



## The Story of the Uber Cup Competition

Fourteen years ago the International Badminton Federation instituted an International Championship for men's teams, the winners to hold a cup presented by Sir George Thomas. The outstanding success of what is now known as the Thomas Cup Competition, and the worldwide interest it created, prompted Mrs. Uber shortly afterwards, to offer a trophy for an International Championship for ladies' teams.

The Uber competition, as well as the Thomas Cup play is conducted under the supervision of the I.B.F. The Federation, to whom the trophy was presented, awards the cup to "The Champion Nation" to be held until the next competition.

The first of the triennial competitions for the Uber Cup was held in 1957, with the United States team winning the trophy in England. The United States successfully defended the cup in 1960 against the challenge of Denmark.

### THE DONOR AND HER TROPHY

Mrs. Uber first played for England in 1926-27 and continued to do so till her retirement from competitive play in 1951, and during that time, in spite of the gap of the war years, represented her country 37 times. On February 14th, 1948, at Hull in a match against Scotland she created a record which surely never will be equalled, when she won her 50th consecutive event in International matches which included singles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles. In all, she won 53 championships in Western Europe and South Africa, including winning the All England Mixed Doubles title eight times between 1930 and 1938; her first three successes in 1930-31-32 being when partnered by her husband, a feat of which she is particularly proud. In 1949 she and Miss Queenie Allen (now Mrs. F. G. Webber) by winning the Ladies' Doubles became the first British players to win a title at the All England Championships since the war.

Not only was she one of the greatest of all lady players, but always, both in victory and defeat, one of the most gracious, and no name is more worthy of being forever associated with this competition than that of Mrs. Uber. May the perfect example of sportsmanship that she set be the standard for all matches in the competition bearing her name!

The trophy itself is in hammered silver, manufactured to Mrs. Uber's design, and stands 18 inches high. A globe which rotates on its axis is surrounded by a lady player on a shuttle, and its design and beauty make it ideal for international competition.

### EXTRACTS FROM REGULATIONS FOR THE LADIES' INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Uber Cup play, the world is divided into four zones for the early rounds. The zone winners then travel to the country of the holder for the inter-zone ties to determine which nation will be the challenger.

16(a)—Each tie shall be decided by the combined results of three singles and four doubles matches, and the team which shall win the majority of the seven matches composing a tie shall be the winner of such tie.

(b)—In singles, each team shall consist of three players who shall be ranked in order of merit, and they shall play only against their opposite numbers.

(c)—In doubles, each team shall consist of two pairs who shall play each against each of the opposing two pairs, but no player shall play in more than one of these two pairs.

17—The order of play shall be decided by lot. Any player shall be entitled to a rest of at least half an hour between any two matches in which she may be drawn to play. There shall be no interruption in the continuity of play in any match except that there shall be allowed an interval not exceeding five minutes between the second and third games of a match.



**UNITED STATES UBER CUP TEAM**

Left to right, Tina Barinaga, Dorothy O'Neill, McGregor Stewart, Carlene Starkey, Caroline Jensen.



Judy Devlin Hashman  
Wooton, England  
Defending U. S. Open Champion 3 Events

**ENGLAND'S UBER CUP TEAM**

Standing, Jeniffer Pritchard, Mrs. Brenda Parr, Ursula Smith, Angela Bairstow.  
Seated, Mrs. Margaret Barrand, Mr. H. R. Marsland (Captain), Mrs. Iris Rogers.

