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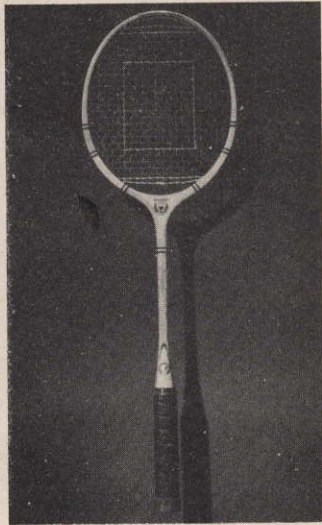


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2. Miss Janet Wright-San Francisco, Calif.
3. Mrs. Mary Whittemore Schlemm-Boston, Mass.
4. Miss Patricia Donovan-Buffalo, N.Y.
5. Mrs. Mary Hagan Ackermann, New York, N.Y.

MEN

1. David G. Freeman-Pasadena, Calif.
2. Carl Loveday-Montclair, N.J.
3. Kenneth J. Quigley-Cleveland, Ohio
4. Chester A. Goss-Los Angeles, Calif.
5. Harry Hackett-Philadelphia, Pa.

ROLL OF HONOR - 1942-43

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Elizabeth Anselm-San Francisco, Calif.
 Mana Amburn-Portland, Oregon
 Mrs. C. Porter Atherton-Marblehead, Mass.
 Eleanor Abbott Behr-Silver Springs, Md.
 Fairfax Brooke-Baltimore, Md.
 Mrs. Roy Bergman-Westport, Conn.
 Alice Brown-Buffalo, N.Y.
 Mrs. Shirley Lander Blanchet-San Francisco, Calif.
 Theresa Bellizzi-New Rochelle, N.Y.
 Mrs. Thelma Burdick-Chicago, Ill.
 Eleanor Coombs-Chicago, Ill.
 Valentine Edgar-Brookline, Mass.
 Mrs. Wm. Faversham-Concord, Mass.
 Helen Gibson-Westport, Conn.
 Marjorie Gildseth-Seattle, Wash.
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 Dolly Hoaglin-Portland, Oregon
 Mrs. Rose Herbert-Greenwich, Conn.
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 Muriel Horner-Hollywood, Calif.
 Irene Klores-West Allis, Wis.
 Norma Keech-Nahant, Mass.
 Lorraine Kittinger-Buffalo, N.Y.
 Mrs. Texas Judy-Dallas, Texas
 Ruth Jett-San Diego, Calif.
 Gladys Mallory-Seattle, Wash.
 Claire Mitchell-Philadelphia, Pa.
 Helen Noble-Pasadena, Calif.
 Ruth Nelson-Seattle, Wash.

MEN

Jack Buddemeyer-Buffalo, N.Y.
 Norman Blanchet-San Francisco, Calif.
 Fred Bogardus-Swampscott, Mass.
 Paul Blugard-Portland, Oregon
 George Bent-New York, N.Y.
 Dick Casey-St. Louis, Mo.
 Harry W. Conlon-Chicago, Ill.
 Stan Cicerich-Portland, Oregon
 Nevin Cope-Seattle, Wash.
 Lowell N. Douglas-Waco, Texas
 James Danaher-Westport, Conn.
 Charles Dolph-Portland, Oregon
 Edward di Leone-Cleveland, Ohio
 Leroy Erikson-Pasadena, Calif.
 Fred Fullin-Westport, Conn.
 William Faversham-Concord, Mass.
 Dr. William Gibbs-Chicago, Ill.
 John E. Garrod-Wellesley, Mass.
 Lea Gustavson-Westport, Conn.
 George Harmon-Bartlettsville, Okla.
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 Harold Muntz-Portland, Oregon
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FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

By Doc Mervy

The Northern California Championships were held February 19 to 21, and proved to be very successful. The entries were well above what we had anticipated, and we had an excellent turn-out of leading stars: Thelma Kingsbury Scovel, Norm Blanchet, Eliz. Anselm, Helen Zabriskie, Janet Wright, Ossie Hilton, Herman Welz and Private Rogers, who made the trip from Santa Barbara while on leave, and many other players of note.

Army life did not slow down Rogers' game as you can see by the frequency of his name in the semi-finals and finals.

The tournament was ably run by Lieut. Ossie Hilton and our ever helpful friend, Reg, Hill, who is one of those people who just make a tournament run smoothly.

This may be our last big tournament for some time as our court facilities are being taken over for federal housing. Both the California and San Francisco Clubs will have to seek new courts.

Following is the semi-final and final results of the Northern California Championships.

LADIES' SINGLES

Mrs. Thelma Scovel defeated Betty Bean 11-5; 11-3.

Janet Wright defeated Shirley Blanchet 11-5; 11-4.

Mrs. Thelma Scovel won the finals and defeated Janet Wright 11-2; 11-0.

MEN'S SINGLES

Private Rogers defeated Ossie Hilton 15-7; 15-12.

Norm Blanchet defeated Herman Welz 11-15; 15-12; 15-11 in a very closely contested match.

Private Rogers won the finals defeating Norm Blanchet 15-12; 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss Anselm and Mrs. Scovel defeated Mrs. Lenhart and Miss Madden 15-8; 15-13.

Mrs. Blanchet and Miss Corbin defeated Miss Bean and Miss Catherin 15-8; 9-15; 15-7.

Miss E. Anselm and Mrs. Scovel won the finals defeating Mrs. Blanchet and Miss Corbin 15-12; 7-15; 15-12 in one of the most exciting matches of the tournament.

MEN'S DOUBLES

LeClercq and Madden defeated Paxton and Ough 15-10; 11-15; 15-8.

Welz and Rogers defeated Casanave and Clark 15-7; 15-6.

Herman Welz and Private Rogers won the finals defeating Lieut. LeClercq and Irl Madden 7-15; 18-16; 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

Miss Anselm and Ossie Hilton defeated Mrs. Mervy and Ron Bobbett 15-4; 15-8.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchet defeated Miss Ivancich and Lieut. Fuller 15-9; 15-4.

The final honors were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Blanchet, defeating Miss Anselm and Lieut. Hilton, 15-6; 16-18; 15-9.

VETERANS

Mervy and Bobbitt defeated Clay and McLellan 15-11; 15-12.

Michael and Paxton defeated Scovel and Ough, 15-3; 18-16.

Veteran winners were Michael and Paxton, defeating Mervy and Bobbitt, 15-6; 15-9.

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The last day of February, the California Club held a farewell badminton mixed doubles tournament, inviting numerous guests from all parts of the bay region. The tournament ran from two o'clock in the afternoon until six o'clock that evening. The winners were Mrs. E. D. Mervy and Perry Cologne, defeating Mrs. M. Moklofsky and Ossie Hilton in a three game match; and then everyone relaxed to a big turkey feed. Thanks, California Club.

Laughter was loud, play was even and spirited. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the last play on the courts for the duration, even our old standby Bill Morrison, who received an outstanding trophy for his herculean task of carrying Shirley Landers Blanchet into the semi-finals.

I don't know where Ray Paxton, President of the California Club, obtained the turkey for the badminton party, but he tells me he won it in a tournament.

FROM NEW ENGLAND

MASSACHUSETTS

The Greater Boston (Men's A League) finished its schedule on February 24, at the University Club with the Cardinals first half-winners playing the Pirates second half-winners. The Pirates won the lead with a singles win, when Vaughn Pipes won over Shep Hold in three games. Captain Garrod of the Cardinals teamed with Harry Aberle to win the #1 Men's Doubles match from Vaughn Pipes and Sam Smyth, and thus tie the score. Johnnie G. and Shep Hold won the #2 Doubles from Sam Smyth and Inglis to put the Cardinals out in front. Pirates Inglis and Callahan evened it at three points all by defeating Cardinals Aberle and Clark. The Cardinals took the championship by the fourth doubles win of Clark and Bonnell over Callahan and Sachtett - a three game match which had the audience on the edge of their chairs. In the "C" division, Dedham nosed out Shady Hill in a ding dong final which took a fifth match to break the tie.

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The entry list for the Combined Informal Mass. "C" and "D" Championships was remarkably good, considering the fact that the rigid ban on pleasure driving was in effect at the time of the tournament. To eliminate the necessity of driving, the tournament was held at the University Club in Boston; and the two championships ran concurrently. Porter Atherton, Chairman of the Tournament Committee of the Massachusetts Badminton Association, did a remarkable job in planning his schedule to make repeated trips to the courts unnecessary and the evening hours of play not too late. There were a total of 94 individual entries, and the finals on Saturday evening were so closely contested, particularly in the "C" division, that spectators had a really exciting evening.

The ease with which Miss Peg Bemis, present Massachusetts Junior Champion, and Miss Jean Pipes, who is about 15 years old, swept through to the Ladies' Doubles "C" Championship indicates that in the very near future, Massachusetts will have a Ladies' Doubles Team to reckon with nationally.

The results of the finals were as follows:

MEN'S DOUBLES CLASS "C"

Dr. E. H. Robertson and John Cornell defeated Hugh Ferguson and Robert Peel, 15-7; 7-15; 15-13.

MIXED DOUBLES "C"

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peel defeated Mrs. E. H. Robertson and John Cornell 9-15; 17-14; 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES "C"

Miss Jean Pipes and Miss Peg Bemis defeated Mrs. Helen Kenny and Miss Edith Kimball, 15-2; 15-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES "D"

Joseph Costello and John McGee defeated J.T.W. Browder and Robert Frye 3-15; 15-11; 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES "D"

Miss Lyla Swain and J.T.W. Browder defeated Miss Velma Cobb and C.L. Albee 15-3; 18-17.

LADIES' DOUBLES "D"

Miss Gladys Voyer and Miss Barbara Cuthbert defeated Miss Phyllis Ryder and Miss Gladys McGee 12-15; 15-9; 18-16.

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The Second Annual Massachusetts Junior Championships will be held at the University Club on April 17th and 24th. Wayne Schell, chairman of the Jr. Development Committee, ably assisted by Jack Brewer, will conduct the affair.

Two age groups will compete - 8 to 11 inc. and 12 to 17 inc. In the younger group, there will be boys' and girls' singles and doubles. The same events will be contested by the older group, with the addition of mixed doubles.

FROM NEW ENGLAND

CONNECTICUT

In spite of "Globaloney" and one and a half gallons per "A", the Connecticut Association joined the ranks of successful tournament sponsors. The State Championships, held at the New Haven "Y" on March 20 and 21, were the most successful in the history of the event. The meet was well run and very well attended.

Six events were scheduled, but as no one challenged Helen Gibson, she retained the Singles titles for another year.

We do not have exact scores, but the final results were as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES

Fred Fullin of Westport defeated Walt Raymond of Stamford.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Lea Gustavson and Fred Fullin of Westport defeated Sam Massey and Buck Morse of Trinity and New Haven.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Wanda Bergman and Helen Gibson of Westport defeated D. Bixler and J. Watson of New Haven.

MIXED DOUBLES

W. Bergman and F. Fullin defeated H. Gibson and L. Gustavson

VETERANS

Buck Morse and Dwight Brown of New Haven defeated Sam Massey and Doc Evans.

The "B" class results were:

MEN'S SINGLES

Steve Ogilvy of Westport defeated Joe Wilke of Norwalk.

MEN'S DOUBLES

J. Gagnon and C. Marches of New Haven defeated D. Hersam and L. George of Norwalk.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

J. Goodmaster of New Haven defeated P. Kurtzman of Norwalk.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

J. Goodmaster and E. Barnett of New Haven defeated E. Walsh and M. Guiliano of Norwalk.

MIXED DOUBLES

Althea Chapman and Don Hersam of Norwalk defeated O. Schurig and H. Williams of Trinity.

The annual meeting and election of officers was held during the championship meet. The new slate is as follows:

PRES. - L. R. Gustavson- Westport
 VICE-PRES. - Joseph S. Loudon- Greenwich
 SEC. - Donald Post- Waterbury
 TREAS. - Richard Banigan- Danielson
 DELEGATES AT LARGE
 Joel Maurer- Stamford
 Joseph B. Morse- New Haven
 P. V. Hayden- Willimantee

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The 1942-43 season has been the first in which Junior badminton has been organized and sponsored by the Connecticut Badminton Association. To round out the year, a State Junior Tournament was held in New Haven on March 6, 1943. Four members clubs were represented, but it was an open event, and any junior under 18 years of age was eligible to compete. 48 youngsters entered. The age range was from 10-14 and 15-18. Girls' and boys' singles and doubles were contested in each age group. Play started at 10 A.M. and was over at 6 P.M. Twelve first place medals were given; and, happily, every club had a winner. Stamford walked with most of the firsts, but Westport, New Haven, and Waterbury, each took at least one honor.

The tourney was followed by a supper and dance, which gave the players a chance to get acquainted with each other, and with some of the older players who attended the tournament. Lea Gustavson, President of the C.B.A. and Helen Gibson, State Chairman of Junior Badminton, were present for the entire tournament.

Those who have watched junior badminton in its more embryonic stages of development in Connecticut, were extremely please with the outcome. A permanent foundation has been established which will insure the future of the game in this state.

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FROM OREGON

By Grace Bell

NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday, March 28, a picked team made up of stellar players from the State of Washington arrived in Portland, to compete with Oregon's best for the championship of the Northwest.

The Washington team was made up of such well known players as Virginia Heaton Suggs, Rupe Topp, Juanita Stern and Fred Walck. The skillful playing of the Washington team was a bit too much for the Oregon players; and as a consequence they annexed all but one of the first place trophies. That one went to the men's doubles team of Stan Cicerich and Chuck Dolph, who defeated Rupe Topp and Fred Walck in a thriller--9-15; 15-10; 15-6. Hats off to Stan and Chuck!

Oregon almost had another winner in Stan Cicerich when he took on Rupe Topp in the men's singles. That was a game that left the spectators, as well as the players, in a state of complete exhaustion. Stan took the first game 5-13, Rupe came back and pulled the second one out of the fire 18-14. In the third game, Stan began having trouble with his service and Rupe eked out a victory by the narrow margin of 15-13 for the championship. Well, anyway, it was a close one!

Fred Walck and Juanita Stern, from Washington, took the mixed doubles championship in a two game match against Paul Blugard and Dolly Hoaglin. Then to make it two in a row, Juanita Stern teamed with Virginia Heaton Suggs to take the ladies' doubles title from Helen Phillips and Dolly Hoaglin, 15-3; 15-13.

The girls from Washington made a clean sweep of the ladies' titles when Virginia won the singles match from Helen Phillips, 11-0; 11-6.

The highlight of the afternoon came when Dick Newton, President of the Oregon State Badminton Association, presented a beautiful trophy to Clinton Eastman, formerly president of Oregon's Association and Oregon's most loyal and enthusiastic badminton promoter. The trophy was inscribed, "Badminton's First Citizen", and certainly he is that, and has been since the beginning of the game in the state.

OREGON HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

During the week beginning March 17, the Oregon State Badminton Association held its annual handicap tournament. The success of this event can be measured by the fact that there were 121 entries.

One particularly interesting feature was the entry of Wayne Sabin, internationally famous tennis star. Never having played badminton before, he decided to try this game about two weeks before the handicap tournament and was persuaded to enter. He drew a plus 5 and went to the semi-finals where he came up against Paul Glugard. Paul's skill and experience was a little too much for Wayne and he bowed out after putting up a grand and game fight. We hope he is with us again next year, and we expect to see him giving the best of them a run for the trophies.

Paul Blugard, ex-Seattle champion, had his revenge in the handicap singles by winning the men's singles finals from Stan Cicerich. Paul went into the tournament carrying a minus eight ranking against Stan's minus ten. Paul didn't need the edge in the first game, but he put it to good use in the second as Stan made a valiant effort to keep the match alive. Scores, 15-6; 15-12. Stan Cicerich and Chuck Dolph won the men's doubles from Dick Newton and Paul Blugard 15-12; 15-6. That makes Stan and Chuck just about "tops" for the season - City, Handicap and Northwest Championships all in one season.

Paul Blugard and Dolly Hoaglin won the mixed doubles 15-12; 15-2.

Helen Phillips and Dolly Hoaglin won the ladies' doubles from Louise Wolfe and Ila Marlatt, 15-12; 15-4.

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FROM THE MIDWEST

SIXTH ANNUAL MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Badminton is here to stay! Not even War with its rationing of food and transportation - its sobbing, cringing prophets of doom, can shake it from its deeply rooted foundation. The flame of adventure and daring that was kindled by our pioneer forefathers still burns in the hearts of many.

The plans for the Sixth Annual Midwest Championships were launched amid much stroking of rabbits' feet and crossing of fingers. It was felt that an entry of 150 could reasonably be expected, and a budget was set up accordingly. About 15 or 20 out-of-town entries were anticipated.

When the entries closed, there were 218, with 75 from out-of-town. They came from Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Milwaukee, and St. Paul.

The Central School of Glencoe, Ill., was the scene of action. Play started at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 20. At 2:00 P.M. Sunday, all events were completed to the finals.

Between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M., the annual luncheon of the Midwest Association was served at the Villa Moderne. Upon returning to the gym for the finals, the members of the association were hard pressed to find seats. The place was packed with eager fans - the best gallery we've seen in many a day.

Dick Casey of St. Louis, an up and coming youngster, is the new singles champ. Seeded fourth, he was, nevertheless, picked by many as the "dark horse". (The previous week-end, he had won the St. Louis championship.) His opponent, Joe Tiberi, of Hamilton B.C. Chicago, battled his way through some tough competition for a crack at the title, but he couldn't cope with the smooth stroking of Casey. Tiberi made 12 points in the first game. By that time, Dick was warmed up and had the bird tamed - it flew like a thing alive - drop shots just grazing the net, and smashes just nicking the outside lines. He was superb, and the result was never in doubt from the opening point of the second game. Final score 15-12; 15-2.

Pearl Peterson of Detroit successfully defended her singles title. She had the situation well in hand all the way - her opponents only scoring a total of 20 points in 4 matches. Eleanor Coombs of Chicago was the runner-up. She well deserved her place in the finals, having

defeated the No. 2 seeded player, Irene Klores, of West Allis, Wis., in a hard fought semi-final match, 11-6; 10-12; 11-9. The cool methodical play of Pearl was too high a hurdle, and the crown returned to Detroit for another year. Final score 11-1; 11-4.

Teamed with Thelma Burdick, also of Chicago, Eleanor Coombs bounced right back in the doubles. To prove that she wasn't fooling in that singles match, she and her partner defeated Irene Klores and Lillian Foote of West Allis, to win the doubles title, 15-8; 15-10.

The Men's Doubles title went back to West Allis, Wis., for another year, when Dean Foote and Jack Riday successfully defended their championship. Fred Russell and Tommy Thomas of Evanston, who have been burning up the courts on the North Shore this season, knocked at the door; but Riday had his Foote against it, and they couldn't break through. Final score 15-6; 15-12.

The Mixed Doubles title was won by a new team, Thelma Burdick and Lyle Shortz of Hamilton B.C. They defeated Lillian and Dean Foote of West Allis, 15-11; 15-8.

With much snorting, blowing and creaking of joints, Bill Lenhart and Jack White successfully defended their Veteran's Crown against the onslaught of Ward Starrett and Jack Taylor. The committee selected a crown for this event - a belt could not be obtained in those large sizes. Jack gave the crown to Bill to hold, as he said it would slip off of his head. We heard since that the match was settled in the locker room. The masseur was bribed to hold back on the rubbing oil. No official charges have been filed, though, so guess it was only a rumor. Final score 15-10; 15-3.

Suitable trophies were awarded to the winners and finalists in all events.

Many North Shore residents opened their homes to the out-of-town visitors. The association is grateful for this friendly hospitality.

In all - one of the most successful tournaments we have had - war or no war.

Badminton is here to stay!

FROM THE MIDWEST - Continued

INDIANA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Indiana State Championships were held at the Indianapolis Athletic Club on March 27 and 28. A very satisfactory entry list was on hand to contest the four events.

Final results were as follows:

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Catherine Wolf defeated Betty Mathews 11-3; 11-7.

MEN'S SINGLES

J. W. Huston defeated E. Stanton 9-15; 15-3; 15-12.

MEN'S DOUBLES

J. W. Huston and R.H.G. Mathews defeated E. Stanton and H. Jornod, 17-18; 15-2; 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

Catherine Wolf and E. Stanton defeated Betty Mathews and J. W. Huston, 11-15, 18-15; 15-5.

FROM THE TWIN CITIES

At the Eighth Annual Badminton Tournament of the Minnesota District held at Cooke Hall at the University of Minnesota on March 14, Howard Brissman and Bud Henry won the men's doubles championship by defeating Newell Nelson and Worth Rice, 18-15; 11-15; 15-10.

In the men's singles, W. C. Henry lost his title to Norman McDonald, who defeated Leo Cassidy in the finals by 15-9; 17-18; 15-10.

Mrs. Horton, Jr. and Mrs. Faught retained the ladies' doubles title, and Mr. and Mrs. Pass won the mixed doubles.

There were 58 entrants in the tournament. First and second place medals were awarded.

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At the St. Paul Athletic Club, play is now in progress to find a new singles champion, as Lt. (J.G.) Harold R. Anderson is now at Harvard, training.

After the singles competition is completed, a doubles tournament will be held to determine the club champions.

At the annual meeting of the Midwest Association, the following officers and directors were elected:

PRESIDENT - Stanley G. Flitcraft-
Oak Park, Ill.
VICE-PRES. - Roy W. Jordan- St. Louis, Mo.
SECY.-TREAS.- Fred W. Russell-
Glenview, Ill.
DIRECTORS - Jack Taylor- Glencoe, Ill.
Geo. Von Gehr- Glencoe, Ill.
Ernst Clarenbach-
Milwaukee, Wis.
Comm.R.H.G. Mathews-
Indianapolis, Ind.
A. W. Gutteresen-
St. Paul, Minn.
Justin H. Canfield-
Oak Park, Ill.

ST. LOUIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Seventh Annual St. Louis District Indoor Badminton Tournament was held March 9 through the 13th, at the Christian Brothers College Gymnasium. In spite of conditions, this event, as all similar ones this season, was a huge success. On the strength of the showing made, the Missouri Athletic Club has decided to hold its annual invitational tournament the end of this month, and the University City Club is planning a tournament in the middle of May.

Hope some of the more timid souls in some parts of the country will read this and take heart.

For the first time in the history of this event, the tournament committee included a novice bracket. This was for players who had never played in a district tournament. Much to their surprise, they received 45 entries, and as a result, plan to include this bracket in all future tournaments.

St. Louis has always championed the cause of "more events to give more players a chance." A look at the schedule following, will probably surprise many of our readers. We know of no other tournament with 14 events, yet it is not uncommon, and is a very popular procedure in St. Louis.

It doesn't prolong the playing time, or complicate the schedule. Every event has fewer entries than normal, but the total remains the same. It is encouraging to the players and provides more incentive for entering.

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FROM OHIO

With reports of successful tournaments pouring in from every section of the country, the Ohio Association took heart and scheduled the Tenth Annual Ohio Open for the week end of March 27 and 28.

They were rewarded for their courage by an entry much larger than anticipated, and a large and enthusiastic audience at the semi's and finals.

A contingent of Chicagoans, fresh from their Midwest victories the week before, journeyed to Cleveland and took charge of the situation. They made a clean sweep of all events, also furnishing the runners-up in two of them.

Final results were:

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Thelma Burdick (Chi.) defeated Eleanor Coombs (Chi.) 12-11; 12-11.

MEN'S SINGLES

Dr. Wm. Gibbs (Chi.) defeated Pfc. Ed. DiLeone (Cleve.) 13-15; 15-11; 15-6.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Eleanor Coombs and Thelma Burdick (Chi.) defeated Ann Nestor and Olga Grant (Chi.) 15-5; 15-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Dr. Wm. Gibbs and Joe Tiberi (Chi.) defeated Seymour Colton and Whitney Warner, Jr. (Cleve.) 15-4; 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Eleanor Coombs and Joe Tiberi (Chi.) defeated Betty Elmendorf and Seymour Colton (Cleve.) 15-4; 15-9.

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The annual Cleveland City and District Tournament is scheduled for April 10 and 11 at the Moreland School.

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A Cleveland Badminton Association is being formed to handle all local tournaments, rankings, seedings and kindred problems.

FROM THE SOUTH

We had begun to think that the South had again seceded from the Union. We were expecting news of the bombardment of Fort Shuttle any day, when from Nashville, without any forewarning, comes word of a tournament at the Y.M.H.A. "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition!!". There's still a few birds flying in the land of cotton.

The event was the Eighth Annual City Tournament of Nashville. It was held on March 29, 30 and 31. The entry list was a bit smaller than in recent years, but there was as much interest and competition as ever.

New champions were crowned in each event. Dr. Milton Bush, runner-up the past two years, and semi-finalist in the Southern in 1940, won the men's singles title, and paired with Emile Roth to win the men's doubles. Mrs. Agnes Hoffman captured the women's title left vacant by Franke White who moved to Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Hoffman, also won the ladies' doubles with Mrs. Reba Brown, and the mixed doubles with Ralph Hoffman, her husband.

Dr. Bush received his stiffest competition from Pvt. Wm. Sanborn from St. Louis, Mo., and presently stationed at the Air Classification Center. Mrs. Hoffman had little trouble with the field. But competition in the doubles events was keen. Ralph Hoffman and Jim McCathern were the men's finalists, Bob Rives and Reba Brown the mixed doubles finalists.

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What do you say, Harry? How about you and Bob cooking up something in Knoxville before the season closes? And how's about it in North Carolina? The black-outs and gas rationing aren't any more severe in your section than they are in Connecticut, Maryland, New York, California, Oregon, Washington, or Massachusetts. Come on - quit worrying - we'll all pitch in and help you beat off those Nazis when the invasion finally comes!!

FROM WESTERN NEW YORK

The Buffalo Athletic Club was the scene of the Western New York Victory Tournament on March 26 to 28. Two classes competed, Unlimited or Championship and Class "C". Three events, all doubles, were played in each bracket.

Patsy Donovan, W.N.Y.'s outstanding player, won in two events. Teamed with Art Schauer of the Buffalo Athletic Club, they won smartly over Alice and George Brown of the Twin City Badminton Club in the Mixed Doubles Event. Paired with Lorrain Kittinger of the B.A.C., they won over Dorothy Ralph and Alice Brown of Twin City in the Ladies' Doubles.

Cliff Patterson of the Triad Racquet Club was the outstanding player in the "C" events. Coupled with Betty McPhee, they won over their clubmates, Dorothy Schottin and Buck Wiley. Then paired with Del Altenberg of the same club, won handily over Elmer Koener and Ed. Wendt, also from their club, in the Men's Doubles.

Harry Keating and Bobby Williams of Niagara Falls C.C., breezed through the Unlimited Class Men's Doubles in brilliant style and would certainly be a definite threat, were the Nationals held this year. Their 106 millimeter anti-tank smashes and their 90 mm mortar drop and net shots were perfection to behold.

The results of the finals of this highly successful tournament were as follows:

UNLIMITED CLASS

LADIES' DOUBLES - Won by Patsy Donovan and Lorrain Kittinger over Dorothy Ralph and Alice Brown 15-11; 15-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES - Won by Harry Keating and Bobby Williams over Dewitt Kittinger and Jack Buddemeyer, 15-5; 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES - Won by Patsy Donovan and Art Schauer over Alice and George Brown 15-9; 15-4.

CLASS "C"

LADIES' DOUBLES - Won by Dorothy Schottin and Alice Jackson over Betty McPhee and Mildred Netch 15-4; 15-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES - Won by Cliff Patterson and Dell Altenberg over Elmer Koener and Ed. Wendt 15-9; 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES - Won by Betty McPhee and Cliff Patterson over Dorothy Schottin and Buck Wiley 15-14; 6-15; 15-5.

FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

With Dave Freeman, Evelyn Boldrick and Janet Wright, California's National Champs, not entered, the field in the Eleventh Annual Southern California Tournament was wide open. The event was played at the Griffith Park Club in Los Angeles, on February 27 and 28.

California never lacks outstanding players, and this event was no exception. Helen Noble and Leroy Erikson, both of Pasadena, were three event winners. They both played faultlessly against a tough field.

Helen is just 18 and is moving up fast. She will cut a wide swath in the next National. She and her partner, Tody Rahm, defeated Evelyn Boldrick and Frances Zweiner in the Manhattan tournament earlier in the year.

"Skeeter" Erikson has been knocking on the door for several years. This year, with Dave not competing, he had his chance, and came through with flying colors. Skeeter, in the opinion of many, is the country's best mixed doubles player. He holds a good margin of wins over Dave in this department. Last year, playing with Lorna Smith, he beat Dave and Sally Williams, three times out of four they met. Dave and Sally won the Nationals at Durham, although hard pressed by Carl Loveday and Mary Hagan Ackermann.

Complete results were:

LADIES' SINGLES

Helen Noble defeated Connie Horner 11-5; 11-5.

MEN'S SINGLES

Leroy Erikson defeated Clair Hanley 15-5; 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Helen Noble and Tody Rahm defeated Connie and Muriel Horner 15-7; 15-12.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Leroy Erikson and Raeford Haney defeated Roy Lockwood and Wynn Rogers, 15-13; 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

Helen Noble and Leroy Erikson defeated Tody Rahm and Wynn Rogers, 15-9; 14-17; 15-7.

The association officials report the event a huge success. The entry list greatly exceeded their expectations - 165 reported at the opening gong.

America can play as well as fight - if any of the sob sisters doubt this, let them ask the Badminton clan.

FROM WASHINGTON

By Tim Royce

With fear and trepidation, the Seattle City Invitational Tournament was launched. Like all similar events, in other parts of the country, it was a big success. Over 160 entrants reported at Broadway Hall on February 17 and battled through some torrid rounds, until the finals on February 21. The Queen Anne Badminton Club sponsored the meet. There were both open and handicap events.

There was quite a sprinkling of servicemen and women in every event. Sgt. Paul Vencso repeated his December win by beating Rupe Topp 15-1; 17-14. Ensign Hanna Person, home from training for the WAVES at Northampton, Mass., reached the semi-finals in both the women's and mixed handicap doubles.

Pvt. Thos. J. Symes of Fort Lawton, formerly of Cleveland, reached the finals in the men's handicap doubles, playing with a borrowed racket and with a partner he had not even seen before the tournament started.

Gladys Mallory and Marjorie Gieldseth again met Ruth Nelson and Marge Crow in the finals of the ladies' doubles, open. Gladys and Marjorie retained their title, 15-11; 15-6. Mary Jean Bushell, who won the December meet, was eliminated in the semi's by Marjorie Gieldseth - a reversal of the former result. Virginia Heaton Suggs was the final winner at 11-3; 11-7.

Gladys Mallory and Rupe Topp retained the crown they won in December, by defeating Virginia Heaton Suggs and Fred Walck, in the open mixed doubles 13-15; 15-9; 15-11. It was a thriller!

Fred Walck, who was the "villain" of the December meet, when he knocked off the #1 seeded player, Rupe Topp, was the victim of a reversal. Bill Tremper upset the apple cart by beating Fred in the quarters of the men's singles, 17-14; 15-9. Bill was eliminated in the semi's by Sarge Vancso, the winner.

Other results were as follows:

MEN'S DOUBLES OPEN

Rupe Topp and Bill Deacon defeated Henry Schulthers and Hugh Mitchell 18-13; 17-14.

HANDICAP WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Gladys Mallory and Anne Cook defeated Mary Jean Bushell and Dorothy Benedict 15-9; 15-14.

HANDICAP MEN'S DOUBLES

Phil Aaron and Henry Schulthers defeated Pvt. Thos. J. Symes and Bill Deacon, 15-6; 15-8.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Nova Crowley and Henry Schulthers defeated Mary Jane Bushell and Don Klopfer, 15-12; 15-5.

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As a warm-up for the Northwest Championships, the Washington State Team played an exhibition, just before leaving for Portland. Rupe Topp met Sgt. Vancso and bested him in three hard fought games, 12-15; 15-12; 15-11. Virginia Heaton Suggs rounded out her training by defeating Juanita Stern of Tacoma, 11-3; 11-5.

FROM MARYLAND

The Ninth Annual Maryland Badminton Championships will be held at the Gilman Country School on May 1 and 2. Ordinarily, this event is held earlier, but playing space is at a premium in this area. The Gilman gymnasium and its complete facilities were used by the Baltimore Orioles for their spring training.

In the past, this has been a closed tournament, limited to residents of Maryland. This year, the entry list will be open to members of the Armed Forces of the United States as well as their diplomatic and consular representatives.

Several members of the British Consulate are expected to participate. Entries are also expected from the Third Army Service Command. The only qualification is, of course, that all entrants be in good amateur standing.

For further information, contact Kenneth B. Marty, Chr.- 130 Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, Maryland.

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The Maryland State Junior Tournament was held on April 16 and 17 at the Gilman School. Entry was open to boys and girls eighteen years and under. In the past, a sub-junior tournament has been held, but this year, this was discontinued. Instead a consolation tournament to the junio tournament was included to take care of the youngsters who would ordinarily play in the cancelled event.

FROM NEW YORK

By Ken MacDonald

TWELFTH ANNUAL M.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Metropolitan Badminton Association successfully completed its 12th Annual Championships which were held on the courts of the Manhattan Badminton Club over the week end of March 26 and 27. As expected, the members of the New Rochelle "Y" Badminton club dominated the play, and carried off four of the six titles. New Rochelle also won three of the runners-up places.

Corporal Stig Larson, on leave from Camp Wolters, Texas, was the individual star, winning the men's singles and the mixed doubles. The singles was an all service affair as Stig's opponent in the finals was Lt. Bruce Bielaski, USNR., home on leave from Fort Schuyler, New York, Carl Loveday, last year's winner in all events, went into the army as a private the week before, and was unable to wangle any time off from his new job.

Summaries:

MEN'S SINGLES

Cpl. Stig Larson, New Rochelle, defeated Lt. Bruce Bielaski, USNR., Great Neck 15-5; 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss Theresa Bellizzi, New Rochelle, defeated Miss Eleanor Ross, New Rochelle, 6-11; 11-7; 11-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Frank Hinds and Edward Shields, Central B.C. defeated Glenn Markt, Garden City Casino and Adolph Sack, Old 69th B.C. 18-14; 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss Eleanor Ross and Mrs. Helen Shanks, New Rochelle, defeated Mrs. Rose Herbert and Mrs. Stella Storm, New Rochelle, 8-15; 15-4; 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES

Stig Larson and Mrs. Rose Herbert, New Rochelle, defeated Frank Williamson and Mrs. Helen Shanks, New Rochelle, 18-17; 18-15.

VETERANS' DOUBLES

Frank Hinds, Central B.C., and James McKinley Rose, Manhattan B.C. won in a round robin with the following teams competing: Henry Bultman and Cecil Gordon, Manhattan B.B.; Elwood McCartney and Charles Herbell, New Rochelle, and Frank Keck, Central B.C. and Herbert Swinarton, Old 69th B.C.

FREEMAN VS. LOVEDAY

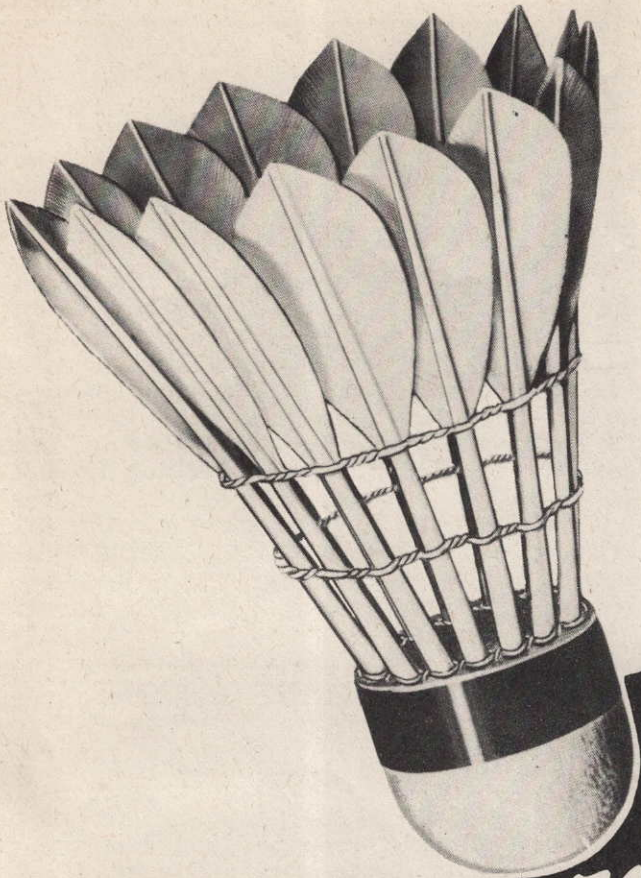
During the spring holidays, Dave Freeman and Carl Loveday got together in an informal match on the courts of the New Rochelle Badminton Club. Dave again took the measure of Carl in straight games. In mixed doubles, however, Ken (Curly) Davidson proved to be the master of the game when he and his partner won from Dave and his partner.

Dave and his pretty bride were down from Boston where Dave is studying medicine at Harvard.

WINNIPEG CARRIES ON

The following paragraph is part of a recent letter from A. W. Gutteresen of St. Paul. It will be very enlightening to those chronic skeptics who now have the war as an excuse for again crawling into a hole and pulling the hole in after them.

"Because I am frequently in Winnipeg on business, I am more or less acquainted with the attitude up there about tournaments. As you doubtless know, they have gone ahead with Club and Provincial Tournaments which did not involve traveling. I am quite well acquainted with executives of the three Winnipeg Badminton Clubs who operate their own building and I have been surprised at the extent to which they have been able to avoid financial trouble. Winnipeg is at least one year deeper into this war situation than we are. Their shocking loss of Winnipeg boys at Hong Kong and then in the Dieppe raid has hurt them deeply. Yet they carry on quite normally. I believe there has been a change in their attitude in the past year, in that whereas a year ago they were speaking quite glibly of "physical fitness", they have more recently emphasized the value of "wholesome relaxation from the war effort strain and tension". Not long ago, Charlie Jones (many times champion of Manitoba and in recent years President of the Winnipeg Badminton Club) and Alan Williams (more recently Manitoba champion and one of the top-flight younger comedian players) visited me here for a week end. Both are in the R.C.A.F. but they brought their rackets with them and enjoyed some badminton here."



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FROM TEXAS

The big news from the Texas Association is that with their help and encouragement, an Oklahoma Association is being formed. We hope by the opening of the fall season to make an announcement of this addition to our family.

The game has always been popular there, but it hasn't been organized. Credit for this move goes to Dr. Lowell N. Douglas of Waco, A.B.A. director, and George Harmon, Physical Director of the Y.M.C.A. at Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

FROM FLORIDA

From Miami Beach comes word of an exhibition held there on March 1. Ken Quigley, who was stationed at the Officers' Candidate School, and Raymond Young of Buffalo, also in the service, gave the local fans a thrill with a three game match that Ken finally won.

Ken teamed up with a local player, Eddie Jester, to defeat Ray Young and Elmer Beadles of Northwestern "U", Chicago.

Mrs. Wm. Shaw of the Chicago Dearborn Club teamed up with Ken against Ray Young and Jackie Ayer in the Mixed doubles event.

The women's events were contested by local players: Jane Smith, State Champion, defeated Maxine LeRoy. Mary Saunders and Mickey Cobb played Ginger Schwartz and Bobby La Pan.

The program was under the direction of Miss Marion Wood, Supt. of Recreation of the City of Miami Beach. Miss Wood has asked us to extend an invitation to all badminton players, who wander down that way, to contact her for information on local clubs and their playing time.

FROM PHILADELPHIA

Uncle Sam has been taking presidents of the Philadelphia Association faster than they can elect them. As a consequence, organized play in the Quaker City has been badly disrupted this season.

We are pleased to announce that after several months of inactivity, the association has been reorganized under the capable direction of one of the "Old Guard" - Wes Frazier. Wes is the President and Thomas J. Hamilton, of 209 W. 11th St., Philadelphia, is the Secretary. They are now busily engaged in bringing all of the old clubs back into the fold.

THE BADMINTON YEAR BOOK

To correct an impression, which seems to have been obtained by a few, we wish to announce that the Badminton Year Book, recently published by the Wilson Sporting Goods Co., is not an official publication of the American Badminton Association.

The official rules, tournament scores, etc. contained therein, are a matter of public record; and are available, upon request, to anyone who cares to use them for a constructive purpose.

We appreciate the assistance of the Wilson Sporting Goods Co. in putting this information into the hands of the public.

ROLL OF HONOR - 1942-43 - Continued

LADIES

Pearl Peterson- Detroit, Mich.
 Helen Philips- Portland, Oregon
 Patricia Ann Roberts- Baltimore, Md.
 Dorothy Ralph- Buffalo, N.Y.
 Tody Rahm- Pasadena, Calif.
 Eleanor Ross- Old Greenwich, Conn.
 Mrs. Helen Shanks- Greenwich, Conn.
 Mrs. Virginia Heaton Suggs- Seattle, Wash.
 Mrs. Wayne V. Schell- Cambridge, Mass.
 Mrs. Thelma Kingsbury Scovil-
 San Francisco, Calif.
 Daphne Suba- Denton, Texas
 Juanita Stern- Tacoma, Wash.
 Louise Wolfe- Portland, Oregon
 Virginia White- Baltimore, Md.
 Helen Zabriskie- San Francisco, Calif.

MEN

Walt Raymond- Stamford, Conn.
 William W. Saunders- Baltimore, Md.
 Frederick W. Stieber- Towson, Md.
 Wayne V. Schell- Cambridge, Mass.
 Lyle Shortz- Chicago, Ill.
 Joseph Tiberi- Chicago, Ill.
 Eugene Tenney- Abilene, Texas
 Rupert Topp- Seattle, Wash.
 Paul Vancso, Jr.- Seattle, Wash.
 William Warner- Philadelphia, Pa.
 Frank Williamson- Prestwood, N.Y.
 Robert Wright- Swampscott, Mass.
 Herman Welz- San Francisco, Calif.
 Robert Williams- Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Fred Walck- Seattle, Wash.

BADMINTON FOR WAR WORKERS

Whenever three association officials get together anywhere in the country, sooner or later in the conversation, they start "shooting the breeze" and "bumping their gums" on the subject of promoting the game at industrial plants. It's getting to be like that old chromo, "We must get together sometime, call me up real soon." - It never happens.

Ray Jordan of St. Louis believes in less talking and more action. We quote from one of his recent letters:

"I have been active in sponsoring competition between teams formed at several defense plants, as it seems to me that this is the best possible spot to promote the game at present. Most of the companies have Recreational Directors, as the government allows expenditures for this item in their cost, plus fixed fee contracts, and I find these men anxious to cooperate with anyone who will assist them in promoting activity.

"As I am with the McDonnell Aircraft Co., it makes it even easier. For example, we invited several men from Curtiss-Wright to play with us one evening; and between games, I talked with them and inside of three weeks, they had

rented a gym and have the courts filled all the time. Carter Carburetor Co., a subsidiary of American Car and Foundry, has a recreational hall in conjunction with their plant and they are playing 24 hours a day on three courts. Heretofore, it had not been the policy to invite industrial concerns to our association, but I intend to propose several of these clubs at our next meeting, as I believe it to be a constructive step."

We sometimes wonder why certain individuals are elected to the offices they hold - and after two years in this racket, we are still wondering. What new excuse will they have when the war is over?

Let's all take stock of ourselves during the summer months and resolve to really do the job that is expected of us next fall. Ask yourself, "what am I doing to help the growth and progress of Badminton?" And don't kid yourself when you answer!

If you are really too busy, why not be honest and say so. Find someone else who is willing to put his shoulder to the wheel, and let him take your place. There's only one man in this country who is really indispensable!-? (says him)

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BADMINTON EQUIPMENT

ST. LOUIS - Continued

Dick Casey, who last year won the "B" title and then went on to win the championship singles, was again the winner. This is the first time that a player has taken this title two years in a row. He hit his stride in this event and it carried him right through to the Midwest Championships the following week-end.

Complete results are as follows:

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

Richard Casey defeated Abe Schumitzky 18-14; 15-3.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

Angeline Johanson defeated Virginia Smith 11-6; 11-3.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES

Richard Casey and John B. Hayes defeated Joe Adler and Abe Schumitzky 18-15; 18-16.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES

Sue Eggman and Lyn Rowland defeated Mildred Norwine and Meryl Moehlmann 15-12; 11-15; 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

Peg Goessling and John Hayes defeated Mary Grady and Dick Casey, 11-15; 17-16; 15-8.

ESQUIRE DOUBLES

Samuel F. Gordon and M.C. Lewis defeated Vernon Reger and Roland Schumacher 15-11; 11-15; 15-5.

MEN'S CLASS "B" SINGLES

Robt. Norwine defeated Joe Helfrick, Jr. 15-10; 11-15; 15-11.

WOMEN'S CLASS "B" SINGLES

Meryl Moehlmann defeated Ethel Horne 11-7; 11-1.

YOUNG MEN'S SINGLES

Ted Moehlmann defeated Don Rowland 11-3; 11-5.

FATHER AND SON DOUBLES

Warren H. Cowdery and Bud Schoenfeld defeated Joe Helfrick, Sr. and Joe Helfrick, Jr. 15-8; 15-10.

MEN'S NOVICE SINGLES

John G. Britt defeated Millard Fries 15-5; 15-7.

WOMEN'S NOVICE SINGLES

Ethel Horne defeated Jean Bruening 11-4; 11-1.

MEN'S NOVICE DOUBLES

Paul Walthers and Homer Luke defeated G. R. Staten and Ken Aderholt 15-11; 16-18; 15-12.

WOMEN'S NOVICE DOUBLES

Jean Bruening and Dorothy Klasey defeated Rosemary Ward and Helen Badarraco, 18-16; 15-11.

OREGON - Continued

The annual Portland City Championships were concluded on Feb. 17. It was a colorful event with a large entry.

In the Class "A" events, Stan Cicerich of the Multnomah Athletic Club, was the outstanding star. He took the city singles title with a win over Paul Blugard, 15-8; 15-11. He teamed with Louise Wolfe, also of the Multnomah Athletic Club, to win the mixed doubles crown from Paul Blugard and Dolly Hoaglin. Just to make it a full evening, he and Chuck Dolph won the men's doubles from Harold Muntz and Jim Walker, 15-12; 15-12.

Louise Wolfe won the ladies' singles title by defeating Mana Amburn 10-12; 11-6; 11-3.

Helen Phillips and Dolly Hoaglin walked away with the ladies' doubles title for the second consecutive year. They defeated Louise Wolfe and Mabel Brandom, 15-5; 15-11.

The Class "B" also furnished a three way winner in Bob Fristron. He won the men's singles from Bud Kissler 15-8; 15-7, then teamed with Bud Kissler to win the men's doubles. The mixed doubles, Bob Fristron and Bertha Rice annexed from Bud Kissler and Margaret Wake, 15-6; 13-15; 15-5.

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Official Oregon State rankings for the season are as follows:

LADIES' SINGLES

1. Helen Phillips
2. Louise Wolfe
3. Dolly Hoaglin
4. Mana Amburn
5. Kay Meyer

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Stan Cicerich
2. Paul Blugard
3. Billy Amburn
4. Harold Muntz
5. Chuck Cleveland

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Stan Cicerich-Chuck Dolph
2. Dick Newton-Paul Blugard
3. Jim Walker-Harold Muntz
4. Bud Rice-Jim Hodgkins
5. Chuck Cleveland-Don Morrison

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. Helen Phillips-Dolly Hoaglin
2. Ila Marlatt-Louise Wolfe
3. Betty Pease-Grace Bell
4. Mana Amburn-Helen Hanson
5. Lloyolla Miller-Kay Erre

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Paul Blugard-Dolly Hoaglin
2. Stan Cicerich-Louise Wolfe
3. Harold Muntz-Ila Marlatt
4. Chuck Dolph-Kay Meyer
5. Billy Amburn-Mana Amburn

CONNECTICUT - Continued

The Fairfield County Championships were concluded on Sunday, April 4. Three flights, each having five events, were contested.

Finals were as follows:

CLASS "A"WOMEN'S SINGLES

Helen Gibson defeated Elinor Ross.

MEN'S SINGLES

James Danaher defeated Walt Raymond.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Helen Gibson and Wanda Bergman defeated Elinor Ross and Helen Shamks.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Fred Fullin and "POP" Humes defeated L. Gustavson and Bill Chapman.

CLASS "B"WOMEN'S SINGLES

Emily Stouter defeated Libby Walsh.

MEN'S SINGLES

Steve Ogilvy defeated Joe Wilke.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Marjorie Beck and E. Stouter defeated Mary Guilano and Libby Walsh.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Don Hersam and Larry George defeated Joe Chiarmonete and Austin Rhinehart.

MIXED DOUBLES

Mary Guilano and "Pop" Humes defeated Althea Chapman and Don Hersam.

CLASS "C"WOMEN'S SINGLES

Alice Jones defeated Mildred Chiarmonete.

MEN'S SINGLES

Pete Raymond defeated N. McInnis.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Kurtzman and Pickering defeated Flewellyn and Gryk.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Ogilvy and Abbott defeated Raymond and McInnis.

MIXED DOUBLES

Pickering and Pickering defeated Kurtzman and Clougher.

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The Conn. vs. Mass. annual team match had to be called off due to transportation difficulties and food rationing. This event has always been one of the high spots of the season and it will be sorely missed.

If the things that the players are wishing for Hitler come true, we will renew hostilities next season.

New Haven County held a closed tournament for Class "B" players, March 13 and 14, at the New Haven Y.M.C.A. Results were as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES

Sig. Jurguiski of Bristol defeated Dick Davenport of Bristol.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Jo Goodmaster of New Haven defeated Ev. Hollingsworth of Ansonia.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Joe Hutton and Geo. Johnson of Trinity defeated J. Gagnon and C. Marches of New Haven.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Jo Goodmaster and Ev. Barnett of New Haven defeated Ev. Hollingsworth and H. McCarthy of Ansonia.

MIXED DOUBLES

Shurig and Williams of Trinity defeated Goodmaster and Chernoff of New Haven.

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The Men's Class "B" team championship was won by the Waterbury Y.M.C.A. B.C. They defeated Norwalk 5-2, at a playoff held at the Lawn Club in New Haven. This is Waterbury's first team title, and they are to be congratulated on defeating a strong Norwalk team. They will hold the Bobs' Sport Shop Trophy for the coming year. The Men's "A" and the Ladies' "B" and "C" team playoffs have not been held as yet.

ST. LOUIS - Continued

The Fourth Annual Missouri A.C. Invitational Tournament will be held in St. Louis on April 29-30 and May 1.

This event is one of the high spots of the Midwest season, and everyone is delighted that the committee decided to go ahead with its plans. The success of other recent St. Louis events and the Midwest Championships convinced the boys that you can't keep a good game down. As in previous years, this will be a stag affair. The following events will be contested:

MEN'S SINGLES AND DOUBLES

BOYS' SINGLES - ESQUIRE DOUBLES and M.A.C. CLOSED SINGLES (Championship, Class "B" and "C")

Out of town players will be housed at the Missouri A.C. as guests of the committee. Play will start at 7:00 P.M. Friday for out-of-town entrants. Those interested are urged to contact Carl O. Bauer, c/o Missouri A.C., St. Louis, Miss.

FROM OUR MAIL BOX

Bob Gaukroger writes from North Africa as follows:

"Thanks so very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the badminton magazine. I thoroughly enjoyed it and was particularly interested in seeing the out-of-way places some of the boys have found themselves in this "thrash" of ours.

"I've seen no badminton courts yet, although I've no doubt they have them in either Cairo or Alexandria. Our sports are confined solely to English football (soccer). Every week, we challenge the Tommies to a game and get roundly trounced for our efforts. Give us a ball and bat, though, and we'd show them.

"I suppose all forms of sports have been seriously curtailed at home; in fact just yesterday, I heard there would be no college football next year. Seems pretty drastic, but I guess things are really "all out" at home now.

"I give you my best wishes and I'll be looking forward to seeing another issue of your magazine."

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Oliver Cosby writes from "Somewhere in the Caribbean" as follows:

"Needless to say I was certainly glad to get your clipping from the Seattle Star. Always happy to hear anything about the Seattle shuttle colony.

"We have somewhat of a badminton set down here now too. We have a league consisting of four teams and we play seven games each week as follows: two men's singles - one women's single; two men's doubles, a women's doubles and a mixed double. The standings are counted according to each individual game. That is seven points each match. So far, our club has just about cinched the championship for this season. We have one more match to go and then they are planning on having a big tournament to wind up the whole affair. There is quite a bit of interest here in the game. We have about 35 out sometimes. The other clubs have anywhere from 15 to 20 players participating. The caliber of play isn't too good, however, as I am the big star in these parts. I am in good condition though now and playing pretty regular. Ham Law better steer clear of this territory, or I'll trim his ears back now???"

"All the equipment is furnished free. We use steel rackets because of the humidity here and the shuttles last about ten times as long as they do in Seattle. The gyms are very well equipped for all sports. The public near here is very much sport minded.

"Only bad part of it is that all the gyms are semi-open air. Therefore a slight breeze drifts through now and then. Very disturbing if it comes just as you are about to hit the bird a wallop. The ceilings are for the most part close to 18 ft.

"Don't know how I got that badminton magazine last month, but I do know that I sure got a lot of pleasure from the different articles in it. Hope it comes all the time.

"Wish I could be back there to enjoy the next tournament you have, Tim, but we all have a job to do here that must be finished before I can set foot in good old Broadway Hall again. I hope it won't be too long before everything gets back to normal again."

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Ed. Oehlschlaeger, who is a Sergeant in the Signal Corps, stationed in Kearns, Utah, writes:

"Due to the thoughtfulness of some kind soul, the January edition of "Bird Chatter" was sent to me. I don't know whom to thank for this fine act, but I wish to remark to all the sundry that I certainly was glad to receive the magazine and read all the interesting "chatter". The news coverage was mighty fine and brought out news of many a person I have met battling around among badminton groups. I was especially interested in reading the news "From Ohio" as I hail from Cleveland, where we have had a lot of fun knocking the bird around.

"I sure envy those lucky people who can find interesting competition this year. Out here in Salt Lake City, Utah, the interest in the game is negligible, although I have managed to play a little with some service men who have been stationed in this vicinity from time to time. If you know of anyone who plays the game in this area, I would appreciate hearing of them so I can contact them.

"Enclosed is \$1.00 to cover my subscription to "Bird Chatter" for this season. If I can't enjoy the game by playing it. I can at least enjoy reading about my friends who are able to keep the game going."

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<p align="center">"WHO'S WHERE"</p>
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Lt. Charles R. Moberg, former president of the Rhode Island Association is in the Naval Air Gunners' School at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Bob Young of Seattle is now an Aviation Cadet at the Advanced Bombardier School in Victorville, California.

Fred Bogardus, former New England Doubles' Champ, is ski-trooping with Uncle Sam's Snow Army.

Lt. Orville H. Mills, former A.B.A. Prexy, is now stationed at the Naval Air Station at Barbers Point, Oahu, T.H.

Capt. Wm. Schroeder of Evanston is a Squadron Leader at the Nashville Army Air Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Other members of the Evanston B.C., who are in the service are: Ed. Barsumian; Cummie Johnson; Dutch Johnson; Ed Kelly; Len. Larson; Bud Main, all in the army. The Navy was the choice of: Bud Clifton; Chuck Hanson; John Shumway; Lyman Mitchell and Joe Moller; - Dave Corbett is in Alaska with the Army; Claire Hardy is on the legal staff of the War Dept. at Washington; Mrs. Joe Nate is a W.A.A.C.

Staff Sgt. Malcolm Wolcott, Singles' Champ of Rochester, N.Y., is with the 626 Bomb Squadron at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida.

Lt. Carl Lange, Jr. of St. Louis is now at Camp Howze, Texas.

Major Chas. Eimer of St. Louis is with the Medical Corps at the Station Hospital at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Joe Adler of St. Louis is with the Field Artillery at Camp Phillips, Kansas.

Francis Chapman, former Tacoma Champion, is with the Army at San Francisco, Calif. Before being transferred to Frisco, he was at Chanute Field, Ill., where he assisted the Athletic Director organize a Badminton League. At last reports, it is going strong and is gaining new recruits daily.

Lt. Robert Kuhn of Tacoma, Wash., is in the Chemical Warfare Division at the Edgewood Arsenal.

Richard Meyer of Tacoma is an Air Cadet at Santa Anna.

Lt. Harold Houston of Tacoma is somewhere in New Guinea.

We are told that Lt. Howard H. Starrett, (not related to Ward) stationed at the Naval Air Base at Oahu, T.H., has a large framed picture of Pat Donovan on his writing desk. It is also reported that in conversation, he frequently wanders off in a discourse on diamond rings. Any news, Pat?

Lt. Edwin S. Jarrett writes that he is now a First Lieutenant and is Executive Officer of "B" Battery of the 263rd Field Artillery Battalion, A.P.O. 26, Fort Jackson, So. Carolina. Ted was Secretary of the M.B.A. for a good many years.

Lt. Mills P. Baker, USNR is somewhere in the Pacific South Sea area. He is a gunnery officer with the Fleet Air Wing. His address is: Headquarters Squadron, Fleet Air Wing One, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Betty Loomis is an officer candidate of the WAVES. She is studying at Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Betty was the winner of the "B" Mixed Doubles a few years ago, while playing for the Gramatan Hills B.C. of Bronxville, N.Y.

Ensign Albert Frost, USNR, also from Gramatan Hills, is stationed at Fort Schuyler, New York, where he is an instructor in the Navy's physical fitness program.

Chief Petty Officer Larry Howard, also known in Cleveland Badminton Circles, is with the U.S. Receiving Station, Long Beach, N.Y. Larry and his wife now play with the Garden City Casino Club.

Betty Pfann reports that George is a captain in the First Armored Tank Force, and is an assistant to General Patton's aide. If George can run a tank the way he ran through a broken field while at Cornell, he'll score many touchdowns for Uncle Sam.

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"WHO'S WHERE" - Continued

Captain Arthur Connelly, USA, represented the Bay Ridge Badminton Club in the M.B.A. Championships. He is a Transportation Officer and is stationed in the Metropolitan Area.

Colonel Francis R. Stoddard and Mrs. Stoddard played in the mixed doubles division of the M.B.A. Championships. He is attached to the staff of Mayor LaGuardia, New York City.

Rita Blissert, formerly of Gramatan Hills B.C. and the Carroll Club, is taking boot training with the WAVES. Rita was runner-up in the "C" singles two years ago.

Corp. Stig Larson receives his mail at: Detachment-Medical Department, Station Hospital, Camp Wolters, Texas.

Phil Aaron of Seattle is stationed at Camp Crowder, Wyo.

Sam Lee, one of Oregon's outstanding players, is in England with the Air Force.

FROM OUR MAIL BOX - Continued

"May I say thank you for the copies of "Bird Chatter" I've received. It is most enjoyable and really my only means of keeping in touch with other members of the Association.

Lt. Chas. B. Laws
Camp Pendleton, Va.

AU REVOIR!

We broke the string in our racket today, so guess the season is over.

Don't know where we'll be next fall - probably gold-bricking in some army camp, helping perpetuate the New Deal and "Franklin the First". But wherever we are, the friendships that we have established through correspondence with you all, will be a lasting and cherished memory.

This badminton season was typically American, starting slowly, but ending in a whirlwind blaze of glory. The list of successful tournaments reported in this issue will prove that point.

Do not be mistaken or swayed from your purpose - Badminton is deeply rooted in this country, and will lead all other indoor sports within the next few years.

Start looking around now and spot those armories, field houses, drill halls, airplane hangars, etc. now being used by Uncle Sam. They'll be perfect for Badminton courts when the war is over - and they'll go for a dime a dozen.

We hope that you've enjoyed "Bird Chatter" and that it will be continued next season and every season thereafter.

We appreciate the splendid cooperation received from every section. The appointed correspondents have been faithful in the fulfillment of their part of the job. With that kind of cooperation and teamwork, how can we fail! We owe a special vote of thanks to:

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and a host of others.

Hope you'll all be as helpful to our successor next fall.

So long folks - hope you have an enjoyable summer!

Au Revoir!

J.H.C.



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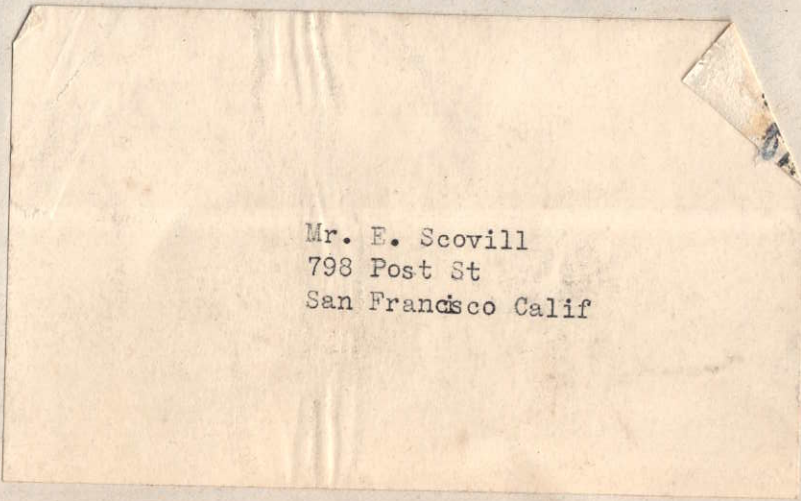
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