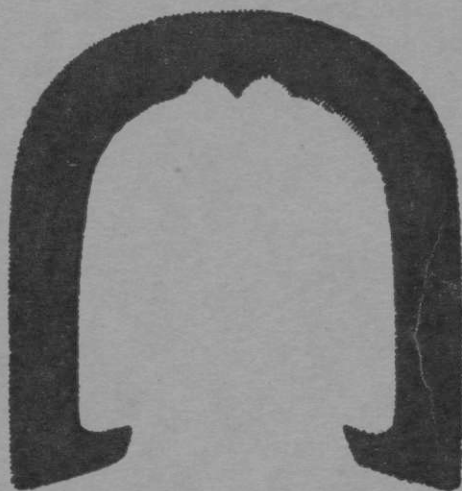


THE HORSESHOE PITCHER

Official Organ of
The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
of America



SEPTEMBER, 1953

Vol. 6

No. 1

EDITORIAL

Because there are so many tournament results to report this month it will be impossible to publish most of the articles so many of you were kind enough to send in to me. Will make up for it in the next months issue. Am proud to report that this issue begins the sixth year of publication of The Horseshoe Pitcher.

* * *

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

Thanks for the confidence you have placed in me to represent you as President of this great N.H.P.A. I hope I can do the things you want done but to accomplish this I must have the cooperation of each of you.

I want to congratulate you on the wise selection you have made in the rest of your officers and I am sure they will fulfill the duties of their respective offices. We have come a long way in putting the horseshoe game where it belongs in the field of sports, but we still have much to do. I believe the greatest step forward was made at the 1953 National Convention when our past president Louis Dean, along with two progressive newcomers Carl Steinfelt from New York, and Truman Standard from Illinois, suggested a new method of play for National Tournaments. The three methods suggested by these men have already been given much consideration and I think either one would be a great improvement over the one we now use. Your executive council will decide on the one to be used next year and soon it will be printed in this magazine. The site for the 1954 National Tournament has not been set but I hope we will all meet again at Murray, Utah.

DALE E. DIXON

* * *

SECRETARY'S DIARY

FRIDAY, July 17, 1953—9:00 P.M.

We're on our way at last. Wonder what we forgot this time. Hope it has cooled off in the desert. Must be a rough stretch along here. OH! NO! A flat tire and only 30 miles from home! Here we go again. Thank goodness for the rain—the desert is cool.

SATURDAY, July 18—5:00 P.M.

Ah! El Rancho Murray—home again. Who's that? Hope and Fernando, Jeanne and Carl (Hope's brother and wife) and some cool refreshments. Unpacking can wait. Linda (the Isaies daughter) was fishing, as usual. Lots of people already here. Lots of new ones, too—Mr. and Mrs. Fulton from Carlisle, Pa., for instance. By the way, they are newlyweds. Finally settled—shower, and now to eat—at Pete Harman's cafe, of course. Naturally we detour around by the courts. There's Arch Stokes, on hand as usual. Dale Dixon (Des Moines, Iowa), Ralph and Mrs. Phillips from Portland, Oregon.

M-m-m-m! Food! Pete's Kentucky Fried Chicken—nothing like it. After a chat with the Harmans it was home to bed.

SUNDAY, July 19.

Beautiful day—Hot! More and more pitchers arrive; most of them with their families.

2 P. M. We all congregate at the Tennis Courts to see the selecting

of the Queen. Glad I wasn't an official judge! Man! What a job—Lovely gals! Fernando (lucky guy) crowned Lola Flowers "Miss Ringer" of 1953. She had two attendants: Beth Oliver and Marilyn Hadfield.

7 P.M. All courts are busy. Looks as though the tournament is in progress. Surprise! Sam Somerhalder and his wife, Marjean, are here! Haven't seen them since the 1940 tournament in Des Moines. Met some newcomers—Lee Davis (N. J.), Bagley (Conn.), Cessna (Colo.), Efflandt (Illinois), Fraser (Calif.), Long (Illinois), Luoto (Wash.), Lewis and Lloyd Monasmith (Wash.), Standards (Illinois), Tate (Ill.), Zumwalt (Calif.), Sanders (Indiana).

Casey and Mary Jones finally arrive in a beautiful red convertible. Thought for a long time that it was theirs. Katie and I pitched a few shoes—and so to bed.

MONDAY, July 20.

Hope our boy, Donnie, has a happy birthday. He's 11 years old today. Up goes the tent, tables, chairs, telephone, and all the paraphernalia to make things comfortable, appear as if by magic. Shelley and his men do a fine job there. Mention anything you need from a straight pin to a left-handed monkey wrench and they either have it or will get it before you can say "Jack Robinson." Incidentally, the county boys did a fine job keeping stakes replaced. Had quite a few break and they were johnny on the spot and had them in shape in jig time.

Jake and Mrs. Jaskulek, along with son, Julian, arrive. They introduce us to Steinfeldt (Eastern National Champ) and his buddy, Charles Myers—both of Rochester, N. Y. Mighty nice fellows.

Evening comes and the boys start putting their money on the line—getting ready to qualify. Chapelle (Ore.) was first to qualify in 1952 and he did it again this year—got a good score, too—508.

The officials go to West Jordan and dedicate new courts there—Miss Ringer accompanies them. Very nice ceremony!

It was almost 11 P.M. before we called it a night. Associated Press was on the ball, calling for results. Then to Pete's and finally to bed.

TUESDAY, July 21.

This is THE DAY!

While breakfasting at Pete's heard a familiar scotch brogue. Peering over the booth who should be there but Claude Wright—old friend of Monterey Park days. Ah! Well! Small world!

Started around 9 A.M. Several qualified during the day, but the big rush came in the cool—cool of the evening.

Then we hear—"Am I in?" "Who's the 36th man?" "How many have qualified?" "Who hasn't pitched yet?" "Gosh! I hope I can make the B Class." "Whew! Ted Allen just shot 556—A New World's Record!" "That boy's hot this year." And so it went. Some slept easy that night—others would waken and wonder.

WEDNESDAY, July 22.—9 A.M.

A few stragglers qualified and by noon (the deadline) we had signed and scored 70 qualifiers.

Rush—rush—rush! Get the names to the printers for the schedules to be given to the public. Those schedules are certainly popular. Our thanks to Pete Harman and Paul Ravarino of Ravarino Service Station for the printing of them. Had the schedules set up for 7 games per day as usual—it was changed to 8—making 3 games for the last night in order to have time to present awards at a Victory Banquet. Changed the cards—started filling in the statistics board. Handed out files to all pitchers. They were donated by Nicholson File Co., of Providence, R. I. Many thanks! Scorekeeper, scorekeeper, who'll be a scorekeeper?

4 P.M. The big ceremony starts. There was singing—commissioners introduced—the first shoes were pitched(?). "Miss Ringer" declared the 1953 World Championship Horseshoe Pitching Tournament officially

opened. The guys are lined up—all look very sharp, each one with his name and address on his shirt (had to wear it to qualify, too). They're off! The grind has begun. Looks like a tournament that's unpredictable this year—most of them are—but this one looks a little more so. AP is right on the dot, getting the results. Had special calls from pitchers from N. Y., Kans., Iowa, Ill., Mo. People in those areas kept hounding the wire services and newspapers in order to know about their boys. That's good! Wish the whole country would do it—that gets publicity. AP reports they have never had so many calls about horseshoe pitchers before—really made an impression. Tom Oliver gave a whole case of Baby Ruth candy bars m—m—good!

THURSDAY, July 23—9 A.M.

Ladies and Juniors pitch on Murray courts. "B" Class starts at West Jordan Courts. Dave Loucks leads the Junior pack. Pat DeLeary and Katie led the women and Pete Dahlene (Kans.) is out in front for the "B" Class.

After schedule cards are brought up to date, sharpen pencils, round up the scorekeepers, we go again!

Junior Chamber of Commerce is on hand again with the Snack Shack—wonderful guys. A free hot dog and pop per day for all pitchers, scorekeepers and tournament workers—in fact the book was good for \$2.50 in food and drinks. A thousand thanks. Thanks also to the merchants of Murray. Merchandise prizes kept pouring in. During the tournament we had prizes from: Connor's Jewelry Co., Harman's Cafe, Pronto Drive-In, Conoco Service, Quality Oil Co., Lee Hoffman's Windmill Inn, Hong Kong Long Cafe, Fuller & Miller Co., Erickson Freeze Service, Frank's Mendit Shop, Ken Singleton's Auto Service, Sinclair Oil Co., Vernal's Cafe, Draper Poultrymen Inc., Bob Mulholland, Crowley's Drug Store, Midvale Lumber Co., Thomas Oliver, Murray J. C. Sounded like a car back-firing. No, I believe they were shots. Casey lost two games tonight. This is NOT his year, I guess. Here come the faithful firemen to wash the courts.

What do you know! We scooped the AP! Had a shooting at the entrance to the Park—one guy killed. That explains the shots. Told the AP about it when they phoned for the results. Checked in at Chick's Place—then Pete's and so to bed.

FRIDAY, July 24.

No pitching this morning. This is the big day for Utah! Also a big day for Arch Stokes (his birthday), also a big day for Katie and me—(our 23rd wedding anniversary). Took my harem—Mary Jones, Helen and Joan Dixon, and Katie down to the parade. It was a dandy. Took some movies of it for Steinfeldt. The horseshoe float was really something. "Miss Ringer" and her two attendants were at one end and they watched the horseshoe pitchers pitch shoes on a miniature court during the entire parade. Fernando, Ted, Steinfeldt, Titcomb, Dixon and Casey Jones took turns (two pitching at a time) and they made ringers, too. The sides of the float had pennants depicting the various states represented. We had 20 different states this year. Paul Rose and his crew did a wonderful job on that. In fact, they did a wonderful job during our stay in Murray.

Whew! It's hot! Head for Pete's and a cool drink. Checked in at the motel. Well, look who's here—Grace Zimmerman—that means Guy is pretty close by. Sure enough—the old boy himself—giving directions on how to find the post office. Of course their co-partners, Harvey and Margaret Clear are with them and we all have a grand reunion. Open house—Gandys' Jones, Isaies, Titcombs, Moris, Callases, Dixons—then we introduce Steinfeldt and Myers. Have to dash to the courts. Wonder if there'll be any upsets tonight. Better keep an eye on Titcomb—he's pitching beautiful shoes. Sure enough—he comes through (even winning

from Jones) for 24 games, without a loss. A big roar from the crowd—applause—groans—who did what Steinfeldt takes Fernando 50—38. Wow! Anderson gives Ted a run for his money. They had 11 consecutive 4-deads at the beginning of the game (one short of the record) Incidentally Anderson and Fernando did the same thing last year). Ted is climbing ahead in score—but Anderson hangs on. Final score 50—30. Imagine pitching 84.2 and only getting 30 points! Ted had 91.2 for 114 shoes! Please pass the "612". These mosquitoes are jet propelled. Goodnight! Allen is having another toughie. Louie Dean is giving him trouble. It's 25—25 at the end of 72 shoes. The crowd is really eating it up. 92 shoes—and Louie forges ahead 32—31. Now Allen is in front 40—35, at the end of 104 shoes. Suspense! Suspense! The score is tied 40 all. 124 shoes have been pitched. What a game! Allen pulls ahead and finally wins after 142 shoes—longest game of the tournament. Score 50—43. Allen pitched 85.7 and Dean 82.8. That's pitching shoes.

Checked in at Chick's for some refreshments before hitting the hay. Wonderful host!

SATURDAY, July 25.

Juniors and Ladies wind up their tournaments in the morning. Dave Loucks (San Francisco), again is champ. Pat DeLeary (Phoenix) regains women's title. We have some fine pitchers coming up in the Junior bracket—some of the gals, too. Elna Lindquist (West Va.), Vicki Chapelle (Ore.), and Gertie Lou Selby (Colo.). Watch out next year. "B" Class finished in a four way tie. Tate (Ill.) won the play-off.

Saturday Night—(Tomorrow we rest).

What a start! Steinfeldt did it again! Yes sir, he knocked off Titcomb (his first defeat) 50—29. It was on the same courts that he beat Fernando. During the break the officials presented trophies to the winners of the Junior, Ladies, and "B" Class tournaments.

Golly! Dixon got Fernando 50—40. Mr. "T" missed his last six shoes—practically unheard of in his history.

I'm afraid that wind is going to spoil things. Looks like we'll quit early tonight. Yep! Some of them quit and some finish. All but five pegs finished the 31st round.

Big party at the Recreation Hall. Nice turn-out. Horseshoe pitchers are good singers and dancers, too!

SUNDAY, July 26.

Arose Late! Everyone is taking it easy today. Katie and I have to work. Books to get in order, final reports to be made ready for convention tomorrow. No rest for the wicked (the righteous don't need it).

Returned from a late lunch and who should drive in but Jack West and a brand new bride! We all gathered in the Clear-Zimmerman room and saw pictures of last year's tournament, taken by Jack. They were wonderful. Went into convulsions when he ran them backwards. Jack has compiled a book on horseshoes that sounds very interesting. Wonder if it will be published.

Paul Mori received news of his uncles' death. He and his wife had to leave. The Callases accompanied them. Our deepest sympathy to the Moris. The decision as to what to do about Paul's games was left to the tournament committee. There are many angles to be considered in a case of this sort. It involves so many people. Final decision was that all of Mori's games should be forfeited.

Worked late. And so to bed.

MONDAY, July 27—9 A.M.

Ray Ohms and Roy Getchell audited books—found them to be O.K. Convention at Recreation Hall.

After lunch very short rest period. Then back to work.

From the looks of things we won't get started on time. Wind is

blowing a gale. Can't possibly start pitching. Short conference of tournament committee and at the suggestion of several, it was decided to have the banquet during the windstorm—then finish pitching.

After much scurrying, informing people, lining up the cars—getting a police escort—we are finally on our way. There's a crowd waiting to see the pitching. Hope they don't get discouraged and go home. Beautiful drive up the canyon—we rode with the Standards—very enjoyable couple.

Everything was in readiness to eat—such a bountiful table! They served 200 people. Commissioners were introduced—Champions Pat De Leary, Milton Tate and David Loucks were presented. A beautiful plaque made by Dan "Whitey" Howarth was presented to Arch Stokes. Then our names were called. Wonder what this is all about! Mary Jones presented us with a beautiful anniversary card signed by horseshoe pitchers and friends and a lovely overnight bag—then came Hope Isais with a suitcase, and we were floored—but when Anna Lindquist and Helen Dixon each came forth with another piece of luggage—we were absolutely flabbergasted! It was such a wonderful, generous gesture and we are very appreciative.

Well, we finally came down from Pink Cloud No. 7, and got back to the courts ready for the last go round. Wonder of wonders! 9 P.M. when we returned and we could scarcely find a parking spot. Such a mob; they had waited all this time to see the big finale. Gave us a very warm feeling, I'll tell you. A big bouquet of flowers decorated the tent. They were set to Arch Stokes by that very thoughtful horseshoe pitcher, Ellis Cobb of Illinois.

There were some wonderful games pitched—Titcomb gave Isais a good game—ended 50—45 in Fernando's favor. Titcomb pitched 81.1 against Allen but only got 30 points. Allen had an 84.4 game. It went for 122 shoes.

Monasmith also gave Allen a good game. It was 50—29 in Ted's favor. John pitched 80.1 against Ted's 84.1. At the same time that Ted



HORSESHOE AWARDS

TROPHIES

MEDALS

BUTTONS

EMBLEMS

Catalog on Request

JOHN RITCHIE COMPANY

198 Broadway, New York 38, N. Y.

and Monasmith were battling, there was a beautiful game being played between Casey Jones and Fernando. It was nip and tuck all the way through. It was anyone's game until the last shoe was thrown. The game was Casey's best of the tournament. They battled for 132 shoes. The score ended Casey 50 and Fernando 48. Casey had 84.6 and Fernando 82.5.

A wrist watch which was donated by Connor's Jewelry Co., was given away. It was decided that everyone should have a chance at it, so all of the games of the pitchers was put in the hat and a name was drawn. G. Lowell of Long Beach was the lucky man.

Allen goes into the last round undefeated. Will Fernando do it again? The battle starts. Still a terrific crowd even though it's 1 A.M. It was another thriller—ending Fernando 50 and Ted 46. They pitched 128 shoes. Both of them dropped a bit in percentage. Fernando having 78.9 and Ted 77.2, but that is still a lot of pitching, considering the pressure, lateness of the hour, etc. So, the 1953 World's Championship Tournament is over. We have a new Champion—Ted Allen—and his trophy is presented by one of the Commissioners. Congratulations to a great pitcher! He averaged 83.2 for the entire tournament.

I'd like to pay a tribute, here, to a great horseshoe pitcher. I have never seen anything but good sportsmanship shown by our former champion. He is always a gentleman, a great winner, and (what is equally important) he is a great loser. We're very proud to have him as our friend—Fernando Isais!

There's the usual hubbub following the tournament. The faithful tent gals have things pretty well lined up. Checks are presented to the tired tossers, didn't have to phone results because an AP representative was on hand all evening taking the dope. We made a believer out of him, too. He was really impressed, and I'll bet he'll be on hand next year—right from the beginning—PROVIDING we are back in Murray.

We end at Pete's for a few minutes—talk things over in the Kentucky Room. Lights went out as we entered. (Pete was so busy with horseshoe pitchers he probably forgot to pay his bill.) Standard's flashlight furnished the soft glow. Left the gang getting ready to eat—we're too tired! Ho hum! Good ole bed!

It was a good tournament, wasn't it?

Gee, I'm tired.

Wasn't that a wonderful crowd? And they stayed until 1:40 A.M. to see the finish!

Gosh! I'm tired!

Wonder where we'll be next year.

Golly! I'm tired!

GOODNIGHT!

CALIFORNIA

By ELMER O. BELLER

ONTARIO CALIFORNIA, Aug. 9, 1953

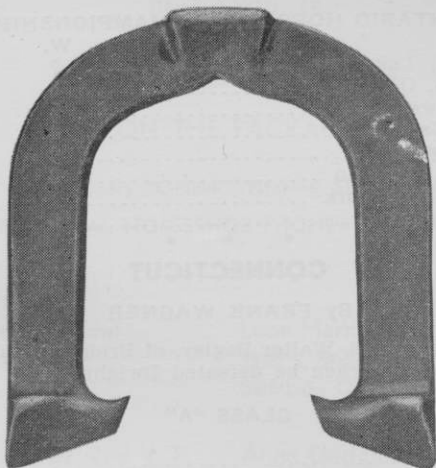
Southern Calif. "B" Championship Tournament

	W.	L.	%
1. Geo. Sechrist, Huntington Park	8	1	67.3
2. Geo. Hook, Ontario	7	2	68.5
3. James Weeks, Norwalk	7	2	66.5
4. Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach	6	3	65.2
5. Ray Arnold, Goelta	5	4	61.6
6. Norman Smith, Culver City	4	5	56.4

Dixon Victory Horseshoe

This shoe has been tried and approved
by the best pitchers of the nation.

Designed for easier grip and natural turn.
Will not raise sharp places to cut hands.



N.H.P.A. APPROVED

PRICE PER PAIR **375**

WRITE FOR QUANTITY PRICES

Dixon Victory Horseshoe Co.

2620 FORTY-NINTH STREET

•

DES MOINES, IOWA

7. Curtis Brown, Los Angeles	3	6	67.4
8. John Frizzell, Long Beach	3	6	56.1
9. Harry Dolan, Fontana	2	7	58.9
10. Wm. Shoemaker, Monrovia	0	9	50.4

Southern Calif. "C" Championship Tournament

	W.	L.	%
1. Roy Reed, Paramount	8	1	56.8
2. Elick Keith, Cucamonga	8	1	48.6
3. Harry Morse, Downey	7	2	49.2
4. Nick Port, Santa Monica	5	4	44.2
5. Larry Geer, San Gabriel	5	4	39.8
6. Ralph Navaro, South Gate	5	4	32.3
7. Geo. Easterling, Los Angeles	3	6	40.0
8. Archie Gregson, Crestline	2	7	35.9
9. Fred Holton, Venice	1	8	26.3
10. Geo. Lowe, Los Angeles	1	8	24.4

* * *

CANADA

By H. E. BLACKMAN

ONTARIO HORSESHOE CHAMPIONSHIP

	W.	L.	%
1. W. Woodward, Lakeview	7	0	69.0
2. D. McLaughlin, Oshawa	6	1	69.0
3. S. Fritz, Listowel	5	2	66.0
4. G. Edwards, Galt	4	3	58.0
5. P. Gunn, Islington	3	4	51.0
6. R. Williamson, Toronto	2	5	50.0
7. V. Matthews, East York	1	6	41.0
8. J. Parfitt, Beaches	0	7	39.0

* * *

CONNECTICUT

By FRANK WAGNER

On Sunday August 16, Walter Bagley, of Bridgeport, defending champion, retained his title when he defeated Dwight Smith of Southington, former state champion.

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. W. Bagley	9	0	59.6
2. D. Smith	8	1	58.4
3. A. Popp	6	3	51.5
4. W. Kamszak	6	3	44.1
5. J. Blomquist	5	4	44.3
6. R. Barrows	4	5	45.7
7. J. Dudik	2	7	47.7
8. A. Arsenault	2	7	36.1
9. C. Reed	1	8	36.0
10. R. MacKiel	1	8	38.7

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. M. Vecchitto	8	1	44.4
2. F. Wagner	7	2	43.7
3. J. Rose	7	2	38.1
4. F. Smith	5	4	41.5
5. D. Harrison	5	4	38.3

JOIN and SUPPORT . .

**THE
NATIONAL HORSESHOE
PITCHER'S ASSOCIATION**

ACCEPT NO HORSESHOES
UNLESS YOU SEE
THE
N.H.P.A. OFFICIAL STAMP
ON THE PACKAGE

These are the only "Official" Pitching Shoes Approved by
THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHER'S ASSOCIATION

Dale Dixon, President
2640 49th Street
Des Moines, Iowa

Leon Harmon, 1st V. P.
3890 S. State
Salt Lake City, Utah

John Lindemeier, 2nd V. P.
2030 S. 18th Avenue
Maywood, Ill.

Anna Lindquist, 3rd V. P.
305 6th Street
Morgantown, W. Va.

Cletus Chapelle, 4th V. P.
7018 N. Greenwich
Portland, Ore.

Mary Jones, Treasurer
Random Lake,
Wisconsin

Archie Gregson, Secretary
Crestline, California

6. P. Serkolit	4	5	37.0
7. V. Spevok	4	5	36.8
8. E. Hylwa	3	6	34.8
9. W. Schustek	1	8	29.8
10. E. Ruddock	1	8	26.8

* * *

ILLINOIS

CANTON, ILLINOIS, July 5

	W.	L.	%
1. Milton Tate, Peoria	6	0	
2. Truman Standard, Canton	5	1	
3. J. Lindmeier, Broadview	5	1	
4. Melvin Utley, Chicago	5	1	
5. Ellis Cobb, Aurora	5	1	
6. Earl Bomke, Springfield	4	2	
7. H. Shaw, What Cheer, Ia.	4	2	
8. Glen Anderson, Moline	4	2	
9. Dale Dixon, Des Moines	3	2	
10. Leslie Long, Sterling	3	2	
11. Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls	3	2	
12. Dale Terry, Moline	3	2	
13. John Paxton, Ottumwa, Ia.	3	2	

Although Bomke and Dixon scored more points than the final winner, they lost two games and were eliminated.

Ellis Cobb was winner of Class "B"

* * *

IOWA

By C. HOPKINS

Here is a report on the Davenport tournament, July 4th.

John Lindmeier of Broadview, Ill. won first place in the annual Mississippi Valley Open Horseshoe Tournament at LeClaire courts in Streator, Ill. finished in a tie for first, Lindmeier won the play-off.

Lindmeier, Elliss Griggs of Plainville, Ill and Norman Dixon of Davenport, July 4th.

Ellis Cobb of Aurora, Ill. finished first in Class B with no losses, the only tosser undefeated.

Melvin Utley of Chicago, took Class "C" honors with 6—1. Ernest Danielson of West Burlington, Ia., had the top total points to win in Class "D".

Truman Standard of Canton, Ill. was the best qualifier with 259 points of a possible 300.

* * *

TRI-STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Riverside Park Courts, Ottumwa, Iowa

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Truman Standard, Canton, Ill.	7	0	
2. John Paxton, Ottumwa, Ia.	5	2	
3. Glen Anderson, Moline, Ill.	5	2	
5. Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls	3	4	
6. Well Taylor, Grand River, Ia.	3	4	
7. Ernie Danielson, Burlington	1	6	
8. Jim Wilkinson, Peru	0	7	

CLASS "B"

1. Harold Shaw, What Cheer, Ia.	6	1
2. Francis Rogers, Cedar Falls	5	2
3. Charley Hopkins, Ottumwa	5	2
4. Dale Terry, E. Moline, Ill.	4	3
5. Clark Kaiser, Vinton, Ia.	4	3
6. Harry Page, Waterloo, Ia.	3	4
7. Marion Lange, Bondurant, Ia.	1	6
8. Gene Lawyer, Canton, Ill.	0	7

* * *

KANSAS

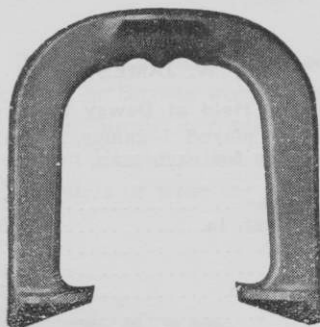
By P. P. PEPPLÉ

AMERICAN LEGION KANSAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Alvin Gandy, Topeka	7	0	
2. Max Esch, Pittsburg	6	1	
3. Charles Walker, Topeka	4	3	
4. Jack Reed, Topeka	4	3	
5. R. W. Eldien, Topeka	3	4	
6. Paul Hauserman, Topeka	2	5	
7. Selbert Gandy, Topeka	1	6	
8. Don Martin, Salina	1	6	

THE OHIO HORSESHOE CO.



The choice of many champions who have made world's records during the thirty-three years the Ohio shoe has been on the market.

Made in 4 tempers. Write for quantity prices.

OHIO HORSESHOE COMPANY

(Makers of quality pitching shoes for 32 years.)

Station F

Columbus, Ohio

CLASS "B"

1. Paul Bethel, Topeka	7	0
2. James Oberer, Topeka	5	2
3. Eugene McCart, Topeka	5	2
4. Vernon Brack, Great Bend	4	3
5. Courtney Rogan, Topeka	3	4
6. J. L. Wikus, Topeka	2	5
7. Robert Hejtmanek, Topeka	2	5

* * *

MAINE

The State Meet as Seen by Charley

The Maine state title for horseshoe championship held at Auburn on August 30 was again won by Charley Gerrish of Kittery Point for the fourth straight year. A gruelling round robin of 14 players in the unshaded heat wave condition was enough to put out three of the pitchers, long before the all day grind was completed. The seeded No. 2 Merrill Barnes of Brewer, former state champion, who was reported doing a 70 per cent ringer average this year wound up in 12th position under the keen competition he met, as he was able to win only two games.

Runner-up position was won by Roland Boudreault of Lewiston. He was the only man to win a game from Champ Gerrish in the 14 games they played. Boody's loss in the round robin was to Joe Davis of Westbrook. Third place was won by Joe, 12 wins and two losses. 4th place, Porter Clark of Auburn, 10 wins, 3 losses. Fifth, Paul Tobey of Kittery Point, 9—4. Sixth, Sam Davis, Portland, 8—5. 7th, Thurlow Lord, 7—6. Eighth was R. Thurlow, Auburn, 5—8. Ninth, 10th, 11th tied C. Haley, E. Auburn; D. Madore, Oldtown, and Ben Sibley, Oldtown, 4—9. 12th Barnes, 2—11; 13th and 14th, tied Austin Bearce and Bob Russell, Bangor, with each winning but 1 game.

* * *

NEBRASKA

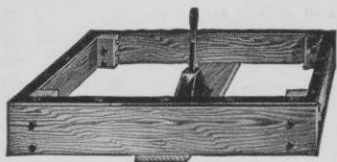
By W. JAMES

Nebraska Open Tournament Held at Dewey Park, Omaha, Aug 9, 1953

All except the top four played 7 games, the high 4 then played a round robin of 3 more games for each man.

	W.	L.	%
1. Sam Somerhalder, Kansas	9	1	
2. Harold Shaw, What Cheer, Ia.	9	1	
3. Howard Robinson, Nebr.	7	3	
4. Joe Hill, Radcliffe, Ia.	5	5	
5. Tom Novacek, Omaha, Neb.	5	2	
6. Walt Downs, Kelly, Ia.	5	2	
7. Earl Wiges, Exira, Ia.	5	2	
8. Joe Foster, Omaha, Neb.	3	4	
9. Paul Neve, Council Bluffs	3	4	
10. M. Lange, Bondurant, Ia.	3	4	
11. Tom Dukes, Omaha	3	4	
12. Marvel Bean, Prole, Ia.	2	5	
13. Willard James, Council Bluffs	2	5	
14. Chas. Smith, Council Bluffs	2	5	
15. Al. Swanson, Kelley, Ia.	0	7	
16. Tom Dukes, Jr., Omaha	0	7	

* * *



**READY-TO-
INSTALL**



Pitching Horseshoe COURTS

Ready to install. Box and stake-holder set solidly in the ground so they cannot work loose or become wobbly and cause a miss. Stake always at correct angle. Sturdy in construction, will last for years. Ask for information on Diamond line of Pitching Horseshoes and Accessories at your dealers or write for booklet "How to Organize a Horseshoe Club".

DIAMOND CALK
HORSESHOE COMPANY

4615 GRAND AVENUE



DULUTH, MINNESOTA

NEW JERSEY

Bill Kolb wins State Championship again. He and "Doc" Berman also won the New Jersey State Doubles Championship. (Double or Nothing.)

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. W. Kolb	7	0	70.8
2. P. Hamas	5	2	62.0
3. S. Berman	5	2	60.2
4. L. Davis	4	3	59.9
5. P. Puglise	4	3	55.5
6. F. McCrink	2	5	54.1
7. J. Walsh	1	6	46.6
8. A. Nugent	0	7	44.6

CLASS "B"

1. A. Ward	4	1	53.0
2. W. Darling	4	1	47.2
3. A. Gerber	3	2	43.8
4. J. Mitchell	3	2	41.1
5. J. McCrink	1	4	33.0
6. M. Hymen	0	5	30.3

CLASS "C"

1. W. Haring	5	0	48.8
2. H. Phillips	3	2	29.1
3. H. VanOman	3	2	28.7
4. A. Piatt	2	3	38.2
5. E. Pretranski	2	3	28.9
6. W. Hymen	0	5	18.4

CLASS "D"

1. R. Hendricks	2	1	22.4
2. L. Hymen	1	2	17.8

* * *

NEW YORK

The New York State Championship games were held over the Labor day week end on the specially constructed courts on the grounds of the K of C in Hoosick Falls. The K of C not only sponsored the tournament but opened their entire building for the use of the contenders and their friends. They also had beds installed to accommodate 25 pitchers at a very nominal fee. During the many showers that fell in between games everyone played cards, ping-pong, pool and most everything else until the sun shined again. There was also a tent where the folks could buy refreshments, soda, hot dogs, etc. The New York State pitchers want to express their thanks for the wonderful accommodations they had.

16 MAN ROUND ROBIN

	W.	L.	%
1. C. Steinfeldt	15	0	76.0
2. T. Brownell	11	4	72.1
3. J. Zichella	11	4	70.4
4. V. Fileccia	11	4	69.6
5. A. Natale	11	4	67.9
6. G. LaRose	10	5	68.6
7. A. Cope	9	6	71.3
8. A. Sauro	9	6	67.8
9. S. Fenicchia	7	8	62.7
10. T. Earley, Jr.	6	9	63.9

11. A. Brennan	6	9	60.7
12. J. Hardwick	6	9	57.9
13. F. Michalek	5	10	59.8
14. R. O'Connell, Jr.	2	13	53.9
15. T. Kirk	1	14	49.8
16. G. Hart	0	15	47.6

4 MAN FINALS

1. T. Brownell	5	1	78.9
2. V. Fileccia	4	2	75.0
3. J. Zichella	2	4	70.7
4. C. Steinfeldt	1	5	69.1

* * *

NEW YORK CITY INWOOD OPEN

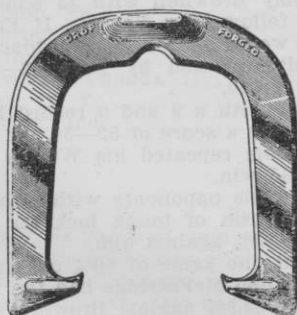
	W.	L.	%
1. T. Earley, Jr.	7	0	69.3
2. J. Zichella	6	1	69.9
3. D. Carson	5	2	71.5
4. V. Fileccia	5	2	69.1
5. R. O'Connell	2	6	54.7
6. T. DiStefano	1	6	52.8
7. T. Glynn	1	6	51.4
8. A. Courtock	0	7	50.3

HILLTOP OPEN

Four Man Round Robin Twice Around

1. V. Fileccia	6	0	70.1
2. J. Zichella	3	3	68.5
3. T. Earley, Jr.	3	3	67.6
4. J. Harwick	0	6	48.1

GORDON SPIN-ON HORSESHOES



Again in 1952, Gordon Spin-On Horseshoes have led in sales of horseshoes. The pitchers know their shoes, and that is the reason for our big lead in sales of horseshoes. Many horseshoe pitchers have switched to Gordons. When you buy, buy the very best, buy Gordons. Write for prices.

THE GORDON HORSESHOE COMPANY

235 Tennyson Street

Cincinnati 26, Ohio

FORT GEORGE OPEN

1. D. Carson	7	0	78.9
2. V. Fileccia	4	3	72.1
3. W. Kolb	4	3	70.5
4. T. Earley, Jr.	4	3	70.4
5. J. Zichella	4	3	68.2
6. P. Brady	4	3	65.4
7. J. Durham	1	6	59.6
8. R. O'Connell	0	7	49.5

* * *

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY TOURNAMENT

By R. H. GRAVINK

	W.	L.	%
1. Walfrid Lindstrom	7	0	60.8
2. Hallie Ehmke	6	2	40.6
3. Marshall Hale	5	3	39.1
4. Pete Scheira	3	4	36.8
5. LaVern Larson	3	4	36.3
6. Tom Car	3	4	32.2
7. Dr. F. H. Clark	1	6	29.7
8. William Zawicki	1	6	27.4

* * *

PENNSYLVANIA

In a two day round-robin match, that was halted on several occasions by rain, Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester, N. Y. successfully defended his title of Eastern National Champion.

Unlike last years match, when Carl had a perfect 17—0 record, this years winner was not decided until the last shoes of the final game were tossed. In the last round Steinfeldt with 14 wins and 2 losses was matched with Frye of Va. while Tommy Brownell with 13 wins and 3 losses was pitted against Al Cope, a fellow New Yorker. If Frye and Brownell were to win Tommy and Carl would be tied for first place. This was not to be the case as Steinfeldt squeezed by Frye 52—48 and Brownell lost to Cope by the score of 49—50.

Steinfeldt finished Friday's matches with a 9 and 0 record but lost in Saturday's 2nd round to Vito Fileccia by a score of 52—34. In the 7th game Saturday Glenn Anderson of Illinois repeated his Worlds Tournament win over Carl with a close 54—45 win.

Vito Fileccia, who seems to inspire his opponents with either confidence or determination, had his usual run of tough luck on Friday, when his first 4 opponents pitched over 80% against him.

Every one in Class "A" had at least one game of 80% or over with Brownell having 7 and Steinfeldt 6. Graydon McFatrige had the highest percentage for one game when he tossed 89.9% against Brownell's 81.4%.

John Fulton of Pa. was the high qualifier in Class "B" with his 243 points out of 100 shoes being just one point short of Walt Woodward's 244. Both men threw 75 ringers but John lost 7 shoes while Walt was losing only 6 shoes.

Fulton had an easy time in posting his 17—0 record with only 3 men scoring over 30 points against him. Sol Bermans 43 points was the highest, Lutter with 38 next and Sebring with 33 points next.

After Friday's games were over a large group of spectators joined with the players and sang Happy Birthday to Joe Zichella of N. Y. Joe would not divulge his age but guesses ranged from 33 to 58 years.

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Steinfeldt, N. Y.	15	2	79.1
2. Brownell, N. Y.	13	4	77.7
3. Focht, Ohio	12	5	75.6
4. Cope, N. Y.	11	6	77.7
5. Frye, Va.	11	6	74.7
6. McLaughlin, Canada	11	6	74.6
7. Kolb, N. J.	10	7	74.4
8. McFatridge, Ind.	10	7	74.4
9. Zichella, N. Y.	10	7	71.2
10. Carson, Md.	8	9	73.7
11. Anderson, Ill.	8	9	71.5
12. Lindquist, W. Va.	8	8	70.1
13. Woodward, Canada	7	10	70.5
14. Lackey, Ohio	5	12	72.6
15. Fileccia, N. Y.	5	12	71.5
16. Fritz, Canada	5	12	67.6
17. Fenicchia, N. Y.	3	14	67.5
18. Zadroga, Pa.	1	16	64.2

CLASS "B"

	W.	L.	%
1. Fulton, Pa.	17	0	73.7
2. Kelly, Mich.	14	3	62.3
3. Clingan, Pa.	13	4	61.4
4. Terry, Ill.	12	5	68.0
5. Lundgren, Mich.	12	5	67.7
6. Lutter, Pa.	11	6	61.2
7. Van Sickle, Ind.	9	8	60.9
8. Davis, N. J.	9	8	58.9
9. Harshman, Ind.	9	8	58.6
10. Perry, Mich.	9	8	55.5
11. Falk, Pa.	7	10	60.1
12. Berman, N. J.	7	10	59.8
13. Carson, Pa.	6	11	58.8
14. Sebring, Pa.	6	11	56.5
15. Durham, Md.	6	11	56.0
16. Edwards, Canada	3	14	55.6
17. Hart, N. Y.	2	15	47.8
18. Briney, Ind.	1	16	49.5

* * *

WISCONSIN

By R. BUETTNER

After six years of vain effort, Tommy Bartlen of Milwaukee, finally won the state horseshoe pitching championship Sunday at the state fair. He dethroned the perennial titleholder, Charles (Casey) Jones, of Random Lake after the two of them had finished the 12 man round robin in a three way tie with Carl Pfeffer of Milwaukee.

Bartlen moved here from California in 1947 with quite a reputation as a shoe pitcher, only to run into Jones, who had dominated the sport since 1935, when he won his first state title, at 15. Bartlen made a strong bid every year but always was turned back by Jones.

This tournament seemed headed for the same result when Bartlen missed a chance to beat Jones in the 10th match of the round robin. Leading 49—47, Casey hung on a ringer and mised with his second shoe. A double would beat him, but Tommy also missed with his second and Jones had the point, which squeezed Bartlen out, 50—47.

Both had lost in the ninth round, Jones to Pfeffer, 50—22 and Bartlen to Ed Schimek of Milwaukee, 50—43. Jones also had been beaten by Mike Barachy of Milwaukee in the third round, 50—48. Pfeffer lost to Floyd Rogers of Lake Beulah, 50—28, and Bartlen, 50—19.

The Pfeffer match was Jones' updoing. Casey threw only 56.9%. Pfeffer had only one other game over 70%.

In the play-off for the title, Pfeffer got off to an 8—0 lead on Bartlen. Tommy then threw doubles in eight of the next 11 frames and led, 16—14. Carl tied it at 20 but Bartlen hung on six consecutive doubles for a 35—20 margin and coasted out, 52—45 in 36 innings.

Against Jones, Bartlen ran up a 12—0 lead with five doubles in six frames. After Jones scored to make it 13—3, Bartlen threw eight doubles and led, 28—3. The defending champion hung on, however, and finally took the lead in the 46th frame, 39—38. Bartlen tied it at 39 in the next inning and then held Jones scoreless while running out, 51—39 in 60 frames.

Jones had the best ringer percentage in the round robin, 71.4 per cent. Bartlen had 69.7, Pfeffer 66.4. Jones was the only man who hit 80 per cent, doing it three times, with a high of 85.4. In the play-off, Barlen had 72.1 per cent against 69.8 per cent for Pfeffer and 79.0 to 78.0 for Jones.

Jones held the title from 1935 to 1940. Harvey Elmeron of Milwaukee won in 1941 and 1943 with Jones away. Jones got out of the navy in time to compete in 1944, but had only a week's practice, and Barachy beat him for the title. Jones regained it in 1945 and held it until Barlen beat him Sunday.

* * *

WYOMING

By A. L. McNEIL

A Denver man, Tilikainen, won the tri-state horseshoe pitching championship Sunday at Pioneer Park after he beat a fellow townsman in an elimination contest to break a tie for first.

In Class "B" play, Denning of Kearney, Neb., took the honors after he defeated Fuller in a play-off.

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Tilikainen, Denver	6	1	66.2
2. Bowman, Denver	6	1	66.2
3. Palese, Denver	5	2	54.8
4. Dick Allen, Denver	4	3	62.9
5. Palm, Albin	3	4	52.3
6. Russell, Denver	3	4	51.2
7. W. Demarest, Greeley	1	6	54.9
8. Engel, Greeley	0	7	45.2

CLASS "B"

1. Denning, Kearney	6	1	54.0
2. Fuller, Greeley	6	1	42.8
3. Farrell, Cheyenne	5	2	34.0
4. Smith, Greeley	4	3	32.3
5. N. Scott, LaGrange	3	4	39.7
6. B. Arnold, LaGrange	2	5	37.0
7. E. Preston, LaGrange	2	5	30.0
8. Ray Sherard, LaGrange	0	7	30.0

* * *

THE PERFECT SCORE SHEET

Now is the time to stock up on your club supplies.
Don't wait until the last minute. You can have
the name, city and state of your club, printed on
each sheet. Write for sample.

The price is \$8.00 per 1,000, in pads.

Cash with order. Your Editor.

Postage Extra



**N.H.P.A. EMBLEMS FOR YOUR BUTTONHOLE OR ONE WITH A PIN
FOR YOUR SHIRT — \$1.00 CASH WITH ORDER.**



I am the Eastern Agent for the

LATTORE HORSESHOE

\$3.50 per pair, cash with order

Parcel Post Extra

BYRON JASKULEK

Box 22, Kingsbridge Station

New York, N. Y.

WHERE TO PLAY WHEN YOU'RE AWAY

- ARIZONA—Peart Park, Casa Grande; Rendesvous Park, Mesa; Encanto Park, Phoenix.
- ARKANSAS—Fair Park, Boyle Park, MacArthur Park, Little Rock.
- CALIFORNIA—Community Center, Compton; Exposition Park, Los Angeles; Union Pacific Courts, Long Beach; Mosswood Park, Oakland; Horseshoe Grounds, Ontario, Golden Gate Courts, Candlestick Cove, Crocker-Amazon Courts, San Francisco; Memorial Park, South San Francisco; Lincoln Park, Santa Monica; McNear Park, Petaluma; Ives Memorial Park, Sebastopol.
- CANADA—Dieppe Park, East York.
- COLORADO—City Park and Washington Park, Denver; City Park, Greeley.
- CONNECTICUT—Beardsley Park, Bridgeport; Pope Park, Hartford.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Commerce Courts, Washington.
- FLORIDA—South Waterfront Park, St. Petersburg.
- ILLINOIS—Welles Park, Chicago; Athletic Park, Canton; Riverside Park, Moline; Mineral Springs Park, Pekin; Reservoir Park, Quincy; Long View Park, Rock Island. Big Creek Park, Canton; Laura Branley Park, Peoria; Bradley Park, Peoria.
- INDIANA—Brooks Park, Indianapolis; Dörner Park, Frankfort; Columbia Park, Lafayette; Forest Park, Noblesville; 3rd Street Park, Bloomington; Greendale Park, Lawrenceburg.
- IOWA—Birdland Park, Des Moines; Riverside Park, Ottumwa; Crapo Park, Burlington; Island Park, Cedar Falls; Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids; LeClaire Park, Davenport. Byrnes Park, Waterloo.
- KANSAS—Forest Park, Ottawa; Gage Park, Topeka; Katy Park, Chanute; Huntress Park, Clay Center; Riverside Park, Iola; Klamm Park, Kansas City; South Park, Lawrence; City Park, Manhattan; Prospect Park, Wichita.
- KENTUCKY—Shady Shores, Covington.
- MAINE—Auburn, Riverside Courts, Bangor; Bangor Club, Farmington; City Park, Hebron; Community Courts, Portland; Deering Oaks, Rumford; High School, So. Portland; Wilkinson Park.
- MARYLAND—Carroll Park, Baltimore; Magruder Park, Hyattsville.
- MASSACHUSETTS—Municipal Playgrounds, Westfield.
- MICHIGAN—Grand Rapids, Franklin Park.
- MINNESOTA—Como & Elfelt, St. Paul; Soldier Memorial Field, Rochester.
- MISSOURI—Municipal Park, Carthage; Neosho, Fair Grounds, Springfield; Grant Beach Park; St. Joseph, Noyes Blvd. at Edmond; Forest Park, St. Louis.
- NEBRASKA—Harmon Park, Kearney; Dewey Park, Omaha.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE—South Playground, Portsmouth; Ryan H. S. Club, Dover Point; Pop Ryans, 14 Central Ave., Portsmouth; White's Courts, 942 Woodberry Ave., Portsmouth.
- NEW JERSEY—Warinanco Park, Elizabeth; Branch Brook Park, Newark; Wildwood, Beach Park.
- NEW YORK—Central Park, Fort George, 193 Fort George Ave., Inwood Hill Park, New York City; St. Mary's Park, Williamsbridge Oval Park, Woodlawn, Van Cortlandt Park, all in the Bronx; Parade Grounds, Fort Green Park, Brooklyn; Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon, L. I.; Johnson City, Endicott-Johnson Courts; Kirk Park, Syracuse; Recreation Park, Port Chester; Edgerton Park, Rochester; K of C Courts Hoosick Falls.
- OHIO—Jermain Park, Toledo; Cedar Point, Sandusky; Williams Memorial Pk., Wilmington. Community Park, Cedarville.
- OREGON—Laurelhurst Park, Portland; Bush Pasture Park, Salem; Atkinson Park, Oregon City.
- PENNSYLVANIA—District Courts, Pittsburgh; Pt. Marion, Frank Murphy's Courts; Joe Mett's Courts, Revere; Oakhurst Courts, Johnstown; Playground Cts., New Freedom.
- RHODE ISLAND—Columbus Square, W. Warwick.
- SOUTH DAKOTA—McKenna Park, Sioux Falls.
- TEXAS—Will Rogers Park, Amarillo; Elwood Park, Amarillo; Mason Park, Houston; Bellvue Park, Wichita Falls.
- UTAH—County Fair Grounds, Murray; Liberty Park, Salt Lake City.
- VERMONT—Stolte Field, Brattleboro; Memorial Park, Bennington; Ethan Allen Park, Burlington; Local Athletic Field, Springfield.
- WASHINGTON—Zelasko Park, Aberdeen; City Park, Bremerton; Woodland Park, Seattle; Wright Park, Tacoma; Fair Grounds, Yakima.
- WEST VIRGINIA—Bar B-Q Courts, East Nitro; Wheeling Island, Wheeling.
- WISCONSIN—Washington Park, Milwaukee.
- WYOMING—Union Park, Cheyenne.

IF YOU ARE NOT LISTED HERE, GET BUSY!