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The tournament season is coming to a close . . . a lot of new champions saucily tilt 1938 crowns upon laureled heads and get ready to sit before the favorite fireside and look at the loving cups they won . . . but they shouldn't sit too complacently . . . holding a title carries a responsibility with it . . . champions owe a lot to the game that honors them and they should take the lead in planning next year's activities . . . our best wishes to the New York folks in getting their differences ironed out . . . it can be done . . . we aren't printing the results of the National Senior A. A. U. championship tournament in Staten Island as we have had letters saying that some of the players were professionals . . . the A.A.U. officials are doing all they can to straighten this out and they deserve commendation . . . we will print the official results when released by the proper A.A.U. officials.

## WRONG SYSTEM

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association made a mistake when it adopted a membership fee of 25 cents, with 10 cents to go to the state association and 15 cents to the National. The writer was one of the authors of the plan, but admits that it was wrong.

The National Association cannot exist on such a fee and do all the things that the state associations expect. The old method of individual memberships brought in considerable money in unorganized states and charter fees often totalled more than the present plan in organized states.

Take New York for instance: There has been an unwarranted, continued scrap in that state which the National has spent much time trying to settle. This season ends with the scrap started all over again and the membership list for New York about half or one-third what it should be. The National Association could have made more friends and rendered more service in that state by not issuing a charter and by direct membership.

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## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE SLIPPER SLAMMERS

—WHEREIN LELAND MORTENSON TELLS OF INFORMATION SECURED IN INTERVIEWS IN DES MOINES.

NOTE—The following information about some of the best of our present crop of horseshoe pitchers was obtained by interviews, etc., taken up until the beginning of the recent Mid-West National Tournament in Des Moines. The fact that information about such stars as Griggs, of Illinois, Gandy, of Kansas, etc., is missing, is because they did not arrive in Des Moines until when we had no more available time for interviews.

1. Fernando Isais, Mexico City, Mexico; age 23; sponsored by John Gordon Horseshoe Co. and Los Angeles Exposition Horseshoe Club. Born in Lower California, Mexico; started pitching at Tia Juana, Mexico at the age of 15; first visited America at age of 13; has gone back and forth many times. He is still a citizen of Mexico. First tournament, 1930. Important titles held: California title in 1931 and several other times; several interstate titles; champion of Mexico. (Joe Jodoy of Eurando, Mexico, is second best in Mexico. He averages about 70 per cent ringers). Schooling, in Mexico and United States; ambition, to return to Mexico this fall and become a boss in his father's salt mines and become a success.

Other athletic successes: High school basket ball; one of Mexico's greatest tennis stars; he is a contender for the Mexican Davis cup team. Isais pitches the Gordon shoe.

Writers' comment: Isais impresses one as a person who cannot worry, and as one who does not exert himself unless it is absolutely necessary. He has a fine personality; does not smoke, and has extremely winning qualities, especially for women who are looking for a dark Latin type, who seems sort of mysterious.

2. Eddie Packham, Santa Monica, Calif.; age 24. Height about 5 ft. 11; weight about 145. Represents the Douglas Aircraft Co., which concern paid his traveling expenses plus \$15. Born at Los Angeles; occupation, Aeronautical Engineer; married; no children; recent work, one of engineers working on planes for United Air Lines, Pan-American, Dutch Royal and American Air Lines; worked on the 47-passenger Douglas.

He was ordered by Douglas Co. to win at least third, or it was his neck.

Started pitching in 1933.

Higher education: Douglas Aircraft school. Reason for starting to pitch, to cure an ailing appendix; it worked. Pitches the Gordon Shoe. Ambition, to be a success as an aeronautical engineer, and to continue his student pilot's course and be a successful aviator. Incidentally, Packham has no inferiority complex about his ability to win the world's title in horseshoes at San Francisco, and he offered to make a bet that he would dethrone Isais as California's champ this year at Ventura, California.

Writer's comment: Plenty of color; a very intelligent, good looking young man. A world of confidence. Very talkative, and in this respect he is not second to Putt Mossman. As a pitcher he is erratic, flighty and very temperamental; very determined, and not easily discouraged. It is this latter quality which might carry him to the title.

3. Dean Brown, Long Beach, California; age 30. Sponsored by John Gordon, and represents the Long Beach Horseshoe Club. Height about 5 ft. 10; weight about 150; smokes a pipe. Married and has a boy five years old. Started pitching in 1922. Recognized as one of California's best horseshoe pitchers. Greatest feat: Tossed 201 ringers in a 50-point game against Guy Zimmerman, with Guy pitching 205 ringers. Pitches a Gordon shoe. Is studying for mail service.

Writer's comment: Does not boast, but by no means is there any feeling of inferiority. Just a fine, fair, and clean chap who pitches the 1¾ turn and tries to win fairly. What more could be said in favor of a fellow?

4. Lyle Brown, Des Moines, Iowa. Age 33. Single. Started pitching in 1919; third in national in 1922; Iowa, Nebraska interstate title in 1926; present Iowa champion. Won the title by defeating John Paxton of Fairfield, at Iowa State Fair, on Aug. 28. Paxton took Guy Zimmerman's place when the latter and state champ was laid up with an appendix operation. Pitches the Ohio shoe. Ambition, to marry some rich fat girl, and then pitch horseshoes forever after. Reason for starting to pitch, he was sickly as a boy, and the doctor recommended it.

Writers' comment: Lyle will never be champion, but he is going to remain a good tough trial horse for some time to come.

5. Garland Goble, Mondamin, Ia., age 29. Occupation, highway foreman; height about 5 ft. 11; weight, about 140; married and two children.

Has played and won several state titles, including Minnesota. The only time he failed to win first in a tourney, and the only times he failed to win every game in a tourney, was in the Mid-West National in 1937 and 1938, in which cases he failed to get into the finals.

Writer's comment: Goble pitched about 80-81 per cent for a week previous to the Mid-West National in 1938, and then he slipped. Why, I don't know. He is afflicted with ulcers of the stomach, which, no doubt, hinders him in a tournament. He is fair, clean, sensible, and practices hard. He is never after attention nor publicity. He just seems to like to pitch for the fun of it, not for any glory to be gained. In 1937 at the Iowa State Fair, he lost \$25 and pitched in the preliminaries and watched one day of the finals, three days in all, without eating a bite. He didn't tell us of his condition until when he was ready to leave.

6. Jimmy O'Shea, Brockton, Mass. Age. 24. Height about 6 ft. 1; weight 180; occupation, Mass. State penitentiary, formerly a guard, now a finger print expert. Started pitching in 1929 after seeing Putt Mossman in an exhibition. Present titles: New England and Massachusetts championships; ambition, to get into the finger print division of the U. S. Dept. of Justice and continue police work.

Writer's comment: Genial, friendly a cool easy pitcher. Seems to enjoy getting beaten as much as he does to win. As honest and square-shooting as it is possible to be. Boy, how he hates to have the clay get too wet.

Pitches the Gordon Shoe. Brought to the meet by Ted Allen.

7. Theodore "Ted" Allen, Boulder, Colo. Age 30. Height about 5 ft. 7; weight about 150.

Important events: Started pitching at the age of seven. He has won so many titles and traveled so much, and put on so many exhibitions, and set so many records, that it would well fill a large book. He lost the Mid-West National title to Isais in 1937, but made a sensational comeback in 1938. Has been world's champion since July, 1933.

Allen is the inventor of the "Allen Shoe," which might be as revolutionary as was Mossman's or Gordon's invention of the hook collar-shaped

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shoe. The new Allen shoe has finer grooves.

Ambition: To own a rodeo, and be a promoter; also to keep his world's horseshoe title.

Writer's comment: Allen is very serious, businesslike, confident, but not boastful. Dresses neatly, has a fine new car which is plastered with signs, "Ted Allen, World's Champion." He is very careful of his diet, does not even drink coffee, does not smoke, gets a comfortable place to sleep during tournaments; keeps appointments, answers letters promptly. He is very careful about the care of his fingers, especially during a tournament. He never gives one the impression of being cocky or high-hatty, but he can stand up for his rights if anyone ever tries to put something over on him.

8. Charles "Casey" Jones, Waukesha, Wis. Age 19. Height about 5 ft. 9 inches; weight about 135 pounds. Started pitching at 12 at 30 feet; held Wisconsin title four years. In 1938 averaged 85 per cent ringers to win first. Nationally known high school skater. Record, 32 straight double ringers. Pitches Gordon shoe. Ambition, to become world's champion horseshoe pitcher.

Writer's comment: In comparison with Allen, Jones becomes discouraged too easily. He is a great natural tosser. His form looks awkward, but if he tries to change his style as someone suggested to him at Des Moines, he will be finished. Girls describe him as "cute."

9. Sam Somerhalder, Guide Rock, Neb. Age 23. College football full-back; coach at Guide Rock. Height about 5 ft. 10; weight about 170. Powerful build; quick and active; dark complexion; extremely tanned.

Started pitching at ten. Best record, 92 out of 100 shoes, 18 straight doubles. Several times Nebraska champion. Pitches Gordon shoe.

Writer's comment: Nothing too good can be said about his character and his personality. With a few weeks practice he is apt to bump off anybody. He is not likely to practice enough to carry him to the championship.

10. Sidney Harris, Minden, Neb. Age 30. Occupation, Interior decorator; started pitching in 1929; first tournament, 1931. Has see-sawed with Somerhalder in holding the Nebraska title. Now has it.

Records: 93 ringers in 100 shoes; 24 straight doubles.

Ambition: Not exactly to win the world's horseshoe championship, but you never can tell. A fellow might

get hot and pitch way over his head in one of these tournaments.

Writer's comment: An easy tosser, neat dresser, fine personality and character.

11. Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa. Age 31. Height about 5 ft. 10 ins.; weight about 175. Powerful; former college and professional football player. Married; has two children. Started pitching in 1921, and entered state meet and got 29th place. Occupation, general contractor; pitches Eagle Ringer shoe. Ambition, to see horseshoes put on an equal basis with other sports.

Writer's comment: No comment, as Dixon is not planning for any big meets.

12. Vyrl Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif. Age 31. Height about 5 ft. 10; heavy and stocky; light hair; schooling in Kansas and Iowa; married. He and wife pitch exhibitions. Occupation, machinist at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Ambition, to enjoy life. Pitches Gordon shoe. records, 161 ringers in a game.

Writer's comment: Vyrl is fighting his own battle and claims no honor because he is the son of the man who held the world's horseshoe title 13 times. In California he pitches much better than he did at Des Moines. Perhaps he will hit his day at San Francisco. No person could say anything against Vyrl's character and tell the truth.

**SHERMAN WINS FARM BUREAU MEET**

The Farm Bureau State Horseshoe pitching contest, sponsored by the American Agriculturist, was held at the New York State Fair Grounds, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31, 1938.

Thirty-nine counties were represented, the preliminary 50 shoes being pitched Tuesday morning, the lowest of the sixteen to qualify being 78, while Wm. Sherman, of Ontario County, led with 110, and was followed closely by Geo. LaRose, of Onondaga County, and Henry Christy of Queens County, with scores of 104 each. Tuesday afternoon the 16 man round robin started the 25 point game, and the six highest to qualify for the final 50-point game were as follows:

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Sherman	13	2	369	264	74	458	.576
LaRose	13	2	340	245	70	428	.572
Christy	12	3	367	241	66	444	.542
Trombini	11	4	360	263	62	512	.513
Wilson	10	5	319	227	50	445	.445
Baker	9	6	322	217	53	434	.500

George LaRose, of Onondaga County, put up a strong fight and came close to winning the championship. He lost, however, to 18-year-old Wm. Sherman, of Ontario County in an extra play-off match. In their first encounter LaRose and Sherman played a sensational game, Sherman finally winning out 50 to 49. In the play-off Sherman won handily 50-26, thereby winning the championship gold medal and \$50.00. The other prizes were second, \$40; 3rd, \$30; 4th \$20; 5th, \$10 and 6th \$5.00, and \$5.00 to the runner-up, which went to Ed Lockwood, of Westchester County.

Dr. H. H. Turner, of Syracuse, N. Y., conducted the tournament, assisted by Eddie McGuire, of Lakeside Inn, Auburn, N. Y. Mr. Tom Hale, of Auburn, was official referee.

Following is tabulated scoring of finals:

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Sherman	4	1	244	179	41	321	.557
LaRose	4	1	249	192	50	370	.518
Christy	3	2	239	189	53	340	.555
Wilson	2	3	179	128	34	248	.516
Trombini	1	4	148	145	32	346	.458
Baker	1	4	179	151	32	314	.480

**Tie Pitch-off**

Sherman	1	0	50	34	9	56	.607
LaRose	0	1	26	22	5	56	.393
Trombini	1	0	50	39	10	76	.515
Baker	0	1	48	39	9	76	.513

**NEW JERSEY ELECTS**

The annual meeting of the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers' Association was held September 18th at Emil's Log Cabin in Middletown. Election of officers took place and the officers for the coming year will be: President, D. E. Brown, Camden, N. J.; first vice president, Paul Puglise, Paterson, N. J.; second vice president, Reynold Santoro, Perth Amboy, N. J.; secretary treasurer, Claude Hart, Jersey City, N. J.

Executive committee members: Otto C. Peters, Jersey City, N. J.; John Landers, West Orange, N. J.; Al Anderson, Englewood, N. J.; Michael Mahoney, Lincroft, N. J.; Arthur Dill, Newark, N. J.; Lee Davis, Englewood, New Jersey.

Claude Hart, the new secretary treasurer, is at present president of the Hudson County Horseshoe club, in Jersey City, and is one of the most active members in the state association. Reynold Santoro relinquished the post he has held since the association was formed May 27, 1934.

The executive committee has been increased by three more members to have greater representation throughout the state and it is hoped to increase the membership list next year.

## Central California Tournament Players



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HORSE SHOE TOURNAMENT SANTA CRUZ 1938

### STUCKEY WINS COUNTY SHOE MEET

The 1938 Stark County Horseshoe Tournament was held in Canton, O., September 11, on the municipal courts in City Park. There were nine men in the tournament from Canton, two from Massillon, and one from East Canton.

The tournament this year was a much better tournament than last year. The ringer average for the tournament was 54.9 per cent, as compared with 46.5 per cent last year. There were 5265 ringers out of 8292 shoes pitched as compared to 3565 ringers out of 7656 shoes pitched last year.

Elmer Stuckey, a dark horse, stepped in and won the tournament by ten of his eleven games. This was his first tournament and his first year and experience with team competition. Stuckey pitched good horseshoes in the pinches and his lowest game in the tournament was 60 per cent. He lost only one game and that was to Wheeler who won second place, the score 50-23.

Hanley Wheeler, a former county champion, was the crowd's favorite for first place during the tournament. He started out like a cyclone, pitching between 70 and 80 per cent in five of his games, and in one game he had 91 per cent. It was in the last round that he had a chance to tie for first place, but failed to defeat Sebek at the crucial moment.

Ellsworth Hanna, an old-time pitcher, came in third and it looked like he had a good chance for first prize, but couldn't quite stand the pressure. He lost three games, 31-50, 27-50 and 35-50 to Sebek, Wheeler and Stuckey, respectively.

John Sebek, who has not been pitching for several months due to an injured knee, tried his skill at the tournament, but it was too much for him and he came in fourth.

Harry Stinchcomb, also an old timer was out pitching the first time in several years, and gave a good performance. His ringer average was 56.6 per cent, and he took fifth place.

This was the first experience for Kovacs and Shull, and with great determination pulled through without losing all their games.

#### Tournament Results

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Stuckey	10	1	524	435	137	674	64.6
Wheeler	9	2	512	457	160	670	68.2
Hanna	8	3	493	442	137	712	62.0
Sebek	8	3	526	422	129	696	60.6
Stinchc'b	8	3	493	415	121	732	56.6
Stolarik	7	4	487	444	125	760	58.4
Heimann	4	7	413	360	82	720	50.0
Miller	3	8	411	376	100	752	50.0
Hunt	3	8	422	336	83	674	49.8
Rodebaugh	3	8	269	257	56	586	43.8
Kovacs	2	9	379	302	72	650	46.4
Shull	1	10	337	310	76	666	46.5

### FORT WAYNE BEATS STATE CLUB

On Sunday, September 4, the State Club of Chicago, and the Fort Wayne Horseshoe Club met at South Bend, Indiana, the halfway point and played an interesting match. Fort Wayne, led by Guy Binkley, defeated the Chicago boys, 23 to 13. Binkley won six straight games and had a fine average of .787. Binkley pitched 23 straight ringers and 39.2 per cent to beat Phelan 50-1, and he pitched 34

out of 40 for 85 per cent to beat Engstrom 50-4. Ed Rohlfling pitched 39 out of 48 for 81 per cent against Engstrom to win 50-7.

Curtis Brown led the State Club, winning 4 out of 6 games. In the game against Binkley, Brown tossed 56 ringers out of 84 shoes for 66.7 per cent, while Binkley had 62 ringers and 73.8 per cent. They had four dead 16 times in this game. Lee Neff beat W. O. Maxwell 50-30, pitching 69.4 per cent to Maxwell's 56.5 per cent. Rohlfling had 63 ringers and 67 per cent, while Neff had 62 ringers for 66 per cent.

In October the Fort Wayne All-Stars will play an All-Star Chicago team in Lincoln Park, Chicago. This is expected to be one of the finest match games ever played in Chicago, as both will have some very fine players.

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
State	4	2	282	249	82	402	.619
Brown	3	3	259	264	77	430	.613
Neff	2	4	219	227	67	380	.597
Engstrom	2	4	176	175	54	308	.568
Wilbur	1	4	148	125	25	288	.434
Diggs	0	1	29	24	4	56	.429
Sargent	1	3	102	86	14	206	.417
Phelan	0	2	6	24	3	68	.353

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Ft. Wayne	6	0	300	263	106	334	.787
G. Binkley	5	1	297	263	85	390	.674
Rohlfling	4	2	269	209	66	330	.633
Lempke	5	1	271	221	61	330	.531
Reitdorf	3	3	259	215	50	430	.500
Betley	0	1	9	19	3	48	.396
J. Binkley	0	2	29	26	4	84	.310
Schlup	0	3	63	41	9	142	.288

#### Score by Rounds

State Club	2	2	1	2	3	3	—13
Fort Wayne	4	4	5	4	3	3	—23

LOOK FOR THE GREEN STAMPS

## NEW JERSEY OPEN

Held At Middletown on Sunday, September 18—Mahoney Wins.

Larry Mahoney, of Lincroft, N. J., New Jersey state champion, regained the New Jersey open horseshoe pitching title after three years. Vito Fileccia, of Brooklyn, N. Y., held this title for two years, but lost it after a hard struggle. The championship, played at Middletown, N. J., on September 18, 1938, attracted an unusually fine field of players. In spite of the wet weather, rain most of the day, ringer percentages were surprisingly high.

Mahoney celebrated his eighteenth birthday by smashing many state records with his stellar exhibition. New state records established were: 77.4 percent ringer average for an official tournament; 87.5 per cent ringers, highest game average for New Jersey open; 22 straight ringers and best string of ringers, 29 out of 30 ringers.

Mahoney was undefeated. He bested his arch rival, Vito Fileccia, in the final game which was packed with thrills, 50-36. Fileccia started with 15 straight ringers to lead 15-0, and then began to miss double ringers as the rain continued. Mahoney, pitching steadily, led at 19-18, and from then on it was a close battle with only a few points separating the players. At 31-30, Larry tossed nine straight ringers to lead 40-33, and then swept through the game by pitching a string of nine straight ringers to win 50-36. Mahoney averaged 79.7 per cent, Fileccia 72.9 per cent in this long 37 inning game. There were four ringers on the stake eight times during the game.

In winning the championship, Larry Mahoney pitched 446 shoes for 345 ringers, with 132 double ringers for the seven games. Strange as it seems, but entirely due to the ability of other players in Class A, he scored 350 points with 345 ringers. In his high game of 87.5 per cent against Peters, who averaged 50 per cent, he made the new records of 22 straight ringers and 29 out of 30 ringers. In the entire game he tossed 42 ringers out of 48 shoes pitched.

Joe McCrink, young pitcher of West Orange, N. J., finished third, losing games to Mahoney and Fileccia. He averaged 64.1 per cent ringers. McCrink is a newcomer in state circles and should go far in the next few years. He gave Larry Mahoney one of the longest and hardest games of the tourney, but lost, 25-50. The game went to 98 shoes pitched with four ringers on the stake 14 times. Larry led throughout the game but

could not pile up points as McCrink continually topped ringers. In the 49 innings of play, Larry missed ringers in only one inning, while McCrink missed only in 3 innings. Mahoney averaged 77.6 per cent and McCrink 67.3 per cent.

Joe Puglise, of Paterson, who finished fourth, lost to McCrink 50-34 in a close game. McCrink, 72.6 per cent, Puglise, 64.6 per cent. There were four ringers at the stake eight times. Other interesting games were: Fileccia defeated Kolb 50 to 40, with 70.5 to 64.8 per cent ringers. Fileccia defeated Peters, 50 to 11, with 82 per cent ringers against 56 per cent for Peters. McCrink defeated Hume 50 to 43, with 57.9 and 56.6 per cent ringers respectively. Peters defeated Paul Puglise, 50-47, both pitching 54.7 per cent ringers. The game was even all the way until Puglise led 39-34, then Peters tossed doubles to jump ahead at 48-39 and finally at 49-48 he won with a double ringer as Puglise could only get one ringer.

### Final Standing, Class A

	W	L	Pct	HG
Mahoney	7	0	77.4	87.5
Fileccia	6	1	73.0	82.0
McCrink	5	2	64.1	72.6
Jos. Puglise	3	4	59.8	64.8
Wm. Kolb	2	5	51.4	64.8
Clare Hume	2	5	50.2	57.1
Paul Puglise	1	6	52.0	61.3
Otto Peters	1	6	51.3	58.6

### Class B

Frank Hessler, of Brooklyn, N. Y., won the Class B title with the loss of only one game. He lost a hard battle to Landers, 50-44, after leading throughout the game. He had a total of 345 points. Lee Davis, of Englewood, N. J., finished second with 340 points. John Landers, of West Orange, N. J., was third with 332 points. A few of the more interesting games were:

Pasternak defeated Davis 50-45; Davis defeated McGinley 50-44; Faulkner defeated Landers 50-48; McGinley defeated his clubmate Pasternak 50-46; Faulkner defeated Sutherland 50-46; Hessler defeated Davis 50-45; Davis defeated Schmidt 50-45; McGinley defeated Schmidt 50-49, and in one of the best games of this class Landers defeated Hessler 50-44.

### Class B Final Standing

	W	L	Pts
Frank Hessler	6	1	345
Lee Davis	5	2	340
John Landers	5	2	332
Earl Faulkner	5	2	300
Michael Pasternak	3	4	283
Chas. McGinley	3	4	275
M. Sutherland	1	6	215
Harry Schmidt	0	7	185

### Class C

Joe Schicker, of Perth Amboy, N.

J., won the Class C title by making a clean sweep of his seven games for 350 points. Wolf, of West Orange, was second with 340 points, losing a game to Schicker, 50-40, in a close battle. Claude Hart, of Jersey City, was third, with 326 points, losing games to Wolfe and Schicker. A few of the close games were:

Kelly defeated Anderson, 50-47; Schicker defeats Hart 50-47, and Gustavsen, 50-45; Wolf defeated Anderson 50-47, Hart defeated Sanders, 50-34, Brady defeated Sanders 50-39. This was Schicker's first tournament experience and he surprised many with his ringers.

### Class C Final Standing

	W	L	Pts
Jos. Schicker	7	0	350
Herbert Wolf	6	1	340
Claude Hart	5	2	326
Frank Brady	4	3	297
Wm. Kelley	3	4	243
Clarence Sanders	2	5	234
Al Anderson	1	6	297
James Gustavsen	0	8	78

This tourney was sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and by the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Reynold Santoro, of Perth Amboy, state secretary, was tournament director.

## RESULTS OF WESTCHESTER CO. HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

	P	R	DR	SP	Pc	WL
C. Seacord	445	338	85	598	565	8 1
Ed Lockwood	411	300	79	540	555	8 1
H. Lockwood	415	274	79	520	527	6 3
Vn Kromwell	409	247	54	522	473	6 3
F. Lockwood	377	297	67	616	482	5 4
M. Poklacki	367	300	64	594	505	4 5
D. Sharky	325	240	48	552	434	3 6
V. Doherty	273	232	49	536	433	2 7
Wm. Lawlor	261	208	39	516	403	2 7
M. Smith	356	304	65	656	463	1 8

### Play-off

C. Seacord	142	115	29	192	599	2 1
Ed Lockwood	124	110	35	192	573	1 2

### Exhibition Game

	P	R	DR	SP	Pc	WL
W. Hamann	100	92	48	122	754	2 0
C. Seacord	41	71	19	122	582	0 2

### Class B

	P	R	DR	SP	Pc	WL
B. Bell	450	243	79	384	632	9 0
H. Johnson	397	211	43	536	393	6 3
Gibson, Jr.	392	201	37	564	356	6 3
J. Hammer	391	196	35	558	351	5 4
E. Puddick	357	169	27	574	294	5 4
Wm. Boch	377	170	22	584	291	5 4
J. Smith	351	159	20	612	259	4 5
J. Sullivan	275	108	11	498	217	3 6
Leo LePage	296	138	15	586	235	1 8
A. Dahlstrom	201	103	10	538	191	1 8

### Class C

In Class C, Chas. Young, of Purchase finished first; George Gibson, Sr., of Yonkers, second, and G. Del Guidice, of Yonkers, won third in a playoff with Miller of Port Chester, and Popp, of Port Chester.

## New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Chamiponships, Playland, Rye, N. Y., September 3, 4, 5, 1938

Under Auspices N. Y. State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Inc.

### First Round (Single Round Robin)

	W	L	P	OP	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Hamann, W.; White Plains.....	15	0	750	249	518	166	732	.707
Fileccia, V.; Brooklyn.....	14	1	733	326	519	172	784	.662
Cope, A.; Rochester.....	13	2	738	417	509	143	874	.582
Seaman, H.; Hyde Park.....	12	3	718	415	532	155	896	.593
Brown, R.; Andover.....	12	3	729	414	561	182	896	.626
Grant, J.; Poughkeepsie.....	12	3	700	481	492	168	856	.574
Belsky, M.; Maspeth.....	11	4	693	548	489	130	914	.535
Graves, C.; Rochester.....	10	5	711	549	534	156	960	.556
Steinfeldt, H.; Rochester.....	10	5	631	573	510	128	838	.596
Fenicchia, J.; Rochester.....	10	5	581	502	440	121	836	.526
LaRose, G.; Syracuse.....	9	6	579	485	482	139	862	.559
White, S.; Rochester.....	9	6	643	607	480	128	956	.502
Christy, H.; Elmhurst.....	9	6	610	529	432	111	904	.476
Pickard, P.; Auburn.....	9	6	676	611	543	161	1016	.534
Brown, W.; Malboro.....	9	6	624	578	436	119	977	.446
Kellner, J.; Linebush.....	7	8	518	662	355	73	910	.390
Seacord, C.; New Rochelle.....	8	7	604	673	442	115	932	.474
Smith, H.; New Rochelle.....	7	8	549	594	359	75	856	.419
Allen, Ruth; Hempsted.....	6	9	561	607	430	110	912	.490
Stella, W.; New York.....	6	9	577	652	449	103	984	.455
Neilson, H.; Rochester.....	6	9	598	650	431	94	956	.451
Harrison, H.; Syracuse.....	6	9	507	585	332	75	816	.406
Holzhauser, R.; Schenectady.....	5	10	616	661	465	117	970	.479
Stone, A.; Syracuse.....	4	11	486	702	405	92	884	.458
Frederico, J.; New York.....	4	11	435	664	339	72	834	.406
Sauro, W.; Rochester.....	3	12	592	717	440	99	960	.458
Casper, G.; Rochester.....	3	12	406	657	300	63	826	.363
Hale, T.; Auburn.....	3	12	407	743	290	55	878	.330
Quigly, M.; Staten Island.....	3	12	344	578	218	33	694	.314
Mattice, B.; Rochester.....	2	13	526	670	397	78	960	.413
Nellis, G.; Syracuse.....	2	13	448	710	340	84	846	.401
Grieco, C.; Rochester.....	2	13	495	722	324	65	864	.375

### Second Round

Hamann.....	15	0	750	383	658	228	958	.703
Filleccia, V.....	14	1	731	344	673	241	936	.719
Seaman, H.....	11	4	666	550	544	154	964	.564
LaRose, G.....	11	4	656	584	543	168	908	.558
Cope, A.....	10	5	676	551	585	176	982	.590
Brown, R.....	8	7	658	567	592	192	974	.607
Steinfeldt, H.....	7	8	606	675	516	126	1002	.514
Christy, H.....	7	8	578	665	498	134	944	.527
Pickard, P.....	7	8	674	625	621	171	1082	.577
Grant, J.....	6	9	658	688	609	165	1084	.561
Graves, C.....	6	9	574	638	530	153	950	.557
White, S.....	6	9	566	645	503	133	968	.519
Brown, W.....	5	10	537	709	502	121	1000	.502
Belsky, M.....	4	11	538	715	482	125	978	.492
Kellner, J.....	2	13	441	722	387	78	914	.423
Fenicchia, J.....	1	14	419	746	447	105	980	.456

### Finals.

Fileccia, V.....	6	1	326	227	324	112	474	.683
Hamann, V.....	6	1	332	269	318	105	492	.646
LaRose, G.....	5	2	337	232	303	90	470	.688
Cope, A.....	4	3	312	264	309	101	490	.630
Seaman, H.....	4	3	280	309	304	83	504	.603
Christy, H.....	2	5	272	309	302	87	510	.592
Brown, R.....	1	6	239	318	266	78	472	.563
Steinfeldt, H.....	0	7	177	350	195	47	408	.477

### Best Two out of Three

Hamann, W.....	2	1	138	135	189	66	266	.710
Fileccia, V.....	1	2	135	138	186	64	266	.698
	3	3	273	273	375	130	532	.704
Summary.....	392	390	31066	30889	25179	6885	48359	.588

### SAN FRANCISCO WINS

San Francisco horseshoe team defeated the Alameda county team in their first game of the second half of the season on the Golden Gate courts on Sunday, Oct. 2nd.

Having surprised the local boys by showing up after a heavy rain that lasted up to starting time, and for which many of the boys had to be rounded up, the visitors were handed their surprise later in the day when they were defeated by the score of 30-22, which they took as fine sports.

Red McClellan, of the Marina team topped all the boys for the day by pitching 63.6 and winning all of his games, but not to be outdone by McClellan, J. O'Brien, of the Mission Club, who a year ago never had a shoe in his hand before, after trailing J. Cross 27-13, threw nine straight doubles to defeat Cross.

Other games that were to have been played were San Mateo, vs. Petaluma, but due to the rain the games will be played at a later date.

### DUNKER WINS

The South Dakota State Horseshoe Pitchers Association held its annual



pitching tournament at the State Fair at Huron, South Dakota, on Sept. 14, 15 and 16. The turnout was very good with 11 players taking part in Class A, and 7 players in Class B.

The standings of the leading four players in each division is as follows:

#### Class A

	W	L	P	SP	R	Pct
Liegh Dunker	9	1	506	572	345	60
Louis Gednalski	8	2	481	527	336	62
Wm. Curtis	8	2	480	614	306	50
Geo. Amonson	6	4	345	574	266	47

#### Class B

Joe Gednalski	7	0	405	419	170	41
Iver Bothurn	6	1	327	422	167	39
Elmer Backman	5	2	303	406	155	38
J. M. Johnson	4	3	294	432	147	37

A business meeting was held and George Washburn, of Deadwood, S. D. was re-elected president, and L. O. Pigney, Deadwood, S. D., was elected secretary treasurer.

### COLORADO ELECTS

At the regular meeting of the Colorado Pitchers Association, held September 5, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Renzey B. Potter, of Denver, president; C. W. Urich, Winsor, Colo., vice president; R. M. Buchanan, Englewood, secretary treasurer.

IRA ALLEN WINS NORTHER CANIFORNIA MEET

Ira Allen, brother of the present world's champion, Ted Allen, showed the boys at the Golden Gate Park courts some real class in horseshoe tossing.

Allen came up from Fresno and walked away with the Northern California Horseshoe championship, held at the Golden Gate courts. Invincible in the medal play and unbeatable in match play not one of the other 15 medalists could take a game from him.

Jesse Jones, from Morgan Hill, was second, and Walt Whitton from Napa was third. It was clearly a case of "youth must be served." Both Jones and Whitton are of the older generation.

Whitton being remarkable for a man of 75, while Jones is in the 50's, but Allen is in his 20's.

The sensation of the tournament happened on the first day of play, when the 75-year-old Whitton from Napa administered a severe shellacking to the 20-year-old Czar Marce-

vich, considered by the fans to be certain of no worse than second in the tournament. Ten times in the game both men threw double ringers, ten times they had four ringers on the peg.

Qualifying Scores

	R	DR	Pts
Ira Allen, Fresno	88	38	274
Jesse Jones, Morgan Hill	71	25	238
Roy Pentecost, City	72	27	232
F. McClellan, City	68	21	227
Czar Marceovich, Oakland	71	25	228
Wm. Doggett, City	67	21	225
P. Mori, South City	66	21	224
W. Whitton, Yountville	65	21	224
W. Smith, Fresno	64	17	220
J. O'Brien, City	62	18	207
L. Selk, City	58	16	209
R. Johnson, San Anselmo	57	15	205
B. Lyon, City	55	16	205
I. Lewis, Oakland	56	13	204
G. Callas, City	52	10	198
S. McCarthy, San Jose	52	13	182
S. Faix, City	68	25	227
E. Fairchild, San Jose	55	17	190
A. Barber, San Jose	52	15	188

V. Dearing, City .....00 00 000  
S. Faix could not participate owing to an injured side.

E. Fairchild had a blistered finger; A. Barber had a sore foot.

V. Dearing handled qualifying scores and saw that qualifiers had score keepers, etc. Qualifications closed before Dearing could qualify.

Final standing of the Northern California championship tournament:

	W	L
Ira Allen	15	0
J. Jones	13	2
W. Whitton	12	3
C. Marceovich	11	4
P. Mori	11	4
F. McClellan	11	4
R. Pentecost	10	5
L. Selk	6	9
J. O'Brien	6	9
R. Johnson	6	9
S. McCarthy	4	11
I. Lewis	4	11
W. Doggett	4	11
G. Callas	2	13
B. Lyon	2	13
W. Smith	3	12

DE WOODY WINS

M. R. DeWoody, assistant postmaster of Oil City, won the Venango County Horseshoe Pitching Tournament recently, on the courts operated in connection with the Bucktails field meet, after an exciting, uphill battle with Bill Buckley, also of Oil City.

Buckley and DeWoody, members of the same team in the Oil City Horseshoe League, set a new record for Venango County horseshoe tournaments when they tossed 51 ringers apiece in one of the final games. The 102 ringers in one 50-point game eclipsed by 24 the record previously set in the 1929 county tourney.

The final scores between Buckley and DeWoody showed the latter in front by a 50-47 count in the initial contest and 50-49 in the second game. DeWoody threw 91 ringers including 24 double ringers in the final fray while Buckley tossed 90 ringers including 26 double ringers in the same stretch. Both players exhibited marked superiority over the remainder of the field by leading in the percentage of ringers tossed for all the games of the tournament.

ALLEN-MAHONEY MATCH

There will be a horseshoe pitching exhibition and contest between Ted Allen, the world's champion, and Lawrence Mahoney, New Jersey state champion on Friday, November 4, 1938. This contest will be held on the indoor clay courts of the Hudson County Horseshoe Club, Inc., lo-

cated at 671 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, at 8 p. m. sharp.

AT ALMAC

On Sunday, August 14, about 200 fans and 46 players witnessed and took part in one of the finest exhibitions of horseshoe pitching seen in this part of the country.

The tournament took place at the Alamac Sports Field, Hartford road, and the Little Gunpowder Falls, under the direction of J. J. E. McFarland.

The winner, John E. Fulton, of Carlisle, Pa., came through to victory over R. L. Frye, of Richmond, Va., to add a thrill to the finals, as Frye was made favorite to win his past record and his good scoring throughout the day. The winner's prize was \$10.00 and the runner-up, \$5.00.

The ringer percentage of these two players follows:

Frye,	66,	50,	80.5,	78.5,	68.9,	59.5
Fulton	56,	55.8	58.6,	68.7,	48.5,	64.2

Another unusual event occurred when C. C. Henson, of Arlington, Va., and Frye turned in cards at the same time showing identical scores and also being the highest scores for the day. Their scores: Points 51, single ringers 5, double ringers 12, total ringers 29, shoes pitched 36, percentage of ringers 80.5.

Announcement of the Alamac Cup Tournament was made for September 18.

SAN FRANCISCO VS. ALAMEDA

Alameda Team						
	W	L	R	DR	SP	Pct.
C. Marceovich	4	2	215	54	382	56.2
Lewis	5	1	199	50	368	54.0
Griffin	3	3	182	45	364	50.0
Saxon	3	1	126	34	256	49.1
J. Cross	1	3	126	24	266	47.3
J. Reamers	1	5	173	39	380	45.5
C. Reamers	3	3	157	33	344	45.6
Berge	2	2	94	25	224	41.9
O'Fynn	0	6	128	28	328	39.0
Mahoney	0	1	23	4	60	38.0
M Marceovich	0	3	54	8	156	34.6
Team totals	22	30	1477	344	3128	47.2

San Francisco						
	W	L	R	DR	SP	Pct.
McClellan	6	0	228	70	358	63.6
Pentecost	5	1	193	57	328	58.8
J. O'Brien	3	3	180	44	326	55.2
W. Doggett	2	4	201	53	372	54.0
L. Selk	3	3	193	46	368	52.4
V. Dearing	3	1	122	29	258	47.2
G. Callas	4	0	119	23	260	45.7
B. Lyon	1	3	113	27	248	45.5
Schmale	2	4	176	32	398	44.2
Laub	1	2	71	12	174	40.8
Schultz	0	1	7	0	38	19.1
Team Total	30	22	1603	393	3128	51.2

WOODARD WINS

Lloyd Woodard, of Columbus, Kansas, recently defeated Johnny Elkins, of Stella, Mo., in two engagements. Woodard won four out of six games in the first match with a ringer percentage of 71.2, while Elkins' percentage was 68.8. In the return match the Kansan won, taking the first three games with a percentage of 77.

## New York Tossers In Another Scrap

The Horseshoe World has received a report of a meeting of New York State pitchers had at Hotel Ten Eyck, at Albany, N. Y., on Sunday, September 18.

Frank P. Gamble, of 526 Cary avenue, Staten Island, was named president, according to the report. Other officers were, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Elbert T. Gallagher, of White Plains; First Vice President, Louis Zorn, Rochester; Second Vice President, Clarence Shepherd, Nassau county; Third Vice President, I. Hulfable, Poughkeepsie; Treasurer, William Mullaly, Bronx county; Western Secretary, William J. Farrell, of Rochester; Eastern Secretary, Thos. P. O'Gara, of New York county; Western Promotional Secretary, Edward McGuire, Auburn, and Eastern Promotional Secretary, Fred Eggers, St. Albans.

Reports state that Bruno Hamann refused to turn over the incorporation certificate, stating it was not within his right to transfer this charter without the consent of the signers of the incorporation papers. The meeting was adjourned, therefore, subject to the call of the executive board.

This apparently leaves New York in a divided situation again, in spite of all the "peace" efforts that have been made during the past two years. The National Association office has received letters from both "sides" in the matter, but will take no action at present as the 1938-39 New York State charter does not expire until next spring. Probably none will be re-issued until all parties get their differences ironed out. Secretary R. B. Howard pointed out in a statement to one of the contending parties that the time, energy and postage expended in 1938 far exceeded the membership fees received, the number sent in having been much smaller than might be expected of a great state like New York. Mr. Howard expects to ask his executive committee to allow him to sell memberships in New York directly to the pitchers in 1939, abandoning all organization hope, unless some immediate action is taken by the contending factions.

### FIRST CYO TOURNAMENT HELD IN CHICAGO

The first annual Catholic Youth Organization horseshoe tourney came to a close with final games being played at Lincoln Park, Chicago, on Saturday, September 17th. A total of 1,932 boys, representing 32 parishes, competed in this meet in four age classes, Midget, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The entry was

divided as follows: Midget, 418; Junior, 482; Intermediate, 526; and Senior, 506.

The tournament was played on a straight elimination basis, with parish winners and runners-up qualifying for four sectional finals. The first and second place winners in each section qualified for the city-wide final. In the semi-finals and finals two out of three games decided the winner.

The tournament was directed by Mr. Matt Gobreski, who handled the large entry in fine style. Beautiful gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to first, second and third place winners in each class. Summary:

Midget		
Place	Player and Parish	Rgrs.
1	John Gismondi, St. Patrick.....	21
2	Harry Purcell, Angel Guardian Orphanage .....	12
3	Joe Creeman, Sacred Heart.....	21
4	Ray Lutz, St. Raphael.....	14

Junior		
1	Bill Piekarski, St. Mary Magdalene .....	80
2	Ed Zdzinicki, St. Mary Magdalene .....	51
3	Albert Brewer, Corpus Christi	31
4	Mike Veltri, Sacred Heart.....	45

Intermediate		
1	Herby Grundy, St. Bronislava....	65
2	Ed Falkenstein, Holy Name Cathedral .....	56
3	Bruno Luckas, St. John Cantius	53
4	Robert Kissane, St. Priscilla....	65

Senior		
1	Len Loerzel, St. Francis Xavier .....	94
2	Wm. Clark, St. Tarcissus.....	54
3	Ed Swiatowiec, St. Constance...	33
4	John Clifford, CYO Hotel.....	58

Richard J. Phelan.

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	W	L	SP	R	Pct.
Robt. Decker .....	15	0	822	531	64.4
C. W. Markley .....	14	1	936	527	56.3
N. Crocombe .....	11	4	954	520	54.5
Chas. Uhrich .....	10	5	944	512	54.2
Ralph Carr .....	10	5	980	532	54.2
Nathan Allen .....	9	6	958	542	56.5
Harley Aikens .....	9	6	876	445	50.7
Carl Woods .....	8	7	882	453	51.3
Renzy Potter .....	7	8	954	488	51.1
Everett Heiman .....	6	9	922	457	49.5
Fred Fiddelke.....	5	10	784	355	45.2
Jake Haas .....	4	11	942	459	48.7
Wm. Shoemaker ...	4	11	956	446	46.6
Joseph Zieg .....	3	12	882	381	43.1
Henry Schilb .....	3	12	876	374	42.6
Geo. Bossen .....	2	13	896	363	40.0

### JIMMY VISITS US

Among recent visitors at the Horseshoe World office was Jimmy Risk. Risk gave some exhibitions in Columbus, and dropped over to London to see us.

### THE A. A. U. SPEAKS

George D. Chumard, 644 Main St., Cincinnati, Chairman of the National A.A.U. Horseshoe Pitching Committee, requests anyone interested in the amateur end of the sport to communicate with him at the above address.

The National Senior A.A.U. Championship Tournament was held at New York, Sept. 3, 4 and 5, and the National Junior at Anderson, Ind., Sept. 9, 10 and 11th. Five cities, New York, Boston, Roanoke, Miami and Chicago, desired to sponsor the National Senior Tournament, and the A.A.U. committee awarded it to the Metropolitan (New York) District Association of the A.A.U. Several of the 39 district associations of the A.A.U. conducted championship tournaments and it is the hope of the national committee to have all of them conducting tournaments next year.

Only those registered as amateurs with their respective associations of the A. A. U. are eligible to compete in sanctioned A.A.U. amateur tournaments, or competitions. In order to clarify the rule, Chairman Chumard points out only those who have not competed in a cash prize competition are eligible for A.A.U. amateur registration. This is regardless of whether they have won a cash prize or not.

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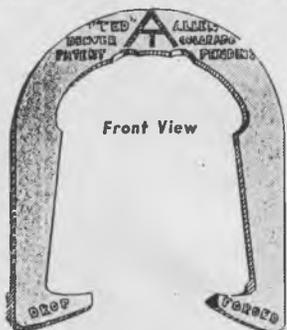
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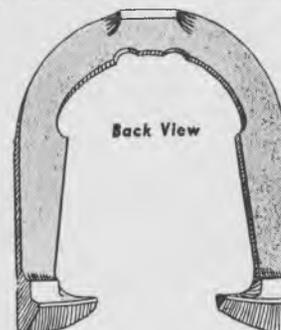
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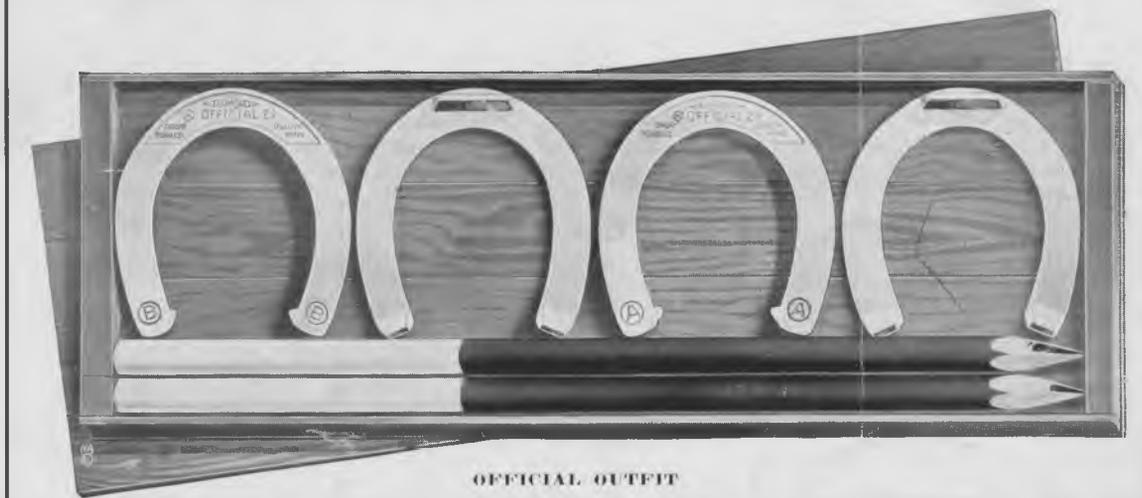
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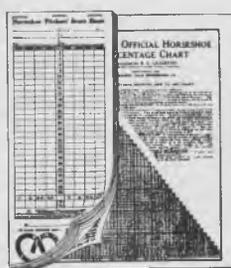
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