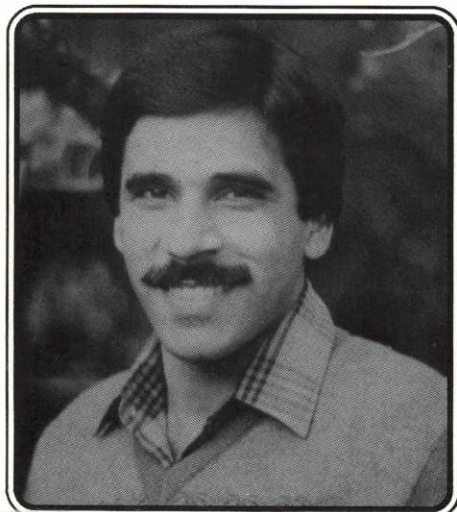


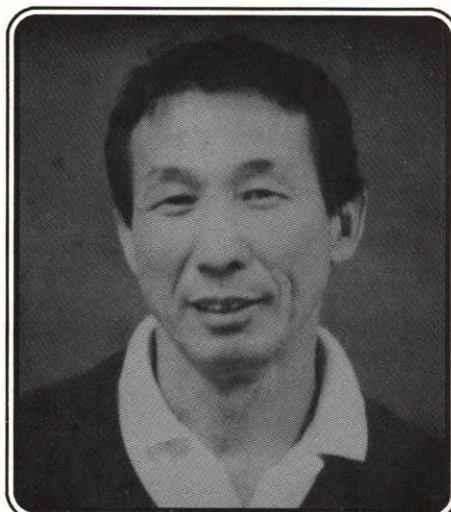


HotLine Badminton Newsletter

HL Coaches Lead U.S. to Battle in Austria!!!



Tariq Wadood



Som D'Busaya

Every two years the international Men's Thomas Cup and Women's Uber Cup competitions occur, which are considered the most important badminton events in the world. This year's qualifying rounds will have 45 countries competing. The U.S. teams will travel to Austria.

HL Player Tariq Wadood, current U.S. National Men's Coach and reigning Men's Singles Champion, will again lead the U.S. Men's team at the Thomas Cup competition this year. Tariq was also Player/Coach at the 1988 Thomas Cup competition in which he led the U.S. team to their best results in over 20 years. The U.S. Men finished 2nd only to the world-class Korean team in the American zone. Tariq and the rest of the 7 man team will have to defeat F.R. Germany, Norway, and the highly favored English in order to advance.

Long time HL Coach Som D'Busaya has just recently been named the coach for the U.S. Women. Som has coached many U.S. Uber Cup teams in the past and his extensive international expertise will be a great benefit to the women.

The women also benefit from a much better draw format this year. In 1988 they were winless in a very tough American zone pool. This year they are in a qualifying round against North Korea, Austria, and Spain; all teams they should fare well against.

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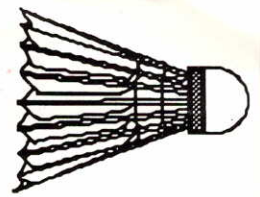
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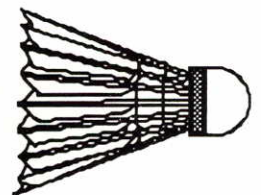
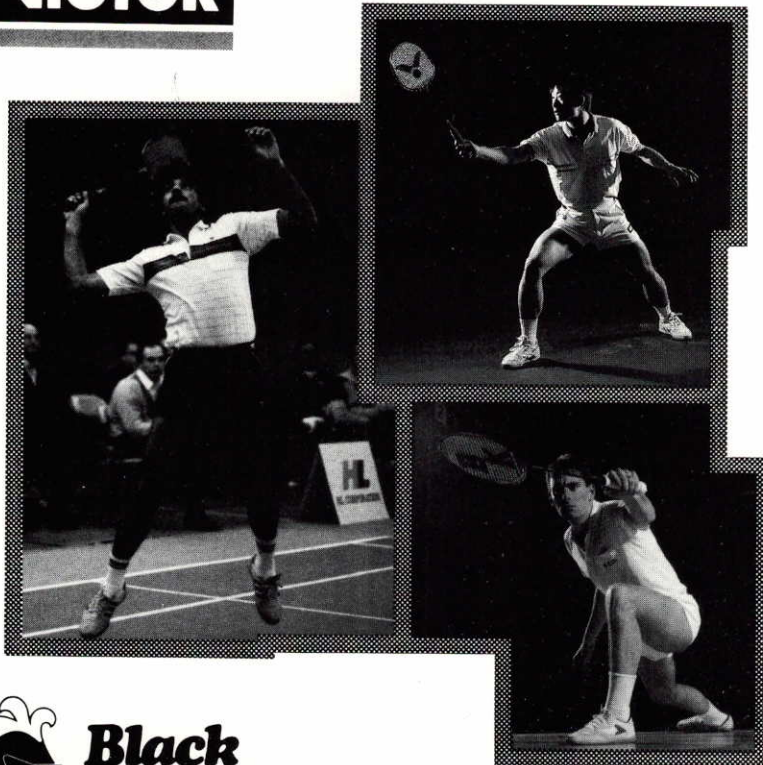
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NEWS FLASH...

Correspondence just received announces that the U.S. Thomas Cup and Uber Cup teams both turned in excellent results in Austria. The Uber Cup women turned in their best results in decades by beating four countries in succession before falling to the powerful Swedish team.

RESULT SUMMARY:

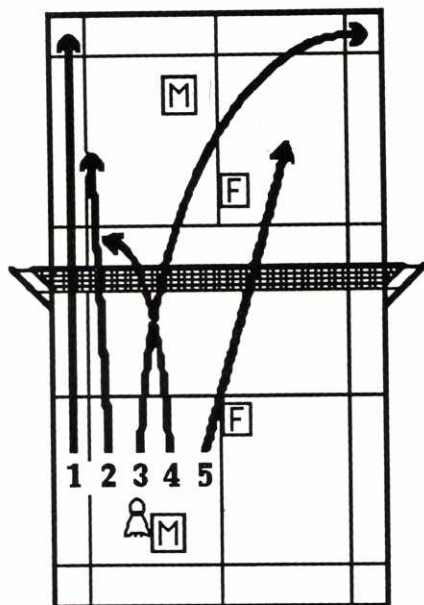
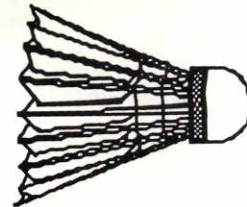
U.S. Thomas Cup def. Norway (4-1) & West Germany (3-2), lost to England (5-0).

U.S. Uber Cup def. Spain (4-1) & D.P.R. Korea (5-0) & Austria (4-1) & Poland (3-2), lost to Sweden



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Badminton FUNDamentals...



[M] - male [F] - female

Mixed Shots from the Backcourt:

- 1- deep, flat drive
- 2- half-court push shot
- 3- attacking clear over the female
- 4- straight ahead drop shot
- 5- smash at the female

The Basics of Mixed Doubles

Mixed Doubles is considered the most "strategic" of all badminton events. Sheer power does not win. Teamwork positioning, shotmaking and strategy are critical.

Generally, a Mixed Doubles team is most effective, on both offense and defense, when the female is playing the forecourt and the male is covering the backcourt.

Basic keys to Mixed Doubles are:

- 1) THE SERVE!!! Always get the serve in play against the opposing female. Mix up your serve against the opposing male to keep him guessing.
- 2) Try to hit your serve return downward against your opponents so

that you can gain an immediate advantage.

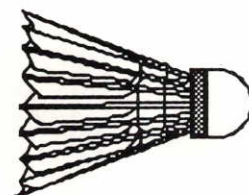
3) During rallies hit flat drives, drop shots, and straight ahead half-court push shots down the sidelines until you are able to create cross court openings.

4) Avoid hitting cross court shots until you have the opening.

Like doubles, one important goal is to hit shots that will force the opponents to return the shuttle up to you so that you or your partner can then make the kill.

Unlike doubles, you will need to hit most of your shots down the sidelines -- your opponents will be waiting toward the middle of the court.

Badminton in the 1990's !?!



What will the 1990's have in store for badminton? Will we see an explosion of media coverage surrounding the Olympics, followed by an expansion of badminton in the schools and clubs around the U.S.?

Or will the 90's bring on the results of "pre-Olympic" trends based on ever worsening scholastic budget problems? Every year a large group of scholastic programs are in serious jeopardy of being dropped. Without a strong Olympic transfusion and a continuing commitment by the current corps of school coaches, badminton could very well phase out of the schools in the 90's. If that happens, it is very unlikely that the U.S. will ever become established as an Olympic badminton power.

Olympic status certainly does not make badminton a guaranteed winner. In fact, the U.S. is unlikely to produce an Olympic badminton medalist that can draw media attention for some years to come. For now, there are plenty of other more successful Olympic sports (over 30) that the media can focus on.

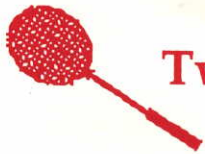
When it gets right down to it, badminton's survival and growth still depends on each one of us. Each time a coach opens a gym in the evening or a school adds a new badminton team our greatest progress is made.

The Olympic status does not do the work for us. It provides extra funding and promotions, and makes our job a little more exciting and our rewards greater in the end. But, WE still have to do the work.

It is still too early to make a confident prediction, but if the badminton coaches across the nation stick to it, badminton and all its participants can become big winners in the 90's.

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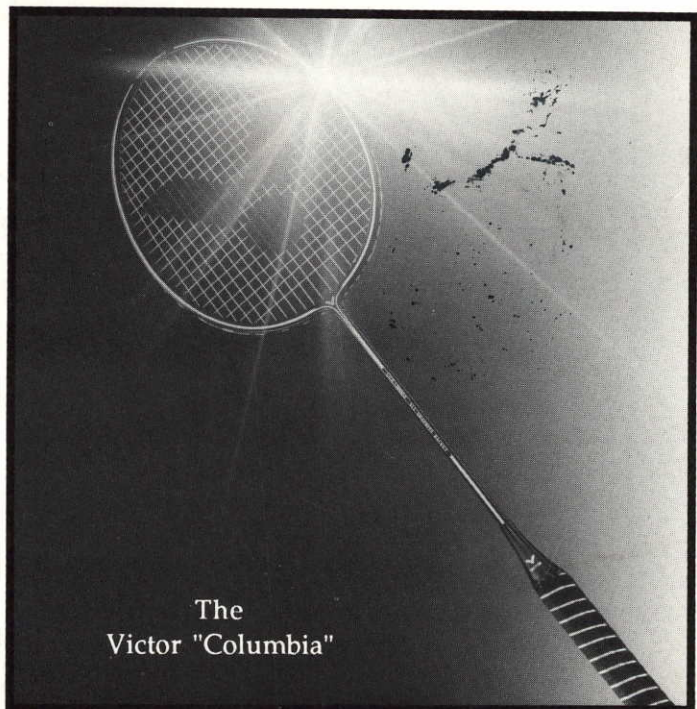
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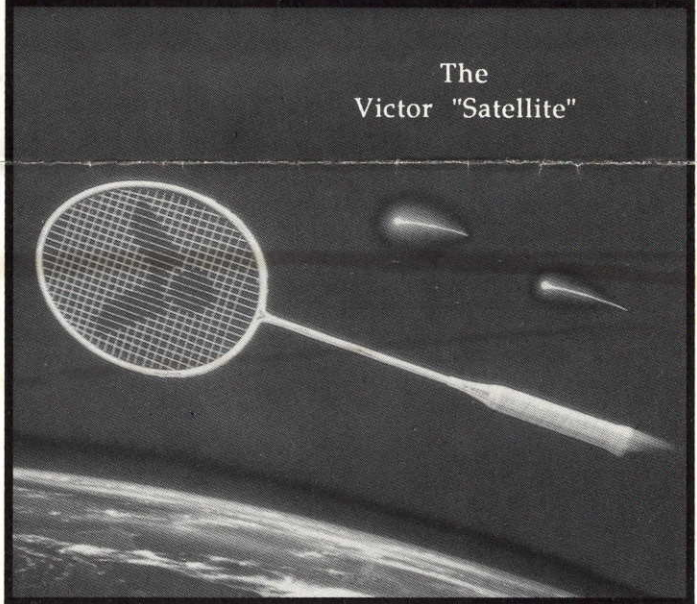
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