

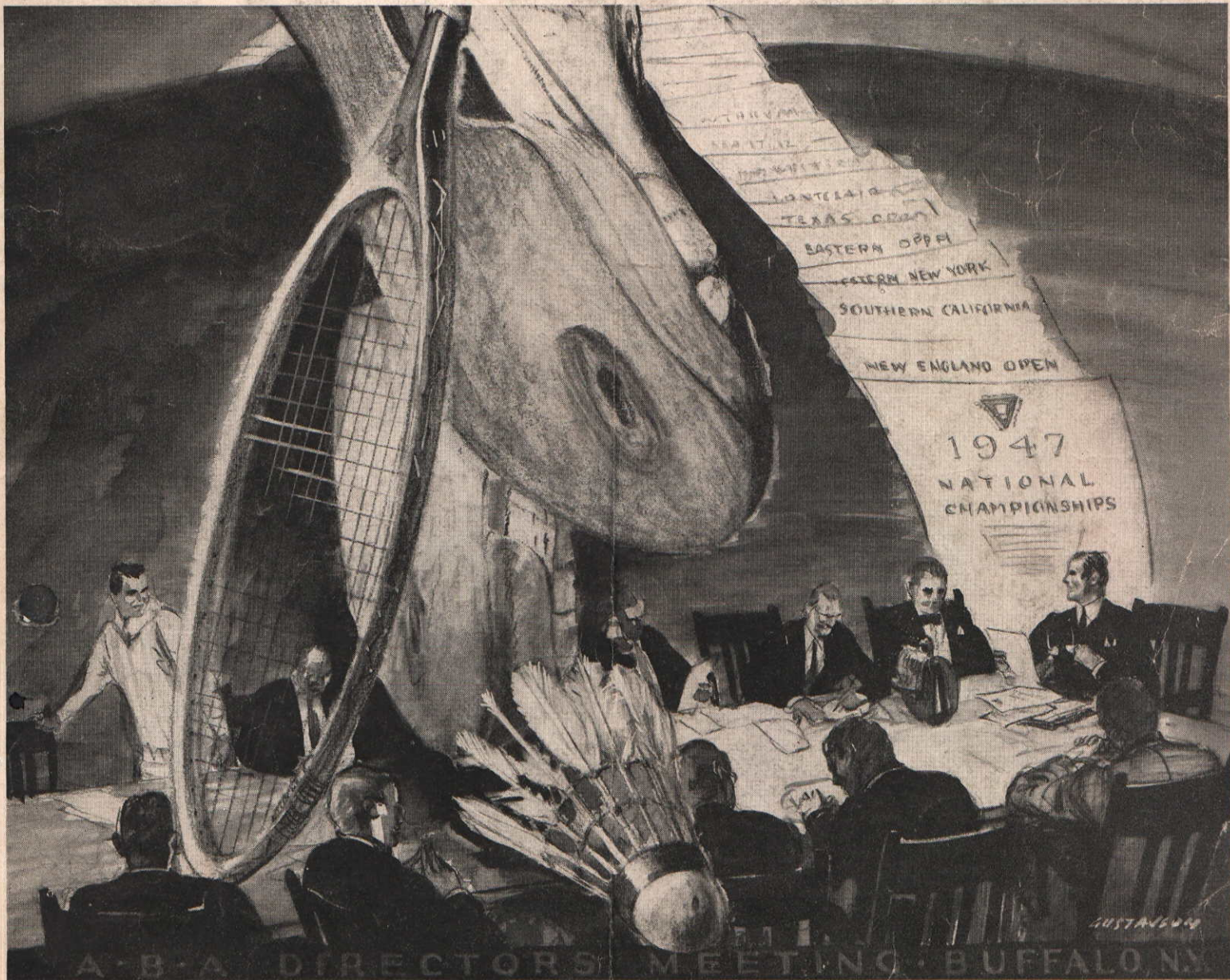
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Warren Wheary, Chicago, New ABA President

Directors Plan National Championships, Junior National Tournament, Stricter Amateur Rules, "Bird Chatter" Expansion and Scheduled Sectional Tournaments.

The new leaders of the American Badminton Association are President, Warren Wheary of Chicago, Ill.; Vice-presidents, T. M. Royce of Seattle, Wash., Lealand Gustavson of Westport, Conn.; and Secretary-Treasurer, Fred W. Russell of Chicago, Ill., all of whom were unanimously elected to office at the Annual Directors' Meeting of the ABA held at Buffalo, N. Y. on April 6, 1946.

After three years of untiring efforts to hold the ABA together during the difficult sport years of a war time period, former President James F. Crafts and former Secretary-Treasurer John E. Garrod, of Boston, Mass., relinquished their offices to this Chicago pair of Wheary-Russell. Great credit is due the Crafts-Garrod combination for their abilities in not only maintaining the structure of our national organization during a period when all governing sports bodies were hard pressed to sustain existence, but also to actually turn over a real organization and working group for the incoming regime. The recommendations of these two former officials as offered to the Annual Directors' Meeting showed the result of outstanding administration, planning, and the excellent cooperation of the other officials of the ABA, including former Vice-president Adon N. Smith of Charlotte, N. C. and the chairmen of the various committees.

Thus, for the third time, since the formation of the ABA in 1937, the seat of American Badminton Administration is in the heart of one of Badminton's greatest centers, Chicago, Ill.

Both of our new leaders have a full background of Badminton play and organization, for Wheary

has been a leader in his area, starting with the first National Championships held in his home town in 1937, and Russell has steadily forged to leadership in the Midwest Association, presently holding the presidency of this largest Class A Association of the ABA.

Ten of the fifteen National Directors were present at this first national meeting since 1942 and proxies and support were received from the balance who were restricted from attending by virtue of extended travel and pressing business engagements.

Hours were spent in meetings by the Directors, committee chairmen and members, and representative leaders from the Class A Associations, who had gathered at Buffalo for this all important meeting held in conjunction with the strongest and most representative tournament field to be held this season, lacking only a substantial representation from the Pacific Coast area. Tournament details will be found on subsequent pages of this issue.

Months of strenuous planning were evidenced by the number of major subjects presented, discussed, and, in many cases, decided at this meeting. Knowledge of sectional and national conditions was noticeable by the keen judgment and farsighted planning by the leaders present, and the future of American Badminton play and administration appear obviously in capable hands.

Outstanding among the major problems discussed and some of the pertinent decisions made may be announced at this time. Future issues of "Bird Chatter" and announcements of further details and

decisions to all Directors and Class A Associations by the National Officers may be expected to roll out between now and the opening of the 1946-1947 season.

1947 National Championships

The resumption of the National Championships is an assured fact. Bids for the next location must be in the hands of the National Secretary no later than June 1st of this year with detailed information. Bids from Los Angeles, Cal. and St. Louis, Mo. were presented to the Directors and more may be expected.

Junior Activities

Detailed plans for development and special junior administration were presented. Age limit for boys-girls to Juniors was voted at 15 years with the maximum age 18 years. A National Junior Championship Tournament was agreed upon. Bids for this event were also set to close by June 1st and Baltimore submitted its bid for this first farsighted and interesting event.

Amateur Status Rules

It was generally agreed that the rules for amateur status would be stiffened. A code for universal interpretation was presented, accepted in spirit, but was referred to the incoming committee for final action and dissemination. One major rule change was adopted which in brief provided for permanent barring of those who became professionals through outright teaching or who exhibited as a means of livelihood. The June issue of "Bird Chatter" will carry an article on this very much discussed and important problem.

Sectional Tournament Schedules

Great consideration was given to national coordination of scheduling sectional tournaments to avoid undue conflicts and for proper and well in advance sanctioning. The incoming National

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Editorial

With this issue most of the major tournaments of this season's play have been recorded for your interest and records. Late April and May events will be reported in our final (June) issue. If your own major events have not been published the fault must be laid at your Association's door as we have attempted to report faithfully all those results that have been forwarded by your officials or our own correspondents.

The recent Annual Meeting of the ABA Directors voted not to publish a National Ranking for 1946 as no National Championships were held. For your information and interest, however, the Staff of "Bird Chatter" will present in the final issue a report of the ranking players of the country based on this season's play, and will make such comparisons as may be justified where players have competed in various sections. This will not be an official report of the ABA but all sources will be contacted to assure proper records and fair treatment to the leading players. Why not prepare your own list for comparison with ours?

Some of the national problems discussed and decided at the Annual Directors' Meeting, and subsequent decisions of the National Officers and Committees will be presented in this coming issue. These decisions should be closely examined and Directors, Class A Association and individual club officials, should take necessary action to disseminate such information, as would appear advisable, to their constituents and members. The proper knowledge of the ABA plans for the coming season, the decisions on new rules and the interpretations of those now on the books should be the duty of all officials to understand, disseminate, and enforce when necessary.

Comments and constructive criticisms should be channeled thru to your Regional Director (list to be published in June issue), or Class A Association leaders. These officials, in turn, should keep the National Officers informed on the progress of the plans so that the appropriate committees may be continually advised of suggested changes or criticisms of the present rules. It is only thus that the Association may wisely and authoritatively reflect in their decisions the desires of those who play and administer to this sport in the many sections of this broad land.

Americans Show Class Against Canadian Stars

Three intersectional tournaments, not previously recorded by "Bird Chatter", indicate the advance of our American players against our Canadian friendly opponents. The sterling play of Mrs. Patsy Starrett, Patsy Roberts, Barbara Templeton, Bobby Williams, Ken Quigley, Carl Loveday and Clint Stephens in these tournaments is being recognized by the Canadian Badminton world as a real threat to their former supremacy.

Only after "playing the game of his life" (see Canadian Sport Monthly, April, Page 23) did Harry Whelan of the Strathgowan Club subdue Carl Loveday at the Niagara Falls Tournament. Following hard on the heels of this tourney Ken Quigley bowed to the Torontian Jack Muir after a real contest in the Strathgowan Club Tournament. However, Patsy Roberts came from behind with a rush and annexed the Ladies' Singles from Joan Hennessey, 9-12, 12-9, 11-1. With Clint Stephens they reached the Mixed Finals but succumbed to the outstanding play of Miss Ince and Jack Whelan.

The Granite Club of Toronto was the scene of the most exciting battles. Here it was that Patsy Starrett outfought that star of stars, charming Mrs. Dorothy Walton of Toronto, 11-8, 6-11, 11-8, and partnered by Barbara Templeton they set back two fine Ladies' Doubles Teams. Likewise Bobby Williams and Ken Quigley revenged the previous American defeats by overcoming Jack Muir and Harry Whelan, respectively, in the semis. Quigley edged Williams in the all American final.

ABA Plans (cont. from page 3)

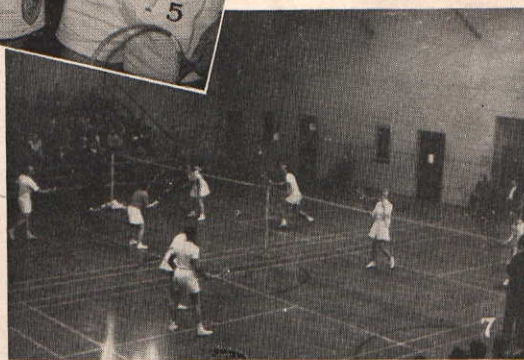
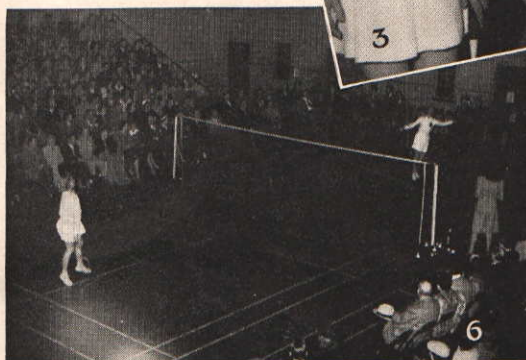
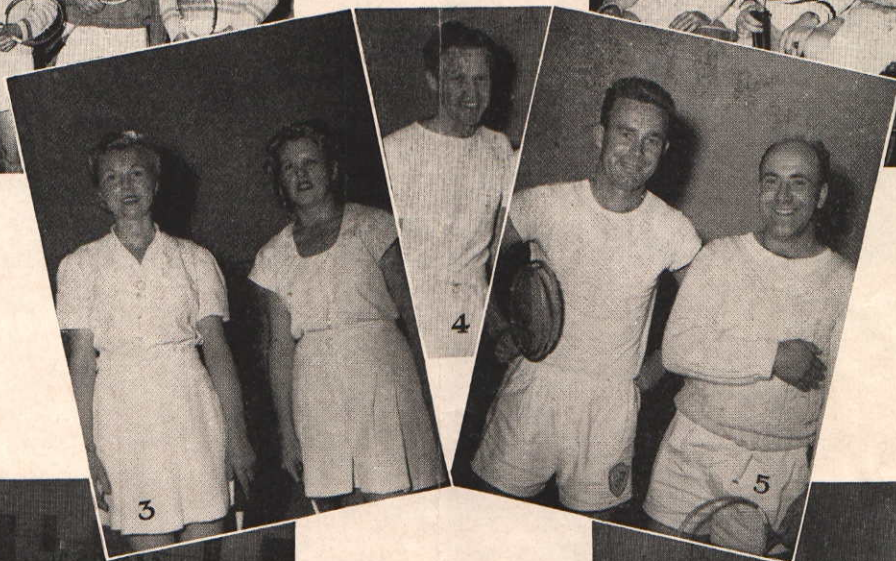
Tournament Committee was requested to consider the possibility of choosing a period, possibly 15 days, during which all closed major State and/or Sectional Tournaments would be held. This would prevent intersectional date conflicts to a great degree. All major sections will be requested to plan their dates during the summer months so that the major sectional events may be properly coordinated and announced in full detail in the first issue of "Bird Chatter" (November, 1946) and to all Class A Associations early in the fall. This is a wise step and each Class A Association should make immediate plans towards selecting its desired dates for early presentation to the National Tournament Committee Chairman.

"Bird Chatter"

Enthusiastic support for the continuance of this magazine on its present scale and suggested development was accorded. It was unanimously voted to change the policy from a voluntary subscription basis to a paid subscription status believing that it had reached the point where its worth to the individual should require the latter to pay for it in order to regularly receive it. The seasonal figure is set at \$1.00 for the four copies. Various plans for the billing and collection were advanced. Many were of the opinion that it should be put squarely in the laps of the Class A Associations for proper promotion of the circulation and collection. This decision will be reached and announced in the June issue. Directors and Class A Association heads were requested to make a drive between now and the last issue this season to have those now receiving it, not on the paid list, pay this \$1.00 for the current season in order to assure no financial loss to the ABA.

The enthusiasm engendered at this meeting and tournament was an inspiration to those present and even those who were not directly concerned with the future administration were outspoken in their opinions of the wonderful future of Badminton play and organization thruout our nation. This remarkable spirit can be expected to be ably steered by the newly elected officers and once again, as before the war, it may be stated that Badminton will be America's fastest growing sport.

Thelma Scovil and Barney McCay Double Winners in So. Calif. Championships



1. Glenn Scofield, Louis Waterfall, Arnold Allenbaugh, Clifford Anderson; 2. Moon Mullins, Paul Coke, Russell James, Chips Aurand;
3. Thelma Scovil, Connie Horner; 4. Web Kimball; 5. Roy Herbold, Howard Doub; 6. Horner vs. Scovil;
7. Far court — Freeman - Davidson vs. Madden - Ough, Near court — Erikson - Smith vs. McCay - Rahm.

The 14th Annual Southern California Championships were held at the California State Armory, Pasadena, March 1, 2, 3, and conducted by the Pasadena Badminton Club.

The 1941 National Champion, Thelma Scovil, won a scrappy Singles contest from Connie Horner, who had provided the tournament upset in her defeat of Janet Wright. Thelma Scovil and Janet Wright also the 1941 National Doubles Champs, defeated the 1940 Champs Helen Ough and Elizabeth Anselm.

Perennial Champion Dave Freeman, again defeated Barney McCay, but the latter more than evened the score by winning the Men's and Mixed Doubles events in partnership with Erik Erikson and Tody Rahm.

Smooth working committee operations and excellent publicity com-

binated to make it one of the best.

Ladies' Singles

Thelma Scovil, California Club, S. F. defeated Connie Horner, Hollywood B. C., 11-2, 11-6.

Men's Singles

Dave Freeman, Pasadena B. C. defeated Barney McCay, Pasadena B. C., 15-5, 15-1.

Ladies' Doubles

Thelma Scovil and Janet Wright, California Club, S. F. defeated Helen Ough and Elizabeth Anselm, Athens Club, Oakland, 15-8, 15-8.

Men's Doubles

Skeeter Erikson and Barney McCay, P. B. C. defeated Dave Freeman and Web Kimball, P. B. C., 15-10, 15-10.

Mixed Doubles

Tody Rahm and Barney McCay, P. B. C. defeated Connie Davidson, Hollywood B. C. and Dave Freeman, P. B. C., 15-9, 15-12.

Veteran's Doubles

Moon Mullins, Manhattan Beach B. C. and Paul Coke, Burbank B. C. defeated Chips Aurand and Russell James, Westside B. C., (L. A.), 15-8, 15-11.

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Ladies' Singles

Dorothy Hann, Hollywood B. C. defeated Esther Gwinnett, Santa Barbara B. C., 15-3, 15-3.

Men's Singles

Capt. Roy Herbold, Compton B. C. defeated Howard Doub, Burbank B. C., 15-8, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles

Esther Gwinnett and Sophia Antonelis, Santa Barbara B. C. defeated Betty Gudie, Hollywood A. C. and Muriel Horner, Hollywood B. C., 15-10, 11-15, 17-15.

Men's Doubles

Don Smith and Chet Kiger, P. B. C. defeated Gil Buford and Arnold Allenbaugh, P. B. C., 15-12, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles

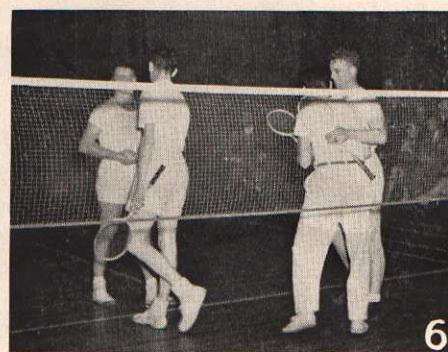
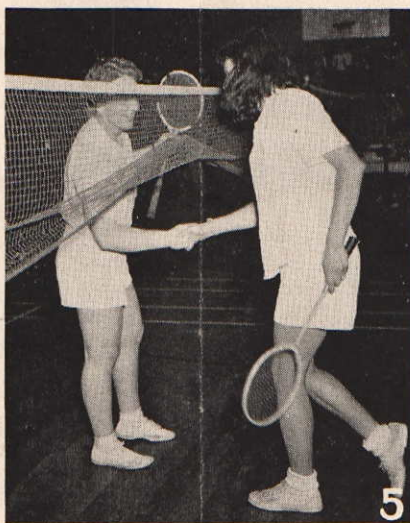
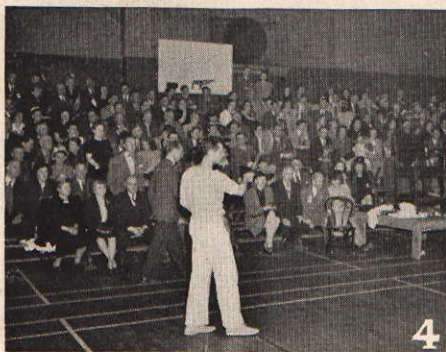
Muriel Horner, Hollywood B. C. and Louis Rulison, P. B. C. defeated Eleanor Adams and George Osborne, Lakewood B. C., 15-12, 15-2.

Veteran's Doubles

Glenn Scofield and Louis Waterfall, P. B. C. defeated Arnold Allenbaugh and Clifford Anderson, P. B. C., 15-8, 15-7.

Correspondent — Bob Noble

Buffalo Tournament Draws Season's Most Representative Field Loveday and Mrs. Starrett Annex Two Titles Each



1. Carl Loveday; 2. Edith Marshall, Barbara Massman; 3. Ken Quigley; 4. Bobby Williams; 5. Barbara Massman, Mrs. Patsy Starrett; 6. Facing — Dick Yeager, Bill Markham; Back to — Ken Quigley, Carl Loveday.

Players from five of the six regions of the ABA, Western excluded, participated at Buffalo, N. Y. on April 4-6 in the most representative tournament of the current season. Due to the distances involved, players from the Western Region strong points of Oklahoma and Texas and the Pacific Region areas of California, Oregon and Washington were unable to attend, with the exception of Richard Yeager and Zoe Smith of Seattle, Washington. These former National Champions ably represented their home state. Zoe played beautifully in losing to Mrs. Patsy Donovan Starrett of Buffalo in the Ladies' Singles final, but the ranking U. S. No. 3 star's controlled power and excellent court strategy were the decisive factors. Dick, playing with Bill Markham of New York, lost to

Loveday and Quigley in the semis of the Men's Doubles in one of the most spectacular matches of the tournament.

Carl Loveday of Montclair, N. J., ranking U. S. No. 2 star, showed that he has regained the form that carried him to this high ranking position in 1942, for he set down his doubles partner, Ken Quigley of Cleveland, by taking the third game of their sparkling singles final in a convincing fashion. This was done too against a Quigley who showed a much superior game to that of 1942.

The new Loveday-Quigley Doubles combination, if they continue their partnership next season, may be expected to challenge for national honors as they triumphed in three torrid games over that really potent and smooth working

team of Williams and Keating of Niagara Falls, N. Y. The losers seemed headed for a routine two game loss but with Keating getting his service in order and Williams literally blasting the shuttle through his opponents they evened the count at one game each. The third game found them trailing at 9-13, but they put on an amazing rush that tied the score at 13 all. The remaining points of the 5 point set were some of the most closely contested of the tournament and that Loveday-Quigley could survive that inspired rush of the losers clearly indicates that they must be recognized as a potential factor in future Men's Doubles competition.

The Mixed Doubles found that new 1946 young team — and we understand it will be a Mr. and Mrs. team soon — of Clint

Stephens of New York and Patsy Roberts of Baltimore winding up the winners without the loss of a game throughout this event. Patsy, just emerging as the star Junior of the East, ably assisted in their excellent team play. Southpaw Edith Marshall, of the losing Quigley-Marshall team, showed evidences that her mere two years of play have given her fine fundamentals and more experience in top flight competition will find her a formidable competitor.

Patsy Starrett and Barbara Templeton, recent Eastern Ladies' Doubles winners over the former National Champions of Mrs. Wanda Bergman and Helen Gibson, romped thru the Finals with a straight set victory over the Chicago pair of Burdick and Coombs.

The veteran's Doubles duplicated the 1942 National Championships with Lealand Gustavson of Conn. and "Pop" Hines of New York again defeating the Richardson twins, Don and Phil, of Boston in a closely contested three game match.

Semi-finals

Men's Singles

Loveday defeated Williams, 15-10, 10-15, 15-12.

Quigley defeated Stephens, 15-5, 15-8.

Ladies' Singles

Starrett defeated Marshall, 12-10, 11-2.

Smith defeated Coombs, 9-11, 11-7, 11-4.

Men's Doubles

Williams and Keating defeated Jasensky and Williamson, 15-11, 15-4.

Loveday and Quigley defeated Markham and Yaeger, 12-15, 17-16, 15-4.

Ladies' Doubles

Starrett and Templeton defeated Marshall and Massman, 15-5, 17-15.

Burdick and Coombs defeated Brown and Ralph, 15-11, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles

Stephens and Roberts defeated Williams and Templeton, 15-8, 15-10.

Quigley and Marshall defeated Loveday and Thompson, 15-10, 10-15, 15-11.

Finals

Men's Singles

Loveday defeated Quigley, 15-14, 3-15, 15-5.

Ladies' Singles

Starrett defeated Smith, 7-11, 11-7, 11-3.

Men's Doubles

Loveday and Quigley defeated Williams and Keating, 15-7, 12-15, 18-16.

Ladies' Doubles

Starrett and Templeton defeated Burdick and Coombs, 15-7, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles

Stephens and Roberts defeated Quigley and Massman, 15-7, 17-14.

Veteran's Doubles

Gustavson and Hines defeated Richardson and Richardson, 9-15, 15-6, 15-4.

Correspondent — Jack O'Bannon

New Shuttle Stirs ABA Official Interest

The announcement by Mr. George Thompson of the R. S. L. Company of a new shuttle for general play was made at a luncheon of the ABA Directors in Buffalo, N. Y., April 6th, at the occasion of their annual meeting.

Great interest was expressed, as while the knowledge of this new development has been partially known by some of the powers to be, the facts have been a reasonably guarded secret with those in the know careful not to publicize it prior to the public announcement by the manufacturer.

The complete details of manufacture are not entirely known but synthetic rubber plays a major part in the new make-up. It will be a somewhat cheaper product than the present No. 1 "birds" but its major value is its greater longevity. This longer playing factor will eliminate one of the outstanding reasons why Badminton is slow in being played by the many schools, colleges and junior players. The cost of shuttles has always been a factor in the initiation of the games in schools and among junior players, but the added life of this shuttle now will permit thousands to enjoy the play with the same relative sports costs that have made games such as tennis, squash, and golf available for many thousands of people.

As a tournament shuttle, in the expert sense, it has not quite as fine a touch or flight. Experienced players will notice a greater deceleration but from actual testing by top notch players they have been able to adjust their play to this characteristic and have even considered it easier to handle in some respects.

Shuttles are actually in the process of production but the supply is not expected to be available for a few months though a few may appear in advance of the regular distribution to the trade. Don't ask us for more data or cost figures as the above information is all we have right now. By next fall you should be able to get all you may need.

If these advance notices are indicative of the actual product, and we believe the manufacturers have tested enough to feel on firm ground, play among your juniors and in your local schools should receive a real impetus.

Official Guide to Expand

By approval of the Directors of the ABA, John E. Garrod was agreed upon as Editor of the Official Badminton Guide, issued by A. S. Barnes, publishers of most all official sporting guides of the various sports.

The 1946 issue of 96 pages is planned for expansion in 1947 with the addition of the records of the many major tournaments held since Badminton became a major event in your area.

Class A Association Secretaries are requested to prepare lists of their major tournaments, showing the years participated and the names of the winners and runners-up. These should be in the hands of Mr. Garrod, 47 Colburn Road, Wellesley Hills, Mass., on or about June 1st. The question of whether your tournaments will be shown in this guide is right up to the local officials of each association.

Many other interesting features are being planned and the 8000 copies sold this year should be greatly exceeded when this important factual guide goes on the stands at 50c per copy next September.

Clinic for Judges

Under the leadership of Ted Starr of the Burbank B. C. of Glendale, California a clinic has been held for the instruction of judges, umpires and linesmen. This procedure should be a must by those clubs and associations holding regular tournaments and would be of real value to any group or club. We presume from certain comments reaching us that others are doing the same thing, and we would be extremely interested to receive comments from any as to the methods used and the results obtained. Too many instances have cropped out in major tournaments this year to make us realize the value to players, spectators, and the judges themselves of being familiar with the playing rules and their enforcement by you and I and the umpire on the match.

See June issue for results of:

6th Annual Ohio Closed.
New Jersey State Champs.
11th Annual California Champs.
Oklahoma Open.
Texas Open.

Maryland Junior Badminton Championships

The Eighth Annual Junior Badminton Championships of Maryland were held at Baltimore on March 9-10, several weeks earlier than usual. This event attracted the largest girls' entry on record and, judging by the number of spectators on the day of the finals, considerable amount of public interest as well.

Thirty-six girls entered in the Junior Singles and twenty-four pairs were drawn in the Girls' Doubles. The Boys' entry was disappointingly small, but we are going to make great efforts to increase this entry next year.

Patsy Roberts, who at 17 has already won the Junior Singles for 5 years, decided not to defend her titles and instead put in yoeman work helping to run the tournament.

In the absence of Patsy, 15 year old Barbara Scarlett won the Junior Singles defeating Clarie Lowndes, her senior by a year, 11-4, 11-0. Barbara has been playing indifferent Badminton for some weeks, but Sunday found her at the top of her form and she never gave her rival a chance to settle down.

The Boys' Junior Singles were also very one-sided, Richard Tolston, a 16 year old, earned the right to have his name on the bowl for the third time by defeating 14 year old Martin Ryan in the finals by 15-4, 15-8. Ryan's game showed great improvement over last year's, but he was no match for Tolston, who is infinitely better than any of the other boys.

The Cub Girls' Singles went once more to 13 year old Jean Harvey, her third consecutive win. Judy Devlin, aged 10, tried her hardest and played as well as she knew how, but only scored 4 points in the two games.

In contrast to this the Cub Boys' Singles was between well-grown thirteen year olds, Calvin Schoeberlein and Sewell Watts, the former winning 15-11, 15-11, after a long struggle.

Barbara Scarlett won her second title when, teaming with Clarke Lowndes, she helped defeat Sue Devlin and Patsy Fitzgerald in a disappointing game. The losers were evidently nervous at finding themselves in their first Finals and failed to reproduce the excellent play and combination which they

had been showing, particularly in the Semi-finals. Barbara and Clarke are a smooth-working and excellent pair and deserved their win of 15-7, 15-2.

The Boys' Doubles was played entirely between members of the Red Shield Club, a boys' club which is unique in that it gets its coaching entirely out of books in the Club Library. The game was very one-sided, the better Singles players winning 15-2, 15-0.

Because the Committee felt an entry of 124 merited it, Consolations were run in the large Singles and Doubles events. As is so often the case in Junior Badminton these rapidly improving youngsters produced the most amusing and interesting Badminton from the spectator's point of view. The Boys' Doubles game was close, even more so than the score indicates with victory going to the taller lads, Sewell Watts and Sam Lumpkin who defeated Robert Stinson and Bill Menick 17-14, 15-9. The Girls' Doubles was a tale of terrific endeavor and finally went in favor of Anne Stinson and Judy Devlin who deuced two of the three games with Frances Hurst and Mary Moore, winning 15-10, 15-17, 18-13. The Consolation Girls' Singles went to the more experienced and more versatile Patsy Fitzgerald who defeated Bobbie Rice 11-3, 11-7.

Correspondent —

Mrs. J. Frank (Grace) Devlin

Women's or Ladies' ? ?

I read with great interest your editorial on using "Ladies" instead of "Women" in designating events of the weaker sex (?).

Webster has many definitions of a lady, none quite robust enough to fit the type of woman we must have to stand terrific tournament competition.

They are: (1) a woman who looks after the domestic affairs of a house, (2) a woman with authority as in "Lady and Lord", (3) a woman to whom the particular homage of a knight was paid; a woman to whom one is bound and devoted; a sweetheart; a ladylove, (4) the Virgin Mary, (5) a woman of social distinction or position, used the same as gentleman, (6) a well-bred woman, (7) a title in England, (8) the triturating apparatus in the stom-

ach of a lobster, (9) a wife, (10) a size of roofing slate.

On the other hand, Webster describes a woman as the female part of the human race.

It is my humble belief that we should use jargon that is generally accepted in other sports. If we "sweeten" the sound of women's events by using "Ladies" we effeminate a sport that is just recently shaking itself loose from tea parties and social events.

To build our sport, to create champions like Dave Freeman with whom we can challenge both the New and Old Worlds' Champions we must attract not only the ladies but the women; not only the gentlemen but the men.

In dealing with the City papers here in Seattle, I found that to the man they believed that Badminton was a sissy sport — for ladies and gentlemen only. In holding our recent Seattle Tourney we dragged them into the hall in an ungentlemanly manner, clamped them in their seats, and showed them 1946 Badminton.

Finally they tore themselves loose but not to run for the door but to wildly cheer the fighting aggressiveness and court ability (that was even noticeable to novices) of the top performers.

It would be hard to convince them that those seemingly wild women players who raised their blood-pressure to the boiling point could be (1) women who look after domestic affairs, (3) a knight's sweetheart, (10) a size of roofing slate or any other of Webster's definitions.

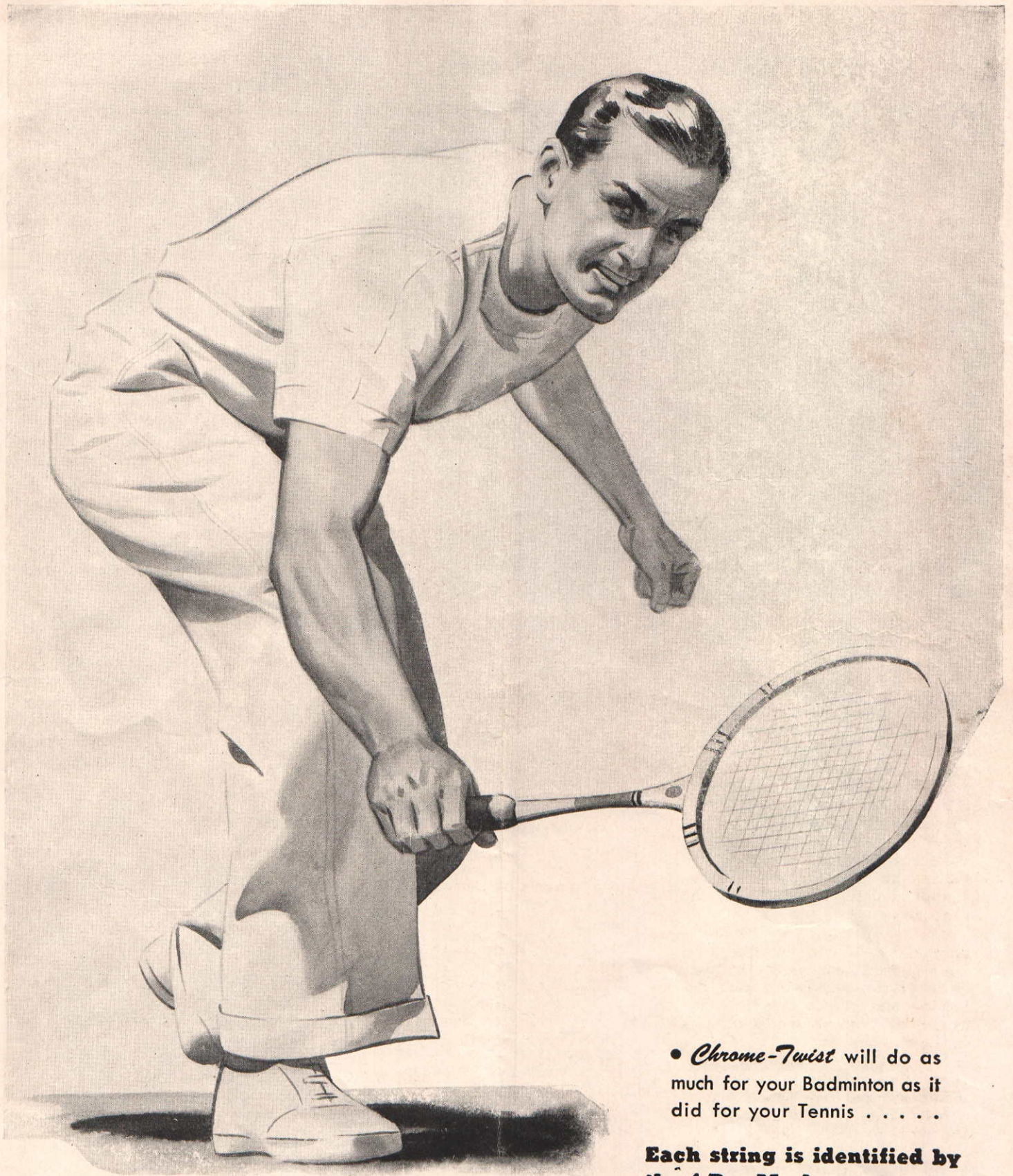
And if I tried now to push through events titled Ladies' Singles and/or Gentlemen's Singles or (horrors) Ladies' and Gentlemen's Doubles they would hand us a mint julep, a flowing black cape, a new set of uppers and move us over (in a gentlemanly manner) to the end column of Ye Local Society Section.

And I want to play with the tough guys.

*Knave Robert Kildall
Round Table Local 379*

*From Henry P. Kirchner, Jr.,
Niagara Falls, N. Y.*

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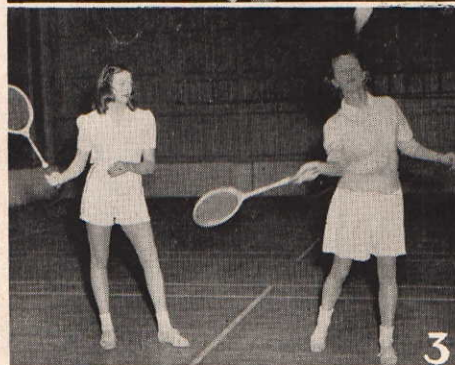
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Cincinnati Invitation Peps Local Interest



1. Mrs. Mary Turrill, Kay Whitaker, Margie Pease, Mary Mitchell, Mary Whittaker, Alice Pease, Martha Whitaker; 2. Mrs. Jane Wagner Brock; 3. Dorothy Rogers, Martha Whitaker; 4. Mrs. Mary Turrill.

A return to pre-war activity in the Cincinnati area was initiated by a sparkling invitation tournament held March 2nd and 3rd at the Camargo Country Club. Twenty out of town entrants participated, primarily from Dayton, Ohio and Louisville Kentucky. Col. Wm. Faversham, runner-up in the 1942 National Men's Doubles and his wife, a former Mass. Champion were finalists in three events.

RESULTS

Ladies' Singles

Martha Whitaker defeated Mrs. Jane Wagner Brock, 11-6, 11-3.

Men's Singles

Al Kuder defeated Phil Hinkle, 15-4, 15-8.

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Faversham and Mrs. Wm. Pease defeated Martha Whitaker and Mrs. Phil Hinkle, 18-17, 16-18, 15-11.

Men's Doubles

Al Kuder and "Doc" Barnes defeated Col. Faversham and W. Hilliard 15-5, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles

Col. and Mrs. Faversham defeated Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle, 15-6, 15-8.

First Year Flight Mixed Doubles

Jack Quackenbush and Dottie Rodgers defeated Bob Black and Helen Chatfield, 15-10, 15-12.

Correspondents:

Wm. Pease and Denny McGonigle

Visitors Win in Oregon

The Oregon State Championships held at Portland on March 15, 16, 17 were opened to out-of-staters this year and the home state players were the "perfect hosts" when all their titles went to these visitors.

Rupe Topp of Seattle and Mrs. Helen Ough of California each copped two titles. The latter edged her townmate, Mrs. Shirley Blanchet, and with her partner, Elizabeth Anselm, the former National Ladies' Doubles Champions won a hard fought three game match from the same Shirley and her partner, Jean Kirby.

Mrs. Blanchet was not to be denied one title, however, as she and her husband put down the Seattle duo of Paull and Maxine Cruikshank in two close games.

Topp won the Men's Crown from his doubles partner, Jim Paull, in a real dogged match and this pair had a long workout before taking two set games from the only Oregon team to reach the finals, Sam Lee and Chet Van Houten, former State Champions, who were competing in their first major tournament since returning from the service.

Close Matches Feature Eastern's Tourney

Mrs. Patsy Starrett of Buffalo led the field in the Eastern Badminton Tournament held March 29, 30, at the Old 69th Badminton Club, New York City, winning both Ladies' Singles and Doubles.

Her singles win over Patsy Roberts of Baltimore brought together two undefeated stars and Mrs. Starrett's win of 11-7, 12-9, indicates the recent junior star's progress in top flight play.

Partnered by Barbara Templeton, Patsy annexed the Ladies' Doubles from former National Champions, Mrs. Wanda Bergman and Helen Gibson, in the outstanding match of the finals.

Carl Loveday subdued Clint Stephens for the Men's title but the second game was a ding dong battle to the final point.

Experience predominated in the Mixed Doubles when the team of Quigley and Gibson edged the young team of Stephens and Roberts in straight games.

Williams and Keating had to go all out to meet the challenge of Markham and Fullin in the Men's Doubles in a long 3-game match, after dropping the middle game.

Men's Singles

Carl Loveday defeated Clint Stephens, 15-13, 15-14.

Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Starrett defeated Patsy Roberts, 11-7, 12-9.

Men's Doubles

Bob Williams and Harry Keating defeated Bill Markham and Fred Fullin, 15-6, 9-15, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Starrett and Barbara Templeton defeated Mrs. Bergman and Helen Gibson, 15-4, 16-18, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles

Ken Quigley and Helen Gibson defeated Clint Stephens and Patsy Roberts, 15-9, 15-9.

Correspondent: Herman Oppenheim

OREGON STATE RESULTS

Men's Singles

Rupe Topp defeated Jim Paull, 15-5, 17-16.

Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Ough defeated Mrs. Blanchet, 11-7, 11-7.

Men's Doubles

Rupe Topp and Jim Paull defeated Sam Lee and Chet Van Houten, 17-15, 18-16.

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Ough and Elizabeth Anselm defeated Mrs. Blanchet and Jean Kirby, 15-12, 7-15, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchet defeated Jim Paull and Maxine Cruikshank, 15-11, 18-13.

Correspondent: "Al" Brown

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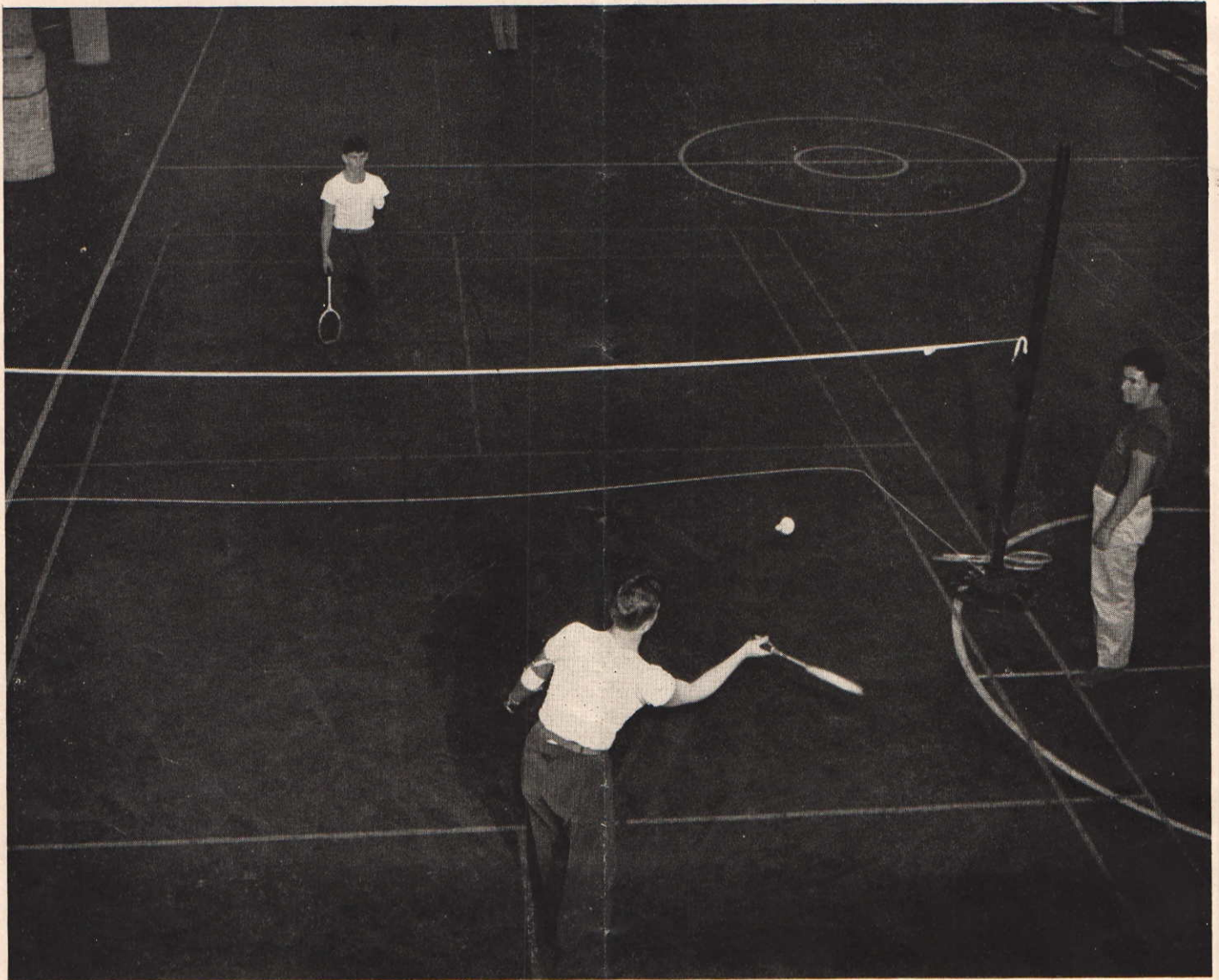
With our sincere thanks to all those Badminton Enthusiasts for their compliments on our having made the continuance of the game possible during these difficult times, and assuring all that it is our constant endeavor to give ever-increasing service to the Badminton public.

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Scene from a Badminton Tournament at Waller Reed Hospital.

Large scale use of Badminton equipment by the Armed Forces during active war time has been generally known for some time. Some people have felt that our scarcity of good rackets, shuttlecocks and sneakers has not only been entirely due to the large buying of these supplies by both the Army and the Navy, but also that the use of this equipment by the Services has not been efficiently handled to the detriment of the players here at home.

There is no question that our best supplies in great quantities went to the Services. It can also not be entirely denied that there is still a considerable quantity in this frozen status today.

Despite these conditions, how-

ever, two major advantages have come from the use of this Badminton equipment. In the first place many of our younger players, both boys and girls, have, for the first time, been initiated to Badminton and have found great enjoyment in its play. They have realized its value as a real physical sport and the extraordinary pleasure that can be derived from either casual play or real competition.

But, even if it hasn't accomplished this benefit, it has definitely become an outstanding factor in a more important phase, that of the rehabilitation of our wounded veterans. The above picture was submitted to "Bird Chatter" sometime ago by the late Captain Lowell N. Douglas, who was at

that time the chief of the Physical Reconditioning Branch of the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army. Lowell stated that all ASF Hospitals included Badminton in their reconditioning program and that the sport proved very popular and beneficial as a remedial activity.

Recently we received information that Len Moody, who prior to his entering the service had done a great deal of Badminton promotional work throughout the South Eastern States, was optimistic and enthusiastic about getting back into the play despite the loss of a leg while fighting with the Marines in the Pacific.

His remarks were forwarded to us and we quote extracts of his

letter "I had an operation on my leg three days ago, have one more to go, then I can be ready for my artificial leg. I hope to be able to play fairly good Badminton again. Don Kerr from New Orleans was up here (I'm sure you know him, the one legged player from NOAC) and he gave all the fellows good demonstrations of what can be done. He whipped the athletic director here in Badminton, it wasn't even a contest."

Many exhibitions have been given at various hospitals where this sport is used as reconditioning. If real enjoyment, reuse of injured arms and legs, and assistance in the use of artificial limbs has been an aid to the rehabilitation of our wounded and disabled veterans, then regardless of the quantity of Badminton equipment used or held for use Badminton can be proud of its part in this most worthy cause, and you and I will not gripe if we have to play with worn out sneakers, inconsistent shuttles and repaired rackets.

Loveday Wins Two Events in Metropolitan New York Handicap Tourney

The Metropolitan (NY) Badminton Association Handicap Tournament was played in 6 events on the courts of the Old 69th Badminton Club 165th Regiment Armory, on March 10, 11.

Carl Loveday, ranking No. 2 U. S. player, led the field with two wins before a gathering of over 200 people for the finals. "Pop" Hinds, National Veteran's Champ, "staggered" gracefully to two runner-up places. Among returning veterans were noted Clint and Warren Stephens, Carl Loveday, Miss Margaret McAgnon and A. Sack, Jr.

Ladies' Singles

Bernice Marignan defeated Eleanor Ross, both from New Rochelle B. C., 11-5, 12-10.

Men's Singles

Carl Loveday, Montclair A. C. defeated Clinton Stephens, Old 69th B. C., 15-8, 15-6.

Ladies' Doubles

Eleanor Ross and Mrs. Rose Herbert, New Rochelle defeated Bernice Marig-

nan and Mary Hellwig, New Rochelle, 10-15, 15-8, 15-5.

Men's Doubles

Clint and Warren Stephens, Old 69th defeated Frank Hinds and Larry Howard, Central B. C., 15-9, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles

Carl Loveday and Betty Thomsen, Central B. C. defeated Edward Shields and May Hellwig, New Rochelle, 15-2, 15-0.

Veteran's Doubles

Kenneth F. MacDonald and Sonny Oppenheim, New Rochelle, defeated Frank Hinds and Herbert Swinarton, Montclair, 15-13, 14-15, 15-14.

Correspondent — *Sonny Oppenheim*

Badminton at Miami Beach

Semi-weekly mixed Badminton groups at the Miami Beach High School Gym receive the sponsorship of the City Recreation Department. Visitors to Miami should call at the recreation department at 13th Street and Jefferson Avenue or telephone 5-0411. State Championships of Florida are under consideration but no dates have been officially announced as yet.

Correspondent —

Marion Wood Huey

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Minnesota Holds District Tourney

The 11th Annual Minnesota District Badminton Tournament was held at Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota on March 15, 16. Election of officers of the Association was held at the close of the tournament with the following taking office: President, Worth K. Rice, St. Paul A. C.; 1st Vice-president, Paul Covell, Minneapolis A. C.; 2nd Vice-president, Fallon Kelly, St. Paul A. C.; and Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur J. Bryce, St. Paul A. C.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

Norman MacDonald, Minn. A. C. defeated Harold Anderson, St. Paul A. C., 15-10, 9-15, 15-4.

Ladies' Singles

Dorothy Pass, Univ. of Minn. defeated Mary Greer, 11-8, 11-6.

Men's Doubles

Newell Nelson and Worth Rice, St. Paul A. C. defeated Howard Brissman and Bud Henry, 15-12, 12-15, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles

Ethel Bowman and Jane Guest, Univ. of Minn. defeated Dorothy Pass and Mrs. Moore, 15-4, 15-9.

Men's Senior Doubles (50 and over)

Phil Brain and Lou Keller, Univ. of Minn. defeated Carl Berg and Ed Wood, Minneapolis Y. M. C. A., 15-5, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pass, Univ. of Minn. defeated Ethel Bowman and Phil Brain, Univ. of Minn., 12-15, 15-5, 15-6.

Girls' Junior Doubles

Penelope Covell and Betty Ann Munden, Minn. A. C. defeated Joan Lillehei and Phyllis Murphy, Robbinsdale, 12-15, 15-7, 15-8.

Girls' Junior Singles

Nancy Jensen, Robbinsdale, defeated Shirley Townsend, 7-11, 11-9, 11-4.

Four Rhode Island Titles Fall to Davis Duo

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis of the Providence Badminton Club captured four titles at the Rhode Island State Championships held at the Hope High School, Providence, R. I. March 22, 23, 24. This Sixth Annual affair was renewed for the first time since the war. Junior Boys' and Girls' Singles were added and produced two very closely contested matches.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

Fred Davis defeated Thomas Critchley, Prov. Y. M. C. A., 15-7, 15-3.

Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Davis defeated Mrs. Margaret Devoe, Prov. B. C., 11-1, 11-2.

Men's Doubles

Davis and Doug Meyer defeated Harry Platt, U. S. Army, Guy Baer, Prov. B. C., 15-3, 15-9.

Ladies' Doubles

Gladys Rigby and Madeline Burns, Prov. B. C., defeated Ruth Sorenson and Margaret Devoe, Prov. B. C., 15-5, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Davis defeated Gladys Rigby and Ogden Sawyer, 15-4, 15-3.

Girls' Singles

Ann Chesbro defeated Frances Balcom, 15-10, 18-17.

Boys' Singles

Philip Parker defeated Richard Thomas, 15-13, 17-18, 15-12.

Consolation Men's Singles

Ray Hand defeated Guy Baer, 15-7, 15-0.

Consolation Mixed Doubles

Duncan MacLean and Mrs. Doris MacLean, Prov. B. C., defeated Mr. and Mrs. Karl Rittman, Warwick B. C., 15-10, 15-9.

Correspondent — Ray Hand

From Horace Hunt, Germania Club, Chicago —

"I have been very much interested in the last issues of 'Bird Chatter' which have reached us and I am wondering whether you would be willing to send us about a dozen copies of the February issue which I can distribute to the various members with a view to interesting them in subscribing. This February issue is a very fine one and we plan to post the two pages of pictures taken of Ken Davidson on pages 18 and 19 on the bulletin board in the Men's and Ladies' locker rooms, also the article on serving by Jack Purcell.

I might also mention that we made some inquiry concerning the Pete Smith Badminton Short hoping that we might be able to secure this for the entertainment of the guests, at our March 9th affair. However, upon inquiry we found that this had not been released and probably would not be available for private organizations even after showing in theatres generally. It would seem to us a very great shame if this is true as, if what we hear of this film is correct, it would be a very valuable instruction tool for all clubs in work with almost all classes of players. If you have any dope on this we would be glad to have it and if you don't it would seem to us that some intercession on the part of the ABA with MGM would be helpful to Badminton clubs in all sections of the country."

See June issue for:

A Word From The New ABA President, Warren Wheary.

Massachusetts News

New champions were crowned in all events in the Mass. State Championships held March 22, 23, at the University Club, Boston. Norma Keech was outstanding by annexing the Ladies' Singles and Doubles and runner-up in the Mixed.

The Class D Tournament was held at Dedham High School February 15, 16; the Class C Tournament at the University Club March 21, 22; and the Juniors will compete at the Maugus Club April 27, 28.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Men's Singles

Robert Wright defeated Clifford Sawyer, 15-8, 15-6.

Ladies' Singles

Norma Keech defeated Mary Pilliard, 11-10, 11-9.

Men's Doubles

Harold Seavey and Clifford Sawyer defeated Loring Roberts and Stanley Anderson, 13-15, 15-5, 18-17.

Ladies' Doubles

Norma Keech and Mary Pilliard defeated Marion Brown and Eunice Wall, 15-7, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles

Lt. and Mrs. Schell defeated Robert Wright and Norma Keech, 11-15, 15-13, 17-14.

CLASS D RESULTS

Men's Doubles

Wilbur Lepper and Robert Brown defeated Victor Kodis and Raymond Parker, 15-12, 15-8.

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Kodis and Betty McGrady defeated Elizabeth Smith and Eleanor Heuston, 15-7, 15-10.

Mixed Doubles

Wilbur Lepper and Betty McGrady defeated Mr. and Mrs. Kodis, 15-11, 16-18, 15-10.

CLASS C RESULTS

Men's Singles

Harold Heubner defeated Rob. Landry, 17-14, 15-10.

Men's Doubles

Frank Weatherbee and Ernest Sackett defeated Hugo Franke and Jas. MacDonald, 17-16, 14-18, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles

Harold Huebner and June Tingloff defeated Robert Landry and Eunice Wall, 8-15, 18-14, 15-9.

Ladies' Doubles

June Tingloff and Doris Cassidy defeated Eliz. Esty and Eleanor Mattson, 15-6, 15-6.

Correspondent — Ralph Bates

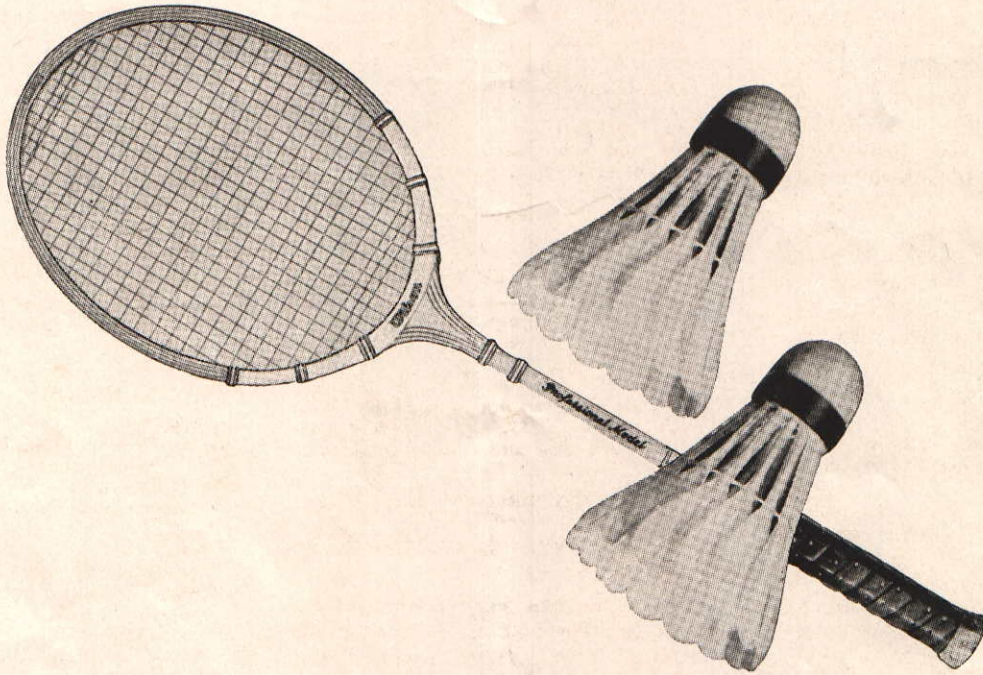
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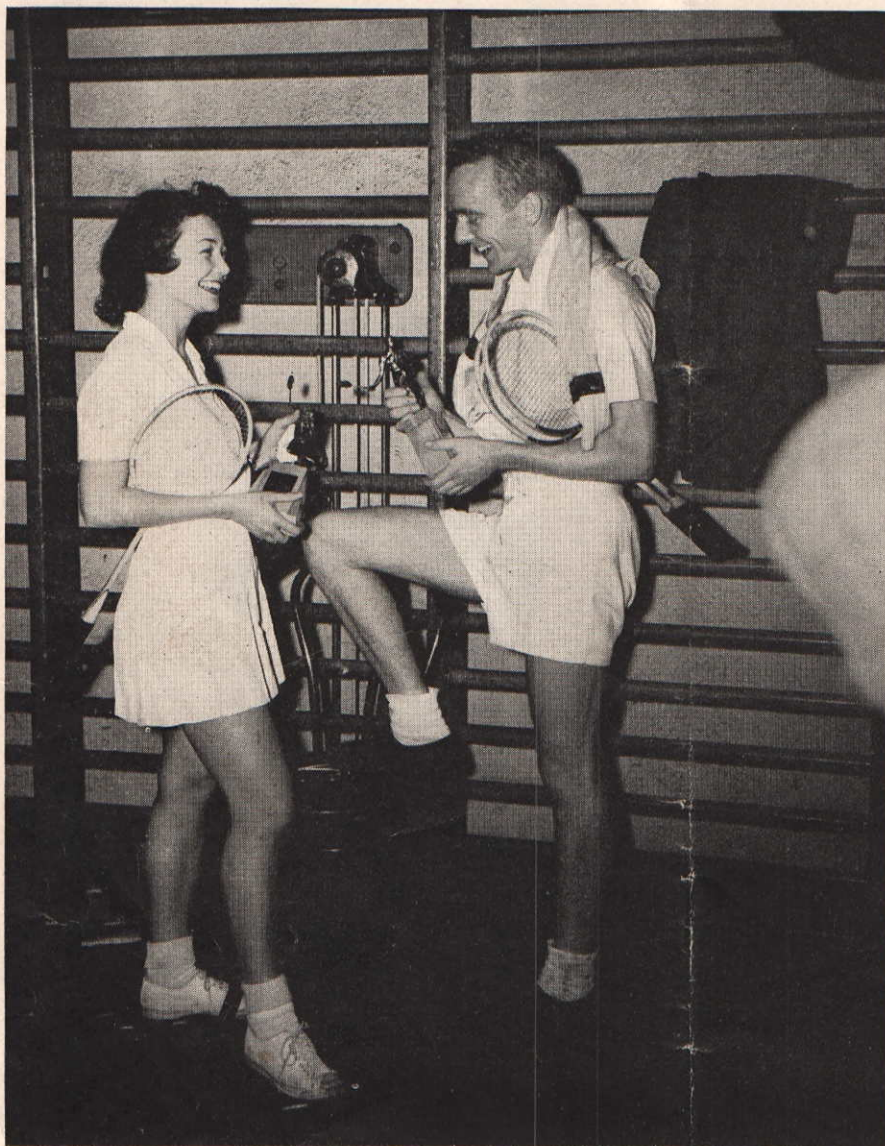


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Shirley Blanchet and Dave Freeman Star at Northern California Championships



The Eleventh Annual Northern California Championships were held at the Athens Athletic Club, Oakland, on February 1, 2, 3. A large entry included twenty-six players from Southern California and five from Portland, Oregon. The standard of play was high, the competition was exceptionally keen, upsets were more frequent than usual, and the result was an outstanding tournament.

Dave Freeman, on his first visit to these parts for quite a few years, showed no signs of old age or slowing up in winning the Men's Singles and, partnered by Web Kimball, the Men's Doubles. The only other double winner was Shirley Blanchet, whose well-de-

served and popular win in the Singles was her first in a major tournament. Shirley and husband Norman had to overcome a strong field to win the mixed, but they were ably assisted by an unseeded pair, Mildred Jude and Bob Abbott of the Oakland Club, who pulled off the big upset of the meeting by defeating Dave Freeman and Helen Tibbetts in the second round. Bob still can't get the proud grin off his face but the placid Mildred, one of the best mixed players in the game, seems to take such things in stride!

As usual, the southerners made short work of the locals in the men's events while, also as usual, the reverse was generally true as

to the ladies; we're sure there is something deeply significant in this phenomenon, but it escapes us!

Jim Crafts, our worthy ABA President, did a good umpiring job on the Men's Doubles Finals and, introduced to the crowd by NCBA President Tom Ough, made a neat little speech, which included the very welcome announcement that he expects soon to settle in the San Francisco Bay area.

Frank Gliebe, the official referee, was very grateful for the assistance of E. W. (Al) Brown, President of the Oregon State Badminton Association. Al called games almost continuously throughout the tournament, and he made many friends during his first visit among us.

Among the spectators, and looking rather strange in that role, were Howard and John Holman, recently released by the Navy. Badminton out here owes a lot to Howard, who organized the Northern California Badminton Association about ten years ago and was its Secretary and main spring from its inception until he entered the service. He and John used to be our local Doubles Champions and we hope to see them back on the courts soon. Other returnees welcomed back to the fold were "Doc" White and Jack Little; Captain "Doc" Mervy, our predecessor on this chatter business.

Semi-finals

Ladies' Singles

Helen Tibbetts, Pasadena B. C. defeated Jean Kirby, California B. C., 11-5, 11-6.
Shirley Blanchet, Athens A. C. defeated Janet Wright, California B. C., 11-9, 11-7.

Finals

Shirley Blanchet defeated Helen Tibbetts, 12-10, 11-1.

Semi-finals

Men's Singles

Barney McCay, Pasadena B. C. defeated Web Kimball, Pasadena B. C., 15-12, 15-3.

Dave Freeman, Pasadena B. C. defeated Norman Blanchet, Athens A. C., 15-13, 15-1.

Finals

Dave Freeman defeated Barney McCay, 15-12, 15-11.

Semi-finals

Ladies' Doubles

Elizabeth Anselm, California B. C. and Helen Ough, Oakland B. C. defeated Shirley Blanchet, Athens A. C. and Jean Kirby, California B. C., 15-2, 15-13.
Thelma Scovil, California B. C. and Janet Wright, California B. C. defeated Loma Smith and Helen Tibbetts, Pasadena B. C., 15-3, 15-2.

Finals

Thelma Scovil and Janet Wright defeated Elizabeth Anselm and Helen Ough, 9-15, 15-1, 15-9.

1945 Missouri Athletic Club's Finalists

Semi-finals

Men's Doubles

Erik Erikson and Barney McCay, Pasadena B. C. defeated Dave Copenhagen and Tom Ough, Oakland B. C., 15-5, 15-2.

Dave Freeman and Web Kimball, Pasadena B. C. defeated Bob Abbott, Oakland B. C. and Norman Blanchet, Athens A. C., 15-11, 15-9.

Finals

Dave Freeman and Web Kimball defeated Erik Erikson and Barney McCay, 15-9, 5-15, 15-10.

Semi-finals

Mixed Doubles

Janet Wright, California B. C. and Roy Lockwood, Burbank B. C. defeated Louise Cicrich and Russ Hill, Multnomah A. C., 15-9, 15-13.

Shirley and Norman Blanchet, Athens A. C. defeated Loma Smith and Erik Erikson, Pasadena B. C., 15-12, 15-12.

Finals

Shirley and Norman Blanchet defeated Janet Wright and Roy Lockwood, 13-15, 15-11, 15-5.

Finals

Veterans' Doubles

Tom Ough, Oakland B. C. and Ray Paxton, California B. C. defeated Hulet Smith and Howard Taylor, Pasadena B. C., 15-8, 15-9.

Correspondent — Bill Morrison



Left to right — Dick Casey and Ken Aderhold, Men's Doubles runners-up; Jack Taylor, Midwest Association President 1944-45; H. H. Perkins, Jr. and Russell Smith, Champions.

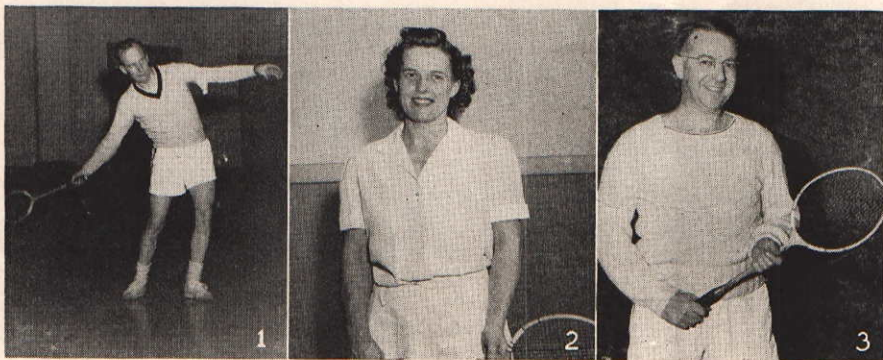
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Zoe Smith Takes Top Honors in Washington State Badminton Meet



Left to right — Ham Law, Zoe Smith, Bob Hagist—prexy of Washington State Badminton Association.

Zoe Smith, Seattle, pushed herself right in line for National honors when she turned 16 entrants away from the Ladies' Singles title of the Washington State Badminton Championships held at Queen Anne Hall in Seattle, March 20-24.

Zoe, Former No. 2 U. S. woman and present Seattle title holder, added the State crown to her collection after sparkling wins over Mrs. Clara Lovett, No. 2 Canadian woman, 11-12, 12-11, 11-4, and Mrs. Helen Zabriskie Ough, present Oregon State champion and top ranking U. S. woman from Oakland, 10-12, 11-7, 12-11.

Canadian entrants reached the Finals in all events and it took terrific play by U. S. teams to keep all the hardware from making a year's journey across the line.

Jim Forsythe, Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club, No. 2 Canadian man, repeated his 1945 Singles win by measuring Ken Meredith, a top Northerner from the University of British Columbia, 15-10, 15-4.

Ken received his revenge in the Men's Doubles match when he teamed with Jim Watt, UBC, to turn Jim and his brother, Ken Forsythe, from the tiara with decisive scores of 15-6, 15-9.

Virginia Heaton Suggs, a Top U. S. Woman, from Seattle, returned from a short retirement, to team with Zoe and defeat the very strong Vancouver, B. C. Team of Nora Maw and Clara Lovett, 0-15, 15-7, 15-4.

Ham Law, Seattle, and Helen Zabriskie Ough teamed in the mixed event to beat the colorful duo of George Lane and Betty Denniston, Victoria.

The Washington Tournament includes the Veterans' event again

for the first time in years with Mac MacDonald and Mark Mallory, Queen Anne Badminton Club, grabbing the hardware from Roland France and Ross Williams, Seattle Tennis Club, 14-17, 15-12, 15-14.

In the handicap matches the winners were: Women's Doubles, Marge Crow, Mary Jean Bushell defeated Marge Pepper, Marge Bennett 15-2, 15-4; Men's Doubles, Jerry Bryant, Dale Seeds defeated Clarence Anderson, Vester Nelson, 15-1, 15-10; and in Mixed Doubles, Howard Almquist, Agnes Schroeder won from Bill Wilkinson, Hattie Wilkinson 15-10, 15-10.

The Queen Anne Badminton Club sponsored the meet. Members of the tournament committee were: Phil Aaron, Chairman, Harold Lind, Ben Evans, Mac MacDonald, Dayle Hoagland, Jack Doyle, and Bob Kildall.

Three social events were given in honor of the shuttle-chasers from out-of-town. A chicken pie dinner arranged by Mrs. Gladys Mallory and Mrs. Dottie Barragar was given at the hall during the first matches. After the Semi-finals on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barragar had the losers out to their home for a cocktail party. Sunday evening, after the games, all the players met in the Green Room of the Mayflower Hotel for cocktails and snacks with most of the celebrants ending up at the "Twin Dragons", a Chinese restaurant, for dinner.

Tourney Items

Top Badminton names appeared as umpires at the Washington meet. Tom Ough, President of the Northern California Ass'n., Al Brown, President of the Oregon Ass'n., and Al Stevenson, Badminton Di-

rector of the Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club, all mounted the stand in this capacity. Tom Ough teamed with Ham Law in the Men's Doubles event and when he missed a shot said, "I'm sorry dear" — so used to playing with Helen, his wife, Tom forgot for a minute just where he was. T. M. Royce, veterans' champ in the 1940 National in Seattle, lost in the veteran's event for a No. 1 upset. Portland players had a bad time in the Seattle affair — good players like Chuck Cleveland and Russ Hill and Al Brown and Louise Cicrich turned in nice performances but failed to reach the finals. George Lane was the favorite of the crowd. The Victoria player came up with a loud "Peaches" or "Oh, Peaches" for the good shots and "Oh, Oh" for the bad ones — Zoe Smith's favorite exclamation was "Yipes". Ruth Nelson, Seattle, was the most improved player of the meet. She teamed with Ollie Cosby, Singles champ of Panama 1944-45 from Seattle, to almost upset the apples before being turned back in the Semi-finals. The good-looking University of British Columbia girls left a few broken hearts when they had to end their stay.

Ladies' Handicap Doubles

Marge Crow and Mary Jean Bushell defeated Marge Pepper and Marge Bennett, 15-2, 15-4.

Men's Handicap Doubles

Jerry Bryant and Dale Seeds defeated Clarence Anderson and Vester Nelson, 15-1, 15-10.

Mixed Handicap Doubles

Howard Almquist and Agnes Schroeder defeated Bill Wilkinson and Hattie Wilkinson, 15-10, 15-10.

Veterans' Doubles

Mac MacDonald and Mark Mallory defeated Roland France and Ross Williams, 14-17, 15-12, 15-4.

Ladies' Singles

Zoe Smith defeated Clara Lovett, Vancouver, 11-12, 12-11, 11-4.

Men's Singles

Jim Forsythe defeated Ken Meredith, U. B. C., Vancouver, 15-10, 15-4.

Ladies' Doubles

Zoe Smith and Virginia Suggs defeated Nora Maw and Clara Lovett, Vancouver, 0-15, 15-7, 15-4.

Men's Doubles

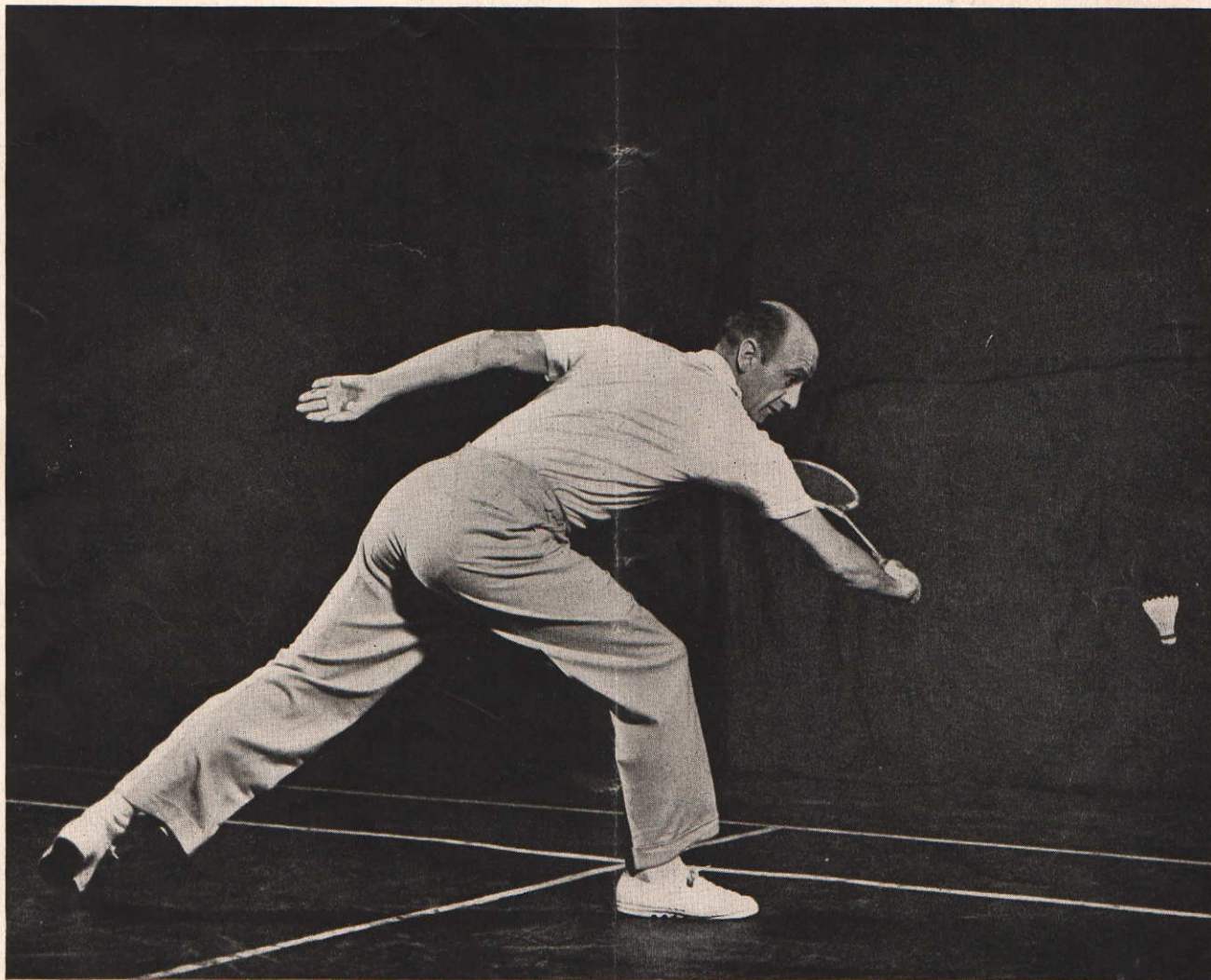
Ken Meredith and Jim Watt, U. B. C. defeated Jim Forsythe and Ken Forsythe, Vancouver, 15-6, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles

Ham Law, Seattle and Helen Ough, Seattle-Oakland defeated George Lane and Betty Denniston, Victoria, 15-11, 15-12.

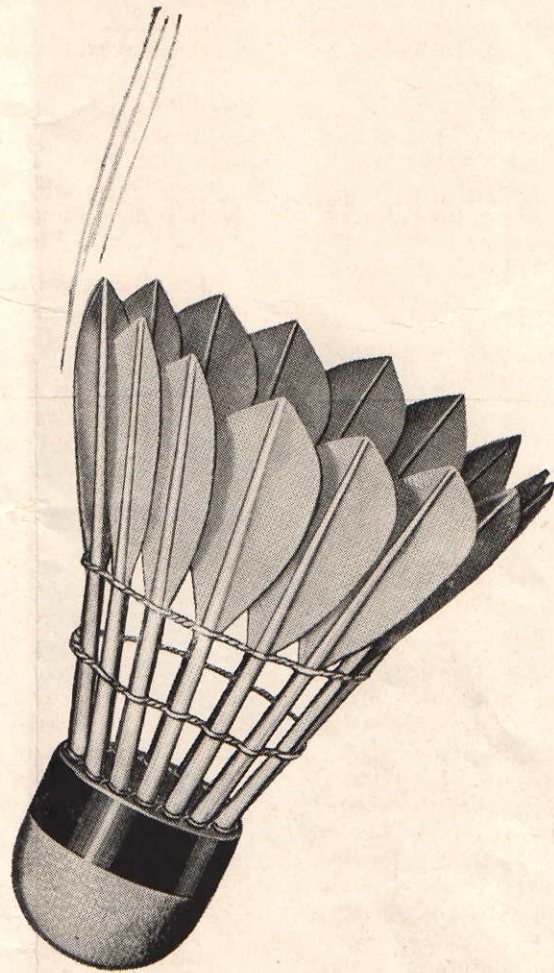
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The first Badminton ever to be played On-Stage was in London, England just before World War I by four amateur British players who were given permission to demonstrate the game for a week before a regular vaudeville audience. Evidently the attempt to popularize Badminton by this means did not succeed for there were no more stage exhibitions of the game in Britain for almost a quarter of a century.

In 1926 Doug Fairbanks, Sr. returned from England where he learned to play some Badminton. He introduced the game to many of his friends and the public by playing Badminton-On-Stage in a Los Angeles theatre.

Early in the 1930's Jess Willard and Cliff Sawyer made a thrilling movie short on Badminton with Hugh Herbert and Walter Pidgeon also in the cast. In 1936 Willard and Bill Hurley opened an engagement at the Paramount Theatre in Los Angeles and then moved to the Roxy Theatre in New York City where they attained success in a four to six weeks engagement. They subsequently made a country wide tour and were seen in action in a Chicago night club in 1937 at the time of the first National Championships.

In 1936 Howard Brand and Hugh Forgie teamed up and played at the RKO Theatre in New York City and later at the Glen Cove Theatre, Long Island, New York.

In 1937 Ken Davidson and Thelma Kingsbury, former English amateur stars, opened at the swanky Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center in New York City. They followed into the Roxy Theatre where, during their run Thelma was taken ill and Hugh Forgie, a former Canadian sport star, was substituted. In 1938 they signed a contract for a London show and the team of Davidson and Forgie then toured successfully in England, Scotland, Ireland and throughout the United States. In 1943 circumstances took Forgie from the act but reminiscent of the day Thelma Kingsbury was forced to leave, Ken again found a suitable substitute, John Scott, and carried on without the loss of a single show.

The writer remembers quite clearly the show these two produced in connection with a touring Roller Skating Show and a large Boston Contingent made quite an occasion of their visit to Boston.

Since 1938 new Badminton teams have played spasmodically in various parts of the United States and other countries, namely Radford and Hurley, Ken Shedd and partner, Scott and Drury (a USO Tour in Iceland) and Forgie and Jasen (a USO Tour of the Aleutians and Alaska — see "Bird Chatter" December, 1945 issue for this story).

In mid 1939, having seen the success of the Davidson-Forgie act in London during late 1938 and early 1939, two Canadian ice-hockey players, who also had some Badminton experience, discarded sticks for rackets and played Badminton-On-Ice in an English ice show at Blackpool, England.

The most recent team is that of Ken Davidson and Joe Watters (see action picture in "Bird Chatter" December, 1945 issue) who are enjoying the longest Badminton run any team ever had, at the El Capitol Theatre in Hollywood, California. They are also currently starred in an MGM Pete Smith specialty "Badminton", now showing in theatres throughout this country.

Commencing this fall in Cleveland will be seen a new exhibition, featuring Hugh Forgie, who has a contract to play Badminton-On-Ice with the "Ice-Capades of 1947".

All these exhibitions are good for the game and cause a real stimulus in the promotion of Badminton among the newcomers as well as providing real enjoyment to those who now enjoy this game. It is not difficult to foresee the increase of additional exhibition teams as the years roll on and "Bird Chatter" welcomes this type of promotion and enjoyment as an outstanding contribution to the sport of Badminton.

(Ed. Note — We are indebted to Hugh Forgie for the theme and many of the facts in this article. Credit is also given to Jack Brewer and Ken Davidson for their contributions to this historical record).



Left to right — Bob Kildall, publicity chairman; Maxine Cruikshank and Jim Paull, top notch Seattle players.

Junior players have been given the backing of the Seattle Park Board and the Queen Anne B. C. The Park Dept. hired a manager and donated rackets while the Club donated the courts, used shuttles and arranged for the better players to assist each Saturday morning. Shirley Robson and Glenn Mallory showed up well in the first group to play.

Correspondent — Bob Kildall

Eleanor Coombs Triple Winner in Chicago District Event

Continuing her top place in Chicago Badminton, Eleanor Coombs annexed three titles in the District Tournament held February 2, 3.

She won her singles title in straight games from her doubles partner, Thelma Burdick, and then proceeded to assist the latter and her mixed doubles partner, William Lafayette, in two more straight game wins.

Clayton Hayley became the Men's Champion, but only after coming from behind to edge Lafayette in three games.

Men's Singles

Clayton Hayley defeated Wm. Lafayette, 8-15, 15-12, 15-8.

Ladies' Singles

Eleanor Coombs defeated Mrs. Burdick, 11-4, 11-5.

Men's Doubles

John Prest and Lee Robinson defeated Fred Russell and Ted Bolle, 18-15, 7-15, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles

Eleanor Coombs and Mrs. Burdick defeated Mrs. Wilma Shortz and Ann Nestor, 15-7, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles

Wm. Lafayette and Eleanor Coombs defeated Wm. Graham and Ann Nestor, 15-8, 15-11.

Veteran's Doubles

Harry Fraser and Lyle Shortz defeated Jack White and Ted Bolle, 15-1, 15-5.

Correspondent — Joseph Grant

Aftermath — The "World's Professional Title"

The article in our February issue, "The World's Professional Title Tangle", raised even more comment than might have been expected and true to our word we are publishing a few of those comments which have reached us officially.

For a brief recap to any new readers and to refresh your memory, Doug Grant of Montreal challenged Jack Purcell for the World's Professional Crown, a title to which this writer took exception. Purcell subsequently declared his retirement and Grant and the Canadian papers acclaimed Grant the new holder, to which again this writer took exception. Immediately, Stanley Cutts of Toronto and professional at their Carlton Club, challenged Grant and a series of matches were arranged. The first match was held at Montreal, February 12th and Cutts subdued Grant by scores of 15-5, 15-6. A second match was held at Toronto, March 13th and again Cutts won by scores of 15-0, 15-2.

Written reports of these matches and eye-witness accounts, while indicating that Grant may not have been at the top of his form, clearly state that Cutts' game was superlative and his deceptive style and wonderful court strategy completely baffled his opponent.

Something new invariably comes out in such outstanding matches for, for the first time, Cutts introduced to the public his "sequence position play". This strategy is amazingly interesting and presumably much more of it will be heard from in the future.

For his brilliant victory, congratulations to Stanley Cutts; and to the loser, too bad, Doug Grant, may there be better days ahead.

Without attempting to prolong any discussion relative to this world's professional title, the result of these matches changes in no way the opinion of this writer regarding the two points outlined in the first article. First, the claiming of the title of the world's professional champion is still without sound basis and should not be recognized by any club or association, if and when Cutts plays exhibitions in this country. Secondly, the assumption of any title of similar nature, whether a recognized one or not, thru the retirement of the recognized holder, is

obviously improper and has no foundation in a properly organized sport.

Again, we repeat, let the professionals organize themselves properly, compete for logical titles, and the clubs and amateur organized bodies will wholeheartedly give them the proper publicity they deserve by virtue of their hard won titles. We need the professionals and they certainly need our support. Let's clear up controversial points, such as these, and have this sport free of the things that have blighted others and provided derogatory amusement by both the players and the ironical public.

From Charles Horton, Western N. Y. Badminton Assn. —

"Your article on the 'World's Professional Title' in the February issue was very timely and should have been of great concern to all who are connected with the ABA or its Sectional Ass'ns. I have been for some years a Director of the W. N. Y. B. A. It has been my duty to arrange appearances, clinics and exhibitions with the leading Badminton professionals, such as Jack Purcell, J. Frank Devlin, Ken Davidson, Hugh Forgie and Noel Radford. In each case our prime motive was to present for the benefit of all players in our district. Thru the fine co-operation of the professionals our objective was achieved. We were particularly impressed with the system of teaching to all classes of players as used by Hugh Forgie in his several appearances. In my opinion amateur Badminton can best be helped by the pros in this manner. The letter signed 'eleven racketeers' unfairly places all pros in the same class as the one who has bestowed upon himself the 'World Champion' title. The letter infers that the pros also write the programs, which is not the case. There is also reference to 'organized competition' in regard to the pros. This, too, is an unfair reference as there is neither organization nor competition in the pro ranks. I consider it unsportsmanlike for any correspondent or group to hide behind the anonymity of an unsigned letter. 'Bird Chatter', like any other first class publication, should neither print nor recognize such letters."

From Harold F. Kuechle, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

"Was particularly interested in the article on the 'World's Professional Title Tangle' in the last issue. I was very much astonished that the name of Ken Davidson did not appear in the article. Doesn't he even rate with the pros? Just how does he compare with Purcell? Would you care to enlighten me?"

(Ed. Note — Davidson is definitely one of the top pros. He was not mentioned in that article as he has never claimed or challenged for the "title" under discussion, as far as we know. Comparing the relative abilities of these two would task the wisdom of Solomon for which we make no claim, what say Jack and Ken, and may I chuckle at this one.)

From Stig Larsen, Cos Cob, Conn.

"Inasmuch as the subject on Professionals has aroused so much comment, let's analyse the facts a little more thoroughly and realistically.

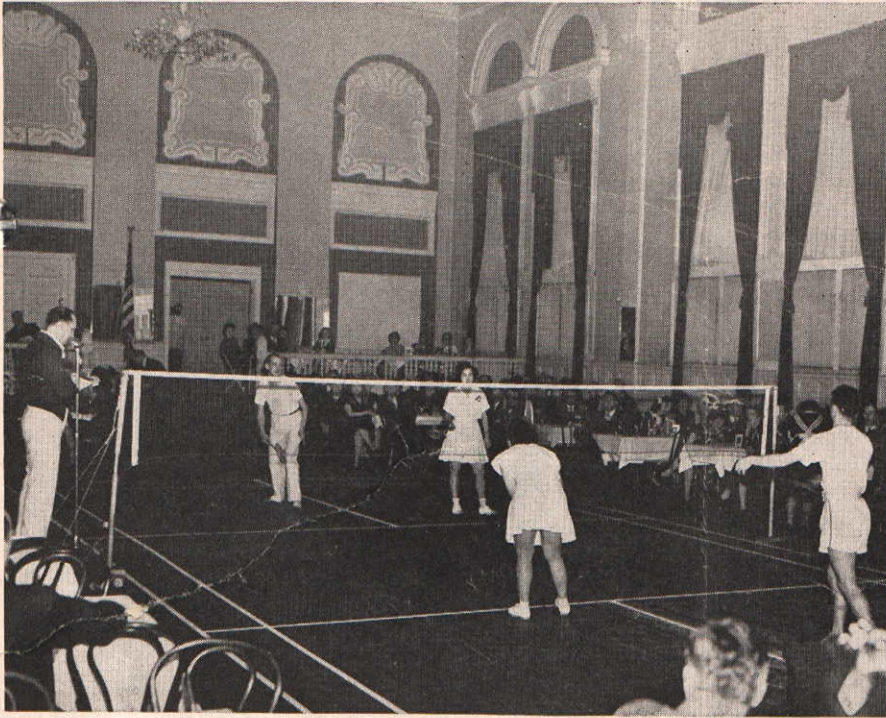
There are probably less than six Professionals in the world who derive their sole income from playing Badminton. Jack Purcell and Frank Devlin have retired from active Professionalism. Bill Markham has been re-instated as an amateur and Joe Zaharko has applied for re-instatement. Guy Reed and Noel Radford have not as yet returned to the professional field.

Because the Open Tournament held in Toronto in '38 was anything but a financial success, it will probably be some time before someone will venture forth with a purse and guarantee which will make it worth-while for the Professionals to go into training to compete in such an event.

Then again, let's analyse the game from the physical condition point of view. Badminton Singles is reputedly and truly one of the most gruelling of games. Jack Purcell, Noel Radford, Frank Devlin, Ken Davidson, Guy Reed, Jack Brewer and Basil Jones are in their forties and no doubt would find it rugged going if they were to enter a Singles Tournament. Bill Markham is 29, Stan Cutts and Hugh Forgie are 33.

It is quite possible that some amateur making a Professional debut, could win the event.

Germania Badminton Club Holds Exhibition and Dance



Left to right — William Lafayette, Eleanor Coombs, Thelma Burdick, Dave Pontich, Norbert J. Sweete, umpire.

The Second Annual Exhibition and court-side dance of the Germania Badminton Club, Chicago, was held March 9th. Tables placed on the 4 court area surrounding the exhibition court provided a most pleasing social atmosphere and interesting matches and specialty acts added another stellar attraction to the Badminton events in the Chicago area.

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