

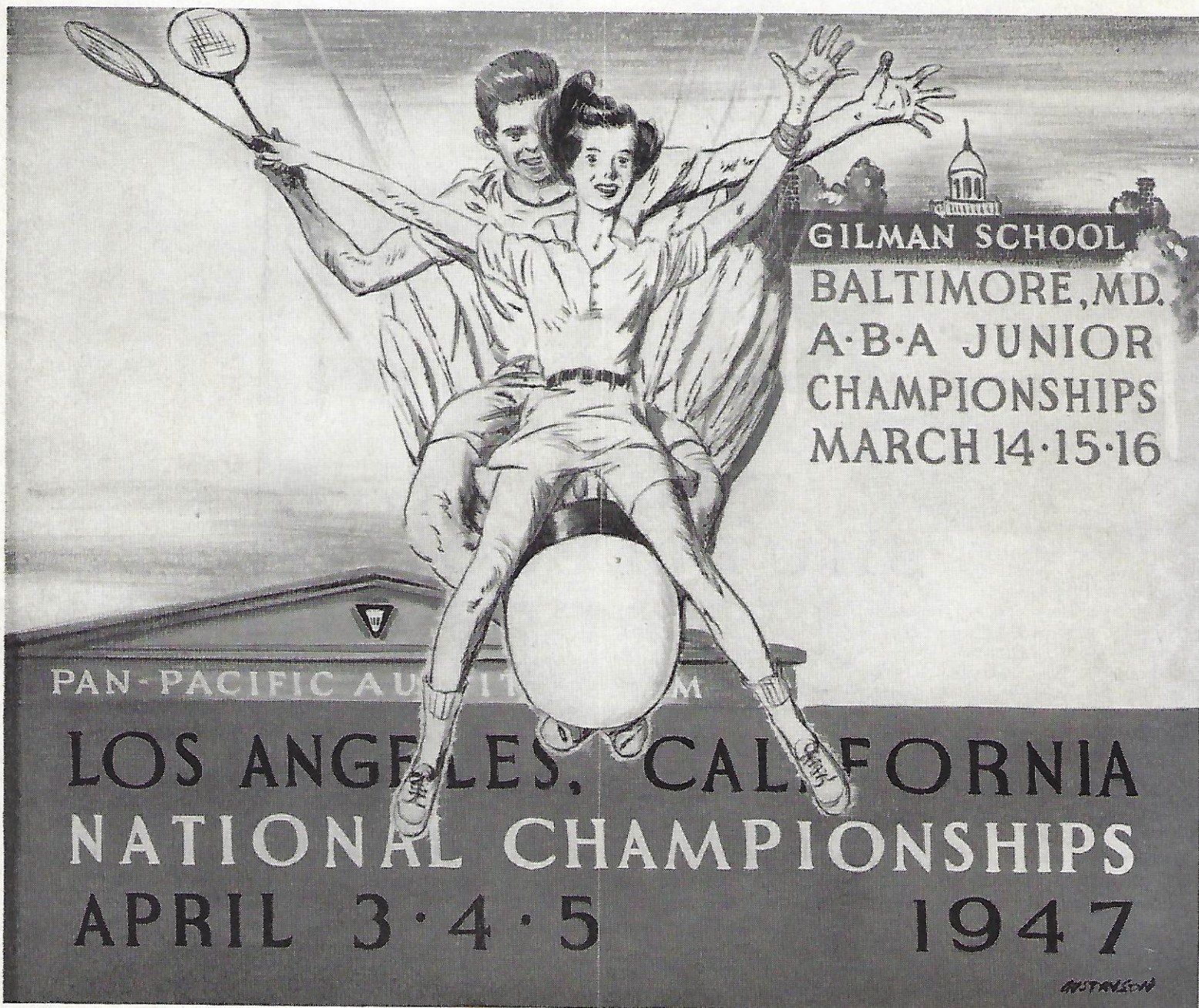
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Early Season Analysis Shows Marked Progress — April Convention To Augment Present Operation States President Warren Wheary

Plans outlined at last April's Annual Director's Meeting, the first since 1942, are steadily being whipped into shape, according to President Warren Wheary. Many of these are discussed in the November report to Directors prepared by Secretary Fred W. Russell.

The two major national tournaments are being fully planned by the respective local operating tournament committees and the results of these activities will be the future basis for post war operations of national tournaments.

A reorganization of the sanctioning and reporting of tournaments by the use of different forms has just been accomplished by the National Tournament Committee and the proper use of these reports by association and club secretaries and tournament chairmen should materially add to increased efficiency. Next year's operations should find it possible to have an early announcement of dates of major sanctioned tournaments as a result of the accumulated experience after a season of operation with these new forms. The slowness of setting dates this season has been partially caused by the necessary delay in determining the dates of the two National Championships, but a decision at the April convention on next year's dates of these events should permit clubs and associations to plan early dates for their own tournaments. The problem of this committee and its 1947 National Championships subcommittee in determining the seeding of players in this year's National Championships is a task calculated to cause plenty of pro and con discussion. Undoubtedly the plan adopted for use this season will

need revision after its operation in the April event, but only experience will eventually determine the proper solution to this vexing problem. Due tolerance should be given them during this development stage while we are gaining valuable experience for the future.

The renewal of the shuttlecock approval plan by the National Shuttlecock Committee should materially aid the committee next year to award approvals prior to the start of the tournament program. The ground work of proper testing and issuance of approval certificates has been laid and next year's committee will find it possible to commence its program without the necessity of building a working plan.

The Constitutional Committee is preparing revisions in the constitution which will incorporate several added features. The experience of ten years of operations has found certain parts of our constitution, either lacking in detail or flexibility. Under capable former president, James F. Crafts, this revised body of laws will clear the way for greater flexibility of organization of associations throughout the nation, and streamline administrative procedures.

While still in the process of committee discussion it is expected that the National Amateur Status Committee will present a workable code of interpretation for the benefit of the various association subcommittees on Amateur Status.

Last year's committee on Junior Activities made definite strides in the formulation of policies and certain rules for juniors. Information to be gained, as a result of the first National Junior Championships, will permit presentation

of an even more complete report and operating code by the committee.

Other committees are expected to offer information and suggestions relative to their activities when April rolls around. The committee with one of the real problems, is the Ranking Committee which is responsible for announcing the National Ranking within 60 days of the completion of the National Championships. Undoubtedly their procedures will be presented to the Directors at Los Angeles for discussion and approval.

Next season's operation of Bird Chatter will be a major point of discussion for our change to a paid subscription policy and the sizeable operation of issuing a national paper has brought out new administrative difficulties. That the meeting in April will be all important can be easily recognized by even the few comments covered herein. A full board of Directors in attendance would appear most necessary.

Wood Shot Rule Unchanged

"The rumor that there has been a change in wood shots or carries is entirely incorrect" states Phil Richardson, chairman of the Rules Committee.

At the Director's Meeting in Buffalo last April the matter was brought before the Board. The ruling of the Committee was upheld that the Official Playing Rules can only be changed by decision of the International Badminton Federation. Until such time as these rules are changed this Association, as a member of this body, has no authority to alter them. Sanctioned events must be played under the Official Rules and no "experiments" or variations are permitted, regardless of the decision of any Tournament Committee.

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Editorial

From here on the tournament season will gather plenty of momentum with the goal of the top-most players, the National Championships in April.

Some of the tournaments to date have been major events in certain localities but many have been "scrimages" enabling the majority to build up experience and stamina for the state and sectional championships and to test out strokes and new team combinations.

As the tempo increases it becomes of great importance that tournament players seriously consider their actions in this competitive play.

The rules and regulations of play are quite definite but there are certain rules that are always subject to close interpretation. These refer primarily to serving, receiving and the calling of carries or double hits. Serving and receiving in singles seldom causes many problems through the creation of faults by either opponent, but in doubles play it is ever prevalent, with emphasis on men's and mixed doubles. The effort of the server to put the shuttle into play without immediate disastrous results, due to rushing tactics by an opponent or an overhead kill of a high deep serve has influenced many to make improper services. Remember that at the instant of being struck the shuttle must not be higher than the server's waist, nor may any part of the head of the racket be higher than the server's hand. Borderline cases are numerous and difficult for even an umpire to determine due to the quickness of the stroke. It seems generally accepted, however, that if the shaft of the racket is at all pointed downward then this part of the rule is complied with but if the

shaft is horizontal or pointed upward, regardless of whether the shuttle is hit below the waist, a fault has been committed. There is nothing more disconcerting than to be called for an infraction of this rule when you are in the process of winning points for your side. It behooves each one to watch this stroke in informal play as there are no judges to call you for an infraction. You may be entirely unaware of your error but opponents may notice it and be reluctant to call you for the sake of good sportsmanship, though inwardly they will resent your infraction of the rules if it continues. A large percentage of these infractions occur in the front and back style of play where the server is apt to stand fairly close to the front of the service line and be trying to get the shuttle into play as close to the top of the net as possible.

Rushing tactics have led to the "jumping of the service", or "retreating" to get back for a deep service, prior to the actual hitting of the shuttle. This starting, either forward or backward, before the shuttle is struck is as bad a fault as incorrect service and again should be guarded against in your informal play. In tournament play umpires should observe the actions of the receiver as closely as those of the server. This is particularly important in mixed doubles when the lady is serving to a rushing man opponent, for her only defense may ultimately be to hit deep to avoid having her short service continually smacked down. To have the man "retreat" an instant before she hits deep gives him that important advantage of getting nicely set for an overhead smash.

The calling of carries or double hits has always been a controversial point but as long as the rule is on the books it must be observed, despite the great element of mixed interpretation which humanly but unfortunately occurs. Perhaps the nearest to an answer as to whether a fault has been committed may lie in the statement about this by the English Handbook. "It is often a matter of considerable difficulty to decide whether a fault has been committed. In every case in which the umpire feels any doubt in this respect, he should give the benefit to the striker, only penalizing a stroke when he is certain

that the Law has been contravened. Where a game is played without an umpire, it must of course be left to the good sense of the players to carry out the intentions of the Law, but if players will keep in mind the hint to the umpire quoted above, the proper interpretation should not be difficult."

The above more common faults should be watched and guarded against by tournament players and umpires. Give your opponent and umpire the benefit of reasonable doubt and remember your blood pressure will be more normal and your efforts better expended in playing your shots to win points for your side, than in grumbling about the improper tactics of your opponent or umpire.

With the receipt of a subscription for Mrs. E. F. O'Donnell of Omaha, Nebraska, Bird Chatter is now circulated in 47 States, Alaska and 17 foreign countries.

The Six Regions of The American Badminton Association

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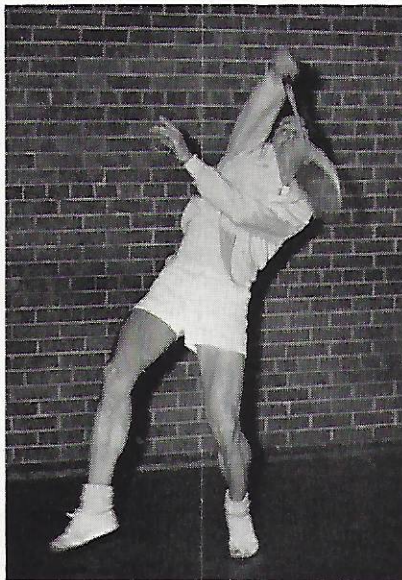
Pacific — California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Arizona.

Correspondents Note

Copy deadline for Bird Chatter correspondents March Issue is February 18th.

Doubles Finals Feature Oregon State Tourney

The Annual Oregon State Badminton Association Doubles Tournament held December 7, 8 at the Multnomah A C produced some of the closest fought matches since prewar days. In every match but the one Ladies' "A" semi-final the outcome was always in doubt and the winners had to work for every point earned. Particularly outstanding was the Rosine-Cicrich vs. Hansen-Omlid Ladies' final which featured the latter two from Eugene, coming to Portland to give a fine account of themselves after a layoff of several years due to the ban on wartime travel. Hansen is the "Cody Kid" of Merki, Zimmerman, Helser fame, now attending U. of Ore. Omlid



Russ Hill

is a former Ore. State Champion in Ladies' Events.

Rosine and Cicrich proved that they had it today, coming from behind in both matches to eke out victories in whirlwind finishes. Their finals opponents had also been away from the game for several years in wartime service and lost out largely due to lack of stamina in the clutch.

Jean Torango and Norma Cleveland moved out of the "B" class with their hotly contested win over Del Schaer and Louise Nicklas. Here again it was the story of power and finesse making victory possible.

Roger Spenser and Don Deardorff slugged their way to a close win over the veteran team of Joe Phillips and Merle McDade. This match was featured by the terrific beating this man Spenser gave the bird with BOTH hands. Yes, the guy is ambidextrous and can hit equally hard with either wing. Deardorff supported him very ably with his clever drop shots and net play.

Final match of the afternoon was the long awaited meeting of pre-war champs Vs. the wartime leaders. After dropping the first game 15-14, Sam Lee, ETO Wimbledon tennis finalist, and his partner Miles Murdoch got Hill and Cleveland on the run and kept them in the hole. Displaying very fine teamwork and complementing each other's play very well, Lee

and Murdoch literally swept their opposition off the court in the final game of the three game match. Sam and Miles are once again displaying the form which put both on the top of the heap before Pearl Harbor.

Plans are being made for a trip to Vancouver B. C. in February for a battle with Jimmy Forsythe, Dick Birch and Co. at the Vancouver Badminton and Tennis Club.

RESULTS

Men's Class A

Sam Lee-Miles Murdoch def. Russ Hill-Chuck Cleveland, 14-15, 15-8, 15-5.

Ladies' Class A

Semis

Ila Marlatt-Mabel Brandon def. Helen Phillips-Grace Bell, 15-12, 15-6.
Ruth Rosine-Louis Cicrich def. Mary-Anne Hansen-Dolly Omlid, 11-5, 15-6, 15-9.

Finals

Rosine-Cicrich def. Marlatt-Brandon, 7-15, 15-8, 18-14.

Men's Class B

Roger Spenser-Don Deardorff def. Joe Phillips-Merle McDade, 18-15, 15-12.

Ladies' Class B

Jean Torango-Norma Cleveland def. Schaer-Louise Nicklas, 18-17, 8-15, 15-7.

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Former Ohioan, Ed. Oelschlarger, made another of the many fine Badminton partnerships when on Dec. 7 he and Marge Westfall of Buffalo joined in matrimony.

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A Winter Sports Show is being planned for Feb. at the M. A. C. with Badminton movies and an exhibition by top players as part of the affair.

Blackout's Badminton Show Passes 1000th Performance

The Ken Davidson-Joe Watters Badminton act in Ken Murray's "Blackouts" recently passed its 1000th performance over a period of 2½ years at the El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood, Cal. and would appear to have established an entertainment record hard to beat. Reports from visitors to California indicate that the army of Badminton enthusiasts make sure to see this show in their travels. Starting Dec. 27th, the show starts a run at the Biltmore Bowl in Los Angeles. Those who are planning to attend the Nationals should plan to see one of Badminton's most spectacular and humorous entertainments.



Mrs. Glen Parrott
(the former Ruth Nelson)

Approved Shuttles Announced

"Five shuttles have been issued official Approval Certificates" states Ozzie Hilton, Chairman of the National Shuttlecock Committee, "and additional ones are expected to be issued shortly. The Committee has obtained excellent cooperation from the concerns who have desired approval of their products and despite the present scarcity of some raw materials the quality of shuttles is remarkably good."

Approvals have been granted in accordance with the testing regulations of the ABA and the approval shuttles are eligible for use in any sanctioned tournament. The shuttles selected to date are: Bancroft — Winner
Bauer — Green Band & Red Band
Pennsylvania — Blue Goose
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For major sanctioned tournaments the Committee has decided that only shuttles consistently produced with the righthand overlap, commonly called "righthanded shuttles", should be given the official stamp of approval. The left drift of the shuttle normally caused by "lefthanded shuttles" might not be a serious factor in general play but it is desirable to have as complete uniformity as possible for major tournaments. The Bauer-Black Band and Pennsylvania-Volley are shuttles which fall into this category and are not issued official approval for major sanctioned tournament play. It is considered, however, that they are generally suitable for interclub play, junior instruction, certain types of league play and minor tournaments.

All other brands of shuttles, not included in the above approved list, are not eligible for major sanctioned events pending their submission and approval by the Shuttlecock Committee.

Tournament Chairmen are advised that their tournament sanction by the National Tournament Committee, directly or through the Regional Chairmen, makes it mandatory that only approved shuttles be used, and the Results reports forms must state the grade and/or name of the shuttle used.

Selection of shuttles for both the National Championships and the National Junior National Championships will be considered by the committee in the very near future.

Timpe Shuttle Delayed

Like so many other products desired by consumers today, the raw materials used in the manufacture have been slow in arriving, according to the latest word received. The R S L concern is hopeful of delivery sometime in January and it is suggested that you get your orders in to the same sources from which their Tourney Shuttle is obtained. Prices are not available as yet.

An interesting comment on this new shuttlecock was received from "Skeeter" Erikson of So. Cal. "Midway through a pre-game warmup we substituted a Timpe Shuttlecock for an ordinary type of shuttle (unknown to Barney McCay, one of their top ranking players). We expected to hear Barney ask "Hey, what's the idea?", but the laugh was on us for to our surprise Barney kept on hitting the Timpe shuttle without noticing any difference. This lack of noticing occurred during rallies where the shuttle was more or less hit to each other. In actual fast play there is a slight difference in the flight but the durability of this new style shuttle is truly remarkable".

Miami Tourney Features Trained Student Officials

Results of excellent training in officiating through written and practical court examinations have made the annual High School Championships of the greater Miami area a leader in top notch umpired tournaments. The girl students of Miami Beach High School handled their assignments so well that not a protest was received from players of other competing schools. (Bird Chatter highly commends this training and recommends it to all groups holding tournaments).

RESULTS

Girls' Singles

Dolores Boney (Miami, Sr.) def. Barbara Epstein (Miami Beach).

Girls' Doubles

Lois Cates-Betty Orlosky (Miami, Sr.) def. Ruth Jenkins-Arlene Segal (M. Beach).

Mixed Doubles

Bramblatt-Griffin (Miami, Sr.) def. Weider-Alley (Miami, Sr.)

Team Winners

Miami Senior High, 11 points, Miami Beach High, 6 points, Ponce de Leon High, 4 points.

Correspondent —

Mrs. Marion W. Huey



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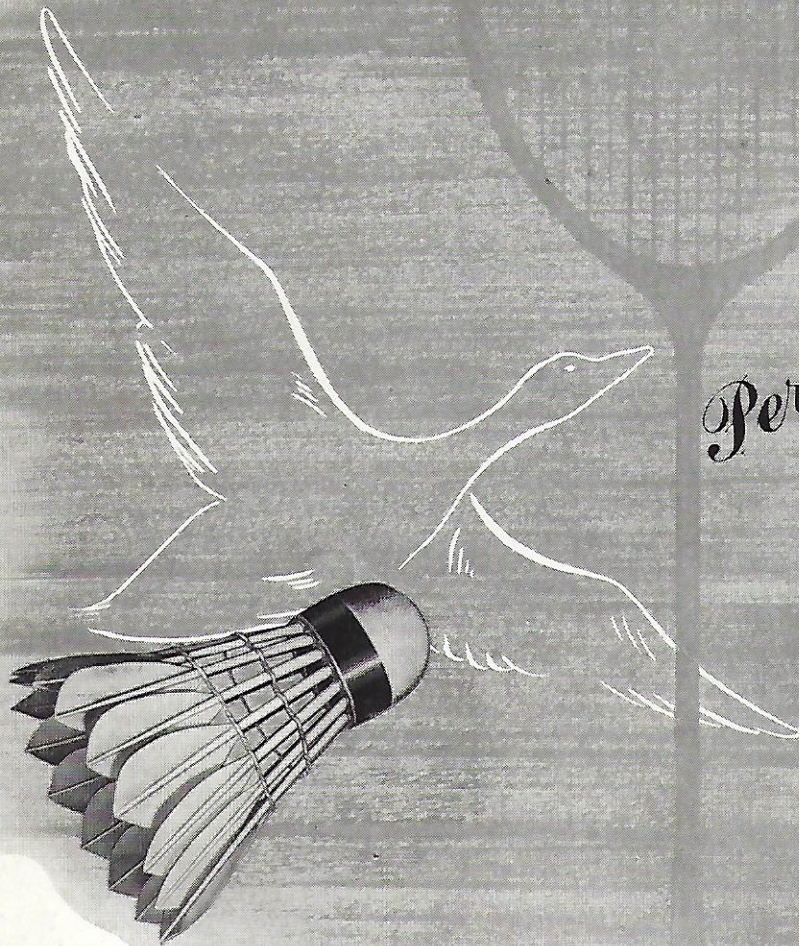
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Tournaments — Sanctioning and Calendar

The following dates of tournaments are compiled from those reported by the National Tournament Committee as of December 31, 1946, and others reported to Bird Chatter. There are unquestionably others planned or in the process and all events requiring sanction should be reported to the National Committee for proper record.

Tournament chairmen and players are cautioned that unsanctioned events jeopardize the amateur standing of those who knowingly or unknowingly compete.

For your information the general rules for sanctioning tournaments are as follows:

1. All local tournaments can be sanctioned by the local and Regional Chairman.
2. All regional or invitational tournaments held by invitation within a particular region can be sanctioned by the Regional Chairman.
3. All open tournaments where it is expected that players from more clubs than those within the region will participate, should be sanctioned by the National Chairman.
4. All regular championship tournaments for state or regional activity should have both the Regional and National Chairman's sanction.

All tournament chairmen are requested to clear all dates through their Regional Chairman. This will eliminate conflicts and avoid delays as the National Chairman will check back to the Region if requests reach him direct without local O. K.

Regional Tournament Chairmen

Region 1. John Garrod	47 Colburn Road	Wellesley Hills 82, Mass.
Region 2. Herman Oppenheim	c/o New York Trust Co.	New York 15, N. Y.
Region 3. Edgar Forio	P. O. Box 1734	Atlanta, Ga.
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Tournament Calendar

DATE	EVENT		SANCTIONED
January 17, 19	Fifth Pacific Southwest	Hollywood, Calif.	Yes
January 18	Montclair A. C. Mixed Doubles (open)	Montclair, N. J.	Yes
January 17, 18	Mass Class "B" Championships	Boston, Mass.	Yes
January 24, 25, 26	Atlanta Athletic Club Southern Invitation Rally	Atlanta, Ga.	
January 25	Gut'n. Feathers Club Men's Doubles Invitation	Marblehead, Mass.	Yes
January 25, 26	North Shore Championships	Glencoe, Illinois	
Jan. 31, Mar. 1, 2	Northern California Championships	San Francisco, Calif.	Yes
February 1	North Shore Veterans	Chicago, Illinois	Yes
February 1, 2	TAAF Southwest Tournament	Abilene, Texas	
February 2	Middle Atlantic Men's and Ladies' Doubles Invitation	New York City	
February 7, 8	Missouri Badminton Association Class B	St. Louis, Mo.	Yes
February 7, 8, 9	Western N. Y. (open)	Buffalo, N. Y.	Date approved
February 12, 16	Washington State Badminton Championships (open)	Green Lake Field House	
February 7, 8	Texas Amateur Athletic Federation	Abilene, Texas	Yes
February 7, 8, 9	Chicago District Championship	Chicago, Ill.	Yes
February 14, 15, 16	New Jersey (closed)	Montclair, N. J.	Yes
February 15	City of Bridgeport Class B	Bridgeport, Conn.	Yes
February 15, 16	Ohio State Open Championships	Shaker Heights, Ohio	Yes
February 21, 22, 23	Metropolitan Ass'n. Eastern Championships	New York City	Date approved
February 22	Mass. Junior State Championships	Boston, Mass.	Yes
February 21, 22, 23	Niagara Falls Country Club Invitation	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Yes
February 22, 23	North Shore "B"	Glencoe, Ill.	Yes
Feb. 28, Mar. 1	Saginaw Valley Invitation	Flint, Michigan	Yes
Feb. 28, Mar. 1, 2	Southern California Championships	Pasadena, Calif.	Yes
March 1	Oklahoma (open)	Ponca City, Okla.	Yes
March 1	All Connecticut County or Sectional Tournaments		Date approved
March 7, 8, 9	Tenth Annual Midwest Championships	St. Louis, Mo.	Yes
March 14, 15, 16	United States Junior Championships	Baltimore, Md.	Yes
March 15	Connecticut Class "B"		Date approved
March 21, 22, 23	Third Annual New Jersey State Championships (open)	Montclair, N. J.	Yes
March 23	Chicago B. C. Novice	Chicago, Illinois	Yes
March 23	Minnesota District	St. Paul, Minn.	Yes
March 23, 24	Wisconsin State	Milwaukee, Wisc.	Yes
March 28, 29	Missouri Badminton Association Championships	St. Louis, Mo.	Yes
March 29	Connecticut Closed Championships		
March 28, 29, 30	California State Championships	San Francisco Bay Area	
April 3, 4, 5	United States National Championships (closed)	Los Angeles, Calif.	Yes
May	North Shore Men's Invitational	Chicago Area, Illinois	Yes

New Rochelle "Mixed Up" Doubles Presents A Novel and Interesting Event

This affair started at two-thirty Saturday afternoon, November 9th, in the gymnasium of the New Rochelle, N. Y., Y. M. C. A. Thirty-six players participated or eighteen teams. The teams were divided evenly into two divisions, the Red and the Blue. Schedules were set up whereby each man played all other men in his division, each time with a different girl. Twenty-one point sudden death games were played with players changing courts at eleven points. Two courts were used by the Blues; two by the Reds and the courts were switched around later so that everyone had an equal opportunity to play on all four courts. The committee tried to have all players finish at least six of their matches before supper time which was done in the majority of cases. Supper was served around seven o'clock in the Ladies' Lounge of the Y. M. C. A. with play being resumed around eight-thirty. The remaining matches were played off and final scores counted. The high scoring

man and lady in the Blue Team, James Danaher and Wanda Bergman, played in a final match against the high scoring man and lady on the Red Team, Lea Gustavson and Helen Gibson.

Danaher and Bergman won in a close match. The second high scoring man and woman on the Red Team, Dick Yeager and Zoe Yeager, played in a final match against the second high man and lady on the Blue Team, Max Schirmer and Bernice Marignan, with the Yeagers coming through to win. A final playoff between the low scorers on each team was also conducted. Prizes were awarded each contestant participating in these playoffs.

Connecticut players were as follows: Pete Parahus, Lea Gustavson, Don Hersam, Stanley Pickering, Joe Chiamonte, Ken Kost, Jim Danaher, Mike Kramscak, Bill Chapman, Evelyn Vogt, Helen Gibson, Althea Chapman, Dorothy Pickering, Mildred Chiamonte, Agnes Hersam, Wanda Bergman,

Betty Johnston and Viola Bolton. Players from the New York Central B. C. were: "Pop" Hinds, Donna Howard, Mabel Shields and Betty Thomsen. Midtown B. C. was represented by Vic Surrows. New Rochelle, B. C. players were: Carl Whiteford, Max Schirmer, Edward C. Shields, Joseph Wilke, Richard Yeager, Walt Raymond, Kenneth S. Littlefield, Janet Forgie, Bernice Marignan, May Helligwig, Ruth Wiener, Zoe Yeager and Eleanor Ross. Herman Oppenheim substituted later in the evening when one of the players had to leave.

The consensus of opinion was that it was a most enjoyable affair to open the Badminton season, both from a social and a semi-competitive angle.

Correspondent — May Helligwig

Badminton Guide Release Delayed

The 1947 Official Badminton Guide published by A. S. Barnes and Co. New York City has been delayed due to printing and binding problems. Originally scheduled for November circulation, recent word from the publishers gives January 15th as the present release date. Contact your local sporting goods dealer for this excellent publication.

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Over 370 entries in the Seattle Star's Handicap Tournament, which ended Nov. 25, apparently set the season's mark in a five event tournament. Emerging from this large field were two prospects for top national positions in the coming American Championships, Marge Geldseth and Nevin Cope, each of whom annexed their singles titles in straight set matches.

Excellent publicity featured the event and tournament manager, Phil Aaron, did an outstanding job, assisted by his many enthusiastic cohorts.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

Nevin Cope def. Bob Deacon, 15-14, 15-3.

Ladies' Singles

Marge Geldseth def. Mary Jean Bushell, 11-4, 11-3.

Men's Doubles

Bill Search-Bill Wilkenson def. Vera Burton-Leo Williams, 15-6, 15-14.

Ladies' Doubles

Mary Jean Bushell-Mary Girvan def. Marge Crowe-Ruth Bernard, 15-10, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrager def. Don Laizure-Helen Fogelquist, 15-6, 15-3.

Correspondent — Bob Kildall

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Eight players journeyed to Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 7th for a team match with stars from the Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Ass'n. Jim Paull, Marge Geldseth, Maxine Cruickshank, Bob Deacon, Bill Deacon, Mary Jean Bushell, Barbara Peterson and Rupe Topp. Paull-Topp and Paull-Geldseth doubles victories were outstanding though the final result found Vancouver leading 10-5 matches.

Tentative dates place the Seattle City Tournament in January and the Washington State Event in February.

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Al Jensen won the Badminton Championships of the Seattle Elk's Club for the 1946 season and was presented with a trophy by Bror Larsen, grand ruler of the local chapter.

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Play In Alaska

Recent news has filtered through to Bird Chatter of activity in Alaska. The Badminton Club of Anchorage started play on Nov. 5th and copies of Official Rules were sent at their request. Fairbanks also boasts a Badminton club and presumably others are in operation — anyone know them?

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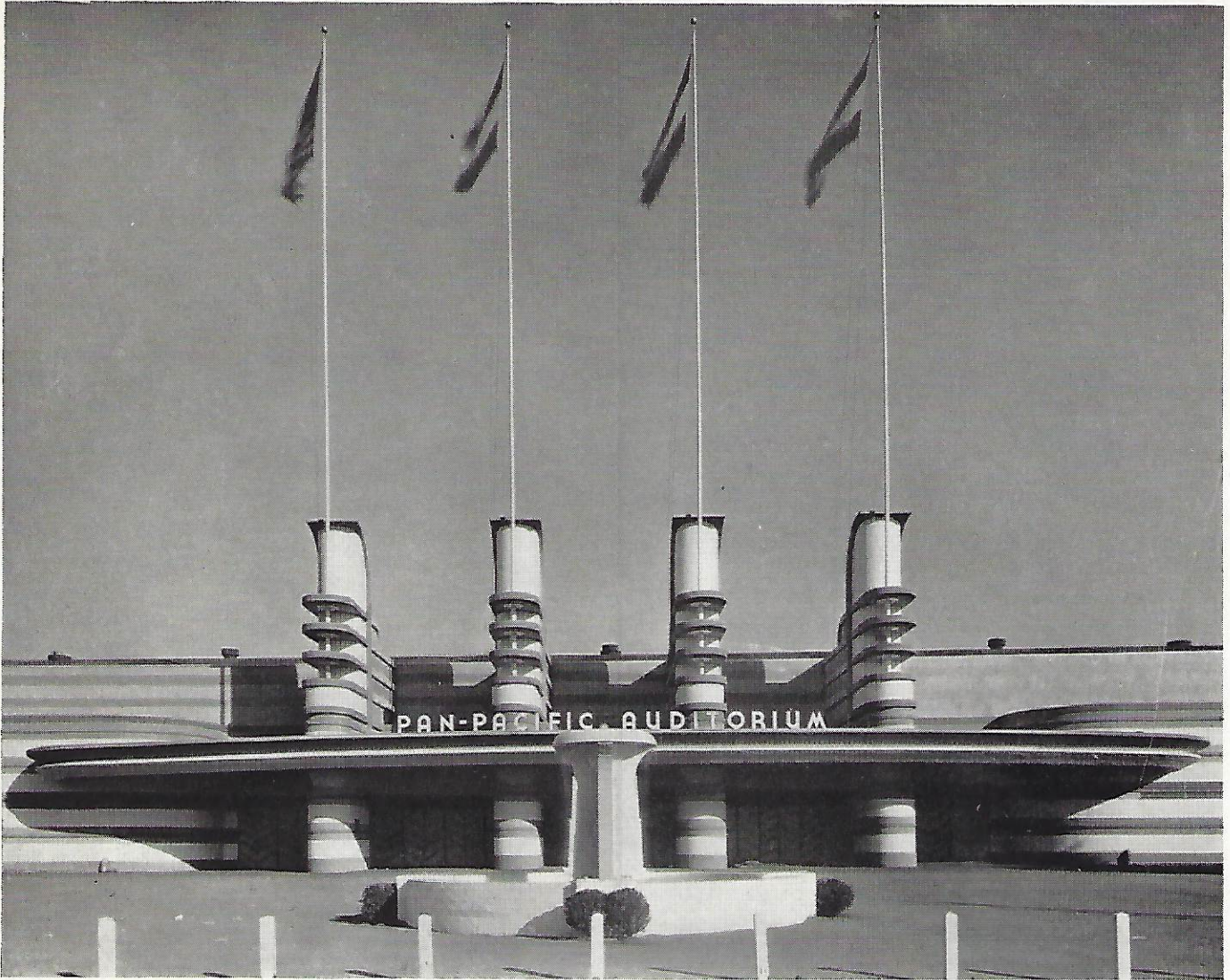


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“California Here I Come”, was a great song of days long past, but today it can rightfully be the theme song of not only all the leading players in the country but all Badminton enthusiasts. For the topmost tournament in the country, Our National Championships, will be held in Los Angeles on April 3, 4, 5.

Just ten years ago the first National Championships were held and only the major conflict just passed has prevented us from celebrating this as the tenth annual tournament. Actually it is the seventh occasion on which the best players in the country will compete for the highest honors in American Badminton.

Under the sponsorship of the Southern California Badminton As-

sociation a tremendous program has been carefully planned to make this renewal of our championship the finest in its history.

The Pan Pacific Auditorium, the major sporting arena in this area, lying midway between Los Angeles and Hollywood, will hold all the Badminton courts anyone could wish in its 135,000 square feet of floor space. 5800 permanent seats can be augmented to 10,000 for the night of the finals; and facilities are abundant for both men and lady players.

Biltmore Official Hotel

The Los Angeles Biltmore is the official headquarters and other hotels in the immediate vicinity are prepared to handle the anticipated visitors from all parts of

the country. One big luncheon, constituting the Annual Meeting of the Association, will be held at the Biltmore on Saturday noon, April 5th, and the bigwigs (Directors) will hold their many powwows within its confines.

Erikson Heads Committee

ABA Director Leroy C. Erikson heads this all-important 1947 Championship Committee, directly under the jurisdiction of Adon N. Smith II of Charlotte, North Carolina, Chairman of the National Tournament Committee.

The other officials and committee chairmen are:

National Tournament Manager —
Leroy Hill

National Tournament Director
Robert Noble



Interior view of Pan Pacific Auditorium where all matches will be played (don't worry, you won't need your skates)

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No less an integral part of the effective promotion of the event, the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce is putting all its efforts behind this affair, under the leadership of Jack Davis, Chairman of its Badminton Committee. Associated with him are —

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Tournament Play

Play will commence Thursday A. M. for an all day session, will continue Friday A. M. until 12 noon, and will resume at 3 P. M. after a three hour recess for Good Friday. It is tentatively planned to have the semis Friday night and the finals on Saturday night with the latter being broadcast on the radio. The die-hards will have plenty of opportunity for private

fight Saturday morning and afternoon.

"Shuttlecock Gambol"

The big party of the tournament, a surprise affair for you (no details, says the committee) will be held directly after the finals and is guaranteed to be "long remembered".

A "Queen" of the Tournament will be elected from the movie colony with a promised "honey" of a contest. Trips through movie studios, radio stations, general sightseeing, night spots, etc. should delight those who want both interesting entertainment and "just fun". Television will be on hand for both the final matches and other preliminary skirmishes. In short, the program planned for your play and enjoyment is terrific, so bring your non-tiring feet and die delightfully.

United States Championships — Local Scenes and Committee Personnel



Top row, *left to right*, (1) Jack Davis, chairman of the 1947 Badminton Tournament Committee of the L. A. Junior Chamber of Commerce, Janet Blair, Columbia Star and Badminton fan, currently in "Gallant Journey", "Skeeter" Erikson, chairman of the 1947 Championships Committee. (2) So. Cal. Championship Committee Chairmen. (3) Typical palm lined Beverly Hills Streets where movie stars reside. (4) Hollywood Bowl. (5) Biltmore Hotel, official headquarters. (6) Looking East on Wilshire Blvd. from Western Avenue.

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Clothing? Gals — Oh, Yes

Warm during the day — cool (about 45) at night. California night spots are most informal — sport clothes to cocktail dresses but, of course! you want to bring your pretty evening gown for the big party et al. The auditorium might be a wee bit chilly so why not sweaters and top coat. And just to be on the safe side, a rain coat — sh! sh! — might not be amiss. Bathing is done by those who don't just bask but don't expect the warm Cape Cod, Miami Beach (how did this get into a Cal. story) or Gulf water in April, on the Pacific Coast. Tennis and golf are available for the early spring bugs.

On the whole, why not just clean out the closet, pack a couple of trunks and go prepared to spend a few weeks.



Dave Freeman — Defending Champion

How, What, When

How do I get there, what about accommodations. When should I arrive, etc.? These are the questions you ask the respective committee chairmen mentioned above. Send your letters to Mrs. Virginia Hill, Secretary of the So. Cal. Association, 460 Spencer Street, Glendale 2, Calif., and she will route your requests to the proper committee.

If you are a player, send your pictures and past tournament data to Jack Davis, L. A. Junior Chamber of Commerce, 3000 East 12th Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

When writing about anything express your preference for the things you'd like to see and do. Above all, remember this is your tournament, your annual convention, dig down in the old sock and make it a must in your entertainment program for this year.



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United States Junior Championships — Baltimore — March 14, 15, 16



Gilman School Gymnasium — site of the First National Junior Championships

The gateway to the topmost rung of Badminton play is open to the juniors of the nation as they enter competition in the First National Junior Championships to be held at the Gilman School for Boys, Baltimore, Maryland on March 14, 15, 16. The authorities of the Gilman School very graciously offered the use of its gymnasium for the tournament.

This school was founded in 1897 and was the first country day school in the United States. Its excellent location and layout is aptly portrayed in the aerial scene shown herein, while its accommodations for Badminton include five excellent courts as the picture above shows and the dressing and shower facilities are of the finest. Once at the gymnasium all other personals needs will be found, a lounge with "comics" and light reading, a very tasty snack-bar,

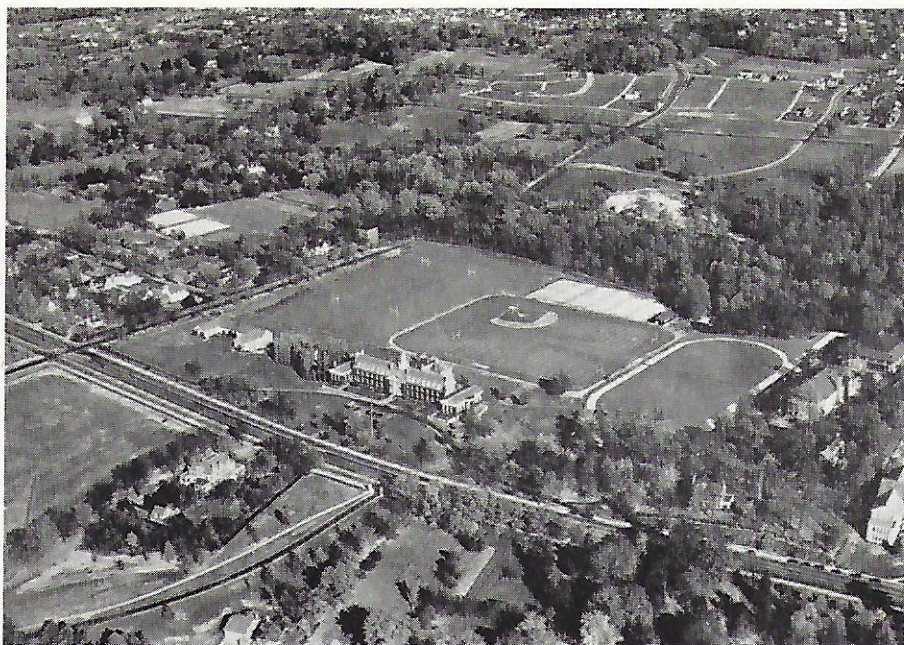


Committee Officials *left to right* — Mrs. J. Frank Devlin, Mrs. Raymond G. Scarlett, Mr. Scarlett, Mr. Devlin.

and a miniature sporting goods store.

Apart from the setting of the tournament, one of the outstanding features is the offer of hospitality which Baltimore is making. Once a contestant has set foot in the city he or she need have no worry, other than playing a good game of

Badminton and enjoying the program of entertainment which has been planned. Baltimore is far enough south to enjoy a reputation for southern hospitality. Mrs. Raymond G. Scarlett, chairman of hospitality, has undertaken to see that every boy and girl stays as a guest in a private home and is completely looked after. Write to her at 221 Northway, Baltimore 18, Md. before March 1st, state when, where and how you will arrive in Baltimore and say you want a home during your stay. Whenever you arrive and wherever you arrive, you will be met and taken care of, taken to your week-end home, given your cards which will tell you the time of your first match and the number of the court on which you play, and a telephone number to call in case at any time during your stay in Baltimore you want transportation to the games.



Air view of Gilman School — Tournament Site



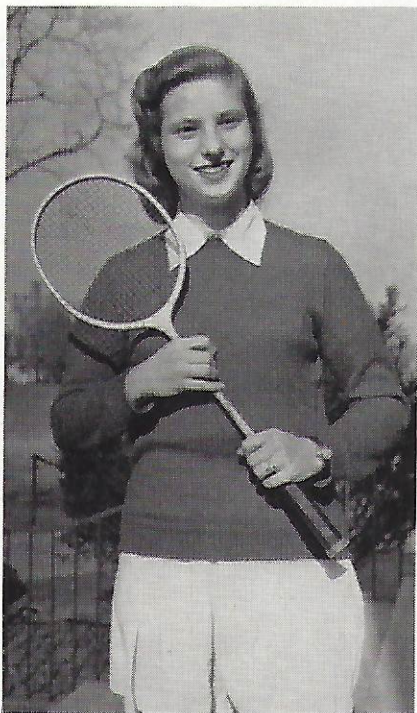
Clarke Lowndes, Maryland Junior Doubles Champion

All events are planned for both boys and girls who will not have reached their 18th birthday on March 14, 1947, with prizes for the winners of Paul Revere Sterling Silver Bowls and suitable silver trophies for the runners-up.

A nucleus of a tournament committee has already been formed under the chairmanship of Raymond G. Scarlett, a director of the ABA. Mrs. Scarlett will handle hospitality; Mrs. J. Frank Devlin

is vice-chairman and in charge of entries; Mr. Devlin will handle publicity and Dr. Gil Carpenter, president of the Maryland Badminton Association, will be the Official Referee. Major officials of the American Badminton Association who will assist during the tournament play will include President Warren Wheary, Secretary Fred W. Russell and Chairman of the National Junior Activities Committee, Lealand Gustavson.

Entry blanks with complete information are being forwarded to all ABA Directors, members of the National Junior Activities Committee, secretaries of class A Associations and ABA member clubs. Obtain them from one of these sources or direct from Mrs. J. Frank Devlin, 220 Hawthorn Rd., Baltimore 10, Md., complete and forward them either through your local association, or direct to Mrs. Devlin.



Barbara Jane Scarlett, Maryland Junior Singles and Doubles Champion.



Baltimore Junior Group receiving instructions from Mr. J. Frank Devlin

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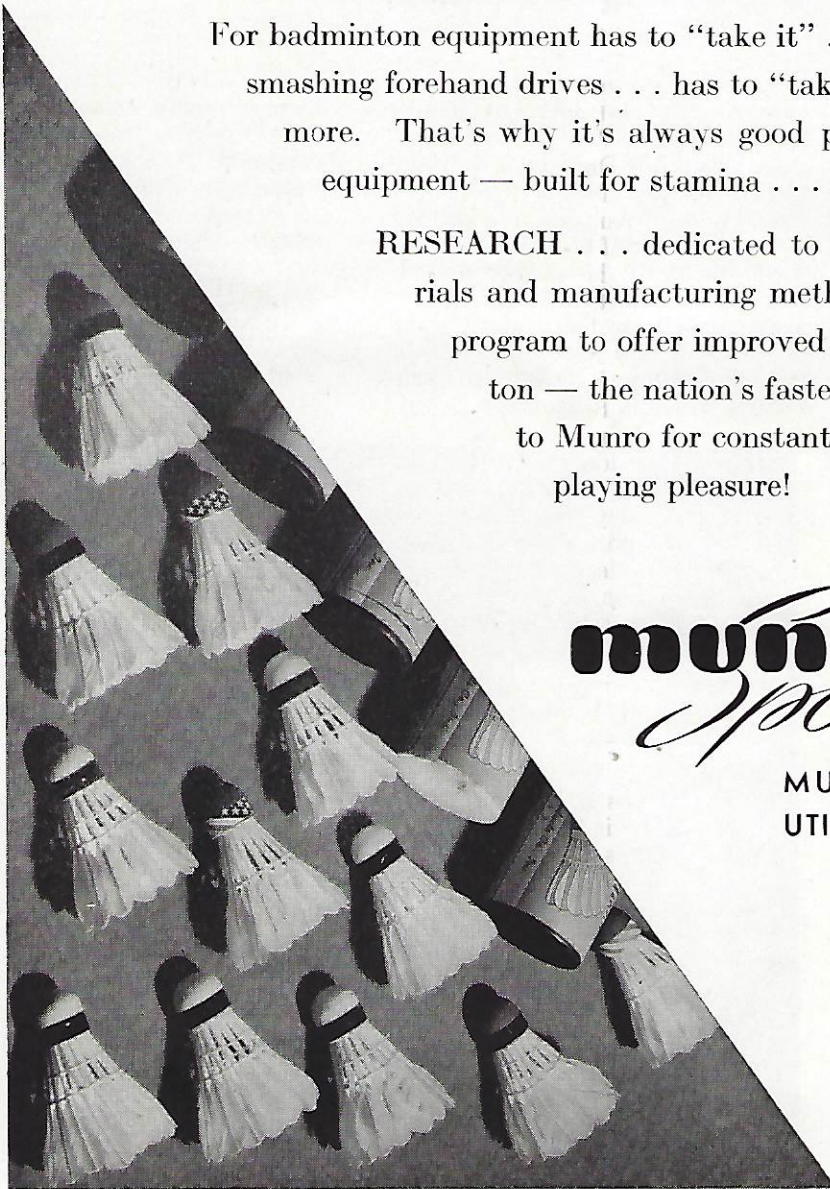
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Ohio State Closed Champs Dominated by DiLeone and Marguerite Wright

The 7th Annual Ohio State Closed Championships crowned new champions with Edward DiLeone a triple winner and Marguerite Wright taking two events and a runner-up in the third. The other, should we say "better" half of the DiLeone family, (Mrs.) Anne, added to the family collection by her one win and two runner-up positions.

Sponsored by The Youngstown Badminton Club the event was played at the Hillman Junior High School under the able direction of Edward J. Lewis who obtained excellent newspaper and three station radio publicity.

Following the tournament a buffet supper reception was held at the Poland Country Club.

The 12th Annual Ohio State Open will be played Feb. 15, 16. Bobby Williams and Mrs. Patsy Roberts Stephens, plan to defend their respective titles. The Cleveland Hotel is headquarters where a reception will be held Saturday night after the play. (Erie contingent to note).

RESULTS

Semi-finals

Men's Singles

Norman Atchison def. E. J. Lewis, 15-9, 15-10; DiLeone def. Jack Wagman, 15-6, 15-5.

Ladies' Singles

M. Wright def. Pearl Nicholls, 11-1, 11-1, Mrs. DiLeone def. Mary Jane Stille, 11-3, 7-11, 11-7.

Men's Doubles

Atchinson-Stille def. Warner-Houriet, 15-4, 15-11; DiLeone-Connell def. Sangdahl-Wigglesworth, 15-8, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. DiLeone def. Mrs. and Mrs. Stille, 15-3, 17-14. Connell-Wright def. Sangdahl-Day, 15-8, 15-7.

Finals

Men's Singles

DiLeone def. Atchison, 15-8, 15-5.

Ladies' Singles

Wright def. DiLeone, 11-7, 11-5.

Men's Doubles

DiLeone-Connell def. Atchison-Stille, 17-16, 11-15, 17-15.

Ladies' Doubles

Wright-Stille def. DiLeone-Duffy, 15-3, 18-17.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. DiLeone def. Connell-Wright, 15-12, 15-3.

Veteran's Doubles

Houriet-DeVorkin def. Lavern-Royal, 15-8, 15-6

Correspondent — C. L. Nicholls

Mass. Season Underway

The re-organized Massachusetts Badminton Association gets under full swing this month. Newly elected officers include Loring D. Roberts, President; Ralph O. Bates, and William Daley, Vice-Presidents; Janet Eaton, Secretary; Wm. E. Walker, Treasurer and Directors. L. L. Lavigueur, Marian Brown, Wayne V. Schell, Charles Newhall, and Samuel Smith.

State Championships in Classes A, B, C and D are planned, starting with the B event January 17, 18.

A Men's Doubles event was played Jan. 11, 12 at Hyde Park.

Intensive Junior activity started January 4th with open house to all juniors for play and instruction at the University Club, Boston, and will continue every Saturday morning from 11 — 1 P. M. Other clubs have planned special junior play with Western Golf Club, Maugus Club, Waban Neighborhood Club and Dedham arranging special periods for this activity.

The Second Annual Men's Doubles Invitation of the Gut'N Feathers Club will be played at the Marblehead courts Jan. 25th.

Arrangements have been concluded with the Badminton Club, 32 Oliver St., Boston, whereby members of the Boston City Club may use these facilities.

Former National Champions Dick and Zoe (Smith) Yaeger, visited Wellesley in December when Zoe took part in an exhibition at Wellesley College with National Ladies' Champion, Evelyn Howard, Mary Pilliard and State Champion Norma Keech.

Northern N. E. Plays Too

Vermont and New Hampshire cities and towns are finding real enjoyment in their Badminton play and may perhaps be organized ere another season rolls around.

Groups are operating in Vermont at Springfield, Burlington, Brattleboro, Windsor, Rutland, and Bradford, while the Carter Community Building of Lebanon stands out for New Hampshire.

The Bradford activity is amazing in that almost the entire school of some 120-140 literally haunts the courts to get into the play.

Correspondents —

May F. Rafford (Vt.)
and Hugh Forgie

Southwest A. A. U. Tourney Held at Dallas, Texas

The biggest and best Texan tournament since prewar days, the Southwest A A U Tournament was held in Dallas, Texas Dec. 13, 14. Visitors Kenneth Aderholt and H. H. Perkins of St. Louis, Mo. upset the southwest leading doubles team of Eugene Tenney of Texas and George Harman of Oklahoma. In singles, last year's finalists, Harman and Tenney, battled it out again but this time Tenney was the victor in three fine games. Carolyn Burwell of Oklahoma easily dominated the ladies' events.

The introduction of a Ladies' Veteran's Doubles found three pairs unafraid of telling their ages.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

Tenney def. Harman, 15-8, 10-15, 15-8.

Ladies' Singles

Carolyn Burwell def. Mary Hinton (Texas) 11-3, 11-5.

Men's Doubles

Aderhold-Perkins def. Harman-Tenney, 15-17, 15-4, 15-7.

Ladies' Doubles

Carolyn Burwell - Ethel Overholser (Okla.) def. Mary Hinton-Kay Mitchell (Texas) 15-3, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles

Bob Madden-Dorothy Lander (Texas) def. Nick Roberts-Choice Aston (Texas) 10-15, 15-10, 15-11.

Men's Veteran's Doubles

Floyd Aston-Frank West (Texas) def. Ray Lawler-Nels Rudmore, 13-18, 15-10, 15-5.

Ladies' Veteran's Doubles

Ethel Overholser-Mary Ramsey (Okla.) def. Paralee Lander-Mabel Stone (Texas) 7-15, 15-3, 15-12.

Correspondent — Nick Roberts

Southern Region Plans Major Event to Rejuvenate Play in South

A Southern Invitational Badminton Tournament will be held at the Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Georgia on January 24, 25, 26. Sponsored by this club, the invitation to all parts of the Southern Region stresses a request that representatives from the active Badminton clubs and state organized groups come prepared to discuss plans for reorganizing this area. All Singles and Doubles, including men's Veterans, events will be played and membership in the Southern Association is not required for this event.

Correspondent — W. P. Rocker

Northern California Ass'n. Host for State Tourney

The 1946 San Francisco Open Championship Tournament was held on the courts of the San Francisco Badminton Club on October 18, 19, 20. A strong delegation came up from Southern California, with the usual results. The finalists in the ladies' singles and doubles were northerners, while only southerners appeared in the finals of the men's singles and doubles; South defeated North in the finals of the mixed and veterans' doubles.

Ladies' Singles

Janet Wright def. Shirley Blanchet, 12-10, 11-4.

Men's Singles

Barney McCay def. Roy Lockwood, 10-15, 15-4, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles

Helen Ough and Janet Wright def. Elizabeth Anselm and Shirley Blanchet, 11-15, 15-6, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles

Virginia Hill-Wynn Rogers def. Shirley and Norman Blanchet, 15-8, 18-15.

Men's Doubles

Skeeter Erikson-Barney McCay def. Roy Lockwood-Wynn Rogers, 14-17, 18-13, 15-6.

Veterans' Doubles

Louis Rulison-Hulet Smith def. Art Bouterious-Tom Ough, 15-1, 15-1.

The California State Championships will be held in this area on March 28, 29, 30, which is the weekend before the Nationals in Los Angeles, so we are looking forward to a banner event with entries from all sections of the country. Tom Ough, President of the Northern California Badminton Association, informs us that as soon as a site is decided upon, all regional associations will be notified.

The H. B. Holmans are at present en route to Washington, D. C. where Howard will take up his duties as Chief of Recreation (Special Services) with the Veterans Administration.

Correspondent — Bill Morrison

St. Louis, Missouri

Leaving Chicago for the first time since the formation of the Midwest Badminton Association, the 10th Annual Midwest Tournament will be played in St. Louis, Missouri on March 7, 8, 9.

Other tournaments sanctioned by the Association to date are —

January 25-26

North Shore Round Robin

February 14, 15, 16

Chicago District

February 22, 23

North Shore "B"

May

North Shore Men's Invitational

Correspondent — Joe Grant

Buffalo Pair Win

The Men's Round Robin Doubles Tournament of the Western N. Y. Association was held at The Buffalo A. C. on Nov. 16, 17 with the host's club Art Schauer and Ted Green topping the field in the Association's first inter-member event.

Twelve teams from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Tonawanda, and East Aurora participated. Each game counted a point and the final standing found that outstanding team of Bobby Williams and Harry Keating of Niagara Falls eagerly awaiting more tournaments to redeem themselves.

The first four place winners: Art Schauer — Ted Green (Buffalo B. C.) 21-1.

Don Bechtel — Ray Young (Turin B. C.) 19-3.

Bobby Williams — Harry Keating (Niagara Falls) 18-4.

Bill Schrieber — Art Young, 14-8.

Correspondent — Jack O'Bannon

English Handbook Out

Receipt by Bird Chatter of the Annual Handbook 1946-47 of the Badminton Association of England marks the first reprinting of this excellent handbook since the 1940-41 edition.

Its 218 pages give a very comprehensive picture of Badminton organization and play in England. Its comments on international play, shuttlecocks, operation of tournaments, umpire hints, etc. make interesting reading for the Badminton enthusiast.

Persons desiring copies may write to Bird Chatter and we will contact England for the copies desired. They are sold in England for 1 shilling but the price to us here is not yet known.

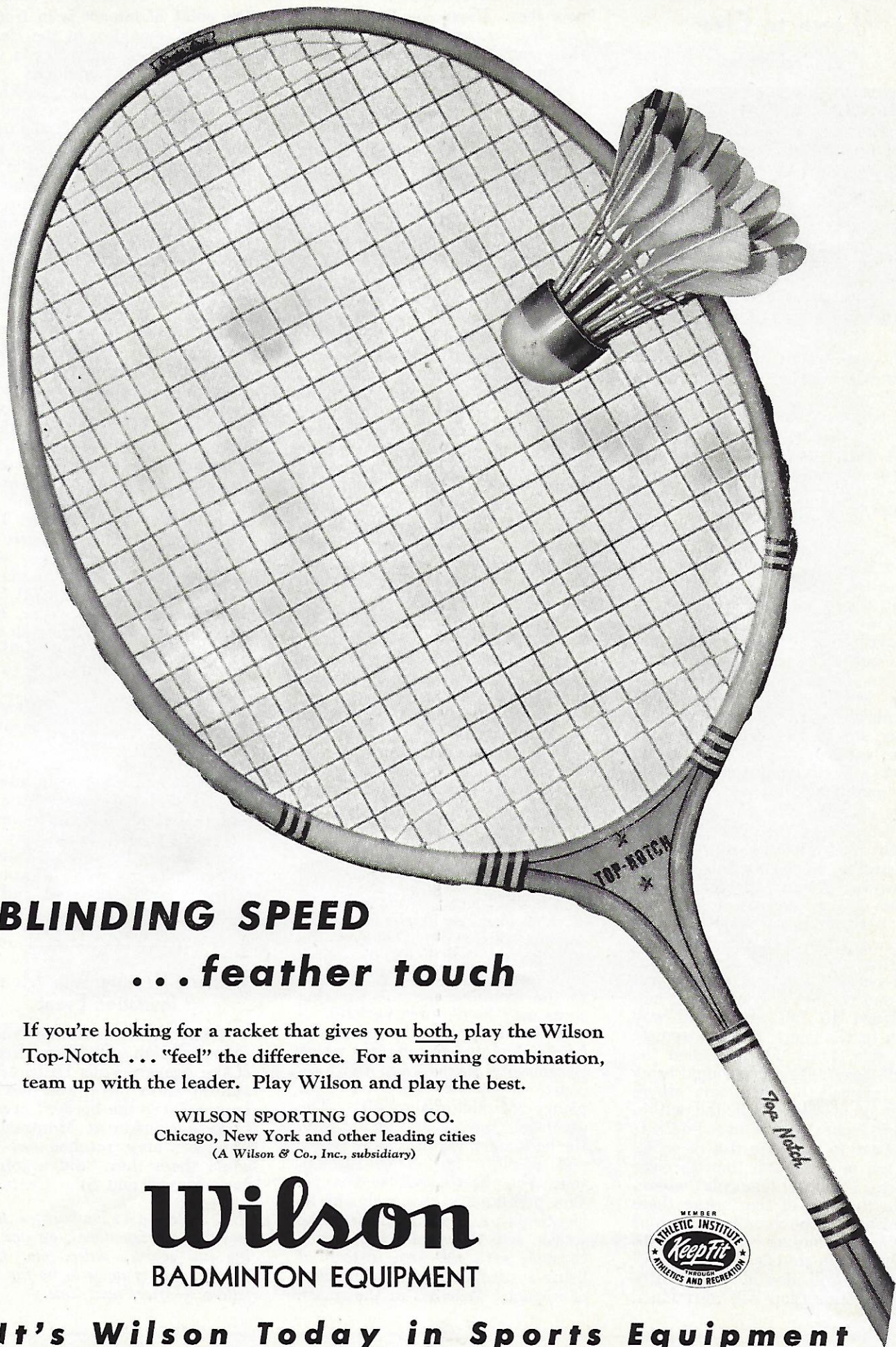
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(Not directly affiliated with any Sectional Association)

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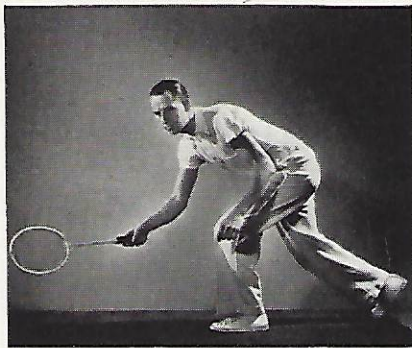
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Learn to Clear

By Jack Purcell



(Ed. Note — The following article is another excellent instructive comment on one phase of the game that plays an important part in both offensive and defensive competition. Both novice and expert can easily follow the continuity of the subject so clearly expressed by this well known authority.)

The actual execution of clearing shots is comparatively simple. Because they present little difficulty, many players are prone to carelessness in clearing or lobbing and the "short" clears that they continually put up give their opponents far too many opportunities for easy "kills". Clearing shots should be played with as much care as other strokes whose execution is more difficult. The clear is the most effective defensive shot in the game and, on occasion, is a very valuable offensive weapon.

Clears may be varied as to height and direction but not as to length. Good length is a prime requisite of an effective clear. There is one exception, however, to this statement which I shall dispose of now. In mixed doubles, playing against the common "front and back" formation, a clear just beyond the net player's reach and designed to fall about half-way back in the court, is an extremely valuable shot. This is called the "half-clear". Practice should bring the player to the point where most of his clears will fall within a few inches of the base-line. It is better to take the risk of erring by too much length than to clear short. The latter is suicidal, whereas in the case of the former there is always the chance that your opponent, having doubt as to whether the shuttle is going "in" or "out", will play it. Frequently too, his indecision will result in a

poor shot. Even a mediocre player can deal successfully with a short clear and the bombardment that an opponent can direct at you if you continually clear short, will have a highly disorganizing effect on your play.

The height of the clear should depend upon your own position in the court and the position of your opponent. If you have been drawn out of position and require time to return to your proper "base" in the court, you should clear very high; if circumstances are reversed and you have forced your opponent to reach for the shuttle close to the net, your aim will be to get the shuttle to the back of the court as quickly as possible. In this case, the clear should be quite low. Here, of course, care must be taken to impart sufficient height to the stroke to prevent your opponent from making a quick recovery and intercepting the shuttle half-way back in the court. When your opponent has been drawn out of position a moderately low clear is a useful offensive shot, sometimes winning the point outright and more often paving the way for a "kill".

Other than in circumstances described in the preceding paragraph, the clear is a defensive stroke and for that very reason, must be accurately placed in order to prevent your opponent from making his return a winner. In singles especially, I have found the deep clear to the backhand corner to be most effective against nearly every opponent. There are, however, some players who are adept at the round-the-head smash but who find it more difficult to handle a shot over the right shoulder. Against this type of player, the clear to the backhand should be judiciously mixed with deep clears to the forehand corner. Clearing shots may be of three varieties — underhand, overhead and backhand. The underhand clear which is generally played from the forecourt, must be delivered with plenty of follow-through. The overhead clear, usually made from the backcourt, requires more power and possibly less follow-through than the first mentioned type. The preliminary swing should be identical to that used for the smash, with the wrist being carried through with the arm instead of being turned over at the moment of impact. Whereas in the smash

the point of impact is in front of the right shoulder, in the clear it is usually just above, or a little back of the right shoulder.

In clearing off the backhand, some players prefer to take the shuttle high, striking it slightly in front of them at the highest point which can be reached by the fully out-stretched arm and racquet. Others allow the shuttle to drop to about waist-level and impart power to the stroke by the free swing of the arm. The former method, however, is I believe, preferable as the time lost in allowing the shuttle to fall will enable the opponent to get "set" for the return. Moreover, allowing the shuttle to drop to waist-level practically limits your choice of shots to one, the high clear, while in playing the shuttle high up with the outstretched arm, the opportunity is afforded to employ deception and use the drop-shot just over the net at the last moment instead of the clear. There are cases, of course, where the shuttle has fallen quite low before you are in a position to play it. Here the arm must be used freely to assist the wrist, care being taken to keep the shuttle well away from the body so that sufficient power may be imparted to the stroke.

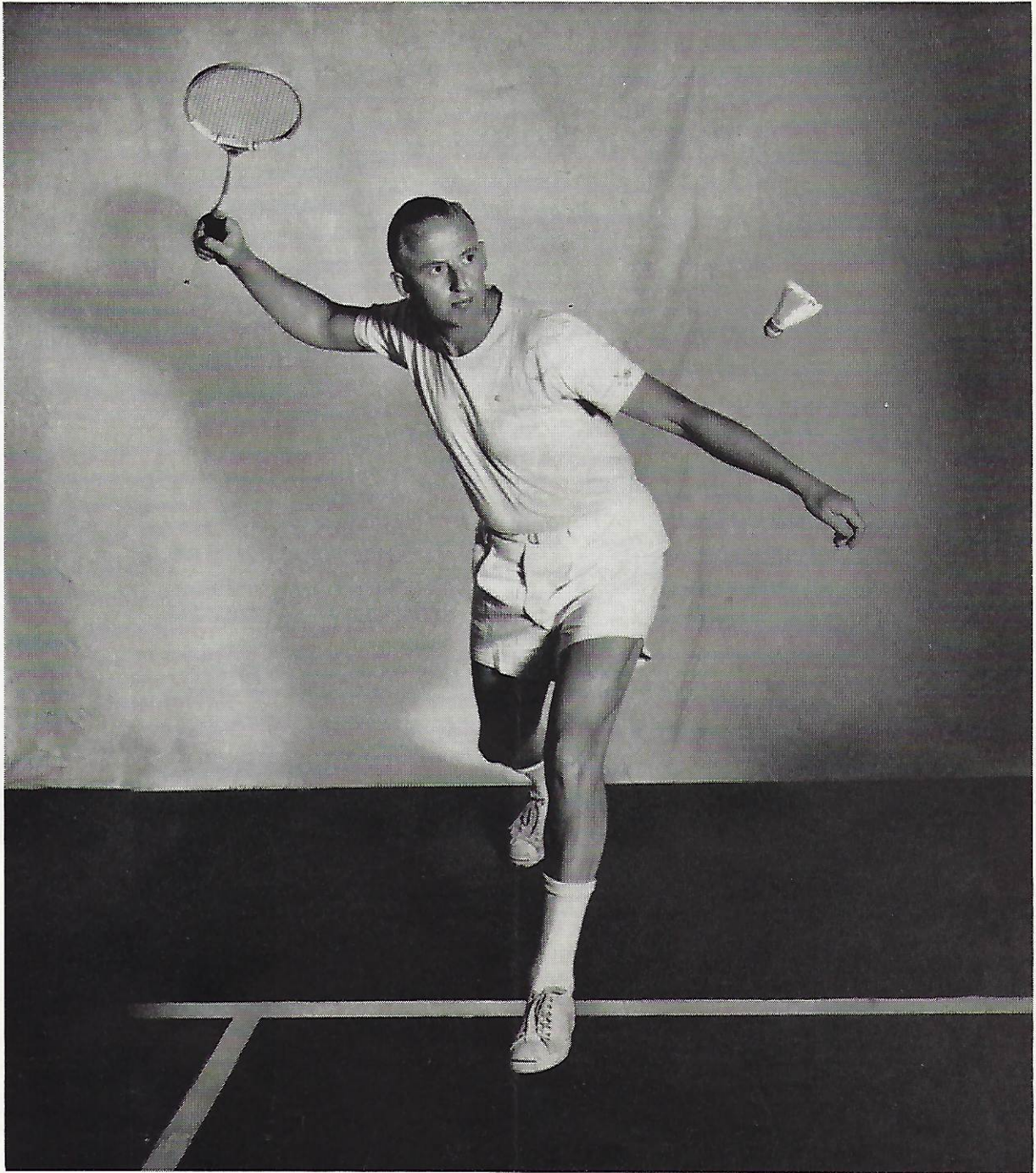
Most players find it difficult to get good depth on a backhand clear and the cause is frequently to be found in faulty foot-work. The right foot must be in advance of and definitely across the left foot — the body sidewise to the net.

Again I repeat, do not play your clears carelessly and at random. Their clever use will pull you out of many a "tight" spot and win many a point.

Williams-Keating Win Montreal Invitation Event

Bobby Williams of the Niagara Country Club and Harry Keating of the Niagara Falls District Badminton Club have won the first known "over the border" event in Eastern Canada at Montreal. A "rumor" also reached us that while there they "did a job" on Jack Purcell and Stan Cutts.

(Ed. Note — As the bashful Harry was our correspondent, we are lacking in scores, dates, etc. Come, Harry, this is news to us far away fellers — give, next time.)



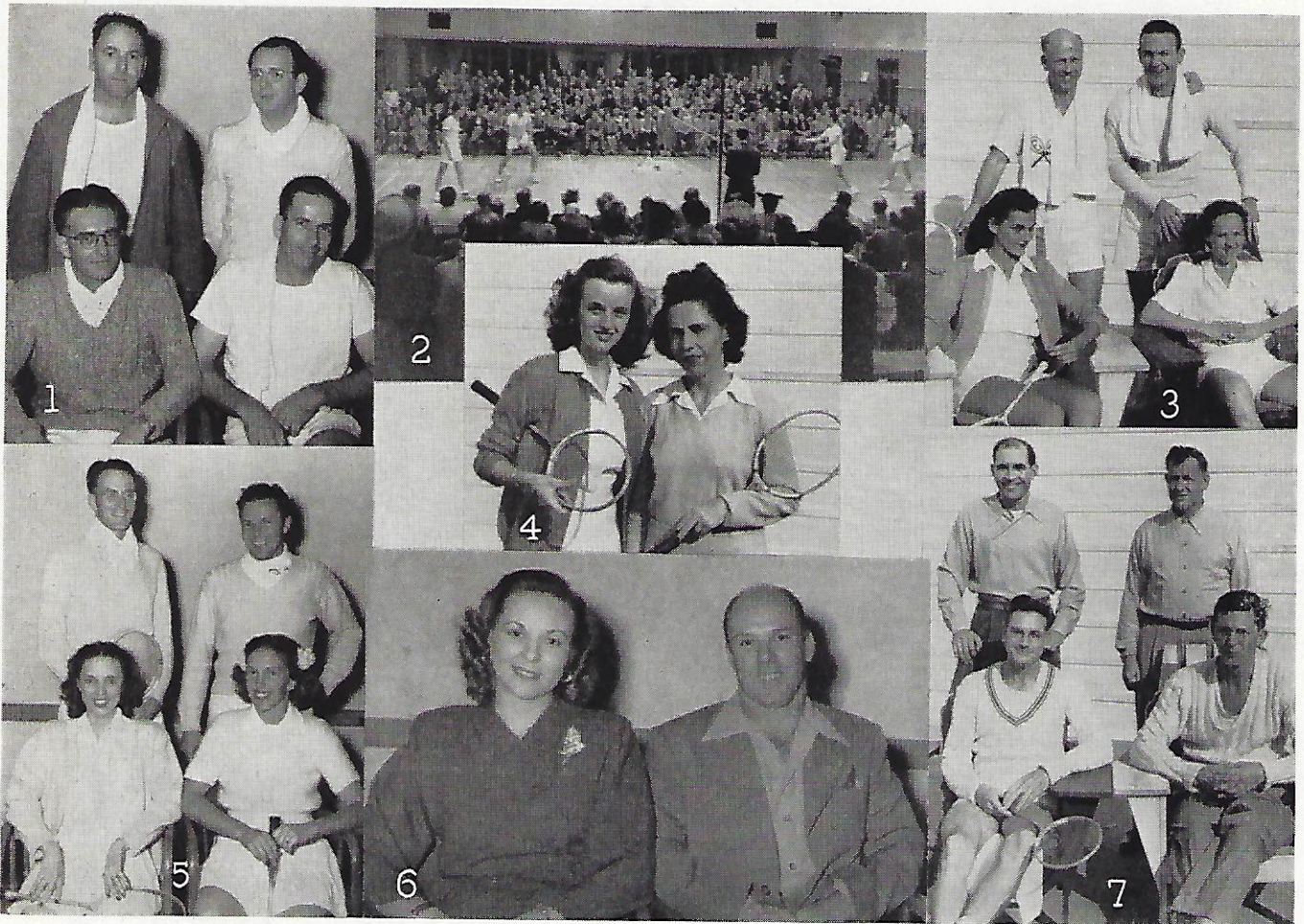
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The Burbank Tourney held Nov. 15, 16, 17 and the Manhattan Tourney held Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8, find So. Cal. play in top form. Outstanding among the winners was Janet Wright who won both Ladies' Singles events in close matches with Mrs. Thelma Scovil. These two likewise continued their streak of doubles wins, bidding for high ranking when the Nationals roll around.

No less sparkling was the play of the Erikson-McCay team who brought home the men's doubles titles in both events.

The mixed teams of Erikson-Mrs. Smith and Rogers-Mrs. Hill split matches and a third match is eagerly awaited by both teams.

RESULTS

Burbank Championships

Men's Singles
Medez def. McCay, 15-8, 16-18, 15-9.
Ladies' Singles
Wright def. Scovil, 11-9, 7-11, 11-2.

Men's Doubles

Erikson-McCay def. Lockwood-Rogers, 7-15, 15-5, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles

Scovil-Wright def. Anselm-Blanchet, 15-11, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Erikson-Smith def. Rogers-Hill, 15-12, 5-15, 15-13.

Veteran's Doubles

Coke-Mullin def. Rulison-Smith, 18-16, 12-15, 15-9.

B Flight

Men's Singles

Willoughby def. Fuller, 15-10, 3-15, 17-14.

Ladies' Singles

Bolles def. Banks, 11-1, 11-9.

Men's Doubles

Rulison-Smith def. Oliver-Fuller, 15-6, 15-17, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles

Bolles-Elms def. Bowers-Yount, 17-15, 9-15, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles

Rawak-Anselm def. Abbott-Yount, 15-8, 15-3.

Veteran's Doubles

Haberman-Taylor def. Pound-Bouterious, 15-3, 15-2.

C Flight

Men's Singles

Black def. Heideman, 15-5, 11-15, 15-1.

Ladies' Singles

Estabrook def. Brodel, 11-1, 11-2.

Men's Doubles

Keith-Handon def. Murray-Thackston, 9-15, 15-9, 18-17.

Ladies' Doubles

Carr-Carter def. Heistand-Mullin, 15-8, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles

Champine-Gregory def. Mr. and Mrs. Fairfield, 18-13, 15-6.

Veteran's Doubles

Burrows-Welcome def. Dalzell-Gingerich, 15-8, 15-3.

Manhattan Championships

Men's Singles

McCay def. Rogers, 15-4, 15-4.

Ladies' Singles

Wright def. Scovil, 11-7, 11-9.

Men's Doubles

Erikson-McCay def. Blanchet-Madden, (default-injury).

Ladies' Doubles

Wright-Scovil def. Anselm-Blanchet, 15-2, 15-4.

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Mixed Doubles

Rogers-Hill def. Erikson-Smith, 15-8, 11-15, 15-10.

B Flight

Men's Singles

Blatz def. Prather, 16-17, 15-8, 15-8.

Ladies' Singles

Bank def. Hague, 11-7, 11-9.

Men's Doubles

Blatz-Johnson def. Aurand-Townsend, 15-12, 15-8.

Ladies' Doubles

Bowers-Estabrook def. Miller-Gudie, 15-8, 18-15.

Mixed Doubles

Pound-Mullen def. Wilhelm-Bower, 15-11, 15-4.

Correspondent —

Mrs. "Loma" Smith

A Word from Denmark

From N. P. Kristensen, Honorable Secretary, Dansk Badminton Forbund, Denmark: "I thank you very much indeed for the copy of the Bird Chatter which I received today. It gives a very interesting impression of Badminton in U. S. A."

Schell-Wright Retain Westport Doubles' Title

Always the first major event in New England top tournament play the Westport, Conn. Invitation Men's Doubles was won for the second consecutive year by Wayne Schell and Robert Wright of Boston, Mass. Losing only one game in an early round they defeated the Philadelphia pair of Fairman-Jarrett in the quarters 15-9, 15-12. Yaeger-Shields of N. Y. in the semis, 15-8, 15-11 and Carl Loveday of New Jersey, ranking No. 2 U. S. player, and his New York partner, "Pop" Hinds of New York, in the finals 15-12, 15-9. Other results —

Quarters

Yaeger-Shields def. Anderson-Travis (Mass.) 7-15, 15-11, 15-3; Loveday-Hinds def. Cujeo-Kost (Conn.) in 3 games; Gustavson-Woods (Conn.) def. Seavey-Sawyer, (Mass.) 12-15, 17-15, 15-12.

Semis

Loveday-Hinds def. Gustavson-Woods, 15-9, 15-9.

New Jersey Schedule Three Major Events

Starting with an open Mixed Doubles on January 18th, the Montclair A C, Montclair, New Jersey will be the scene of three major tournaments.

February 14, 15, 16, will mark the State's Closed Championships for members of the N. J. State Badminton Association only.

The Third Annual N. J. State Badminton Championship will again be open to all members of both the American and Canadian Badminton Associations and play will be held March 21, 22, 23. All players living outside of the Metropolitan New York area will be lodged at private homes.

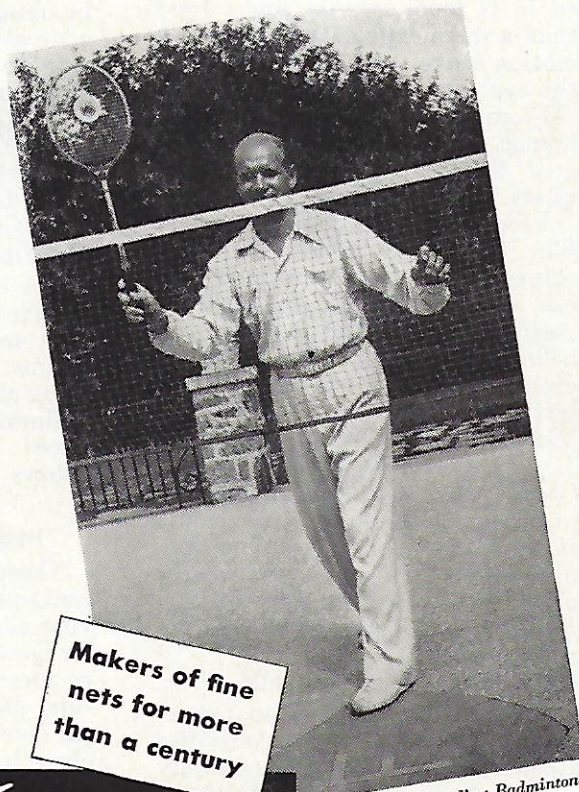
Additional prizes will be perpetual trophies for men's and ladies' singles events. Dr. Wm. A. Giblin will present the former and Mr. Siegfried Gerald Bart the latter.

Correspondent — Carl Loveday

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Article 3 of the Official Rules of Badminton says: "The net shall be made of fine tanned cord of 3/4 inch mesh. It shall be firmly stretched from post to post, and shall be 2 feet 6 inches in depth. The top of the net shall be 5 feet in height from the floor at the center, and 5 feet 1 inch at the posts, and shall be edged with a 3 inch white tape doubled and supported by a cord or cable run through the tape and strained over and flush with the top of the posts. The posts shall be placed on the side boundary lines of the court."

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"Let's Play Badminton" Enthusiastically Accepted

Reports received by Bird Chatter indicate that the Ken Davidson production "Let's Play Badminton" has already received wide acceptance and acclaim in various parts of the country.

From the Midwest, Joe Grant, Secretary of the Midwest Badminton Association, reports that the color print has been used by many of the clubs and schools and he is most enthusiastic about its value in promoting Badminton play.

Perhaps the West Coast has given it the greatest possible use and some of this can be directly attributed to Rube Samuelson, Sports Editor of the Pasadena Star-News. The Ventura Junior College of Ventura, Calif, used it as a class exercise and each student was asked for comments upon completion of the showing. A few interesting comments received were: From Barbara Greene "The drawing of the court with single and doubles serving sections blocked in is more quickly understood than a mere explanation, The slow motion gave one time to grasp the explanatory speech."

From Helen Long — "The humor, color, animation accentuated the demonstration very nicely."

From Pat Nicholson — "The film was very informative and concise. Mr. Davidson made full use of his powers to illustrate various fundamental shots but I believe he laid too much stress on drop shots and not enough on service."

(Ed. Note — That service is of major importance bears out Bird Chatter ideas, also, hence the printing in Nov. of the picture of serving stance by Mr. Davidson, The relative amount of film feet on the above two phases we leave to Mr. Davidson to discuss, space does not permit it here.)

Other interesting comments!

From Lealand Gustavson, Chairman of the ABA Junior Activities Committee — "The film certainly covers all the fundamentals of the game well and demonstrates all the strokes. It will give the youngsters, and adults, the much needed instruction to get started right."

From Dave Freeman, American National Champion — "All Bad-

minton players — from tournament players to beginners should study the perfect wrist action and rhythmic body movement of Ken Davidson".

From Glessie F. Strange, Girls P. E. Instructor, Santa Monica High School — "The film was shown to six classes. As a group, the students felt that the film was excellent. The slow motion demonstration of the various strokes and your explanation and exhibition of footwork were of exceptional value. For teaching purposes, the students thought that a film illustrating methods of rotation, how to start the game, and technique of team play and individual play would be of great value to the beginning player."

In the column "Quiet, Please", by the aforementioned Rube Samuelson, Bird Chatter learns that the scene of this film was the Pasadena home court of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford German. Other members of the cast, not previously announced, were Miss Joyce Mason of Los Angeles and the Louis Waterfall family of Pasadena.

As a reminder, this film may be obtained by writing the nearest address to you on official club or school stationery, signed by an authorized person, General Sportcraft Co., Ltd., 215 Fourth Ave., New York 3, N. Y. or Victor Surgical Gut Co., 4501 Packers Ave., Chicago 9, Ill. or Jas. B. Dick Co., 717 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.

The estimated prices as given in the November Bird Chatter have been revised, due to certain additions to the original film. For clubs affiliated with the American Badminton Association, special prices are now announced as follows —

Color — \$112.50

Black and White — \$37.50

These prices include film, reel, container and mailing charges to your address. There is no discount for quantities. Other clubs, schools or persons desiring to purchase the film should write for their prices. All communications regarding purchase by anyone should be addressed to Kenneth Davidson, c/o General Sportcraft Co. 215 Fourth Ave. New York 3, N. Y.

This film is an outstanding instrument in an instructive and interesting program for your students or club members and Bird Chatter strongly urges its use.

Chicago's North Shore Organized for Active Year

December 8th opened the tournament season of the North Shore Badminton Association, an organization of clubs in the suburbs of Chicago. The annual Round Robin Tournament for mixed and men's pairs found a good turnout for both the play and the cider and doughnuts.

The officers and directors of the Association are: Henry Wilson, Skokie, President; Richard Oelerich, Skokie, Vice President; Stewart Leber, Glencoe, Secretary-Treasurer.

Directors, Wesley Blom, Glencoe; Gordon Leitzow, Kenilworth Garden; Rufus Beach, Skokie; Phil Atwood, Evanston.

The Association Championships will be held in Glencoe, Jan. 25-26, and the Class B Tournament in Glencoe, Feb. 22, 23.

Correspondent — Dick Oelerich

Rhode Island Starts Active League Play

League play, sponsored by the R. I. Badminton Association, commenced Dec. 6th with six teams representing The Hope Club, Y W C A Club, Warwick, East Greenwich Y M C A Club, Pawtucket West Club, Narragansett Electric Club. Due to its nearness to the Providence area, a team from Danielson, Conn. will complete the group. Matches will consist of two men's and ladies' doubles and four mixed doubles.

Correspondent — Miss Kaye Hunt

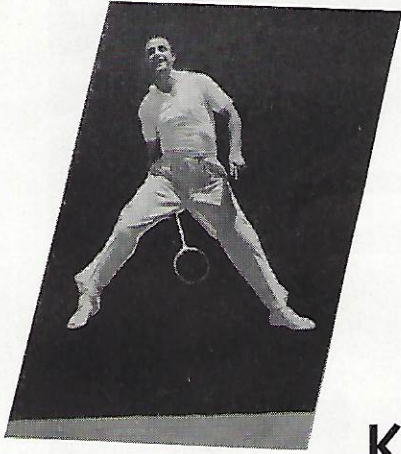
Oklahoma Plans Enlarged Open Event

With the renewal of the Oklahoma Open Championships on March 1, 2, the Oklahoma Badminton Association opens this event to players throughout the nation. It will again be played on the courts of the Continental Oil Co. at Ponca City, Oklahoma (as pictured on cover of Nov. issue.)

While this tournament is primarily most attractive to players in the Southwest, enthusiasts from other areas, St. Louis, Mo. being one, have entered in the past. Reports of the fine playing conditions, good tournament management and excellent hospitality should encourage others to enter.

Correspondent — George Harman

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