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# ALLEN WINS TITLE!

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## RECORD BROKEN By Zimmerman

Ringer Average of .857 New Mark.

Allen's victory ended the playoff with the Colorade first, Guy Zimmerman second and Isais third. Other positions were decided Thesday.

Isals, champion of Mexico, lost the final playoff match in straight games. Hampered by tenseness and tricky cross-court winds, he lost his final chance at the title, 50 to 47 and 50 to 88.

In Tuesday's playoff matches, Allen defeated Zimmerman and Zimmerman defeated Isais. It was the first time in the history of tournament pitching that a national meet had ended in a three-way, tie for first.

As Allen stretched his reign over the nation's pitchers to eight straight years, he broke one world record and shared three others with Zimmerman. Zimmerman broke a fifth world mark in the most spectacular tournament ev

Zimmerman's world mark of .9 per cent ringers during the cet's 31 games was probably the outstanding individual achievement.

Allen, a star in wild-west rodeo when he's lot pitching, earned \$210 in promoney in addition to the coylect title. Second place payed Immerman \$135 and third was with \$110 to Isais.

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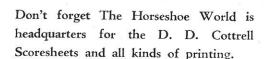
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## The HORSESHOE WORLD . . The Pitchers' Journal

September, 1940

E hardly know what to say about the events that transpired at Des Moines the latter part of August. Unfortunately we were not on the ground floor to see what really did take place, and, for that reason, maybe we aren't as competent to speak on the subject as we should be.

Time to Think

What we really believe is that it is time for all horseshoe pitchers, including the new officers, those carried over and those who were defeated, as well as some of us who retired last year, to really STOP—and then THINK!

We apologize for being in a "fix" this year of having to depend upon others for our tournament and convention story. Good stories were written by Leland Mortenson and Lee Rose—we do appreciate their furnishing them at our request—but they reflect a spirit of animosity that may kill the Association. I don't mean these men themselves feel this way, but their stories are tinctured with a "feeling" that must have run high at Des Moines.

There is a real difference between administrative rivalry and petty jealousy. It is too big an Association and binds the friendships and heart-throbs of long endeavor of too many people, living and dead, who have made horseshoe pitching a success to allow persons, however smart, to use their jealousies to ruin it. Maybe that won't happen. But it could. This magazine stands guard to protect all horseshoe pitchers against such a thing. We will watch with interest the developments of the future!

One thing is certain—there are thousands of horseshoe pitchers throughout this nation who are interested in seeing the sport thrive on an organized basis. They realize that the game would soon become a shiftless "make-your-own-rules" game without an organization.

We must have a live national organization and the one we have all worked for so many years is the one to do the job. If it doesn't measure up, however, another will soon take its place, but that isn't the way it should be—so let's all try to keep the one we have! Among Ourselves

Our congratulations go to Ted Allen, who still wears the world's championship crown . . . he won it at the Des Moines meet last month . . . it must have been a good tournament and the editor of this publication regrets he wasn't able to be there due to a conflict of dates with the Ohio State Fair which kept him in Ohio on his "bread and butter" job . . . too bad that more people can't see these tournaments and realize the great skill that these tossers have . . . we have a hunch, however, that we are all placing too much emphasis on the top-notchers, as much as we like 'em and want them to continue to prosper, but that the National Association must do something for the little fellow . . . the chap who can't always make a ringer . . . the Horseshoe World finds that not many of the champions have time to send in subscriptions and news but that the real interest in our direction lies with the enthusiastic secretary or the pitcher who isn't in the higher brackets but loves the game just the same . . . it's something to think about, all you fellows who never get to a National meet . . . just how much representation do you have in your National body? . . . what did you have to say about the "new" constitution? Your officers do the best they can but after all they are much closer to the better pitchers . . . perhaps necessarily so.

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## "Ted" Allen Retains His World Championship Crown

By LELAND MORTENSON, Tournament Supt.

Ted Allen retains world's horseshoe title; world records shattered; Zimmerman wins state-wide tournament; delegates adopt new constitution; Tompkins defeats Lee Rose for secretary's job; Woodfield becomes chairman of important publicity committee.

These are the highlights of many important things which happened at Des Moines in late August.

Early in the summer, Mr. A. R. Corey, secretary of the State Fair Board, decided to have the courts equipped with cement stands, so I immediately arranged to have John Gordon, of Los Angeles, an expert in this field, come here and assist in directing a crew of W.P.A. workers in this work.

Mr. Gordon arrived August 8, and although we were hampered by daily rains, we completed the work and had the courts ready for use by August 19.

The first contingent of the nation's great stars arrived on the evening of August 19—Fernando Isais, a citizen of Mexico; Dean Brown and Erwin Hosier, of California.

Several months previous to this time we had authentic information that Ted Allen had suffered a serious injury to his pitching arm; then, on August 20, we heard he had dislocated his knee, both in falls from broncos in a rodeo. Some of us believed the reports; others scoffed; said it was ballyhoo put out to make Allen's opponents overconfident. On top of these stories we heard that Guy Zimmerman had just completed pitching 40 games against seven state champions, averaging 86 per cent ringers; and that Isais was in his 1937 form.

Hence, many concluded there would be a new world champion crowned at Des Moines, but although the reports about Zimmerman and Isais were true, later results proved that Allen's injuries were not of a serious nature.

A state-wide tournament, a curtain raiser to the National meet, started August 21. A few minutes before this tournament commenced, the State Association accepted Guy Zimmerman as a member, so therefore putting an end to the friction which had been going on in Iowa horseshoe circles for two years. Later Zimmerman was appointed to be an Iowa delegate at the convention.

There were twelve cash prizes for the state meet, but only 17 entries. Perhaps the result of giving 95 per cent of the publicity to the National tournament.

This meet went according to pretournament dope; Zimmerman won most of his games with percentages of 88, 91 and 92, and won one game with 51 ringers out of 52 shoes, blanking out Walt Miller of Marshaltown, 50 to 0, for a percentage of 98.07, a new world record. Zimmerman had a close game in the toureny, however, as Lyle Brown held him to a see-saw affair before going down 50-49. Harry Henn of Kentucky, served as a special referee for this game, and he did a splendid job. He called one foul shoe on Brown and threw out the shoe. Brown stepped across the foul line as he made his delivery.

The final standings were:

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G. Zimmerman, Sac City16	0
L. Brown, Des Moines15	1
Dale Dixon, Des Moines12	4
Eddie Packham, Des Moines12	4
Ted Harlan, Des Moines12	4
Glen Tassel, Rippey10	6
John Paxton, Fairfield10	6
W. F. Johnston, Stockport 7	9
C. Hanson, Gilbert 7	9
R. Butterfield, Des Moines 7	9
W. Taylor, Grand River 7	9
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During the state meet, pitchers and fans arived from all parts of the na-Some had their families with them, some had a friend or two, while some came alone. Just to mention a few: Fred Ashley, of Oklahoma; Callas, Deering and Fourcade, of San Francisco; Harry Woodfield from Washington, D. C.; Banta from Indiana Benedict from Ohio; Harry Duncan from Denver; McGuire from New Jersey; Rose from Detroit, and Elmerson from Milwaukee. There were several others from some eastern states who came here primarily to attend the convention and watch the games, but whose acquaintance I did not have the opportunity

Pre-tournament plans had called for the National Association to add \$300 to the \$800 put up by the Iowa State Fair Board, however, as the tournament time neared, most of the pitchers as well as the manufacturers present demanded that the Association add \$300 more which was done. With the addition of more money it was decided to have 32 in the finals.

The Association met for its consti-

tutional and rules convention August 22 at 7 p. m. at the Livestock Sales Ring, State Fair Grounds. This room is arranged in a curve with the seats rising to a height of about 25 feet in a space of about 50 rows. The chairman was below the audience and somewhat in the center.

The general atmosphere was of such a nature as to remove any shells of timidness about expressing oneself. The smell of straw permeated the air. The pitchers took their seats dressed as they had left the courts, a little clay on their clothes and on their shoes. Some kept their hats on. President Page was dressed in a sweater, no necktie, clay on his shoes. Now and then a member dropped out to bring in two or three bottles of refreshment. There was nothing at all dignified about the meeting.

Why do I mention such things? Because at the convention in Des Moines in 1939, at an expensive aircooled hotel room, with the pitchers and officers dressed in near tuxedo fashion, choked with stiff collars, and feet cramping from tight shoes, nothing of importance took place except the passage of the five-cent stamp rule. But here in this informal meeting things really happened.

Le Roy Page opened the meeting at 7 o'clock and read his prepared speech. It showed that he had spent several hours preparing it. raised and lowered his voice and at times shouted in order to put over his points. He recommended an easy method to impeach officers; he urged that the president and secretary live near each other. He made a complaint because the secretary had not made reports on how the association's money was being spent. He recommended \$2.50 as dues for memberships; called 25 cents ridiculous: he suggested that the secretary-treasurer be required to make complete business reports in the Horseshoe World each month, that the members were entitled to know the status of conditions. He also made the following recommendations: That the secretary-treasurer's office be separated and made two offices; that the five cent stamp rule remain in force another year (it was passed in 1939 for three-year duration); that the president be permitted expense

Page painted a rosy picture of the wonderful possibilities that would result if the dues were increased to

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\$2.50 a year, a suggestion which failed to make much impression.

The delegates voted that a shoe is delivered when it leaves the hand, and they voted to throw out of the constitution the clause relating to a sanction fee.

I personally brought to the attention of the delegates the fact that Section 3 of Article 3 and Section 4 of Article 4 were missing. Other criticisms of the old constitution were made. I argued the point that the Rules Committee had never had the power to change the constitution, a point which Robert Tompkins later brought up Sunday evening. The point involved was in regard to the article calling for team championship tournaments. Secretary Rose took this as an attack upon team leagues, which was not the case. My point was that if the committee could change or add to the constitution at all, then they could change the constitution completely.

Lee Rose read a prepared speech in which he defended the Rules Committee; and he made several recommendations: That the nation be divided into geographical sections, no two officers to be permitted to come from any one section; that proxies be permitted to vote for absent delegates; that states be permitted delegates in proportion to membership.

Page suggested that a hotel room be rented for the next meeting, but this was unanimously rejected.

August 23 at 8:30 a.m. the elimination started, each entry pitching 200 shoes for points. Allen was not required to qualify.

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Isais, Mexico City532	.830
I. Allen, Fresno, Cal526	.835
C. Jones, Waukesha, Wis. 523	.825
Zimmerman, Sac City, Ia521	.815
Dixon, Des Moines515	.805
Henson, Arlington, Va513	.800
Brown, Los Angeles510	.810
Kraft, LeCompton, Kan505	.790
Sebek, Canton, O504	.785
Griggs, Plainville, Ill504	.780
Harris, Minden, Neb498	.775
Bales, Kansas City, Mo496	.765
Paxton, Fairfield, Ia491	.735
Somerhalder, Guide Rk492	.765
Dahlene, Lawrence, Kan490	.755
Brown, Des Moines, Ia489	.770
Elmerson, Milwaukee488	.745
Packham, Des Moines486	.735
Lee Rose, Detroit486	.730
Gandy, Topeka, Kan485	.720
Steinkamp, St. Louis482	.760
Robinson, Nebraska City476	.730
Peterson, Varna, Ill475	.705
Madsen, Good Thunder Mn. 474	.715

Bennett, Deer Creek, Ill471	.680
Hosier, So. Gate, Calif469	
Taylor, Grand River, Ia465	.690
Peterson, Jeffers, Minn464	.675
Maxwell, Hicksville, O464	
Steinman, St. Louis, Mo461	.700
Dubie, Peoria, Ill452	.685

The following failed to qualify: W. F. Johnston, Stockport, Ia.; Robert Tompkins, Dysert, Ia.; William Yocum, Zanesville, O.; Glenn Tassell, Rippey, Ia.; Ted Harlan, Des Moines, Ia.; Ralph Maylahn, Milwaukee, Wis.; E. R. Baker, McComb, Ill.; Archie Gregson, Westgate, Calif.; Marty Fourcade, Salinas, Calif.; Virgil Murphy, West Point, Ia.; Glenn Hartz, Blairstown, Ia.; Russ Butterfield, Des Moines, Ia.; Ernest Danielson, McComb, Ill.; Arnold Maki, Hibbing, Minn.; Ted Schmeer, St. Louis, Mo.; Frank Koppitch, Dearborn, Mich.; Bob Lavalleur, Grand Island, Neb.; Bud Fisher, Des Moines Ia. Sig Johnson, Duluth, Minn.; Harry Henn, Cold Springs, Ky.; Roy Parr, Comfrey, Minn.; Irvin Bentz, Milwaukee, Wis.; C. L. McGinnis, Adel, Ia.; C. A. Benedict, Johnstown, O.; Carl Burges, Marshalltown, Ia.; William Henn, Cold Springs, Kv.; J. F. Fisher, Titonka, Ia.; N. A. Banta, Indiana City, Ind.; Clarence Barton, Des Moines, Ia.

August 24 and every remaining day of the National meet, rain soaked the courts in the morning, making it necessary to burn them with gasoline. Archie Gregson with his movie camera, and several others with ordinary kodaks, took advantage to record these scenes.

Before the finals started, the officers decided to have games won and lost decide. All ties to be played off. They came very near deciding to settle ties by giving top position to man with the highest ringer percentage, an act which later would have given Guy Zimmerman the world's title. Luck No. 1 for Allen.

The very first opponent Allen drew was Lyle Brown. The game was close all the way and with the score at 45-41, with Brown ahead, the Des Moines man tossed a double. Allen hooked both of his, but lost both. Luck No. 2 against Allen.

At the end of Saturday's play, Casey Jones, Isais and Zimmerman had lost no games. On that day Zimmerman set a new National tournament record of 14 consecutive double ringers, but Allen raised it to 15 about 20 minutes later.

Sunday saw Jones weaken and lose two games. Early in the day's program, Isais tossed 15 consecutive double ringers and a few minutes later Lyle Brown raised it to 17.

Late Sunday afternoon came the big thriller. Suddenly came the announcement "the game you have all been waiting for; on court 4, Allen and Zimmerman."

There were about 2,000 people in the bleachers, and they made a grand rush for choice seats.

Zimmerman and Allen came down and after a few practice shots, started the game. Zimmerman started the game with 18 consecutive doubles, a new National tournament record, collecting 21 points. Other games began to stop as scorekeepers and pitchers became overcome with the urge to watch. The audience was getting larger; about 2,500 now. Was a great champion going to be given a severe lacing? No; Allen came back with five doubles to score 12 points. In the next inning, there were three ringers, Guy going to 24. Then Ted threw four straight doubles to get three points. The next inning Guy collected three points to advance to 27.

President Mullin, of the State Fair Board, watched with glee as he saw how the State Fair fans were being entertained; walked over to me and said, "You are putting this tournament over in fine shape, my boy. It's a nice sport; a nice bunch of pitchers.' Mr. Mullin left to take 'care of some business; came back quite a while later to learn the results. "What! Game not over yet?" He was all smiles.

At 84 shoes, Zimmerman led 36-25. Guy hooked 14 straight doubles, Allen killing the last nine—a new National tournament record.

The audience, now about 3,000, was amazed. The announcer was excited. But none showed surprise more than Harry Woodfield, of Washington, D. C. He seemed rigid; his eyes seemed to bulge from their sockets; he could not have been more amazed if a fleet of 500 German bombers had suddenly made a screaming dive at the horseshoe courts. At 154 shoes Zimmerman led 48-41. Allen then climbed up and won the game 50-48.

Each man had 145 ringers; Allen had 65 doubles, Zimmerman 64 doubles, 88.4 per cent ringers.

Sunday's play left Isais on top with 18 victories; Allen and Zimmerman tied for second and third.

The second convention was held on Sunday evening at the Livestock Sales Ring. (The story will follow that of the tournament).

On Monday, Isais lost to Casey Jones, and to Alvin Gandy; Jones lost to Allen; and Zimmerman lost to Isais.

Isais pitched poorly against Jones, and if he had won, he would now be world's champion. Jones should have beaten Allen, for with the score at 49-46 in favor of Jones, Allen missed the peg with both shoes. All Casey

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needed was a point, but he threw both shoes wild. Zimmerman led Isais 45-20, had plenty of chances to go out, but failed to do so. Of course these were not cases of luck; just too much tenseness.

For the 31 games of the round robin, Zimmerman averaged .859, a new world record.

Zimmerman, Allen and Isais tied for the world's title. Each won 29, lost two. They agreed to a round robin series of matches, each match to be two out of three games.

Tuesday afternoon Allen beat Zimmerman twice. In the second game, Ted had 130 ringers, Guy 127; Ted had 56 doubles. His percentage was 87. Then Zimmerman beat Isais twice, scoring 114 ringers out of 128 shoes in the second game. Isais had 110 ringers.

The results follow:

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On Wednesday afternoon, Allen defeated Isais two straight games, thus ending the tournament.

The Sunday evening meeting of the National Association convened at 7 p. m. Secretary-treasurer Rose read the minutes of the 1939 meeting. Well written, but too brief, and a few procedures of last year were missing; ample evidence that these meetings should be recorded by an unbiased shorthand stenographer.

The delegates voted not to require

manufacturers to submit \$100 bonds.

At this point J. Robert Tompkins, brilliant young lawyer from Dysart, Iowa, was presented to the convention to present a new constitution which he, as an appointee of one to a special Constitutional Committee, had written. Practically everything from the preamble to the last section was either changed or thrown out. Tompkins, with his pleasing personality, immediately won confidence with



TED ALLEN

Coming through a field of topnotch pitching, World's Champion Ted Allen again wrested the title from his competitors at the tournament at the Iowa State Fair. He is still a great pitcher but there were some who gave him a real run for his money.

two-thirds of the members present. Tompkins proceeded to read his constitution, section by section, and, almost as fast as he read them they passed. But as Tompkins reached Article III, Johnny Sebek, of Ohio, demanded that the delegates all show their credentials, which they did. Sebek, Lyle Brown and Lee Rose at-

tempted to argue with Tompkins. They were, however, hopelessly outclassed for they were up against a skillful debater. Besides that, they scattered their arguments, something which the wiser Tompkins was quick to take advantage of.

Delegate Koppitch, of Michigan, evidently knowing that one of the officers had failed to pay his dues, and thus technically was not a member of the Association, demanded that the officers show their membership cards.

President Page snapped Koppitch off with the remark, "Unfortunately the officers aren't voting." Laughter ensued.

So enthusiastic was John Gordon about Tompkins and his constitution that he moved that the constitution be adopted as written, but not yet read. Tompkins read his constitution and it was passed with only about three negatives.

Delegate Banta, of Indiana, made a motion to adopt the Chess non-cancel system. Benedict, from Ohio, supported him. The motion was rejected by all but three or four delegates. (I want to say here that I opposed the Chess system, but I want to emphasize that Banta and Benedict as sportsmen and gentlemen are second to none. I did not vote as the general opinion of horseshoe followers is that the tournament superintendent of such a big bidder as the State Fair should not be permitted to either vote or hold office).

The election of officers came up. Andrew Stolarik was unopposed for third vice president, as was Sam Somerhalder for second vice president. Stolarik is from Canton, Ohio.

Wilbert Steinkamp and Jack Claves both from St. Louis, received nomination for first vice president, with Steinkamp refusing. Claves was then elected.

Mrs. Archie Gregson, of California and L. E. Tanner of Anchor, Illinois, were nominated for treasurer. Mrs. Gregson won, although her husband voted for Tanner.

Rose and Tompkins were nominated for the much desired secretary's job, a position which pays \$600 a year. Tompkins won 27-17. Tompkins can be proud of the fact that his nomination came from that great eastern leader, Harry Woodfield.

Page, Rose, Tanner and D. O. Chess, of Ohio, were nominated for president, with Page winning more than a majority on the first ballot.

Page appointed several committees, the most important one being that for publicity. As chairman, he appointed Harry Woolfield, ace publicity man from Washington, D. C. It will be Woodfield's task to get publicity for horseshoes on a national

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## Ted Allen Retains World Championship (Continued from Page 4)

scale the same as he already has done in the nation's capital. It is my opinion that no man in the country could have been a better choice for the publicity task than Woodfield. He is experienced and will put forth 100 per cent effort.

#### Sidelights

Mrs. Lee Rose served as chief statistician of the National tourney. She was as efficient and accurate as could be expected of anyone.

Mrs. Archie Gregson, Mrs. Dean Brown and Mrs. Guy Zimmerman held scorekeepers' jobs. They way they did their work is causing me to seriously think of hiring only ladies for scorekeepers in 1941. But I must not forget the splendid work done by the men scorekeepers—Maylahn, Koppitch, Bentz, the two Henns from Kentucky, Schmeer and Deering as scoresheet collector.

Radio Station KSO broadcast a feature exhibition game on August 27 between Russ Butterfield of Des Moines and Casey Jones of Wisconsin.

One of the first to congratulate Ted Allen after he defeated Isais, thus retaining his world's title, was John Gordon. Gordon said "You are a real champion, Ted, I congratulate you."

John Gordon was a real sportsman throughout the whole tournament. He loaned money to this pitcher and to this groundsman and that. He treated this person and that person. He never did an unsportsmanlike act. He did more than his share in trying to make everyone happy.

While extolling Gordon, and others, it occurs to me that I could do likewise in respect to many others. A few of them, Harry Duncan, Ted Allen's father and mother, and some unknown visitors who offered to be of assistance.

I obtained four copies of Lee Rose's "Horseshoe Compendium," and have placed a copy in each of the following libraries: Des Moines Public, Winterset, Iowa Public, University of Iowa, at Iowa City, Ia.; State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Ia. I think each state association ought to see to it that a few of their libraries are supplied with copies of the "Horseshoe Compendium."

As usual, the pitchers and their families were supplied with free copies of the Horseshoe World.

The Horseshoe World will shortly be supplied with a copy of the new constitution. (Editors' Note—Thanks Mr. Mortenson, but doubt if we can print such a lengthy document).

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#### AN OPEN LETTER

The Horseshoe World tries to keep its readers advised on all official actions of the National Association, even though it feels that its main duty is to the thousands of pitchers who want to know more about the methods of pitching, ways to improve their game, etc., and to a recording of the news of clubs, no matter how small. We try to get them to see the advantage of organization and belonging to the National, yet their dollar subscription means just as much to us as that of a large organized club member.

So, just to make it interesting and fair to all, we address this open letter to LeRoy Page, Des Moines, Ia., president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, representing the officers of his association:

Dear Mr. Page:

The Horseshoe World would deem it an honor and a privilege to carry in its next issue, or in the one following, an article from you outlining the policies and program of the new administration of your association. (Somebody has kidded you for not having a membership card, and by golly, I don't find mine either—that's why I say your association instead of mine—but I am sending an application to the Ohio Association now!)

I hope you and the new secretary (sorry I don't know his address or I would write him) have something

really good to offer.

Although there has been a rumor that the Horseshoe World isn't to be the official organ of the association longer and a new magazine is to be started, the column always offered to the president and secretary is still open-at least as long as the material sent is constructive and contains some "news" for our readers, as I know it will. I have no quarrel with the association starting its own magazine, but I warn you it won't be easy-I ought to know! Because of this possibility we are taking steps to make the Horseshoe World the representative publication horseshoe pitchers-both for National members as well as the thousands of pitchers who are still eligible for some kind of an association which will adequately represent the pitcher who can't always get to a National meet, and whose percentage isn't in the A class. Mr. Page, these pitchers and amateurs are crying out for something. The Horseshoe World hopes to help them get it. We hope your program this year includes something for them.

We would like to hear from you and we know all the Class B and Class C pitchers will be listening too!

Sincerely,

R. B. HOWARD, Editor

#### LEFT AT THE POST

"Left at the post" at press time, due to the National tourney news were such good items as these—which we summarize until we can give you more:

William Crofut retained his title for the third time at the Connecticut state tourney . . . Class A. B. C. and D tourneys were played . . . that's fine . . . it helps the poorer players get into it . . . in Illinois a boys' tourney is held . . . isn't that a fine idea? . . . also held over is a fine letter from Harry Woodfield . watch for it next month . . . Utah players had their state meet at Salt Lake City September 18-21 . . . we hope someone sends us the results of the Ohio A. A. U. tournament in Cincinnati, August 25, and the Senior A. A. U. tournament at Anderson, Ind., August 31 and September 1 and 2 . . . Michael Vichette won the Meriden, Conn., city title recently . . . Aden Swinehamer, Aurora, Ill., has been elected secretary of the Illinois Association . . . we didn't get a report on other officers . . . L. E. Tanner has been president for years but has been trying to retire . . . wonder what happened . . . send us the news . . . Jim O'Shea won the Massachusetts meet . . . S .S. Randall so kindly sent me the summary and we hope he won't mind if it is held over 'til next month . . . more news next month!

#### GANDY WINS

On July 28, at the Ripley Park courts in Topeka, Alvin Gandy, present Kansas champion, took the measure of Bob Bales, Kansas Iity Mo., to the tune of 3 to 0. The day was very windy and low percentage games were rather expected. However, Mr. Gandy was tuned up to a fine degree and broke the all-time record for a three-game series in Kansas. The following is a box score:

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P	$\mathbf{R}$	DR	SP	Pct.
Gandy50	58	25	70	82.8
Bales25	50	19	70	71.0
Gandy50	63	28	72	87.5
Bales17	51	17	72	70.0
Gandy50	66	28	76	86.8
Bales24	58	21	76	76.0
Totals—			10	10.0
Gandy150	187	81	218	85.7
Bales 66	159	57	218	72.9
Gandy also defe	ated	Boz	zech.	the
Missouri State Ch	ampi	on.	4 t	0 2
with both men hit cent.	ting	ove	r 70	per

#### PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS



Left to right, front row: Harry Duncan, of Denver, manager of the Allen Shoe Co.; Ira Allen, of California; Thorston Madsen, of Minnesota; Harvey Elmerson, of Wisconsin; Ralph Maylahn, of Wisconsin; Howard Robinson, of Nebraska; Maxwell, of Ohio; Lavalleur, of Nebraska; Mortenson, tournament superintendent; Sebek, of Ohio Second row (seated, starting directly behind Elmerson): Hartz, of Iowa; (next?); Dean Brown, of California; (next?); Roy Parr, of Minnesota; Bill Yocum, of Ohio; Murphy, of Iowa; MeGinnis, of Iowa; Isais, of Mexico; Somerhalder, of Nebraska; Ernie Brannen, of Des Moines, an official; Fourcade, of California; Koppitch, of Michigan; Butterfield, of Iowa; Packham, of Iowa; J. F. Fisher, of Iowa; Hosier, California;

First standing row: Gandy, of Kans Moines, an official; Byron Stoney, of Cetion; W. F. Johnston, of Iowa; Paxton, consin; Rose, of Michigan; Mrs. Rose; Held, of Washington, D. C., a judge in t Mrs. Dean Brown; Mrs. A. Gregson; Pfornia, manager of several entries; A. Geof Illinois; Griggs, of Illinois; Barton, of a special policeman and ground-keeper.

## ROSE REVIEWS TOURNEY AND CONVENTION By LEE ROSE

The greatest horseshoe tournament ever pitched has been completed, and Ted Allen, of Boulder, Colo., still reigns as champion horseshoe pitcher of the world. He had a very tough time retaining his crown, however, and can thank his lucky stars for a few very fine breaks at critical moments.

Allen won the title after a triple tie for first place existed following the 32-man round robin. With him in a tie for the title were Guy Zimmerman of Sac City, Ia., and Fernando Isais of Mexico City. Each had won 29 games and had lost two. Zimmerman had hung up the record-breaking percentage of .859 in the

round robin play, and Isais had hit .831; Allen had hit .824.

Allen dropped his first game of the tourney to Lyle Brown, and then went through the next 28 games victoriously, only to lose to Fernando Isais in the last game he played. Allen stayed in the running only because of a very lucky break in the 28th round in his game with Casey Jones. Jones had a lead of 49-43, and after a double by Allen made it 49-46, Allen, with the first pitch only threw a single, but Casey only put one on also, and after a long measurement of shoes, Allen pitched up a point. Ted then missed the stake with both shoes. Jones had only to

throw one ringer or even a close point to end it, but Casey up and missed both his shoes too. The result was that Allen got two points, and went out with a double in the next frome.

Zimmerman won his first 17 games and his first defeat came at the hands of Allen in the greatest game of horseshoes ever pitched. Allen won the game 50-48. Each man threw 145 ringers out of 164 shoes for an average of .884. Allen had 65 doubles to Guy's 64. There were four ringers on the stake 50 times. Zimmerman opened the game by tossing on 18 consecutive doubles to take a lead of 21-0, but Allen gradually overhauled him and won out. Guy's other defeat came in the 22nd game when he "blew" a 42-14 lead



Harris, of Nebraska; Tom Fogarty, of Des Harris, of Nebraska; Tom Fogarty, of Des Rapids, Iowa, president of Iowa associatiowa; Bentz, of Wisconsin; Jones, of Wisconsin, Jones, of Wisconsin; Harry Woodmament (next?); Mrs. McGinnis; (next?); rson, of Minnesota; John Gordon, of Calison, of California; Benedict, of Ohio; Dubie, Des Moines; Ira Burkheimer, of Des Moines,

Back row: Dahlene, of Kansas; Kraft, of Kansas; Tassell, of Iowa; Bud Fisher, of Des Moines; Billy Henn, of Kentucky; Harry Henn, of Kentucky; Ted Harlan, of Iowa; Decring, San Francisco, scoresheet collector and part-time announcer; Suri; (next ?); imm Turner, of Des Moines, special police and ground-keeper; Peterson, of Illinois; Steinkamp, of Missouri; Steinman, of Missouri; Schmeer, I.A. Boals, of Des Moines, a ground-keeper; Taylor, of Iowa; Brown, of Iowa Bennett, of Illinois; Dixon, of Des Moines... The rest of the persons in the picture are unknown. Ted Allen is missing as he was not required to qualify.

on Isais, and lost out 50-48. Isaias' two losses came in the 19th and 26th rounds at the hands of Alvin Gandy and Casey Jones respectively.

Twelve men in the tournament averaged better than .755, the previous national tournament record for percentage, while 19 men pitched over .700.

It was, without doubt, the greatest collection of pitchers to ever face the barrier in any horseshoe tournament anywhere, an deach round of play brought its quota of great games; games in the nineties, games well over 100 shoes, games with long strings of doubles and four deads.

Rain fell intermittently throughout the meet, rendering pitching difficult at times.

Probably one contributing factor to the great games pitched was due to the schedule used in the meet. This schedule is the work of the writer, and is so arranged that it does not bring the good players together until the latter part of the meet and allows them to "get in the groove" before meeting one another, and it also allows one game in between each round where the topnotchers begin meeting.

The National Convention was held in conjunction with the tournament, and consisted of two meetings. The meetings were held in the cattle barn on August 22 and August 25.

At the first meeting it was decided not to collect the \$100 sanction fee due the Association for sanctioning the tournament at the Iowa Fair

even though it was stated the fair was willing to pay it.

Rule 9 of the horseshoe rules was changed to read, "Both contestants must remain behind the foul line until the last shoe of the inning is delivered. A shoe shall be considered delivered when it leaves the player's hand."

These two items were voted upon by 34 delegates, many of whom held no membership in the Association at the time.

At the second meeting the main business accomplished was the adoption of a new constitution for the Association. The reason given by Mr. Page for the adoption of this new constitution was that the old one had become out-dated and needed "streamlining." (Continued on Next Page)

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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so I always hate to leave there.

When I left this time I felt more than ever a sorrow for those fellows who have been trying so hard to win first place or win a higher place. Perhaps next year I won't need to feel sorry for someone else. I know that most of the fellows take their beating with a smile, but underneath there is a little heart break for not doing just a little better in certain games. With that feeling they go home vowing to do better next year. No wonder each year the pace is getting almost too fast for beginners in the world's meet.

I doubt if ever again you will see a perfect stranger win the meet such as Mossman, Lundin and Fowler did. It will be someone with experience. But we can't all win first. Even though I do feel sorry for some fellows that they did not get higher in their ambition, this does not mean anything but that I will try as hard as ever to win first place. Because the boys are made of the right stuff and don't need much sympathy to spur them on. Each and every one are of the finest champions, not only in skill but in gentlemanly manners and sportsmanship.

If there is anyone in the horseshoe game, next to the fellows in Washington, who regrets the death of Senator Ernest Lundeen, of Minnesota in September, I believe I am that person; because he personally escorted a friend and me around the capitol, introducing us to Senators and the late Speaker Bankhead. After lunch in the Senators' dining room, we had him for an escort around the Capitol building. was also a pitcher of my shoes. He was a peach of a man and was the only senator to have his picture published pitching horseshoes, while others posed with golf clubs or such.

Hope we have another world's meet next year.

TED ALLEN.

Easton, Wash.,

#### PLEA FOR MORE CLASSES

Mr. R. B. Howard.

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Dear Sir: As I am a subscriber to your magazine The Horseshoe World, I thought I would drop you a few lines. I am employed here by the Cabin Creek Lumber Company, and three years ago one of my scalers had a set of horseshoes and several of us played every night. Now we have several sets of shoes, and we have several games after work.

We have about 20 pitchers here with myself and seven others being fairly good at pitching ringers. At present I am throwing close to 50

per cent ringers; also three others are pitching the same average that I am.

We built two courts and the interest here is high in regards to the horseshoe game. Roy Getchell, former Washington State Champion, comes up and gives us pointers and suggestions for improving our pitching. Last year I didn't do so good in the county tournament, but I came out third in the tournament last month and I hope to do better in the couny tournament later on.

Why not, at the tournaments, have three additional classes, B, C, D, so that the rest could enter the tournaments? At the present time only the best can enter and that isn't fair to the rest of the pitchers. I am in favor of four classes at all the big tournaments. All of us here are beginners and by having other classes other pitchers like us would have a chance to enter the tournaments.

Why don't some of the others of the horseshoe courts of this state write in and give your other readers some of the doings going on in this state as well as the other states? It is time that some of the horseshoe members was passing along the dope in this state. Washington is getting slow and far behind in the Horseshoe World and it's about time that we woke up as to what is going on around us at the clay courts. So, let's hear from some of the others in this state.

Please be sure to send me a copy of your next issue as I am interested in the outcome of the tournament at Des Moines. Also you may publish this letter if you care to. I will try to send you any dope of the clay courts that I can. I am the reporter for the baseball club here and will be glad to send you some dope when I get it.

Regards to all members of the clay courts.

Sincerely yours, R. A. BUTTS.

#### ILLINOIS MEET

The Illinois State Horseshoe Tournament was held at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield August 20, 21 and 22.

It was played as usual under a tent which keeps the players out of the hot sun. Former National President L. E. Tanner was in charge, with a competent staff of helpers.

Secretary Gaylord Peterson sends us the following statistical record:

Qualifying Scores

Aden Swinehamer, 1939 State Champion.

1		P	R
James	Turner	257	79
Ralph	Peters	246	76
Milton	Zobrist	246	76

King Elson	75 77 75 74
Chester Hefner243 Casper Leinwebber242	74
Dillin Commission 241	
Phillip Greenberg241	71
Joe Bennett240	72
Joe Dubie240	71
Earl Groves238	71
Paul Engersoll236	74
Ellis Cobb235	73
E. R. Baker234	77
Class B	
Davill Bilingsley232	69
Earl Bornke231	68
Willis Ayers230	67
Willis Ayers250	
George Hilst229	68
Estle McGee227	66
Vernell Drager227	67
Harry Lockhart223	62
Ernest Danielson222	67
Class A Finals	
W L P R SP	Pct.
	71.6
Earl Groves 12 3 716 817 1172	69.6
P. Engersoll 11 4 678 809 1116	72.5
J. Bennett 10 5 711 725 1024	70.7
A. Holmes 9 6 652 768 1194	64.2
C. Hefner 9 6 697 785 1142	68.6
P. Greenberg 9 6 674 710 1068	66.5
C Leinwebber 8 7 632 684 1080	63.3
J. Turner 8 7 698 736 1100	66.8
E. Cobb 6 9 632 720 1066	67.5
M. Zobrist 5 10 635 739 1140	
Swinehamer 5 10 611 808 1210	66.7
E. R. Baker 4 11 557 661 1064	62.0
Joe Dubie 4 11 512 678 1048	64.7
Robt. Peters 4 11 641 707 1106	64.0
King Elson 3 12 437 497 882	56.3
	50.5
Class B Finals	
E. Bomke 7 0 360 343 464	73.9
E. McGee 5 2 332 325 442	73.7
D. Billingsley 5 2 333 286 508	56.3
Geo. Hilst 5 2 316 342 516	66.3
V. Drager 3 4 295 326 514	63.5
Willis Ayers 2 5 207 212 408	52.0
E. Danillso 1 6 177 213 420	50.7
H. Torbert 0 7 245 307 516	59.6
	00.0
State Boys' Tourney	
O. Vernia 6 1 335 159 346	
N. Sparks 6 1 316 201 390	51.6
R. Robinson 6 1 345 235 404	58.2
W. Peterson 4 3 306 151 426	35.5
E. Killion 2 5 197 95 432	22.0
Dick Witt 2 5 183 84 418	20.0
Harvey Lewis 1 6 165 68 420	16.2
	19.6

Little Eleanor—Uncle Louis, do you know that a baby was fed on elephants milk and gained 20 pounds in a few weeks?

All ties were played off.

Ray Bomke

Uncle Louis — Nonsense! Impossible! Whose baby was it?

Little Eleanor — The elephant's baby.

Making love is like playing golf. The overlapping grip and the followthrough mean everything.

1 6 139 50 396 12.6

#### NEW YORK FARM BUREAU MEET

The New York State Farm Bureau state horseshoe pitching contest started Tuesday, August 27, 1940, with 38 contestants from the various state counties. The day was ideal and the pitching showed the best efforts of the contestants. The fifty qualifying shoes were pitched and the highest scores ever pitched at the State Fair contest were the result. Sixteen were to qualify, the lowest being 93, while ten were one hundred or better.

Thos. Brownell, of Fulton County, a young boy, was high with 124, while Armeno Brooks of Montgomery county followed closely with 120.

Jimmie Ruggles, 15-year-old pitcher of Queens County, was third with a score of 116, and Ruth Allen, of Nassau County followed with 110,

Thos. Brownell, Fulton
Roy Moore, St. Lawrence
James Ruggles, Queens
Wilard Nellis, Onondaga
Frank Holmes, Chautauqua
Al Holzhauer, Schenechtady
Brooks Armeno, Montgomery
Ruth Allen, Nassau
Louis Fisher, Washington
Willard Smith, Steuben
James Grosjean, Madison
Ernest Randall, Oneida
Sam Ritz, Niagara
John Bailey, Ulster
Kenneth Herrick, Columbia
Martin Smith, Westchester

The six-man finals were canceled on account of rain, and prizes were awarded in order of winners in the round robin contest:

Thos. Brownell, Fulton; Roy Moore

each living up to their write-up in the August Horseshoe World.

The round of the 16 highest started at 1:30 P. M. on Tuesday, nine games being completed that day. Usually this round robin is finished by Wednesday noon, but a downpour of rain and wind hampered the contestants to such an extent that only the six remaining games were played. The mud and wind played havoc with the usual skill of the players and at 2 p. m. the last game of the 15 was finished.

At 4 o'clock a meeting was held by the six highest players with Mr. Cosline the head of the American Agriculturist, and Dr. H. B. Turner, local manager of the contest. It was voted to award the prizes for the finals to the six highest.

W	$\mathbf{L}$	P	$\mathbf{R}$	DR	SP	OP	Pct.
15	0	375	233	66	420	164	.554
13	2	350	242	62	480	236	.504
12	3	342	186	48	394	229	.472
10	5	315	216	57	436	260	.495
10	5	337	246	62	530	291	.464
8	7	323	210	53	444	251	.475
8	7	314	221	46	492	283	.449
7	8	279	182	39	456	298	.399
7	8	231	148	21	440	311	.336
6	9	287	175	31	472	331	.370
6	9	257	165	25	464	337	.355
6	9	264	162	34	486	324	.333
5	10	289	193	37	456	300	.423
5	10	290	196	40	494	323	.396
2	13	207	164	31	478	359	.343
0	15	215	152	15	476	376	.319

St. Lawrence; James Ruggles, Queens; Willard Nellis, Onondaga; Frank Holmes, Chautauqua; Al Holzhauer, Schnectady; E. Brooks of Montgomery.

## KOLB TAKES EASTERN OPEN

Showing that he has the stuff it takes to win, Bill Kolb, of Newark, N. J. entered the Eastern United States Open championships and waded through a field of strong contenders that found him tied with Larry Mahoney, the newly crowned Canadian champion. In the playoff, Kolb defeated Mahoney for the title.

The tournament sponsored by the Knickerbocker Horseshoe Pitchers League of New York, was held at Willow Brook Park, S. I., on Monday, Sept. 2, Labor Day.

This title is the second annexed by Kolb within a month, having won the Staten Island Open at the same park on Sunday, August 4. Summary:

#### Group One

W	L	Pct
W. Kolb8	1	75.8
L. Mahoney8	1	77.7
V. Fileccia7	2	74.4
K. Hurst6	3	68.8
A. Scolari5	4	66.1
W. Rosselet4	5	63.7
F. Leonard3	6	55.4
P. Beaton2	7	59.4
P. Puglise2	7	55.2
C. Seacord0	9	48.2
Outstanding Games		
P R DR	SP	Pct

#### Scolari ......50 49 16 78 62.8 Mahoney ......48 47 14 78 60.3 Kolb .....50 77 31 81.9 Fileccia .....35 28 94 76.5Mahoney .....50 78 30 96 81.2

 Kolb
 29
 68
 27
 96
 70.8

 Mahoney
 50
 100
 44
 118
 84.7

 Fileccia
 43
 97
 43
 118
 82.2

#### Play-off Game

Kolb50	07	19	110	82.2
M - 1 45	91			
Mahoney47	96	42	118	81.3
Group			W	I
J. Puglise			7	(
J. Tobin			6	1
A. Dusio			5	2
R. Ontko			4	3
W. Heath			3	4
J. McIntosh			2	5
J. Thompson			1	6
P. Conti			0	7
Group '				
R. Harmon			7	0
J. Waltz			6	1
H. Christy			5	2
C. Hart			3	4
J. Salverson			3	4
M. Quigley				5
J. Dooley				5
The winner and				

The winner and runner-up in groups two and three played a four man round robin and finished as follows: J. Tobin, J. Puglise, J. Waltz, R. Harmon.

"Dearie, what name do you go under on the stage?"

"Under no name, darling; I get top billing."

A well preserved person is one who hasn't been in many jams.

#### TO OUR READERS:

This issue carries stories by Leland Mortenson and Lee Rose, both fine gentlemen, to whom we are deeply indebted for these articles. We must, however, take the position that the opinions expressed in their stories regarding the transactions at the National Convention are solely theirs and not ours.

This magazine offers its support to the new officers, but reserves the right to study some of the things that are being changed before expressing an opinion. Progress is in order at all times, but changes for the sake of changing alone may not be so good. Those who attended the convention will, in time, give us their opinion of what the future holds for the National Association.

Regardless, there are enough of us, weary as we may have been in doing what seemed at times to be "thankless" jobs, interested enough in the game to study the situation and to aid those in authority, voice our opinions when we think they are wrong, and do all in our power to advance the game.—

THE EDITOR.

#### R. V. CARR WINS COLORADO TITLE

R. V. Carr, of Denver, Colo., won the Colorado State Horseshoe pitching title played at Lincoln Park in Greeley, Colorado, at the conclusion of a three-day tournament which started last Saturday, August 31st, under the sponsorship of the Colorado Horseshoe Association.

Carr won 14 out of 15 games in the championship bracket. He tossed 994 shoes in the 15 games and made a total of 617 ringers of which 204 were double ringers. This made his average 60.0 per cent.

C. W. Uhrich, of Windsor, was second, winning 13 out of 15 games. He threw 759 ringers out of 1072 shoes.

Harley Aikens of Denver, was third with 12 wins out of 15 games. He had the best average with 65.8 per cent ringers or 676 out of 1026 shoes.

Prizes were awarded consisting of cash and merchandise which was donated by various merchants. Ted Allen Horseshoe Co. also gave prizes in the amount of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00, for the top percentage pitchers using the Allen shoe.

Election of officers for the State Association was held Sunday. Jackson, of Greeley, was elected president, replacing R. B. Potter, of Denver. Walter Demarest, of Greeley, replaced C. W. Uhrich as vicepresident. Harley Aikens of Denver, replaces R. Buchanan as secretary treasurer.

The following is a complete summary of the final standings.

	W	$\mathbf{L}$	P	$\mathbf{R}$	DR	SP	Pct.
R. V. Carr, Denver	14	1	753	617	204	994	60.0
C. W. Uhrich, Windsor	13	2	759	650	193	1072	60.6
H. Aikens, Denver	12	3	661	676	204	1026	65.8
F. Davis, Denver	11	4	722	602	193	936	64.3
W. Demarest, Greeley	10	5	624	664	197	1090	60.9
Bob Decker, Denver	10	5	709	659	215	1012	65.1
H. Achziger, Longmont	9	6	668	605	190	982	61.6
C. W. Markley, Brush	8	7	599	492	145	858	57.3
W. Shoemaker, Denver	- 7	8	587	579	165	1036	55.8
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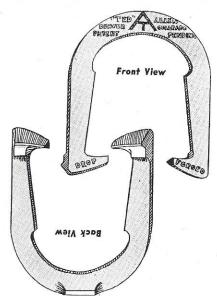
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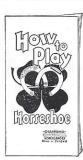
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