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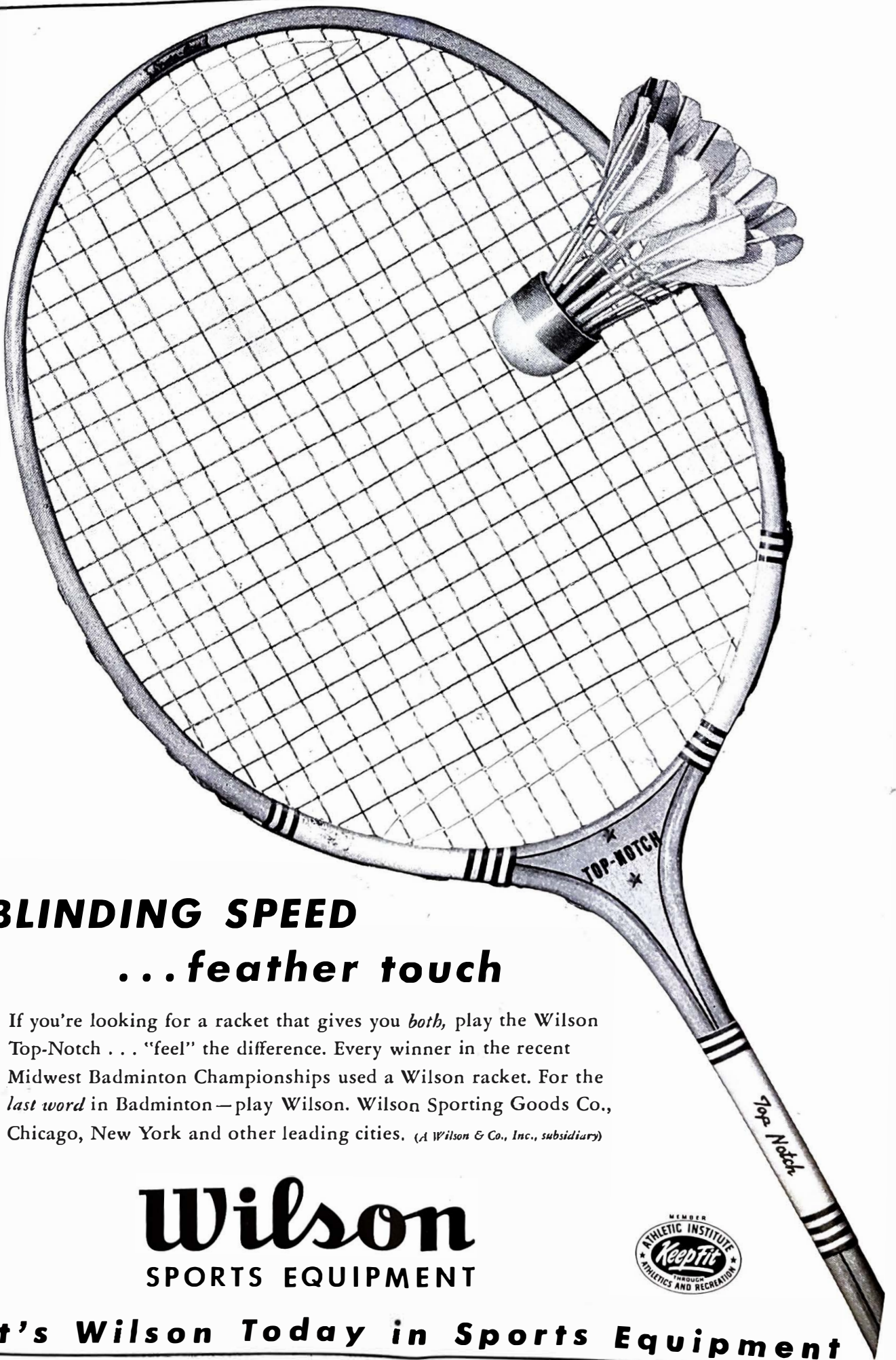
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Los Angeles, Calif., Awarded 1947 National Championships First Junior Nationals Given to Baltimore, Md.

Telegram to Mr. L. C. Erikson, President, Southern California Badminton Association, June 17, 1946.

"Executive Committee ABA awards 1947 National Badminton Championships to Southern California Badminton Association to be played in Los Angeles. Congratulations."

(signed) Warren Wheary, *President*
American Badminton Association

Thus ended the first phase of what may well be the second most spectacular occasion in the history of the ABA. The first occasion was, of course, the first national convention and tournament at Chicago, Ill. in 1937. This coming national event, 10 years later, marks the beginning of a new era in ABA activities after a lapse of five long years when the nation and all of the activities surrounding our lives were in direst peril. It is an interesting coincidence that our president comes from the place of the first national convocation and that this 1947 tournament is placed in the state where all of the last national champions lived. Our tenth "reunion" might well be considered an auspicious affair in the consistent growth of Badminton in America.

The scene of the nation's play will be the Sonja Henie Ice Palace, excellently suited for conversion to Badminton play and spectator view. The time will be the first week of April when the California weather should lure player and spectator alike to one of the nation's finest climates. Our host will be ably supported by the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce. Out of it all should come Badminton play such as has never before been seen in the United States, and the coffers of our struggling national treasury should be suitably enriched. Complete details and pictures will be published in an early issue of Bird Chatter next season.

The selection of Los Angeles over St. Louis, Mo. the only other bidder, should in no way dishearten the latter. Their offer was likewise outstanding and the result of their first bid for this event should not dampen their enthusiasm for a second attempt, perhaps for the 1948 occasion.

Juniors To Baltimore

Of almost equal interest is the awarding of the First National Championships for Juniors to the

Maryland Badminton Association at Baltimore, Md. Their amazing interest and enthusiasm concerning Junior play, sets a stint to the rest of the nation for years to come. The terms of their offer are so magnanimous to the boys and girls that we are going to whet your curiosity concerning them until an early issue next season. No official date is set as yet, but the event will be held prior to the Nationals in April.

These are the announcements which we of Bird Chatter have been eagerly and anxiously awaiting (holding our June issue for them). We are highly optimistic that these occasions will be meccas for both the Junior and Senior players, and all the friends of Badminton.

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Editorial

With this issue we suspend Bird Chatter publication until November, 1946 when our new series of four issues for the 1946-47 season will commence. As we sit in retrospect our four issues this year have surpassed all previous editions. Our pages have constantly added pictures, special articles and our geographical coverage has greatly expanded. Data from more and more parts of the country has become a regular feature and we wish to express our appreciation to all of you who have been "in" on the copy of our issues. It is obvious to us that the fascination of having our own national publication is reflected in the attitude of many Badminton enthusiasts throughout the nation.

New plans for additional features for next year are already in progress and if time and space permitted we'd chat with you about them. As it is you'll see them as we go into our next season's issues together with special contacts we propose through our rapidly growing list of "Assistant Editors," for such we consider our correspondents.

Our new subscription policy cannot be taken lightly, as the results of our receipts of renewals and new subscribers will decide the future of this publication. We urge you to give this phase your immediate attention.

With your editor finally out of the service and his assistant John Garrod no longer snowed under with his arduous duties of National Secretary as well, we should be able to plan ahead more easily and concentrate our activities on reaching our publication dates as planned. This likewise means promptness in sending in your news and letters in time for each

issue. Together we should surpass our past season's efforts.

Next season should be a year of renewed activity on the part of those clubs and associations handicapped by war activities, and a period of expansion by new groups who entered the fray this season. This publication will help your local interest if it reaches your own readers. See to it that your friends and neighbors are among those readers. Our good-byes for now and best wishes for your next season's endeavors.

BIRD CHATTER

Changes Subscription Policy

Beginning with the first issue of the 1946-47 season the Directors of the ABA have decreed a change in the subscription policy of BIRD CHATTER. Starting with the November issue a charge of \$1.00 for the four issues will be required of all readers.

For five years this publication has operated under a voluntary subscription plan with copies being mailed to all who have requested them regardless of payment. This was considered a sound policy during the war time period when contacts were all important.

In planning for the post-war period and the future of American Badminton this magazine became a real factor in holding the interest of those who were able to play, keeping our service Badminton players informed of the different sectional activities, and stimulating the regrowth of clubs and associations curtailed by war time operations. The importance of disseminating as many copies as possible to the various sections of the country was greater than than using this publication as a source of revenue for the ABA treasury.

That this policy has proved sound is shown by the actual increase in member clubs in 1945-46 over 1944-45, the tremendous growth in the number of tournaments, and the excellently organized associations; all in less than one year from V-J Day. We are sincerely of the opinion that the 2 years of publishing BIRD CHATTER under the Starrett-Canfield operation and the last 3 years under the Crafts-Garrod regime has been a major factor in our present healthy condition.

But for any national sport to grow and prosper, the National body must have available the necessary funds to provide for handling the cost of expansion, the development of such projects as junior activities, and the accumulation of a fund to cover future international matches, such as the Sir George Thomas Cup competition and possibly send our leading players on friendly competitive tours to other countries.

Our two potential sources of revenue are the National Championships, to be renewed in 1947 after a lapse of five years, and profit from the operation of the national magazine, BIRD CHATTER.

This is the reason for the change in policy and it was the unanimous opinion of the Directors at Buffalo that BIRD CHATTER was worth one dollar to all its readers. The proof of this will be found in your answer, as inserted with this issue is a subscription blank for your renewal action. Follow-ups will be made to those who forget to advise us by August first. Class A Associations will be requested to assist in getting late renewals and adding new readers to our mailing list. To support our commitments to advertisers we need at least as many subscribers as we now have. Many, many comments have reached us expressing pleasure in this publication. If you wish to continue to read it send in your renewal promptly and then go out and sell the idea to your friends and clubmates. Our appreciation is offered in advance, we know we can count on you.

Bancroft Racket Company Joins Advertisers

Established in 1882, the Bancroft Racket Co. of Pawtucket, R. I. has had a distinguished career as a manufacturer of rackets, and besides the United States has sold its products in 58 foreign countries. It is probably best known for its "Winner" Tennis Racket thru its use by the tennis star of all times, Bill Tilden. Recently it contracted with Hugh Forgie in the designing of Badminton rackets and next season will present a full line, with emphasis on rackets for the expert player. Bird Chatter welcomes this national manufacturer to its list of outstanding advertisers.

A Word From the National President and Secretary

The cover picture of this issue presents to you the new National President, Warren Wheary, and the National Secretary-Treasurer, Fred W. Russell, both of Chicago, Ill. Brief messages from both are printed below and we recommend your earnest attention to their comments and requests.

President Wheary Stresses Three Points on 1946-7 Program

"The first year of 'after V-J Day' is ending, and the reconversion of Badminton is just about complete. Now that the national tournaments have been set and the dates established, we can look forward to 1947 as our first postwar year with a complete program.

"You read in the April issue of BIRD CHATTER some of the highlights of the Director's Meeting in Buffalo. The minutes of the meeting have been mailed to all Directors and Committee Chairman, as well as the Officers of the Sectional Associations. Your new Executive Committee intends to carry out the program as outlined, with the cooperation of the ABA Directors and Committee Chairmen.

"Here are three important items on our program for next year which I would like to call to the attention of the entire ABA membership, with particular attention to our Directors, Committee Chairmen and Officers of Sectional Associations.

"First is our membership. We should increase it to pre-war strength just as fast as possible. To this end your Executive Committee would like to see at least a 25% increase in member clubs during the next year.

"Second, our new junior development program merits the cooperation of every sectional association and member club. The future of our association and the continual improvement in Badminton skill depend upon juniors, both boys and girls. Let them learn while they are young, and before many years we will see the same degree of improvement in Badminton as we have seen in other racket games. The standard of play will be higher and higher.

"Third: BIRD CHATTER — As you have been informed, the subscription is now \$1.00 a year

for four issues. Since this is the official publication of your national organization and its primary purpose is to disseminate Badminton news, a subscription to BIRD CHATTER should be secured from every member of each club at the beginning of the season when dues are payable. Your subscription to BIRD CHATTER is a definite investment in the National Association. Paid circulation to equal the membership will improve our financial condition which is highly necessary to carry out our expansion program required of the ABA during the next few years."

Secretary Russell Requests Support of Local Secretaries

"There is no doubt in my mind that Badminton is now being played by more people throughout the country than ever before. Each of our Class 'A' Associations should show a definite increase in the number of member clubs as a result of this.

"I am counting on the support of secretaries of the various Class 'A' Associations, not only in regard to prompt payment of their member club dues, but also in keeping me informed of the various changes in sectional and local associations and member club officers and their respective addresses.

"At this early date it is untimely to infer that competition in next year's tournaments will be any keener than in the past but this will naturally follow as our organization increases in numerical strength.

"Recently my attention has been directed to groups of players in the Chicago area that are apparently unknown to any of our local associations or to the Midwest. In talking with several of these players I learned that in some instances they were not aware of the fact that Badminton as a sport had any organizational background. The inclusion of these new clubs as members will not only strengthen the Midwest but will also provide a challenge to other sectional associations in the American Badminton Association. No doubt, the same situation exists in other areas throughout our nation and with a little attention given this, we should all gain in the increased activity that will result."

Chilton ABA Representative at IBF Meetings

Former Major Humphrey F. Chilton, of Buckinghamshire, England has been appointed by Pres. Wheary as the official ABA representative at future International Badminton Federation Meetings held in London.

Mr. Chilton was stationed in Washington, D. C. during two years of the war as a member of the British Army staff and was connected with the supply of Lend Lease stores to the British Armed Forces.

During his stay here he met and played with many of our Badminton players and officials in various parts of the East Coast.

As a former topnotch British player he is well versed in the techniques of Badminton and his association with American play has given him considerable background on our problems. He should make the ABA an ideal representative and we welcome him to our official family.

Looking Back a Few(?) Years



In 1923, Chauncy Depew Steele, then proprietor of the Briarcliff Lodge of Briarcliff Lodge, New York organized a Sports Club. Subsequently he invited a team from the Garrison Club of Kingston, Ontario and one from the New York Badminton Club, the oldest club in America to participate in a friendly match, which was won by the Canadians. The above picture shows members of both teams and was forwarded to "Bird Chatter" by Mr. E. K. Van Winkle of the New York B. C. Members of the American team were Rex E. Wigham, Robert C. Strebeigh, Edith B. Handy and Mr. and Mrs. Van Winkle. The Canadian players are unknown.

Freeman and Wright Take All Titles at California State Championships



No. 1. Erikson, Freeman, Lona Smith, Helen Tibbetts. No. 2. *Standing* — Shirley Blumhet, Jean Kirby; *Sitting* — Thelma Scovil, Janet Wright. No. 3. Dick Mitchell. No. 4. Connie Horner. No. 5. Burbank Playground and recreation Gym. No. 6. *Standing* — McCay, Kimball, Freeman; *Sitting* — Erikson with his children Lance and Leonna and wife,

Shirley, Mrs. Robt. Freeman (Dave's mother). No. 7. Elms, Taylor, Coke, Mullin. No. 8. *Standing* — Janet Wright, Helen Ough; *Sitting* — Tody Rhine, Lona Smith. No. 9. Lockwood, Erikson, Janet Wright, Lona Smith. No. 10. *Standing* — Miller, Bishop; *Sitting* — Herzon, Bauks.

The Eleventh Annual California State Badminton Championships, held at Burbank, April 5, 6, 7th, was quite a success. There were about 315 entries and the entrants ranged from Seattle to San Diego plus some 1200 to 1300 persons who turned Ye Olde Turnstyle to see the various events. Including



B FLIGHT PLAYERS

No. 1. Ladies' Doubles Winners. *Standing* — Billie Bolles, Margaret Elms. *Sitting* — runners-up; Jean Perham, LaRue Myers. No. 2. Veterans' Doubles, Pfalzer, Dougherty, runners-up; Bouterious, Horn, winners. No. 3. Men's Singles. *Standing* — Carter, the winner. *Sitting* — Rawak, runner-up. No. 4. *Standing* — Daugherty, Pfalzer. *Sitting* — Ament, Willets. No. 5. Ladies' Singles. Marilyn Mullin, winner; Alice Gowan, runner-up. No. 6. *Standing* — Murray, Luscomb. *Sitting* — Thuckston, Busby.

players and press passes, etc. with the 700 paid admissions, there must have been very close to 1000 persons at the Finals watching Janet Wright triumph over Thelma Scovil. In the Men's Singles, the score hardly shows how hard Mitchell played, but for the most part, he was allowed to wear himself down on the opponent's service. The Ladies' Doubles was a thriller all the way. Nobody knew "from nothing" till the final point was won. It looks like Blanchet and Kirby are not to be denied a win much longer. The Men's Doubles was a terrific battle throughout, too, but the Mixed Doubles was as tense as seen hereabouts for many seasons. Helen and Dave had 4 or 5 chances to make that last point in the first game, but were not able to connect. Then in the second game, Loma and Skeeter ran up about a

7 point lead before Helen and Dave were able to even the score in a winning streak. Then the game "stuck" again at 14-11 and that last point looked like it was going to stymie them again. Right at this point, tension was lessened for all a bit, — and I am sure the players all thought the crowd was laughing at something done on the court, but it was really at the handshake between Mrs. Freeman and Chuck Tibbetts, who were both sweating it out in the front row, when the kids pulled out that second game. (That was Dave's mother and Helen's husband).

There were several upsets which are to be expected in resumption of full competition like this one. The boys out of service are hitting their stride again, new teams are forming and some old ones are picking up. Dick Mitchell (still in

Navy) upset Barney McCay in quarters, and then took Irl Madden (also Navy) in semis. Kimball-Hann upset McCay-Rahmn (Tody Rahmn has been Mrs. Bert Rhine since April 10th) in the quarters, only to lose to Erikson-Smith in the semis.

RESULTS

Ladies' Singles

Janet Wright defeated Thelma Scovil, 11-4, 10-11, 11-6.

Men's Singles

Freeman defeated Mitchell, 15-7, 15-1.

Ladies' Doubles

Scovil and Wright defeated Blanchet and Kirby, 12-15, 15-7, 17-14.

Men's Doubles

Freeman and Kimball defeated Erikson and McCay, 8-15, 15-6, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Freeman and Tibbetts defeated Erikson and Smith, 16-17, 15-11, 15-3.

Veteran's Doubles

Coke and Mullen defeated Elms and Taylor, 15-8, 9-15, 15-9.

Correspondents — Bob and Pat Noble

Western New York Association Elects Koener 96 Enter State Junior Championships

The President of the Western New York Badminton Association for the 1946-47 season will be Elmer B. Koener. This election was held at the annual meeting of the Directors on May 28th at the Buffalo Athletic Club. Other officers and directors elected were: 1st Vice-president, Edgar A. Thronson; 2nd Vice-president, Albert F. Robson; Secretary, Alice C. Brown; Treasurer, Jack O'Bannon; Directors, Eugene Drullard and Don R. Meyncke. Those Directors still holding office are Philip Michlin, Fred W. Weaver, Millard Dorntge and Charles Horton.

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The Third Annual Junior and Juvenile Badminton Tournament was held Sunday, April 14th, at the Park School, sponsored by the Western New York Badminton Association. There were 96 event entries. The juvenile group included all those fourteen or under; the junior division fifteen through seventeen.

The largest single entry was 64 from the 18-Hi Badminton Club sponsored by Alice Brown; Niagara Falls Country Club sent 8; among the high school entries were 4 from Lafayette, 6 from Girls' Vocational, sponsored by Beatrice Massman, 2 from South Park, 2 from Bennett, 4 from Kensington and 2 from Grover Cleveland School 66 also entered 2 and the Buffalo Athletic entered 2.

The sportsmanship and type of play both showed a definite improvement over the last year's tournament. The entry was larger and included more sources.

In the Juvenile Girls, Anna Mack and Mary Tower of Niagara Falls Country Club defeated last year's champions Marie Cellura and Donna Stearns from the 18-Hi Club, 15-7, 15-3.

In the Junior Girls, Ruth Runals and Louise LeRoy of the Niagara Falls Country Club defeated Hildgard Tenbult and Esther Szumanski of Kensington High, 15-6, 15-9.

In the Juvenile Boys, Randy Rice and Jimmy Hamilton of Niagara Falls Country Club defeated last year's champions, Robert Reese and Joseph Pieri of the 18-Hi Club in a three game struggle, 10-15, 15-4, 15-4.

In the Junior Boys, Charles

Costa and Louis Sgroi of the 18-Hi defeated Joseph Tasca and Mario De Quarto of the same Club, 15-7, 15-3.

All the contestants enjoyed the tournament and are eager to have it expanded next year to include a Singles and perhaps a Mixed Doubles tournament.

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President Elmer B. Koener announces that in the interest of the growth and promotion of Badminton, the Triad Racquet and Shuttle Club will each year sponsor and adopt eight Junior members.

These Juniors will be taken into the Club as associate members, paying a greatly reduced fee, and will have all the privileges and facilities of full membership plus the experience and interest of all the older members.

Triad is very fortunate to have among its members, Miss Alice Brown, a member of the American Badminton Association Junior Activities Committee and an outstanding national figure in Badminton. Miss Brown has for the last three years conducted a class of sixty Juniors under the sponsorship of the Western New York Badminton Association at the 74th Armory once a week. It is from this class that each year Triad will take the four outstanding boys and the four outstanding girls and start them up the ladder of competitive Badminton, hoping that from these, Champions will be made.

Correspondent — Jack O'Bannon

Army Takes Freeman

Almost-perennial-National Champion Dave Freeman of California will be called by the U. S. Army on or about July 1st. Dave will enter active duty as a 1st Lt. in the Medical Corps and may serve a three year term of duty. While he would like to see service in Panama the orders have not been issued as yet and his station is still an Army secret. It is sincerely hoped wherever Dave is stationed that he will have an opportunity to keep playing Badminton and perhaps take part in some of the major tournaments next season. Good luck, wherever you go, Dave.

Amateurs Make Professional Debuts With Hugh Forgie

Two former leading Eastern players have forsaken the amateur ranks for professional activities. Stig Larsen teamed with Forgie at the Capitol Theatre in Washington, D. C. in the later part of May and will also assist him in the Ice-Capades starting this fall.

Frank Jasensky, who toured the Aleutians with Forgie for the USO last winter, recently played with him at the Sportsman's Show in New Haven, Conn. and later at Loew's State Theatre in New York City.

Adding to the growing list of Badminton in movies will be Forgie's coming picture with Columbia Pictures, which gets underway this month.

Miami, Fla. School Championships

The Sixth Annual High School Badminton Tournament of Miami Beach, Florida, was held April 17th at the Miami Beach High School gym. Four Senior High Schools entered 40 individuals and the three regular tournament officials were assisted by 23 student officials. Medals were awarded all finalists and a special team trophy was given to the team winning the most number of points. It is interesting to note that many varsity football players took part in the play. The event next season will be held in December.

RESULTS

Girls' Singles

Renee Gelbish, Miami Beach, defeated Dolores Boney, Miami High.

Girls' Doubles

Lucretia Shyder, Miami Beach, and Priscilla Dale, Miami Beach, defeated Carol Steuer, Miami Beach, and Bunny Silberman, Miami Beach.

Boys' Singles

Dick Macy, Ponce de Leon, defeated Lawrence Gutierrez, Miami.

Boys' Doubles

Stedman, Ponce de Leon, and Fitzgerald, Ponce de Leon, defeated Lane, Ponce de Leon, and Overstreet, Ponce de Leon.

Mixed Doubles

Dot Price, Miami Edison, and John Loomis, Miami Edison, defeated Virginia Allen, Miami, and Sanford Schmier, Miami.

Correspondent — Marion W. Huey

The article "The New Amateur Status Interpretation Code" is held over to next season due to lack of space.

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Dave Freeman and Janet Wright Rated Nation's Best

An Official National Ranking of U. S. Badminton players for the 1945-46 season was not deemed feasible by the ABA Directors at their Annual Meeting held in April. The basis for all such previous rankings has been the National Championships and the lack of this event was deemed the determining factor in the above decision.

While there have been outstanding sectional events, such as the Washington State Open, Oregon State Championships (Open), the California Championships, the Texas Open, the Southwestern AAU Open, the Midwest Championships, the Buffalo, N. Y. Open, the Ohio Open, the N. Y. City Easterns, and the New Jersey State Championships, there has not been sufficient country-wide representation to accurately evaluate the players for an official national ranking.

These events have, in many cases, determined the outstanding players in their sections or regions and in some cases have given an opportunity for comparison between players from one or more regions.

However, because of universal interest and to honor the leaders for outstanding player performance, Bird Chatter was permitted to publish an article covering the leading players of this season. It is not to be considered as an official ranking of the ABA as it is prepared exclusively by the Bird Chatter Staff and not the National Ranking Committee.

On our part, however, we have enlisted the assistance of various sources for the necessary data to give our readers as accurate a picture as possible, based on records and opinions of, at least, reasonably qualified persons.

Reports of all tournaments received by the National Tournament Committee and returns from questionnaires sent to some 40 odd sectional officials, outstanding players of the various sections, and to many of our regular correspondents have been considered. Many of this 40 odd have been painstaking in their endeavor to portray a correct picture. Some,



Dave Freeman of California



Janet Wright of California

with less experience, have been somewhat biased in their evaluations. This comment is not a criticism of their ratings, as such, for their assistance has been of real value to this Staff, rather it is to point out that the problem of making rankings is more than a simple academic procedure.

We will not, in this article, attempt to cover every section, limiting our listings to the following sections where outstanding major tournaments have been frequent enough to determine the leaders.

Pacific (Region No. 6)
California, Washington, Oregon
Western (Region No. 5)
Texas, Oklahoma

Midwest (Region No. 4)
Chicago, Ill., St. Louis, Mo.
Mid-Atlantic (Region No. 2)
Western New York
Metropolitan New York City

A few brief comments will be made about stars of other sections where the information warrants.

In addition to the ratings of these sections, play, in some instances, permits ratings of an intersectional and interregional nature. The Buffalo Open was the major event of the Eastern and Midwestern season and the results, combined with other major eastern tournaments, permits a better than average evaluation of the entire area from St. Louis to the Eastern Seaboard. The Texas Open and the Southwestern AAU Open permit a good evaluation of the strongest players in the Southwest. The Washington State Open, where some California and Oregon players competed with those from Washington, permits some Pacific Coast comparison, though there were not enough of the California leaders at this event to determine a real Pacific Coast ranking. The Midwest Championships also permit some good comparisons between the St. Louis and Chicago players.

The above explanation is given to provide you with the background information for the subsequent coverage of this article, further details will be mentioned as it progresses.

Oregon

Not too much is known about the Oregon players as they opened up their State Championships this year and few of their stars reached the latter rounds. This was also true of their participation in the Washington State Open.

Men's Singles — Russ Hill, Stan Cicrich, Jim Murdock.



Russ Hill



Louise Cicrich

Ladies' Singles — Louise Cicrich.

Men's Doubles — Sam Lee-Chet Van Houten, Chuck Cleveland-Russ Hill with not much to choose between them.

Washington

Men's Singles — Ham Law, Rupe Topp, Jim Paull, with Fred Walck, Nevin Cope and Ollie Cosby in a close threesome.



Ham Law

Ladies' Singles — Zoe Smith, Virginia Suggs, Marge Geldseth, Gladys Mallory, Mary Jean Bushnell.



Zoe Smith

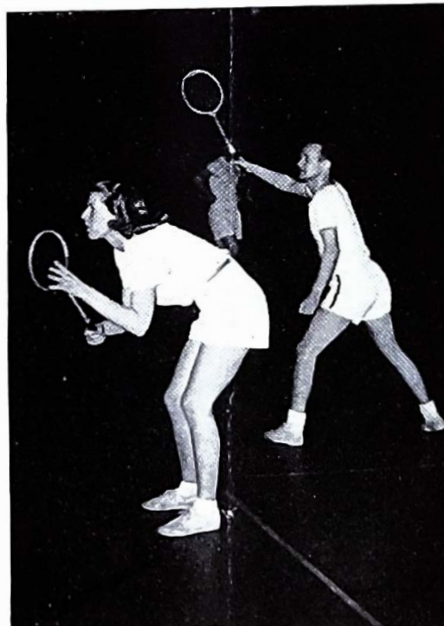
Men's Doubles — Rupe Topp-Jim Paull.

Ladies' Doubles — Zoe Smith-Virginia Suggs, Ruth Nelson-Gladys Mallory.

Mixed Doubles — Jim Paull-Maxine Cruickshank, Ollie Cosby-Ruth Nelson with the honors about even.



Rupe Topp — Jim Paull



Ruth Nelson — Ollie Cosby

California

Numerous events were staged by both Northern and Southern California clubs, including State Championships. The Southern Association has issued an official ranking, but the Northern Association has decided not to because of returning veterans and the switching of partners which occurred so frequently in the doubles. However, the Southern ranking included the strong Northerners, so we are using this list for California. It is recognized that other Northerners probably would be included in singles, but seems likely that in doubles an All-State ranking would be much

the same. No. Cal. indicates the Northern players, to the best of our information.

Men's Singles — David Freeman, Barney McCay, Leroy C. Erikson, Roy Lockwood, Dick Mitchell, A. M. Mendez, Buzz Hunter, Earl Madden, Wynne Rogers, Don Buchanan.



Leroy "Skeeter" Erikson



Barney McCay

Ladies' Singles — Janet Wright, No. Cal.; Thelma Scovil, No. Cal.; Connie Horner; Helen Tibbetts; Shirley Blanchet, No. Cal.; Helen Ough, No. Cal.; Marianne Gott; Dorothy Hann.



Thelma Scovil



Helen Tibbetts



Shirley Blanchet



Helen Ough

Ladies' Doubles — Wright-Scovil, Northern California; Ough-Anselm, Northern California; Rhine-Smith, Hann-Gott, Horner-Davidson.

Men's Doubles — Erikson-McCay, Freeman-Kimball, Lockwood-Rogers, Mendez-Mitchell, Mullin-Hunter.

Mixed Doubles — Freeman-Tibbetts, McCay-Rhine, Erikson-Smith, Lockwood-Wright, Northern California; Blanchet-Blanchet, Northern California.

It is interesting to note that our own correspondents agreed almost unanimously with the first two official choices in each group and in the majority of cases with the first three choices. From thereon the opinions differed quite widely.

Our long distance answer to them and to others who might likewise differ is that we don't know the basis for ranking consideration. It could well be that certain tournaments rated higher if a point score was used, or possibly that a player had to compete in a certain number of tournaments to warrant full consideration.

For example, Shirley Blanchet-Jean Kirby would appear to warrant a place in the Ladies' Doubles, maybe fifth, but it may be that they had not participated in enough tournaments to be considered.

Oklahoma

Men's Singles — George Harman and Gene Tenney have been battling it out pretty evenly all season, but we believe Gene's record is a bit better so he gets the edge. Ray Anthony, Arch Jacks, Bill Vick, Bill Mayfield, with some doubts as to their relative order.



Eugene Tenney



George Harman

Ladies' Singles — Carolyn Burwell, Georgia Krepps, Ethel Overholser, Marie Clabaugh.



Carolyn Burwell



Ethel Overholser

Men's Doubles — Harman-Tenney, Anthony-Vick, Overholser-Cole.

Ladies' Doubles — Burwell-Overholser, Clabaugh-Krepps, Morley-Glover,

Mixed Doubles — Mr. and Mrs. Harman, Overholser-Burwell.

St. Louis Area

Men's Singles — W. Russell Smith, Richard Casey, Carl Lange, Allen Carvell, John Hayes, H. H. Perkins, Joseph Pohrer, Joseph Remler, Art Filbig.



Russ Smith



Dick Casey

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Ladies' Doubles — Norwine-Gaul, Perkins-Goessling, Reel-Krey, Reger-Horne.

Mixed Doubles — Smith-Reel, Perkins-Perkins, Lange-Moehlman, Krey-Aderhold, Casey-Casey.

Chicago Area

Men's Singles — Clayton Haley, Wm. Lafayette.

Ladies' Singles — Eleanor Coombs, Thelma Burdick.



Eleanor Coombs

Men's Doubles — Foote-Riday, Prest-Robinson.

Ladies' Doubles — Coombs-Burdick.

Mixed Doubles — Lafayette-Coombs.

Western New York

Men's Singles — Bobby Williams, Ray Young, Don Bechtel, Jack Bowling.



Bobby Williams

Ladies' Singles — Mrs. Patsy Starrett, Ethel Marshall, Alice Brown, Beatrice Massman, Jane Runals, Barbara Templeton.



Patsy Starrett

Men's Doubles — Williams-Keating, Schauer-Greene, Schreiber-Kirschner.



Ethel Marshall

Ladies' Doubles — Starrett-Templeton, Marshall-Massman, Brown-Ralph.



Harry Keating



Barbara Templeton

Mixed Doubles — Williams-Templeton, Keating-Starrett, Schreiber-Brown.

Metropolitan New York City

Men's Singles — Carl Loveday, Wm. Markham, Fred Fullin.

Ladies' Singles — Bernice Marignan, Elinore Ross.

Men's Doubles — Markham-Yaeger, Loveday-Shields.

Ladies' Doubles — Ross-Herbert.

Mixed Doubles — Yaeger-Ross.



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The actual metropolitan area ranking is limited, as many of the players who competed in the Met Tournaments do not live in the area. We have not included any Baltimore or Washington players who teamed with New York players, but this list does include Southern Conn. and New Jersey which have long been considered in the Metropolitan playing area.

Leaders in Special Sections

Boston, Mass. — Robert Wright, Wayne Schell, Clifford Sawyer, Harold Seavey, Norma Keech and Mary Pilliard.

Washington, D. C. — J. P. Baker, R. T. Deacon, J. Tiberi, Helen Gibson, Polly Thompson, Charlotte Decker.

Baltimore, Md. — Clinton Stephens, Patsy Roberts.

Cleveland, Ohio — Kenneth Quigley.



Patsy Roberts



Ken Quigley

INTERSECTIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL

Pacific Coast

Too few major tournaments with representative groups make a Pacific Coast ranking impossible. In brief, however, Washington players appear to top the Oregon group, with Law, Topp, Paul, Zoe Smith and Virginia Suggs stronger than anything Oregon can muster. California players at the very top, such as Freeman, McCay, Erikson, Janet Wright and Thelma Scovil should lead the Pacific Coast. Zoe Smith beat Helen Ough (No. 6 by So. Cal.) in a close 3 game match, but as the ratings of the No. 3 to No. 6 So. Cal. lady players is close, a series of matches would be the only test to establish her true Pacific Coast position. Ham Law should be in the first five, but again his ultimate position could only be determined by a series of matches.

Southwestern — Texas and Oklahoma

Good comparisons can be made due to intersectional events.

Men's Singles — Tenney, Harman, Madden, Roberts.

Ladies' Singles — Burwell, Krebs, Suba, Vilbig.

Men's Doubles — Harman-Tenney, Windsor-Laimbeer, Madden-Roberts, Anthony-Vick.

Ladies' Doubles — Burwell-Overholser, Vilbig-Hinton, Claugh-Krebs, Suba-Rutledge.

Mixed Doubles — Harman-Harman, Roberts-D. Lander, Overholser-Burwell, Laimbeer-Larson.

Midwest —

St. Louis, Mo. and Chicago, Ill.

Not too much intersectional competition has been held but the following appear to have the edge.

Men's Singles — Smith, Casey, Haley, Lafayette.

Ladies' Singles — Coombs, Reel, Burdick.

Men's Doubles — Smith-Perkins, Foote-Riday.

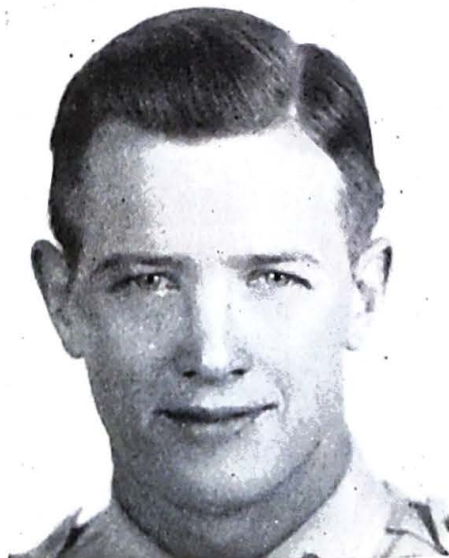
Ladies' Doubles — Coombs-Burdick.

Mixed Doubles — Lafayette-Coombs, Smith-Reel, Perkins-Perkins.

Eastern United States, including Midwest

The strong players thruout the East have had many major tournaments, both intersectional and interregional. The strongest event was the Buffalo, N. Y. Open (see Bird Chatter, April) which included most of the Midwest leaders.

Men's Singles — Loveday, Quigley; Markham, Stevens and Williams each have a claim to the No. 3 spot. Unfortunately complete tournament records are not available to us. The votes received show decided opinions, some, understandingly, partisan. However, by virtue of the tournament wins by Williams and Stevens, together with each having one verdict over Quigley, we are bracketing them in the No. 3 position and giving Markham the No. 5 spot. Smith and Casey of St. Louis follow based solely on the Buffalo Open. In fairness to them it must be stated that if they had competed against Williams, Stevens, or Markham during the season they might deserve a higher rating, but their major tournament competition does not appear to have been as highly competitive.



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Ladies' Singles — Mrs. Patsy Starrett, Eleanor Coombs, Patsy Roberts, Ethel Marshall, Mrs. M. B. Reel, Thelma Burdick, Bernice Marignan, with the last two anyone's guess for position.

Men's Doubles — Loveday-Quigley, Williams-Keating, Markham-Yaeger lead the field, with honorable mention to the following and not necessarily ranked in order Stevens-Shields or Stevens-Stevens, Wright-Schell, Smith-Perkins, Foote-Riday. The best record of the year for regular teams was compiled by Williams-Keating, but as they lost to Loveday-Quigley, a scratch team at Buffalo, they still take second place in our rating.

Ladies' Doubles — Starrett-Templeton, Gibson-Bergman, Marshall-Massman, Coombs-Burdick, with the position of the last two teams decided solely on their showing against the No. 1 team at Buffalo. Other good teams who played more or less regularly are Brown-Ralph and Ross-Herbert.

Mixed Doubles — Quigley-Gibson, Stevens-Roberts, with the latter having an excellent season's record but lost to the No. 1 team in their only tournament, Loveday-Thompson, Williams-Templeton, Yaeger-Ross. We leave out the Midwest teams for lack of comparative information, and other scratch teams regardless of their records. Honorable mention is given though to Coombs-Lafayette, Foote-Foote, Smith-Reel, Perkins-Perkins, Shields-Helwig, and Baker-Thompson.

It is obvious, even to us, that there can rightfully be some question as to the actual placing of the individuals or teams in an inter-sectional or interregional ranking and perhaps that some real stars should be added. Again we say that our data is incomplete and enough competition between players has not taken place to get an authentic evaluation. By and large, though, we believe the above evaluations will stand the test with any similar rankings by others throughout the country.

Now gnash your teeth on what's coming because here we go on the country's leaders.

**Dave Freeman, Janet Wright
Are Nation's Best**

It is our belief that former

National Champion, Dave Freeman, of Cal., is the best men's player in this country, that he would be the favorite over Canada's best, and that he is one of the best amateur players in the world. Former No. 2 ranking player, Janet Wright, also of Cal., gets the first place in our book for consistency in outstanding performance in the most highly competitive lady's playing area in the country. Whether she would have won a National Championship against any one of three or four other ladies at the top of their game is a good round table argument.

The runner-up positions we give to Carl Loveday of New Jersey and Thelma Scovil of Cal. Patsy Starrett was the best this side of Cal. and over a large National Tournament field might better her former No. 3 position because of her powerful game and stamina. Beyond here we quit experting but we can dream, can't we? Imagine our next National Singles events with the following players entered:

Men's Singles — Pacific Coast, Freeman, McCay, Erikson, Lockwood, Blanchet, Mitchell from California; Law, Topp, Paul from Washington; and Hill, Cicrich, Murdock from Oregon. Southwest — Tenney, Harman from Okla.; Madden, Roberts from Texas. Midwest — Smith, Casey from Mo.; Haley, Lafayette from Ill.; Quigley from Ohio. Eastern — Loveday, New Jersey; Williams, New York; Stevens, Md.; Markham, Fullin from Conn.; Wright, Mass.; Baker, Wash., D. C.

Ladies' Singles — Pacific Coast, Wright, Scovil, Horner, Tibbetts, Blanchet, Ough from Cal.; Smith, Suggs from Washington; Cicrich, from Oregon. Southwest — Burwell, Krebbs from Okla.; Suba from Texas. Midwest — Coombs, Burdick from Ill.; Reel, Gaul from Mo.; Eastern — Starrett, Marshall, Marignan from New York; Roberts from Md.; Decker from Wash., D. C.

Anyone that waded successfully thru such fields must be a champion and I for one hope to see it at the 1947 National Championships in Los Angeles, Cal.

Seattle Holds Junior Champs

Nearly 40 teen-agers battled as hard as any senior players in the Seattle City Junior Doubles Championships held at the Queen Anne Hall, May 11th. The event was co-sponsored by the Seattle Park Department and the Queen Anne Club and marked the windup of junior activities for the season.

It is interesting to note that of the 12 finalists in the three events, Tom Felzer was the only repeater, and he covered himself with glory by winning two titles.

RESULTS

Girls' Doubles

Jerry Johnson and Frances Newton defeated Barbara Bramhall and Kathleen Collins, 15-12, 15-11.

Boys' Doubles

Tom Felzer and Glen Mallory defeated Jay Dishnow and Cliff Padget, 15-5, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles

Tom Felzer and Shirley Robson defeated John Pacey and Rosalind Remick, 15-5, 15-9.

Correspondent — Bob Kildall

(Ed. Note — The newspaper report listed two of the events as Women's Doubles and Men's Doubles. Forsooth, Bob, we mustn't let our sport writer friends hurry our juniors into adulthood so fast, why not Boys' and Girls' Doubles).

St. Paul A. C. Tourney

The Annual Tournament of the St. Paul Athletic Club was held May 2nd on the club courts. In Men's Singles Harold Anderson defeated Worth "Curly" Rice in straight games with scores of 15-7, 15-1. The Men's Doubles Championship was won for the second straight year by Newell Nelson and Worth Rice who defeated Harold Anderson and Fallon Kelly by scores of 15-17, 15-13, 18-17.

Correspondent — Arthur J. Bryce

Um-m, We Like This

"Our current Bird Chatter got sewed up in the railroad strike, I guess, for it just got here today. Many others had been delivered 10 days ago. We both give this issue the Oscar! It is grand coverage geographically."

*Pal and Bob Noble —
Alhambra, Calif.*

News from Northern California

The Oakland City Championships were held at the Athens Athletic Club, Oakland, on May 17, 18 and 19, 1946. The Southern California contingent was not as strong as usual, but Roy Lockwood, always a welcome visitor, won the Singles after a tough match with Norman Blanchet and, although beaten in the Men's and Mixed Doubles, he dragged a "northerner" with him into the finals of these events — a gracious gesture! Janet Wright and Norman Blanchet were the outstanding local players.

RESULTS

Ladies' Singles

Janet Wright, California B. C. defeated Thelma Scovil, California B. C., 11-3, 11-1.

Men's Singles

Roy Lockwood, Burbank B. C. defeated Norman Blanchet, Athens A. C., 8-15, 15-3, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles

Thelma Scovil and Janet Wright defeated Shirley Blanchet, Athens A. C. and Jean Kirby, California B. C., 15-10, 15-11.

Men's Doubles

Bob Abbott, Oakland B. C. and Norman Blanchet defeated Roy Lockwood, Burbank B. C. and Tom Ough, Oakland B. C., 15-13, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles

Shirley and Norman Blanchet defeated Janet Wright and Roy Lockwood, 15-11, 15-6.

Veterans' Doubles

Lewis Rulison and Hulet Smith, Pasadena B. C. defeated Tom Ough, Oakland B. C. and Ray Paxton, California B. C., 15-11, 15-6.

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A very successful exhibition was presented by the Greater Vallejo Recreation District in the Boys' Gymnasium at Vallejo College on May 8. The arrangements were made by NCBA Director Ozzie Hilton, and the following players took part: Elizabeth Anselm, Shirley Blanchet, Mildred Jude, Thelma Scovil, Janet Wright, Bob Abbott, Norman Blanchet, Ozzie Hilton and Herman Welz. A large and enthusiastic crowd attended, and we are pleased to hear from Ozzie that we may expect to have Vallejo among our

Member Clubs in the near future.

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"Alex" Alexander and Al Childers of the San Francisco Badminton Club are busy arranging for a "B" Tournament, to be held on that Club's courts at Page and Stanyan Streets, San Francisco on June 21, 22 and 23. Such a tournament has not been held in this district since about 1940 and, with all the "hot shots" excluded, we feel sure it will be a big success.

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At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Northern California Badminton Association, the following directors were elected: Art Bouterious, Dave Copenhagen, Ozzie Hilton, Howard Holman, Tom Ough and Ray Paxton. The officers will be elected at the next meeting of the Board. Looks like an excellent team, quite capable of handling the tremendous amount of work to be done in the organization and development of the game in this district.

Correspondent — Bill Morrison

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Connecticut News

March was a busy time for Badminton players and enthusiasts of Conn. for this month marked the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Badminton Association, and, of course, a little play such as the state Class A and B Singles and Doubles. New Haven was the scene of these activities.

The Annual Meeting elected Mrs. Augusta Alling, President; James Woods, Vice-president; Howard Sharpe, Secretary; Les Downs, Treasurer; and named the following to the Executive Committee, Norman Church, Eastern section; Don Hersam, Western section; and Dick Anderson, Central section. A record breaking entry took part in the championships with the results as follows:

Class A

Men's Singles
Markham defeated Fullin, 15-11, 15-9.

Men's Doubles
Markham and Fullin defeated Woods and Gustavson, 15-12, 15-11.

Ladies' Singles
Marignan defeated Ross, 11-7, 11-4.

Ladies' Doubles
Bergman and Gibson defeated Herbert and Ross, 15-8, 15-5.

Veteran's Doubles
Surrows and Schirmer defeated McDonald and Oppenheim, 15-9, 18-14.

Class B

Men's Singles
Sangdahl defeated Domonkos, 15-7, 15-5.

Men's Doubles
Anderson and Drab defeated Stahl and Allen, 15-9, 15-2.

Ladies' Singles
Johnston defeated Smith, 12-11, 11-4.

Ladies' Doubles
Raymond and Reid defeated Vogt and Vogt, 15-8, 11-15, 15-5.

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The spring meeting of the Executive Committee, held May 5th at New Haven, appointed the following committees and set up a tentative schedule of events for next season.

Schedule Committee — Chairman, Norman Church; Eastern section, Church and Gretchen Carmody; Central section, Matt Holloway and Alma Piippo; Western section, Bill Clougher and Helena Woods.

Ranking Committee — Chairman, James Woods; Eastern section, Les Downes and Irene Church; Central section, Al Crockett and Norman Widen; Western section, Bill Chapman and Vera Vogt.

Junior Committee —
Chairman, Alma Piippo
Emblem Committee —
Chairman, Charles A. Allen
Tournament Committee —
Chairman, Don Hersam

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The Fairfield County Tournament was held at the Norwalk YMCA with the following results:

Class A

Men's Singles
Markham.
Men's Doubles
Markham and Fullin.
Ladies' Doubles
Mrs. Bergman and Gibson.
Mixed Doubles
Yaeger and Ross.

Class B

Men's Singles
Sangdahl.
Men's Doubles
Domonkos and Pickering.
Ladies' Singles
Johnston.
Ladies' Doubles
Vogt and Vogt.
Mixed Doubles
Domonkos and Raymond.

Class C

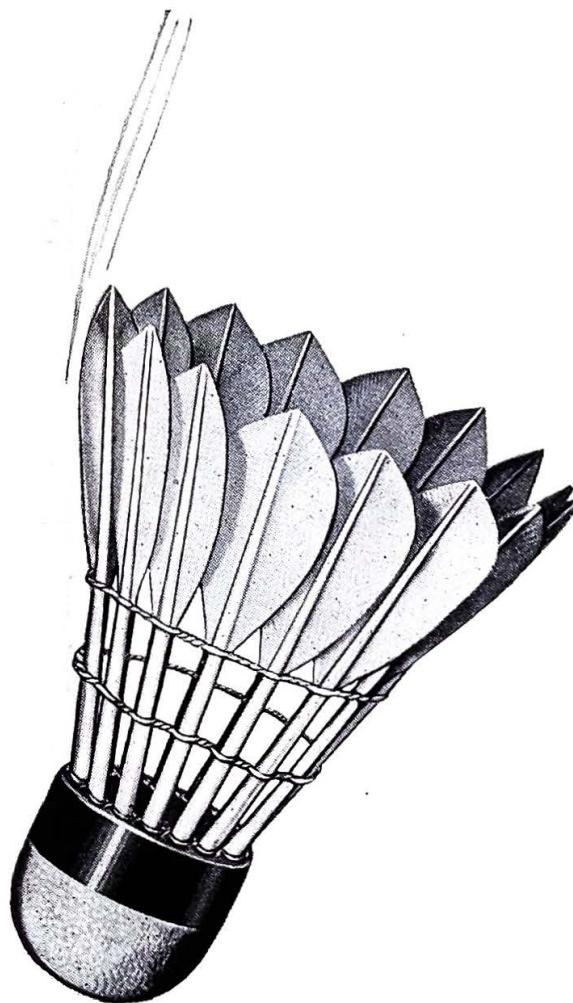
Men's Singles
Cohen.
Men's Doubles
Cohen and Gretemeyer
Ladies' Singles
Kalkman.
Ladies' Doubles
Kalkman and Clougher.
Mixed Doubles
Cohen and Griffin.
Veteran's Doubles
Surrows and Schirmer.

Correspondent — Don Hersam

Massachusetts Holds State Junior Championships

The Junior State Championships produced new champions in the events played. Boys' Singles was won by Wilbur Bullen of Waban over William Holden of Waban, 15-7, 15-1. Helen Pipes, of Wellesley sister of Jean who has won the title the last three years but who is now out of the junior ranks, continued the family domination by defeating Mary Russell of Boston, 12-9, 11-4. The Boys' Doubles was played in a Round Robin Event and Wilbur Bullen and William Holden won the most number of points to become the winners with Clyde Patten, Jr. of Wellesley and Tevor Novack of Brookline the runners-up.

Correspondent — Molly St. Amant



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Loveday, Patsy Roberts Win New Jersey Titles

Carl Loveday of Montclair, N. J. retained his mastery of the eastern Badminton players in the last major event of the eastern season though he had a real scare when Bill Markham carried him to 18-16 in the third game in their semi-final match.

Patsy Roberts of Baltimore, Md. finished her first season of big time competition by annexing three titles. Another newcomer to first year top flight play, lefthanded Ethel Marshall of Buffalo, forced her to three games in the singles, and she and partner, Clint Stephens went three games in winning the mixed event from Loveday and Betty Thompson. With the experienced Helen Gibson, former National Ladies' Doubles Champion, they romped over the Buffalo-Canada team of Barbara Templeton and Audrey Upton.

That spectacular team of Dick Yaeger, also a former National Doubles Champion, and Bill Markham eked out the Men's Doubles from Bobby Williams and Eddie Shields.

The tournament attracted a large field with players coming from Canada, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Washington, D. C.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

Loveday defeated Stephens, 15-12, 15-4.

Ladies' Singles

Patsy Roberts defeated Ethel Marshall, 11-9, 4-11, 11-6.

Men's Doubles

Markham and Yaeger defeated Williams and Shields, 12-15, 15-3, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles

Helen Gibson and Patsy Roberts defeated Barbara Templeton and Audrey Upton, 15-3, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles

Stephens and Roberts defeated Loveday and Thompson, 12-15, 17-14, 15-4.

Correspondent — Howard Brand

Texas Open

Texas Military Institute at San Antonio was the scene of the Texas Open Badminton Tournament held March 29-30, 1946. Three Southwestern AAU Titleholders were upset, with George Harman losing to Bob Madden in the semis of the Men's Singles, Carolyn Burwell bowing to Peggy Suba in the finals of the Ladies' Singles, and Nick Roberts and Dorothy Lander losing to Mr. and Mrs. Harman in the mixed.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

Eugene Tenney, Okla. defeated Bob Madden, Texas, 17-14, 15-5.

Ladies' Singles

Peggy Suba, Texas defeated Carolyn Burwell, Okla., 11-7, 11-6.

Men's Doubles

Harman and Tenney, Okla. defeated Laimbeer and Windsor, Texas, 15-12, 15-9.

Ladies' Doubles

Burwell and Overholser, Okla. defeated Suba and Bourquadez, Texas, 8-15, 15-10, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Harman and Harman, Okla. defeated Roberts and Lauder, Texas, 15-8, 15-10.

Esquire Doubles

Aston and West, Texas defeated Miller and Browning, Texas, 15-10, 15-12.

Correspondent — Nick Roberts

Pacific Badminton Tourney

The Fourth Annual Pacific Badminton Tournament was held at the Hollywood Sports Center, May 3, 4, 5. 180 players, including Juniors, produced 279 entries for an extremely large field.

The most improved player of the tournament was voted to be little, but mighty, Dorothy Hann, a U. C. L. A. student. She pulled the upset of the tournament by defeating Helen Ough in the quarters, and did her share with partner Connie Davidson in losing a real battle to Janet Wright and Helen Ough in the semis.

RESULTS

Ladies' Singles

Janet Wright defeated Constance Horner, 11-2, 11-4.

Men's Singles

Dave Freeman defeated Barney McCay, 15-3, 15-1.

Ladies' Doubles

Wright and Ough defeated Smith and Rhine, 15-3, 15-1.

Men's Doubles

Erikson and McCay defeated Freeman and Kimball, 18-17, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Smith and Erikson defeated Wright and Lockwood, 15-8, 15-7.

Veterans' Doubles

Waterfall and Starr defeated Mullens and Coke, 18-15, 15-5.

Junior Events

Girls' Singles

Marillyn Banks defeated Jeanette Herzen, 11-1, 11-0.

Boys' Singles

James Bishop defeated Don Miller, 15-3, 15-1.

Class B Events

Ladies' Singles

L. Murray defeated M. Wolf, 5-11, 12-10, 15-12.

Men's Singles

G. Petterson defeated J. Bachom, 15-8, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles

F. Zwiener and J. Creelman defeated K. Bowers and R. Estabrook, 15-11, 15-8.

Men's Doubles

J. Murray and R. Luscomb defeated B. Busby and G. Thackston, 15-9, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. D. Fleming defeated G. Marcus and B. Rawak, 15-9, 15-7.

Veteran's Doubles

J. Daugherty and I. Pfalzer defeated J. Willet and M. Ament, 15-3, 15-0.

Correspondent — Muriel E. Horner

Dallas, Texas, Holds Southwestern AAU Open

Oklahoma players edged their Texas neighbors in taking both Singles Titles and the Men's Doubles crown in the Southwestern Amateur Athletic Union Open, held January 4-5 at the Southern Methodist University Gym in Dallas, Texas.

George Harman of Ponca City led the field, winning two titles and one runner-up position, while his teammates Eugene Tenney and Carolyn Burwell each annexed one title and one runner-up position. Peggy Vilbig of Dallas headed the Texas contingent with one title and one runner-up position. In gaining the final round of the Singles she eliminated the No. 1 seed, Mary Hinton of Texas, in three games. After a lacing in the first game of the finals she forced the champion, Carolyn Burwell to a long deuce game before being counted out.

The entry list of 141 included practically all the stars of the two states and many close matches developed from the quarter finals on.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

Harman defeated Tenney, 15-9, 15-9.

Ladies' Singles

Carolyn Burwell defeated Peggy Vilbig, 11-1, 12-10.

Men's Doubles

Harman and Tenney defeated Walter Windsor and Jack Laimbeer, Texas, 15-7, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles

Peggy Vilbig and Mary Hinton defeated Carolyn Burwell and Ethel Overholser, 3-15, 15-12, 15-7.

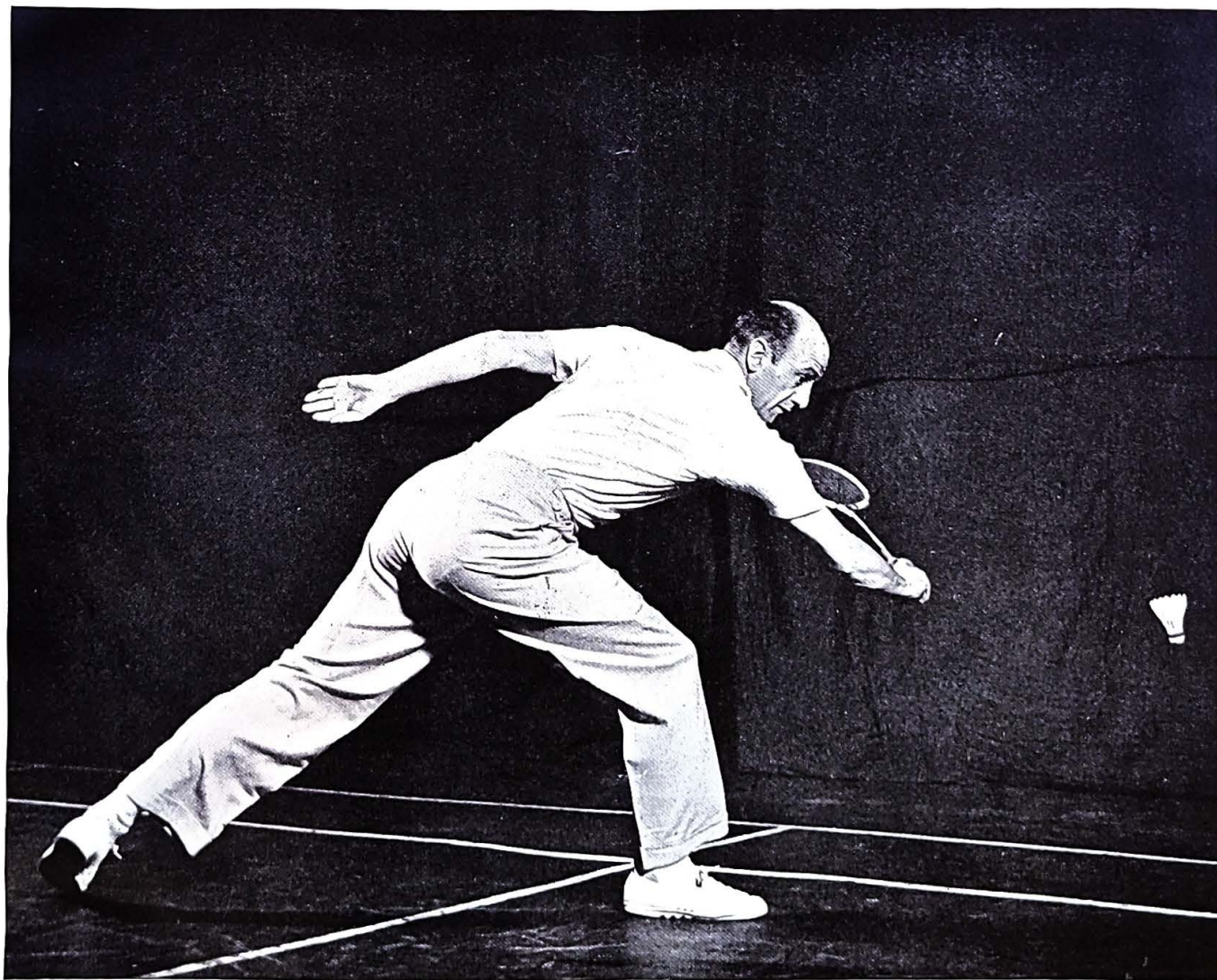
Mixed Doubles

Nick Roberts and Dorothy Lander, Texas defeated Harman and Janet Summers, 15-11, 15-10.

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(Ed. Note — Our apologies to Texas and Oklahoma for not including the report in our last issue. Your editor missed the shot on this one).

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