

Tyler Howard Repeats As Junior Boy's World Champion!



Tyler Howard successfully defended his Junior Boy's World Championship on July 30th in Montgomery Alabama, going 7-1 for a 76.3% average. Kentucky kept a strong presence in the Junior Boy's Division this year with Tyler going in as the number one ranked Junior Boy in the World and with the rise of division newcomer Seth O'Nan, who has achieved a top three ranking most all year. It would be Seth who would throw down the most serious challenge to Tyler's Championship run. Seth would win the preliminary class with a 71.39% average with Tyler in second with a 65.56% average. Seth was the only Junior Boy that would be able to defeat Tyler in the Championship, 40-30. Seth pitched a 72.0% game to get the victory. Seth had a stumble in his opening game with a 62.9% loss to Pennsylvania's Aaron Hanes 36-43. Hanes pitched a 64.6% game to get the win. Both Tyler & Seth, having one loss each, would have to battle it out in a deciding playoff game. Tyler would put the hammer down on Seth's chances, totally dominating the game with an 88.1% effort. Seth would pitch 59.5% in the playoff. Seth finished the Championship at 6-2 with a 70.55% average. Third place

finisher, Dayton Campbell threw the highest game at Tyler, with a 72.2% effort in game 6. Tyler pitched 79.1% in this game for a 41-28 win. Tyler's World Tournament experience was vital in his title run for 2016. This aspect undoubtedly gave Seth more to think about this season but he will be back as a serious Boy's contender in future seasons as Tyler has completed his World Junior career with back-to-back World Championships! A great way to leave your mark on the sport of horseshoes!



Tyler Howard's Championship Scorecard

1. Tyler Howard 7-1

Opponent	Score	Rgrs	Shs	%
1. Gunnar David	44/14	39	52	75.0
2. Hayden Lee	40/16	29	40	72.5
3. Aaron Hanes	41/4	30	36	83.3
4. Devin Wetzel	41/25	33	46	71.7
5. Seth Onan	30/40	46	68	67.6
6. Dayton C Campbell	41/28	57	72	79.1
7. Travis Sluys	42/16	45	58	77.5
8. Seth Onan	40/4	37	42	88.1

	319	316	414	76.33



Lampkin & Meredith Capture World Class Wins!



Buddy Lampkin picked up a Class victory in the Men's Class J1, going 12-4 with 121 ringers out of 640 shoes, for a 18.91% average. Buddy captured the win in a playoff game against Robert Smullen of Tennessee. Karen Meredith won Women's Class F, undefeated at 15-0. Karen pitched 264 ringers out of 600 shoes for an average of 44.00%. Other Kentucky finishers included Becky Holmes- 12th in Women's A, Laurie Lampkin- 12th in Women's C, Charlie Meredith- 5th In Men's A1, John Neagle- 13th in Men's A2, Randy Hankins- 10th in Men's B1. Omer Howard- 6th in Men's C1, Stanley Kemper- 9th in Men's C2, A.B. Webb- 7th in Men's H1, Jim Culver- 10th in Elder's A1, Dale Snellen- 4th in Elder's B2, Frank Chaney- 7th in Elder's E1, Jerry Elliott- 6th in Elder's F2, Don Fleissner- 12th in Elder's H2, Zach Hankins- 9th in Junior C and James Webb- 7th in Cadet C.



Meredith & Culver Compete In Championships!



2016 MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

5th Place- Charlie Meredith 11-4

Opponent	Score	Rgrs	Shs	%
1. Billy Vann	41/28	54	72	75.0
2. Austin Bailey	41/35	53	70	75.7
3. Drew Becker	41/16	44	60	73.3
4. Don Davis	40/20	37	50	74.0
5. Ken Heinritz	42/19	46	62	74.1
6. Jacob Fimbres	40/31	44	60	73.3
7. Mark Smith	42/15	30	38	78.9
8. Jerry Dean	42/12	29	38	76.3
9. Dan Watson	18/41	38	56	67.8
10. Brian Simmons	35/41	55	76	72.3
11. Gary Bearpaw	42/35	39	56	69.6
12. Alan Francis	1/41	32	48	66.6
13. Gale Greene	41/28	33	46	71.7
14. Walter Ray Williams Jr	30/41	47	64	73.4
15. Rick Howe	42/30	62	78	79.4

	538	643	874	73.57

2016 ELDER MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

12th Place- Jim Culver 5-10

Opponent	Score	Rgrs	Shs	%
1. Roger Vogel	42/20	38	56	67.8
2. Virgil Rife	32/41	48	68	70.5
3. David P Jagers	9/42	25	42	59.5
4. David Holmes	24/41	33	50	66.0
5. Zane Goggin	8/43	15	34	44.1
6. Tom Westbrook	41/16	40	48	83.3
7. Daniel F Dunn	25/41	53	74	71.6
8. Ron Deckard	25/42	54	78	69.2
9. Russ Phillips	43/28	56	74	75.6
10. Roy Dugger	14/40	19	40	47.5
11. Richard Altis	32/40	83	106	78.3
12. Rich Knerem Sr.	6/40	22	40	55.0
13. Rich Pintor	41/29	48	70	68.5
14. Ron Womack	42/22	38	52	73.0
15. Gregg Craven	27/42	51	70	72.8

	411	623	902	69.07

State Preview-2016

Previewing the potential battles that will decide the 2016 Kentucky State Championships.

Men's Division

Charlie Meredith has won four consecutive Men's State titles, 2012-2015. Charlie will be trying to win his fifth consecutive, something he has never done. Can another competitor derail the Meredith train?



I don't see it happening. Charlie has a firm grasp on his game and he does the necessary things it takes to stay on top and be consistent. He keeps his game in tune most every day by a short trip up to the Chalybeate courts and his 2016 performances will bear out his level of consistency. If anyone is to topple Charlie, they will need to throw the game of their horseshoe career to get by him and be able to hold off all other contenders. Analyzing the other contenders begins with Tony Hankins, who is the second best pitcher in the State and is always the biggest threat to win again but Tony continues to be hampered by some chronic health issues. Tony has pitched sparingly this season and has been terribly inconsistent. Tony's high tournament is 60.52% pitched last month but his mindset does not appear to be where it needs to be to take a real shot at winning it this year. Tony is usually laser focused but without that focus he may fall in with the rest of the pack. Positions 2-8 appears to be totally up for grabs this year. Third seeded John Neagle has been a streaky player as of later, bursting with some

stretches of 60+% games but can also fall through the 40's at the drop of hat. John has been practicing



more so of late and he could put together a nice finish. He will be a tough man to beat, so you'd better be ready. Ben Webb has advanced his average

into the low 50's in just the last few weeks after a rocky early season start. Ben has still not "settled in" to a consistent pitch and rhythm yet in his first 40ft. season. He is still searching and sometimes gets lost in the process. He is very capable of a one game burst into the 70's but my also swing the other way into the 30's. So will go his tournament outlook. He could break out and be a serious contender, rising to the occasion or if he does not get his head into it, he could be up and down. I expect a couple of really high games from him in this event, against any contender top to bottom. Number 5 man Randy Hankins has really been down this year and has tried to find a less body stressful delivery than his low driving shoe. He had it flying higher at the Ted Sauer Memorial and it was looking good. Randy had his best tourney in a while at 50.4% so his game could be on the up tick. Robert Taylor's game was really going well but seems to peak in June at the mid 50's. He has struggled to maintain form since. His game is really hit and miss. The number 7 & 8 contenders, Randy Wade & Bobby Robinson are both capable. Wade has been out of action since mid-June but Robinson pitched well in the Sauer tourney and can string some ringers with the best of them. Should be interesting to see who can break ahead of the pack.

Women's Division



The 2016 Women's State Title has been vacated. It is up for grabs! Who wants it? Karen Shuck did not return this year to defend her title and each of the other top contenders have had their struggles. Becky Holmes would be the clear favorite to win it but her current pitching status is unknown. Becky has pitched in extreme ranges this season, from 66.7% down to 40.0%, so she could still fall into someone's clutches if she plays but Becky has not competed in the State since 2012. There is no clear favorite amongst the other ladies as far as I can see. Laurie Lampkin has perhaps been the most consistent this year but is also down from last season. Laurie's high tourney this year is 50.0%. Julie Thompson was on pace with some high 40's tourneys early on but has since taken a two month layoff from shoes. Julie's return to action this past Saturday was a little rocky. Julie needs to practice hard this week to attempt to get back in form. The only other player to break 50% this season is Karen Meredith. Karen has improved her percentage by near 9% over last season and has been on a high since her breakout tourney in Etown and winning her 2016 World tourney Class but Karen's trouble comes with being consistent. If any of these ladies can't step it up, it might open the door for some of the State's other women to transfer in and take advantage. We intend to have a six player class again this year. Teresa Spencer has been pretty solid this year and Pat Mitchell knows how to win. We could have an upset winner this year and it will be interesting to see how this plays out. Practice ladies!!!

Elder's Division

The Elder's Division and the top six are a strong group. Bob is the defending champion and the percentage favorite to be a repeat winner. within this class, each is capable of beating



the other and can turn the Championship on its head. Bob has not pitched a lot this year but has pitched well against his Elder competitors. Jim Culver has pitched often and should give a strong run to challenge Bob this year. Johnnie Jones has also pitched a heavy schedule this season and has had some really nice tournaments with a high of 68.0% in Russell Springs but Johnnie has not found much head-to-head success against Hudnall & Culver.



Charles Browning comes in as the number four contender and has really raised the level of his game in the last two years. Browning has been able to get a win or two over Hudnall this year and could be real spoiler. For a peak performance, Charles needs a mild weather weekend, or he will struggle in high heat conditions. Bill Garrett is next up. You can't count him out but he has struggled to really get going this year, posting just two tourneys above 60%. Jim Baker can toss a high game at any time and can be a dangerous player if he gets hot but Baker has not gotten above 60 this year, getting within a few ringers on three occasions. I think the Elder that wins this year will need to get above 67% to have a real shot at it.

Junior Boy's Division



It's the Howard & O'Nan show! Grab a seat and watch the action. The World's top two Junior are here to do battle once again. Tyler is the defending champ but I don't know that you can give him the advantage going into the State. Tyler is pitching well, having averaged 70% this past weekend. I expect Seth to come in strong and be eager for the rematch. What will it take to win? Over 70 all the way. I think both boys will get that done and we'll see who can take the higher rung on the ladder!

Junior Girl's Division

The Girl's Division will match Abby Rose against last year's Champ, Sarah Neagle. Abby hit the



ground running when she moved up from the Cadet Division this year. Abby has progressed well this season and is pitching her best horseshoes, coming off of a

36.6% tourney this Saturday in Bardstown. Abby picked up her first class win of the season! Abby will be tough to beat but needs to remain focused to capture her first State Title. Sarah Neagle's has improved this year but has found it slow going at times. Sarah's best tourney was 23.0% in Russell

Springs but will need to find the inner Neagle competitive drive if she has a shot to overtake Rose. Sarah has a solid flip shoe pitch and could have a break out tourney at anytime. She will need to pitch her best. These two girls are both fine horseshoe pitchers and should have many good games together in the future as they will both be strong players in this Division!



Junior Cadet's Division



Noah Snellen has emerged as the Cadet favorite in 2016. Noah had his highest tourney at Etown in July at 27.7%. Noah dropped back a bit this past Saturday

hitting 22.0% in Bardstown. Hanna Neagle is the second ranked Cadet and could challenge Noah if he falters. Hanna has thrown games in the 20's this year but has only averaged 14.0% in her best outing. Juniors, James Webb & Jackson Reynolds will round out the field of Cadets. James has shown signs of getting going this year but has been inactive since returning from the World. We'll see what happens!

2016 State Logo



For those of you who haven't noticed, this year's logo is a tribute to Leamon Benningfield & George Applegate. These shirts are Columbia blue. Those of you that ordered, please look me up to get your shirt as early as possible at the State.

ECHPA League News

The ECHPA Spring League finished up on July 11th and was won by Jimmy Adwell. Jimmy practices every day at the Chalybeate courts and practice pays off. Congrats to Jimmy on his league win! Charlie Meredith was the second place finisher. Charlie won the high average patch with a 79.66% league and the high game patch at 92%. Ben Webb had the high game over average with a 78% game. Hanna Neagle & James Webb achieved percentage level patches. Chalybeate had 22 players that tossed a shoe in the Spring League.



2016 Club vs Club

The 2016 Club vs Club Competition was won this year by the Somerset Horseshoe Club! Eugene Brown & Jesse Gentry have gathered together a fine club there in Somerset and they are a tight knit group. Congrats to Somerset on the victory in their first year of competition!

Final Standings

1. Somerset	26-14	40 games
2. Chalybeate	23-17	40 games
3. Mt. Sterling	20-20	40 games
4. Bardstown	18-22	40 games
5. Richmond	16-24	40 games
6. Elizabethtown	15-19	34 games
7. Burlington	6-10	16 games

Mitch Duncan will be bringing the traveling trophy down to the State Tournament Saturday to hand over to the Somerset Club to display until someone tries to take it away next year!

Support The State Doubles!

I would like to encourage everyone to start getting your teams together for the Kentucky State Doubles. I will have the traditional Doubles trophies that we have each year. These are always nice trophies. We need to keep our numbers up and have teams pitching for them! Sign up in the book. If you want to pitch and don't have a partner, just sign up and put "need partner" by your name. Individual player percentages are added together to form a team percentage. You are classed by your team percentage. All participants must be a Kentucky sanction card carrying member. As long as you have a card, you can pitch. You do not have to have a certain number of tourneys in to pitch in the Doubles. Let's go!

Grassy Lick Revisited

Back on July 9th, Tony Hankins and I went to see the old Grassy Lick court site under the direction of Don Hayes. These courts were on the schedule from 1982-1990 and were torn out sometime there after. Here is what the Grassy Lick site looks like today.



To see what Grassy Lick Looked like Back in 1987, Go to the KHPA Website and Click on "2016

Photos & More", and then look under "Historical Info" for "Montgomery Co. Courts." This Is KHPA History!

