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Lorraine Thomas began pitching in the early 1960's. She soon found that she could pitch well with a little practice. Her husband, Paul, welcomed her activity and encouraged her right up to the World Title that she won in 1968, to the delight of all New York rooters.

Similar to Ruth Hangan, Lorraine throws from 30 feet, a one-flip shoe that has been developed into an uncanny accurate pitch, as shown by that Lorraine has thrown 36 double ringers out of 100 shoes; 81 ringers with 33 doubles in a single game; 21 "four deads" (all four shoes on), with Opal Reno; 104 shoes in a single game with Opal Reno; 6 consecutive "four deads" with Ruth Hangan and Helen Roberts, and a record 92% for a single game in the New York State Tournament.

Lorraine's further accomplishments shows her to be the Lockport City titleholder in 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1972, and 1974.

Her N.Y. State titles came in 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1973, and 1974.

She was the Eastern National Champion in 1967, 1968, 1972, and 1973. She was the Greenville Ohio Ringer Classic Champion in 1974.

In the World Tournaments, her record was; 1964- 7th; 1965-3rd; 1966-2nd; 1967- 2nd; 1968-Champ; 1969-3rd; 1970-2nd; 1971-2nd; 1972- 2nd; 1973-2nd; and finally in 1974 she regained the World title at Keene, New Hampshire,

At this writing, she is the president of the Lockport Women's league.

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Lorraine Thomas had achieved fame far beyond the bounds of New York State when in 1968 she became women's world champion. In fact, since 1964, when she took 7th place, she has come in either 2nd or 3rd in the World Tournaments in which she participated... 1965 (3rd), 1966 (2nd), 1967 (2nd), 1968 (champ.), 1969 (3rd), 1970 (2nd), 1971 (2nd), 1972 (2nd), 1973 (2nd).

Now, in 1974, a decade after her first World Tournament, Lorraine Thomas regained the World Title she previously held in 1968.

Some of Lorraine's other championships were: Lockport City Title 1961, 1963-67, 1970, 1972. The New York State Championship 1963-66, 1970, 1972-73. The Eastern National title 1967-68, 1972-73. And the Greenville Ohio Ringer Classic 1974.

Lorraine, in addition, has compiled a number of scoring records:

- 36 double ringers out of 100 shoes pitched.
- 81 ringers, 33 doubles, in a single game.
- 21 "four deads" in a single game (had 2 ringers and opponent had 2 ringers) with Opal Reno.
- 104 shoes pitched in a single game (with Opal Reno).
- 130 cancelled ringers in a single game (with Opal Reno).
- 5 consecutive "four deads" (with Opal Reno).
- 92.2% ringers - highest for one game in a N.Y. State Tournament.

One of the most noted young pitchers in the game during the 1960's and 1970's, Lorraine Thomas has brought fame to New York State. Lorraine, like Ruth Hangen, throws ~~throws~~ a single flip shoe at 30 feet.
