

From the KHPA History Files: State Tournament Of 1977

## 1977 Kentucky State Tournament In Millville

The Kentucky State Tournament of 1977 was held September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> in Millville. What follows is an excerpt from "The Ringer" Newsletter, Sept. 1977.

"The weather was beautiful; the courts were in perfect condition, and all the qualifiers showed up. What more could you ask for to have a successful State Tournament. All you horseshoe pitchers are to be congratulated, first on your good pitching and second on the way you conducted yourselves on and off the courts."

### Men's Championship



**The Championship Class of 1977**, Back row (L-R), Jim Noble, Ben Cole, John Stevenson, Jack Fahey, Marvin Glass & Ralph Mason. Bottom row, Dallas Walters, Clyde Bell, Bill Henn, Stan Lovelace & Tony Wash.

(Excerpt) "Again and again I keep reporting that Jack Fahey came in first in a tournament. I'll repeat again that Jack is still the Kentucky State Champion, He did lose one game to Bill Henn but in the playoff he defeated John Stevenson in two straight games." **(Below-Jack Fahey)**



### 1977 Men's Championship/Millville

Jack Fahey	10-1	73.3%
John Stevenson	10-1	64.0%
Bill Henn	7-4	66.1%
Clyde Bell	7-4	64.3%
Stan Lovelace	7-4	61.8%
Ralph Mason	7-4	54.5%
Jim Noble	5-6	61.6%
Dallas Walters	5-6	54.7%
Marvin Glass	4-7	57.5%
Ben Cole	3-8	53.6%
Tony Wash	1-10	49.3%
Curtis Smith	0-11	Forfeit

Seen here in State action is Marvin Glass vs Stan Lovelace and Tony Wash vs Jim Noble



in the background. In the photo below is John Stevenson, Ralph Mason & Clyde Bell. Bill Henn was



the only player to defeat Fahey. Bill won that game 50-40

pitching 50 ringers out of 70 shoes for 71, 4%. This was Jack Fahey's second Men's State Title. Prior to Jack's first win in 1976, Bill Henn had won five straight Kentucky Men's Titles.

## Men's Classes

### Class B Men

Lee Portwood	8-1	55.4%
John Hankins	8-1	49.1%
Cliff Henn	7-2	49.3%
Chester Black	5-4	43.0%
Chick Henn	4-5	46.7%
Ross Sanders	4-5	44.0%
Jim Easton	3-6	39.3%
Elmer Lainhart	3-6	38.9%
Paul Lee	2-7	38.3%
Simon Kelley	0-9	31.3%

### Class C Men

Omar Blacketer	6-0	47.6%
Ezra Sanders	4-2	44.8%
Britt Sanders	4-2	44.6%
Don Hayes	3-3	40.7%
C. Lainhart	3-3	37.1%
B. Gordon	1-5	36.0%
Jake Jacobs	0-6	27.9%

### Class D Men

Bob Snider	5-0	45.0%
Robert Simpson	4-1	50.0%
Bennie Downs	3-2	44.1%
Fred Gordon	2-3	42.9%
Willard Drane	1-4	39.9%
Gene Webster	0-5	28.2%

### Class E Men

Fred Nalley	4-1	30.3%
Charles Burton	3-2	32.4%
Jim Barber	3-2	30.5%
Ed Henn	3-2	28.5%
Danny Webb	1-4	23.5%
Jack Warson	1-4	21.8%

### Class F Men

Russ Hornback	5-0	38.0%
D. Roberts	4-1	35.9%
J. White	3-2	33.2%
Jim Clarke	2-3	21.8%
M. Person	1-4	18.9%
H. Houchin	0-5	13.1%

## Women's Championship

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Claracy Bell	3-1	37.7%
Trina Hill	2-2	35.1%
Norma Johnson	1-3	37.6%

### Class B Women

Billie Turpin	3-0	32.7%
Mable Hornback	2-1	16.4%
Agnes Snider	1-2	14.3%
Lillian McQueen	0-3	04.3%

## Junior Boys Championship

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Ricky Bell	4-0	43.8%
Mike Mason	2-2	31.0%
Donnie Henn	0-4	20.0%

Mike Mason is seen here pitching against Donnie Henn in the Junior Boy's Championship.



(Left) The Junior Boy's Champion, Ricky Bell (left), Mike Mason (center) and Donnie Henn (right).

## Junior Girls Championship

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Vicki Bell	4-0	32.4%
Karlyn Kelley	3-1	32.9%
Jolynn Minnich	2-2	24.1%
Connie Bell	1-3	15.9%
Lori Caudle	0-4	12.3%

(Photos in this document are from the Mason family collection.)