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THE OHIO SHOE BROWNELL AND JONES



The illustration of the "Ohio" shoe on this month's cover, is the third in a series of pitching shoes, officially approved by, N.H.P. A. The artist, Lloyd L. O'Ree, Route # 2, Skaneateles New York, a member of the National Assn. The first "Ohio" shoe was produced early in 1921 with very little resemblance to the 1948 stream-lined model, its history and that of its inventor, are closely woven in the development of horseshoe pitching over the past 31 years. Here's the story in his own words.

" Several years ago because of ill health I sold my building material and coal business and spent the winters in St. Petersburg Fla. I won the horseshoe pitching championship every year I was there. One season we had over 700 members. Johnny Lodwick an Akron newspaper man with the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, promoted the first national tournament, Feb. 22, 1919.

There were 19 entered and each pitched a 5 game round robin of 21 points. I took first place with only one loss in 54 games. The ringer per cent was not so high in those days as the players were just learning to pitch the open shoe. In 1922 I finished third in the National scoring 36 points on the champion C. C. and losing to the runner up, Spencer by one point. Davis

In 1921 two blacksmiths, J. G. Ray and Jacob Boesinger and myself formed the Ohio Horseshoe Co. I sold the first 200 pairs made to players in St. Petersburg. The orders poured in. We made the first drop forged horseshoes and did a big business, the first few years. Although now many other makes of pitching shoes are on the market we continue to get our share of the sales. In addition to the United States and Canada we have customers in Mexico, Jamaica and Puerto Rico.

Frank Jackson, many times champion, used Ohio shoes the last years he pitched. He has retired now and lives in Tampa Fla. Other users of the Ohio shoe are former champions, C. C. Davis, Frank Lundin, Chas. Bobbitt and Putt Mossman. Jimmy Risk devotes all of his time to exhibitions. During and after the war he was with a USO-unit and made three trips to Japan, Phillipines and other places in the far east.

Yours P. M. Brust.

In the 1948 World's Championship at Milwaukee using the "Ohio Shoe" Tommy Brownell of Gloversville New York and Casey Jones of Waukesha Wis. were out standing. Brownell upset by defeating in order, Isais 50 to 40 with 88.0% Allen 50 to 33, 87.9% and Casey Jones 50 to 36, 85.9% A feat never accomplished before. Qualified in the 1948 New York State championship with 270 points in the 100 shoe pitch with 85 ringers and 15 points, every shoe counting. Retained his title by winning all of his 19 games. He finished 5th. at Milwaukee 2016 ringers in 2494 shoes for 80.8%

Casey Jones with the Ohio Shoe had 2159 ringers in 2468 shoes for 87.4 a new world's record. Replacing the former high mark made by Guy Zimmerman of 86.1 at Des Moines in 1940. Jones finished in a tie with Allen and Zimmerman for second place. Each winning 28 and losing 3 games.

BROWNELL WINS FROM FERNANDO ALLEN AND CASEY JONES

A PERFECT GAME BY ZIMMERMAN

JONES 87.5 AVG. TOPS OLD RECORD

36 CONSEC. DOUBLES BY ALLEN

ISAIS RETAINS TITLE

But only by the close margin of a near shoe. Arlo Harris lead Fernando 49 to 40. The stage was set for an upset. Wm. A. Banta, of Indianapolis for many years Pres. of the Indiana Assn. - Arlo's home town - had his eyes glued to the near peg. Would an Indiana pitcher take the great Fernando? Banta squirmed in his seat, his mouth was open wide; he grabbed his hat. "Come on Arlo, win this one" The crowd moved closer as Isais in a tight spot put on a double. Banta relaxed. Fernando followed with four more doubles and Arlo failed to top three of them. Score now, 49 all. Banta went into action again, this could be it. In the next pitch there was one ringer each and both had close shoes. From where he sat, it appeared to Banta that Arlo had the point that would beat the champion. He pulled off his hat, opened his mouth for a yell but stopped in his tracks as the judge was called to decide the winner.

Fernando won by a micrometer measurement. A lucky break. His luck continued in his game with Casey Jones - the longest of the tournament, 136 shoes - winning on a close shoe 50 to 49. His luck changed with Zimmerman, with the score 49 to 47 his favor Guy put on a double. Zimmerman won 50 to 49 as only one of Isais' shoes encircled the stake. His other loss was to Brownell, Tommy winning by 50 to 40.

In the last five tournaments, starting with 1940, Isais has won three of the four he entered - he missed 1946 - by losing fewer games. In 1940 he tied with Allen and Zimmerman with 28 - 2. placing 3rd. in the pitch off. In 1941 he won all of his 23 games. 1947 he lost only one game in 35. and at Milwaukee as stated above he lost only 2 in 31 games. These performances place him at the top in horseshoe pitching.

Since 1933 to 1946, only seven world tournaments have been staged. Ted Allen has won four and Fernando Isais three. In all that time aside from Guy Zimmerman and Casey Jones, - who have missed the title by slim margins, - only two have shown promise. Wayne Nelson of Muncie Indiana and Tommy Brownell of Gloversville N. Y. We do not mean by this that there are no others capable of landing in the First Ten in fact there may be several dark horses among the "Big Eighty Five" Who are they? They are the 58 who failed to land in the finals and the 27 in the finals who failed to average 80 per cent ringers. They are the fellows who played a major part in the 1946 tournament. Their story will feature October, Horseshoe News. Subscribe Now

THE 1948 CONVENTION AND TOURNAMENT

Shortly before the 1946 tournament at Des Moines, several letters were mailed to members of the Tournament Committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the National Officers, voicing a vigorous protest. The writer, champion of a mid-western State predicted dire results if the tournament was staged as advertised. "The purse was too small, the game would be cheapened; horseshoe pitching would be set back 50 years. He added, "I'm not going, few if any pitchers will make the trip. I'll see to that."

The convention meeting at Des Moines that year was mild compared to those that followed. Most important was a unanimous vote to hold the 1947 tournament at Salt Lake City and the renewal of the 5 cent stamp and that only pitching shoes having an N.H.P.A. stamp affixed to each carton of one pair would receive official approval.

No one who came to Utah and the 1947 tournament could see the slightest sign of retrogression. Here was the perfect set-up. Lights, courts and clay. Hospitality of the highest order. Amazement and real appreciation by the Utahns at the wonderful exhibition of skill in the 1947 finals. Harvey W. Clear of Santa Cruz, Calif. the new secretary is the first to make his office an all time job. With some assistance from the president the membership in 1948 reached a new high.

New world records made in Utah was evidence that pitchers had not only reached pre-war form but have increased average ringer per cent to a point that will require world champions in the near future to ring the stake 90 times in each 100 shoes pitched. While the National had reached a new ^{high} membership, and the skill of horseshoe pitchers was rapidly nearing perfection, the 1947 and 1948 convention meetings failed to produce much needed legislation.

In the 1946 convention the stamp act was renewed. In addition to complying with N. H. P. A. regulations of weight and dimension, to receive official approval, makers of pitching shoes were required to affix a 5 cent stamp (purchased from the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. of America) on each carton containing one pair sold.

In the 1947 convention by unanimous vote, World or National tournaments must have no less than 32 pitchers in the finals and, the player placing 32nd, shall receive no less than \$50.00. The bid of \$3000.00 for the 1948 tournament, to be held in Milwaukee, Aug. 16, to 21, was accepted. It was presented in person by Mr. Guy C. Wertz, of Waukesha, representing the Wisconsin State Centennial.

.. Early in 1947 Mr. Wertz and a committee met in Milwaukee and set up a prize list for 32 players in the finals. In May a letter stating there was room only for 12 courts. In June posters printed in Milwaukee distributed in every section of the U. S. listed only 24 in the finals.

A letter from the President Woodfield to Mr. Wertz called his attention to the resolution in the 1947 convention that no less than than 32 pitchers would be allowed to enter the finals. The Horseshoe News issued 750 Special Bulletins stating there would be 32 men in the finals at Milwaukee. At no time was it made known to visiting N. H. P. A. officials that the courts faced east and west. It was the opinion of all members of the National Assn. there that four more courts could have been built. Placing 32 pitchers on 12 courts was a headache to Sec. Clear { page 3

CONVENTION, TOURNAMENT (CONT.) and Bruce Lyon of San Francisco who worked through one night and part of the following day trying to assign courts to all impartially. With the west end of the courts backed up to a "Sky-ride" At short intervals cars filled with screaming passengers roaring by, it was the general opinion that new records would be almost impossible.

On top of that the perfect set up at Salt Lake City in 1947 had produced records that probably would remain on the books for at least two years. In the light of what happened at Milwaukee it must have been the handicap of constant noise of the roller coaster and the stamina sapping schedule necessary in assigning 32 players on 12 courts that spurred the 32 finalists to greater effort than ever before. A preview of what was to follow appeared when the scores of 90 who tossed 200 shoes in the qualifying round were posted.

20 SCORE 500 POINTS OR MORE

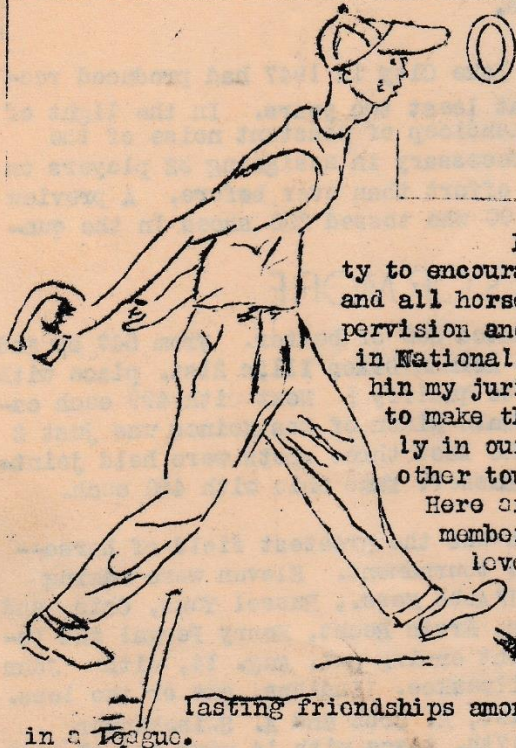
In a possible score of 600 points. 20 counted 500 or better. From 547 by Ted Allen, Casey Jones and Guy Zimmerman 546 each to Norman Dixon Illin 21st. place with 500. (Isais as defending champion not required to qualify) Next with 499 each came Roland Kraft and Alvin Dahlene both of Kans. Dale Dixon of Des Moines was just 2 points shy of the coveted 500 class with 498. The last three spots were held jointly by, Gerald L'Abbe, Mass, Geo Hilst, Ill. and Russell Yaus Ohio with 480 each.

Using the 200 shoe pitch as a measure, here was the greatest field of horse-shoe pitchers ever brought together in a National tournament. Eleven were making their first appearance in the big time. Gerald L'Abbe Mass., Russell Yaus, Ohio, and Jas. Johnson, Ky. From Indiana, Lowell Edmondson, Ervin Recht, Henry Pergal and Peton Printz. Illinois, with their State tournament ending Sat. Aug. 14, with John Lindmeier 1948 champ sent about 30 pitchers to Milwaukee. Indiana, one or two less. First timers from Illinois were N. Dixon, Geo Hilst, E. Cobb and A. Swinehammer. Earl Bomke of New Berlin Ill. finished in 17th. place with 14 wins and 17 lost with 72.5 R%. but he played a definite part in the standings of the first five. His win from Jones prevented the Wisconsin State champ from a tie with Isais and a pitch off for the title. Had Bomke's win from Brownell been the reverse, Tommy would have been in a four way tie for second place. An even split of the four combined prizes would have brought him \$87.50 additional. Ted Allen, Casey Jones and Guy Zimmerman, with 28 wins and 3 losses each split the combined prize money for 2nd., 3rd. and 4th. places three ways. Each claim a piece of 2nd. place, leaving 3rd. and 4th. vacant.

Fernando Isais retained the title of world champion he won in 1947. Two days before the finals started, R. G. Lynch, Sports Editor of the Milwaukee Journal asked has anybody outside of the top five a chance? Fernando reply was, to win a game from one of us, yes. To win the title no. The five of us will settle it. No. 5. was Wayne Nelson who entered the 80 per centage class in 1947. He returned home to Muncie Indiana before the qualification round.

Nelson lost his State title to Arlo Harris, using the count all system, while he favored cancellations. It was rumored that he ^{was} not in the form he displayed at Salt Lake City. Those who watched him warm up in several practise games saw ringers go on with the same regularity as in 1947.

He lost a golden opportunity to prove himself. Brownell and Nelson together, what a team that would have been. Two or three more losses among the top four would have been disastrous. It is highly possible that either could have taken first place. All of this may be second guessing but, it could have happened. The same between these two would be worth the trip to Milwaukee to see. It would have been a living illustration of Rudyard Kipling's famous poem "When East Meets West."



OUR NEW PRESIDENT LOOKS FORWARD

Dear Friends: As your new president, it is my duty to encourage and foster, good fellowship among our members and all horseshoe pitchers and to have, the general care, supervision and direction over all horseshoe pitching interests in National, State and City Associations and all matters within my jurisdiction; to discharge the duties required of me to make this the world's largest sport organization not only in our national tournament, but also in leagues and all other tournaments.

Here are a few facts our National Association should remember; (1) Horseshoe pitching is the greatest social leveler on earth. Regardless of your station in life or work, all are the same in N.H.P.A.

(2) Social advantages: There unlimited opportunity to spread good will and bring closer and lasting friendships among your fellow pitchers if, you organize and pitch in a League.

(3) Business opportunities:- Closer relationship with your league teams aids in our business or occupational work.

Under discussion by the Advisory Board:- Lots hear your opinions on the following.

(A) The management of this Assn. shall be vested in an Advisory Board, composed of representatives from the State Assns. Limited to 12 members, elected or chosen in a manner hereinafter prescribed.

(B) The Advisory Board shall have full control, and shall manage the affairs of the Assn. They shall enforce the objects for which it is organized and shall have full power to discipline any of its members for violations of the Constitution; the laws, rules and regulations of N.H.P.A. or for conduct derogatory to the best interests of the Assn.

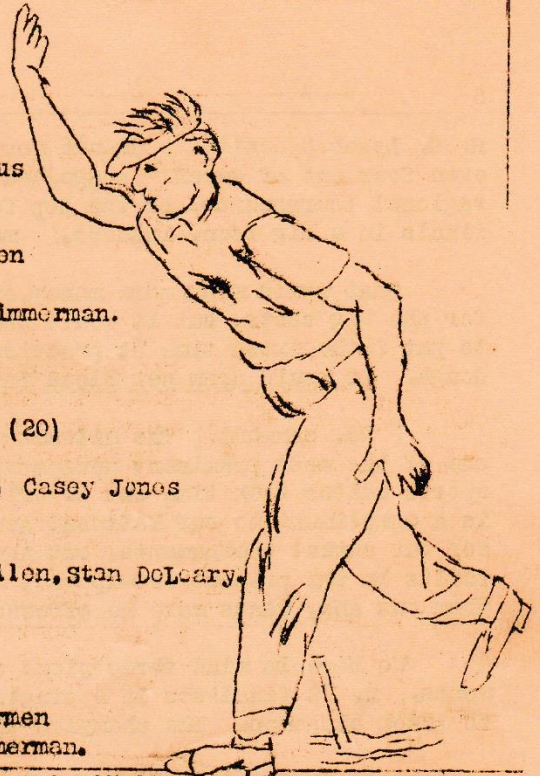
(C) The Advisory Board shall elect it's officers and members of the Executive Comm. at the annual meeting of N.H.P.A. Each State having 1 to 10 members shall all have only one vote. State Assns. having more than 10 members shall have 2 votes. The voters must be duly qualified representatives of affiliated State Assns. Newly elected officers should, take office immediately following the convention of N.H.P.A.

(D) The members of th Executive Comm. may attend and vote with members of the Advisory Board at any meeting of that body but, any individual who is a member of both shall have only one vote.

I am compiling all data in regard to the Ohio mixup and will forward it to the Advisory Board for further discussion. There seems to be much favorable to both sides. The following items are under discussion. (turn to page 8)

PITCHERS SHOWN ON PAGES ARE TRACED FROM THOSE IN MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. ORIGINALS BY ARTIST MEL KISHNER

WORLD RECORDS



Milwaukee 1948

Most consecutive double ringers, one game 29, plus 7 following game total 36. Ted Allen.

Highest score in 200 shoe pitch (547) Ted Allen

Perfect game- 44 ringers 44 shoes pitched Guy Zimmerman.

Most entries, Qualifying Round (90)

Most scores, 500 points or over Qualifying Round (20)

Highest Avg. ringer per cent in tournament (87.5) Casey Jones

Salt Lake City 1947

Most consecutive four ringers (four dead) Ted Allen, Stan DeLoary.

Des Moines Iowa 1940

Most double ringers one game (65) Ted Allen

Most ringers one game (145) Ted Allen, Guy Zimmerman

Most shoes pitched one game (164) Allen and Zimmerman.

Blue Water Festival Open, Port Huron, Mich. July 17-18

	W	L	R	SP	R%	Pts.	Qual.	
(1) W.Konz,	13	2	473	892	.530	690	378	Only three players outside of Michigan made the finals in the First Blue Water Open. Harry Sibert, Union, Paul Focht, Dayton and Bill Konz, Toledo. All in Ohio. Bill Konz was the winner, breaking the tie for 1st place by trimming Joe Latsko in the pitch off. We omitted the DR. column because it extended copy beyond slotted space. Frank Lewandowski, spark-plug of the game in Mich. turned in this report at Milwaukee.
(2) Joe Latsko	13	2	566	870	.650	686	472	
(3) L. Carlberg	12	3	553	906	.610	710	447	
(4) Carl Lundgren	12	3	575	934	.615	699	457	
(5) Jule Winter	11	4	561	1010	.555	718	403	
(6) Lee Jacobs	8	7	539	954	.565	670	429	
(7) Joe Kelly	8	7	501	934	.536	642	437	
(8) Harry Sibert	7	8	359	644	.557	460	389	
(9) Bill Ball	6	9	560	994	.563	653	422	
(10) Paul Focht	6	9	437	884	.494	557	409	
(11) L.Hirschman	5	10	466	940	.496	575	380	
(12) Jones Otto	5	10	437	912	.479	508	378	
(13) Floyd Reinhart	5	10	388	824	.471	498	353	
(14) Alex Clark	4	11	356	804	.442	469	353	
(15) F.Lewandowski	3	12	319	788	.405	418	364	
(16) Del Horton	2	14	233	602	.387	360	400	

California State tournament, San Jose Sep. 18-19

	W	L	Pts.	R	DR	SP	R%	Qual.	
(1) Zimmerman	11	0	550	600	263	682	88.0	264	Harvey Clear, Nat. Sec. Treas. sent us the Calif. results, with a complete summary of player by player. It is a swell job but we did not have the space to print all. Zimmerman carried the edge he holds over Fernando back home. In 682 shoes Guy missed the peg 82 times. His lowest game, 79.6. Five in the 80s. and five in the 90s " Mister that's pitchin"
(2) Isaacs	10	1	523	617	234	806	76.6	276	
(3) Mori	8	3	492	484	165	702	69.0	234	
(4-5) Gray	7	4	443	506	133	706	71.6	240	
(4-5) Pitcomb	7	4	484	640	227	900	71.1	248	
(6) Wayman	5	6	415	479	119	746	64.2	212	
(7-8) Callas	4	7	401	459	114	716	64.1	238	
(7-8) Dolan	4	7	359	443	137	744	59.8	---	
(9-10-11) Ollason	3	8	402	425	117	724	58.7	218	
(9-10-11) Blexrude	3	8	302	376	107	664	57.0	230	
(9-10-11) Lyon	3	8	288	323	83	630	51.1	230	
(12) Clark	1	10	309	413	121	732	56.6	232	

R. G. Lynch. (cont'd.) should meet more than once. "Two out of three games," or even four out of seven" suggested Esais. " If we took the winners of regional tournaments, or the top four from the national and put on the finals in a big town, indoors, maybe we could draw some crowds."

That would mean more money, of course. Sure it would be more money for the big shots, but it would encourage horseshoe pitchers everywhere to put in the extra time at practise to become proficient and cut in on the big dough. It would draw new blood into the sport. R. G. Lynch, Sports Editor The Milwaukee Journal.

(Ed. comment.) The Milwaukee Journal is one of the most prominent newspapers in the United States. That it's sports editor took time out to write the comments published in this issue, is a compliment to our National Assn. He could see a great future for our annual tournaments, but there are in his opinion - faults in the present set-up that must be over-come. He pointed them out and, what's more he offered remedies.

We have in mind three plans of conducting our annual tournaments. A. 32 finalists in a single game round robin. Each player to pitch 31 games. The champion the one winning most games.

B. - 32 finalists. The high 16 to be Class A. The low 16 to be Class B. Winner and runner up in each Class to be players winning most games. In case of tie in qualifying round between No. 16 and 17 or lower, each to pitch 100 shoes to decide standing.

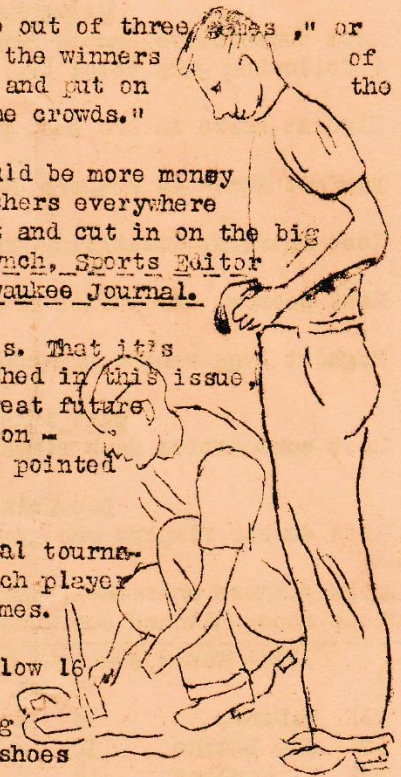
C. - 32 finalists. 16 odd numbers, viz. 1, 3, 5, 7 and etc. to 31 in one group and 16 even numbers to form the second group. Each group to play among themselves a single round robin of 15 games each. Two top men in each to meet in the finals for the title by, # 1. pitching a round robin of two out of three games, or # 2. pitching elimination with top man in odd number group meeting 2nd man in other group and vice versa. The remaining two to pitch no less than two out of three games.

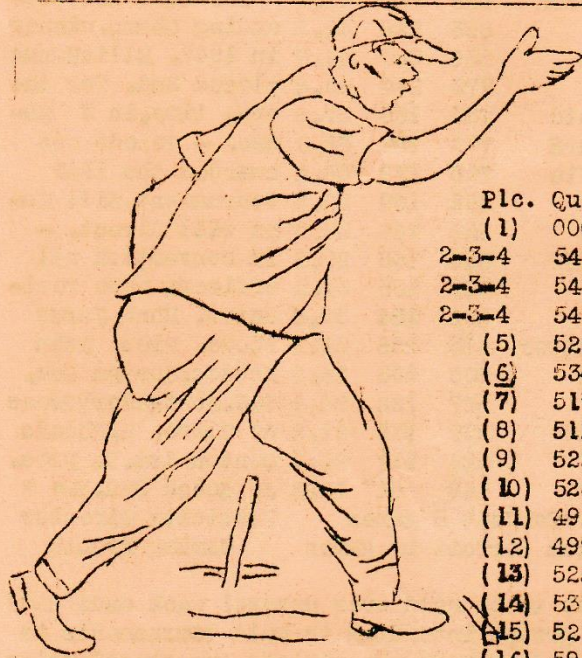
This last plan would be the best show with only four men on the courts on the final day of the tournament. Properly advertised it should draw a large gallery. Starting Mon. with the qualification round, Tue., Wed. and Thur. for the two groups Fri. for the convention meeting and Sat. for the four men finals.

Every member of N.H.P.A. should read the article by Russ Lynch of the Milwaukee Journal, study carefully the three tournament plans then mail a post card to Pop Woodfield, The Horseshoe News, stating which plan you favor. Send a letter if you prefer. All letters and cards will be kept in separate files and finally delivered to the 1949 convention. The number of votes received for each plan will be published in successive issues of The Horseshoe News. In each letter or card state if you will come to the 1949 convention and tournament.

Notice The figures of horseshoe pitchers you see on several pages of this issue are tracings by Pop Woodfield from the originals, by Mel Kishner, Staff artist of The Milwaukee Journal. They were published in the Sunday Aug. 22, edition of that paper, across the full width of one page. H. T. W.

IMPORTANT PLEASE SEND NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS TO POP WOODFIELD





ON THE COURTS

How They Finished At Milwaukee.

Plc.	Qual.	State	R.	SP.	R%	W	L
(1)	000 F. Isais	Cal.	1917	2278	84.2	29	2
2-3-4	547 Ted Allen	Col.	2055	2432	84.5	28	3
2-3-4	546 Casey Jones	Wis.	2159	2468	87.5	28	3
2-3-4	546 G. Zimmerman	Cal.	2069	2406	86.0	28	3
(5)	525 T. Brownell	N. Y.	2015	2492	80.9	27	4
(6)	534 Stan DeLeary	Ariz.	1847	2382	77.5	25	6
(7)	517 Ed. Packham	Cal.	1660	2236	74.2	21	10
(8)	512 L. Edmondson	Ind.	1864	2490	75.0	20	11
(9)	525 Ellis Griggs	Ill.	1820	2418	75.3	20	11
(10)	528 J. Lindmoler	Ill.	1809	2404	75.2	20	11
(11)	492 Jas. Johnson	Ny.	1800	2366	76.0	19	12
(12)	499 Roland Kraft	Kan.	1624	2246	72.3	18	13
(13)	525 O. Harris	Ind.	1642	2288	71.8	18	13
(14)	537 Alvin Gandy	Kan.	1782	2446	72.8	16	15
(15)	521 Louis Dean	Cal.	1667	2318	71.4	16	15
(16)	595 Arlo Harris	Ind.	1738	2374	73.2	14	17
(17)	528 Eark Bomke	Ill.	1767	2438	72.5	14	17
(18)	511 A. Lindquist	W. Va.	1214	1920	63.2	13	18
(19)	521 Arnie Becht	Ind.	1545	2230	69.0	12	19
(20)	520 A. Swinohamer	Ill.	1549	2236	69.3	12	19
(21)	498 Dale Dixon	Ia.	1611	2298	70.1	12	19
(22)	524 Ellis Cobb	Ill.	1461	2162	67.6	11	20
(23)	492 M. Tamboer	Kan.	1577	2270	69.4	11	20
(24)	486 Payton Printz	Ind.	1619	2298	70.0	10	21
(25)	512 Henry Pergal	Ind.	1500	2206	68.0	9	22
(26)	505 Robert Cash	Ohio.	1517	2298	66.0	9	22
(27)	480 Geo. Hilst	Ill.	1451	2136	67.9	8	23
(28)	480 Gerald L. Abbe	Mass.	1381	2134	64.7	7	24
(29)	500 Norman Dixon	Ill.	1427	2196	65.0	7	24
(30)	488 Ray Olms	Utah.	1466	2224	65.9	7	24
(31)	480 Russell Yaus	Ohio	1297	2022	64.1	7	24
(32)	499 Alvin Dahlene	Kan.	Forfeit	-----	-----	-----	-----

"I WILL NOT RETURN NEXT YEAR"

"These are the words of Ted Allen. Just after the last shoe had been pitched in the 1948 tournament at Milwaukee. He was convincing' too and there may be some truth in his statement for it is reported that he will quit touring in exhibitons, take a job as sheriff and be married soon.

Twenty-six years, pitching horseshoes and he will not enter the 1949 tournament.' A world's

championship without Ted. Eleven months before the 1949 event is too early to decide Ted. Be seeing you again on the courts. The best of luck in whatever you do.

Over one third of Casey Jones games were 90 per cent or better. If he had shifted two, one to his game with Bomke and the other to his tilt with Isais, both losses; the latter by one point, he would now be wearing the crown of World Champion. Twice runner up and tie for the same spot in the last three showings he was due to win this year if ever. He should have come out of that nerve wracking conflict with only one loss, and that to Brownell. A loss that Casey could not hurdle because it was chalked

Geo. Hilst & Eddie Packham forfeit one game each to Arner Lindquist. Alvin Dahlene forfeit all games.

Results of Women's Tournament

	W	L
(1) Mrs. Anna Lindquist W. Va.	7	0
(2) Mrs. Pat DeLeary Arizona	6	1
(3) Mrs. Marie Kampschroeder Kan.	5	2
(4) Mrs. Mary Jones Wisc.	4	3
(5) Mrs. Guy Zimmerman Calif.	3	4
(6) Mrs. Margaret Clear Calif.	2	5
(7) Miss. Tamboer Kans.	1	6
(8) Mrs. Dixon Iowa.	0	7



Cartoon especially for Horseshoe News, by J.F. Sullivan of Milwaukee, retired, Staff cartoonist Chicago Tribune.

(Our new President, Con't. from page 4)

- (1.) Definite plans of site for next world tournament.
- (2) Discussion of the point system.
- (3) The Ohio situation.
- (4) Organizatio of National League play.
- (5) Duties of all officers, reimbursements and salaries.
- (6) Should The National Assn. support two papers?

The names of the members of the Advisory Board and the Executive Comm. will be published. The following bids, for our 1949 world tournament are under consideration. Indianapolis, - \$4,000., Salt Lake City, - \$8,000. and a new car, Port Huron Mich. \$3,000. We hope Salt Lake City comes through as we in Indianapolis would like to make it a \$10,000 tournament in 1950.

Very Truly yours
Arlo E. Harris, Pres.
N. H. P. A.

(Editors comment) If the bid from Salt Lake City, is definite, there is no question about where the 1949 meet should be held. -- In regards to Item (5) in the list above. If President Harris means by support of two papers that members of N. H. P. A. should be required to subscribe to one, or both; (speaking for Horseshoe News) the answer is definitely NO. Until at such a time that N.H.P.A. decides to publish it's own paper we would prefer that subscription to the Horseshoe News be optional. We think that Pres Harris had an entirely different idea in mind which we will touch on another page.

The members of the Executive council are the newly elected officers Pres. Arlo Harris, 1st. V. Pres. Byron Jaskulek, 2nd. V. Pres. Guy C. Wertz, 3rd. V. Pres. Louis Dean and Sec. Treas. Harvey W. Clear and they are in charge of the affairs of The National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. of America, until our next convention.

We are very much in favor of an Advisory Board but we will suggest that it should have one member from each of the affiliated State Assns. If an Advisory Board is given full charge of the Affairs of N. H. P. A. it can be done only in a convention meeting. It would require an amendment to the constitution.

As we see it Pres. Harris is starting early to get matters of importance to the welfare of the National Assn. to all of it's members for open discussion through the columns of both The Horseshoe News and The Horseshoe Pitcher. When they come up for enactment at our next convention, all members will be familiar with their provisions. Therefore Items A, B, C and D on page 4 and items 5 and 6 on this page will eventually be offered as amendments or additions to our present constitution.

We firmly believe that all that is needed to build N.H.P.A. into a powerful sports organization are officers capable of making use of the great opportunities that lie ahead. We have the officers. A future policy popular with the majority of our members and, their full cooperation. It Can Be Done. Pop Woodfield

(Casey Jones, cont' from page 7.) up months before at Gloversville New York there were three other names on that list, Fernando Isais, Ted Allen and Zimmerman.

In 1937 Tommy Brownell set as his goal the World's Champion Horseshoe Pitcher. From then until 1946 by constant practise he raised his ringer percentage enough to test it in stiff competition, the world tournament at Des Moines. There he finished in 11th. place winning 13 of his 23 games, with a ringer per cent of 66.5.

At Salt Lake City in 1947 in tougher competition he placed 9th. with 25 games won and 10 lost. He boosted his ringer average to 74.1. Five of his losses were to Isais, Allen, Jones, Zimmerman and Nelson. Early in 1948 he mapped out a plan that should win. He must be able to pitch between 85.0 and 93.0 per cent when it was needed and he knew he would have to do it when he met the top five.

Something went wrong with his plan, when he met Zimmerman. He lost 13 to 50 with only 71.7. Guy hit over 90.0 Isais was next and the plan started clicking. 111 ringers in 126 shoes by Tommy was a little more than Fernando had expected. 88.0 per cent it was, that was nearer to what Tommy had in mind back home. The game ended 50 to 40, Fernando's first loss. Allen grinned when he learned about it.

Brownell was still hot. He beat Gandy and Lindmeier with games of 90 and 86 per cent. It took 102 ringers in 116 shoes for 87.9 to win from Ted 50 to 33. Isais came over and chuckled at Allen. The first three on his next days schedule were Bonke, DeLeary and Jones. He had an 87.9% with Earl but lost as the big fellow from New Berlin Ill. scored in the 80s. He dropped to 73.1% in his third loss to DeLeary because he said he was thinking about Casey, next in order.

Here was the weak spot in his plan, failure to concentrate on the game at hand. He was back in the groove with Casey, winning, 50 to 36 in 128 shoes. His ringer per cent dropped to 85.9. His fourth and final loss was, to Lowell Edmondson who counted 80 to his 33. in 112 shoes.

Brownell's 1947 advance in ringer per cent average over that of 1946 was 07.6 1948 over 1947 was 06.7. If in 1949 he can duplicate the 1948 boost, he will equal Casey Jones world's record of 87.5. He may reach his goal next year but, highest ringer per cent average in a tournament will not insure a clean sweep.

Zimmerman was hot in the 200 shoe pitch. In the first 100 he put on 90 ringers but dropped to 85 in the last half a total of 175 ringers. Casey put together 82 and 92, counting 174 around the stake. Allen topped in total ringers with 177, his first was 90 and his second 87. A difference of only 3 ringers in the three totals. They were even closer in total points, Allen lead with 547, Jones and Zimmerman tallied 546 each. All erased the former record of 544 points, made by Fernando Isais in the 1947 at Salt Lake City.

Here is proof of the slight difference in skill of these four. Here is an interesting fact. Since the 200 shoe pitch has been used in the qualification round no one has come up with a pair of 90 ringer counts. Allen came nearest, at Milwaukee. His 177 ringers is highest to date. It's a new World record and if a close check up of his score shows that he gathered 77 double ringers (provided no other did) He will be credited with four new records in the 1948 meet.

In the 200 shoe pitch in 1947, Ray Gatewood of Los Angeles and Casey Jones chalked up 176 ringers each. Casey making 76 of his, doubles.

Ohio State Tournament at Canton Ohio Sept. 4-5 1948

	Pts.	R.	R%		Pts.	R.	R%	
Russ Yaus	1139	333	66.6	Kenneth Allison	856	223	45.6	Bob Cash was def-
Ellis Hanna	1134	330	66.0	Bill Cash	855	226	45.2	ending Champ. winner
Bob Cash	1119	331	66.2	Ross Alberts	836	220	44.0	in 1947. Ellis Hanna
Hubert Burt	1057	292	59.4	Ed. Stuckey	773	204	40.8	placed 2nd. for the
Elmer Stuckey	1027	296	59.2	Doc Fitzgerald	735	168	37.6	4th. time, in 5 ye-
W.O. Maxwell	1024	295	59.0	Harvey Deckard	709	160	32.0	are. - Toledo was
Bill Konz	1009	288	57.6	Frank Petrolle	708	172	34.4	awarded the 1949
Hal Thompson	982	282	56.4	Hal Fritter	698	169	33.8	tournament. Bill Ko-
Wilbur Crabbs	971	275	55.0	Francis Dray	652	164	32.8	nz will direct. -
James Barnes	970	270	54.0	Ralph Radecker	648	148	29.6	In convention all
Paul Cess	936	262	52.4	Donald Ball	639	155	31.0	officers were reel-
Les Miller	926	274	54.8	Andy Datke	632	154	30.8	ected. Hank Jarus
Frank Haas	924	271	54.2	Gerald Trompower	615	156	31.2	Cleve. Pres. John
Wilbur Snowden	916	278	55.6	Oscar Suarez	608	133	26.6	Kovacs, Canton Sec.
Les Cassler	916	258	50.6	Ray Bowman	567	122	24.4	T.J. Montgomery Treas
Henry Jarus	903	248	49.6	Robert Cramer	539	106	21.2	of Cleve. H. Rhoads
Karl Konter	890	236	47.2	Floyd Sears	524	107	21.4	Canton 1st. V. Pres.
Herbert Rhoads	884	242	48.4	Victor Ross	448	81	16.2	J. Sebek 2nd. V. " "
Lou Anthony	881	244	48.8	Spike Bille	forfeit 3 games			Publicity Director
John Kovacs	867	221	44.2	Ernie McCallum	forfeit 10 games			Coming Events

are, Canton, Stark County Handicap Tournament to be held over several week ends date announced later. Sec. Kovacs, requests all groups intending to hold tournaments to apply for sanctions. The O.H.P.A. will suspend members who violate the constitution by participating in unsanctioned tournaments, Signed John Kovacs, Sec. O.H.P.A.

Scoring 278 ringers in 750 shoes pitched, Scott Bennett, of Mardella, won 13 consecutive games and the title of Wicomico County Champion in the second annual showing of that event. It was held on Johnson's courts in Quantico Road Salisbury Md. in the famous Eastern Shore Section. Started Sept. 4, and finished Sept. 11.

Runner up was Earl White with 12 - 1 and 267 ringers in 706 shoes. Gene Oakley 3rd. 9-3 237 ringers, 750 shoes. 4th. C. Watkins, 10-4, 271 ringers 880 shoes. Troy Vickers 5th. 7-4 188X724. Grover Chatham 6th. 8-6 208X864. Arthur Williams 7th. 7-6 185X732. Bill Parker 8th. 5-7 200X828. Elmer Leutner 9th. 2-10 101X848 Dr. L. J. Robertson 10th. 2-12 214X942. Others who competed were, Dennis Hancock, J. D. Dennis, Donald Insley, Wm. Hurley, J. Lamore, W. Insley and D. Spear.

For the third successive year Jim Garrison won the Carolinas AAU tournament in Winston-Salem. He teamed up with brother Frank to win the doubles title. Making a "Garrison Finish." To win the Singles Crown Jim had to dispose of Sid Welch, Twin-City Ace. George Binkley made it doubly sure for Jim by beating Welch in his only game in the won column.

Prince George County Md. Held it's Third Annual Tournament in Magruder Park, Sept. 9, to 12. Through the enthusiastic efforts of Everett Clift of Brentwood, ably assisted by Lee-Flesman seven times Marland State Champ. C. Clift; Fred Niner Wash. D. C. Ace promoter with a follow through by W. K. Cooper Sec. of Prince George Co. Y.M.C.A. and others, four new courts were built the equal of the best. Hyattsville furnished the material and those mentioned above furnished the labor

Sixteen Qualified for an elimination final. M. Beardsley, M. Poe, W. Hobbs and H/ Litchfield from Laurel and, Lee Flesman, Walter Haley, Francis McDaniel, Bill Walrath, Everett Clift, Harold Clift, C. Clift, R. Grubbs, G. Meyers, L. Robison, H. Boone and G. Myers from Hyattsville and nearby towns.

Grubbs worked his way up through the lower bracket taking 2 games in 3 from Bill Walrath in the semi-finals. Beardsley walked through the upper bracket and won 2 out of 3 from Walter Haley in the top half of the semi-finals. Beardsley took 3 straight games and the title from Grubbs. H. Peake beat E Richards in the consolation. Trophies to Beardsley and Grubbs and a pair of pitching shoes to Peaks.

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Eleven

	W	L	Pts.	R.	DR.	S.P.	R%
(1) C. Jones Wisc.	15	0	775	778	310	986	80.0
(2) Ted Allen Colo.	14	1	705	714	270	950	75.0
(3) Dale Dixon Iowa	12	3	747	659	232	972	68.0
(4) Joe Bennett Ill.	12	3	701	679	241	984	69.0
(5) S. Johnson Iowa	9	6	623	567	173	894	63.0
(6) J. Lindmeier Ill.	9	6	596	623	207	932	67.0
(7) Roland Kraft Kans.	8	7	613	630	205	982	65.0
(8) Alvin Gandy Kans.	8	7	526	575	195	878	65.0
(9) Harold Shaw Iowa	6	9	538	559	158	952	59.0
(10) Harry Henn Ky.	5	10	545	552	153	996	56.0
(11) Ron Cherrier Minn.	5	10	478	516	134	916	56.0
(12) Nelson Vogle Ill.	5	10	447	464	117	836	55.0
(13) Ted Harlan Iowa	4	11	418	435	102	822	52.0
(14) H. Lippincott Iowa	3	12	411	390	91	788	49.0
(15) Ray Hill Mo.	3	12	402	366	82	818	45.0
(16) Clarence Barton Iowa	2	13	232	302	89	514	59.0

The second annual Master's tournament a sports feature of the Hawkeye Holidays celebration was staged on the 8 courts set up at Stewart Square in Des Moines

In 1947 Casey Jones, won all of his 15 games and the title. John Lindmeier was second with 13-2.

This year Casey repeated with a clean sweep, beating Allen in Ted's only loss. But

Barton forfeit 7 games.

Casey did not win. The tournament Committee decided, that with two of the top five tossers in the United States in the tournament that Jones and Allen must pitch a match of best two in three games.

A gallery of 1,500 watched as Allen took the first game 50 to 39. Casey won the second 50 to 44. In the third, Casey piled up a 14 point lead with 39 to 25. Here again was Casey's opportunity to win a tournament from Allen, but Ted made one of his famous recoveries, overcome the lead, won the title in the deciding game 50 to 46.

KANSAS STATE

The Kansas State tournament, held in Lawrence, Sept. 4, 5 and 6 was won by Roland Kraft, last year's winner. He won all of his 15 games. Tamboer lost only to Kraft 32-50. Gandy 3rd. lost to Kraft 36-50 and to Tamboer, 41-50 Dahlene 4th. won 11 lost 4. Tamboer broke the State qualification record of 254 points by counting 263 in 100 shoes. Alvin Gandy was elected President of the State Assn and Roland Kraft Secretary. If Sec. Kraft will send us a tabulated report we will print it in our next issue.

TOPEKA KANS. HOST TO LEIGON

To Perl "Pop" Pepple, goes the credit of staging the First Annual American Leigon of Kansas Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. This may well be the start of a nation-wide participation in this grand old game by other Leigon Posts and eventually end up with a Leigon National Championship at their annual conventions. Here is a report of the tournament as published in the "Gas Sector" official paper of Capitol Post No. 1, American Leigon.

Class A. Winner, Alvin Gandy, 2nd; R. W. Elden, 2211 W. 8th., 3rd; Frank J. Altler of Norcatar, member of Norton Kans. Post. 4th; A. L. Hohnbaum 2006 N. Quincy. Class B. Winner, Perl P. Pepple 1006, E. 8th. St. 2nd; Court Rogan, RR6., 3rd; C. D. Dyer, 1006 Jefferson and 4th; J. L. Wikus, 1205 Mulvane.

(Ed. comment) There must have been thousands of horseshoe pitchers in the armed forces in the late war and remember horseshoe pitching was the third most popular sport in the army while all of these are not members of Leigon Posts there should be enough to make up a first class national Leigon tournament. The American Leigon sponsor sports for others, why not one for members only. Lots of members, especially those from the first world war, watch with alarm a gradually increasing waist line. Get 'em pitching horseshoes and many of them can wear that old uniform hanging in the closet. We have some ideas of how a Leigon tournament can be promoted. We'll pass them on to you if you write Pop Woodfield 4002 Oliver St. Hyattsville Md. We want to learn the names, and addresses of American Leigon Posts in Texas.

LETTERS FROM MILWAUKEE

Mr. and Mrs., Ralph and Marie Kampschroeder of Lawrence, Kansas are one hundred per cent for horseshoe pitching as presented by N. H. P. A. especially the good-fellowship angle. Each year they they tour a different section of America, stopping in many cities. If there are horseshoe courts they locate them, get their shoes in the car and practise. Last July they stopped in Kittery Point near Portsmouth New Hampshire and warmed up on the courts where Chas. Gerrish has been promoting the game for many years. Gerrish was absent but two youngsters were pitching on them.

It's our guess, those boys are still talking about the many interesting angles in the game they learned from those ambassadors of good will. The Kampschroeders arrange their schedule to arrive in the city where the world's tournament is held. They take movies of our tournaments one year and show them on the screen the next. Ralph operates the projector, Marie tells who is doing what and where. A great team.

Marie never misses an opportunity to add to the entertainment of the members. She learned that Ted Allen's Mother and Father who made the trip to Milwaukee from Boulder Colorado were married 57 years ago Friday Aug. 20. She made a nice preliminary speech about a couple that had lived together happily for many years then, called Mr. And Mrs. Allen to the center of the courts and presented them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and there was something else in the vase.

Mr. Allen said it was a long time to live with one women. Mrs. Allen agreed in reverse. Ted came out and kissed his mother, then the members of N.H.P.A. formed in line to offer their congratulations. It was a double anniversary. It was also the 79th. year for Mr. Allen. Mrs. Kampschroeder in closing said, now that everybody is happy, lets get on with the tournament. (That pleasant interlude helped lots to relieve the tension)

"THE HORSESHOE PITCHER"

We have just received a copy the new Horseshoe publication, " The Horseshoe Pitcher." It's editor and publisher is, Byron Jaskulek, our First Vice President. Widely known in horseshoe pitching centers all over the country as " Jake " In his editorial he requests comment. Here is mine.

The high lights of his editorial are cotained in one sentence " As a Property, this is my publication, but when it comes to horseshoe matters it belongs to Every-One interested in our game." Thus in the very beginning Jake establishes a policy that will bring success to his paper provided, that the horseshoe pitchers do their part, and that part is, send him news, comments and your subscriptions. There will be only the most friendly rivalry between The Horseshoe Pitcher and The Horseshoe News. The combined subscription costs wouldn't purchase a good size steak.

To all who had a part in the friendly testimonial to me at Milwaukee
my sincere appreciation. Pop Woodfield.

THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS

With one exception since 1940 the letters N. H. P. A. were worn on players shirts for the first time in a national tournament at Milwaukee. In those years the 1948 tournament was the first to have a display of the association's name on the courts. N. H. P. A. must become known everywhere if we are to grow. Every member can help. Lots of news left over for the next issue of Horseshoe News.

GOOD LUCK JAKE. POP.