



Lou Stines--Horseshoe Pitcher

Lou is a family man s he and his wife, Rose, have two rown children and five grand children. He works as a maintenance man in New York City and will soon retire .

Across the years, any pitchers such as Joe Schultz, Art Tyson, and the late Joe Zichella have commented that no one has better form than Lou. Also, Lou is a student of the game who can talk in a knowledgable way about other pitcher's techniques. For example, if you want to know how the late Elmer Hohl gripped the shoe, or Carl Steinfeldt's counting system, Lou is the man to see. (Unless, of course, you are lucky enough to live near Carl.) Lou, like Carl, loves to share his knowledge with others. I have seen him work with low percentage pitchers for hours--trying to help them improve. In addition, Lou is always available to go to Horseshoe Clinics to help spread the word about horseshoe pitching .

In addition, to being a fine horseshoe pitcher, Lou is one of

those fortunate people who is gifted in many other sports. Here is a brief list of some of his accomplishments in other areas1

Baseball--played third base in the Brooklyn Dodger Farm System--rising to Class Double A--before sustaining knee and back injuries which compelled him to retire.

Pool --is a good pocket billiard player with numerous runs of 50 or more, and a personal best of 81.

Bowling --has six games above 280 and a high game of 292.

Archery --(Indoor--300 is a perfect score)--has three scores of 295.

Ice Skating--a top figure skater--was an instructor at Grassingers for eight: years, and eight more years at Rockefeller Center

These accomplishments explain why Lou did not compete during the late 50s and 50s. And it is a wonder that Lou somehow found the time to keep his touch and remain a pitcher who is usually a factor in any tournament in which he -competes--for more than 45 years. In support of this statement consider the following tournaments&

1946	First Place--N.Y. City Junior Champion	?%
1949	Eleventh Place-- NYS Championships	63.7
1949	First Place--Central Park Hill Top Open	66.1%
1975	Second Place--New Haven Fall Classic	73.4%
1977	first Place-- New Rochelle Open	72.1%
1977	First Place-- Brooklyn Open	74.5%
1978	Fifth Place--NYS Championship&	75.7%
1978	First Place--Connecticut Open	75.0%
1978	First Place--Sharkey Open	73.7%
1978	First Place (Tied) New Haven Fall Classic	74.7%
1979	Third Place--Brooklyn Open	68.0%
1980	fourth Place--Vineland Open	70.8%

Across the years, many memorable games occurred. Here are some of the best of these games

- 1948 --defeated Henry Hesseler--had 26 ringers in a row
- 1954 --defeated Vita Fellechia. who was twice New York State Champ, 50-48 in 86 shoes--Lou had 12 consecutive ringers early in the game and closed out with 10 in a row
- 1974 --Defeated several time World Champ Dan Kuchinski in the World Warm Up Tourney held that year at Ed Domey's Heritage Recreation Center in Sutton, Massachusetts.
- 1975 --defeated many times Connecticut Cham, Norm Rioux, 50-45 --averaged 90%--had 28 in a row
- 1976 --defeated Carl Steinfeldt twice. This was the year in which Carl won the World Tournament. Interestingly, Lou won the first game in a local tournament prior to the World Tournament, the second victory came in an invitational tourney held in the Fall at New Rochelle after Carl had become World Champ.
- 1978 --defeated Bob Sutton 37-21--closed out with 18 in a row averaged 86.2".
- 1978 --defeated Norm Rioux--averaged 92.3".
- 1980 --defeated several time New Jersey Champ, Bill McIntyre, averaged 82%.
- 1982 --defeated Jim Lewis 35-8--averaged 80. .

In addition to these fine games, he has won games from top pitchers in New York State such as Mike Dimartino, Joe Schultz, Art Tyson. Jae Zichella, and Al Stockholm. Also, he has won many games From top New Jersey players such as Doc Berman, Jae McCrink Jr., _ Bill Kalb• and previously mentioned Bill mcintyre.

For the last several years Law's old baseball injuries have hampered his pitching as a result he has had to drop out of several tournaments,. and his pitching percentage is not what it once was. But Lou perseveres--I have seen Lou try to pitch while wearing a knee brace. And in 1980, when Lou was still at his peak, he had to miss the New York State Championships because of an eye injury which occurred at work the day before we were to leave for the tournament. (A solution of lime spilled into his eye. The ophthalmologist had to remove Lou's eye from its socket to complete the cleansing process. Fortunately, the procedure was successful and Lou made a full recovery.) However, in spite of these setbacks, Lou still loves the game, is still pitching, and is still helping others who want to improve. And he still averages above 60% when his body does not betray him.

In my judgment, Lou is a worthy candidate who deserves lo be considered for election into the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame.