

Badminton Exhibition Follows Tonight's Hardwood Battle

Immediately following tonight's varsity basketball game between Duke and North Carolina, Ken Davidson and Hugh Forgie, internationally famous badminton stars, will stage a special exhibition match in the indoor stadium.

The two badminton players have been touring the United States and Great Britain since 1937, and in 1939 they played to a command performance before the King and Queen of England.

Davidson is recognized as the world's foremost badminton exhibitionist and authority. The match offers a preview of the United States championship, to be played in Duke's indoor stadium, April 2, 3, and 4.

Davidson has on more than one occasion proved his mastery of the shuttlecock. One time in London when he took on Bill Tilden, the tennis ace who is not a stranger to any sport played with a racquet, Davidson won by a score of 15-0.

Another time Davidson spotted Berkley Bell, a better-than-average tennis player, 14 points and then, playing in his street clothes and wearing an overcoat, beat him, 15-14.

Besides playing before the King and Queen of England, Da-

vidson is known to thousands of patrons at Radio City's Rainbow Room. He has also played before 19,000 spectators at Madison Square Garden.


Crowds have watched Davidson and Forgie, then have gone home to start a program of backyard badminton. Today more than 100,000 Americans are laying the game.

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No man alive is given a ghostly chance to whip cunning Ker Davidson on a badminton court. But there's a perfect foil for his Joe Kirkwood-Al Schacht-Frank Kovacs antics.

Davidson's partner, Canadian Hugh Forgie, is such a man. Together, the touring professionals—who have seen most of the world with a racket—offer one of the most colorful shows in sport.

Davidson and Forgie perform Friday night at Durham after the Duke-Carolina game and will play in Charlotte Saturday night.

NATIVE CANUCK.

Forgie came out of Canada six years ago as a member of two national championship amateur teams—in ice hockey and softball. He became badminton pro at the oldest badminton club in existence—at New York. Then he waited for Davidson to come along.

They first paired in Roxy theater with their act, "Flying Feathers," and have since shown their badminton magic to some five million people.

In 1937, the two joined for a world tour, and became the only sports stars ever to play a command performance before royalty. And Forgie's part in battling the unbeatable Davidson has been an important one.

MAKES 'EM CLOSE.

Forgie's real ability at the game shows perfectly the almost unbelievable skill of Davidson's trick shots. And Forgie makes the exhibitions close.

Davidson is almost sure to steal the show in every appearance, but the presence of Forgie will scarcely be overlooked. His sound game and his skill in dueling with Davidson will reflect the Canadian's past as a player and a coach. His pupils have won many national championships, and one of his proteges recently whipped the famous Jack Purcell in a Canadian tournament.

This season, in preparation for his sixth annual United States Championships to be staged on April 2, 3, and 4, Davidson and Forgie are making a swin south.