



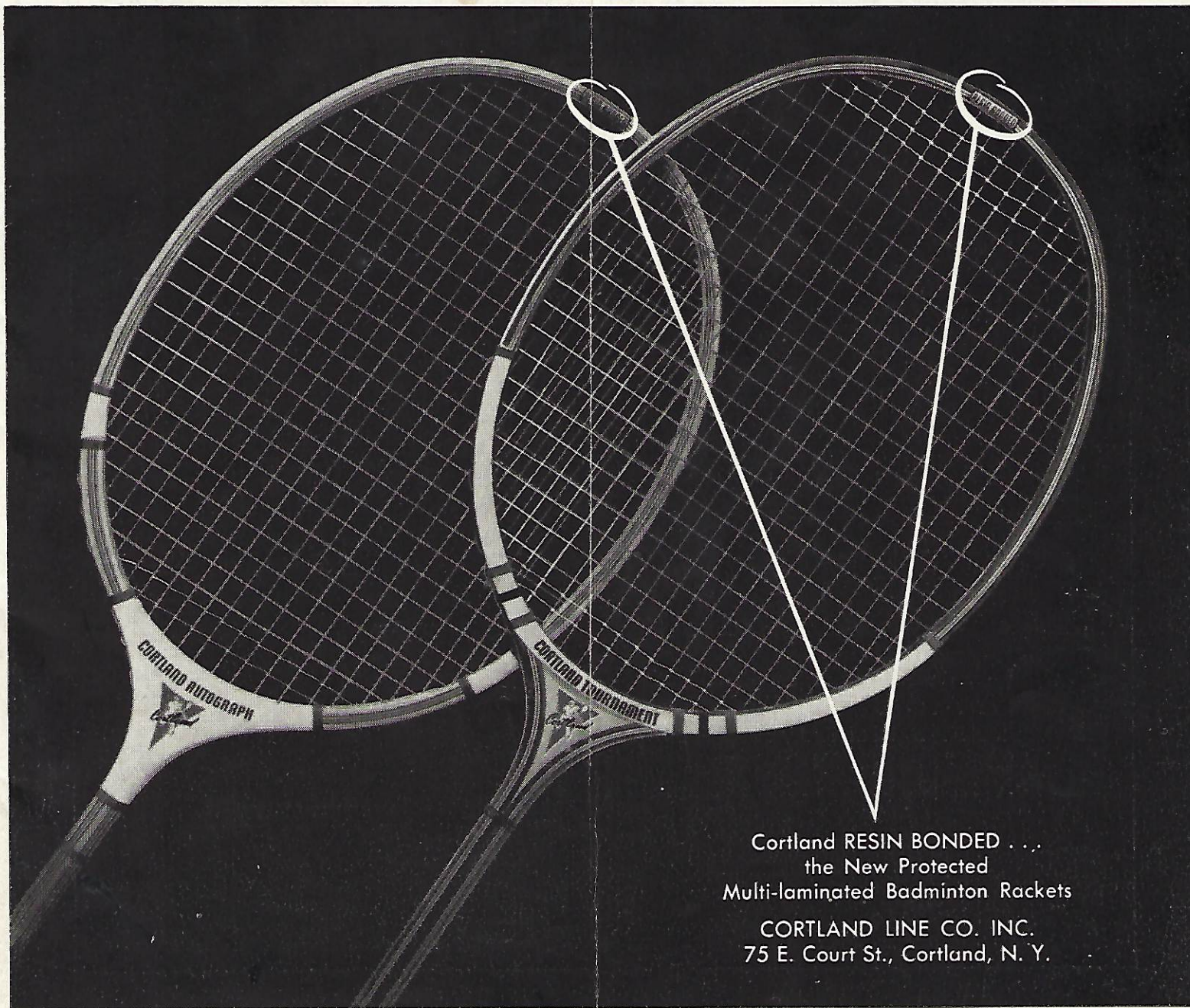
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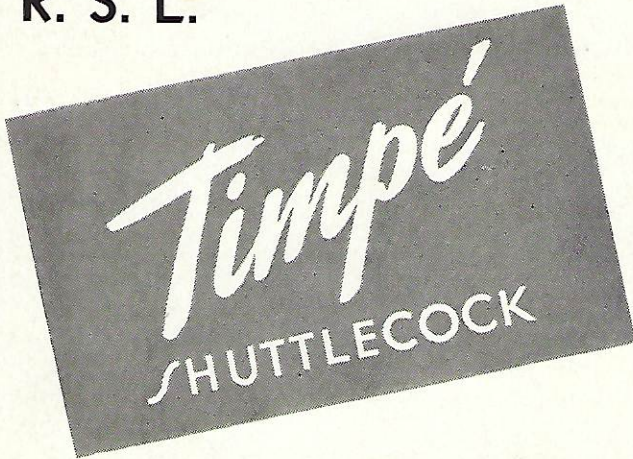


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## Sites of Both National Championships Still Pending — President Wheary Reports Activities to Membership



Warren Wheary, A B A President

The locations of the ABA National Championships and Junior Championships are still undetermined, according to the latest news forwarded to Bird Chatter by the National Office. At least four locations in as many parts of the country have been considering the problem of bidding for our topmost event, and two other locations have been earnestly debating the holding of the Junior event.

Conducting these two major tournaments is not a project to be taken lightly nor can the ABA rightfully award them unless the location and sponsoring bodies are reasonably qualified. AND YET, these events must be held and the places and dates should be determined at the earliest possible moment. Each Class A Association should seriously consider its ability to conduct one or the other of these events. Contact the National Secretary for more details if you are even slightly interested. The interest aroused in the local areas where these tournaments have been previously held has done much for their badminton

activity and it can do the same for you whether you are a well established or a newly formed association. It takes some real work backed by enthusiasm. Someone can do it — is it you?

The text of President Warren Wheary's message follows:

"Your Executive Committee had expected to announce the awards of the National Championships and Junior Championships for 1948 in this issue of Bird Chatter. Unfortunately, however, while we understand that bids are in the mail for the Senior event they

have not as yet arrived. Consequently it will be at least thirty days before a decision will be made. I am sorry to say that there is no indication as to where the Junior Championships will be held. After such a successful inauguration of the Junior Championships at Baltimore we certainly should not permit this season to pass without repeating the event. I cannot believe that there isn't another Class A Association, or Club in the country capable of sponsoring such a tournament. The

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## Editorial

Our second decade of nationally organized badminton starts with this season's play. Your magazine opens its eighth year of publication and its fourth in its present printed state. If a history of U. S. badminton is ever chronicled these last ten years under a national organized body would make interesting reading.

It has not been the easiest task to correlate and coordinate the far flung parts of our country particularly with the interval and effect produced by the conflict just passed. To those who attended the Junior Nationals at Baltimore last March and the National Championships and Annual Convention in Los Angeles last April, the picture of the past and the future became much clearer.

There is no doubt that we have passed the initial mark of becoming a Nation with top notch play and our players will have to be reckoned with in any coming international matches, informal — such as the occasion at Montreal, Canada late last season — or formal, if we find it feasible and possible to compete in The Sir George Thomas Cup Matches between members of the International Badminton Federation.

We have reasonably established our programs of shuttlecock approval, rules for referees, judges, etc. and our tournament sanctioning, scheduling, and the conduct of our championships is pretty well defined. The "mopping up" of the "bugs" in all of these should be accomplished within the coming season.

There is still plenty of work to be done on Junior development, national ranking, publicity and amateur status. From the administration angle, we haven't a smooth working constitution, our publication is still having "growing

pains" and our need for an eventual permanent secretary becomes more acute from many angles.

This is as honest a self analysis as we can make. The ABA hasn't reached a point where it can "pat its back" and relax but, likewise, it has built up a momentum that should make problems a bit more palatable for those who are engaged in their solution.

Our general picture is thus presented, but the immediate problem is you. Go out and play, informally, and in tournaments; practice or take lessons as you may individually decide, but above all have good, clean, honest fun with pleasant thoughts for your partner and a competitive spirit with your opponents.

## Reminder to Subscribers Old and New

Copies of this issue have been sent to members of some of our Member Clubs at the request of their secretary. If you are one of these who have not previously been on our mailing list and wish to receive further issues, kindly fill in the subscription blank below and mail as indicated.

To those who were subscribers last season, please consider this your 1947-48 season subscription billing and remit to Mr. John Garrod.

If renewals are not received by December 15th, past subscribers will be billed, but because of the limited time of your Staff we sincerely hope that this will not be necessary.

100% Clubs and Associations are requested to make complete collections and to send check for entire list, made out to "Bird Chatter".

## Bird Chatter Name Remains Unchanged

Despite suggestions of change of the name of our publication, received at both National Championships last season and as a result of our request in the June issue, we carry on with the "Bird Chatter" name.

From Reed Longfellow of Chicago, Ill., we print his "plug" and suggestion —

"Speaking not only as a subscriber but as a printer and former "slave" on many newspaper Editorial desks may I congratulate you on a good job of makeup, coverage and general reader interest. I agree with your editorial reference to a more dignified name and my suggestion would be — National Badminton News".

From Ted Godwin, Boston, Mass. — "Yes, I too am of the opinion that a more appropriate name should be found for your very newsy publication about badminton. So, why not call it — Badminton News?"

Other suggestions offered have been, American Badminton, Badminton Chatter, Badminton and National Badminton.

We are not yet completely sold on any of the above nor have we received a sufficient number of comments in any one direction.

What do you think? Do you like any of the above or have you something better to offer? Our "prize" still holds good for the name chosen.

## Correspondents Note

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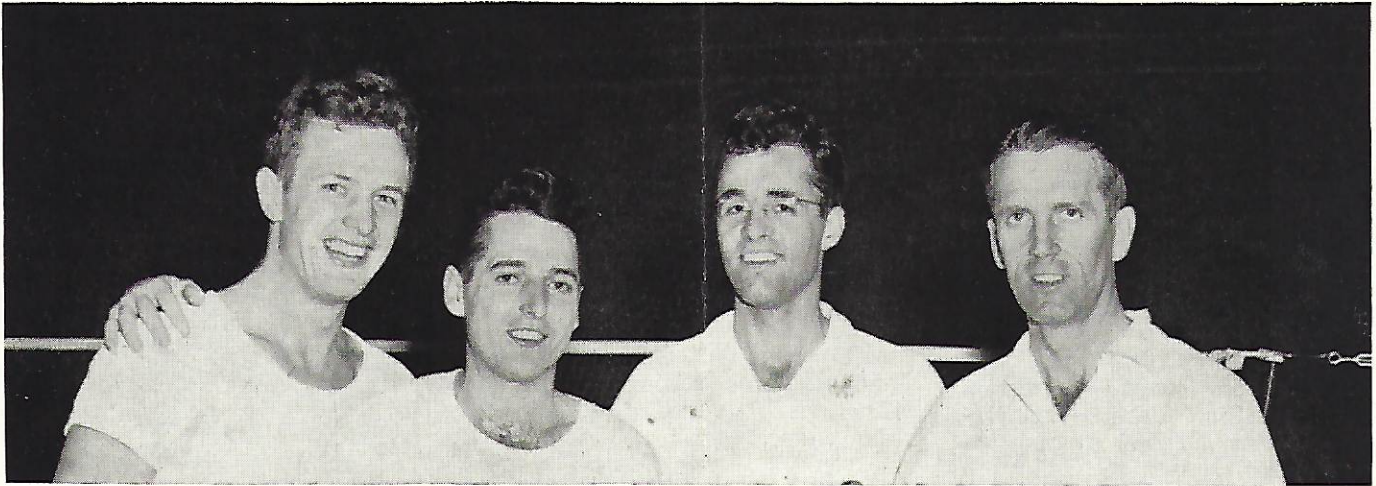
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## Outstanding Eastern United States Players



Left to right, Clinton Stephens of Baltimore, Md. U. S. ranking No. 8 in Singles, No. 2 in Men's and Mixed Doubles; Carl Loveday of Montclair, N. J. ranked No. 2 in Singles, No. 3 in Men's Doubles and No. 7 in Mixed Doubles; Robert Williams of Buffalo, N. Y. ranked No. 7 in Singles and No. 2 in Men's Doubles; Harry Keating of Buffalo, N. Y. ranked No. 7 in Men's Doubles.

### Chicago B. C. Still Leads in House Organ Dept.

The most interesting and entertaining club or association "house organ" is still the Bird Cage of the Chicago Badminton Club.

Featuring a Post Summer issue, September, Editor Marjorie Strub and her all-member — reporters provide many bits of news for even the uninitiated — to — C B C players.

A Summer Picnic and WHOOPER-DOO were successful outdoor affairs (*how come we weren't on the picture list Mr. Cox of Oak Leaves*).

### Oregon Opens With Multnomah "Kick Off"

Oregon badminton was officially under way with a Badminton "Kick Off" (how come, the football slang, why not "Toss Up", Al) at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, October 22nd. This same club will also be the spot for the Association's Fall Men's and Ladies Handicap Doubles Nov. 3, 5 and 6.

Two nearby Portland colleges, Reed, and Lewis and Clark, are in the process of building large gyms suitable for badminton and the clinic to be held by the Oregon Association at the latter school should materially help the sport.

The Portland YM is holding sports clinics, also, and many of the local badminton leaders are giving their assistance.

*Correspondent — Al Brown*

### New Rochelle Badminton Exhibition for "Y" Fund

Mr. Carlton Foster, Physical Director of the Huguenot Y. M. C. A., New Rochelle, N. Y., had no difficulty in persuading Ken Davidson, Internationally famous Badminton exhibitionist, to help raise funds for the "Y" World Youth Fund, by putting on one of his badminton fun-affairs. Others who appeared with Ken were professional Frank Jasen, Dick and Zoe Yeager, former National Mixed Doubles title holders, and May Hellwig and Ed Shields, prominent Metropolitan players.

The Yeagers played a two game match against Shields-Miss Hellwig, winning after many close points. Yeager-Jasen teamed up against Ed Shields-Davidson and came back to win a closely contested second game after losing the first game. Ken Davidson proved once more that his knowledge of doubles play is still phenomenal and his tactics opened up many points gaining scoring shots for his partner. The crowd greatly enjoyed the "match" between Ken and Frank Jasen which provided riotous guffaws and amazing strokes not known to normal badminton play.

Herman (Sonny) Oppenheim, National Director, called the scores.

"Let's Play Badminton", a 16 mm color film with narration, produced by Ken Davidson, was shown and proved most interesting.

### Duby Heads Mass. Association League Play Revived

Under the leadership of Wm. Duby the revival of league play heads the coming season's activities. Backed by Vice-presidents Jack Munroe, Clarence Christiansen: Treasurer, Wm. Walker, our latest bride, Mrs. Janet Dewar, Secretary, and those two active committee men, Bob Landry, tournaments, and Charlie Newhall, leagues, all major plans have been completed.

League play includes an A-B Men's of Shady Hill, Univ. Club, Hyde Park and Badminton Ass'n., a C Men's league of Watertown, Hyde Park, Gut'N Feathers, Dedham, Univ. Club, Needham, Maudgus and Winchester, and a D Mixed of Hyde Park, Needham, Waltham, Weston, Winchester and Maudgus.

Four Class State Tournaments are scheduled (see Tournament Calendar) and The New England Championships will be revived under the auspices of the State Ass'n.

Junior activities are planned not only by the State committee as per last year, but a number of clubs have arranged for private group instruction.

Western Mass. clubs in Southbridge and Springfield are utilizing the Howard Brand service and informal matches are planned with some of the Boston area clubs.

*Correspondents — Wm. Duby, Janet Dewar*

## Tournaments — Sanctioning and Calendar

There has been some misunderstanding in the past about proper procedure for sanction for tournaments. Sanctions are primarily designed.

1. To prevent conflicts and provide publicity regarding the tournament and —

2. To provide the Tournament Committee with proper rules and regulations so that they will run the tournament according to the American Badminton Association rules.

Application forms — Sanction forms — Result forms — Instructions to Linesmen — Instructions to Umpires, Judges and Linesmen — Grant System of Play and other material to assist you is all in the hands of your Regional Tournament Chairman.

### To Request a Sanction

(Use regular application forms and be sure they are completely filled out.)

1. For a local tournament — mail 3 copies to Regional Chairman (Regional Chairman sanctions).

2. For a local tournament between 2 or more Class A Associations within a region — mail 3 copies to Regional Chairman and

have Class A Tournament Chairman retain one (Regional Chairman sanctions).

3. For all State and Regional Championships (Class A), — mail 3 copies to Regional Chairman and retain one (National Chairman sanctions after OK by Regional Chairman).

4. For all invitational tournaments or those where players from two or more regions participate — mail 3 copies to Regional Chairman and retain one (National Chairman sanctions after OK by Regional Chairman).

5. For special exhibitions — National Chairman sanctions. (See ABA Regulations for details). Exhibitions without admission charge requires no ABA sanction but must be O. K.'d by Class A Association to avoid conflict. Where admission is charged for exhibitions — 1. Between amateurs only or 2. Between amateurs and professionals sanction is required from the National Chairman. Fee of \$2.00 should accompany request except that when a professional receives payment for services the fee becomes \$5.00. Provide details of

date, time, place, sponsoring group for publicity purposes.

In order to permit Bird Chatter listing of tournaments, dates, place and entries allowed, please request sanctions as early as possible.

Regional Chairmen will try to prevent conflicts by arranging with local committees to hold closed tournaments at the same time and try to space open and invitation tournaments. Tournament titles must not exceed scope of the tournament.

If the name of a tournament indicates a certain region or playing group, invitations and notices must be made available to all ABA clubs in that area.

### Results of Tournaments

(Use standard forms making sure they are completely filled out. First names are desired).

1. Send one copy of the Results and publicity to Bird Chatter, 20 Wamesit Road, Waban 68, Mass.

2. Send two copies of the Results to your Regional Tournament Chairman who will forward one to the National Chairman.

3. Send one copy of the Results to the Chairman of the Ranking Committee.

## Tournament Calendar

DATE	EVENT	SANCTIONED
Nov. 21, 22	Texas A. A. F. Tournament, Austin A. C., (open)	Austin, Texas
Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7	Seventh Annual Manhattan Beach, (closed)	Manhattan Beach, Cal. Yes
Dec. 5, 6	Univ. Club Invitation Mixed Doubles, (open)	Boston, Mass. Yes
Dec. 5, 6, 7	Northern California "B" Championships, (closed)	Oakland, Calif. Tentative
Dec. 6, 7	Round Robin Men's Doubles, (closed)	Niagara Falls, N. Y. Yes
Dec. 11, 12, 13	Mass. Class "B" Championships, (closed)	Univ. Club, Boston, Mass. Yes
Jan. 7, 8, 10	Mass. Class "D" Championships, (closed)	Dedham, Mass. Yes
Jan. 9, 10, 11	Berkeley "B" Championships, (closed)	Berkeley, Calif. Tentative
Jan. 16, 17	Southwestern A. A. U. Tournament, (open)	Dallas, Texas
Jan. 16, 17, 18	Athens Athletic Club, (open)	Oakland, Calif. Tentative
Jan. 17	Gut'N Feathers Invitation Men's Doubles (open)	Marblehead, Mass. Yes
Jan. 29, 30, 31	Mass. Class "C" Championships, (closed)	Univ. Club, Boston, Mass. Yes
Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1	Buffalo A. C. Invitation, Buffalo A. C., (open)	Buffalo, N. Y. Yes
Feb. 5, 6, 7	Northern California Championships	San Francisco Tentative
Feb. 14, 15	13th Annual Ohio State Open Tournament	Cleveland, Ohio Yes
Feb. 14 15	Tedesco Invitation Men's Doubles, (closed)	Swampscott, Mass. Applied
Feb. 21, 22	Bridgeport Class "B" Tournament	Bridgeport, Conn. Tentative
Feb. 20, 21, 22	Niagara Falls C. C. Invitation Tournament	Niagara Falls, N. Y. Yes
Feb. 26-28	Mass. State Championships, (closed)	Univ. Club, Boston, Mass. Yes
Feb. 28, 29	Oklahoma Open Tournament	Ponca City, Okla. Yes
Feb. 28, 29	All County Tournament, (closed)	Connecticut Tentative
Mar. 6, 7, 8	Kodak Invitation, (open)	Rochester, N. Y. Yes
Mar. 13, 14, 15	4th Annual New Jersey State Championships, (open)	Montclair, N. J. Yes
Mar. 19, 20, 21	10th Annual New England Championships, (open)	Univ. Club, Boston, Mass. Yes
Mar. 20, 21	Sixth Annual Eastern N. Y. State Tournament, (closed)	Albany, N. Y. Yes
Mar. 20, 21, 22	Western N. Y. Championships, (closed)	Niagara Falls, N. Y. Yes
Apr. 10, 11, 12	Genesee Valley Invitation, (open)	Rochester, N. Y. Yes
Apr. 18, 19	Buffalo A. C. Championships	Buffalo, N. Y. Yes
Apr. 18, 19	Western N. Y. "B" & "C" Championships (closed)	Buffalo, N. Y. Yes

**Western Region Ranks Leaders  
Texas Continues  
"Flying Feathers"**



Nick Roberts, Texas  
Senior ABA Director of  
the Western Region

The two active states of the Western Region, Texas and Oklahoma, have established a first and second (in some cases) place ranking of the players in those two states.

*Men's Singles*

1. George Harman, Okla.
2. Eugene Tenney, Texas

*Ladies Singles*

1. Georgia Crepps, Okla.
2. Marie Clabaugh, Okla.

*Men's Doubles*

1. Harman — Tenney

*Ladies' Doubles*

1. Crepps — Clabaugh

*Mixed Doubles.*

1. Nick Roberts, Texas  
Choice Aston, Texas
2. Bob Madden, Texas  
Dorothy Lander, Texas

*Veteran's Doubles*

1. Bill Mayfield, Okla.  
Ed Overhalser, Okla.
2. Walter Miller, Texas  
Floyd Aston, Texas

Continuing the publication, Flying Feathers, "A Bulletin About Badminton in Texas", the Texas Badminton Association is making great strides in its sincere endeavor

to make badminton grow in the Lone Star State.

Summer activities included a trip by Dallas, Texas, players to Ponca City, Okla. for an informal tournament. The Oklahoma players, George Harman and Jeanette Summers captured the Singles and Pat Harman and Eleanor Round the Ladies' Doubles with the Texans Nick Roberts — Hap Horn taking the Men's Doubles and Roberts — Dorothy Landers the mixed. Houston and Waco players met in Waco and the Waco group toured over to New Orleans, La.

The first of two early season major events to be held will be the T A A F Tournament in Austin, Nov. 21, 22, and will be open to out of state entrants. January 16-17 will mark the time of the Dallas A A U. Out of state players should contact Nick Roberts, c/o Republic National Bank, regarding entering these events.

*Correspondent — Cal Newton*

*(Ed. Note — Congrats to Texas for its newsy association publication. Washington and Texas have taken this progressive step, how about you other Class A Ass'ns?)*

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# ABA Rules and Regulations for Referees, Umpires and Linesmen

*(The following rules and regulations were adopted by the Directors at the National Convention last April. After a season's investigation of this subject the 1946-47 Rules Committee presented this code of operation and speedy acceptance was given to it by The Directors.*

*It is the bible for Tournament Committees, and should greatly assist all persons who act in any one of the following capacities.)*

*(Ed. Note — It is understood that there is one amendment that may be added to the Linesman's Duties, item No. 3, as a result of the experience at the National Championships last April. During the final events, the Referee permitted the linesmen to use the familiar baseball "Safe" sign (arms outstretched, palms of hands down) to indicate that a shuttle was "good". This was found to be of real value to the Umpire in making quick and accurate decisions. It is believed this is an excellent addition and pending a final recommendation to the Directors for this amendment, the chairman of your Rules Committee suggests its inclusion by the Referees of Tournaments in their instructions to Linesmen).*

## Duties of the Referee

1. Shall be in complete charge of the Tournament play.
2. Shall be thoroughly familiar with the Official Laws of Badminton, with the interpretations which are a part of the rules and shall have the authority to establish and approve such local rules as may be required for the courts being used.
3. Shall rigidly enforce all rules.
4. Shall have the power to appoint and remove Umpires, Linesmen, and Service Court Judges. Shall make sure that these officials are properly assigned, that they understand their duties, and are at their places at the proper time.
5. Shall see net is correct height and correct shuttles are used.
6. Should make sure players are on the court and are ready to play at the proper time.
7. If special Committees are assigned to any of the above duties should be sure they are on the job but he is still the final authority.

8. Shall be the final authority on points of law on appeal from the decision of an Umpire.
9. The scoring of a match can be affected only if the appeal is immediately made to the Referee and play suspended pending the decision, which he shall make forthwith.
10. The Referee or a substitute, appointed by him, must be present at all times when play is in progress.

## Duties of the Umpire

1. Shall be in complete charge of his match.
2. Shall make all calls promptly and clearly, calling the score, lets, faults and carries.
3. At the start of the match, unless otherwise arranged, he shall —
  - a. Arrange the toss for service or court.
  - b. Announce the event.
  - c. Introduce the players by name and court.
  - d. Announce the first server and receiver, if in doubles.
4. At the conclusion of the match shall announce the winner and the score, then take the score to the Referee or Official Scorer at once.
5. Shall see that the players do not leave the court after the match has started unless special permission is given. EXCEPTION — A five minute interval is allowed between the second and third games in Ladies Singles, Men's Singles and all Veterans events. But no player may leave the playing hall during the five minute interval.
6. May allow a player to leave the court for a period not over ten minutes for such things as receiving assistance for an injury, and replacing broken equipment. However, no permission shall be allowed which will cause an unwarranted delay of the match. In case a player is unable to proceed after this period a default must be called against such player.
7. Shall watch service and receiving faults unless a Service Court Judge is assigned.
8. Shall insure that players serve and receive from the proper courts.
9. Shall insure that ends are changed in accordance with Rule 3.
10. Shall insure that the option of "setting" is properly exercised, see Rule 7a.
11. Cannot reverse the decision of a Linesman or Service Court Judge.
12. May remove a Linesman or Service Court Judge for good cause subject to the final decision of the Referee.
13. When a Linesman or Service Judge is unable to give a decision may decide himself or, if unable to do so, may call a "let" and replay the point.

14. If actions of the spectators interfere with the players may call a "let" and replay the point.
15. A "carry or throw" is not to be called unless he is absolutely sure of the fault. The benefit of the doubt should go to the striker.
16. Where a Linesman corrects his decision, the umpire may order the point replayed if the call has affected the play of either side — otherwise the point shall stand as called.

## Duties of the Service Court Judge

1. Shall be familiar with his duties and know which court he is to watch before the match starts.
2. Must be in his assigned position before the match starts and may not leave his position before the match ends without the consent of the Umpire.
3. Shall watch the service line and the position of server and/or receiver.
4. Shall watch the server for foot faults and service faults.
5. Shall watch the receiver for foot faults and illegal rushing of the service.
6. Shall watch the service line for a short service.
7. Shall make a decision promptly unless unable to judge accurately. If his view is obstructed shall immediately notify the Umpire.
8. Has the right to correct his decision but shall immediately notify the Umpire before the next service is made.

## Duties of the Linesman

1. Shall be familiar with his duties and know which line to judge before the match starts.
2. Shall be in his assigned position before the match starts and may not leave his position before the match ends without the consent of the Umpire.
3. Shall watch his line carefully calling "out" if the shuttle lands outside the line regardless of how far out. Shall call loudly and clearly and raise his hand at the same time. Shall make no call or motion if the shuttle is good.
4. Shall make a decision promptly unless unable to judge the fall of the shuttle accurately. If his view is obstructed immediately notify the Umpire.
5. The Linesman's decision on all points relative to his own line is absolutely final.
6. Has the right to correct his decision but shall immediately notify the Umpire before the next service is made.



## Amputee Training Film Adds to Growing Library



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Don Kerr, National Amputee Consultant and one legged player from New Orleans, La., is the leading light in an amazing film which shows full training routine from crutch use and early leg exercises all the way through to social activities, such as the game of badminton, as a source of recovery and athletic enjoyment to the boys who have lost the use of one of their legs.

The much traveled Don even competed in our last National Championships and his efforts on

behalf of his once-handicapped pals will bring real joy to many.

Ken Davidson lends his remarkable ability and enthusiastic personality to the badminton sequences and is producing the film.

This new addition, plus the continuing popular "Let's Play Badminton" film, produced last year by Ken Davidson, for the enjoyment of the general public and the instruction of novice and expert alike, is another step toward a well developed badminton film library available to many persons.

"Let's Play Badminton", we are pleased to report, is still available free on request. Write the nearest of the following concerns for its use in either black and white or colored sound track film: General Sportcraft Co., Ltd., 215 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y., Victor Surgical Gut Co., 4501 Packers Ave., Chicago 9, Ill., or Jas. B. Dick Co., W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. Prints have been made available to such other countries as England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Sweden,

Norway, Australia and it has even had a showing in San Quentin prison where the inmates asked for a repeat performance.

Those desiring to make outright purchases can obtain the color film for \$112.50 and black for \$37.50. Several college and school audio visual departments have purchased copies and Associations could well do the same, especially for junior instruction.

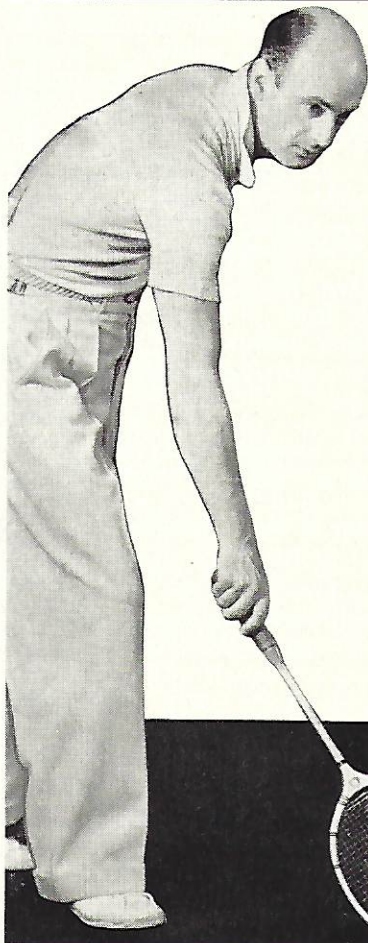
### Hamilton Club, Chicago Backs Magazine 100%

By a unanimous vote the Hamilton Badminton Club of Chicago, Illinois, has voted to add \$1.00 to its yearly dues for the members subscription to Bird Chatter.

The new officers elected Oct. 19th were Joseph Tiberi, president; Thelma Burdick, vice-president; William Graham, Sec.-Treas.

A Hallowe'en "square dance" was planned and preliminary arrangements for the Chicago District Tournament in February were made.

Correspondent — Wilma Shortz



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## America's IBF Representative Gets Major Committee Post

Humphrey F. Chilton, the ABA representative to the International Badminton Federation, reports his appointment to both the International Championships and the Rules and Laws Sub committee. Due recognition has been awarded the United States' growth in badminton circles and our representative is fully qualified to consider International problems from the American viewpoint. Congratulations, Humphrey.

## All-England Results

Results of the All-England Championships played at Harringay Arena, March 5-8 found the Danish players dominating the field.

### Men's Singles

Conny Jepsen (Sweden) def. Prakash Nath (India), 15-7, 15-11.

### Ladies' Singles

Marie Ussing (Denmark) def. Kirsten Thorndahl (Denmark) 11-6, 6-11, 12-10.

### Men's Doubles

Tage Madsen-Poul Holm (Denmark) def. Jorn Skaarup-Preben Dabelsteen (Denmark), 4-15, 15-12, 15-4.

### Ladies' Doubles

Tonny Olsen-Kirsten Thorndahl (Denmark) def. Aase Jacobsen-Marie Ussing (Denmark), 15-8, 15-7.

### Mixed Doubles

Poul Holm-Tonny Olsen (Denmark) def. Tage Madsen-Kirsten Thorndahl (Denmark), 15-13, 13-15, 15-12.

### Veteran's Doubles

R. G. Commin-W. P. Wigg (Eng.) def. R. D. Marshal-W. S. Smythe (Eng.) 15-6, 15-9.

## New York A. C. Magazine Covers Badminton Play

Featuring two excellent courts in the south end of its gymnasium the New York Athletic Club has an enthusiastic group of "young and hardy" players.

Their "The Winged Foot" magazine of July carried an entertaining article covering their club tournaments. Singles was won by Alexander B. Stuart from Stephen D. Calhoun, Jr., 7-15, 15-4, 15-7. Doubles was won by Earl I. Sponable-John P. Carey from Elia K. Stayanoff-Alexander B. Stuart, 21-8, 21-25, 21-7.

Correspondent — Sonny Oppenheim

(Ed. Note — do you wonder we say "hardy". Note doubles scores — ping pong or 21?).

## Impressions of Denmark and Danish Badminton

(Reprinted from the Frederiksberg Badminton Club publication, Copenhagen, Denmark, March, July, 1947.)

My chief impressions of my first return to Denmark since Easter, 1938, were that very little had changed. There were the same kindness and warm greetings extended to us on every hand, the same overwhelming hospitality; in fact the latter was even more overwhelming than pre-war, if it is possible to improve on something already 100%. We were surfeited with food and drink as before, a very pleasant change from England, even though, like every other country, prices had much advanced. We did find, however, that transport facilities had deteriorated, due to the war; taxis were difficult to obtain. In fact we didn't have much time to spare to catch our train when leaving, as it took nearly half-an-hour to find taxis to transport our luggage, so increased in size by the many gifts showered upon us. Also the entire absence of porters for the ferry at the Great Belt caused chaos and considerable hardship to many women.

With regard to Danish Badminton itself, we were much struck, although fore-warned of this, at the great number of good young players, and the immense improvement in the general standard of play, particularly in doubles. It was easy to see that the war years had not been wasted as far as Badminton was concerned. The keenness and fitness of the players were large contributors to this marked improvement, and retrieving in defence was a feature.

There were, however, one or two points which would appear to be worthy of mention with a view to further improvement. Firstly, in a great many matches very slow shuttles were used, shuttles whose speed failed by several feet to conform to the rule laid down. Secondly, shuttles were very seldom tested before a match, with the result that it was not uncommon to see shuttles, varying greatly in speed, being used in the same match. This was noticeable in the men's singles final. P. Holm was generally winning with shuttles which appeared to be about correct

speed, while J. Skaarup gained the ascendancy when slower ones were in use. A slow shuttle puts a stroke player at a disadvantage, as, owing to its slow flight, it gives too much scope to defensive retrieving. A stroke player relies more on making the shuttle do more of the work, and, unless he has a shuttle of correct speed, this is largely nullified. I would like to stress here that a shuttle which is too fast is just as bad as one too slow, as then it is very difficult to control, though in this case the stroke player is at an advantage. But the accuracy of the play was surprising considering the variations in shuttle speeds caused by failure to test and select shuttles of uniform speeds.

The efficiency of the umpiring system and the keenness of the umpires much impressed us. They tackled a difficult job with success, and the scoring system on all courts, clearly visible to all spectators even from the far end of the hall, was very good. Umpires, however, sometimes appeared to be swayed by spectators in line decisions, occasionally even altering decisions at the clamour of spectators.

While very strict attention was given to some points, it would appear that more attention might be given to services, being foul through too high a delivery.

The services of some players of all standards appeared very questionable on this point.

I have tried to set out truthfully my own impressions and those gained from conversations with the other members of the English party in the hope that they may be of some little interest to Danish Badminton players, and that, through understanding, the ties of friendship between Danish and English Badminton players may be even more cemented.

And so, I would like to end by saying how much we appreciated the sportsmanship of the Danes, both on and off the court; and also, at least on behalf of certain male members of the party, how exhilarated we were at the bevy of beauty which surrounded us on every side. It is a miracle to us how any man in Denmark manages to remain unmarried.

Till our next visit: Skaal.

Lancashire, Easter, 1947.  
W. G. P. Birtwistle

## Southern Florida Group Active



Left to right, bottom row, Evelyn Hughes, Hilda Snowden, Eloisa Mena, W. A. Davis, Fred Bombhoff, H. A. Gustafson; second row, Bob De Weese, Jane Smith, Bill Crim, Tom Johnston, C. P. Younts, Jr., back row, Jerry Toms, Eddie Jester, Easter Smith, Martha Davis, Art Armbruster, Frances Marcello.

Southern Florida, in the Miami area, is leading the state in active club operation. Started several

years ago by Austin Younts, physical director of the Miami YMCA it was taken over by Mrs. Marion

Huey upon the former's transfer to another state. Two state championships were held prior to the war, the first through the efforts of the Miami Beach recreation Dept. and in 1940 by the Sanford Rec. Dept.

Last season's state event was held at Miami Beach and the results were:

*Men's Singles*

Rhett def. Taylor, 15-11, 15-1.

*Ladies' Singles*

Smith def. Odenwald, 11-0, 11-4.

*Men's Doubles*

Younts-Kinnon def. Griffith-Weider, 15-9, 15-9.

*Ladies' Doubles*

Smith-Alley def. Schwartz-Odenwald, 15-8, 15-7.

*Mixed Doubles*

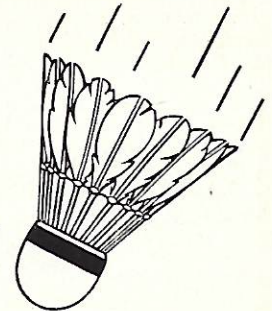
Gramley-Smith def. Younts-Pollack, 13-15, 15-10, 17-14.

The Greater Miami Badminton Association is becoming one of the most active groups, sparked by Mr. and Mrs. Easter Smith who were formerly from North Carolina and competed in the 1942 Nationals at Durham, N. C. Play was held Thursday nights at the Miami Senior High School until August when the school took over.

Correspondents — Marion Huey, Mrs. Easter Smith and Harry Vaughan

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## ABA First Vice-President



Raymond G. Scarlett of Baltimore, Md.

The new first vice-president of the A. B. A. is Raymond G. Scarlett of Baltimore, Md. He's a dyed-in-the-wool badmintonite, dating back his interest in the game to 1934 when he was a prominent player in the Baltimore area. In 1936 he founded the Gilman Badminton Association, now the outstanding local playing club.

Believing strongly in organized activity he was the guiding factor in the establishment of the Maryland Badminton Association in 1938. While he is still interested in activities in his local and state areas, in 1940 he turned his major attention to National affairs and has been a National Director of Region No. 2 since that date. His special attention has been directed to amateur status and junior development. In the latter case this culminated in the introduction of the First United States Junior Championships held last March under the sponsorship of the aforementioned Gilman Badminton Association. In this endeavor he was ably assisted by his charming wife, Jane, and it was unquestionably satisfying to him to have his daughter, Barbara, become the first National Junior Champion with a convincing demonstration of superiority in both singles and girl's doubles.

The ABA is fortunate in having among its administrators this splendid personality with such a background of progressiveness and administrative ability combined with an intimate knowledge of the game.

## Maryland Expands Activities

Sparked by the junior-minded Baltimoreans the Maryland State Badminton Association has organized for complete state wide activity.

Committee chairmen are: Tournament, Clinton P. Stephens; Exhibitions, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Devlin; Membership, Clinton P. Stephens; Publicity, Edwin M. Kabernagel, Jr., Junior Development, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Devlin.

It is planned to rank all registered players in the State in Class A, B, or C. Such a ranking will be set up this fall, and then issued yearly after the State Championships in the spring. To carry the ranking idea to a logical conclusion, it is planned to hold inter-club team matches in these three categories, and to hold the State Championships in these three groups, thus stimulating interest on the part of a larger group of players, and giving the poorer players the feeling that they are not being forgotten in the shuffle.

The tournament committee has made plans for the Maryland State Championships in Classes A, B, and C, for the Maryland State Junior Championships, for the Baltimore City Open Tournament, and for the revival of the Gilman Invitation Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Junior interest in Baltimore is very high. Classes of instruction have been set up for junior play on Saturdays in the morning, and on Sundays a club has been established for the juniors to practice what they learned.

The Exhibition Committee is arranging exhibitions and clinics all around the state by the leading players to stimulate further interest in the game, to raise the level of play, to show the game to school students, and to teach methods of instruction to the teachers of the schools.

The Publicity Committee has arranged for complete newspaper coverage for all badminton events this year.

The Membership Committee is making a survey of badminton in this state, and maintaining a map of the state showing all badminton centers, whether members of the Association or not.

The season started off recently with a great deal of enthusiasm

on the part of all players and officials. The Towson Badminton Club opened on Thursday evening, October 2nd, with a membership of 90. This club plays on Monday and Thursday evenings, and on Sundays from 10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. St. Paul's Badminton Club started play Sunday October 5th, with 100 members. Play here is on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings. The old Gilman Badminton Association has been reorganized into the new Gilman Badminton Club, through the efforts of Mr. Raymond G. Scarlett in securing the use of the gymnasium for seven nights a week, and through the Board of Governors, composed of Dr. Marius P. Johnson, Mr. W. Oster Norris, Mr. Frank G. Roberts, Mr. Clinton P. Stephens, Mr. Ted Beacham, Mr. Alfred J. Townsend, Mr. Willard Boehm and Mr. John Leutkemyer. This club now has the use of five courts for seven nights a week, and plans to have a maximum of 200 members. There are approximately 10 clubs in the Public Athletic League this year, and they will start play late in October, with about 20 members in each club, and playing on one night in the week.

An exhibition is planned on Friday evening December 5th, the proceeds of which are to be used to send qualified junior players to the National Junior Tournament. Patsy and Clint Stephens, the only local nationally ranked stars are to be featured, along with possibly Ethel Marshall, the national champion, and Carl Loveday, the popular number two ranked player, if the presence of these latter two can be secured. Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Devlin are in charge of plans.

*Correspondent — Ed Kabernagel*

## Indian Champ Returns Home

Miss Tara Deodhar, ladies' champion of India in 1943, 1944, 1945 has returned to Poona, India. She entered this country in 1945 to study certain subjects at the University of Wisconsin and having completed these courses she returned home this summer.

Lack of time did not permit her to participate in much play but those who saw her in action were enthusiastic about her style and delightful personality.

Goodbye, Miss Deodhar — we hope you return some day.

## Connecticut Organizes Junior Plans Predominate]

Plans for the current season were discussed and tentative tournament schedules adopted at the Fall meeting of the board of delegates of the Connecticut Badminton Association on Friday evening, October 10, at the New Haven Y. M. C. A. President Howard Sharp conducted the meeting, and heard reports from the various committee chairmen.

Larry Amann, of the Hartford High Badminton Club, was appointed treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Les Downs of Danielson, who resigned due to the pressure of business.

Rip Gagon of the New Haven Y Badminton Club, schedule chairman, reported on plans for match play, with a probable round robin to be held in addition to men's, ladies' and mixed doubles play.

Norman Church of the Norwich Badminton Club, Ranking Committee Chairman, reported the raising of Wes Snyder, and Stan Pickering of the Norwalk Y, Ken Kost and Joseph Cuseo of the Westport Badminton Club, Duke Domonkos of the Norwalk Rec.

Badminton Club, Roger Peterson of the Stamford Y Badminton Club of the Stamford Y Badminton Club, and Hope Smith and Genevieve Kehr of the Hartford High Badminton Club from Class B to Class A ranking.

Don Hersam reported for the Publicity and Promotion Committee. He passed out Bird Chatter subscription blanks, and also distributed the new CBA shields to the various club delegates. He also told of a plan to provide the various CBA clubs with top amateurs for instruction nights, with traveling expenses to be paid by the CBA. The meeting also voted to publish a handbook of the CBA, to be distributed free of charge to members of the association.

Miss Helen Gibson, Junior Committee Chairman of the ABA and the CBA, reports as follows:

The Connecticut Junior Badminton Tournament will be conducted again this year by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference and sponsored by the Connecticut Badminton Association.

Miss Marjorie Doty of the Hartford Public High School, and chairman of the girls' C. I. A. C.,

will be chairman of the Junior Tournament, assisted by Miss Gibson.

There will be four sectional Junior Tournaments covering the entire state and the winners from each section will meet in a final play-off in Hartford during the first week in March.

*Correspondent — Don Hersam*

## Coming Issues

The Sir George Thomas Cup Matches (much delayed, but for reasons you will read about).

Dates of both the National Championships (we hope).

Interesting articles from India.

A B A Junior Activities Committee Plans.

A B A Publicity Committee Ideas. Amateur Status, — Who, What and Why.

Canada — Cooperation and Competition.

From R. H. Osborne, L. A. Cal.

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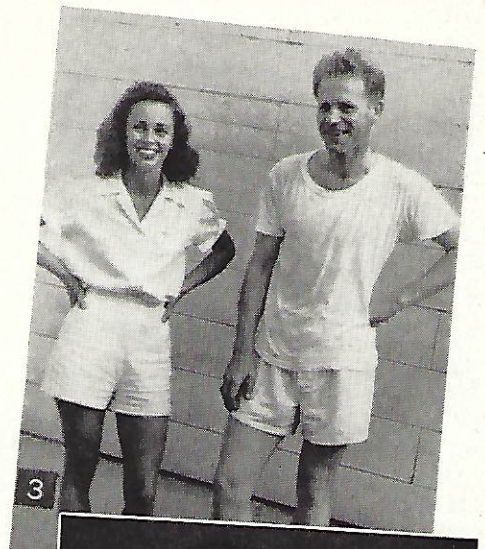
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## Southern California Reports Two Summer Events



1. Irl Madden, Barbara Templeton, 2. Wynn Rogers, Mrs. Virginia Hill, 3. Mrs. Helen Tibbetts, Webb Kimball, 4. Mrs. Louise Hollister, Norman Blanchett, 5. Marianna Gott, 6. Barney McCay, Mrs. Helen Mullin.

Two "hot" tournaments have kept many of the Southern California top stars in fine fettle for the coming season's play. On July 4, 5, 6, the Semina Nautica Tournament was held at Santa Barbara and The Manhattan Beach Mixed Doubles was held August 17th.

Both events were studied with National Champions and "First Ten" men and lady stars. The former had to give congratulations this time for the pairs of Rogers-Mrs. Hill and Smith-Rulison became croppers in the finals of their specialties.

The Vets Mixed at Manhattan was an innovation with an entry re-

quirement of a 75 year combined age.

### Santa Barbara

#### Men's Singles

Mendez def. Rogers, 15-9, 7-15, 15-7.

#### Ladies' Singles

Janet Wright def. Marianne Gott, 11-6, 11-5.

#### Men's Doubles

Rogers-Webb Kimball def. Norm Blanchett-Irl Madden, 17-15, 15-9.

#### Ladies' Doubles

Wright-Mildred Jude def. Gott-Connie Horner, 15-7, 15-10.

#### Mixed Doubles

Kimball-Mrs. Tibbetts def. Rogers-Mrs. Hill, 15-10, 15-5

#### Vets Doubles

Gene Elms-Moon Mullin def. Hulet Smith-Louis Rulison, 15-11, 15-11.

### B Flight

#### Men's Singles

Martin def. Griffin, 14-15, 17-15, 15-12.

#### Ladies' Singles

Gwinnett def. Wincote, 12-11, 11-7.

#### Men's Doubles

Bishop-Herd def. Kirby-Adams, 18-15, 18-17.

#### Mixed Doubles

Davis-Miller def. Miner-Gwinnett, 12-15, 15-6, 15-8.

#### Vets Doubles

Searight-Adams def. Welcome-Burrows, 15-5, 15-7.

### Manhattan Beach

#### Vets Mixed

Norm Blanchett-Louise Hollister def. Barney McCay-Helen Mullin, 5-15, 15-9, 17-14.

#### Sub-Octet

Irl Madden-Barbara Templeton def. Norm Blanchett-Bernice Marignan, 15-7, 11-15, 15-12.

#### Mixed Doubles

Kimball-Mrs. Tibbetts def. Rogers-Mrs. Hill, 15-12, 15-10.

Correspondent — Mrs. Virginia Hill

## Seattle Leads in Activities of Washington State

Badminton officially opened its season for 1947-48 in Seattle on October 1st, although many clubs had already begun play.

Washington State is considered to be the fastest growing badminton area in the United States, according to American Badminton Association figures which show a 170% increase in interest here. Local officials expect to beat last season's mark and they report more interest already than for any previous year.

The large Seattle Shuttle Club lead by Marge and Howard Crow are playing every Tuesday and Friday night at the Edmund Meany School Gym.

The Washington Athletic Club's schedule started at Edmond Meany School on Wednesday evening, October 1st. Clarence Panzica was on hand to instruct. The group plans to hold tournaments and to engage in outside competition. Cliff Tennant will be in charge of badminton activities this season. The W. A. C. ladies' badminton program will continue this year also with "Windy" Langlie acting as instructor.

Emmett Drummey, of the Broadway Racket Club, reported that no definite dates had been set for his group but that they expect to have the same dates of play and about the same group as last season.

The Queen Anne Badminton Club and the Fifth Avenue Badminton Club consolidated their nights again this season and are playing at the same place as last Spring on Tuesday and Thursday.

Monday and Friday each week from 7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M. are the times for the Central YMCA Badminton Club according to Roy Fleming, athletic director. West Seattle Y, Northeast Y, Northwest Y and the Queen Anne Y also have badminton groups. Vern Emory, Queen Anne secretary, boasts a unique "Married Couples" group which meets at Queen Anne High School each Monday evening.

Lucille Lang, athletic director of the Y. W. C. A. announces badminton for Monday evenings 7:30 to 9:30, the Co-Ed club, and Wednesday evenings 7:45 to 9:30, the Married Couples group. Instruction for beginners will be given on Tuesday at 1:00 P. M. and also at 5:45 P. M. An advanced group plays Tuesday at 6:30 P. M. Badminton is also played on Wednesday at 10:30 A. M. At the West Seattle YWCA badminton is played Tuesday at 10:30 A. M.

The Ballard Badminton Club, lead by Joe Johnson, meets on Monday and Thursday at Ballard High School. This group boasts well-known ball players, Chet and Earl Johnson who find badminton the perfect winter conditioner.

Charles Bulman, King County Parks and Playgrounds, is looking for more players at the White Center, Burien and Des Moines, fieldhouses. The Burien group meets on Wednesday, the Des Moines group and the White Center club on Thursday. Mr. Bulman expects to hold the popular open South King County Badminton Championships again this year.

The Seattle BPO Elks badminton club has already enlarged its badminton program — according to John Shentanian, athletic director. One of the city's most active groups, the Elks, has facilities for both beginners and experts. Men's, ladies and mixed groups play at the 4th and Spring Gym, and tournaments have already been planned. The All-Elk badminton tournament will be held this year although definite plans have not been set.

The Hilltop Navy group lead by Jack Doyle plays at Queen Anne High School every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M.

The Washington Mutual Savings Bank club meets at the Edmond Meany School every Monday evening according to Mrs. Bill Barragar, secretary.

The Ladies' Wednesday Afternoon Badminton group will play again this season at the Green Lake Fieldhouse. Mildred Noble, Fieldhouse leader, gives instruction to beginners.

Out-of-town club playing dates are as follows: Silverdale Badminton Club, Thursday Evening, 7:30 at Silverdale High; Sekiu-Clallam Badminton Club, Wednesday, Clallam Bay Hi; Forks B. C. Wednesday at high school, So. Kitsap B. C. at Port Orchard on Wednesday Evening, Yakima Badminton Club at YMCA starting October 31st.

*Correspondent — Robert Kildall*

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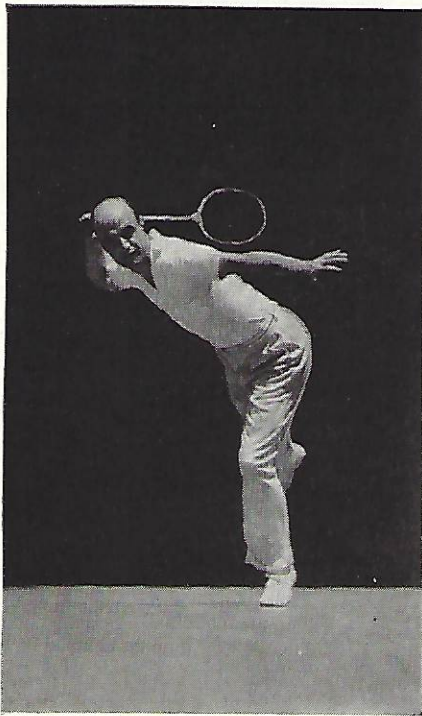
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# The Shuttlecock — Correct Pace of The Bird — Its Make-up, Care and Treatment



By Ken Davidson

SHUTTLECOCKS or "birds" as they are commonly called in this country are the subject of much controversy throughout the badminton world. Let us try and get some light on the whole question and perhaps a slight deviation from the subject of the bird itself may assist us to settle our problems.

What is the object of the game of badminton? It has to satisfy our craving for activity and pleasure, to express in our play delicacy of touch, power, deception, finesse and to allow fast accurate placements with a deft movement of a supple wrist accompanied by swift footwork and rapidity of thought.

The Shuttlecock, then, has a difficult task to fulfill! The official rule states, "A shuttlecock shall be deemed to be of correct pace if, when a player of average strength strikes it with a full underhand stroke from a spot immediately above one back boundary line in a line parallel to the side lines, and at an upward angle, it falls not less than 1 ft., and not more than 2 ft. 6 in. short of the other back boundary line." As you can see, the rule stipulates "a player of average strength" and other

argumentative points such as "a full underhand stroke", so it is difficult for most players to get a clear idea of the correct speed of bird to be used when they are at the beginning of their badminton careers.

## Wrist Movement

Wrist movement plays an important part in the game and it should be possible with a well timed wrist movement to propel the shuttlecock from one back line to any part of the opponent's court. Beginners, of course, will find difficulty in doing this, as they do not allow free use of their wrist. Most players, however, do not consider their position in court and, when they hit a bird over the opposite back line, they think it is too fast. Because of the lack of control of shots played from half-court and near the net numerous birds fly over the opposite base line and, consequently, slower shuttlecocks are demanded.

## Slower Birds

There is little doubt that there is a tendency towards the use of slower birds. They are easier to keep in court, thus allowing longer time to play strokes and consequently lengthening the rallies. This may be all right for beginners who benefit by having more time to play their strokes but if this tendency develops, it will be difficult to hit the shuttlecock over the base line at all. This may seem ridiculous but in the five finals played recently in another country at the biggest championship tournament with all their top ranking players competing — on no occasion, not one, did a player hit a bird over his opponent's back line when striking it between his own back doubles and singles service lines. This is an important fact, for on many occasions individual players hit with all the power in their bodies, arms and wrists, knowing full well that the bird would not go out at the other end of the court. Where is the judgment in such strokes? But how they sap ones energy! Certainly every shot, particularly from the base line, should demand some physical effort but not to the extent that, when the full strength of a well trained body is applied

with perfect timing to the shuttlecock, it will not travel the full length of the court.

To become an expert one has to master the shuttlecock, to gain control over it so that it may be placed at will. It is, obviously, harder to obtain control over a fast moving object than a slow one. The idea, then, is to find the happy medium.

If a slow shuttlecock is used the advantage is all with the strong muscular individual who, by power alone, can overcome an opponent who relies on skillful and deceptive placements but who is penalized because of the slow flight of the bird through the air and who hasn't been endowed by nature with the physical strength to force a good length return. At the same time, we must not go to the other extreme and have birds as "fast as bullets" — a favorite excuse with some tournament players — which at the least pressure of the wrist fly off the racket.

## Human Nature

Perhaps after all, it is a question in which human nature plays the most important part. The player who relies on smashing to win wants a fast shuttlecock and the player with unlimited stamina and a stone wall defense wants a slow shuttlecock to help on the road to victory. How, then, can both be satisfied? Until such time as the commercial production of a satisfactory machine to test the correct length of shuttlecocks it appears that much depends on the willingness of players to submerge personal desires and to stand by the official rule regarding correct pace. It should be remembered that atmospheric conditions alter the length of the flight of the shuttlecock and thus no definite rule can be given for all courts, but you do know that if you never hit a bird over your opponent's base line when striking it between your own back doubles and singles service lines and you are a player who has reached the stage of timing correctly, the shuttlecock being used is too slow.

## Scientific Manufacture

Not many players regard the manufacture of shuttlecocks as a scientific enterprise; yet few accessories of sport call for greater precision in production. A shuttlecock must weigh, according to the regulations of the International Badminton Federation, between 73



and 85 grains which is no more than two ordinary visiting cards and yet it has to stand up to extremely severe punishment. Scientifically, a bird, when moving in a certain direction at a speed of perhaps 50 miles an hour, must be capable of withstanding a blow from a racket that will instantaneously reverse its flight and send it in the diametrically opposite direction at a velocity exceeding 100 miles per hour. In the process, the bird has to withstand a pressure of more than 100 lbs. per square inch whilst the rate of acceleration amounts to no less than 20,000 feet per second per second.

#### Carelessness

Not only has the shuttle to withstand these legitimate blows but, owing to the carelessness and thoughtlessness of many players, it is often flagrantly ill treated. How often has one seen a player carelessly kick or hit a bird along the ground, actually striking the feathers and thus breaking one or two of the quills! It is a noticeable fact that the players, who have had the opportunity of seeing the care and attention given to the make-up of the birds in the factory are so impressed by what they see that they themselves carry on where the manufacturer leaves off.

#### Flight of a Bird

The length of flight of a bird is affected by changes of temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, etc. Everything else being equal, the warmer the atmosphere the farther the bird flies, the colder the atmosphere the shorter it flies. Air gets thinner and offers less resistance the warmer it gets. This adds to the manufacturer's duties. He must provide birds suitable for any hall, under any atmospheric conditions. This has been done and it is now possible to obtain birds in thirteen different speeds or flights, varying from 73 to 85 grains, accuracy amounting to one seven-thousand part of a pound avoirdupois! Thirteen different lengths of flight, each flight representing a difference of approximately four inches, offers amazing consistency under any conditions. Inconsistent length of flight seriously retards development of the game.

#### Responsiveness

Correct paced birds not only improve the standard of play in a club but prevent mishitting which is the chief cause of damage to birds. The sound principle of

placing the same consistent flight of birds in the one tube is absolutely essential for first-class play, especially for match and tournament players for whom accuracy is the keynote to success. Responsiveness is just as essential in a shuttlecock as in a tennis ball — more so owing to the delicacy of touch required on the playing of shots, near the net — and yet strength has to be kept for durability without making the shuttle too soft or "soggy". A "soggy" bird feels like a tennis ball which has been soaked by the rain and curtails the development of accuracy — all the "touch" has been taken away.

#### Durability

Shuttlecocks often lack durability by being either too dry or too damp and they offer less playing service in overheated than in unheated halls. In this country the humidity is low and temperatures in stores, halls, gymnasiums, etc. are kept very high — 70° to 75° at least — which is by no means ideal for shuttles, as they become dry and brittle, thus breaking more easily. If kept in good surroundings, shuttles, like good wine, improve with keeping. Players are often thoughtless about storing shuttles and often leave a tube lying in a locker or in a bag which may be placed near hot pipes with subsequent disastrous results. Hot dry air tends to rise and dryness is definitely harmful to a shuttle, so keep tubes of shuttles near the floor rather than the ceiling. In no circumstances should they be stored in direct contact with a cold or damp stone or concrete floor. Avoid extremes of temperature and humidity as far as possible. The humidifier in some shuttle containers provides for ideal conditions for shuttles — in a constant temperature of 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit with a humidity of between 70 to 80 per cent.

If one reviews the uses — and abuses — a shuttlecock has to withstand, it is a matter of wonder and amazement that an object so light has the remarkable strength it has. The remembrances that it is not improved by being pushed along the floor and that its playing life is considerably prolonged by smoothing the feathers before serving will show a saving on the exchequer and, at the same time, bring to your notice a really remarkable creation — a shuttlecock.

## Europe's Leader, Denmark Sends Encouragement

Through N. P. Kristensen, Honorable Secretary of the Danish Badminton Association, we have received a most pleasant letter —

"Thank you for another issue of the Bird Chatter. The reading of this is so interesting that as soon as having finished the last word, it only seems to one that it is all too long before the next issue is ready to appear.

It certainly gives a very interesting impression of American Badminton and how keen the interest is. It was really interesting to read about the 1947 National Championships and not least about the Junior National Championships. In this country we have played Junior Championships since 1933 and therefore know how interesting and also important they are. I congratulate American Badminton with the start of these Championships and with the great success they appeared to be.

In relation to American Badminton there is only one thing which I regret and that is the far distance between our countries. I am sure you admit that it would be not only interesting but very useful if our best players were able to try their strength against each other. I know it is a sincere wish in Denmark to get into personal touch with American Badminton. When and how it should be possible I do not know, unfortunately, but it must be some day in a not too far future."

The Frederiksberg Badminton Klub has likewise shown interest in Bird Chatter through its Secretary, K. Lunge, and its publication provides us with some interesting accounts of events in other parts of the country: (See articles on Danish Badminton by Birtwistle of England and "Badminton in Australia", on other pages of this issue.)

## Missouri 1947-48 Officers

At the annual meeting of the Missouri Badminton Association, Oct. 22nd the following officials were elected. Pres. James Tancill, Vice-Pres. Louis Fuzz, Secretary, Mrs. Peg Goessling, Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Horne, Executive Committee, Herpel Perkins, Chairman, Ray Jordan, Al Galbreaths, Charles Ochs, Betty Carpentier.

Correspondent — Peg Goessling

## Horton Leads Western New York



Charles H. Horton  
Pres. Western New York B. A.

Energetic and popular Charles H. Horton is the newly elected president of the Western New York Badminton Association for the season 1947-48. Following closely upon his election he has announced the appointment of the following committee chairmen:

Rules and Officials, Rex V. Rial, ch. Rochester District, Philip Michlin. Publicity, Delmont P. Altenburg, ch., Elmer B. Koener, Vice ch. Tournament, Jack O'Bannon, ch., John G. Buddemeyer, vice ch. Ranking, Albert F. Robson, ch., Edwin G. Ireland, Vice ch. Membership, F Eugene Drulard, ch. Inter Club, Edwin G. Ireland, ch., Delmont P. Altenburg, vice ch. Junior, Miss Alice Brown, ch.

The following have been raised to A Ranking:

**Men**  
R. Traquair  
F. Kolb  
P. Miller  
A. Sawyer  
C. Zittel

**Ladies**  
B. Keller  
D. Holmes  
M. Schauer  
E. McKee  
G. Altenburg  
J. O'Bannon  
L. Patchen  
M. Schmidt

and the following to  
B. Mack  
B. Eckis  
J. Christman  
D. Salemi  
D. Emore  
G. Haring  
D. Dickens  
D. Pfeiffer  
E. Barnes  
R. Metzger

B Ranking,  
E. Barash  
E. Williams  
R. Hunter  
V. Reustle  
F. Benson  
M. Altenburg  
E. Morse  
C. Rudolph  
L. Gelen  
M. Meigs  
J. Shaw

Correspondent — D. P. Altenburg

## Badminton in Australia

*(The following article is reproduced from the August-September, 1947 edition of the publication issued by the Frederiksberg Badminton Klub of Denmark, and its author is Mr. H. R. Brady, Honorary Secretary of the Australian Badminton Association. Fortunately it was printed in English as the rest of the publication was in Danish, a language your Editor is unable to translate. A hunt is now on for a translator in the belief that material of activity in Denmark would make interesting reading to us Americans. Our thanks is presented to our Danish friends.)*

As a competitive sport Badminton in Australia is confined chiefly to the States of Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia, there being little of it played in New South Wales and still less in Queensland. Even in those states in which it enjoys some popularity, it is organized mostly in the capital cities though there are a number of what we call Country Associations in one or two of the States. Our season extends roughly from April to October although there are some enthusiasts who play all the year round. Generally speaking the set-up is: teams Competitions conducted by the Local Associations; State Individual Championships (Annual) and National Championships and Interstate Matches.

The game's introduction into this country took place early in the year 1900, when with equipment brought out from England, the first Club of fourteen members, comprising Military Officers, Merchants, Bank Managers and Doctors, was formed in Perth (Western Australia). It was not until 1922, however, that the first W. A. State Championships were conducted. Meantime the game had taken hold in Victoria, being first played at Geelong about forty miles from Melbourne. The pioneer Club in Tasmania was formed at Launceston in 1923 and South Australian Badminton history began with a meeting in Adelaide in 1930. New South Wales entered the field in 1936.

The controlling body in Australia, the Australian Badminton Association, comprising at present the State Associations of Victoria

Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and New South Wales, was formed in 1935 and from that year also the Annual Interstate Matches between Victoria and Tasmania and later South Australia (which had for a number of years been carried on by local arrangement) became properly established annual events in which up to the outbreak of war in 1939 had resulted wins for Victoria in 1935-7-8-9 and for Tasmania in 1936. So far Western Australia, whose headquarters are some 2,000 miles from those of the Victorian Association for instance, has not been represented at these contests. The National Championships have been conducted from 1935 to 1939 inclusive, and the first Post-War Tournament is scheduled for the first week in August next and will be conducted in Adelaide (South Australia).

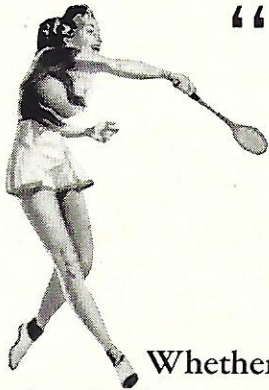
An event which had a marked effect on the standard of play in this country was the visit, in 1936, of J. F. Devlin, former All-England Champion. His visit offered the first authentic opportunity of comparing our methods and standard of play with those of the outside world.

The 1938 season saw the inauguration of International Contests between Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand when an Australian Team visited N. Z. and had a most successful tour winning every match including the "test" Match for the "Whyte Trophy", presented for competition between the two countries by Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Whyte of Wellington, New Zealand. Australia retained the Trophy, though by a lesser margin, when the teams met in Australia the following year.

When organized Badminton suspended operations because of the War, it was estimated that there were approximately 10,000 players in this country. During the War years very few were able to play and the game is just now really coming to life again though badly handicapped by the high price and rather poor quality of the shuttlecocks. We are, however, full of hope and enthusiastically looking forward to the day when it will be possible for the players of Australia to play the part in International Badminton they now do in Tennis and other sports.

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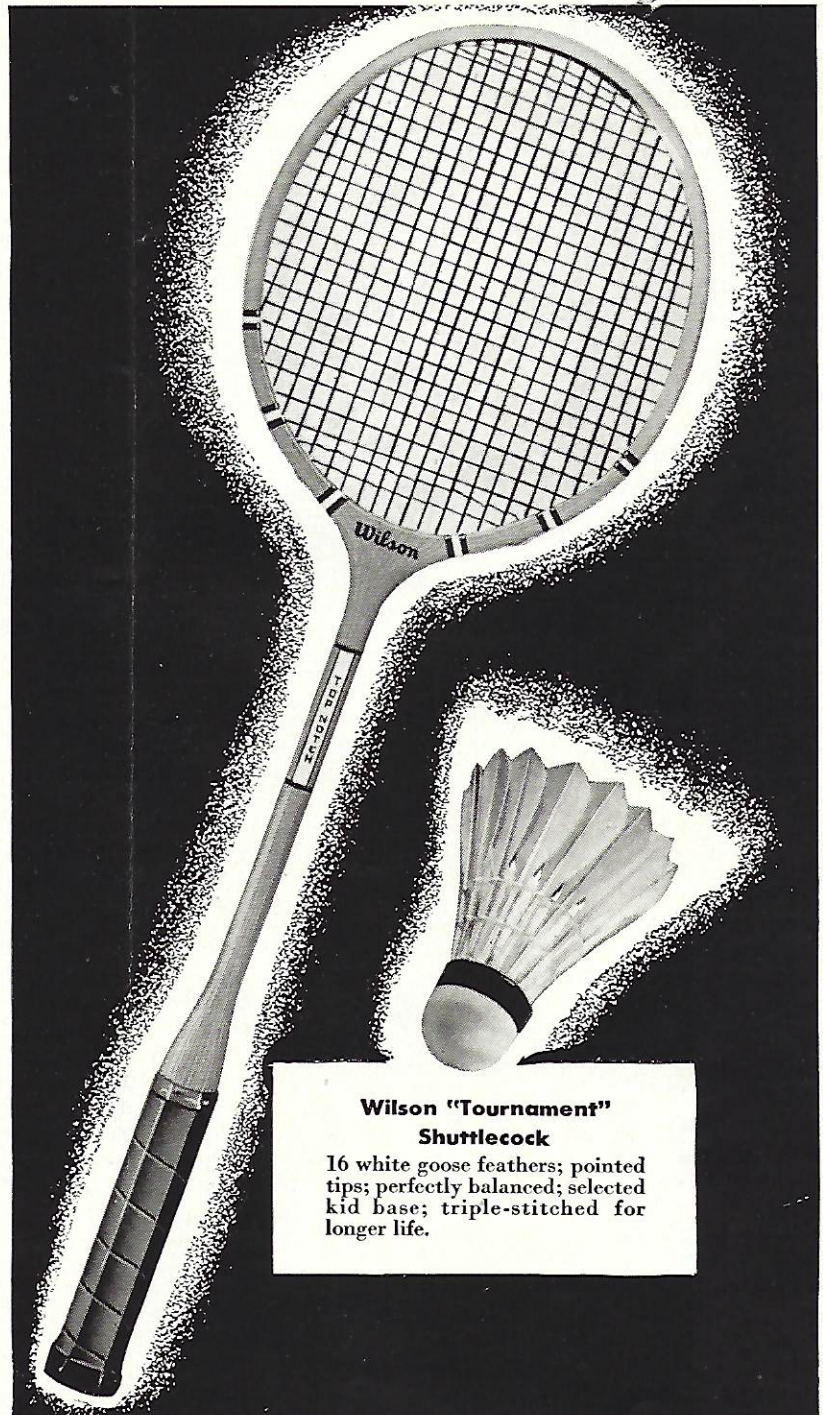
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# ABA Shuttle Program for 1947-48 Announced by Chairman Ozzie Hilton



Osgood H. Hilton, Jr.  
Chairman Shuttlecock Committee

Continuing the splendid work of shuttlecock approvals for ABA tournament play conducted last year, Ozzie Hilton, Chairman of the ABA Shuttlecock Committee has presented the committees regulations to manufacturers and distributors.

That the program may be clearly understood by all associations and interested individuals pertinent contents of the announcement are herewith reproduced.

"The National Shuttlecock Committee of the American Badminton Association is ready now to conduct tests for the approval of shuttles for the 1947-48 season. As you may know already, only shuttles bearing the approval of this committee may be used in the National Championships and other tournaments sanctioned by the National Tournament Committee of this association.

For your guidance, may we point out the following regulations governing the testing procedure this season:

1. Shuttles will be approved "For Tournament Play" only, and only those so approved will be permitted in major sanctioned events.
2. A total of six (6) shuttles in each grade proposed will be secured and tested by each member of the committee. Each member will obtain the shuttles from his local retail dealer, signing a receipt for them. The dealer will then present the signed receipt to the manufacturer or distributor for reimbursement in kind. This system has been adopted to insure that shuttles tested by the committee

are taken from general stock. However, should any committee member be unable to secure samples of a given shuttle in his vicinity, he may write directly to the manufacturer or distributor for samples.

3. Appeals from committee decisions may be submitted to the Executive Committee of this association only through the Shuttlecock Committee of the association. However, any such appeals will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for action, such action being executed by the Shuttlecock Committee only.

4. A fee of \$25 will be charged for each grade or type approved. Official ABA approval is granted for one season only. Approval may be shown on shuttle containers and used in advertising and publicity.

5. Shuttle specifications set forth by the ABA are found on page 4, paragraph 4, of the "Official ABA Rules". Please note that so-called "left-handed" shuttles will be considered unsatisfactory. Pointed or rounded-feather types are satisfactory, although it should be noted that only pointed-feather types will be considered for adoption for the National Championships.

6. For the 1947-48 season all firms desirous of availing themselves of this service of the ABA for consideration and possible approval of their shuttles should notify the chairman of this committee immediately. Testing will start at once, and first requests will receive first attention.

At a later date firms whose products have been approved will be advised relative to bids for the National Championships and National Junior Championships. Again may we assure you that it is not the intention of the association to create inconvenience or confusion through this approval program, but that it is undertaken to protect the interests of reputable manufacturers and distributors and to set up proper standards and safeguards for the benefit of all players."

Requests for approval of nine shuttles have been received to date and the next issue of Bird Chatter will list all approvals granted up

to that issue. Class A Associations will be advised, in the meantime, of those to whom approvals have been granted as assistance to their Tournament Chairman.

For the information of all, the official approval has been placed, in the past, on containers. It is anticipated that these will be added to the present containers as fast as the manufacturers of distributors are able to do so upon notification of approval. Concerns advertising in this publication are permitted to include this in their ads with Bird Chatter and next issue may indicate some of those who have obtained this approval.

Chairman Hilton has requested that you keep him informed of any approved shuttles that do not conform to Item 5, above, or do not appear to warrant tournament approval from your experiences. Complete details should be mailed to him at 895 Valle Vista, Vallejo, Cal.

Good shuttles lead to good play. Keep him informed for the betterment of the game and proper protection to the reputable suppliers.

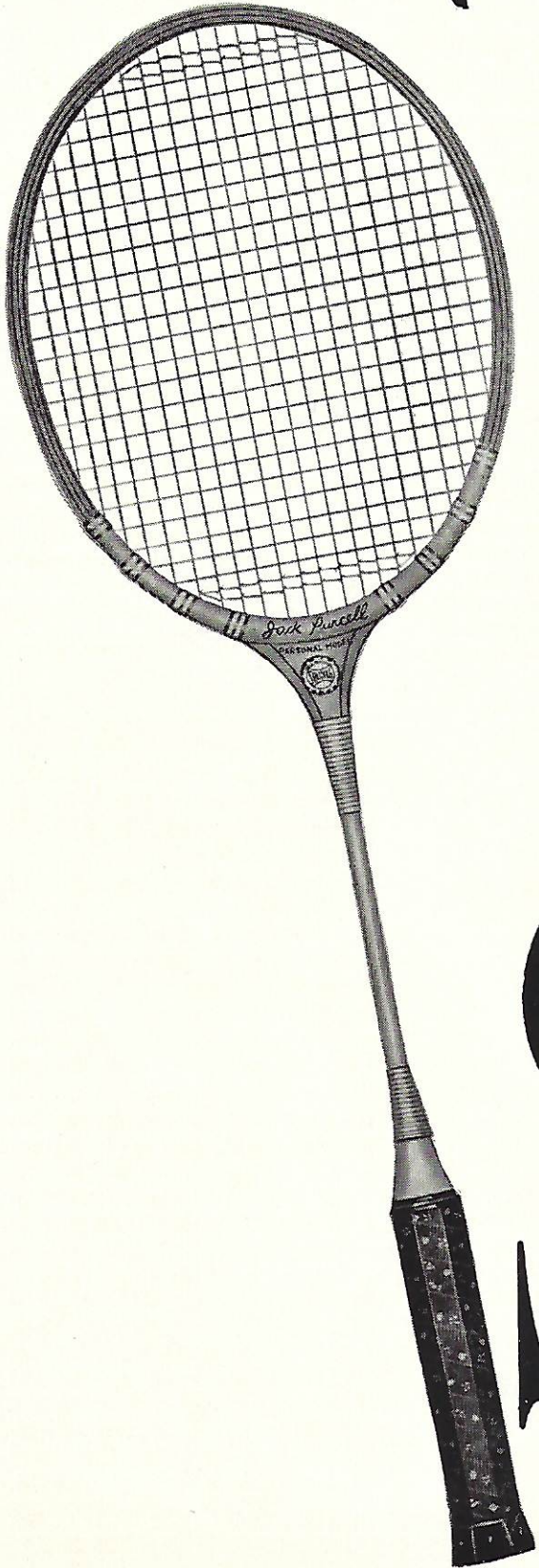
## Brand Institutes Agency for Badminton Clubs

Former professional at Silver Bay, N. Y. and in the Metropolitan N. Y. and Conn. areas, Howard Brand, has announced his Badminton Club Agency, from his new home in Rutherford, N. J.

While appearing in a badminton act with the "Skating Vanities of 1947" he toured to many parts of the country and considers that the game needs even greater stimulation through professional instruction and exhibitions in clubs and schools with emphasis on the juniors.

Bird Chatter permits such professional announcements in its columns as an expression of our general policy of presenting any information of instruction which may stimulate the game and aid players in their quest for betterment of their game. Bird Chatter cannot check the merit of individual cases so this does not constitute an official endorsement of his ability or service. We believe this fact is known to him or any other professional in the same category. It is merely information for you to use as you see fit.

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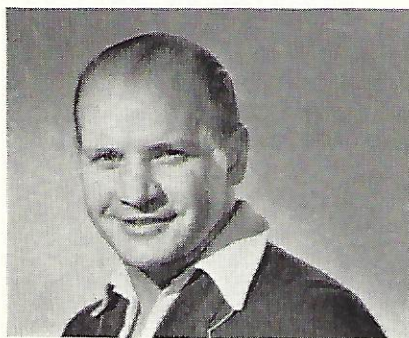
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# Spalding



SETS THE PACE IN SPORTS

## Footwork — Overhead Shots



By Hugh Forgie

### Footwork

To analyse how important footwork is in the game, I have experimented by playing in leather shoes and soles, and by so doing, learned that all the stroke production and court strategy at command is of no avail if I'm not "on" the shuttlecock. Conclusion: **Good Footwork is vital to your game.** You'll note that the top players appear to move effortlessly and gracefully about the court. This is the result of years of practice. Each time you make a shot; foot preparation is inseparately linked with the preparation of your racket. As your right foot crosses in front of the left in going for a backhand shot, the racket preparation is synchronized with the movement of your foot. Likewise on the forehand — as the left foot crosses in front of the right, the backward swing and preparation of your racket is taking place. As you hit into the shuttlecock, you should push off the ball of the foot which is in the rear and pivot on the ball of the foot in front so that you follow through easily and gracefully and find yourself in a neutral position, that is, facing the net, ready to go in any direction for your opponents shot.

On the forehand try to contact the shuttlecock off the left foot at your arm's and racket's length and on the backhand try to contact the shuttlecock off the right foot at arm's and racket's length away. This technique applies if you are running in any direction on the court.

The only exception to this principle is when you are within a

*(Ed. Note — This is another in our series of instructional helps by different professionals.)*

*While each instructor of Badminton may have his or her own specific ideas in the method of teaching, by and large they concur in general fundamentals. The advice contained in the following articles, Footwork, and Overhead Shots, may well be the answer to perfecting certain parts of your game. New instructors may find these brief instructions an aid in their explanations to pupils.)*

very short distance of the net where the play is often too quick for foot adjustment. Furthermore, power is not here essential — an arm and wrist action being sufficient.

During play, you must be in a state of readiness to go in any direction at the moment the shuttlecock leaves your opponent's racket. Be in a slightly crouched position, the left foot a little more forward than the right, and be on the balls of your feet, heels just off the floor. Take quick short strides so that you cannot only start faster but easily adjust yourself both before and after your strokes. When moving backwards for an overhead, you may find it an advantage to move back in the following manner. Draw the left foot alongside the right, then stride back with the right. Continue repeating this movement quickly until you are in position and thus you are constantly prepared to hit an overhead as the left foot is always forward. By practice, this little movement becomes quite easy.

On all shots the weight will transfer from the back foot to the forward foot, with the follow through bringing the back foot forward.

In this article on footwork, when I say the left foot is forward, the entire body is facing the direction of the left foot and the upper part of the body has pivoted comfortably away from the shuttlecock in order to add power and coordination on the forward swing. This is likewise true on the backhand when the right foot is forward.

### The Overhead

I compare the hitting of an overhead to the action of a baseball pitcher throwing an overhead pitch. As the pitcher winds up and throws a fast ball, a similar throwing action with the racket produces a smash in Badminton. With the same preliminary action and follow through, but at a much slower pace, the pitcher throws a slow ball. In Badminton the analogy is the player who drops the shuttlecock just over the net. Finally, just as the pitcher may throw clear over the head of the batter, a similar action in Badminton produces the high clear to the baseline.

As a pitcher knows which type of pitch he is going to make beforehand, so the Badminton player must decide which type of stroke he is going to make before throwing the head of the racket at the shuttlecock. A change of decision half way through the stroke will be disastrous in nine cases out of ten. The resemblance of shots to one another in preparation enables you to camouflage all intentions and thus force your opponent to stand still until you hit the shuttlecock.

In making the overhead shot, remember that the key to your good stroking is the racket preparation.

This is a little point of interest. How to get the racket head between the shoulder blades?

If you have plenty of time or whenever you are moving backwards, the course of your racket preparation should be down, back and in behind the back in a long flowing arc.

However, whenever the shuttlecock is coming at you quickly and the time element is a factor, you should thrust the head of your racket up, back and over your shoulder, as though you were chopping wood, and make this preparation as quickly as possible.

When you have cultivated a good easy flowing overhead swing, then the pace of the swing and the point of contact with the shuttlecock will determine the flight of the bird.

The smash is met in front of you as high as is comfortably possible. Learn to smash from any point above and in front of you. Your hardest smash will, no doubt, be delivered when you contact the shuttle high and in

front of your right shoulder, so that whenever you have time, maneuver yourself into this position but there are many, many instances in which you do not have time, so learn to smash from all points above and within reach, including the around the head.

The drop shot is met at the same point as the smash but it is simply stroked at a slower pace. As it has identical preparations to the smash and clear, it can be very useful in holding your opponent — or in throwing him off balance.

The clear is met at a point more directly overhead and is stroked similarly to the smash and drop. You must be able to judge the amount of power you require in your clear and this is determined by your own position in court. Remember that it is important that your clears drop near the baseline of your opponents court.

### Forgie and Larson Continue With Ice Capades

Badminton-On-Ice will again be one of the Ice Capades of '48 features. Hugh Forgie and Stig

Larson received such public acclaim that they are rapidly becoming a permanent fixture of this interesting sporting event.

The Tour dates for this season from the latter part of November on are —

- November 23-30  
Colosseum, Springfield, Mass.
- December 1-14  
Uline Arena, Washington, D. C.
- December 15-24  
Christmas Vacation
- December 25-January 11  
Boston Gardens, Boston
- January 12-25  
Auditorium, Providence
- January 29-February 8  
The Arena, New Haven
- February 9-21  
The Arena, Hershey
- February 25-March 2  
The Auditorium, St. Paul
- March 4-14  
The Arena, St. Louis
- March 15-April 1  
The Arena, Chicago
- April 2-9  
Plamor Arena, Kansas City
- April 10-17  
Will Rogers Memorial, Ft. Worth
- April 22-May 31  
Pan-Pacific, Los Angeles
- July 8-September 5  
Atlantic City

Their badminton club continues to play in each city where they can possibly scare up a court and where interclub matches can be

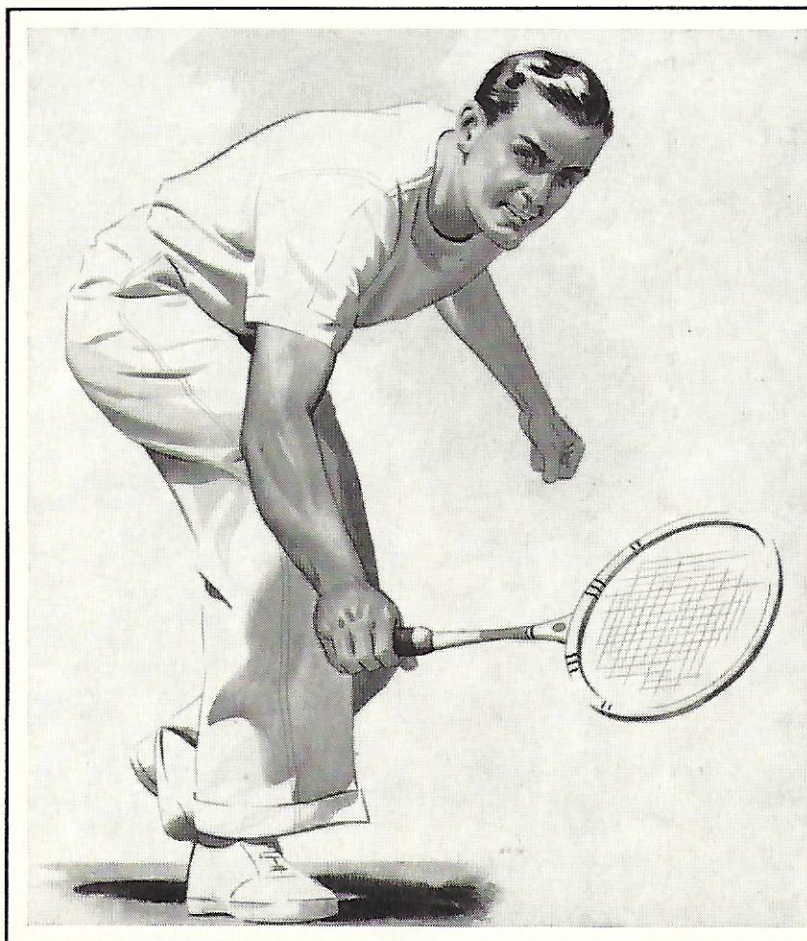
found, the boys and girls are beginning to give a good account of themselves.

While in Pittsburgh, Sept. 1-23, the Pittsburgh Badminton Association presented these two entertaining professionals at a stimulating, early season exhibition. A most interesting lecture was given by Forgie and he and Larson entertained with some comedy play.

### Don Vaughan Starts Tour

In the days when your staff bobbed around the court the name of Don Vaughan was recognized as meaning one of the leaders in Metropolitan New York play. Partnered with Ken Ridgeway he reached the semifinals of the Men's Doubles in the first (1937) National Championships, only losing to the eventual winners, Goss-Eversoll in two nip and tuck games.

Word has been received that he will be touring the country in a professional capacity this month — full details not known as we go to press. With his one year bride he will visit the South and Midwest areas before heading west which he expects to hit about next spring.



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# American Badminton Association

## Honorable Mention Listing — 1946-47

Following up the announcement of the National Ranking list (Bird Chatter, June, 1947), Roy W. Jordon, chairman of the National Ranking Committee, has released the committee's report of those who earned Honorable Mention through their play during the 1946-47 season.

The text of the report states: "Players given Honorable Mention Status are selected on the results of their play in their own locality or section and this selection is made without reference to their respective comparable ability".

This is the Association's initial attempt at an Honorable Mention listing. It does not follow the pattern of tennis or golf ranking lists, due to insufficient data on the comparable ability of players in different areas, and should not necessarily be used by tournament committees in the seeding or placing of individuals or teams entering in inter-sectional tournaments.

### MEN'S SINGLES

Richard J. Casey	St. Louis, Missouri
Edward DiLeone	Cleveland, Ohio
Fred Fullin	Westport, Connecticut
Harry Hackett	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
George Harman	Ponca City, Oklahoma
Russ Hill	Portland, Oregon
Walter Kramer	Detroit, Michigan
Harold Seavey	Boston, Massachusetts
Fred Steiber	Baltimore, Maryland
Eugene Tenney	Abilene, Texas
Joe Tiberi	Chicago, Illinois
Ray Young	Buffalo, New York

### MEN'S DOUBLES

Joel Baker	Washington, D. C.
Howard Holman	Washington, D. C.
Fred Bogardus	Boston, Massachusetts
Stanley Anderson	Boston, Massachusetts
Robert Carpenter	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Kenneth Matheson	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Edward DiLeone	Cleveland, Ohio
Tom Connell	Cleveland, Ohio
Dean Foote	West Allis, Wisconsin
Jack Riday	West Allis, Wisconsin
Fred Fullin	Westport, Connecticut
James Danaher	Westport, Connecticut
George Harman	Ponca City, Oklahoma
Eugene Tenney	Abilene, Texas
Miles Murdock	Portland, Oregon
Sam Lee	Portland, Oregon
Ray Young	Buffalo, New York
Don Bechtel	Buffalo, New York

### MIXED DOUBLES

Nick Roberts	Dallas, Texas
Mrs. Choice Aston	Houston, Texas
Bill Schriber	Buffalo, New York
Alice Brown	Buffalo, New York
Wm. Lafayette	Chicago, Illinois
Eleanor Coombs	Chicago, Illinois
James Paull	Seattle, Washington
Maxine Cruikshank	Seattle, Washington
Howard Holman	Washington, D. C.
Charlotte Decker	Washington, D. C.
Mr. & Mrs. Edward DiLeone	Cleveland, Ohio
Lea Gustavson	Westport, Connecticut
Helen Gibson	Westport, Connecticut
Bob Abbott	Washington, D. C.
Helen Gibson	Westport, Connecticut
Wilbur Lindsay	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Betty Howard	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Robert Madden	Dallas, Texas
Dorothy Lander	Dallas, Texas
Robert Williams	Buffalo, New York
Ethel Marshall	Buffalo, New York
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Schell	Boston, Massachusetts

### LADIES' SINGLES

Mrs. Elinor Behr	Baltimore, Maryland
Hazel Brown	Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. Georgia Crepps	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Tara Deodhar	Madison, Wisconsin
Marge Geldseth	Seattle, Washington
Bernice Marignan	New York, New York
Mary Pilliard	Boston, Massachusetts
Mrs. Eleanor Raymond	New Rochelle, New York
Mrs. Clare Smith	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Virginia Smith	St. Louis, Missouri
Marguerite Wright	Warren, Ohio

### LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. Elinor Behr	Baltimore, Maryland
Vivian Abbott	Baltimore, Maryland
Mary Jean Bushell	Seattle, Washington
Mary Girvan	Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Georgia Crepps	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Mrs. Marie Clabaugh	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Helen Gibson	Westport, Connecticut
Mrs. Wanda Bergman	Westport, Connecticut
May Hellwig	New Rochelle, New York
Mrs. Zoe Yeager	New Rochelle, New York
Mrs. Marjorie Painter	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mrs. West Frazier	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mary Pilliard	Boston, Massachusetts
Norma Keech	Boston, Massachusetts
Ruth Rosine	Portland, Oregon
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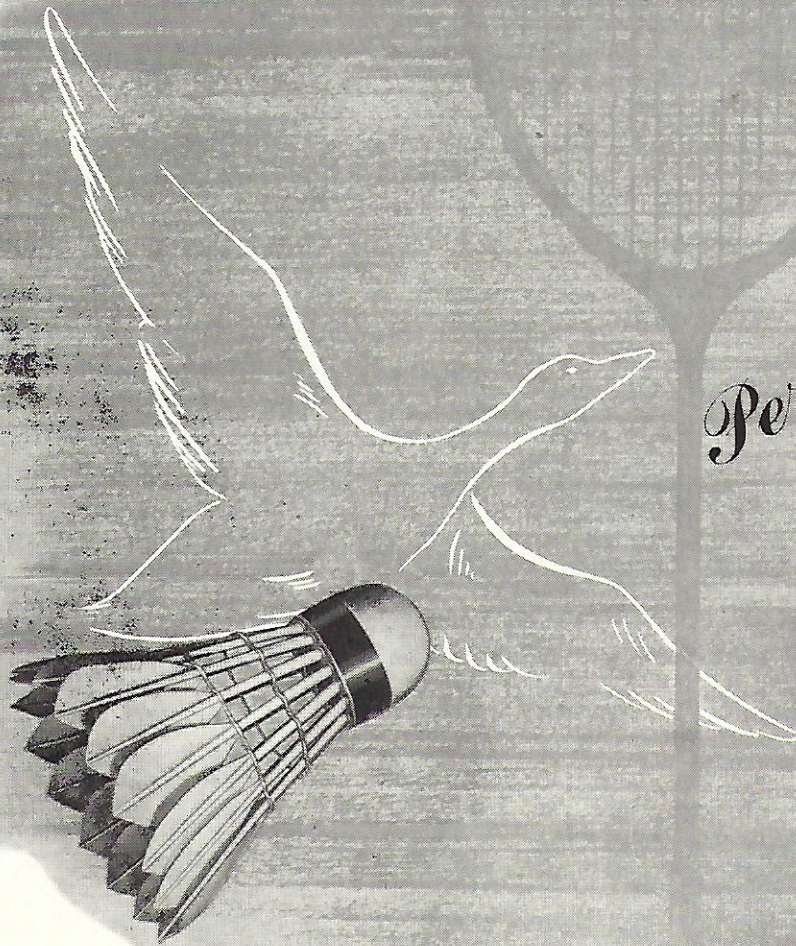
### VETERANS' DOUBLES

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Jack O'Bannon	Buffalo, New York
Paul Coke	Burbank, California
C. C. Mullin	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Everett Gesaman	Detroit, Michigan
Arthur Mowrey	Detroit, Michigan
Victor Houriet	Cleveland, Ohio
Wm. DeVorkin	Cleveland, Ohio
Joe Johnson	Seattle, Washington
Howard Crow	Seattle, Washington
Wm. Mayfield	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Ed. Overholser	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Walter Miller	San Antonio, Texas
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## Whery Reports Activities

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success at Baltimore should be a challenge to other cities. It should be accepted. Send your bid in promptly, or else it will be too late.

### Membership

Aside from the awarding of the National Championships, other activities of the Association are moving along on schedule and I believe we are going to have an outstanding season. Incidentally this is the 11th season of the American Badminton Association. We start the season with 270 member clubs, an increase of approximately 25% over last year. With the interest and enthusiasm displayed at Los Angeles, we can reasonably expect at least this much of an increase for the coming season.

### Annual Meeting Minutes

The Directors' Meetings and the Annual Meeting of last April laid the groundwork for much closer cooperation. It was the first time that many of us had had the opportunity of meeting each other and discussing badminton problems around the table. Although we had practically two full days of meetings, the time was not sufficient for us to cover all of the subjects as thoroughly as we would have liked to. The Committee reports have been reproduced in their entirety and will be distributed with the Minutes of the Annual Meeting. Directors, Class A Ass'ns., and Class B Clubs will have received them prior to this issue of Bird Chatter.

### Committee Appointments

The National Committee appointments have been announced in the September Directors' Meeting, and published elsewhere in this issue. A number of the chairmen have already started their programs, and the others will no doubt have theirs underway within the next few weeks. The majority of the Committees consist of at least one member from each of the six Regions of the ABA. These members together with the Directors constitute an active working force in each Region. They will work closely with the Class A Associations. We would like to have the chairmen's annual reports sent to the Secretary-Treasurer by March 1, 1948, so they can be mimeographed and forwarded to the Directors and Class A Associations in ample time for review

prior to the Annual Meeting. This will give us an opportunity to be familiar with the contents of the reports in order to discuss them more intelligently at the Directors' Meeting.

### New Junior and Thomas Cup

Two new Committees have been set up for the 1947-48 season. The Junior Championships Advisory Committee which will function as a sub-committee of the National Tournament Committee, and the Thomas Cup Committee. The latter will handle all matters regarding this important International Competition, which will be inaugurated in the spring of 1949. We should make every effort to enter a team. This will be discussed more fully in subsequent issues of Bird Chatter.

### Pertinent Season Plans

The following are major items for the 1947-48 season:

Class A Associations are urged to sponsor programs similar to the Midwest, whereby individual membership in a Badminton Club will automatically include a subscription to **Bird Chatter**.

A well organized **Junior Development** program in each Class A Association. The National Committee under the direction of Miss Helen Gibson is now working on this. I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of this phase of our activities.

Safeguard our standards of **amateurism** by carefully observing the present regulations. The National Amateur Status Committee with a member in each Region will cooperate closely with the Class A Associations. Each Association should set up a sub-committee. Our official rule books contain the regulations now in effect. They should be studied carefully by all concerned.

At least a **25% increase in member clubs**, and the establishing of additional Class A State associations. Our objective is to eventually have 48 State associations.

All **tournaments** should be **sanctioned**. Keep in touch with your Regional Tournament Chairman who is the Regional member of the National Tournament Committee.

Notify Bob Kildall, our **Publicity** Chairman, of all items of National interest. A number of our Associations publish bulletins

for distribution to their members. Put the Publicity Committee on your mailing list.

We need more **experienced umpires**. The training of umpires and linesmen should be a part of each Class A Association's program.

The above are but a few suggestions for the coming season. With the cooperation of directors, our National Committees, and the officers of Class A Associations the American Badminton Association should move ahead on all fronts."

### Official Guide

Regretfully we report that the ABA Official Guide, published by A. S. Barnes and Co., the last two years, will not be produced this season. The reasons may be perfectly logical to the publisher but we can't eliminate the thought that progressive foresight was a factor not given sufficient consideration. There's a real future and place for a permanent Official Guide. Badminton can and will support it. Our association is considering other steps to replace this much needed publication and Bird Chatter hopes plans can be consummated for a worthwhile substitute.

### Bird Chatter

The action taken by the Midwest Association to include a subscription to Bird Chatter as a provision of membership in its association is gaining prompt support. Even at this early date in the season's activity many of their clubs have unanimously endorsed this program. Skokie, and Chicago B C are among the early 100 percenters. Ere another season rolls by it is hoped that other associations will take this major step in support of your National publication.

This far-seeing plan can effect the whole future of our badminton world.

Individual clubs in other areas are reporting the adoption of this membership subscription plan.

A last minute flash from Seattle states that the Queen Anne Badminton Club is setting the style for the west coast by adding \$1.00 to its membership fee for a subscription for every member. Gladys Mallory instigated the idea. The Poona Club (all girls) of Boston, Mass., is likewise in the fold, and perhaps other unreported clubs have made similar decisions.

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