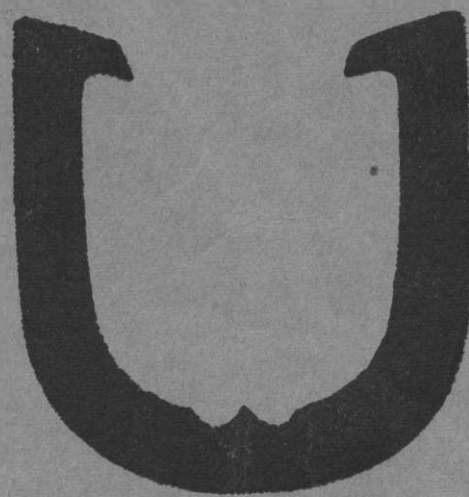


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CALIFORNIA

The California Open Championship Tournament, held at Pomona on October 2nd and 3rd, 1948 at the Los Angeles County Fair was won by the World's Champion, Fernando Isais who went through by winning all of his eleven games. Guy Zimmerman was second and Louis Dean, third. Here's the scores:

| | Won | Lost | R. P. |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|
| 1 Isais | 11 | 0 | 78.5 |
| 2 Zimmerman | 10 | 1 | 82.2 |
| 3 Dean | 9 | 2 | 71.1 |
| 4 Hosier | 8 | 3 | 70.3 |
| 5 Gray | 7 | 4 | 65.0 |
| 6 Dolan | 6 | 5 | 60.8 |
| 7 Bartlon | 4 | 7 | 67.2 |
| 8 Harper | 3 | 8 | 58.3 |
| 9 Arnold | 3 | 8 | 57.2 |
| 10 Gregson | 3 | 8 | 55.6 |
| 11 Smith | 2 | 9 | 54.3 |
| 12 Rust | 0 | 11 | 45.0 |

Thanks to Harvey W. Clear, Secy-Treas., N. H. P. A. for the above information.

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INDIANA

The Indianapolis and Indiana Horseshoe Pitching Organizations are having their Annual Banquet Saturday evening, November 6th, 6:30 P.M. at 2716 E. Washington Street.

A fine dinner, as well as an entertaining program, has been arranged. One that men and women can both enjoy. This will be an evening of fun.

Many notables are to be our guests, including the Mayor of Indianapolis and former Worlds Horseshoe Pitching Champion, Ted Allen.

We would like to see you there as well as anyone that you may know, man or woman, who is interested in Horseshoe Pitching and having fun.

HERBERT A. THIBO,
State President

**Final Standings of the Industrial Horseshoe Pitchers' League
of Indianapolis, Indiana
Standings Complete to the End of 19th Round
September 24, 1948**

| | Won | Lost | Total Points | Ave. | Opponents Points |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|-----------------|------|---------------------|
| 1 Phoenix Press | 50 | 7 | 28471 | 496 | 21135 |
| 2 Eli Lilly | 46 | 11 | 28838 | 505 | 19595 |
| 3 John J. Madden Mfg..... | 45 | 12 | 28449 | 499 | 22688 |
| 4 Allison No. 2..... | 40 | 17 | 25246 | 442 | 22932 |
| 5 Wilhelm Brick Const..... | 38 | 19 | 27371 | 480 | 22312 |
| 6 Allison No. 1..... | 38 | 19 | 25113 | 440 | 22792 |
| 7 Naval Ordnance | 35 | 22 | 23940 | 420 | 21484 |
| 8 Poynter Welding | 31 | 26 | 22834 | 400 | 23018 |
| 9 Banta Floors | 31 | 26 | 22075 | 387 | 21601 |
| 10 Linde Air P.O.L.A.A..... | 30 | 27 | 23798 | 417 | 22367 |
| 11 Mallory A. A..... | 30 | 27 | 22408 | 393 | 33781 |
| 12 South Wind Heaters..... | 30 | 27 | 21107 | 370 | 22458 |
| 13 Monarch Steel | 29 | 28 | 20448 | 359 | 21147 |
| 14 Kingans A. A..... | 28 | 29 | 24091 | 422 | 21632 |
| 15 New York Central A. A..... | 28 | 29 | 23894 | 419 | 22187 |
| 16 Newman Construction | 26 | 31 | 21761 | 381 | 19951 |
| 17 Victor Div. R.C.A..... | 24 | 33 | 24022 | 421 | 23612 |
| 18 E. C. Atkins..... | 21 | 36 | 20526 | 360 | 19891 |
| 19 U. S. Tire..... | 21 | 36 | 19245 | 338 | 19457 |
| 20 Insley Mfg. | 21 | 36 | 15638 | 274 | 20996 |
| 21 Hetherington-Berner | 18 | 39 | 19030 | 334 | 22027 |
| 22 Un-sponsored | 13 | 44 | 18724 | 330 | 21995 |
| 23 Vonnegut | 11 | 46 | 14640 | 257 | 19879 |
| 24 American Bearing | 0 | 57 | 6305 | 110 | 17133 |

Individual high 3 games for round 19—Orville Harris 343

Team high 3 games for round 19—Phoenix Press 1868

High for Season: Individual high—Lowell Edmondson 375

Team high—Eli Lilly 2003

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**Individual Standings of the Indianapolis Industrial Horseshoe
Pitcher's League**

There were two hundred fifty contestants in the Indianapolis Industrial Horseshoe Pitcher's League this year. We cannot give the whole list of the individual standings here, for lack of space but here are the top fifty.

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EDITORIAL

It has been conservatively estimated that there are three million horseshoe pitchers in these United States. Well, I'm not from Missouri, but you still have to show me.

Here is the third issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER and I am far from my first million subscribers. Where are these guys? So far I have enjoyed getting out this little magazine and from the correspondence I have received it seems that many subscribers enjoyed it too. But it is going to take more than that to insure its success. If all of you fellows would get just one friend to subscribe it would help quite a bit. Give it a push, will you? Next month I am going to list the names of different horseshoe clubs with their Secretary's name and address, so if you would like to have your club listed, get busy and send me the information. Send in whatever news you can from your territory and if you have any cuts they will be welcomed too. * * *

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (N. H. P. A.)

In my last article I mentioned that I was working on a new Constitution, bringing it up to date. As you all know, Constitutions, By-Laws and Regulations of any organization are absolutely useless unless strictly adhered to without deviation. If I write up a new Constitution, and after the approval by the Advisory Board and the Executive Council—it is agreed on, we MUST stick by it! For instance, if it is stated in the Constitution that all tournaments must be sanctioned by the N. H. P. A., somebody will have a Charter revoked if they go against the rule.

Many new things will be included in the new (or revised) Constitution, such as shoe specifications, the point system along with the cancellation method, official height of the stake and official duties of each officer.

I understand, some horseshoe manufacturers are not sending in the five cent stamp tax to be paid to the N. H. P. A. Last year we received only the stamp money for nine hundred pairs! Half that many were sold in Indiana alone! I'll have more next month.

ARLO E. HARRIS

| | Team No. | Name | Games Pitched | Total Points | Ave. | Handi- cap |
|----|-------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| 1 | 5 | Orville Harris | 18 | 2067 | 117 | 0 |
| 2 | 22 | L. Edmundson | 24 | 2740 | 115 | 0 |
| 3 | 10 | Arlo Harris | 30 | 3363 | 112 | 0 |
| 4 | 22 | Peyton Printz | 27 | 2992 | 111 | 0 |
| 5 | 17 | Geo. Johnson, Sr. | 18 | 1908 | 106 | 0 |
| 6 | 4 | Walter Smock | 42 | 4222 | 100 | 0 |
| 7 | 22 | Geo. Johnson, Jr. | 36 | 3487 | 97 | 2 |
| 8 | 17 | Rich Printz | 33 | 3189 | 97 | 2 |
| 9 | 9 | Elliott | 51 | 4852 | 95 | 3 |
| 10 | 15 | Lloyd Dixon | 48 | 4527 | 94 | 4 |
| 11 | 4 | C. L. Roy | 48 | 4463 | 93 | 4 |
| 12 | 10 | Al Lutz | 39 | 3601 | 93 | 4 |
| 13 | 9 | P. Backus | 48 | 4409 | 92 | 5 |
| 14 | 12 | Earl Green | 42 | 3805 | 91 | 6 |
| 15 | 13 | Robert Ross | 48 | 4323 | 90 | 6 |
| 16 | 9 | Chet Wires | 42 | 3775 | 90 | 6 |
| 17 | 22 | H. Scaggs | 12 | 1078 | 90 | 6 |
| 18 | 3 | Paul Vansickle | 54 | 4857 | 89 | 7 |
| 19 | 16 | Horace White | 51 | 4564 | 89 | 7 |
| 20 | 4 | Carl Baxter | 51 | 4549 | 89 | 7 |
| 21 | 24 | E. Dobbs | 24 | 2147 | 89 | 7 |
| 22 | 9 | Haagsma | 42 | 3982 | 88 | 8 |
| 23 | 4 | W. Nash | 15 | 1330 | 88 | 8 |
| 24 | 5 | B. Hodgin | 42 | 3652 | 87 | 8 |
| 25 | 17 | Robert Printz | 45 | 3873 | 86 | 9 |
| 26 | 22 | W. Showers | 42 | 3637 | 86 | 9 |
| 27 | 9 | Lester Reavis | 21 | 1805 | 86 | 9 |
| 28 | 18 | S. Cartmel | 45 | 3832 | 85 | 10 |
| 29 | 11 | B. Laxen | 42 | 3582 | 85 | 10 |
| 30 | 6 | J. C. Joseph | 27 | 2304 | 85 | 10 |
| 31 | 18 | D. Riley | 54 | 4543 | 84 | 10 |
| 32 | 10 | Keller | 42 | 3510 | 83 | 11 |
| 33 | 18 | E. Arthur | 48 | 3961 | 82 | 12 |
| 34 | 17 | R. Vandiver | 57 | 4770 | 82 | 12 |
| 35 | 11 | Brummett | 45 | 3712 | 82 | 12 |
| 36 | 4 | Roy Jackson | 45 | 3689 | 82 | 12 |
| 37 | 17 | Robt. Wolf | 42 | 3431 | 82 | 12 |
| 38 | 3 | Seagge | 6 | 493 | 82 | 12 |

| | Team No. | Name | Games Pitched | Total Points | Ave. | Handi- cap |
|----|-------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| 39 | 2 | Gene Denny | 42 | 3396 | 81 | 12 |
| 40 | 22 | McGuire | 27 | 2202 | 81 | 12 |
| 41 | 17 | John Burge | 39 | 3124 | 80 | 13 |
| 42 | 9 | Bob Payne | 27 | 2149 | 80 | 13 |
| 43 | 24 | J. Hobbs | 15 | 1223 | 80 | 13 |
| 44 | 11 | R. E. Meeks | 27 | 2177 | 80 | 13 |
| 45 | 24 | L. Bollinger | 42 | 3340 | 79 | 14 |
| 46 | 17 | T. Henderliter | 42 | 3324 | 79 | 14 |
| 47 | 7 | D. Ramey | 39 | 3092 | 79 | 14 |
| 48 | 9 | C. Coker | 18 | 1422 | 79 | 14 |
| 49 | 19 | G. Swope | 12 | 952 | 79 | 14 |
| 50 | 16 | L. Losey | 45 | 3508 | 78 | 14 |

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Sept. 26, 1948.

Mr. Robert C. Kidd, Vice-President
Indiana Division
National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association
6054 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Kidd:

I was glad to learn that you and your organization will make every effort to bring the world horseshoe tournament to Indiana in 1950. There is certainly no other spot on the globe where visiting sportsmen will be welcomed with more hospitality than here in the Hoosier State.

Nor can I conceive of a better place in which to hold this tournament than in the Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. To the extent that I have any jurisdiction over the building, you have my pledge of full support for use of the Coliseum for such an occasion.

I regret that previous commitments will prevent my being present at your banquet on Saturday, November 6. Your program to expand the number of industrial horseshoe teams in the state is to be highly commended as is also your plan to interest more boys and young men in an outstanding sport.

Sincerely,

RICHARD T. JAMES,
Lieutenant-Governor

IOWA

Dear Jake:

I should like to offer a few comments relative to two letters which appeared in the October issue.

Mr. Harris mentioned something about an advisory Board already in effect and apparently operating under certain rules and regulations.

I wonder if Mr. Harris was not in somewhat of a hurry when he wrote that letter, and so, failed to make it read as he intended.

Actually, and officially, there is no Advisory Board of the kind Mr. Harris describes, for only a National Convention could lay groundwork for the creation of such a Board, and the subject has never been voted upon in a convention. I don't recall that it has ever been discussed.

There apparently is a committee which Mr. Harris refers to as the Advisory Board. But this committee has no power, can only give advice, and any member or the whole committee can be dismissed by the President of the Association and the dismissal need not be fortified by as much as a reason.

Officially, five officers represent the Association and the votes of any three override the votes of any other two. What the officers can vote upon is somewhat defined by the Constitution.

A letter written by Andy Moehn in the October issue emphasises the need for an improved Constitution.

Mr. Moehn is absolutely right, but let's be vigilant to the possibility that we could get one far worse or we could get a well sounding Constitution with some hidden and disastrous meanings.

If a new Constitution is proposed, it should be published in the Horseshoe Pitcher several months in advance of the convention, so that all of the members might have a chance to uncover the weak points.

But, it is my opinion, that the weakness in our organization at this particular time is not in rules and regulations, but in the field of promotion.

What happened at Milwaukee, and to which Mr. Moehn refers could have been prevented if a written contract had been drawn up covering all points from the number of courts available and to whether the entry fees should be used to pay for a banquet for the players or be used for some other purpose.

Yours very truly,
LELAND S. MORTENSEN

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This is a letter to Mr. Harris from Dale Dixon of Des Moines.

Mr. Arlo Harris, President
National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association
1404 North Wallace Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Arlo:

The other day, I received a long letter from Mr. Woodfield. It is gratifying to learn that he is just as interested in the game as ever, and that he still wants to help in the field of promotion.

Mortensen wants me to ask you if you have yet taken any steps to get into contact with that German who is trying to teach the game to his high school students.

That causes me to want to make a suggestion. Why wouldn't it be advisable to take these Germans and the Canadians into our association and change the name to International Horseshoe Pitcher's Association? Wouldn't it give us more prestige?

Early last summer, Byron Stoney, Secretary of the Iowa Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, wrote letters to about twelve Iowa Colleges and to the State High School Athletic Association trying to get them to include horseshoe pitching on an

interscholastic basis. One of the selling points was that the Army during the recent war had included horseshoes in the track meets in the great final championship events in Europe, and particularly at Nuremberg, and that the success had been outstanding. He received very encouraging replies, although what he wanted is not yet a reality. I am wondering if some promotion along that line by someone like yourself with the ability you have would not bring the desired result. I mean on a nation-wide scale.

About ten days ago, Mortensen and I had the pleasure of breakfasting with Guy C. Wertz. Mr. Wertz passed through Des Moines by plane from Omaha to Milwaukee. We visited a little over three hours.

We discussed many subjects pertaining to horseshoe pitching. One, that the entire constitution needs an up-to-date revision, that we should take the constitutions of other sports organizations, learn from their longer experience, and try to get ours in order.

In order to do this, we should have a meeting away and long before the next national convention and draw this up, and then present it at the next convention to be voted upon by the delegates. A meeting place should be in the middle-west, and so far as I am concerned, Chicago would be an ideal spot. I have a hunch that Chicago with Dykes as its leader would be an ideal host. What do you think of this suggestion? You know that we couldn't accomplish anything worthwhile on such a complicated problem if we tried to do it at a convention.

I wish we could get all of the bickering stopped that is going on, such as that in Ohio. After all, we are all in the game because we like it. Nine tenths of the time there should be some point of agreement, if we try to find it.

I am really optimistic about the possibilities of this sport. With such leaders as yourself, Clear, Jake, Wertz, Dean, we are bound to go places.

Wertz presented a number of ideas and they sound good. He has promotional suggestions. I hope you five can get together on them as well as on others.

I lost, or rather failed to regain my State title in the State meet on Labor Day. Harold Shaw of What Cheer, a swell fellow and a fine pitcher, kept his championship. I hope to do better next year.

The chilly weather has set in so there probably won't be much more pitching in Iowa during 1948.

I would enjoy hearing from you and from the other officers as often as possible, and as I want all of them to consider all of my suggestions, am mailing all of them a copy.

Your friend of the horseshoe lanes,
DALE DIXON

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KANSAS

RESULTS OF KANSAS STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Lawrence, Kansas, September 4-5-6, 1948

| | | Qualifying Points | Won | Lost | R. P. |
|----|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | Roland Kraft, Lawrence..... | 000 | 15 | 0 | 76.5 |
| 2 | Marines Tamboer, Wichita..... | *263 | 14 | 1 | 71.4 |
| 3 | Alvin Gandy, Topeka..... | 243 | 13 | 2 | 73.2 |
| 4 | Alvin Dahlene, Lawrence..... | 240 | 11 | 4 | 64.7 |
| 5 | Fred Ring, Wichita..... | 224 | 10 | 5 | 58.0 |
| 6 | Henry Calhoon, Kansas City.... | 200 | 9 | 6 | 56.6 |
| 7 | Ed Noyes, Green..... | 234 | 9 | 6 | 55.6 |
| 8 | Wesley Schendel, Ottawa..... | 190 | 8 | 7 | 54.7 |
| 9 | Jack Newkirk Topeka..... | 189 | 6 | 9 | 54.2 |
| 10 | Robert Brown, McLouth..... | 205 | 6 | 9 | 49.1 |
| 11 | Earnest Gulley, Kansas City.... | 207 | 5 | 10 | 54.0 |
| 12 | R. Kampschroeder, Lawrence.... | 228 | 5 | 10 | 51.7 |
| 13 | R. W. Eldien, Topeka..... | 196 | 4 | 11 | 42.5 |
| 14 | G. Potts, Leonardville..... | 180 | 3 | 12 | 38.8 |
| 15 | M. Potts, Leonardville..... | 190 | 2 | 13 | 53.5 |
| 16 | Wiley Thompson, Kansas City.. | 215 | 0 | 15 | 54.3 |

* New state record.

Thompson played eleven rounds winning four games, however, he had to return to his job before the completion of the tourney and therefore all of his games were forfeited.

MARYLAND

Pop Woodfield says—Ever since my first trip to the New York area in 1938 I have hoped to see the time when New York would lead all others in organized horseshoe pitching and National membership.

In the near future, we in the East, may be able to put on an East Coast Open Tournament that could build up real competitors in the World tournaments. I am really proud of Tommy Brownell and that at last ONE pitcher from the East has left his mark on the top ranking pitchers.

Also, I want to get horseshoe pitchers to do something for the boys in hospitals. My first thought is to get those who have Buddies or former members of their Clubs in hospitals from casualties in the war or from illnesses contracted later, to send in subscriptions to the horseshoe publications. I would go so far as to donate quite a number of copies for that purpose, but it is my intention, before I start any idea that may affect your publication, I would first get your opinion. So let me hear from you soon about this.

I hope to get Maryland organized in good time, but will first go after Prince George County which is quite a field. I will send you some news from this area from time to time and any ideas that I think will benefit both of us and the N. H. P. A.

(Editor's Note) I think you have a swell idea here and I'll go along with you one hundred per cent!

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Henry Schlieff of St. Paul, Minn. wants to know what became of C. C. Davis, Frank Jackson and other former top notchers. He says that according to the old Horseshoe World, Davis, formerly of Ohio, was last heard of down in Kansas City where he had an in-door court. I believe the last tournament he was in was the Mid West at Des Moines, Iowa, in which he won. That was before Ted Allen and Fernando Isais invaded that territory.—Can any one help on this?

NEW JERSEY and NEW YORK STATE

The Empire State Branch and the New Jersey State Branch of the N. H. P. A. held two team matches between them. The first match was held on the courts of the Inwood Horseshoe Club at 214th Street and Seaman Avenue in Inwood Hill Park on Sunday, Oct. 10th. The final score of this match was Empire State 34 and New Jersey State 23. The results:

| New Jersey | | | | Empire State | | | |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|--------------|-----|------|-------|
| | Won | Lost | R. P. | | Won | Lost | R. P. |
| Puglise, P. | 5 | 3 | 56.6 | Fileccia | 7 | 0 | 64.2 |
| Courtock | 5 | 3 | 54.1 | Benesh | 2 | 0 | 63.7 |
| Waltz | 3 | 5 | 51.6 | Zichella | 7 | 0 | 60.4 |
| Mullady | 4 | 4 | 50.2 | Brady | 6 | 2 | 58.0 |
| Culmone | 1 | 3 | 47.0 | Earley, Jr. | 4 | 3 | 52.9 |
| Kolb | 1 | 6 | 46.0 | DiStefano | 3 | 1 | 52.5 |
| Brumek* | 3 | 4 | 44.9 | Lucente | 3 | 1 | 51.7 |
| McCrink | 1 | 6 | 42.3 | Stines | 0 | 2 | 50.6 |
| | | | | Campbell | 1 | 2 | 50.4 |
| | | | | Ludwig | 1 | 3 | 39.9 |
| | | | | Glynn | 0 | 1 | 38.5 |
| | | | | Seacord | 0 | 5 | 34.6 |
| | | | | O'Connell | 0 | 1 | 31.8 |
| | | | | Rayfield | 0 | 1 | 29.1 |

* New Jersey was short a man to make up a full team so the Empire State loaned Brumek to them for the day.

After the games every one retired to the club rooms of the Inwood H. C. for sandwiches and liquid refreshments. We had barely started to refresh before we were invited to play a return match in New Jersey the following Sunday. Needless to say, we accepted the invitation; so on Sunday, Oct. 17th some of us piled into three cars, and the overflow went by train to Branch Brook Park in Newark, N. J. We found their courts to be laid out in a beautiful section of the park, entirely surrounded with trees. We were fortunate in again coming out on top. The final score was, Empire State 31, New Jersey 15. Here's the dope:

Empire State

| | Won | Lost | R. P. |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|
| Fileccia | 6 | 0 | 71.9 |
| DiStefano | 6 | 0 | 62.5 |
| Zichella | 6 | 0 | 61.6 |
| Lucente | 4 | 2 | 58.4 |
| Ludwig | 4 | 2 | 45.9 |
| Seacrod | 2 | 4 | 42.3 |
| Earley, Jr. | 2 | 2 | 38.1 |
| Brady | 1 | 3 | 53.1 |
| Rayfield | 1 | 1 | 35.2 |
| Farmer | 0 | 1 | 47.4 |

New Jersey

| | Won | Lost | R. P. |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|
| Mullady | 4 | 2 | 57.7 |
| Waltz | 3 | 3 | 53.5 |
| Puglise, P. | 3 | 3 | 53.2 |
| Kolb | 2 | 4 | 56.9 |
| Courtock | 1 | 0 | 66.6 |
| Lawson | 1 | 5 | 37.3 |
| McCrink | 1 | 3 | 27.6 |
| Takash | 0 | 4 | 44.7 |
| Schmidt | 0 | 6 | 31.2 |
| White | 0 | 1 | 25.0 |
| Jackson | 0 | 1 | 22.2 |

The games finished, we all retired to the club rooms of the Forset Hill H. C. They have a whole building which is large enough to have enabled them to install two fine indoor courts. They had several tables piled high with eats and liquid refreshments, including hot coffee. We all had a swell time.

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NEW YORK CITY—On October 3 the Hilltop H. C. team defeated the Sunnyside H. C. team which clinched the flag for them in the Metropolitan H. P. A. They went through the season without losing a single match game. This is the third year in a row that they have won the N. Y. Metropolitan Championship. Here's the way the teams finished:

- | | |
|-------------|------------------|
| 1 Hilltop | 5 Hillside |
| 2 Sunnyside | 6 Fort George |
| 3 St. Marys | 7 Williamsbridge |
| 4 Inwood | 8 Woodlawn |

The following men finished with a percentage of 50.0 or more.

| | Won | Lost | R. P. | | Won | Lost | R. P. |
|-----------|-----|------|-------|-------------|-----|------|-------|
| Fileccia | 12 | 0 | 73.1 | Courtock | 14 | 4 | 53.3 |
| Zichella | 16 | 4 | 58.9 | Earley, Jr. | 10 | 0 | 53.3 |
| DiStefano | 15 | 1 | 57.8 | Stines | 13 | 7 | 52.0 |
| Brady | 12 | 4 | 56.2 | Frisco | 9 | 6 | 51.5 |
| Poppe | 8 | 4 | 55.6 | | | | |

The New York Central Railroad issues a monthly paper for its employees which they call CENTRAL HEADLIGHT. In a recent issue they had an article on sports indulged in by their men. They mentioned that they held a horseshoe tournament and it was so successful that they were thinking of starting an Industrial Horseshoe Pitching League. I am going to get in touch with them and see what I can do to further it.

(Jake)

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OHIO

John Kovacs, the Secretary of the Ohio Horseshoe Pitcher's Assn. has asked your Editor to reprint the following.

The O. H. P. A. was organized to promote horseshoes in Ohio, through sanctioned league and tournament play and to support the National's constitution and aims in promoting memberships for the National.

Our aim in promoting both State and National memberships was to be accomplished through the combined card (where players are members of both groups) and sanctioned tournament and league play (where players are also members of both State and National).

The O. H. P. A. in convention, 1948, again decided to uphold the suspension of buckeye officials and also any other member of the 1948 O. H. P. A., who participated in unsanctioned tournaments in Ohio during 1948. This means tournaments not sanctioned by the National. According to the National constitution this should be done to promote memberships.

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Mr. Harvey W. Clear, Secretary-Treasurer,
National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association of America, Inc.
912 Melrose Avenue, Santa Cruz, California

My Dear Friend:

I want to join with Mr. W. T. Woodfield and the rest of the gang in complementing Mr. R. G. Lynch, Sports Editor of the Milwaukee Journal for his suggestions for overcoming some of the faults and improving our game and the sport, carried in the September 1948 issue of the Horseshoe News.

It was certainly wonderful of him to do this, and while he did not mention it, it is assumed that his suggestions were based upon the continued use of the present Ringer System "cancellation" method in World's Championship title competition.

Being the great sportsman that he is, I know that Mr. Lynch will be interested in what we in Ohio have been doing for a long time for the same purpose and in appreciation for his interest I am sending him a copy of our Ohio Horseshoe Pitcher's Association Constitution and By-Laws including a paper "therein" with further detailed information of advantages gained by our Point System, and copy of a paper showing how Shoes-Lost are computed along with percentage tables for one game of 50 shoes pitched "One for Points, and the other for both Ringers and Shoes-Lost" along with a copy of a completed final tournament "If I can find one" under this system, which is all pretty well self-explanatory. I would be very glad however, if there is anything he is in doubt about after he has given the whole thing a good going over, if he will write me.

We believe the Point System after long use, puts our game right up to date and in line with those of other present day sports, the 50 shoes pitched per game is O.K. for State and lesser activities, but for World's title competition the opinion of those best qualified to judge is: that 70 or 80 would be a better and more satisfactory test, however, this system would have to be made universal for all activities in order to make the job complete and attain the end that the merits of our sport deserves.

Sincerely yours,

D. O. CHESS

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Dear Byron:

There is no reason why we should sit back and kid ourselves and others too, about Horseshoe Pitching, when we know what Horseshoe Pitching is. Horseshoe Pitching is an Art, and a scientific game. We know everyone can throw Horseshoes but everyone cannot pitch Horseshoes like they should be pitched.