

From the KHPA History Files: Flashback to the 1995 Men's Kentucky State Championship

1995 Men's State Championship, A Battle Of Kentucky Titans

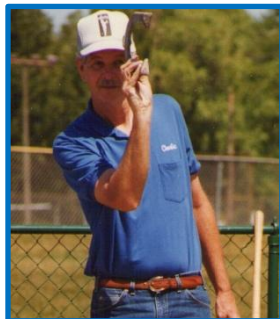
The 1995 Kentucky State Tournament was held on Sept. 2nd and 3rd at the courts in Winchester. 1995 was one of the great years in the Kentucky Men's horseshoe competition. This was the third battle between three great champions; Don Titcomb, Charlie Meredith and Ron Powell and a host of Kentucky's future champions and some of the state's top contenders.



Six do battle on the Winchester courts: (L to R) – Ted Sauer, Charlie Meredith, Don Titcomb, Greg Nalley, Tony Hankins & Matt Guy.

1. Charlie Meredith 9-0 75.7%

Charlie entered the 1995 State as the #3 seed carrying A NATSTAT average of 78%. Charlie would go undefeated in the tournament at 9-0 With a ringer percentage of 75.7%. This was Charlie's Third State Championship.

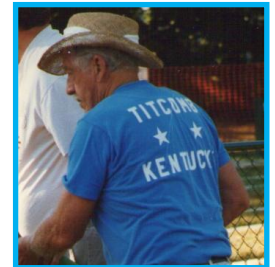


Charlie's Championship Scorecard

Round	Opponent	Score	R	SP	Per. %
Game 1	Lovelace	41-9	27	38	71.0%
Game 2	Nalley	42-22	44	56	78.6%
Game 3	Culver	41-3	27	32	84.4%
Game 4	R. Hankins	41-39	59	86	68.6%
Game 5	Sauer	40-11	34	40	85.0%
Game 6	T. Hankins	40-9	31	36	86.1%
Game 7	Powell	41-29	75	88	85.2%
Game 8	Titcomb	42-34	46	68	67.6%
Game 9	Guy	42-29	49	74	66.2%

2. Don Titcomb 8-1 73.3%

Don Titcomb entered into the 1995 State as the defending Champion of the last two Years and was a well seasoned Veteran of the sport, having Won the World Championship In 1960.

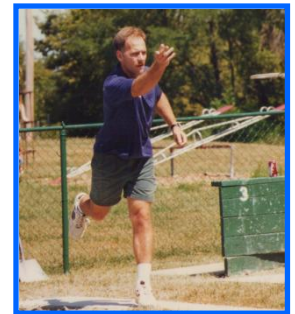


Don's 1995 State Scorecard

Round	Opponent	Score	R	SP	Per. %
Game 1	Nalley	40-26	31	48	64.6%
Game 2	Culver	41-7	31	40	77.5%
Game 3	Lovelace	41-15	28	40	70.0%
Game 4	Sauer	42-25	48	64	75.0%
Game 5	T. Hankins	42-12	33	40	82.5%
Game 6	R. Hankins	40-4	30	38	78.9%
Game 7	Guy	41-7	33	42	78.6%
Game 8	Meredith	34-42	43	68	63.2%
Game 9	Powell	41-34	60	80	75.0%

3. Ron Powell 6-3 74.5%

Ron Powell came into the 1995 State as the #2 seed with a NATSTAT of 79%, Powell, a 5-time champ by This point would toss in Another strong pitch for the Title but would lose three Games, all well pitched. 1995 Would be Powell's next to Last State, as he would play his last in 1996 finishing with a State low of 7th, even though pitching 69.6%.



Ron's 1995 State Scorecard

Round	Opponent	Score	R	SP	Per. %
Game 1	Culver	40-16	39	54	72.2%
Game 2	Lovelace	40-9	35	46	76.1%
Game 3	Nalley	42-2	32	42	76.2%
Game 4	T. Hankins	42-7	27	34	79.4%
Game 5	R. Hankins	37-42	41	60	68.3%
Game 6	Sauer	41-27	34	52	65.4%
Game 7	Meredith	29-41	71	88	80.7%
Game 8	Guy	42-19	38	50	76.0%
Game 9	Titcomb	34-41	60	80	75.0%

4. Randy Hankins



6-3 64.1%

Randy Hankins pitched his second highest State Men's percentage to Current for a nice 4th place finish. Randy's losses were to Meredith, Titcomb and Ted Sauer. Randy's high game of the tournament was a victory against brother

Tony 41-10, at 33 ringers in 42 shoes for a 78.6% game.

5. Ted Sauer



5-4 61.6%

Louisville's Ted Sauer pitched in his second of only two Men's Championship appearances, placing 5th. Ted was consistent in the tournament and had a high game of 70.4%, defeating Matt Guy 41-16.

6. Stan Lovelace



4-5 58.1%

Stan Lovelace pitched in the Kentucky State Championship for 27 years and this would mark Stan's final appearance. One of Kentucky's all-time greatest contenders, Stan had a high game of 72.7% defeating Matt Guy 40-9 in 44 shoes.

7. Matt Guy



3-6 54.7%

Matt entered the 95 State as the #5 seed carrying a 68% average. Matt had a subpar performance in 95 only tossing one game above the 60% mark with a game high of 62.0% in a losing effort against Ron Powell 19-42. Matt would rebound in 1996 finishing 3rd with a 69.2% State.

8. Jim Culver

2-7 54.7%

Jim Culver (right), shown Here pitching next to Stan Lovelace, competed In his first Men's Ky. State Championship. Jim pitched four games Above 60% with a High of 65.9% against Tony Hankins, defeating Tony 40-21. *(Jim is pitching Gordon horseshoes)*



9. Greg Nalley

1-8 57.7%

After a stint in the Men's B Division, 1995 saw the first year that Greg Nalley would qualify for the Men's State Championship. While Competitive in several games, Greg Managed only one win, defeating Jim Culver 42-19 with a 63.8% effort. Greg's high game was against Charlie Meredith at 67.8%, dropping that game 22-42.



10. Tony Hankins

1-8 54.2%

Tony Hankins was holding A 64% average coming into The 1995 State but was Off pace this year. Tony's 95 State only produced One win, that being a 41-32 victory over Greg Nalley. This was Tony's High game at 63.6%.



The 1995 Men's State Championship contained one of the toughest fields of competitors to date. All ten entrants classed were averaging at 60% and above. Who missed the field that year? The Class B Men for 1995 ranged from 50-57% and included such future greats as Bill Garrett & Walter Mullins. The Men's Division carried down through Class I that year and had 74 total entrants!

(Photos are from the Lois Webster Woosley photo collection.)