43	67	23	102	65.6

O'Toole missed completely only twice. 13 times all four shoes were on the stake.

LEFTY STEINMANN WON ST. LOUIS MUNI TITLE

On Sunday, August 29, Lefty Steinmann won the St. Louis, Mo., Individual Municipal championship Denny who won the state title and from eight finalists including Jimmy defender of the Muni crown.

Name	W	L	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Steinmann.....	7	0	277	95	408	.679
Key.....	5	2	274	86	458	.598
Lattray.....	4	3	302	98	474	.638
Denny.....	4	3	276	78	478	.577
Blake.....	3	4	256	67	482	.531
Twitcheil.....	2	5	217	63	380	.571
Ruengert.....	2	5	237	54	418	.567
Ostendorf.....	1	6	270	70	494	.546

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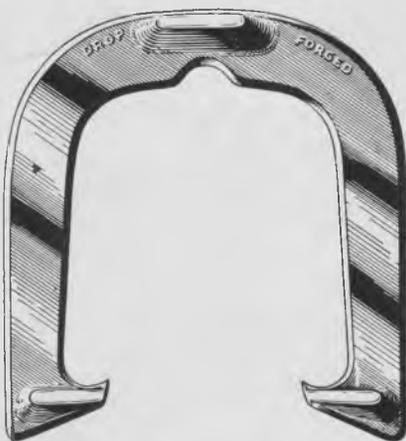
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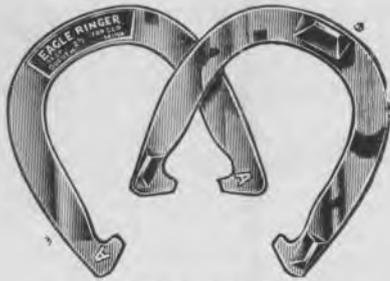
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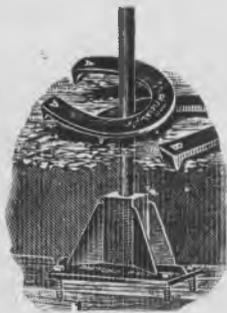
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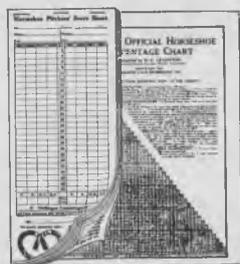
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