

From the KHPA History Files: Remembering the Pine Ridge Horseshoe Club and The Campton courts.

Campton & The 2003 State Tournament

Campton Kentucky was the site for the 2003 Kentucky State Horseshoe Tournament and the location of what was once one of the largest horseshoe clubs in the State at one time. The man behind the emergence of the Campton site and club was Darrell Halsey. Darrell was KHPA President in 2002 & 2003 and was 1st Vice President the two years prior. With consultation from Don Titcomb, Darrell constructed the twelve court site, of which three courts were located indoors of a converted garage. The indoor courts were scheduled for completion in the summer of 1996. The completed Campton site held a place on the KHPA Schedule from 1999 to 2004 with two events, The Ky. Derby Open and the Campton Open, each season. With the exit of Halsey from the Association in 2004, the Campton site and club would gradually fade into history and the last connection from the Pine Ridge Horseshoe Club to the KHPA would dissipate with Kendal Chenault who last pitched in 2010.



Darrell Halsey



Courts 4 & 5 (above), Courts 6-9 (below)



Courts 10, 11 & 12 (below)

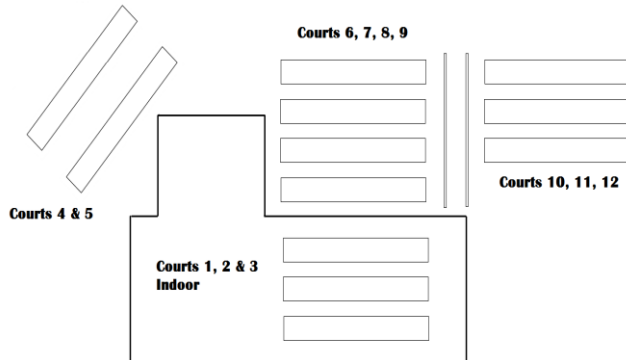
Court Views



Courts 1, 2 & 3 as seen in the 2003 Men's State Championship



The 2003 State



Rough Layout Of The Campton Courts

The 2003 State had 68 total entrants and 61 participants. All classes took place on Saturday, August 30th. There was a slight rain delay during the 9:00am flight. Pitching concluded with the Men's Division around midnight to 1:00 am.

Class A Men

Tony Hankins	7-0	68.8%
Randy Hankins	6-1	62.9%
Matt Guy	4-3	58.5%
Walter Mullins	4-3	57.8%
Greg Nalley	2-4	51.1%
Jim Culver	2-5	47.3%
Glenn Shuck	2-5	44.9%
Bill Garrett	0-6	46.4%

Tony Hankins dominated the Men's division to win 3 straight Men's titles. Tony's closest games were a 40-36 win over Walter Mullins and a 41-27 win over Matt Guy. This was Matt Guy's last State Tournament appearance.

Class A Women

Sue Snyder	3-0	74.4%
Becky Kemper	0-3	58.7%

Sue Snyder would defeat Becky Kemper three straight, 42-9, 42-17 and 42-30 in a best three out of five matchup.

Class A Jr. Boy

J. D. Mullins	4-0	47.5%
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Class A Elder Men

Cecil Cook	4-0	61.8%
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Jeremiah Mullins and Cecil Cook were in a league of their own, both pitching with the B contenders in their respective Divisions.

Class Winners

Class B Men

Lundie Blevins	8-1	50.8%
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Lundie won the B Division in a 3-way playoff against Eddie Haynes and Bobby Robinson. Each lost one game in the regular round robin.

Class C Men

Paul Gunter	6-0	52.7%
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Paul Gunter dominated Class C, with his only serious challenge being from Doug Kinney, who came up just short 33-35. Forrest Cooper was the 2nd place man, losing one game and averaging 43.3%

CLASS D Men

Brian Tungate	7-1	39.5%
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Up and comer, Brian Tungate won Class D in a playoff 50-23 against Don Hayes. Don's lone round robin loss was also against Tungate.

CLASS E Men

Omer Howard	5-1	33.2%
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Omer Howard was the outright winner of Class E, losing only one game, against Tom Mattingly.

CLASS F Men

Joey Nipper	5-2	30.6%
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Joey Nipper was Class F champ, winning in a playoff 41-31 over Brian Fulkerson.

Class G Men

Gene Moore	5-1	25.3%
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Gene Moore won Class G in a playoff 38-21 over Greg O'Neal. Also competing in Class G, his first State Tourney was Alton Stone. Stoney finished in 5th position, 2-3 24.4%.

Class B Women

Susie Flinchum	3-0	32.7%
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Susie Flinchum defeated Vicky Brown three straight in Women's Class D. One thing to note, Susie did it from 40ft!! One of the rare Women's Division pitchers to ever pitch from 40ft in Kentucky.

Class B Junior Boys

Tyler Howard	2-3	24.0%
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Tyler Howard defeated Jeff Halsey 33-31 to win Class B Boys in his first State Tournament. (No Cadet Division established)

Class B Elder Men

Johnny Adams	3-1	51.0%
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Johnny Adams defeated Crusoe Campbell 40-24, Johnny Jones 42-28 & Ben Burrows 40-19 to take the Class B Elder Men's class.