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RUTH HANGEN  
Buffalo, New York

One of the great modern period women horseshoe pitchers, Ruth Hangen has world-wide fame during the 1960's and 1970's.

For four consecutive years, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973, Ruth Hangen ruled the women's division of the World Tournament by defeating some of the Nation's 'toughest' pitchers in her division.

She started world competition in 1965 when she won sixth place, and in 1967 and 1968 she moved up to third place; in 1969 she was the runner-up, but in 1970 she would not be denied, and went on to win her first World title. This title was repeated for the next three years with percentages soaring into the 70%'s and 80%'s

Since 1965 she compiled an almost un-believeable string of victories, of which the most important are listed below:

1967 to 1971: Midwest Ringer Tournament  
1968 to 1973: Ohio Ringer Classic  
1968: ~~WATER WONDERLAND~~ Water Wonderland Tournament  
1969: Erie Spring Warm-up Tournament  
1969 - 1970 Eastern National Tournament  
1969 - 1972 - 1973 Lockport City Tournament  
1968 National Amateur Athletic Tournament at Middlesex, N.J.  
1973 Mountain State Professional Invitational Tournament

Pitching from the regulation 30 feet distance for women, Ruth can easily average 75% to 80% ringers in tournament play. Gripping the shoe at the toe caulk, Ruth throws a single flip turn.

She is a welcomed familiar sight at most all tournaments that have a women's division, and has become well recognized from her many press releases and television appearances, and is almost always accompanied by her husband, who's interests in the game are strictly to see Ruth do good.

~~At this writing, Ruth holds the position of president of the Lockport women's horseshoe league~~

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HALL OF FAME DATA  
PLAYER CATEGORY**

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Buffalo, N.Y.**

**One of the great modern period women horseshoe pitchers, Ruth Hangen has achieved world--wide fame during the 1960's and seventies.**

**For four consecutive years, 1970-73, Ruth Hangen took first place in the Women's World Tournament. In 1969 she took 2nd place. In 1967 and 1968 she took 3rd place, and in 1965 was 6th. At the same time she was New York State Champion for the years 1967-69 and 1971.**

**Some of the other tournament honors taken by Ruth were the championship of the Greenville Ohio Ringer Classic 1968-73; Midwest Ringer Tournament 1967-71; The Water Wonderland Tournament 1968; The Erie Spring Warm-up Tourney 1969; Lockport City Tounament 1969, 1972-73; and the Eastern National Tournament 1969-70.**

**In 1968 Ruth Hangen won the National Amateur Athletic Union title at Middlesex, N.J.**

**Going to West Virginia for the Mountain State Forest Professional Invitational Tournament in 1973, Ruth swept the field for 1st Place.**

**Ruth, tossing at the regulation women's distance of thirty feet, can hit 75 to 80% ringers in tournament play. She grips the shoe at the toe calk and throws a single "flip" turn.**

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compete in the 1976 World Champion



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1976 WORLD CHAMPION