

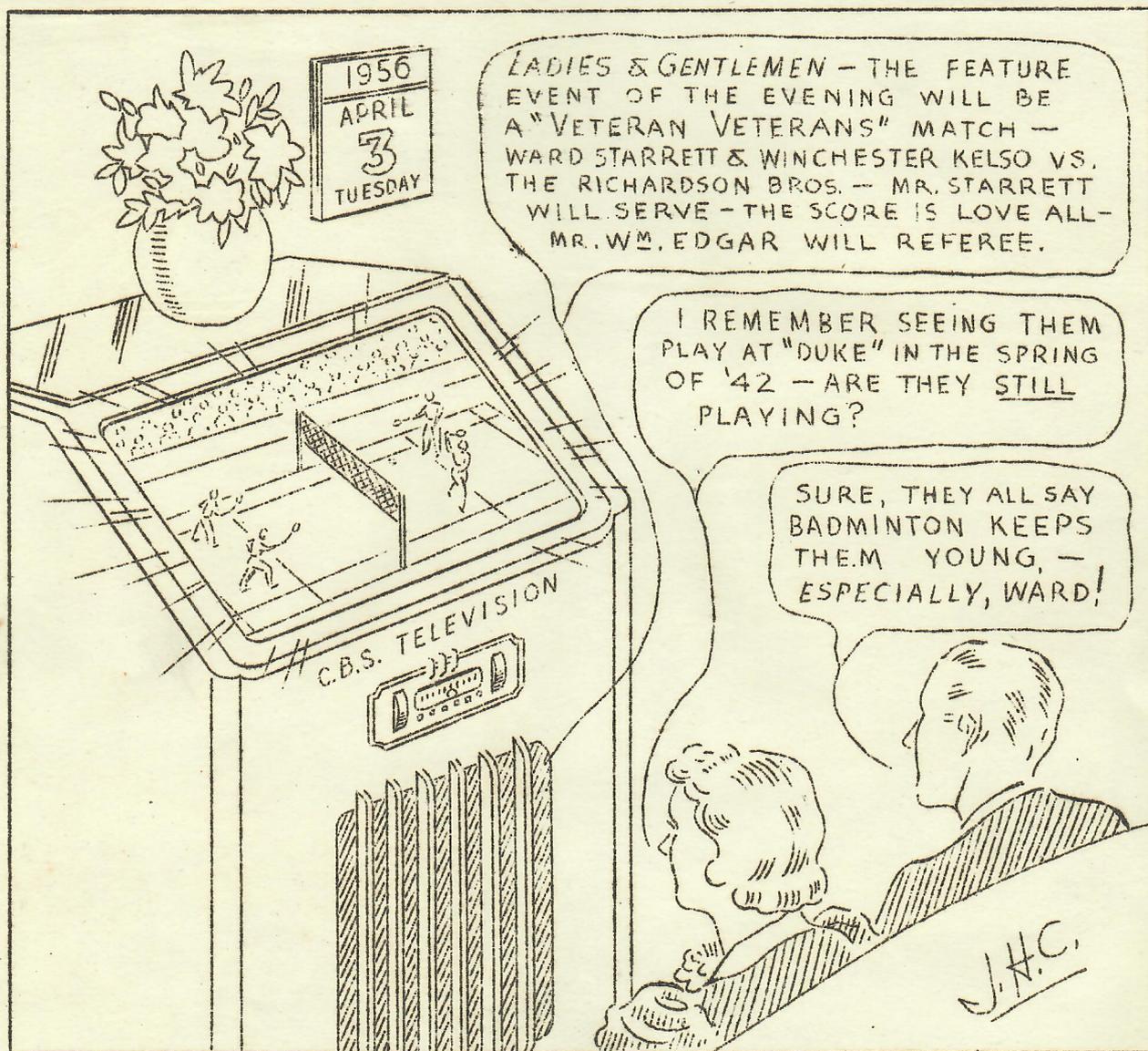


"BIRD CHATTER"

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WHO SAID "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE"?



BADMINTON BY TELEVISION

Ten short years ago, we would have been as skeptical as the farmer who said "There ain't no sech animal" upon seeing an elephant for the first time.

In this day and age, however, we have become quite blase' and are not surprised at anything.

We are indebted to the Columbia Broadcasting System for the first presentation of Badminton via Television.

On Friday evening, October 10, 1941, the CBS Television studios, located in the Grand Central Station building at 15 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City, presented the first evening of play in a Badminton Tournament which included the top fourteen ranking players of the East in both men's and women's divisions. This tournament was played each Friday night for one hour, and as many matches as possible were played in the time allotted.

By Friday, January 9, the tournament had reached the finals. Stig Larson of Cos Cob, Connecticut, number two ranking player in the East, faced Carl Loveday of Montclair, New Jersey, A.B.A.'s number two player.

Playing superlative Badminton and demonstrating the endurance that carried him to the number two U.S. position last year, Loveday defeated Larson 15-8, 15-7, in the best match seen on television thus far. Carl was presented with the beautiful C.B.S. silver bowl.

Friday night, January 16, Miss Betty Morse of New Haven, Connecticut, the number two ranking woman's player in the East, will play Miss Mary Hagan of the Montclair Athletic Club, Montclair, New Jersey, the number one ranking woman's player in the East, for the CBS silver bowl for women.

This uniquely presented tournament has attracted much attention in the East and has aroused more interest than any other sports program presented over television.

Bill Edgar, Chairman of the National Ranking Committee, refereed all matches.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Be sure to report the results of all tournaments as soon as possible, and on the official forms. If you did not receive the necessary forms with your official sanction, write to your Regional Chairman, for copies at once. One (1) copy is to be sent to your Regional Chairman and two (2) copies to the National Chairman.

This is very important as seedings and rankings are established from this information.

THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Thirty days have passed since the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The first hysteria has been replaced by grim determination. A long range viewpoint has been taken by all thinking men and women.

Let us not be lulled into a false sense of security. We must arm to the teeth and be on the alert day and night.

This does not mean, however, that we should all become bundles of nerves, just one step removed from a case of "jitters." It means, rather, that we should set an example of calm strength and courage as an inspiration to those around us.

President Roosevelt has decreed that Civilian Recreation activities be increased rather than curtailed. Included in this issue is a copy of the letter, inviting Ward Starrett to participate in this program, representing Badminton. He had accepted this invitation, and plans are now being formed for an extensive and far-reaching program.

In today's mail, the writer received a copy of the December issue of "Canadian Lawn Tennis and Badminton." The editorial is devoted to a description of the plans for reinstating the Canadian Championships this year. It appears at this writing that the Canadian Association will respond to the popular demand. The Granite Club of Toronto, one of the oldest and largest, has made application for the tournament.

Canadians have found that while they lost many players to the military service during the first months

of the war, they gained as many as they lost from the ranks of the young married set. Better economic conditions, due to increased work in war industries, have made more folks financially able to afford new recreational hobbies. Hundreds of these have turned to Badminton.

There is every reason to believe that what has taken place in Canada will also obtain here.

A poll has been taken in which all directors and Class "A" Association Presidents participated.

They were asked to report on the reactions, in their area, toward the National Tournament, in the light of recent events.

The votes are not all in, but those received are unanimously in favor of no change in plans. All agreed that we should affiliate with the Red Cross or a similar war charity so that Badminton will be able to do its share.

Some of our top ranking players may be unable to compete because of Military Service; but entries will be sufficiently large and varied to guarantee an excellent contest in all events.

Transportation will be arranged with railroads, bus lines, etc. at an early date. Visitors from nearby points will undoubtedly double up and drive their own autos.

ON TO DURHAM !!!

Executive Office Of The President
OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE
Division Of Physical Fitness
Third Floor, Board Of Education Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

December 12, 1941

Mr. R. Ward Starrett, President
National Badminton Association
8 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Starrett:

President Roosevelt caused to be set up the National Physical Fitness Program under the Office of Civilian Defense. The prime motive for this program is to make the Nation conscious of its physical welfare and fitness.

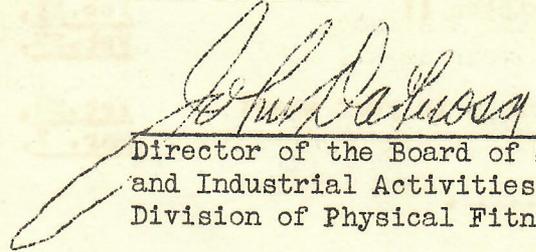
The objective of the Department of Physical Fitness for Civilian Defense will be to attempt to coordinate and encourage all national agencies to participate in some form of physical recreation. It is our desire to encourage and interest the citizens of our Nation to individually participate and be more conscious in some form of health building.

Would it be possible for you to be a representative on our National Sports Board representing Badminton? This Sports Board will embrace national celebrities and leaders in the various sports. Their function will be to encourage and promote interest and activity in their particular field throughout the Nation.

Hoping to hear from you favorably, I am

Sincerely yours,

JOHN DA GROSA



Director of the Board of Sports
and Industrial Activities
Division of Physical Fitness

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BADMINTON AND NATIONAL DEFENSE

Before the ink was dry on our last issue of "Bird Chatter", the letter reproduced herein was received by our President. He predicted this in his message to Badminton players which appeared on the front page of that issue.

This is the strongest answer we can give to those who have been using the war as a reason (or excuse) for "laying down on the job."

While Badminton is our hobby, it is also our job under the present program. Instead of slowing up your efforts on account of the war, you should increase them because of the war.

A movement known as "Leisure Foundation" has been fully organized and swung into action here in Chicago. This embraces all forms of sport and recreation in all walks of life. Your president and secretary, also Mr. Norval Trimborn, President of the Midwest Badminton Association, are representing "Badminton" on the sports committee of this organization.

Think it over, boys and girls, - you may not be able to shoulder a gun, but you can do your bit in countless other ways.

Play Badminton !!
Talk Badminton !!
Sell Badminton !!

Organize more clubs in your area!

**EASTERN COLLEGE GROUP
LISTS BADMINTON DATES**

The newly-formed Eastern Inter-collegiate Badminton Association, consisting of Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Williams and Lehigh, ushered in its first round-robin December 13 with Pennsylvania meeting Columbia on the Lions' Court. Team matches, consisting of six singles and three doubles, will continue until March. The association also will sponsor two invitation tournaments, one at Yale and the other at Pennsylvania, both in March.

Officers of the new group are Albert M. Frost, Columbia '39 President, and Francis B. Hamlin, Jr. of Yale; Ralph W. Starrett, Jr. of Princeton; (son of President R. Ward Starrett) Harry Boardman of Columbia; S. Harrison Dogole of Pennsylvania; Robert Buck of Williams and Robert Nicrosini of Lehigh, members of the Executive Committee.

The Schedule:

Dec. 13, Pennsylvania at Columbia.
Jan. 9, Columbia at Yale.
Jan. 10, Lehigh at Pennsylvania.
Columbia at Williams.
Jan. 30, Yale at Princeton.
Jan. 31, Yale at Pennsylvania.
Feb. 7, Williams at Pennsylvania.
Lehigh at Columbia.
Feb. 13, Columbia at Princeton.
Feb. 20, Princeton at Lehigh.
Feb. 21, Yale at Williams.
Feb. 27, Williams at Lehigh.
Pennsylvania at Princeton.
Feb. 28, Lehigh at Yale.
Mar. 7, Princeton at Williams.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Region # 1- New EnglandJan. 24 and 25

Tedesco, Mens' Doubles

Jan. 19,24,26,29 and 31Mass. State C Champion-
ships at BelmontFeb. 7 and 8B&T, Invitation Mixed
DoublesFeb. 9 to 14Mass. State B Champion-
ships, University Club,
BostonMar. 2 to 7Mass. State Champion-
ships, University Club,
BostonMar. 16 to 21Mass. State D. Champion-
ships at DedhamMar. 27,28 and 29New England Open,
University Club, BostonRegion #2- Middle AtlanticFeb. 6,7 and 8Atlantic Seaboard Champion-
ships, Washington, D. C.Feb. 12Middle Atlantic Invitation
DoublesFeb. 21-23

Eastern Championships

March 2-8

Metropolitan Championships

Region #3- Southern

Southern Championships

Birmingham, Ala. (No date)

Region #4- MidwestJan. 29,30 and 31Third annual Missouri
A.C. InvitationalJan. 27

North Shore Class "B"

Feb. 7 and 8

North Shore Class "A"

Feb. 12,13 and 14Chicago District,
Concordia College
River ForestFeb. 21 and 22

Ohio State Open

March 13,14 and 15

Midwest Championships,

Evanston Township High School
(No Date)

Northern Indiana, South Bend

Region #5- Southwest and WestJan. 15,16 and 17

Baylor-Waco, Baylor Univ.

Region #6- PacificFeb. 6-8Southern California,
PasadenaFeb. 27- March 1

Santa Barbara

March 13-15California State,
Beverly Hills

Any we've missed???????

FROM WASHINGTON

The Washington State Champion-
ships were held on January 2, 3
and 4th. No results have been re-
ceived at this writing, but we hope
to have them for the next issue.
(How about it, Orville?)

This event is always well spon-
sored by a group of business men
known as the "Athletic Round Table."
Spokane is fortunate in having these
public-spirited citizens.

Dave Freeman and John Sannis of
Vancouver, B. C. were scheduled to
play an exhibition match as a part
of the program.

FROM NEW ENGLAND

Westport

The Westport tournament held on November 28 and featuring Mens Doubles was won by Johnnie Garrod and Chris Dole of Boston. They defeated Harry Hachet and Bill Warner of Philadelphia 15-14; 15-12.

The emergency did not seem to affect the number and quality of the contestants. Included were Carl Loveday and Doc Giblin of Montclair, N. J; Endsley Fairman and Shields of Philadelphia; Mills Baker and Stig Larson of New York, and Lee Gustavson and Fred Fullen of Connecticut.

Tedesco

The Tedesco Country Club Invitational Mixed Doubles, held on December 6 and 7, was won by Mrs. David E. ("Buddy") Judd and Wayne Schell of Boston. They defeated Helen Gibson and Lee Gustavson of Westport in a close match.

A "Top Flight" field competed, including Mary Whittemore and Fred Bogardus, 1940-41 Mass. title holders, Wanda Bergman and Johnnie Garrod, and Carol Hubbard and Mills Baker.

The affair was smoothly run-- Why not!--Porter Atherton was Tournament Chairman.

Conn. vs. Mass.

The big event was held on January 10 at Danielson, Connecticut. The annual battle between picked teams of men and women from each state is really "for blood" and "no holds barred." At the present writing, we have no scores--maybe they are all busy licking their wounds, and can't write. We'll tell you all about it in our next issue.

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Badminton and Tennis Club

The annual Member-Guest Mixed Doubles tournament, held December 20 and 21, was won by Barbara Frost and Bob Wright. They defeated Mrs. J. Ballard and Leonard Smith, 15-9; 15-7.

Frost and Wright were seeded second. The top-seeded team of Dorothy Bruno and Wayne Schell was defeated by Ballard and Smith in the semi-finals. This match was the "classic" of the entire event. The first two games were 15-12 and 8-15. The third can only be described in one word-- "Battle!"-- final score 17-16.

Jim Crafts and partner, Mrs. Otis T. Russell, were sailing along fine until they met the team of Bruno and Schell in the quarter-finals. They gave a good account of themselves though, and went down fighting, 12-15; 17-14; 15-9.

FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Doc Mervy writes,

"In spite of a Jerry Christmas and a Jappy New Year, we are going ahead with our Northern California tournament; and from all indications, we are going to have a large entry.

Spirits are on the up again and the people are getting back to normal routine of living. The declaration of war came on the last day of our handicap tournament, and dampened the enthusiasm for the finals; but otherwise, this type of tournament worked out very well.

For our Northern tournament, we will have entries from both the North and South sections of the State, Seattle and Los Angeles.

Our inter-club play continues in spite of threatened Blackouts."

The Northern California Association has formed a Publicity Committee to promote Badminton in their area, and to assist the National Committee.

That's real co-operation, boys-- if we can do as well everywhere, Millard Dorntge's job will be a cinch.

Who's next???

Handicap tournaments have proven very successful on the West Coast, and have encouraged a great many new entries into tournament play. Sounds like a splendid idea!! For ideas on handicapping write

Reg Hill
c/o Dr. E. D. Mervy
443 Hazelwood Avenue
San Francisco, California

FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

In spite of the "Japanese Itch" (which by overtime and hard work, we will "scratch out" in much less than seven years) the Southern California Association is proceeding with plans for its three major tournaments. These are as follows:

Southern California-Feb. 6-8 at
Pasadena
Santa Barbara-Feb 27-Mar. 1 at
Santa Barbara
California State-Mar. 13-15
at Beverly Hills.

Several more are being planned, and will be announced later.

The results of the Pasadena Open Championships, held at the Pasadena Badminton Club in November, were according to form with one exception. - Dave Freeman and Sally Williams were defeated in the mixed double semi-finals by Evelyn Boldrick and Chet Goss, 15-8; 15-9.

Goss and Boldrick were, in turn, defeated by Mrs. Hulet Smith and Skeeter Erikson in the finals 17-5; 15-5. Proving the old proverb-"Uneasy lies the head that wears the Crown."

Other results were as follows:

Mens Singles: Dave Freeman defeated Skeeter Erikson by the score of 15-7; 15-9.

Womens Singles: Evelyn Boldrick defeated Helen Noble by the score of 11-12; 11-4; 11-2.

Mens Doubles: Dave Freeman and Chester Goss defeated Skeeter Erikson and Reaford Haney 15-5; 13-15; 15-8.

Womens Doubles: Evelyn Boldrick and Sally Williams defeated Helen Noble and Tody Rahmn 15-9; 17-15.

Veterans Doubles: (40 and over) Everett Oliver and Hulet Smith defeated Irving Hollister and J.A.Jackson 15-12; 15-9.

FROM OREGON

Blackout orders disrupted plans for the Annual Oregon State Mens Doubles Tournament, according to a report received from Clinton Eastman late in December. We have no further word, but presume that by now, some arrangements have been made for day+ time play on week-ends.

As an incentive to enthusiasm early in the season, the Oregon State Badminton Association sponsors monthly tournaments, using the facilities of a different member club each month. Each monthly tournament features one event only. For instance, the schedule of events of this nature for the season is as follows:

- October: Mixed Doubles Tournament
- November: Womens Doubles Tournament
- December: Mens Doubles Tournament
- January: Singles Tournament
Men and Women
- February: Husband and Wife
Mixed Doubles Tournament

Players are classified according to playing ability, thus matching players of comparable ability. Nominal entry fees, only, are charged usually enough, if possible to defray expenses; which, usually, are the costs of trophies. Member clubs donate the use of facilities, and no spectator fees are charged. Rather, outsiders are urged to attend, to create more widespread interest in the game.

Major state tournaments are held later in the season, and the results of the early season matches frequently are useful in seeding players at that time.

The current season is the second in which such events have been held. They have proved so successful that they will be continued each year.

Winners of the "One Event" tournaments were:

October- Mixed Doubles

- Class "A"
Dolly Hoaglin and
Chester Van Houten
- Class "B"
Katherine Erre and
Charles Dolph

November- Womens Doubles

- Class "A"
Ila Morlatt and Grace Bell
- Class "B"
Lloyolla Miller and
Pauline Gray

FROM THE SOUTH

We welcome into the growing family of Badminton publications, the "Bird Racket." This pamphlet is being published by the Southern Badminton Association under the direction of Bob Rule.

There must have been a long felt and crying need for something of this sort, as they started at about the same time we were putting together the first issue of "Bird Chatter."

Congratulations, Bob! Everything that is done to publicize the game and the association reacts either directly or indirectly to the benefit of all.

The Southern Championships will be held in the Birmingham Athletic Club, either the end of February or the first part of March. No definite dates have been announced. Four well-lighted courts with 40 ft. ceilings are available. The club has hotel service available for out-of-town guests.

Arrangements are in the hands of Frank Rushton, Jr. c/o Birmingham Athletic Club, Birmingham, Alabama.

FROM THE MIDWEST

INDIANA

The Indianapolis Invitational Tournament held on December 13 and 14 was a great success and the caliber of play was exceptionally fine. There were a total of 73 out-of-town entries from Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago, Akron, many cities in Indiana. Ward Starrett, A.B.A. President, and Norval Trimborn, Midwest Association President, teamed up in the mens doubles. Bill Mawhinney, Chicago Badminton Club Professional, was Official Referee.

The Hoosiers were perfect hosts; and everyone is looking forward to a renewal of the event next year.

Results were as follows:

Mens Singles: Robert Stille, Cincinnati, Ohio, defeated John Prest, Chicago, 15-6; 15-6.

Womens Singles: Shirley Fry, Akron, Ohio, defeated Wilma Shortz, Chicago, 4-11; 11-7; 11-5.

Mens Doubles: Wally Brandt and Edw. DiLeone, Cleveland, Ohio, defeated Robert Stille, Cincinnati, and A. Schumitzky, St. Louis, 15-6; 18-15.

Womens Doubles: Shirley Fry, Akron, and Mary J. Tabeling, Cincinnati, defeated Wilma Shortz and Eleanor Coombs, Chicago, 15-10; 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: Mary J. Tabeling and Robert Stille, Cincinnati, defeated Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shortz, Chicago, 15-9; 15-9.

The new association is really "Clicking" and it won't be long before it has attracted all nearby clubs. Evansville has "Climbed on the Band Wagon," and there is some talk about several northern Indiana

clubs joining up. We certainly hope this comes to pass, and would like to see this association become an "All Indiana", the same as Ohio, etc.

Indianapolis is planning a state tournament soon. More details later.

A Northern Indiana tournament will be held early in February at South Bend. Our Indiana correspondent promises full details for the next issue.

ST. LOUIS

The Greater St. Louis District tournament will be held at University City High School starting February 23 and running to completion.

There will be twelve divisions contested, including all the regular ones, plus Mens and Womens Class "B" Singles, Junior Boys and Girls Singles, Esquire Doubles and Father and Son Doubles.

There will also be a consolation round in the Mens Championship Singles, for those players eliminated in the first round.

We want to again call your attention to the popular Missouri Athletic Club Invitational tournament on January 29, 30 and 31.

Don't miss this event!!!!

It is one of the most popular and hotly contested in the middle west.

Those desiring to play are urged to contact Walter Schlueter of the Missouri Athletic Club, St. Louis, Missouri. Accommodations for out-of-town players will be available at the club.

FROM THE MIDWEST (Continued)

OHIO

The Ohio Open has always attracted top-flight players from the U.S. and Canada. Past winners in the Open Singles Event were as follows:

- 1934- Walter Kramer, Detroit
- 1935- Rod Phelan, Toronto
- 1936- Kenneth R. Davidson, New York
- 1937- Dave Robertson, Toronto
- 1938- Walter Kramer, Toronto
- 1939- Kenneth J. Quigley, Cleveland
- 1940- Walter Kramer, Detroit
(Retiring Trophy)
- 1941- Kenneth J. Quigley, Cleveland

This year's meeting on February 21st and 22nd will be no exception. The tournament committee, headed by Mr. P. Victor Houriet, expects entries from Carl Loveday and Jerry Burns, ranked #2 and #10 Nationally. Also Rod Phelan and Glen Thompson, ranking Canadian players from Toronto. Efforts are being made to obtain entries from Evalyn Efnert and Doris Gray, outstanding women players from Toronto.

The meeting will be held on four specially lighted courts in the Moreland School in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Six more specially lighted courts in a nearby school are available in case of a large entry.

Anyone desiring to play in this event should contact C. L. Nichols, 3865 East Antisdale Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

All are welcome!!!

The Metropolitan Cleveland Badminton League started January 11, 1942, with nine teams. This is the fourth year for this very popular league.

All matches are played on Sunday afternoons at Moreland School which is the center of Badminton in Northern Ohio. A match consists of two Men's Doubles; two Women's Doubles and four Mixed Doubles. Each team plays every other team in the league and get one point for every game won.

The Cleveland contingent will make their annual trek to the Atlantic Seaboard Championships in Washington, D. C. on February 6, 7, and 8.

For the first time since its inception the "caravan" will be without Ken Quigley who brought home the bacon last year in the Mens Singles event. Edward DiLeone, Wally Brandt, Edwin Oelschlager and Russell Grant (former Pittsburgh Champ) will go from Cleveland and Shirley Fry and Marguerite Wright from Akron. It will be very interesting to watch Shirley play against the Eastern girls.

FROM THE MIDWEST (Continued)

CHICAGO

The Ogden Badminton Club was host to the combined teams of Racine and West Allis, Wisconsin, on December 21st. Play started at eleven o'clock in the morning and continued into the evening.

Twenty-nine matches made up the competitive schedule, and although the Ogden Club won 23 to 6 on team strength, West Allis produced the stars that the Midwest will hear more about later.

The best and most exciting match of the day was the men's doubles match between Foote and Riday (West Allis) and Rudolph and LaFayette (Ogden). The West Allis team won the first game 15-12 and had match point in the second game through three rounds of services, before the Ogden team won 18-17. The final game was hotly contested with the Ogden team winning 17-15.

Wilma Shortz, Midwest Champion, defeated Irene Klores of West Allis in a hard fought three-game match, 12-9; 9-11; 11-8.

The new Women's Doubles Team of Wilma Shortz and Eleanor Coombs is really clicking. They will be heard from in the major tournaments. Klores and Dobron of West Allis fell before this up and coming pair 15-10, 15-10.

Dean Foote, who has been on the west coast for some time, seems to have picked up a few California tricks. He defeated Bill Graham, one of Chicago's best, 13-15; 15-7; 15-7. A slow start, but what a finish!

A return match is being planned for later in the season.

EVANSTON

The Fifth Annual Evanston Badminton Club Invitational Tournament was held Sunday, January 11, 1942. Heretofore, this has been a men's doubles event, with the ladies joining them for luncheon.

This year, a ladies doubles event was run-off simultaneously in another gym. The semi-finals and finals of both events were played on the same floor.

Play started at 10:00 A.M. and a recess was taken from 1:00 to 3:00 for a buffet luncheon (etc.) at a nearby hotel.

There were several out-of-town guests, among them Whitney Warner, Jr. and Bud Clifton of Cleveland, Irene Klores of West Allis and Catherine Wolf of Elkhart, Ind.

Partners were drawn by the committee. We were told that by accident, but we think, by design, Ward Starrett and "ye editor" were teamed up. The "ABA" team was nosed out of the main event in a three game match that ended in a set game 17-16. "The boys from the office" pulled themselves together, however, and won the consolation round. They were each presented with a hand painted cup, the kind that grandpa kept under the bed.

Other winners were:

Men's Doubles, Main Event
Collin-Thomas

Ladies Doubles, Main Event
Klores-Tilden

Ladies Doubles-Consolation Round
Anderson-Gambrill

HELP

WANTED

Millard Dorntge, National Publicity Chairman writes:

"You can help your National Publicity Committee reach its objectives, which are as follows:

1. To keep and increase the interest of those who are now following our sport, either as players or spectators, and
2. To interest a substantial number of persons not now either playing or following the sport.

To accomplish these two basic objectives, the Committee recognizes that first and foremost, it must reach into every Class A Association, and with their co-operation, coordinate and synthesize the very excellent results most of these associations are getting through their local publicity channels.

To do this, we are trying to get a live member of our Committee from every Class A Association. We have been fairly successful in this, but there is still room for improvement.

The National Publicity Committee is badly in need of- and at once- a gallery of photographs, playing records and biographical material of all the players of major tournament caliber. But they are mighty slow in coming in.

Won't you, as a Badminton enthusiast, help in this- gathering what you can of this sort of data, and turning it over to your association Publicity Chairman for him to forward to us?

There is another activity you can also aid. One of the most promising fields for the extension of Badminton still open in these troubled times, is in schools, both private and public, and in the colleges. In the East, an inter-collegiate Badminton Association has been formed. Our game is really going places in college.

Won't you please, therefore, look around you, and see what schools you can suggest as fertile fields for some assistance from your own association in getting Badminton established as a sport among the youths attending them?"

IN OUR BEST "WINCHELL" MANNER

Dean Foote and Lillian Wanek (now Mrs. Dean Foote) who were out of Midwest competition last year, have returned from the west coast and will be active in Badminton circles here this season. There is a little Foote now, a six weeks old boy.

Jack Riday and Barrie Dillon, former Chicago ranking players and mixed doubles team, now make up the team of Riday and Riday, representing West Allis. Although Jack chose to play tennis rather than badminton during his collegiate career, he has not lost any of the finesse that put him close to the top in the Chicago area four years ago.

"The Canadian Lawn Tennis and Badminton" has announced a change in policy. Henceforth, they will feature Badminton almost exclusively in their six winter issues. These will be sold separately at a special six months' subscription rate of \$1.50.

They intend to devote a great amount of their space to Badminton in the United States. The next issue will contain a feature article about our National Tournament at Duke on April 2, 3 and 4th. We believe their effort is worthy of our support. Write

Doug Grant, Editor
Empire Life Building
Montreal, Canada

Speaking of Canada, do you know that for the sixth time in a row, Dave Freeman defeated that great Canadian master of the sport, Johnny Samis? It was in a furious three game match played in November at Baltimore for the benefit of the British War Relief. Two wonderful players. Congratulations, Dave!!

We will miss many top ranking players in the late winter and early spring tournaments.

Following is a partial list of those in the Service of Uncle Sam:

Ken Quigley-Cleveland-Air Corps
Dr. Karl Lange-St. Louis- Navy
Joe Zambruskey-St. Louis- Army
Bill Graham- Chicago - Army

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We wonder if Hitler has captured New York and Philadelphia- Can anyone enlighten us?

We haven't heard a word from them since "Bird Chatter" was born. Won't someone there send us a little news for the next issue?

We note that several teams from New York and Philadelphia were playing in New England last month. Isn't anyone playing on the home grounds?

And what about Texas, Pittsburgh, Rhode Island and Western New York?

Come on folks, loosen up!! It's all in fun-- don't be so serious.

We're all going to be broke sooner or later, some sooner- some later-- but we'll still live in "the land of the free and the home of the brave," so cheer up.

Let's all work a little harder and play a little harder, and look at the brighter side.

NEXT DEADLINE-FEB. 10, 1942

LET'S HEAR FROM YA!

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