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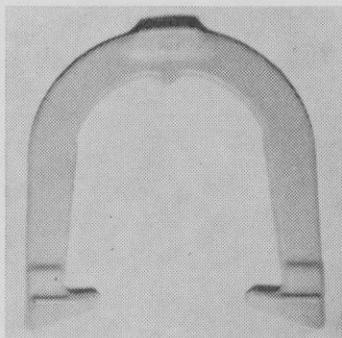


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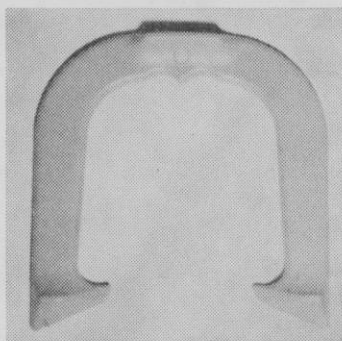
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Van Sant Edges Rademacher For Suncoast Open Title

Karl Van Sant of Cayuga, Indiana and recent winner of the Miami Open edged John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida to win the annual Suncoast Open crown at Bradenton, Florida.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
K. Van Sant	7	0	73.0	Shindle	6	1	56.8
J. Rademacher	6	1	74.3	Grable	5	2	51.5
F. Kilinsky	5	2	64.4	Motsinger	5	2	47.7
A. Austin	4	3	66.6	Miller	4	3	47.8
W. Thomas	3	4	61.2	Hewitt	4	3	40.0
L. Long	1	6	53.3	Martin	3	4	48.0
G. Rademacher	1	6	51.5	Ogilene			Forfeit
				Spieß			Forfeit

CLASS C — W. Figy, 5-2-51.1; Sumpter, 5-2-49.1; Dunlap, 4-3-44.9; Thompson, 4-3-40.1; H. Johnson, 3-4-49.7; R. Whittmore, 3-4-41.7; Packard, 2-5-39.6; Gravink, 2-5-39.3.

CLASS D — Wrucke, 5-2-39.6; Peary, 4-3-37.6; Turner, 4-3-38.6; Davies, 3-4-33.8; Wells, 3-4-37.7; O. Corbett, 3-4-34.0; A. Figy, 3-4-33.4; Millett, 2-5-30.0.

CLASS E — Crawford, 7-0-37.0; Garmon, 6-1-35.7; Press, 4-3-33.8; Rogers, 4-3-34.5; Schrank, 3-4-30.8; Taylor, 3-4-30.0; Good, 1-6-25.2; Kemp, 0-7-22.5.

CLASS F — E. Johnson, 6-1-25.1; Kuhn, 6-1-21.9; Grager, 5-2-25.8; Davidson, 3-4-23.9; Myhre, 3-4-22.6; T. Corbett, 2-5-15.2; York, 1-6-17.5; Webster, 1-6-17.5.

CLASS G — Graham, 5-0-30.7; Cook, 3-2-18.8; Porter, 3-2-17.7; Casteel, 3-2-18.3; Black, 2-3-14.6; Kelly, 0-5-18.3.

Carl Steinfeldt Receives Hickok Award

On February 3, Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester, New York, was honored by being presented a beautiful plaque at the annual Hickok Award Dinner held in that city.

This annual award is made to the individual for being the "best athlete of the year" for Rochester, New York.

Steinfeldt is a tremendous competitor, especially in horseshoes, in which he has won many trophies in tournaments in all parts of the country. He has held the New York state crown 14 times, his latest being the 1968 New York title. In the 1968 World tournament held at Keene, New Hampshire, he finished in fifth place with an 82.8 ringer percentage for the tournament.

COVER PICTURE . . . This month we feature Kent Chelain, former sports editor of the Bradenton, Florida Herald. See complete story on page 4.

Kent Chellain, Godfather of Horseshoe "U" at Bradenton, Florida

By HAL PORTER

Back in February of 1965, around mid-night of a long and tiring Saturday, the phone on Kent Chellain's desk rang! It had been a tough fight but Sunday's sport section had been redacted and he thought the night was over! He had to answer, maybe the ball-park was on fire or something! Instead it was a guy from the Bradenton Trailer Park Horseshoe Club wanting to know if he would be interested in a regular Sunday Horseshoe Column!

Half an hour later, Mr. Chellain had become god-father of the "Horseshoes" column, of which some of you may have heard. The last week in February of that year the column was born; today it is a lusty, bawling babe nearly four years old and we hope, growing!

Many of you know of the enterprise, may have even read an occasional copy here and there. Under his watchful eye, this babe of the oldest game in the country, has steadily grown. It has averaged 52 appearances each year since then, if you balance the "Horseshoes" editor's vacations against the weeks when 6 out of 7 editions of The Herald carried Iron Tamer's news!

Through him we met sports TV editors of Tampa, who carried news each night on their sports shows, as well as box scores, etc. in the Bradenton Herald. He was first to see the value of the expression "Horseshoe University," believing as we do that a university is a place where folks teach and are taught!

On rare occasions has he ever shortened our copy. Rather than do this, he has often given it full space on the Monday following! He has urged the local Horseshoe U., and our state organization under the relentless gifted leadership of John Rademacher of Plant City, to stage as many tourneys as the barge could carry. It has been his contention that the way to increase interest in our game is to have more and more tournaments! He inspired last year's first annual DeSoto Exhibition held in the blocked-off middle of 12th Street, West, right in the middle of Downtown Bradenton!

"Horseshoe University" has already felt the loss of this inspired champion of the game we like; this year's Downtown Horseshoe Show will be dedicated to him as champion of Our Game! Again, it was held right in the middle of 12th Street, West, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, March 19th! Iron Tamers from everywhere the "News Digest" is read, will be coming to the Winter Capital of Horseshoes for the DeSoto meet and the above mentioned event! John and Gene Rademacher were in the starring roles; it was hoped that Elmer Hohl of Wellesley, Ontario would accept Leo McGrath's bid to visit him during the event.

As Our Game grows in the nation, Kent Chellain will, and should be, remembered as one of the news pioneers who had the vision to help when it was most vitally needed! Soon, the third annual full-page of pre-horseshoe world series news will hit the news stands! There is a monthly Florida Horseshoe News, there have been annual Christmas and Easter columns, which an author's representative we know, says could have been delivered from any pulpit! All these things plus the ever practical and personal touches he has spontaneously supplied, rate him in our prejudiced opinion, the first news-media candidate for the Horseshoe Hall of Fame! Our loss is certainly Tampa's gain! Even in leaving, he passed the torch to his successors!

Whatever happens to Our Game, in this most wonderful of all nations, in its history the name, Kent Chellain, the towering rusty-haired sports editor, must appear in letters as glowing as the thoughts in the hearts of us who knew him as "Our Champion!" Gentlemen, we give you Kent Chellain!

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Name who you think will finish as the top ten players in the Men's Division of the 1969 World Tournament in the order in which you believe they will finish.

Send \$1.00 donation with each entry. There is no limit to the number of entries you can submit, but you must be an N.H.P.A. member and a News Digest subscriber. (Note: The six members of the N.H.P.A. Executive Council, the News Digest Editor and members of their families are not eligible.)

Entry blanks will be judged on total points — figured on the following basis: 1 point for picking 1 of the top 10, 3 points for picking 2, 6 points for picking 3, 10 points for picking 4, 15 points for picking 5, 21 points for picking 6, 18 points for picking 7, 36 points for picking 8, 45 points for picking 9, 55 points for selecting the top 10.

In addition you will receive an additional 10 points for each player picked in the exact position where he finishes. A perfect score would be 155 points.

Entries must be postmarked before July 21, 1969. In case of ties the earliest postmarked entries will win.

Ten prizes will be awarded: 1st \$55.00; 2nd \$40.00; 3rd \$30.00; 4th \$25.00; 5th \$20.00; 6th \$17.00; 7th \$13.00; 8th \$11.00; 9th \$8.00; 10th \$6.00.

In addition, each of the ten winners will receive a one year subscription to the News Digest. The above prize list is based on 500 entries and are the minimum prizes that will be awarded. For each additional 100 entries received, the prizes will be increased \$10.00, \$8.00, \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$2.00 respectively.

Contest Judges: Ellis Cobb; Ralph Dykes; Robert Pence.

"You Pick'Em" Contest Entry Blank

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- 3rd 8th
- 4th 9th
- 5th 10th

Submitted by

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Send entries to Ellis Cobb, Editor of The Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest, P. O. Box 1606, Aurora, Ill. 60507.

Notice To All Correspondents Of The News Digest

Due to the fact that the News Digest editor will be out of the state during the first week in May and during the last week of May, the deadline for copy for the May issue and the June issue has been set ahead.

Copy for the May issue **MUST** be in the Digest office not later than April 28, in order to be processed.

Copy for the June issue **MUST** be in the Digest office not later than May 21, in order to be processed.

Van Sant, Hoosierite, Winner of Grand Prize In Miami Open

Karl Van Sant of Cayuga, Indiana, vacationing in Naples, Florida ran rampant in the annual Miami Variety Children's Hospital Benefit Open tournament held on the Lummus park courts in Miami, Florida on February 22-23. He amassed a total of 356 points for 7 games of which he won all of them. For his efforts he was awarded a three-day trip to beautiful Nassau for he and his wife.

There were 41 entries and 4 classes from which a sizable sum was appropriated for the benefit of the Children's Hospital. Several states and 18 cities were represented.

Mr. Tony Whittle and his committee express their sincere thanks to all who participated in making this tournament the fine success it was. Plans are already in the making for next year's event.

CLASS A

	W	L	Pts.
Van Sant Ind.	7	0	356
Austin, Ill.	6	1	341
J. Rademacher, Fla.	5	2	323
Schummer, Can.	3	4	317
Schumann, Iowa	3	4	258
G. Rademacher, Fla.	3	4	246
Hinkson, Fla.	1	6	236
Weigal, Fla.	0	7	173

CLASS B

	W	L	Pts.
Hewitt, Maine	6	1	357
West, Fla.	6	1	349
Wires, Fla.	5	2	313
Speiss, Fla.	4	3	312
Reeb, Fla.	3	4	290
Packard, Fla.	2	5	280
Peary, Fla.	2	5	272
Press, Mich.	0	7	217

CLASS C — D. Weigal, 7-0-357; P. Dumont, 6-1-326; O. Corbett, 5-2-320; Jim Campbell, 4-3-256; B. Press, 3-4-289; W. Hadden, 2-5-205; T. Corbett, 1-6-166; D. Wires, 0-7-196.

CLASS D — D. Wires, 3-0-158; R. Wires, 2-1-142; W. Boydell, 1-2-130; F. Tortoriello, 0-3-93.

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Ron Simmons In Clean Sweep Of Redwood Empire Open

The first Redwood Empire Open tournament was held March 15th & 16th at the Redwood Empire Horseshoe Pitching Club's 6 indoor courts. The courts are located within the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka, California.

Ronnie Simmons, South Gate, California, pitched through the two day tournament, 11 games, without a loss.

Ronnie won a very nice trophy and \$75.00, the trophy was donated by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. A total of \$250.00 cash was awarded to the Class 'A' 12 man group.

Fred 'Flash' Lavett, Seaside, California, pitched the high percentage game of the tournament, 80.4%.

	W	L		W	L
R. Simmons, South Gate	11	0	H. Vinsant, Eureka	6	5
J. Schneider, Rosemead	10	1	F. Goldsmith, Eureka	5	6
D. Titcomb, San Jose	9	2	M. Jones, Grass Valley	3	8
F. Lavett, Seaside	6	5	B. McNally, Hayward	2	9
J. Pratt, Sacramento	6	5	W. R. Williams, Eureka	1	10
L. Anderson, Oakland	6	5	C. Dedrick, Eureka	1	10

Austin Wins Florida's Strawberry Open Tourney

The 1969 Strawberry Festival tournament was held at the Plant City Fairgrounds on March 6th, 7th and 8th. Changeable weather kept the ringer percentage down in several of the classes. A. L. "Abe" Austin of Oak Park, Illinois is the new champion. Les Long of Sterling, Illinois the defending champion finished in the second spot.

Playoffs for trophy positions were the general order in all classes. Class B was cut short due to rains which started in the late afternoon of the final day.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
A. L. Austin, Ill.	5	2	55.0	E. Ridge, Fla.	5	0	56.7
Les Long, Ill.,	4	3	56.4	A. Clingan, Fla.	4	1	48.5
J. Rademacher, Fla.	4	3	54.4	W. Shindel, Kan.	3	2	53.4
F. Kilinsky, Pa.	4	3	51.6	T. Harrison, Fla.	3	2	53.3
H. McCoskey, Ind.	4	3	44.6	L. Miller, Fla.	3	2	47.0
G. Anderson, W. Va.	3	4	44.8	C. Hewett, Maine	3	2	46.2
J. Clingan, Fla.	2	5	43.5	E. Grable, Mich.	3	2	44.7
G. Rademacher, Fla.	1	6	43.8	J. Hinkson, Fla.	1	4	40.8
				Thompson, Ind.	1	4	36.7
				E. Marden, Fla.	0	5	25.2

CLASS C — Wm. Figy, Ohio, 3-2-36.4; J. Ellis, Fla., 3-2-35.1; F. Sumpter, Ohio, 3-2-35.5; R. Whittimore, Maine, 3-2-30.8; R. Hitchcock, Fla., 2-3-42.7; A. Hodgman, Mich., 1-4-33.4.

CLASS D — I. Motsinger, Ind., 7-0-47.3; K. Turner, Neb., 4-3-38.9; H. Mullet, Fla., 4-3-39.6; O. Corbett, Fla., 4-3-36.3; J. Taylor, N. D., 3-4-39.2; R. Wrucks, Wis., 3-4-38.8; H. Garman, Ind., 3-4-32.2; B. York, Maine, 0-7-20.7.

CLASS E — J. Thonert, Fla., 5-0-29.0; Wm. Press, Mich., 3-2-25.7; E. Johnson, Fla., 3-2-22.3; S. D. Rogers, Mich., 2-3-27.4; C. Good, Ill., 2-3-26.4; G. Kuhn, Pa., 0-5-16.1.

CLASS F — R. Crawford, Iowa, 7-0-25.1; G. Burkland, N.Y., 5-2-12.8; M. Myhre, N.D., 5-2-21.2; D. Toney, Fla., 4-3-17.3; H. Cook, Fla., 3-4-18.8; B. Webster, Fla., 3-4-11.3; H. Porter, Fla., 1-6-12.9; T. Corbett, Fla., 0-7-9.9.

JUNIORS — Johnny Rademacher, 4-0; Hayward Cothron, 3-1; Gary Cothron, 2-2; Wayne Warner, 1-3; Steve Warner, 0-4.

An interesting horseshoe personality . . .

Hal Hanania of New Jersey



Hal Hanania

HAL HANANIA — Hellal (Hal) Hanania, 448 Runyon Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey, 08846, is a Sergeant on the Middlesex police force. He has been a policeman for 13 years and loves his work. Hal says that while police work is difficult, it is always interesting and always new. Before going into police work Hal was a carpenter and cabinet maker for several years.

Of Syrian descent, Hal was born in Brooklyn. He has a wife and four daughters, was a decorated infantry squad leader in World War II, and has played several sports including 19 professional boxing matches. It was only in 1963 that Hal turned to horseshoe pitching. He is averaging above 30% ringers now, but his contribution has

been in the promotion of the game up to now. He has climbed to the Presidency of the new Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and built the Middlesex club to the point where they scored a near miss in bidding for the 1970 World Tournament.

Gonzales Cruises Thru San Jose, Calif. Open

Jesse Gonzales of the Los Gatos Horseshoe Club, the No. California Champ, started in where he left off in 1968 by cruising through 7 opponents to average 75% ringers in Group I in the opening tourney of the No. Calif. Assn. schedule at Ryland Park, San Jose. He pitched games of 83.9 and 80.8 enroute to the championship. Bill Weathers of Modesto, veteran ringerman of No. Calif. wound up second with a fine 6 won, 1 lost record, and Verdian Zelmar of Los Gatos placed third with a 65.3 average. Group II was fiercely contested and when the smoke cleared, Chuck Sampson of the San Jose club was on top, winning 6 of 7 games. There was a 3 way tie in the Group III 6-man conflict and Bill Henry edged Vince Mauricio of San Jose, then turned on the after burner to batter Lou Pitney also of Seaside for the trophy.

Horseshoe pitching is making a quick start in No. Calif. this year and with the new clubs in Eureka and Livermore, we expect to be way above our last year's membership totals.

GROUP I — J. Gonzales, Los Gatos, 7-0-75.0; B. Weathers, Modesto, 6-1-64.8; V. Zelmar, Los Gatos, 5-2-65.3; L. Potter, San Jose, 4-3-64.7; J. Sadowski, Los Gatos, 2-5-54.0; B. Fraser, Golden Gate, 2-5-51.2; C. Cummins, Orcutt, Calif., 1-6-56.7; R. Bell, Mosswood, 1-6-51.8.

GROUP II — C. Sampson, San Jose, 6-1-49.8; S. Jensen, Seaside, 5-2-48.7; G. Chickenoff, 4-3-42.8; N. Jensen, Seaside, 4-3-39.9; Mulder, 3-4-40.9; P. Quintana, Vallejo, 3-4-37.4; A. Gates, Seaside, 2-5-30.8; F. Westbrook, Vallejo, 1-6-35.3.

GROUP III — B. Henry, Seaside, 4-1-36.3; L. Pitney, Seaside, 4-1-44.4; R. Mauricio, San Jose, 4-1-35.8; R. Robb, Santa Rosa, 2-3-32.9; A. Burt, San Jose, forfeit 21.2.

"Resistance To Some Change Is Progress"

G. R. KAHLE — Oklahoma

On picking up my February issue of News Digest, I was amused to find another article on the general subject of changing the scoring system for horseshoe pitching. (Page 22) The robin and changing of scoring systems are both harbingers of spring. Horseshoe pitchers are not the only people who try to change the scoring system of their favorite games. For after all, all scoring systems are arbitrary. The big danger is the equation of **change** with **progress**.

Let's see if Mr. Davis' and Berman's "advantages" for their proposal are really progress.

1. — They say that elimination of single points would simplify our scoring system. Not really, the addition of one to three is already so simple. I've yet to find an elementary student without the capacity. Therefore, invalid!

2. — They say a base of 21 ringers per game (versus 17 ringers for a 50 point game) is shorter because you don't have to measure single points. It is my experience that the measurement of just-or near-ringers is much more time consuming, so they've lengthened the game by requiring more exacting measurements. Therefore, invalid!

3. — Their comparison of a lop-sided score of 16 to 3 versus a 48 to 9 score as "not being so hopeless" is a half-truth. For a direct comparison we would have to use a game of the same ringer base of 21 ringers; then the second game (48 to 9) would be played to 63 points (instead of 50) and it is not so hopeless — the ratio is the same. Therefore, invalid!

4. — Practically eliminates luck by winning a game by one point with a "poorly thrown shoe". You make your own "luck" in horseshoe pitching. If someone beats me by a single point with a "poorly thrown shoe" it's because mine was more "poorly thrown." Therefore, invalid!

From my position at the stake I can see **no** advantages in eliminating single points — it's just another way to score a fun game. Let's now turn to **disadvantages**, which were overlooked.

1. — Every sport that is interesting and challenging has at the players disposal **more than one** way to score — football, basketball, bowling, baseball, you name it! Variety is the spice of life! Elimination of single points would reduce my, and your, favorite sport to a free-throw contest, extra-point kicking contest, or a batting practice. Our option to methods of scoring is **dangerously** low now. Let's not reduce them further.

2. — For a new candidate to horseshoe pitching, learning to pitch an open shoe and then to do so around a stake at 40 feet is very difficult. Immediate success is near impossible and something to hold the beginner's interest is necessary if we are to keep him. It is the close shoe, the single point, that does it. The ability to just-come-close holds him long enough in our ranks until he learns to throw ringers. If we do away with the single point the first step to success is too big — our ranks will dwindle. Bowling is popular because **luck** is a factor and it's easy to score big early. I threw three strikes the first game I played. I dare say my first three ringers took a day or more. The ability to come close and **score** held me long enough to learn to pitch ringers.

So with these thoughts I'm going to go outside with the robins and pitch a few ringers — and close shoes! !

New York State Tournament Date Changed

Betty Steinfeldt, secretary of the New York state association, announces a change of dates for the 1969 New York state tournament. It was originally set up for the July 4th weekend at Jamestown, New York, but is now scheduled for the Labor Day weekend at the New York state fair to be held in Syracuse, New York.

Hampton Winner Of Ottumwa, Iowa Indoor Tournament

Art Hampton of Iowa City, Iowa, current Iowa state champion, was top man in the annual Ottumwa Indoor Open tournament held on portable courts in the Coliseum in Ottumwa, Iowa March 3. Bill Vandegriff of Fairfield was runner-up, followed by Casey Bettisworth of Galesburg, Illinois in third place. Players from four states took part. Hampton averaged 72 percent for the 5 game round robin.

CLASS A			CLASS B			
	W	L	%	W	L	
A. Hampton, Iowa	4	1	72.0	C. Foxx, Iowa	5	0
B. Vandegriff, Iowa	4	1	67.8	E. Weber, Iowa	4	1
C. Bettisworth, Ill.	3	2	67.2	J. Davis, Iowa	3	2
H. Darnold, Iowa	2	3	62.8	B. Waddle, Jr., Iowa	1	4
J. Paxton, Iowa	1	4	57.0	D. Carter, Iowa	1	4
R. Sornberger, Ill.	1	4	59.5	S. Jackson, Iowa	1	4

CLASS C — P. Jensen, Ill., 4-1; P. Robertson, Iowa, 4-1; H. Paxton, Iowa, 2-3; L. Bender, Iowa, 2-3; R. Rubison, Iowa, 2-3; B. Burgess, Iowa, 1-4.

CLASS D — A. Lester, Ill., 5-0; R. Ritz, Iowa, 4-1; M. Blake, Iowa, 3-2; J. Rolwes, Iowa, 1-4; W. Krapfl, Iowa, 1-4; B. St. George, Ill., 1-4.

CLASS E — A. Jackson, Iowa, 4-1; K. Jordan, Iowa, 4-1; K. Sproston, Iowa, 3-2; T. Durham, Neb., 2-3; L. Christopher, Iowa, 2-3; L. Cowell, Ill., 0-5.

CLASS F — G. Rutherford, Iowa, 5-0; A. Carman, Iowa, 4-1; P. Rutherford, Mo., 3-2; J. Haley, Iowa, 2-3; A. L. Messer, Iowa, 1-4; G. Speers, Iowa, 0-5.

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Hebron, Ohio Open Tournament June 27-28-29

The fifth annual Hebron, Ohio Open horseshoe tournament will be held on June 27-28-29. At Hebron, Ohio Horseshoe Courts, located on Route 440, 25 miles east of Columbus, Ohio, north of Route 70, take the Hebron and Newark exit.

QUALIFYING: — Friday evening, June 27, 6 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday morning, June 28, 8:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.
 100 shoes to qualify

ENTRY FEE — \$6.00

The Hebron club will sponsor the tournament and assisted by the Ohio Buckeye State Horseshoe Association. This will be an N.H.P.A. Sanctioned Tournament with certificate being awarded to first place winners in each class.

Trophies to first and second place winners of each class and some money to each player, Jim Knisley, Bremen, Ohio is defending champion.

CLASS-A — Will play on Saturday afternoon and evening. The class B & C will play on Sunday. The other classes will be placed to fill out the tournament schedule.

The Hebron and Newark clubs will have a lunch stand near the courts.

Tuttle Tops March Indoor Meet At Youngstown, Ohio

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Tuttle, Ohio	5	0	70.7	R. Slocum, Ohio	5	0	53.3
C. Bruce, Penn.	3	2	68.2	E. Huddleston, Ohio	4	1	45.3
J. Rainbow, Penn.	3	2	65.1	A. Stahlbeck, Penn.	3	2	36.0
H. Boyer, Penn.	2	3	58.0	N. Skerich, Penn.	1	4	36.5
C. Elder, Penn.	2	3	56.4	R. White, Ohio	1	4	36.3
F. Peluse, Penn.	Forfeit			R. Hetrick, Ohio	1	4	25.7

Knisley Repeats As King In Annual "Snowball" Open

Jim Knisley of Bremen, Ohio, runnerup in last year's World Tournament, won the 4th annual "Snowball Open" recently conducted by the Darke County Horseshoe Club. Knisley was defending champ and he has now won three of the four tournaments held. He won this year's title with a playoff victory, 50-44, over Harold Anthony of Arcanum, Ohio.

The tournament was held at the Club's three indoor courts on three successive weekends and this year attracted 60 entrants.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Knisley, Ohio	4	1	73.0	Thornburg, Ind.	4	1	60.3
Anthony, Ohio	4	1	74.7	Kugler, Ohio	3	2	65.0
Manker, Ohio	2	3	67.9	Bennett, Ohio	3	2	58.8
Wright, Ind.	2	3	65.4	Boesch, Ohio	2	3	53.7
Carpenter, Ind.	2	3	62.2	Rhymer, Ohio	2	3	51.9
Scholl, Ohio	1	4	64.3	Napier, Ohio	1	4	53.9

CLASS C — Pillion, Ohio, 4-1-49.5; Young, Ohio, 4-1-44.9; Fender, Ohio, 3-2-41.7; Harris, Ohio, 2-3-40.2; Jones, Ohio, 2-3-33.6.

CLASS D — Witschger, Ohio, 4-1-53.2; Sampson, Ind., 3-2-51.3; Wilson, Ohio, 3-2-51.1; VanDoch, Ohio, 2-3-45.5; May, Ohio, 2-3-41.0; Morrow, Ohio, 1-4-46.0.

CLASS E — Collins, Ohio, 5-0-55.3; Anthony, Ohio, 4-1-45.6; Futrell, Ohio, 2-3-44.4; Chappell, Ohio, 2-3-36.9; Fleenor, Ohio, 1-4-41.8; Fawley, Ohio, 1-4-41.3.

Snowball Open — (Continued)

CLASS F — O. Reno, Ohio, 5-0-48.3; Imhoff, Ohio, 4-1-45.5; Beach, Ohio, 3-2-38.1; Detrick, Ohio, 2-3-29.5; Swyers, Ohio, 1-4-14.4.

CLASS G — Gibbons, Ohio, 4-1-46.2; E. Pratt, Ohio, 4-1-42.6; Dearing, Ind., 3-2-41.6; McGreevey, Ohio, 3-2-36.7.

CLASS H — E. Waggoner, Ohio, 5-0-38.6; Whitesel, Ind., 3-2-39.3; Bierly, Ohio, 3-2-38.9; Wiehe, Ohio, 3-2-36.8; Latimore, Ind., 1-4-28.6; Ward, Ohio, 0-5-26.2.

CLASS I — Virgil Varvel, Ohio, 5-0-29.6; H. Varvel, Ohio, 4-1-29.1; K. Waggoner, Ohio, 3-2-33.2; Peterson, Ohio, 1-4-21.0; Melling, Ohio, 1-4-19.1; Haworth, Ohio, 1-4-18.6.

CLASS J — Cole, Ohio, 5-0-29.4; Barnard, Ohio, 4-1-23.5; Vern Varvel, Ohio, 3-2-19.8; Melvin Varvel, Ohio, 1-4-17.0; Cool, Ohio, 1-4-15.4; Butts, Ind., 1-4-13.0.

Jerry Schneider of Southern California Captures Valley of the Sun Title

The Valley of the Sun Open was held in Mesa, Arizona on February 23 and 24. It was to have been a 12-man round robin in all four classes; but the Valley of the Sun turned to the Valley of the Rain on Saturday afternoon which forced the A and B classes to go to two 6-man round robins on Sunday afternoon.

A playoff of the top man in each group was then played to decide the winner and runnerup, and the second spot finishers in each group played for third and fourth place. (This was the first time in eleven years that rain has interfered with the tournament).

Players from twelve states and Canada participated in the tournament. Elmer Beller from California, whose name is synonymous with Horseshoes was on hand to take care of the official scoring. Elmer hasn't missed a tournament here since its beginning. He was ably assisted by Larry Geer also of California and John Mauthe of Phoenix. An enthusiastic crowd of about 300 enjoyed the event.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Schneider, Calif.	5	0	75.3
Pratt, Calif.	4	1	68.2
Kamman, Ariz.	3	2	69.3
Lavett, Calif.	4	1	66.5
Simmons, Calif.	3	2	66.8
Tamboer, Kansas	3	2	66.5
Dixon, Iowa	3	2	65.2
Cummins, Calif.	2	3	58.7
Valdois, Kansas	2	3	55.8
Robertson, Iowa	1	4	57.6
Holmquist, Ariz.	0	5	55.9
Thompson, Ariz.	0	5	53.0

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Darnold, Iowa	4	1	66.6
Anderson, Calif.	4	1	64.0
Smith, Canada	3	2	59.2
Berg, Calif.	3	2	57.1
Robertson, New Mexico	3	2	54.9
Reheis, Kansas	3	2	54.2
Jones, Calif.	3	2	51.1
Laird, Ariz.	2	3	50.0
Fleharty, Nebraska	2	3	45.9
Paul, Calif.	1	4	45.5
McBride, Utah	1	4	49.4
Jensen, Calif.	1	4	46.0

CLASS C — Branine, Kansas, 9-2-54.0; House, Idaho, 9-2-52.5; Shendel, Kansas, 8-3-53.8; Moritz, Missouri, 8-3-51.4; Ehrsam, Missouri, 6-5-44.7; Smith, Ariz., 5-6-48.2; Clark, Iowa, 4-7-42.7; Tripp, Calif., 4-7-41.2; Moore, Indiana, 4-7-40.9; M. McKissack, Ariz., 3-8-40.6; Vitton, Ariz., 3-8-38.0; J. McKissack, Ariz., 2-9-40.3.

CLASS D — Shipley, Calif., 11-0-42.9; Wood, Ariz., 10-1-46.8; Bell, Calif., 9-2-46.0; Lynn, Ariz., 8-3-38.0; Moore, Ariz., 6-5-34.9; Hagy, Nevada, 6-5-31.0; Stearns, Ariz., 5-6-35.6; Stollendorf, Ariz., 5-6-31.8; Darrough, Ariz., 4-7-29.5; Thurgood, Utah, 2-9-31.3; Witsoe, Michigan, 2-9-23.8; Shaffer, Ariz., Forfeit.

Kuchcinski Top Man In North Dakota Winter Show Open

Most successful North Dakota Winter Show horseshoe tournament — including an All-Star Classic won by Danny Kuchcinski — was held at Valley City, N.D., Saturday, March 8.

Kuchcinski averaged 79 per cent ringers in four games to capture the five-man All-Star title which featured the top three finishing pitchers in the 1968 World Tournament.

Elmer Hohl of Wellesley, Ontario, Canada, the 1968 World Champ, started slow but wound up second with a 3-2 record. Hohl said he took a liking to the indoor arena, the lighting and the surroundings and would like to see the World Tournament held indoors sometime.

Hohl, Jim Knisley of Bremen, Ohio, and Stan Manker of Martinsville, Ohio, tossed ringers for an hour during a practice session upon arrival in Fargo March 7. Hohl averaged 76.4 ringers and was followed by Frank Stinson of Minneapolis 3-2-74.7; Stan Manker 3-2-70.6; Knisley 2-3-73.8. Kuchcinski, the 1967 World Champ from Erie, Pa., tangled with Knisley in the tourney's longest game with Danny winning in 130 shoes. Hohl, hitting his stride, dealt Kuchcinski his only tourney loss.

Lawrence Holm, North Dakota Winter Show president, presented the cash awards to the five All-Star pitchers. Kuchcinski took \$225 for taking first place. Holm also awarded trophies for winners in the open divisions.

It was the third year in which horseshoe has been a part of the Winter Show. Officers of the Red River Valley League, who operate the tournament, were happy with the turnout of spectators with several hundred watching the action.

Will Gullickson of Moorhead, Minn., coordinator of the tournament, originated the All-Star Classic idea and planned it with Irv Koslofsky, Winter Show manager.

Gullickson said it has worked out well to change the format of the tourney each year with some new plans already being considered for next year.

A total of 32 pitchers from Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota competed in the open division. Winner of the Class A title was Gene Lykken of Kindred, former state champ, who posted a 7-0 record.

ALL-STAR DIVISION

	W	L		W	L
D. Kuchcinski, Pa.	4	1	S. Manker, Ohio	3	2
E. Hohl, Ont.	3	2	J. Knisley, Ohio	2	3
F. Stinson, Minn.	3	2			

CLASS A — G. Lykken, N.D., 7-0; L. Sharff, N.D., 5-2; L. Dunker, S.D., 4-3; W. Rislov, N.D., 4-3; W. Hedman, N.D., 4-3; H. Peterson, N.D., 2-5; W. Wiger, N.D., 1-6; E. Zimmerman, Minn., 1-6.

CLASS B — E. Thorstad, S.D., 5-1; H. Filzen, Minn., 4-2; L. Wasvick, N.D., 4-2; P. Mosbrucker, N.D., 3-3; H. Eide, N.D., 3-3; S. Johnson, S.D., 2-4; M. Gronneberg, N.D., 2-4; B. Arndt, Minn., 1-5.

CLASS C — N. Potter, N.D., 4-2; F. Preston, N.D., 4-2; C. Danzeisen, N.D., 4-2; W. Arndt, N.D., 3-3; W. Myhre, N.D., 3-3; H. Rensvold, Minn., 3-3; J. Larson, Minn., 2-4; L. Arndt, N.D., 1-5.

CLASS D — R. Beem, N.D., 5-0; N. Luidahl, N.D., 3-2; J. Kanaly, S.D., 3-2; G. Schmiess, N.D., 3-2; F. Ihli, N.D., 2-3; E. Svenkerud, Minn., 1-4; N. Ihli, N.D., 0-5.

Lykken received the Allard Trophy Co. (Valley City) Traveling trophy for winning first in Class A.

It was the second title for Kuchcinski in Valley City since he won the Class A open division title a year ago.

The all-star classic was pitched on the Dixon portable courts which consist of a rubber pad placed on a wooden box with the stake set into the bottom.

In Memoriam

Word has been received from Earle Wilmore, secretary of the Indiana State Association, of the passing of Orville "Red" Haven, sports editor of the Anderson, Indiana Herald. He held that position with the Herald for 24 years. He was seized with a heart attack and succumbed soon after. He was 64 years of age.

His cooperation with the Anderson club and the Indiana state association in publicizing the sport in the columns of the Herald, helped greatly in the club's tournament endeavors, during the past years. He also held membership in the NHPA and was a subscriber of the News Digest. He will be remembered as one of the three men featured on the cover of the November issue in 1966.

His efforts in behalf of the horseshoe pitching sport are greatly appreciated by the Indiana group and by all those with whom he had daily contact.

To his bereaved family, the sincere sympathy of the Indiana state association and that of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, is extended in their dark hour of bereavement.

Clyde Martz — Washington, Pa. March Open Champion

The Washington March Open Tournament was won by Clyde Martz of Pittsburgh in a tightly fought play-off battle among Jimmy Solomon of Uniontown, Pa.; Dale Carson of Baltimore, Md.; and Sam Sutton of Washington, Pa. After the normal 4 man play-off of Class A-1 and Class A-2, Dale, Clyde, and Sam were tied with one loss apiece requiring another play-off. In this final pitch-off, no one shot under the 80% mark, and Clyde narrowly emerged victorious.

Some of the miscellaneous highlights of the tournament were Sam Sutton's tremendous "come back" — especially in the play-off where he narrowly missed winning the tournament; Dale Carson's excellent clutch pitching which forced the final play-off (How many times have we seen Dale do this?); Jimmy Solomon's opening 90% game without having thrown a shoe for a month. (Jimmy later fell ill, but gamely finished the tournament.); Gene Durham of Baltimore coming out of retirement and throwing a solid 71.5% ringers; Howard Shriver, one of the most improved Class A pitchers in the United States, missing a crucial ringer to allow Martz to enter the play-off; Pete Sowa in Class B-1 starting the tournament with an 87.5% game; Clyde Sprowls going undefeated; John Ruskin in Class B-2 establishing a personal high of 74.4% ringers, but losing a close game to Vine Sedlacek who also went undefeated.

CLASS A-1			CLASS A-2				
	W	L	%		W	L	%
James Solomon	3	1	77.8	Clyde Martz	3	1	75.6
Sam Sutton	3	1	73.4	Dale Carson	3	1	71.4
Gene Durham	2	2	71.5	Howard Shriver	2	2	72.4
Oscar Engle	2	2	68.4	Richard Maroni	2	2	66.1
John Fulton	0	4	48.5	Frank Peluso	0	4	60.0

CLASS B-1 — Clyde Sprowls, 4-0-63.3; Pete Sowa, 3-1-68.8; Chuck Sowa, 2-2-56.0; Charles Semans, 1-3-49.5; Ronald Banko, 0-4-33.3.

CLASS B-2 — Vince Sedlacek, 4-0-64.2; John Ruskin, 3-1-74.4; Vernon Wellington, 2-2-60.2; Ray Henry, 1-3-46.8; Clyde Falk, 0-4-50.4.

Lost And Found

Walter Wilhoite reports that a Masonic lapel pin was found after the recent state meeting of the Indiana association held at Lebanon, Indiana, March 16. Owner may contact Mr. Wilhoite at his home address, 120 North Allen Drive, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

Hill City Club Of Lynchburg, Va. Prepares For Season

The Hill City Horseshoe Club of Lynchburg, Va. held its annual business meeting at the Shamrock Restaurant on Sat. March 8, 1969. Members and wives attended and all enjoyed a fine meal of their choice.

Fred Childress was re-elected club president for another year and Mr. Jack Tyner agreed to serve as club vice-president. Miss Myrtle Patterson remains as club secretary-treasurer.

The Lynchburg dept. of parks and recreation is in the process of constructing 12 new allweather courts in Miller park adjacent to the existing eight courts which have served the Lynchburg club so well for the last 10 years.

These new courts will be second to none and are scheduled for completion in time for our Hill City Open tournament on July 19th and 20th.

Lynchburg, Virginia Winter Tourney Won By Cindy Dean

For the first time the Lynchburg club ran a winter league schedule.

Nine pitchers participated, playing a round robin schedule of 3 games with each opponent.

This winter league schedule was played indoors on Marvin May's single court. This court is perfect in its construction and layout.

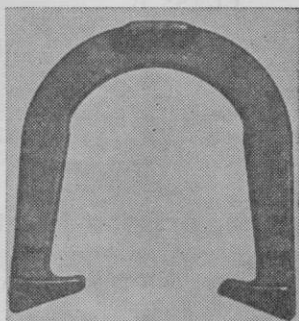
Cindy Dean, Robert Dean and Robert Toney presented trophies at club's annual meeting on Saturday, March 8.

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Cindy Dean	22	2	63.0	Jack Tyner	11	13	52.5
Bob Dean	19	5	64.7	Fred Childress	8	16	52.7
Robert Toney	14	10	58.8	Herman Torrence	8	16	51.0
Marvin May	13	11	61.7	Robert Ragland, Jr.	0	24	26.1
Royal Williams	13	11	51.8				

Attention — Minnesota Members

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Local Clubs

DIMONDALE, MICHIGAN — The first invitational horseshoe tournament was held at Ray's Recreation indoor courts, Saturday, March 1. The event, sanctioned by the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's association, witnessed some of the most intensive competition seen in some time.

The 50 shoe count all type of play was employed by players from around the state, invited by James Compton, W.S.H.P.A.

Bill Stephan, Kalamazoo, copped top honors in the morning round of play, winning 4 consecutive games. James Compton placed 2nd, with only one loss, that, to Stephan. The Kalamazoo tosser entered the meet with a 16 percent ringer average and at the finish of the competition, recorded a 33.5% average, the best of his career. He had high games of 40 and 38 percent.

The afternoon 6 man group finished in a 4 way tie for first place. Each recorded 3 wins and 2 losses. James Ostrander, Lansing, Pat Smith, Dimondale, Neal Dolbee, Charlotte, and Gerald Cowell, Adrian, were tied for first place.

Several surprises developed when Ostrander spotted Smith a 27 point handicap and despite pitching a fine 80% ringer percentage failed to overtake him and lost by a 138 to 130 point margin. Ostrander had other high percentages of 84 against Dolbee and 78 against Cowell.

Smith had high game of 62% against Ostrander. Smith was upset by Dolbee in the second round, and in turn won a narrow victory over Fuller, Battle Creek, by a 93 to 90 score.

Ernie "Four-Hi" Danielson Wins Letts, Iowa Indoor Meet

Ernie Danielson of Burlington, Iowa blazed a hot trail thru the top flight of the Letts, Iowa Indoor Open meet staged in that city, Sunday March 30. Byron Hafner was runner-up. Wally Beason of Muscatine clipped 4 to win Class B. Earl Ryner of Gerlaw, Illinois was head scorekeeper.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
E. Danielson, Iowa	4	1	71.6
B. Hafner, Iowa	4	1	67.6
H. Darnold, Iowa	3	2	68.6
C. Van Dusen, Illinois	3	2	62.1
R. Sornberger, Illinois	1	4	54.2
J. Davis, Iowa	0	5	56.5

CLASS B

	W	L	%
W. Beason, Iowa	4	1	51.5
M. Blake, Iowa	4	1	49.1
L. Bender, Iowa	3	2	49.7
L. Austin, Iowa	2	3	43.3
A. Jackson, Iowa	1	4	41.0
P. Gardin, Iowa	1	4	43.6

Al Smith Play-off Victor In Sunnyslope, Arizona Meet

Al Smith of Apache Junction, Arizona topped Max McKissock of Phoenix in the play-off for first place in a tournament held on the Monfort park courts in Sunnyslope, Arizona, March 8. Trophies were awarded to the top three finalists.

Al Smith 6-1-52.2; M. McKissock, 6-1-49.4; R. Carl, 5-2-46.6; J. Wood, 4-3-45.8; Bob Lynn, 3-4-40.4; W. Stearns, 2-5-31.4; T. Darrough, 1-6-31.7; J. McKissock, 1-6-28.3.

DeSoto Open Crown Goes To J. Rademacher At Bradenton, Florida

John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida was the conquering "Conquistadore" in the annual DeSoto Open tournament held in conjunction with the annual DeSoto Celebration at Bradenton, Florida. John had a clean slate of 7 victories with a 70.5 ringer percentage to support his drive to the title. Players from all areas of the country were entered. This year's entry list was the largest of them all which made the tournament a most successful venture.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
J. Rademacher	7	0	70.5	G. Gale	5	2	45.8
J. Riley	5	2	61.6	L. Miller	4	3	49.8
Wanda Dittmer	5	2	61.7	H. Johnson	4	3	48.4
L. Long	4	3	63.1	G. Osborne	3	4	45.2
E. Grable	3	4	56.9	W. Figy	3	4	43.0
G. Rademacher	3	4	50.7	C. Hewitt	3	4	40.1
				R. Whitmore	3	4	40.0
				R. Gravink	3	4	36.3

CLASS C — Wrucke, 61-44.4; Gravink, 6-1-44.7; Peary, 5-2-42.8; Packard, 4-3-41.7; Ellis, 3-4-43.9; Turner, 3-4-42.7; Crawford, 1-6-27.4; Wells, 0-7-31.5.

CLASS D — Garmon, 6-1-34.5; Taylor, 5-2-36.4; O. Corbett, 4-3-36.1; Rogers, 4-3-32.2; Graham, 3-4-30.9; Millett, 2-5-32.4; A. Figy, 2-5-32.3; Brandon, 2-5-29.1.

CLASS E — E. Johnson, 6-1-27.3; Kuhn, 5-2-24.5; Davidson, 5-2-29.3; Drager, 5-2-24.8; Myhre, 4-3-24.7; Guernsey, 1-6-20.1; Burkland, 1-6-20.1; T. Corbett, 0-7-10.0.

CLASS F — W. Smith, 6-1-21.5; Black, 5-2-22.9; York, 4-3-16.5; Cook, 4-3-17.7; Webster, 3-4-18.8; Kelly, 3-4-16.0; Buckner, 3-4-12.3; Porter, Forfeit.

Date Set For Topeka, Kansas Open Tournament

The Topeka-Open-To-The-World Tournament will be held on the Gage park courts in Topeka, Kansas on July 6. Qualifying scores should be sent to H. G. Collett, 324 Jewell Street, Topeka, Kansas 66606 together with the entry fee of \$3.00. Deadline is midnight of July 5. Tournament starts at 9 A.M. sharp on July 6.

Classes A and B will each have 8 players, while Classes C and D will have 6 men each. All other classes will be determined by number of remaining pitchers. Trophies will be awarded in all classes.

Tournament will be sponsored by the Brotherhood Railway Carmen of the United States and Canada and will be conducted by the Topeka Horseshoe club under the rules and regulations of the National Association.

Ozark Open Tournament — Lamar, Missouri, June 14-15

The Ozark Open tournament will be held on the Lamar city park courts in Lamar, Missouri on Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15. There will be three classes with two trophies being given in each class. A 1968 ringer percentage or the privilege of pitching 100 shoes will constitute the qualifying requirements. Percentage may be mailed not later than June 6 or entrant may pitch 100 shoes at the courts on June 14 or 15 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Entry fee will be \$2.00 and should be mailed to Bill Moritz or John Elkins, 1006 Randolph, Neosho, Missouri 64850. NHPA cards will be available at courts. It is planned to play all entries on the nine courts that are available.

Pomona — Southern California Hollingsworth Open

On March 2, the second 'AA' tourney of the season in rain soaked southern California, was played at Pomona, on a beautiful sunny day. No one had an opportunity to practice recently and the averages were below par. State champion Gerald Schneider won the tourney with a good exhibition, having lost only one game. This makes back to back wins for him. He won the Valley of the Sun in Mesa the previous week.

	W	L	%		W	L	%
G. Schneider, Rosemead ..	6	1	70.1	E. MacFarland, Sepulveda	2	3	66.5
J. Dawsey, Oxnard	5	2	69.3	W. Berg, Pasadena	2	3	63.4
J. Walker, Chula Vista ..	5	2	68.2	W. Shipley, Alhambra	2	3	46.9
J. Snyder, Chula Vista	4	3	68.4	H. Durr, Los Angeles	1	4	41.6
R. Simmon, South Gate ..	4	1	63.9	F. Percy, La Habra	0	5	53.6
E. Brown, Anaheim	3	2	67.1	H. Slagg, Ontario	0	5	41.9

South Gate — Southern California

SOUTH GATE B OPEN

SOUTH GATE G OPEN

	W	L	%		W	L	%
E. Knorp, Goleta	7	0	57.9	N. Draper, Barstow	7	0	36.4
W. Berg, Pasadena	6	1	58.5	J. Goode, Downey	6	1	28.8
T. Nichols, Bell	5	2	50.4	E. Erickson, Downey	5	2	32.0
St. Thomas, Bell Gardens..	4	3	56.2	M. Lingenfelter, Fullerton	4	3	30.3
D. Shubert, Los Angeles ..	3	2	48.5	E. Carrier, Downey	3	2	29.5
S. Libatique, South Gate ..	2	3	48.4	S. Brown, San Berdoo	3	2	28.7
E. St. Pierre, El Segundo..	2	3	41.3	W. Chaffer, Calipatria	2	3	27.9
W. Shipley, Alhambra	2	3	35.6	D. Steed, Pomona	1	4	23.8
H. Morse, Beaumont	1	4	47.2	D. Stewart, San Berdoo	1	4	20.3
S. Faulkner, Fullerton	1	4	41.4	K. Harris, Chino	1	4	20.2
L. Tarbell, Brea	1	4	36.7	R. Faulkner, Fullerton	0	5	19.3
H. Slagg, Ontario	0	5	33.3	J. Blake, Chino	1	4	16.5

Kindred, N. D. Open Set For June 14-15

Kindred's Ninth Open tournament will be held at Mill Site Park, one mile south of Kindred, North Dakota on Saturday and Sunday, June 14th and 15th. Pitchers may enter their highest ringer percentage from any one tournament played in 1968. Pitchers are urged to send their percentage score and \$5.00 to tournament managers, Floyd Lund or Rudy Lykken, Kindred, N. D. before June 1. You will be notified about your class and time to play.

Classes C, D and E will start at 10:30 Saturday, June 14th.

Classes F, G and H will start shortly after first round.

Classes A and B will start at 10:30 Sunday, June 15th.

Three lettered trophies in each class and a high ringer percentage trophy in each class for any one game.

Ten men in A, B, C and D. Eight in the other classes.

From Here and There

While starting a fire to heat water during a well-drilling operation, Ernie "Four-High" Danielson of Burlington, Iowa, suffered second and third degree burns to his head and shoulders.

He was hospitalized after receiving first-aid at the scene of the accident. Ernie was just recovering from a sprained ankle suffered in December and was just able to be up and about when misfortune befell him again. A card of cheer would help him during his convalescence. His address is Ernest Danielson, 221 South 10th Street, Burlington, Iowa 52601.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

Fairfield, Iowa

F. Ellis Cobb, Editor
Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Sir:

After reading your article "Food for Thought" in the Feb. Digest, I would like to make a suggestion for a change in horseshoe pitching.

Play each game 50 shoes only and count nothing but ringers, counting them one point each, but not played on cancellation basis. Each player would score all ringers he threw. After 50 shoes each player would have his score and ringer percentage. Tournaments could be played on schedule, as this would eliminate the long endurance contests and would also do away with the necessity of qualifying for a tournament.

This would also eliminate most playoffs in case of ties, as there wouldn't be many. However, if the score was tied at the end of a 50 shoe game, the person getting the first point breaking the tie would be winner. The winner of the tournament would be figured on the basis of total points at 50 shoes only and in case of a tie it could be settled by a 50 shoe game.

This would permit a tournament to be played much faster and also allow more players to participate. I believe this would also increase spectator interest.

Yours sincerely,
Bill Vandegriff

Knisley In Easy Cruise Thru Bremen, Ohio Indoor January Open

CLASS FINALS — Knisley, Bremen, 4-1-78.1; Manker, Martinville, 3-2-66.0; Rhymer, Stoutsville, 3-2-62.2; Rose, Columbus, 3-2-62.0; Johnson, Chillicothe 1-4-58.2; Roberts, Lucasville, 1-4-56.2.

CLASS A-1 — Rhymer, Stoutsville, 5-0-65.4; Roberts, Lucasville, 3-2-60.1; Whiteman, Newark, 3-2-54.0; Dawes, Good Hope, 2-3-57.0; Kugler, Hamilton, 2-3-53.2; Young, Columbus, 0-5-47.9.

CLASS A-2 — Manker, Martinsville, 5-0-63.7; Rose, Columbus, 4-1-63.7; Bennett, London, 3-2-64.5; Boesch, Columbus, 1-4-60.9; Witter, Columbus, 1-4-53.5; Harris, London, 1-4-45.1.

CLASS A-3 — Knisley, Bremen, 5-0-70.3; Johnson, Chillicothe, 4-1-61.0; Whiteman, Newark, 2-3-56.3; Wipert, Chillicothe, 2-3-53.9; Montgomery, Columbus, 2-3-52.3; Fields, Columbus, 0-5-33.4.

CLASS B — Chadwick, Columbus, 4-1-61.5; Conley, Lucasville, 3-2-54.7; Rena, Lucasville, 3-2-48.2; Rhymer, Stoutsville, 2-3-51.9; Roll, Chillicothe, 2-3-47.1; Lowe, Chillicothe, 1-4-47.6.

CLASS C — Brickets, Columbus, 5-1-48.8; Dailey, Chillicothe, 5-1-48.8; Carter, Marietta, 3-3-43.3; Mitchell, Ostander, 3-3-43.1; Slocum, Akron, 3-3-40.5; Huddleston, Akron, 1-5-45.3; Mathews, Columbus, 1-5-25.5.

Bremen Indoor — (Continued)

CLASS D — Grosklos, Marietta, 4-1-43.8; Dunkerly, Lancaster, 3-2-45.4; Beach, Junction City, 3-2-39.0; Hageman, Ostrander, 2-3-42.4; Triola, Akron, 2-3-35.6; Cline, Akron, 1-4-33.4.

CLASS E — Pratt, Columbus, 5-1-38.1; Garrett, Zanesville, 5-1-43.7; Santee, Marietta, 5-1-37.8; Park, Columbus, 3-3-30.8; Schultz, Chillicothe, 2-4-31.4; Strider, Hebron, 1-5-37.5; Branden, Akron, 0-6-24.4.

CLASS F — Shaw, Bremen, 5-1-31.8; Graham, Lancaster, 4-2-33.8; Van Atta, Bremen, 4-2-32.6; Howell, Bremen, 4-2-31.9; Green, Bremen, 3-3-27.4; Frazier, Lancaster, 1-5-20.1; Hunter, Bremen, 0-6-19.0.

Another Big Open Horseshoe Tournament The Mountaineer Classic

SPONSORED BY — Tri-County Horseshoe Club and Beckley Recreation Department.

LOCATION — New River Park, Beckley, West Virginia.

DATE — July 4, 5 & 6, 1969.

ELIGIBILITY — Each pitcher must be a member of N.H.P.A. in good standing and have his 1969 membership card. Non-members may join at the court sight prior to the tournament.

TYPE PLAY — Round robin, all divisions of play. The championship division will be divided into two groups, with the top players in each group playing a round robin for the championship. The number of players in the other classes will depend upon how many entries we have.

PLAYING SCHEDULE — Each player will be notified by mail as to time and day they will pitch.

QUALIFYING — Send average from last sanctioned tournament. If you do not have an average, you may pitch 100 shoes on your home court and we will deduct 10 percent for your entering average. Local players may qualify at the New River Park courts on June 27 and 28, evenings only. All mailed entries must be in by June 27th. Those received after this date will be refunded.

AWARDS — The champ will receive \$100.00 and a trophy. Second place \$75.00. Third place \$50.00. Trophies and cash awards for First and Second place in all divisions.

ENTRY FEE — A fee of \$7.00 must accompany your entry. Send your entry to: Roy Cline, Route 2, Box 114, Beckley, W. Va. 25801.

NOTE — New River Park has 8 of the best courts in West Virginia, consisting of concrete approaches and walk-ways, lights, fenced courts and lush grass surrounding courts. The Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine is located in the park along with countless other facilities for your family enjoyment. There are approximately 15 motels within a 5 mile radius of the park.

Annual Greenville Open — May 30, 31, June 1

The annual Greenville Open will be held at the City Park Courts, Greenville, Ohio, on May 30 & 31 and June 1, 1969. Entrants may qualify from 9 AM to 9 PM on Friday, May 30 and from 8 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday, May 31. All entrants must be registered in by 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 31. The entry fee will be \$5.00.

Tentative plans are that the lower classes will pitch on Saturday afternoon and evening and the higher classes on Sunday, June 1. This tournament will be sponsored and conducted by the Darke County Horseshoe Club. A national card is not required for this warmup tourney.

Court Registrations and Publicity Fund Donations

ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK, McArthur Park — 5 courts.
LITTLE ROCK, Floyd Toole, 7215 Shetland Drive — 1 court.

CALIFORNIA

CAMPBELL, Verdian Zelmar, 2183 Abbey Lane — 1 court.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, Welles Park Horseshoe Club, Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave. — 5 lighted clay courts.

ST. CHARLES, Roger Ehlers, 1714 5th Place — 1 court L.

SMITHFIELD, Roy W. Slater, R. R. #1 (3½ miles south) — 1 court.

VALLEY CITY, (court location) Hugh Tooley, R. R. #2 Box 35 Griggsville — 1 dirt court.

INDIANA

FT. WAYNE, Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n of Allen County, McMillan Park, Norris E. Maywhoor-Pres., 3319 Warsaw St., Ft. Wayne 46806 — 12 courts L.

FRANKLIN, Johnson County Horseshoe Club Location: Fairgrounds. Contact Oran C. Hollandbeck, 751 Graham Street — 12 courts L.

MISSOURI

PACIFIC, D. J. Ross, Bassett Road, R.R.#1 — 2 indoor courts L.

HIGGINSVILLE, Higginsville Horseshoe Club, Morris Cordle, Chairman, 2807 Highway Blvd.

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, Bob & Lloyd Mortensen, 335 No. 28th — 1 court L.

KILGORE, Hit and Miss Horseshoe Club, R. L. Hand, secretary — 5 courts.

NEW YORK

UTICA, Fran Williams, 185 Riverside Drive — 1 sand court L.

JAMESTOWN, Falconer Rod & Gun Club, Horseshoe Division, Buffalo St. Ext., Elwyn Babcock Sec'y, Levant, N.Y. George W. Hale Pres. 1003 W. 6th St., Jamestown, N.Y. — 12 courts L.

OHIO

FRANKLIN, Miami Valley Horseshoe Club, Community park, Ruth Bennett sec'y., 4920 Eck Road, Middletown, Ohio — 10 courts L.

PERRYSBURG, Perrysburg Horseshoe Club, 5th & Walnut. Pete Finch, Mgr., 718 Balfe St., Toledo, Ohio — 2 courts L.

OKLAHOMA

BARTLESVILLE, Bartlesville Horseshoe Club, Sooner Park, Madison & Tuxedo Blvds. J. M. Copenhagen, Pres. G. R. Kahle sec'y., 107 Forrest Pk Rd. — 8 courts L.

SOUTH DAKOTA

ALCASTER, Mrs. Christine Fickbohm — 1 court L.

TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, James W. Woodson, 235 Rainbow Drive — 1 court.

VIRGINIA

DEERFIELD, Radio Park, 1.3 mile SW on State Road 629. Ralph Hamilton, Secretary — 8 courts L.

WEST VIRGINIA

LOGAN, Logan County Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n., Middleburg Park — 8 courts L.

WISCONSIN

KIMBERLY, Jerry Kamps' Courts, 303 Williams Street — 7 courts.

FRIEND OF THE GAME

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, Floyd Toole, 7215 Shetland Drive — \$10.00

BOULDER, COLORADO, Ted Allen, 1045 Linden Avenue — \$5.00

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, William R. Soderlund, 2159 Addison St. — \$2.50

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, Bob & Lloyd Mortensen, 335 No. 28th — \$1.00

PERRYSBURG, OHIO, Perrysburg, Horseshoe Club, 5th & Walnut. Pete Finch Mgr., 718 Balfe St., Toledo, Ohio — \$2.00

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, James J. Woodson, 235 Rainbow Drive — \$4.00

Greenville Ringer Classic — July 3-4-5-6

The annual Greenville Ringer Classic will be held at the City Park Courts in Greenville, Ohio from July 3 thru July 6. The tournament will be sponsored by the Darke County Horseshoe Club and the City Park Commission and will be sanctioned and conducted by the Ohio Buckeye Association.

All entrants for the Men's Division must qualify by pitching 100 shoes. Qualifying times will be from 6 PM to 10 PM on July 3, from 9 AM to 6 PM on July 4 and from 8 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday, July 5. All entrants must be registered in by 11:30 AM on Saturday. The entry fee will be \$6.00 with those who qualify for Class A paying an additional \$5.00.

There will be a Ladies Tournament and a Junior Tournament for boys on Friday, July 4. All entrants for these tournaments must be registered by 12 Noon on July 4. There will be an entry fee of \$4.00 for women but none for the juniors. No qualifications. In the event there is sufficient interest a tournament for junior girls will also be held on July 4.

COMING EVENTS

- May 4 — Creston, Iowa Open tournament, McKinley park courts, Creston, Iowa. Mail qual. score and \$3.00 fee to Art Reed, 604 W. Mills, Creston, Iowa. 50801
- May 10-11 — Ottumwa Open tournament, Riverside park courts, Ottumwa, Iowa. Qual. May 10 or send score to Lucille Hopkins, 124 South Cherry Street, Ottumwa, Iowa. 52501. Sanctioned.
- May 17-18 — Annual Oil Capitol Open, Central Park courts, 6th and Peoria Streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- May 18 — Iowa Hawkeye tournament, Birdland park courts, Des Moines, Iowa. Iowa members only. Send score with \$3.00 to Lucille Hopkins, 134 South Cherry St., Ottumwa, Iowa 52501.
- May 30-31-June 1 — Annual Greenville Open tournament, City park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- May 25 — Tri-County Singles tournament, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- June 1 — Annual Froid Open tournament, Froid, Montana.
- June 7-8 — Spring Fling Open tournament, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
- June 14-15 — Annual Kindred Open tournament, Mill Site park courts, Kindred, N.D.
- June 14-15 — Hill City Invitational tournament, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- June 15 — Denver City tournament, Denver, Colorado.
- June 15 — Annual Crete Open, Crete, Nebraska. Qual. scores to Lenord Werner, Crete, Nebraska 68333.
- June 14-15 — Annual Water Wonderland Open tournament, Burr Oak, Michigan.
- June 14-15 — Ozark Open tournament, Lamar city park courts, Lamar, Missouri.
- June 15-22 — Massachusetts Open tournament, West Side courts, Route 20, West Springfield, Massachusetts.
- June 21 — Crawford County Open tournament, Oblong park courts, Oblong, Illinois.
- June 21 — Los Altos Open tournament, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- June 21-22 — Annual Eau Claire Open tournament, Carson park courts, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
- June 27 — Annual Rocky Mountain Open tournament, Pow Wow Rodeo park courts, Boulder, Colorado.
- June 27-28-29 — Annual Hebron Open tournament, Hebron courts, Rte 440, 25 miles east of Columbus, Ohio, north of Rte 70, Hebron and Newark exit.
- June 29 — St. Joe Open tournament, 28th and Edmond Streets, Noyes Field courts, St. Joseph, Missouri.
- July 4 — Annual 4th of July tournament, Mound City Missouri. Send qual. score to Stanley Brickey, Mound City, Missouri 64470.
- July 4-5-6 — Annual Ringer Classic City park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- July 5 — Annual Fort Peck Open tournament, Fort Peck, Montana.
- July 4-5-6 — The Mountaineer Classic tournament, New River park courts, Beckley, West Virginia. Mail deadline, June 25. Out of town entries with \$7.00 fee to Roy Cline, Rte #2, Box 114, Beckley, West Virginia 25801.
- July 5-6 — Annual Red River Valley Open tournament, Oak Grove park courts, Fargo, North Dakota.
- July 12-13 — Annual Virginia State tournament, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- July 13 — Annual 4-State tournament, Falls City, Nebraska. Send qual score to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.
- July 19-20 — Annual Wisconsin State tournament, Jerry Kamps' courts, Combined Locks, Kimberly, Wisconsin.
- July 19-20 — Hill City Open tournament, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- July 26 — New Castle Open — Benefit for Lawrence County Crippled Children, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
- July 27 — Annual Montana NHPA Culbertson tournament, Culbertson, Montana.
- August 9 — Annual Apple Capital Invitational tournament, Winchester, Virginia.
- August 10 — Mound City Open tournament, Mound City, Missouri. Send qual. score to Stanley Brickey, Mound City, Missouri 64470.
- August 10 — Tri-State Open tournament, Washington park courts, Denver, Colorado. For Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado.
- August 16-17 — 25-Mile Limit tournament, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
- August 17 — Annual Falls City Open tournament, Falls City, Nebraska. Send qual. score to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.
- August 17 — Massachusetts State Tournament, West Side courts, Route 20, West Springfield, Massachusetts.
- August 23-24 — Annual Iowa State tournament, Iowa state fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 30-31 — Annual Nebraska State tournament, Omaha, Nebraska. Qualifying on courts there, August 30.
- August 30-31-Sept. 1 — Annual Michigan State tournament, Burr Oak, Michigan.
- August 31 — Annual Montana NHPA and AAU State championships, Lewistown, Montana.
- August 31-Sept. 1 — Annual Colorado State tournament, Memorial park courts, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- August 29-30-31-Sept. 1 — Ohio Buckeye State tournament, City park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- Sept. 1 — Annual State Fair Open tournament Lincoln, Nebraska. Send qual. score to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.
- Sept. 5-6-7 — Southwestern District tournament, Ohio only. Site to be announced.
- Sept. 6-7 — Carl Frye Memorial tournament, Winchester, Virginia.
- Sept. 7 — Annual Midland Open tournament, Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmond Streets, St. Joseph, Missouri.
- Sept. 13-14 — Annual Columbus Open tournament, Columbus, Ohio, lower classes Higher classes on Sept. 20-21. Site to be announced.
- Sept. 20-21 — Annual Virginia State Doubles tournament, Churchville, Virginia.
- Sept. 20-21 — Fall Ringer Round-up Open tournament, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Coming Events—Continued

MAY-JUNE SCHEDULE — INDIANA

- May 17-18 — Spring Open at New Albany, Ind., Floyd County Community park. Deadline for entries, Monday, May 12. Entry fee \$3.25.
- May 25 — Indiana-Illinois Open at Fairgrounds, Cayuga, Ind. Deadline for entries, Monday, May 19. Entry fee \$3.25. Only first 48 entries will be accepted.
- May 31-June 1 — Ben Shores Memorial Open at Fairview park, Anderson, Ind. Deadline for entries, Monday May 26. Entry fee \$3.25.
- June 7-8 — Northwest Indiana Open at High School courts, Kouts, Ind. Deadline for entries, Monday, June 2. Entry fee \$3.25.
- June 7-8 — Indianapolis Open at Garfield park, Indianapolis, Ind. Deadline for entries, Monday, June 2. Entry fee \$3.25.
- June 14-15 — Western Indiana Open at Dornier park, Frankfort, Ind. Deadline for entries, Monday, June 9. Entry fee \$3.25.

June 21-22 — Central Indiana at Fairview park, Anderson, Ind. Deadline for entries, Monday, June 16. Entry fee \$3.25. Indiana players only.

June 28-29 — Eastern Indiana Open at Roberts park, Connersville, Ind. Deadline for entries, Monday June 23. Entry fee \$3.25.

Send all entries to Earle Wilmore, 1350 Dearborn St. Gary, Ind. 46403 (phone 938-3431, area code 219). Entries must be in by deadline time.

Players will be classed on the basis of previous performances and notified of their playing time by mail. New players without record and those who feel their past record is too low may send in a 100 shoe qualifying score to be used as a basis for placing them in a class.

NEW JERSEY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- May 4 — N.J.A.A.U. Junior Tournament (New Jersey Players Only) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- May 18 — Lois A. Kolb Memorial Tournament (Open) — Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- June 1 — N.J.A.A.U. Open Tournament (Open) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- June 15 — John Rosselet Memorial Tournament (Open) Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 29 — New Jersey Open Tournament (Open) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- July 12 — N.J. Junior Championship Tournament (N.J. Juniors Only — Age 17 years

- and under) 1207 Liberty Avenue, Mays Landing, N. J. (George Fleck's Home)
- July 13 — Middle Atlantic State Tournament N.J., N.Y., Pa., Del. and Maryland players only) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N.J.
- July 27 — Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey — Essex County Open Tournament (Open)
- August 9 — N.J.A.A.U. Senior Tournament (New Jersey Players Only) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- August 24 — N.J. State Singles Championship — Mountain View Park, Middlesex, New Jersey (N.J. Players only)
- August 31 — N.J. State Doubles Championship (N. J. Players Only) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

- May 4 — San Bernardino F, San Berdu.
- May 10 — South Gate B Open, So. Gate.
- May 18 — San Diego Open & C, San Diego.
- May 24 — Baldwin Park Doubles, Baldwin Park.
- May 25 — South Gate D & G, So. Gate.
- June 1 — Lowell Gray Open, Pomona.
- June 8 — Fullerton B Open, Fullerton.
- June 22 — Baldwin Park E Open, Baldwin Park.
- June 28 — San Bernardino Doubles, San Berdu.
- June 29 — Fullerton F Open, Fullerton.
- July 5 — Semana Nautica B Open, Santa Barbara.
- July 6 — Semana Nautica Open, Santa Barbara.
- July 12-13 — Elmer Beller Open, So. Gate.
- July 20 — Baldwin Park C Open, Baldwin Park.
- July 26 — Oxnard B & E Open, Oxnard.
- July 27 — Oxnard Open & C Open, Oxnard.
- Aug. 3 — Pomona E, Pomona.
- Aug. 9 — Al Rodgers Doubles, So. Gate.
- Aug. 10 — Baldwin Park D Open, Baldwin Park.
- Aug. 17 — Balboa Park Open & C, San Diego.
- Aug. 24 — Pomona F Open, Pomona.
- Aug. 30 — Fernando Isais Open, Pomona.
- Aug. 31 — Ringer Round Up & Women, South Gate.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

- May 4 — Sacramento—CLASS A
- May 18 — Mosswood—CLASS C—No. Calif. meeting
- May 25 — Arroyo Viejo—CLASS E
- May 31-June 1 — Golden Gate—OPEN (June 1 tentative)
- June 8 — Vallejo—CLASS C
- June 15 — San Jose—CLASS B & D
- June 22 — Seaside—OPEN
- June 29 — Modesto—CLASS A
- July 5-6 — Pleasanton Fair—OPEN
- July 13 — Grass Valley—CLASS B
- July 19-20 — Santa Rosa Fair—OPEN
- July 27 — Vallejo—CLASS D
- Aug. 9 — Turlock Fair—OPEN
- Aug. 10 — Seaside—CLASS C
- Aug. 17 — Pleasanton—CLASS D
- Aug. 23-24 — Santa Clara Fair (San Jose)
- CALIF. CHAMPIONSHIP
- Aug. 24 — Grass Valley Fair—OPEN
- Aug. 30-31 — Open Date
- Sept. 1 — San Jose—OPEN (Free-for-all)
- Sept. 6-7 — Mosswood—OPEN
- Sept. 14 — Arroyo Viejo—CLASS E (Northern Championship)
- Sept. 21 — Los Gatos—OPEN
- Sept. 28 — Seaside—CLASS D (Northern Championship)
- Oct. 5 — Arroyo Viejo—CLASS C (Northern Championship)
- Oct. 12 — Modesto—CLASS B (Northern Championship)

