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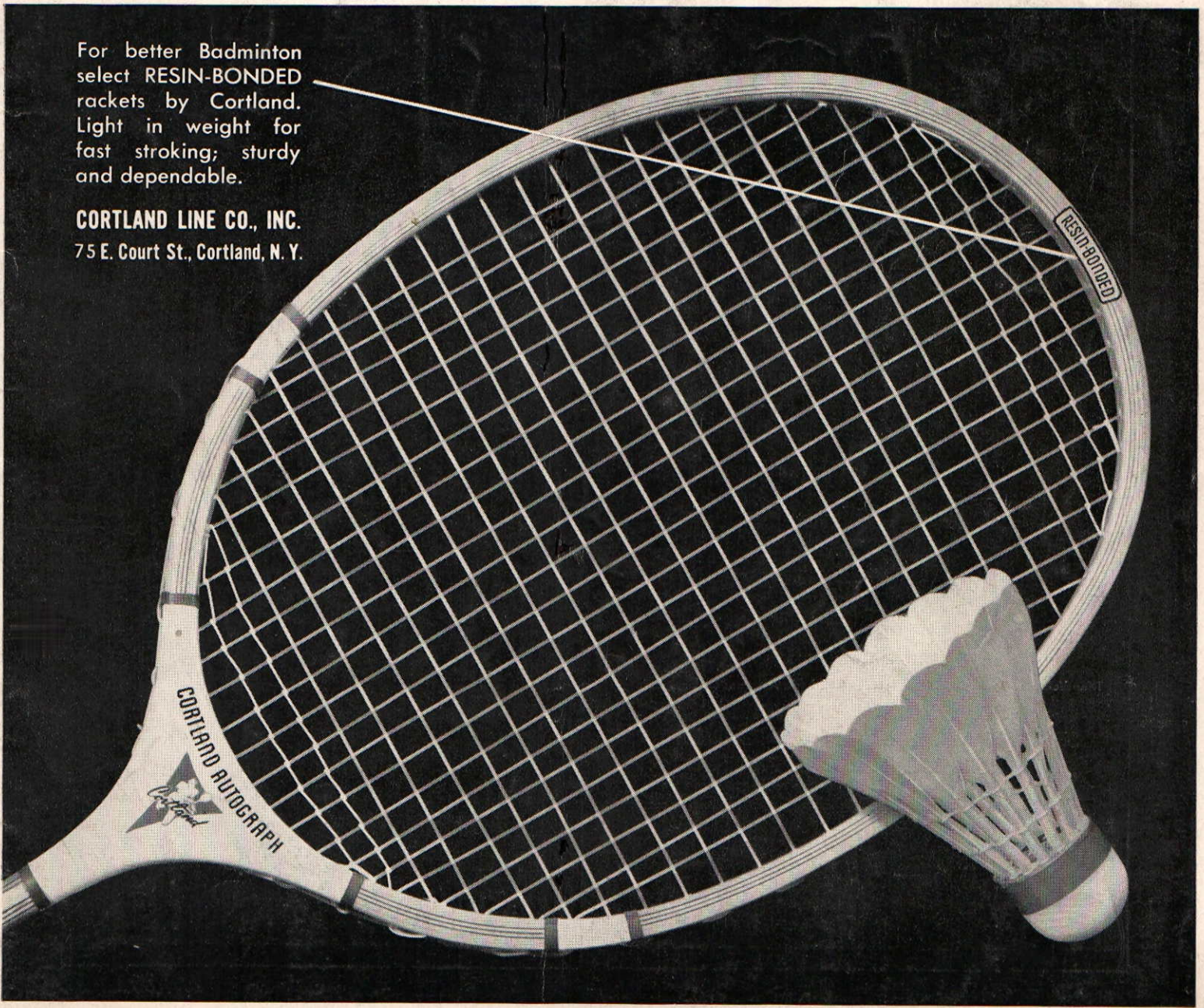
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National Championships Sites and Dates Decided Early Reports from Some National Committees

Both of our National Championships locations and dates have been decided and nationwide releases have been made.

The United States Championships will be held at Waco, Texas, April 1, 2, 3, 1948 at Baylor University under the auspices of the Baylor Badminton Club (see complete details on pages 14, 15).

The United States Junior Championships will be held at the Teacher's College, New Britain, Connecticut on March 19, 20, 21, 1948 under the auspices of the Connecticut Badminton Association (see complete details on pages 10, 11).

Committees operating these tournaments have already made initial plans for conducting these outstanding national events and early plans to attend and compete should be made by all contestants possible.

Administrative matters of the Association are now being discussed by the National Committees and the ABA Directorate. Many reports and other problems will be presented to the ABA Directors and Class A Officials after March 1st for their review, prior to final discussion and decisions at the Annual Meetings in Waco, Texas. Comments on these reports should be forwarded to the National Secretary for presentation at these meetings.

Bird Chatter will include certain committee plans and actions taken in each issue prior to the April Meetings. Subsequent pages of this issue present those of the Shuttlecock Committee, Junior Activities Committee, Amateur Status Committee and the Publicity Committee. The November issue covered matters relating to the Rules and Tournament Committees and the March issue will include comments from the Ranking and Thomas Cup Committees.

Time goes fast during our relatively short competitive season. Action by players to schedule their tournament competition, and officials to do their respective administrative jobs should be taken with due regard to the proper time element. Keep the above national championship dates in mind and plan to attend both if possible.

R S L, Wilson Shuttles Selected for National Events

R S L and Wilson shuttles have been selected for the National Championships and Junior Championships, respectively, according to an announcement released by Ozzie Hilton, Chairman of the National Shuttlecock Committee. While the R S L No. 1 Tourney has been a consistent selection for the National Championships, this is the first time that the Wilson Tournament will be used in one of our National Championships events.

11 Shuttles Approved for Tournament Play

Also announced are the names of all the brands of shuttles which have been approved to date as acceptable for sanctioned tournament play. Tournament chairmen should consult this list when selecting the shuttle for their tournament as only shuttles approved by the National Shuttlecock Committee are permitted in sanctioned events. The list follows:

- B 100 — RSL No. 1 Tourney
- B 101 — Bar-May Superflite
- B 102 — Wilson Tournament
- B 103 — Bancroft Winner
- B 104 — J. F. Devlin
- B 105 — Chet Goss Tournament
- B 106 — Bauer Green Band

- B 107 — Rawlings (No. 25)
- B 108 — Spalding Top Flite
- B 109 — Wright & Ditson Top Flite
- B 110 — Howard Brand

The certificates are numbered serially for proper identification in advertising or publicity. The number has no significance in relation to comparative merit.

The Committee offers a word of caution regarding assuming that weight is the only factor in length of flight. It is not safe to assume that shuttles of a given weight regardless of brand will all have identical flight distance, for example, a 77 grain shuttle in one brand may not have the same flight distance as a 77 grain shuttle of another brand. Tests should be made prior to final selection for your tournament or club play. It is also noted that many brands are being sold in various types of cardboard containers and steps should be taken for some humidification in order to condition shuttles and increase their life.

Apology — James F. Crafts

Omitted from the list of National Directors last issue was the name of Mr. James F. Crafts and the apologies of the ABA and Bird Chatter are officially offered.

In accordance with a change in the ABA constitution adopted at the last Annual Meeting, "the immediate past president of the Association shall automatically become and remain a member of the Board of Directors as long as he is the immediate past president."

Mr. Crafts was president of the ABA for the seasons 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46, when he was succeeded by the present ABA leader, Mr. Warren Wheary. He is chairman of the Thomas Cup Committee and his mailing address is 401 California Street, San Francisco, California.

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Editorial

(Our editorial this issue is from one of our members, the "Bird Cage" magazine of the Chicago Badminton Club. It is not reproduced in full, but the excellent simplicity of the reasons for a National Association and support of Bird Chatter are indicative of the spirit of many of our member Associations and Clubs. We feel sure that time and an earnest endeavor to reach a reasonable solution to the Bird Chatter subscription problem by the Midwest will set a pattern for the whole country.)

ALL MEMBERS OF CHICAGO BADMINTON CLUB ARE INTERESTED IN BADMINTON. Some are more interested than others and in different ways. We have those who accept the challenge to master the sport and become champions, and others who play just for the fun and exercise. Whatever our interest, we want to see the game prosper and expand its scope of activity throughout the nation. If we didn't we wouldn't be swinging a racket.

The American Badminton Association is responsible for the rules and regulations that are your standards and guidance for playing the game. If we did not have such an organization it would not be long before interest in the game would begin to wane. Each club would be making up their own rules and there would be constant chaos in any inter-club or inter-sectional tournaments. In fact, it would be almost impossible to have inter-sectional tournaments. No one would know with whom to correspond. Clubs could enter "ringers," and in the end the sport would disintegrate because of this unorganized activity. We would soon seek another form of sports activity to satisfy that urge for exercise in sports.

None of these things can happen, however, because WE DO HAVE A

STRONG AND WELL ORGANIZED NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION. But — these organizations could be stronger if they had more funds at their disposal. The Chicago Badminton Club contributes to their support — or *is* contribute the word, when you consider that our dues to the Midwest Association are only \$4.00 per year, half of which is sent on to the National Association. Think of it — with our membership we support the game nationally with only ONE AND SIX-TENTHS CENTS per member. Not much support, is it? We wonder what this association could do with some real financial aid.

In spite of this small support, this early group of Badminton enthusiasts, who so unselfishly gave of their time and effort, believed they could do more to promote the game if an exchange of news from all over the country was sent to each member of each club in the form of a national publication. It was thought that through subscriptions such a publication would be self-supporting and, if it should gain in popularity, might eventually become a source of revenue to be turned back and used for the general interest of Badminton.

Some of you old-timers will remember what a work-horse Justin Canfield was when a member of C. B. C. He was elected to the National Association and served as Secretary-Treasurer for two years. It was while in this office that he originated what we all know as "Bird Chatter." It was written in the interesting "Canfield style," and Justin's efforts were rewarded in its being so heartily welcomed by the membership at large. For those of you who are new in the club we have preserved all available copies. We are sure you will be interested in looking over this Bird Chatter binder and seeing how it grew from the early mimeographed sheets to having its face lifted and becoming the printed publication we know today.

Most things that are worthwhile will succeed — they may have their difficulties but in the end will come through with flying colors. At present in the Midwest area, Bird Chatter is having one of its "difficult times" and we members of Chicago Badminton Club should do everything in our power to prevent any decrease in its distribution.

The busiest period for all clubs are those first few weeks just after opening date. Heretofore it has

been at about the end of this period that a prompting from the National Association, in their first issue of Bird Chatter, has been received to "send in your subscriptions to Bird Chatter." By the time clubs have appointed a committee to solicit these subscriptions among members, some have sent in their \$1.00 direct, and others having to be contacted several times, it gets to be well along into the playing season. In the final analysis both club and members, as well as the editors of Bird Chatter themselves, apparently, are quite confused as to when the individual subscription dates begin and end.

With a view to correcting such an unwieldy and inefficient situation, the Midwest Badminton Association passed a resolution at its last annual meeting, requiring each member club to pay, in addition to its regular dues, one (\$1.00) dollar for each member or family of members. This additional sum is to be used by the Midwest Association to pay for subscriptions to Bird Chatter for all members of all clubs in the Midwest Association.

By reason of the by-laws of the Midwest Association the failure of any member club to pay this additional amount automatically disqualifies this club and all of its members from participation in regular sanctioned Midwest activities, including tournaments. While the purpose of this resolution was laudable, and while the amounts involved are not large, there has been considerable unfavorable reaction on the part of members of the various clubs to a resolution that amounts to compulsory subscription by such members. In view of the numerous objections we believe that the Midwest Association will in all probability reconsider the matter.

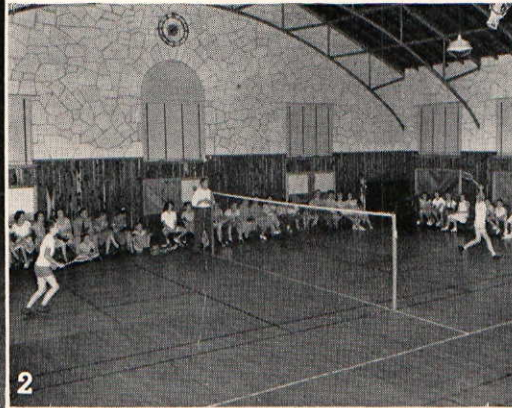
We feel sure that this problem will be solved to the satisfaction of all concerned. In the meantime your club has purchased for each of you a one-year subscription to Bird Chatter. We are sure you will get much more than one dollar's worth of good and enjoyment out of it.

Correspondents—Note

Due to the necessity of obtaining a new printer and terrific snow weather conditions, this issue is late. Consequently our copy deadline for the March issue is practically overdue as you receive this issue. Please rush your news and pictures post haste.

Oklahoma Juniors Vie in Fall Event

Senior Class Tourney Provides Test for Texas Matches



(1) Left to right, Betty Morley, Mary Balsler; (2) Boys' Singles action, left court, David Trapnell, right court, Park McAllister (note backhand stroking); (3) left to right, Park McAllister, David Trapnell.

The fall tournament of the Conoco Jr. Badminton Club of Ponca City, held at the Continental Oil Co. Gym found Betty Morley and David Trapnell triple winners. All players were under 15 years of age.

RESULTS

Girls' Singles

Betty Morley def. Mary Balsler, 10/12, 11/3, 11/7.

Boys' Singles

David Trapnell def. Park McAllister, 15/12, 15/11.

Girls' Doubles

Betty Morley-Mary Balsler def. Jean Clark-Joan McFarlin, 15/6, 15/0.

Boys' Doubles

David Trapnell-Sam Pruyne def. Billy Reynolds-Park McAllister, 15/2, 15/5.

Mixed Doubles

Sam Pruyne-Betty Morley def. Tommy Sigler-Mary Balsler, 15/6, 15/5.

Sponsored by their Association, Oklahoma Clubs met in an interesting Class Tournament Dec. 2 at the Continental Oil Company's Gym. Leading players and teams were chosen to represent Oklahoma in the Dec. 13 team matches with Texas topnotchers.

There were 36 entries, 15 events. Ponca City's enthusiastic club won the gold trophy by scoring 70 points, Oklahoma City was second with 58, Bartlesville 3rd with 17, Classen High School of Oklahoma City, 12 points, and Enid, 8 points. Results of the meet were:

Class A

Ladies' Singles

Jeanette Summers (P. C.) def. Georgia Krepps (O. C.), 11/8, 11/3.

Men's Singles

George Harman (P. C.) def. Ed Overholser (O. C.), 15/7, 15/3.

Ladies' Doubles

Georgia Krepps-Marie Clabaugh (O. C.) def. Patsy Harman-Jeanette Summers (P. C.), 15/5, 15/10.

Men's Doubles

Bobby Fier-Nelson Clabaugh (O. C.) def. George Harman-Tony McAllister (P. C.), 10/15, 15/11, 15/12.

Mixed Doubles

George and Patsy Harman (P. C.) def. Ed. Overholser-Carolyn Berry (O. C.), 15/7, 15/10.

Class B

Ladies' Singles

Carolyn Berry (O. C.) def. Peggy Dyche. Classen High School (O. C.), 12/10, 11/5.

Men's Singles

Bob Young (Bartlesville) def. A. V. Archer (P. C.), 15/8, 13/15, 17/14.

Ladies' Doubles

Eleanor Round-Margaret Morley (P. C.) def. Carolyn Berry-Mary Ramsey (O. C.), 13/15, 15/13, 15/6.

Men's Doubles

John Wolfe-A. V. Archer (P. C.) def. Bob Young-Jerry Leatherman (Bartlesville), 15/8, 15/6.

Mixed Doubles

Nelson and Marie Clabaugh (O. C.) def. A. V. and Elaine Archer (P. C.), 18/15, 15/6.

Class C

Ladies' Singles

Marie Clabaugh (O. C.) def. Peggy Fuller (Classen High School, O. C.), 11/4, 11/1.

Men's Singles

August Cremers (P. C.) def. Jerry Leatherman (Bartlesville), 15/10, 15/8.

Ladies' Doubles

Adelyn Baker-Elaine Archer (P. C.) def. Margaret McClanahan-Gladys Noble (Enid), 15/8, 15/10.

Men's Doubles

Fred Lyons-August Cremers (P. C.) def. Burnys Thompson-Joe Whitten (O. C.), 15/8, 8/15, 15/5.

Mixed Doubles

Bobby Fier-Mary Ramsey (O. C.) def. August Cremers - Margaret Morley (P. C.) 15/13, 13/15, 15/9.

Correspondent—George Harman

Canadian Ladies' Doubles Champions Upset

The Vancouver City Tournament held Nov. 29 at Vancouver, Canada, provided an upset when Mrs. Lovett-Mrs. Maw, 1947 Canadian champions, lost a 3 game match to Mrs. Bardsley-Lois Reid.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

Alan France def. Ken Meredith, 18/15, 15/2.

Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Clara Lovett def. Lois Reid, 11/7, 11/7.

Men's Doubles

Meridith - France def. Peal - Barnard, 11/15, 15/13, 15/9.

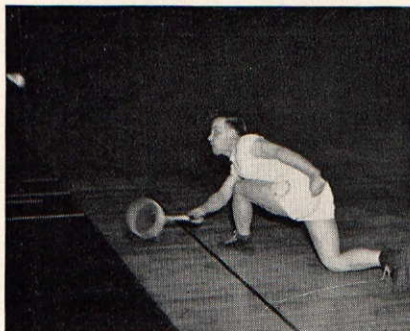
Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Jean Bardsley-Lois Reid, def. Mrs. Clara Lovett-Mrs. Nora Maw, 17/14, 6/15, 15/12.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. France def. Darry Thompson-Mrs. Maw, 15/10, 15/6.

Aggressive ABA Publicity Program Outlined by Chairman Kildall



Robert E. Kildall

The new chairman of the ABA Publicity Committee is one of the association's most up and coming young player — administrators. A lifetime resident of Seattle, Washington, for 27 years, Robert E. Kildall, has started the spark in our National Publicity program that augurs well for the future.

Like so many badminton enthusiasts, he was literally dragged into the game a mere 4 years ago by his wife, Floral Ann and Milt Flaten, but has since become one of the Washington State Association's top men. He was instrumental in starting the Shuttle News, Official publication of his Class A Association, and was a quick choice to succeed Millard Dorntge of Buffalo as National Publicity Chairman, when the latter was forced to vacate the position because of his health.

He combines his work as salesmanager with Thomas Whiteley & Co., of Seattle with playing 3 or 4 times a week and working for his State Association.

The attitude of the new addition to the ABA leadership group is aptly illustrated by his comment "It has been my feeling that the fault with the publicity program has been one of defeatism. Perhaps it is more realistic to have this viewpoint, but I would rather have nine badminton fanatics on my committee than nine realists."

Already he has issued nationwide releases on both National Championships tournaments and other comments on ABA publicity are quoted below —

"The National Publicity Committee's program for badminton contains seven major divisions: Newspapers, Magazines, Bird

Chatter, Radio and other outlets of publicity, The National Tournaments, Regional Publicity, and Badminton Records. Through experience and experiments these divisions may be enlarged or diminished as is seen fit.

Newspaper publicity will mean that the national committee will use the press services to disseminate the news pertaining to the American Badminton Association and any other items of national badminton interest. Whenever possible, notification of the national release will be sent out beforehand with the release date listed. Cooperation by local publicity directors in calling the papers to be sure they pick up the news will insure its getting into the papers. The committee members job is to see that the news of their regions reaches the press service desks.

National publicity of the type recently appearing in Liberty, Sportfolio and Allsports will be encouraged. Committee members will be asked to write to various magazines regarding badminton stories. A list of qualified sports experts on badminton will be compiled so that inquiries from the magazines may be passed on to them.

Bird Chatter is recognized as the best outlet for badminton news at this time. The committee members should either see that they keep the Bird Chatter staff informed of the activities of their regions or that someone is appointed for this task.

Very little has been done in the radio and publicity line now. It is hoped that as the game grows that radio and television will both take an active interest in our game. Some committee members have reported that they have been able to get radio comment on badminton through constant pressure and needling.

The national committee's position in regard to the National Tournaments is merely advisory. It has proven impractical for anyone away from the scene of the tournament to attempt to publicize it. However, tournament publicity committees will be asked to submit a report to the committee on their activities so that they may be put at the disposal of future tournament committees.

State Association news organs are in operation in Texas and Washington State. These papers are aimed to knit their associations more closely and to offer Bird Chatter a constant stream of badminton information. Other Class A Associations should seriously consider this excellent method of knitting together their clubs and becoming a real source for national news."

Bob advises us that many of the above ideas should be credited to other members of the committee, such as Adon Smith and Cal Newton. Cooperation like this makes for real solutions to problems and a true spirit in nationwide agreements.

Men's and Mixed Doubles Open Chicago North Shore Events

Increased to five clubs this fall, Chicago's North Shore Badminton Association started its active season on Dec. 7th with a Men's and Mixed Doubles tournament.

Skokie players dominated the finals with Dick Oelerich (Skokie) — Boy Stewart Leber (Glencoe) besting National Secretary Rufus Beach (Skokie) — Ed Kelly (Evanston) in the Men's, and Dan Dunne (Skokie) — Nancy Hoerger (Glencoe) defeated Dick Schneider (Evanston) — Madeline Fraser (Skokie) in the mixed.

Officials in the Association are President Richard Oelerich (Skokie), Vice-president Boy Stewart Leber (Glencoe), Secretary-treasurer Wm. E. Schroeder, and Directors Wes Blom (Skokie) Rufus Beach (Skokie) Edward Kelly (Evanston) and Chester Newcomb (Glenview).

Correspondent —
(Mrs.) Loraine A. Schroeder

Novel Prizes Presented at Erie, Pa., Club Affair

Chet Davis and Kay Edmondson were the winners at the Erie Badminton Club, Erie, Pa., as it opened its season with a Mixed Doubles event. Novel permanent trophies were awarded by chairman Kirk Wilks, consisting of antique jugs with silver-coated birds for stoppers with the club name and year painted on them.

Officers for 1948 are President, H. F. McChesney, Jr., Vice-president, P. Davis, Jr., Secretary, Mrs. H. Edmondson, and Treasurer, J. G. Williams, Jr.

Correspondent —
Mrs. H. Edmondson

Houriet — New Director



Victor P. Houriet
ABA Director — Region 4

A new face to the ABA Directors' group is Victor Paul Houriet of Shaker Heights (Cleveland) Ohio, elected at the 1947 Annual Meeting to serve for the 1947-48 season. Edging towards that "mellow Veteran's age" of 50 he has been playing badminton since 1937, and a member of the Moreland Badminton Club for the past 5 or 6 years. He's no slouch at the game, either, for he is co-holder of the Veteran's Doubles of the 1947 Ohio State Open, and has likewise assisted in the operation of tournaments in the Cleveland area. His statement that he finds "it to be a more fascinating sport than any I participated in during my high-school or college days" is again indicative of why the "older group" gets such a real enjoyment out of this so-called young man's game. A stickler for the rules of play he becomes another endorser for a greater clarification of "carries" Business-wise, he is connected with the Gilmanton Salesbook Company of Cleveland and his sound business ability adds to the cross-section of ABA Directors carrying on the affairs of the Association.

Blanchet on ABA Committee

Norman Blanchet of Oakland, Calif., was omitted from the National Junior Activities Committee list last issue. His address is 277 Parkview Terrace, Oakland 10, Cal. Sorry, Norm.

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Tournament Calendar

DATES	EVENT	SANCTIONED
Feb. 6, 7, 8	National Capitol Invitation Doubles (open)	Kensington, Md. Yes
Feb. 7	City of Pittsburgh Championships (closed)	Pittsburgh, Pa. Yes
Feb. 7, 8	Chicago District (closed)	Chicago, Ill. Yes
Feb. 13, 14, 15	Baltimore City (open)	Baltimore, Md. Yes
Feb. 13, 14, 15	Northern California Championships (open)	San Francisco, Calif. Yes
Feb. 14, 15	13th Annual Ohio State Championships (open)	Cleveland, Ohio Yes
Feb. 14, 15	Tedesco Invitation Men's Doubles (closed)	Swampscott, Mass. Yes
Feb. 17-21	A. A. C. Club Championships (closed)	Atlanta, Ga. Yes
Feb. 21, 22	Saginaw Valley Invitation (open)	Flint, Mich. Yes
Feb. 21	Maryland State Junior Championships (12 and under) (closed)	Baltimore, Md. Yes
Feb. 20, 21, 22, 23	Metropolitan Bad. Ass'n. Championships (ABC) (closed)	New York, N. Y. Yes
Feb. 20, 21, 22, 23	Metropolitan Bad. Ass'n. Class B Championships (B&C) (closed)	New York, N. Y. Yes
Feb. 20, 21, 22, 23	Metropolitan Bad. Ass'n. Class C Championships (C) (closed)	New York, N. Y. Yes
Feb. 20, 21, 22	Niagara Falls C. C. Invitation (open)	Lewiston, N. Y. Yes
Feb. 28	Maryland State Juniors (under 15) (closed)	Baltimore, Md. Yes
Feb. 28, 29	Oklahoma Open	Ponca City, Okla. Yes
Feb. 27, 28, 29	10th Annual New England Championships (open)	Boston, Mass. Yes
Mar. 5, 6, 7	1948 Southern Calif. Championships (closed)	Pasadena, Calif. Yes
Mar. 4, 5, 6	Maryland State Juniors (under 18) (closed)	Baltimore, Md. Yes
Mar. 5, 6, 7	R. I. State Championships (closed)	Providence, R. I. Yes
Mar. 6, 7, 8	Kodak Invitation (open)	Rochester, N. Y. Yes
Mar. 12, 13, 14	Oregon State Open Championships	Portland, Oregon Yes
Mar. 12, 13, 14	Southern Badminton Championships (closed)	Atlanta, Ga. Yes
Mar. 13, 14	8th Annual Ohio Closed Championships	Cincinnati, Ohio Yes
Mar. 13, 14, 15	4th Annual New Jersey State Championships (open)	Montclair, N. J. Yes
Mar. 19, 20, 21	Second Annual United States Junior Championships (closed)	New Britain, Conn. Yes
Mar. 19, 20, 21	Midwest Championships (closed)	Maywood, Ill. Yes
Mar. 19, 20, 21	Tenth Annual Calif. State Championships (open)	Pasadena, Calif. Yes
Mar. 20, 21	6th Annual Eastern N. Y. State Tournament (closed)	Albany, N. Y. Yes
Mar. 20, 21, 22	Western N. Y. Championships (closed)	Lewiston, N. Y. Yes
Mar. 26, 27, 28	District of Columbia (closed)	Kensington, Md. Yes
Mar. 26, 27, 28	Mass. State Championships (closed)	Boston, Mass. Yes
Apr. 1, 2, 3	Eighth Annual United States Championships (closed)	Waco, Texas Yes
Apr. 10, 11, 12	Genesee Valley Invitation (open)	Rochester, N. Y. Yes
Apr. 18, 19	Western N. Y. "B" & "C" Championships (closed)	Buffalo, N. Y. Yes
Apr. 25	Western N. Y. Junior Championships (closed)	Buffalo, N. Y. Yes
Apr. 29, 30, May 1	Fourth Annual Florida State Championships (closed)	Miami Beach, Fla. Yes
May 7, 8, 9	6th Annual Pacific Southwest Tournament (open)	Hollywood, Calif. Yes

Washington State Plans Open and Closed Champs

Desiring to crown official champions of its State, the Washington State Badminton Association plans both open and closed Championships events during the season. Formerly its State affair was an Open but the Canadians have successfully taken most titles and conforming to the plan of practically all other Class A Associations, the Association has deemed it advisable to have official state titleholders from their own members.

Present officers of the Association are, President, Ham Law; Vice-president, Bill Barrager; Secretary, Gladys Mallory; Board of Directors, Jim Paull, Mary Schultheis, Bob Deacon, Carl Anderson.

Correspondent — Bob Kildall

Athens, Calif. Tourney

The 2nd Annual Tournament of the Athens Athletic Club was held at Oakland, Calif., Jan. 9, 10, 11 with an entry list of 108.

Men's Singles

Norman Blanchet def. Irl Madden, 15/10, 15/9.

Ladies' Singles

Janet Wright def. Marianna Gott, 11/9, 11/5.

Men's Doubles

Ronnie Ryan-Bruce McCurdy def. Ozzie Hilton-Dave Copenhagen, 15/8, 15/9.

Ladies' Doubles

Marianna Gott-Dorothy Hann def. Mrs. Jean Kirby-Mrs. Shirley Blanchet, 15/17, 17/15, 15/10.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchet def. McCurdy-Charlene Burgess, 15/8, 15/9.

Veterans' Doubles

Tom Ough-Art Bouterious def. Art Horn-Ray Paxton, 15/17, 17/15, 15/7.

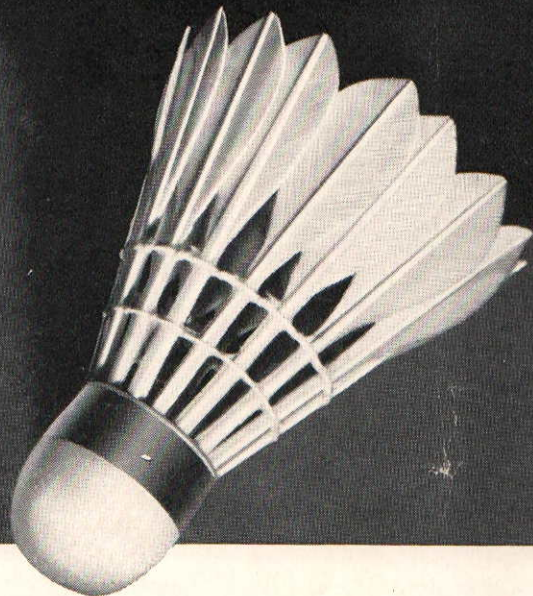
Correspondent — Dave Copenhagen

Thomas Cup Article

Yes, we've been promising this article to you for some time and can assure you it will eventually appear. So much comment on this important event has been filtering in from both U. S. and foreign nations that it seemed advisable to take more time to correlate them for a more complete story than time and space will permit in this issue. We will definitely promise it for our March issue and hope to include some pertinent comments by the ABA Committee that will present its recommendations to the Annual Meeting at Waco, Texas, in April.

We can say, at this time, however, that the general sentiment is definitely in favor of our participating in these matches. So, hold your horses until next issue.

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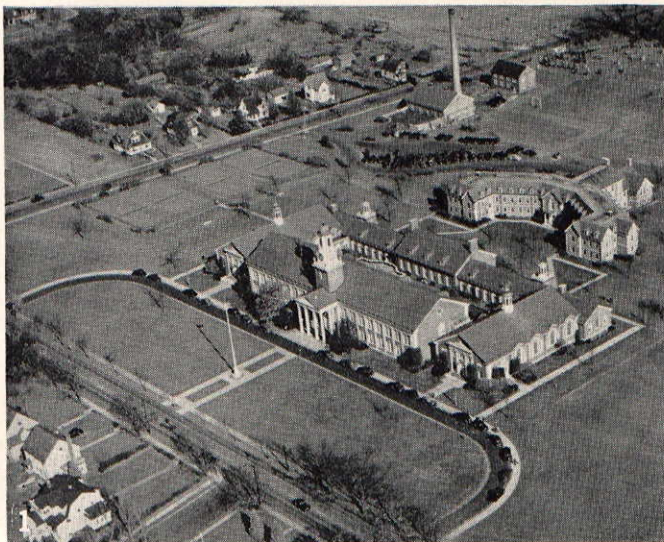
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United States Junior Championships — New Britain, Conn. — March 19, 20, 21



(1) Aerial view of campus, (2) Committee Group — seated, left to right, Mrs. Althea Chapman, Mrs. Lucile Gustavson, Helen Gibson, Norman Church, Kenneth Kost; standing, left to right, Don Hersam, Lealand Gustavson, Edward Quinn, William Chapman, Carleton Whiteford.

The second year of national championship competition for the Juniors of the nation will be held March 19, 20, 21, at the Teacher's College, New Britain, Connecticut.

Host of the occasion is the Connecticut Badminton Association, headed by ABA Director and Chairman of the ABA Junior Activities Committee, Helen Gibson of Stamford, Conn. As the first and only lady Director of the ABA, Miss Gibson has long been an ardent worker in the promotion of junior play, and with the enthusiastic support of the former chairman, Lealand Gustavson, also of Conn. another interesting and successful Junior Nationals can be expected.

Site of Event

The site is a find, for it combines the tradition of an early New England teaching institution with the up-to-date progress of practical and modern school facilities for housing and recreation.

Founded in 1849, the Teacher's College has continuously served the state as an excellent source for teaching personnel and though not a large institution as compared with the major universities of the nation for the general education of college students, it has an enrollment slightly over 1000 and houses a considerable number of them.

Facilities

The buildings and areas to be used are indicated in the pictures shown herewith. No. 1 shows the lovely

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
10:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Registration
1:30 P.M.

Instruction Period
2:00 P.M.

Tournament Play
Evening

"Get Acquainted" House Party
SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Daytime
Tournament Play

Evening
Party and Dance

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
Tournament Finals

1947 CHAMPIONS

BOYS' SINGLES

Ted Moehlmann

GIRLS' SINGLES

Barbara Scarlett

BOYS' DOUBLES

Ted Moehlmann

Don Brown

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Barbara Scarlett

Susan Devlin

MIXED DOUBLES

Ted Moehlmann

Pat Galbreath

entrance to the hall which will contain Registration Headquarters, general information desk and display of prizes. On the right side of this building is the Girls' Gym (No. 4) with 3 courts and a large balcony at one end for spectators. Off this will be the Tournament

Control Room, Committee office First Aid Room with complete equipment, and a Rumpus Room for the players. Excellent dressing rooms and showers for the girls are immediately handy. The majority of girls' matches will be played here. No. 2 is the building in which are the cafeteria and dormitory. The former is being kept open for both players and guests, will serve lunch and dinner on Friday, all meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Those wishing to use the meal ticket system will pay 35¢ for breakfast, 60¢ for lunch and 90¢ for dinner. Individual meals will be slightly higher.

Entry blanks and complete information are being sent to ABA clubs and early entries are requested to facilitate details of housing and transportation. Miss Helen Gibson's address is 84 Leonard Street, Stamford, Conn., and she may be contacted for any further information.

Girls' Champions to Defend

Barbara Scarlett of Baltimore, Md., singles and doubles champion, will defend her titles, pairing with coholder Susan Devlin in the doubles. The Boys' champion, Ted Moehlmann of St. Louis, Mo., is over age and it leaves his three titles vacant, though his doubles partner, Don Brown, is eligible and expected to attend. Both singles runners-up, Jean Harvey, Baltimore and Wilbur Bullen, Boston are likewise eligible and planning to play.



(1) Main entrance, (2) Dormitory, cafeteria building, (3) Side entrance—Girls' Gym, (4) Badminton Courts—Girls' Gym, (5) Typical dormitory room (6) Badminton Court area — Boys' Gym. (Picture (3) credit line to Drk Duryea, N. Y. City.)

Dormitories for Players

The Girls' Dormitory will be available for all players at \$1.00 per day, with girls at one end and boys at the other. Each room (No. 5), has two bunk beds, sleeping four altogether. On the first floor will be a Snack Bar and shop for souvenirs, postcards, etc., while the second floor has a large living room which will be used Friday night for a "Get-Acquainted Party" and Saturday night for a party and dance. It will be available at other times for general relaxing such as reading, singing, dancing, etc.

No. 6 shows the Boys' Gym. It will hold 3 courts and most of the boys' matches will be held here. Seating 1500 it will be the site of the final rounds. It does not appear in the aerial view of the campus for it has just been opened, but it will be in the lower field of the above aerial view. There is another Rumpus Room in this building.

Tournament Organization

Chairman — Helen Gibson
Vice Chairman — Norman Church
Referee and Draw — Lealand Gustavson
Hospitality — Geneva Kehr
Junior Host-Hostesses — Hope Smith
Entries — Helen Gibson
Shuttles — Carlton Whiteford
Prizes — Ken Kost, Bob Longheed
Publicity and Program — Don Hersam
Transportation — Harry S. Amann
Advance Tickets — Alma Piippo
Budget — Mrs. Althea Chapman
Social — Mrs. Lucile Gustavson
Scorekeepers — Edward Quinn
Consolation Event — William Chapman
Grant System — James Woods

Here, then, is the general picture of the facilities and "college for two or three days" might well be the slogan of the tournament. Excellent accommodations outside of the college grounds may be found in the hotels of New Britain and Hartford. The latter, the capital city of Connecticut, is only 20 minutes away. It is also the nearest airport, though the train station is Berlin, only 10 minutes' ride on public bus from the college.

With the tremendous increase in junior play thruout the nation in the last year, the Second Nationals should produce even better competition than the excellent play which featured last year. An innovation, resulting from comments last year, will include a period, just prior to Tournament play, devoted to general rules of play, court manners, etc.

Parents and teachers may feel perfectly secure in having their children and pupils leave school, if necessary, for this short period of time. Excellent control of children's activities at all times is an important policy of the ABA in the operation of this event. As in last year's tournament, the opportunity to compete in wholesome, organized, competition and the consequent development of good sportsmanship and new friendships are a part in the present and future lives of the youth of the nation.

Nation's Capitol Scene of D. of C. Tourney

The Badminton Club of the District of Columbia officially opened its playing season October 21, 1947 at Kensington Armory, Kensington, Md., where play is held on Tuesday and Thursday nights of each week.

At the first meeting of the club, November 4, 1947, the following officers were elected to office — Robert Morefield, President; Joel Baker, Vice-President; Polly Thompson, Secretary and Treasurer.

The first postwar revival of the City of Washington (D. C.) Badminton Championships was an outstandingly successful revival of play, on Nov. 17-21, 1947, jointly sponsored by the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia and the D. C. Recreation Department.

The title play was dominated by Charlotte Decker who won title honors in ladies' singles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles. Joel Baker, long time Washington title holder, retained his titles in men's single and men's doubles events.

The ladies' single final matched the two partners of a long established ladies' doubles team, with Charlotte Decker winning from Polly Thompson 12-10, 11-7. The first game was a tense and bitter struggle that opened the finals on a spectacular note, being deuced at nine all and ten all.

Joel Baker defeated Bliss Sargeant for the men's single title in a three game match, 9-15, 15-1, 15-7. Sargeant surprised the defending champion by dominating play in the first game, but tired badly from the effort.

The ladies' doubles final produced another surprise when the runners-up took over the play in the second game to win it from the favorites. Charlotte Decker and Polly Thompson won over Beulah Shreve and Adeline Sargeant 15-6, 13-15, 15-0. The team of Shreve and Sargeant, newly formed, put up a stubborn defense that forced the winners into costly errors.

Joel Baker and Howard Holman downed Spencer Davis and Bliss Sargeant in the men's doubles by scores of 15-13, 15-10. The match was a wild affair with Davis, a younger player, showing a slashing attack that made the match the best of the evening from the spectators' point of view.

Two teams of perennial rivals met in the final match of the evening, the mixed doubles. Charlotte Decker and Howard Holman defeated Polly Thompson and Joel Baker 15-12, 15-4 with Charlotte's sharp and decisive net play affording the margin of victory.

The upset of the tournament was turned in by Hugh Stewart, rising young tennis star from California, who is stationed in Washington by the Army, when he dropped Spencer Davis, seeded No. 3, from the Men's single by scores of 15-9, 15-12.

Semi-Finals — Championship Flight

Ladies' Singles

C. Decker def. M. Graham, 11/2, 11/0.
P. Thompson def. F. Barry, 11/2, 11/2.

Men's Singles

J. Baker def. B. Hussey, 15/7, 15/6.
B. Sargeant def. H. Stewart, 15/10, 15/10.

Ladies' Doubles

C. Decker-P. Thompson def. F. Barry-Mrs. Thomas, 15/4, 15/1.
B. Shreve-A. Sargeant def. M. Graham-V. Sherman, 15/12, 15/6.

Men's Doubles

J. Baker-H. Holman def. R. Morefield-H. Thompson, 15/4, 15/6.
B. Sargeant-Spencer Davis def. C. Dole-B. Shreve, 15/6, 15/12.

Mixed Doubles

H. Holman-C. Decker def. B. Sargeant-A. Sargeant, 15/9, 15/5.
J. Baker-P. Thompson def. B. and B. Shreve, 15/5, 15/7.

Finals — Championship Flight

Ladies' Singles

Decker def. Thompson, 12/10, 11/7.

Men's Singles

Baker def. Sargeant, 9/15, 15/1, 15/7.

Ladies' Doubles

Decker-Thompson def. Sargeant-Shreve, 15/6, 13/15, 15/0.

Men's Doubles

Baker - Holman def. Davis-Sargeant 15/13, 15/10.

Mixed Doubles

Decker-Holman def. Thompson-Baker, 15/12, 15/4.

B Flight

Ladies' Singles

R. Smith def. G. Person, 11/3, 8/11, 11/2.

Men's Singles

J. Heald def. A. Dryer, 15/0, 15/8.

Men's Doubles

C. and J. Meininger def. J. Heald-H. Thomas, 3/15, 15/11, 15/7.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. John Heald def. Meininger-G. Person, 15/12, 15/8.

We are making every effort to again hold the Atlantic Coast Badminton Championships. The last of such matches were held in 1942. Providing a suitable date can be obtained, the tournament will be held the early part of 1948.

Correspondent — Polly Thompson

Annual Mixed Up Doubles Conducted by New Rochelle

The New Rochelle Y.M.C.A. — home of the New Rochelle Badminton Club of New York — was host on Saturday, November 8th, for the second annual Mixed Up Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Thirty-two players entered (or sixteen teams) and they were divided into two groups — Reds and Blues — as equally as possible. Twenty-five point "sudden death" games were played with opponents changing sides at thirteen. No man ever played against another man twice, nor with the same girl twice. The top scorers in one group (both man and lady) played against the top scorers in the other group; the same plan was followed with the second high scorers; and the low scorers in each group played off for the booby prizes. These play-offs climaxed the afternoon and evening activities and the results were as follows:

Top Scorers — Max Schirmer — Eda Daume (Blue) lost to Larry Howard — Bernice Marignan (Reds).
Second High Scorers — Ed Shields — Wanda Bergman (Blues) defeated Vic Surrows — Eleanor Raymond (Reds).

For the Blues Hal Daume and "Toots" Griffin played Joe Wilke and Betty Brown of the Reds with the Wilke-Brown combine taking the dubious booby honors.

Twelve prizes were offered — two firsts, two seconds, two thirds, two fourths, two booby and two booby-booby. The committee felt that in a tournament of this nature where the badminton is more or less social and not competitive more prizes should be awarded to liven up the proceedings.

Players from Long Island, New York City, Brooklyn, Montclair, Westchester County, and Connecticut participated. The following individuals indulged in this ordeal of muscles: Frank "Pop" Hinds, Winnie Hinds, Max Schirmer, Mabel Shields, Ken Kost, Wanda Bergman, Ed Shields, May Hellwig, Ed Stafholt, Kitty Jansensky, Bill Chapman, Evy Vogt, Joe Chiaramonte, Letitia "Toots" Griffin, Harold Duame, Eda Daume, Larry Howard, Donna Howard, Louise Scanlon, Walt Raymond, Eleanor Raymond, Gil Carpenter, Bernice Marignan, Joe Wilke, Ruth Wiener, Don Hersam, Althea Chapman, Vic Surrows and Betty Brown.

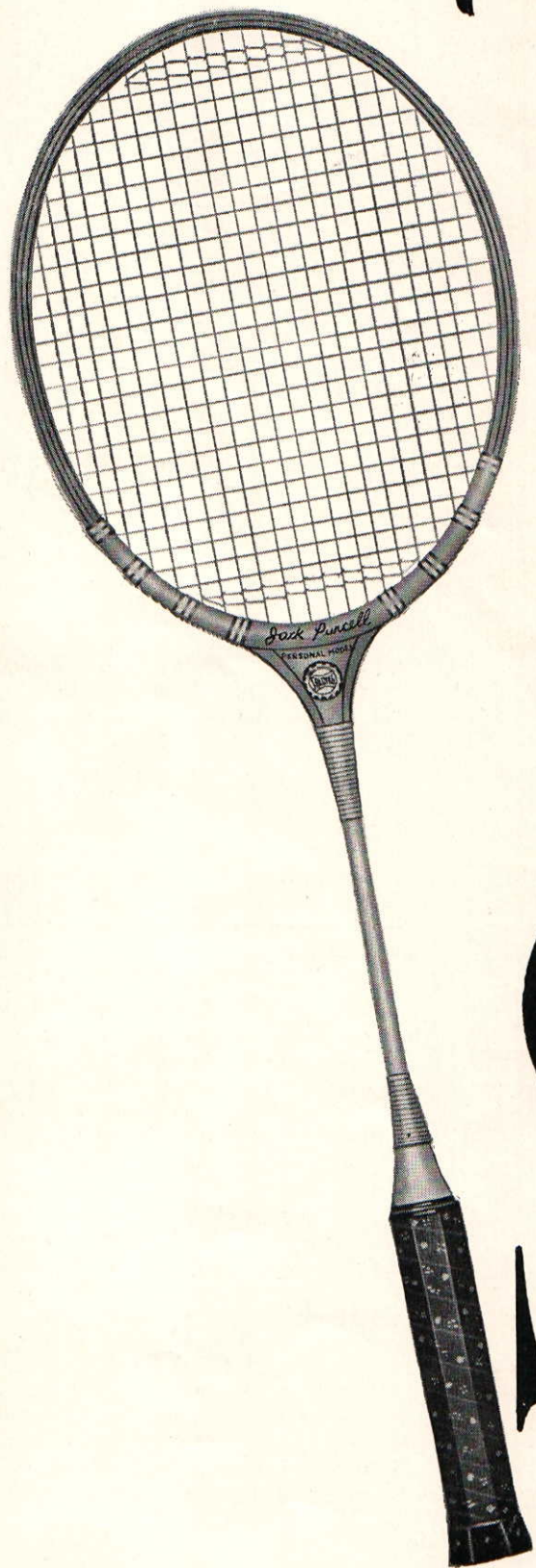
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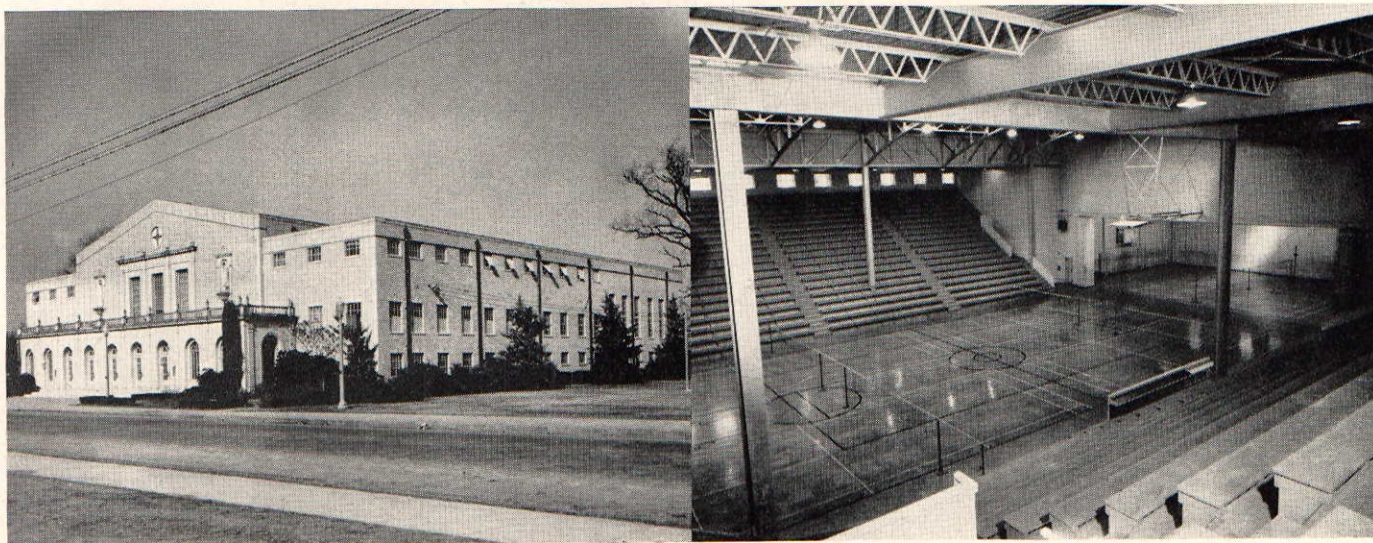
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United States Championships .: Waco, Texas .: April 1, 2, 3



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Men's Champion — Dave Freeman

For the first time in the history of the American Badminton Association tournaments the National Championships will be held in the Southwest with Waco, Texas, the site of the occasion.

The Baylor Badminton Club will be host to the event and all tournament play will be held on the 6-8 courts of the Rena Marrs McLean Gymnasium of Baylor University. Seating accommodations for 3400 will insure a sizeable gallery of spectators.

Waco and Baylor University

Rising only 427 feet above sea level, the City of Waco spreads out

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

March 31, Wednesday

8 p.m. Open House at Roosevelt Hotel and Baylor Gym
8 p.m. ABA Committee Meetings—Roosevelt Hotel

April 1, Thursday

7 a.m. Contestants' Breakfast, \$1.25
Introducing the tournament officials and outlining the events of the occasion
General Tournament Play

April 2, Friday

General Tournament Play
10 a.m. ABA Directors' Meeting
12.30 ABA Directors' Luncheon

April 3, Saturday

12.30 ABA Annual Luncheon and Meeting, Delegates and Guests invited
Immediately after—ABA Directors' Meeting
Evening—Tournament Finals
Informal Dance at the Roosevelt Hotel



Ladies' Champion — Ethel Marshall

1947 CHAMPIONS

MEN'S SINGLES
David G. Freeman
LADIES' SINGLES
Ethel Marshall
MEN'S DOUBLES
David G. Freeman
Webb Kimball
LADIES' DOUBLES
Janet Wright
Mrs. Thelma Scovil
MIXED DOUBLES
Wynn Rogers
Mrs. Virginia Hill
VETERANS' DOUBLES
Hulet Smith
Lewis Rulison

over approximately 20 square miles, it has a metropolitan population of almost 100,000 contains 10 hotels, has two fine Country Clubs and a municipal and private airfield. It is served by four major railroads. Those planning to arrive by airplane will find it necessary to travel via Dallas by American, Braniff or Delta planes with transfer to Waco by Braniff or Pioneer planes. An important part of the city life is provided by Baylor University. Spreading over 40 acres of campus it contains some 24 buildings (see aerial view) which provide for complete educational and athletic facilities for 3700 boys and girls. Chartered in 1885 at Independence, Texas, it moved into the present area in 1886



(1) Roosevelt Hotel, (2) Raleigh Hotel, (3) Boys' Dormitories, (4) Rena-Marrs McLean Gym, (5) Student Union, (6) Pat Neff Hall—Administration Building, (7) Girls' Dormitories, (8) Waco Hall.

and is now a permanent fixture in all phases of community life. Badminton was introduced into the athletic activities of the University in 1935 by a former ABA Director, Lowell Douglas, who unfortunately lost his life while in military service during the last war. Great strides have been made in the progress of badminton in Texas the last few years and Baylor has kept pace with the overall development, culminating now in its determination to present another interesting and exciting national tournament.

**Dave Freeman and Ethel Marshall
Head Array of Competing
Champions**

The nation's outstanding men's player, Dave Freeman of Pasadena, California, currently in the Army, will be present according to word received by Bird Chatter from ABA President Warren Wheary. Rated as one of the world's best players Freeman has been undefeated in tournament or match play since he won his first title in 1939. Starting at the Nationals held that year in New York he has won the Singles title 6 consecutive times, the Men's Doubles 5 times and the Mixed Doubles 3 times.

The surprise Ladies' Singles winner of last year, Ethel Marshall of

Buffalo, N. Y. will wield her potent left hand in defense of her excellently won 1947 title. Her recent conquest at Toronto, Canada, of an outstanding Canadian lady player, indicates she is sharpening her game for a real battle against her challengers.

All other champions may likewise be expected to attend for California is not too far off and that is the home state of them all. As a result of the close competition they met from others last year they must look to their laurels if they are to return the top prizes to the West Coast.

Official ABA Activities

Not much less important in the activities of the 3 day program are the meetings of the ABA Directors and the Annual Meeting of the Association. Fourteen out of the 19 Directors were present at Los Angeles last year and it is earnestly hoped that even a greater representation may be on hand at Waco. Many items of great importance to the welfare of the Association are up for discussion and/or decision and the attendance of all possible will greatly assist in making proper decisions affecting the beneficial growth of the game and the betterment of the administration by the ABA officials.

The Official Headquarters will be the Roosevelt Hotel, located only 12 blocks from the Baylor gym.



Lloyd Russell



Eugene Tenney

Heading the National Championships Committee is Lloyd Russell, Director of the Physical and Health Education Department of Baylor University, while his right hand man is Tournament Operations Director, Eugene Tenney, the ranking Texan player and an ABA Director from Region 5. Others connected with the operations include

Tournament Committee

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| Issie Fred | John Nix |
| Truitt Smith | Robert Faver |
| Paul Marable | Orville Bradley |
| Paul Holland | Roy J. McKnight |
| Bill Alcorn | Oscar Lawrence |

**Tournament Operations
Committee**

- Assistant Director, Jasper Garland
- Tournament Publicity, Don Oliver
- Official Referee, Bill Menefee
- Head Linesman, Henry Chapman
- Entries, Evelyn Kappes
- Registration, Mrs. K. Stietler
- Finance, Lloyd Russell
- Tickets, Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce
- Trophies, Baylor Badminton Club
- Program and Distribution, Kay Mitchell
- Entertainment, Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Reception, Mrs. Lowell N. Douglas

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Massachusetts Conducts Three Invitation Events Two State Class Championships Out of State Players Dominate Intersectional Tourneys

Headed by two strong invitational intersectional affairs Mass. tournament play has included events in which almost all of its players have been enabled to take part in competitive play.

December produced a local Men's Doubles at Hyde Park, an intersectional Mixed Doubles at University Club, Boston, and the State Class B Championships also at the University Club. January presented the State Class D Championships at Dedham and an intersectional Men's Doubles at Marblehead.

Nationally well-known players "copped" the top prizes with Carl Loveday, Montclair, N. J., and Helen Gibson, Stamford, Conn., winning the University Club mixed from Wayne Schell, Boston and Wanda Bergman, Westport, Conn. The Men's Doubles at the Gut'n Feathers Club, Marblehead, found an out-of-state final with New York's Dick Yeager and Ed Shields

defeating Carl Loveday, New Jersey and Don Kerr, Louisiana.

RESULTS

Hyde Park Men's Doubles

Semi-finals

Albion-Roberts def. Sackett-Cornell, 15/4, 15/9.
Smyth-Moran def. Warren-McWhirter, 15/7, 17/16.

Finals

Albion - Roberts def. Smyth - Moran, 15/10, 11/15, 17/16.

University Club Mixed Doubles

Semi-finals

Loveday-Gibson def. Shields-Hellwig, 15/2, 15/3.
Schell-Bergman def. Mr. and Mrs. Yeager, 15/7, 15/10.

Finals

Loveday-Gibson def. Schell-Bergman 15/10, 13/15, 15/8.

Class B Championships

Men's Singles

Ed Crocker def. Arthur Hannegan, 11/15, 17/16, 15/6.

Men's Doubles

Crocker-Robt. Henderson def. Joseph Costello-Chester Oveson, 18/13, 5/15, 15/9.

Ladies' Doubles

Phyllis Ryder-Mrs. Mary Peek def. Elizabeth Smith-Mrs. Robt. Perry 15/10, 15/7.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hills def. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Avon, 18/13, 7/15, 15/9.

Class D Championships

Men's Singles

Proctor Avon def. Wm. Holden, 15/6, 15/1.

Ladies' Singles

Doris Ashcroft def. Jean Mallory, 11/1, 11/8.

Men's Doubles

Ed Melia - Nelson Cochrane def. James Cameron-Philip Blanchard, 15/4, 15/12.

Ladies' Doubles

Doris Ashcroft-Shirley Warren def. Ann Avon-Jean Mallory, 15/9, 18/16.

Mixed Doubles

Cochrane-Ashcroft def. Holden-Cindy Gruiner, 15/10, 15/5.

Gut'n Feathers Men's Doubles

Semi-finals

Carl Loveday-Don Kerr def. Wayne Schell-Robert Wright, 15/12, 15/13.
Dick Yeager-Ed Shields def. Fred Fullin-Ken Kost, 15/11, 15/6.

Finals

Yeager - Shields def. Loveday - Kerr, 17/14, 15/6.

Correspondents —

Bill Duby-Bob Landry

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Pittsburgh Shuttletalk

Western Pennsylvania Badminton got off to a good start this season with the Pittsburgh Badminton Association's "Invitational Tournament" of Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles on Dec. 12 and 14. There were approximately forty matches played. Many surrounding cities were represented, such as Youngstown, Phillipsburg and Altoona. O'Grady and Tremblay, winners of last spring's Western Pennsylvania Open Tournament, demonstrated their ability by defeating Lewis and Lerverne from Youngstown, Ohio, in Men's Doubles, 17-14, 15-9. In Mixed Doubles the ever-popular Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady defeated Tremblay and McKenna, 15-11, 15-13.

Our Pittsburgh Badminton Association has a "Class A" and a "Class B" league in operation with sixteen teams or clubs competing. We believe our players are doing much to improve their technique by meeting other club's teams once or twice a week as the league schedule requires. Our league play is scheduled thru February '48 and will have by that time done much to improve the

playing of contestants, and we hope to have attracted sufficient popular interest by non-participants so that we will have won many new "Badminton Enthusiasts" and playing members.

Results of Pittsburgh Invitation Men's and Mixed Doubles

Men's Doubles

Bernard Tremblay-Joseph O'Grady (Westinghouse) def. Edward Lewis-Tom Lerverne (Youngstown, Ohio), 17/14, 15/9.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady (Westinghouse) def. Tremblay (West.)-Catherine McKenna (Sacred Heart), 15/10, 15/3.

Correspondent — Bob Ryberg

Keating-Buddemeyer Winners Western N. Y. Round Robin

Dethroning last year's winners Ted Green — Art Schauer, Harry Keating (No. 7 Nationally ranked — Men's Doubles) and Jack Buddemeyer led the Third Annual "A" Round Robin of the Western N. Y. Badminton Association, held Dec. 6 at the Niagara Falls Country Club, N. Y.

Correspondent — D. P. Allenburg

Tenney Wins Texas T A A F

Eugene Tenney of Waco, Texas, was the outstanding player at the T A A F Badminton Tournament held Nov. 21, 22 at Austin, Texas as he annexed titles in both Men's Singles and Doubles.

Men's Singles

Eugene Tenney (Waco) def. Bob Madden (Dallas), 15/1, 18/16.

Ladies' Singles

Abbie Rutledge (Denton) def. Jeanette Summers (Ponca City), 10/12, 12/9, 11/8.

Men's Doubles

Eugene Tenney-Bob Favor (Waco) def. Nick Roberts-Bob Horn (Dallas), 15/12, 15/7.

Ladies' Doubles

Peggy Vilbig-Marjorie Macks (Austin) def. Margaret Varner-Abbie Rutledge (Denton), 15/4, 15/8.

Mixed Doubles

Bob Favor (Waco)-Jeanette Summers (Ponca City) def. Bill Menefee-Kay Mitchel (Waco), 15/7, 15/7.

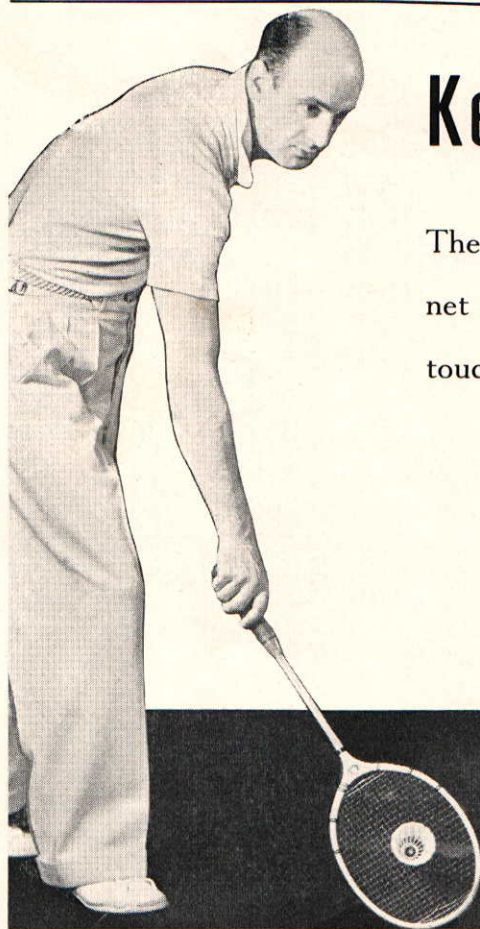
Ladies' Veterans' Doubles

Celeste Randall-Helen Larsen (San Antonio) def. Becky Horton-Jeanette Guthrie (Austin), 15/10, 15/9.

Men's Veterans' Doubles

Walter Wukasch-Gordon Mills (Austin) def. Floyd Aston (Houston)-Walter Miller (San Antonio), 16/15, 15/10, 15/13.

Correspondent — Cal Newton



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Looking At Our Amateur Status Program

The feeling among many people around the country is that the ABA Amateur Status Rules and Regulations are not only confusing but have led to certain dissension through doubtful interpretation and application. It should, therefore, be of interest to these persons, and probably many others, to know that the present Amateur Status Committee is in the process of revamping its administrative procedure and endeavoring to suitably simplify and clarify the existing rules.

In recognition of our growth from infancy to manhood, suggested changes were presented at the 1947 Annual Meeting by last year's chairman. While certain action was taken on a few points, time did not permit the Directors to take complete action on all the suggested revisions. This year's committee has been endeavoring to correlate these ideas and Bird Chatter hears that definite progress is being made.

Basically we have reached a point where whatever rules are finally adopted must be *generally accepted, understood and enforced*. We have been through a period where the lack of proper control caused haphazard enforcement. We have run the gamut of action all the way from complete indifference, actual avoidance and casual observance through reasonable strictness to overbearing intolerant interpretation of the rules and regulations. This situation must obviously be corrected and the present study should lead to some definite suggestions from the Committee for the decisions of the Directors at the 1948 Annual Meeting, in April.

Your editor believes that the following 4-point program may be considered as the basis for action by the National Committee.

1. The present rules are basically sound, but need such changes as may be generally accepted, understood and enforced.

It is strange to note that while over 250M Rule Books have been printed and circulated the last few years there is still a real lack of understanding, by even many of the better players, of some of the simplest written rules. That some of the rules are of doubtful interpretation is evidenced by opinions expressed by some of the Directors

themselves. The lack of enforcement may be one of the causes emanating from incomplete understanding of the provisions. Granting some inconsistencies in the past, the biggest problem confronting us all is to agree on what we want, write them in a manner as understandable as rules can be written, and take appropriate action.

2. The National Committee should cause sub-committees to be established in all Class A Associations and *delegate* the necessary authority to them for the proper policing, investigation and action to take.

There is sufficient authority for the National Committee to delegate proper authority to Class A Sub-committees and a request for each Class A Association to form their own Amateur Status Committees has been forwarded by the National Chairman. Pending adoption of a Code of Interpretation the existing rules should be intelligently enforced and it would seem logical for doubtful cases to be presented to the National Committee. The ABA Directors, last April, voted full authority to the National Committee on all matters of ineligibility and reinstatement, retaining only the right of appeal. This makes it most important that Sub-committees who have been or will be delegated similar authority should carefully scrutinize their players, make suitable investigations and, without bias, take necessary action.

3. A code of interpretation and procedure should be formulated, disseminated to these committees and perhaps broadcast to the players.

This is a natural administrative function of the National Committee and its integration into the program constitutes a logical method of instructing Sub-committees and an opportunity to broadcast the national policy to the players.

4. A review of the present rules should be made for the purpose of greater clarity, proper classification, or elimination.

Simplifying and properly classifying the individual points into their respective groups are tedious and controversial problems. It is here that experience and judgment play

important parts for this is the crux of real understanding. Tolerance of the other fellow's opinions and a compromising attitude are essentials before general acceptance may be attained.

Bird Chatter is authorized to give its readers a preview of one of the proposed changes relating to Rule 1c. It pertains to a new classification of those engaged in Physical Education work, whereby persons whose work embraces the whole field of physical education would fall into a special classification which would permit eligibility. Those specifically teaching racket games would still be ineligible. This is the brief picture of the suggested change. Whether it will be accepted by the Directors at all or in part cannot be properly predicted at this time, but it is one of the controversial issues in many parts of the country.

Another widely-discussed problem is the status of those engaged in the sporting goods field and this is being given close attention by the Committee.

Reinstatement of disqualified persons is an item to be clarified as there are varied opinions as to the applications of Rules 3, 4, and 6 in this connection. It is anticipated that this will be done.

The impatience of those who wish the above and other Amateur Status Regulations clarified or revised is fully recognized by the officials. During the coming period, before the April meeting, those who are particularly interested or who will be faced with decisions should study the existing rules, and as the case may be, offer their considered opinions or be prepared to vote intelligently on the various issues.

Badminton Clinic — Rochester, N. Y.

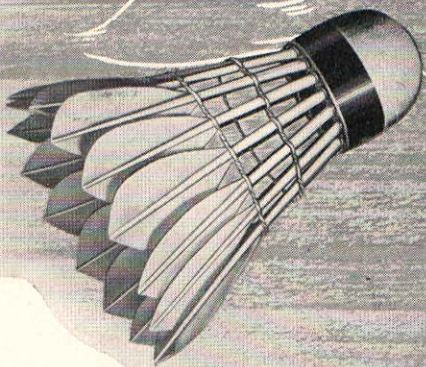
Eastman Kodak Badminton Club has taken a major step in promoting Badminton in the Western N. Y. area by sponsoring a Badminton clinic January 24th.

The Up-State Teachers' Association is conducting the affair and featured in the itinerary will be the appearance of Ethel Marshall, present United States Ladies' Champion.

Bird Chatter endorses such promotional activities and hopes to advise its readers in the next issue of interesting items which transpired.

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(1) Left to right, Betty Bean, Gertrude Amling, Marge Lyndon, Lois Bankerd; (2) Moon Mullin, Dottie Hann, Howard Laughlin; (3) Ken Davidson interviewing Don Kerr between final matches; (4) seated Lois Smedley, Esther Gwinnette; standing Joe Alston, Jack Boegle; (5) Bruce McCurdy, Marilyn Banks, Ryan; (6) seated John Smart, Jack Boegle, standing Roy Seawright, Frank Adams; (7) seated, Lois O'Connell, Marguerite Miller, standing, Bernice Marignan, Ruth Estabrook; (8) Betty Bean, Marilyn Mullin; (9) Al Kirby, Clark Webb, Toyo Erkilla, Howard Taylor; (10) Bert Estabrook, Bill Overkamp, Frank Velarde, Roger Griffin; (11) Lewis Rulison, Hulet Smith, Moon Mullin, Gene Elms. (Burbank pictures are Nos. 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, others at Manhattan and all were taken by Bob Noble.)

Two popular early season tournaments held at Burbank, Nov. 14, 15, 16 and at Manhattan Beach, Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7 produced more than the usual top-flight play and upsets to even some national champions.

The West Coast's top-ranking man (with Dave Freeman still on duty with the Army) Marten Mendez, U. S. No. 3, held his own against real opposition, as did, likewise the nation's best ladies' doubles team of Janet Wright-Thelma Scovil.

Burbank's upsets found Helen Tibbetts defeating Janet Wright (U. S. No. 2), National Mixed Champs, Rogers-Hill losing to Erikson-Wright with the latter team bowing to Mr. and Mrs. Blanchet.

Manhattan's final showed the National Veteran's Champions Smith-Rulison losing a close one to Elms-Mullins and Erikson-McCay bowing to Kimball-Rogers.

Second Annual Burbank Open Tournament

Ladies' Singles

Helen Tibbetts def. Janet Wright, 15/2, 15/1.

Men's Singles

Marten Mendez def. Wynn Rogers, 15/11, 17/16.

Ladies' Doubles

Wright-Scovil def. Anselm-Blanchet, 15/10, 13/15, 15/13.

Men's Doubles

Erikson-McCay def. Kimball-Rogers, 2/15, 15/9, 15/5.

Mixed Doubles

Blanchet-Blanchet def. Erikson-Wright, 15/7, 8/15, 15/7.

Veterans' Doubles

Elms-Mullins def. Coke-Oliver, 15/11, 15/11.

Consolation Flight

Ladies' Singles

Marilyn Banks def. E. Gwinnett, 11/7, 11/12, 11/9.

Men's Singles

Roger Griffin def. Roy Herbold, 15/11, 15/12.

Ladies' Doubles

Bankerd-Lyndon def. Amling-Bean, 15/9, 15/11.

Men's Doubles

Overkamp-Estabrook def. Griffin-Velarde, 15/8, 11/15, 15/10.

Mixed Doubles

Alston-Smedley def. Boegle-Gwinnette 15/10, 15/9.

Veterans' Doubles

Erkilla-Taylor def. Kirby-Webb, 3/15, 15/11, 15/13.

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Manhattan Beach Tournament

Ladies' Singles

Janet Wright def. Helen Tibbetts, 11/4, 11/1.

Men's Singles

Mendez def. McCay, 13/15, 15/12, 15/9.

Ladies' Doubles

Scovil-Wright def. Anselm-Blanchet, 17/14, 15/13.

Men's Doubles

Kimball-Rogers def. Erikson-McCay, 15/3, 15/11.

Mixed Doubles

Rogers - Hill def. Kimball-Tibbetts, 15/13, 3/15, 15/10.

Veterans' Doubles

Elms-Mullin def. Smith-Rulison, 15/7, 10/15, 18/14.

Consolation

Ladies' Singles

Betty Bean def. Marylin Mullin, 11/4, 11/5.

Men's Singles

Serafin def. Ryan, 15/10, 16/18, 15/11.

Ladies' Doubles

Marignan-Estabrook def. Miller-O'Connell, 12/15, 15/4, 15/3.

Men's Doubles

McCurdy-Ryan def. Abbott-Johnston, 14/17, 15/8, 15/1.

Mixed Doubles

Ryan-Banks def. Estabrook-Horner, 18/17, 15/8.

Veterans' Doubles

Boegle-Smart def. Adams-Seawright, 17/16, 15/4.

Correspondent—Virginia Hill

Texas Defeats Oklahoma in Inter-State Challenge Match

Harman Defeats Tenney

Seventeen matches were needed before players from Texas subdued their opponents from Oklahoma by a team score of 9-8 at a most interesting challenge event held Dec. 13 at Oklahoma City, Okla.

This first of an annual affair was one of the most interesting and successful affairs ever held in the Southwest. The challenge trophy was a beautiful piece of art, standing about 3 feet high.

RESULTS

Ladies' Singles

Margaret Varner (Texas) def. Marie Clabaugh (Okla.), 11/0, 11/0.

Georgia Crepps (Okla.) def. Virginia Hicks (Texas), 11/0, 11/0.

Jeanette Summers (Okla.) def. Abbie Rutledge (Texas), 11/5, 10/12, 11/7.

Men's Singles

Bill Menefee (Texas) def. Arch Jack (Okla.), 15/5, 15/13.

George Harman (Okla.) def. Gene Tenney (Texas), 15/13, 15/11.

Robert Madden (Texas) def. Ray Anthony (Okla.), 15/8, 10/15, 15/4.

Men's Veterans' Doubles

Ray Lawler-Floyd Aston (Texas) def. Bill Mayfield-Arch Jack (Okla.), 15/0, 15/8.

Ladies' Veterans' Doubles

Mary Ramsey-Ethel Overholser (Okla.) def. Choice Aston-Paralee Lander (Texas), 18/16, 10/15, 15/4.

Mixed Doubles

Ed Overholser-Carolyn Berry (Okla.) def. Dick Favor-Choice Aston (Texas), 15/10, 10/15, 15/7.

Bill Menefee-Kay Mitchell (Texas) def. Bob Fiers-Margaret Morley (Okla.), 15/9, 15/3.

George Harman-Patsy Harman (Okla.) def. Nick Roberts-Dorothy Lander (Texas), 6/15, 15/13, 18/16.

Ladies' Doubles

Dorothy Lander-Kay Mitchell (Texas) def. Jeanette Summers-Elaine Archer (Okla.), 15/11, 15/2.

Ethel Overholser-Carolyn Berry (Okla.) def. Margaret Varner-Abbie Rutledge (Texas), 15/13, 15/11.

Marie Clabaugh-Gorgia Crepps (Okla.) def. Dorothy Lander-Virginia Hicks (Texas), 15/0, 15/3.

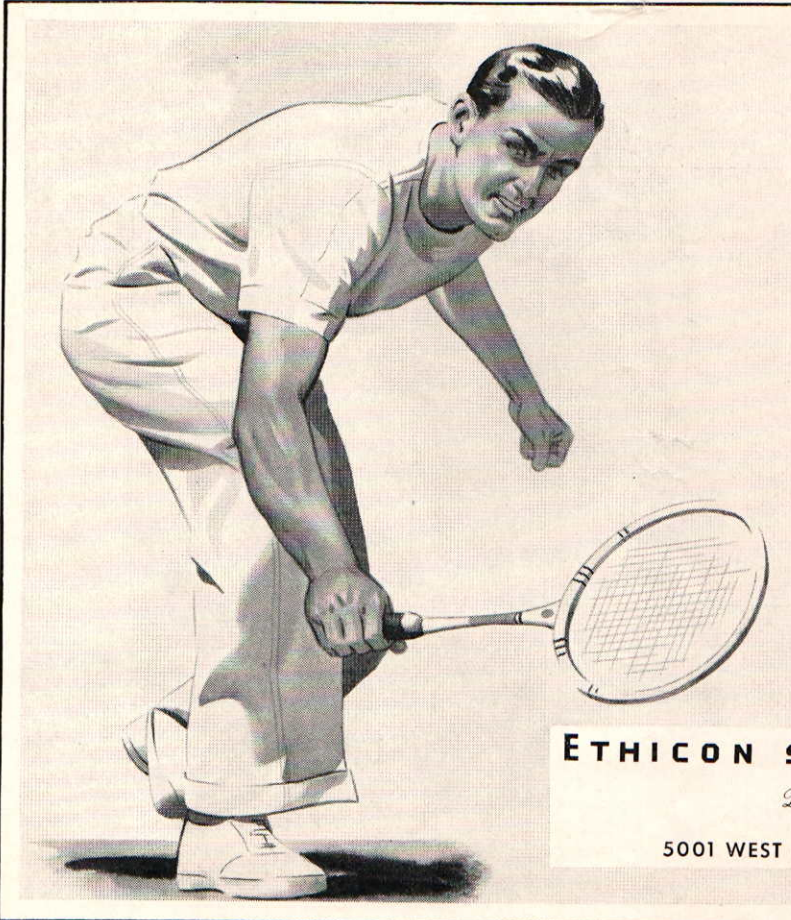
Men's Doubles

Nick Roberts-Hap Horn (Texas) def. Ed Overholser-Arch Jack (Okla.), 15/4, 15/13.

Gene Tenney-Dick Favor (Texas) def. Ray Anthony-Bob Fiers (Okla.), 18/16, 15/5.

Robert Madden-Jasper Garland (Texas) def. Nelson Clabaugh-Bert Crepps, 15/5, 15/8.

Correspondent — Eleanor Round



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ABA Junior Program — Championships Regulations

Following the successful First National Junior Championships, regulations were adopted by the Association at the 1947 Annual Meeting.

1. The Annual Championships shall be held in the spring of each year, at such place and upon such dates as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

2. Competition shall be restricted to amateurs in good standing who have not had their 18th birthday prior to the day the Tournament starts, providing they have received their parents' or guardians' consent and have established their abode in the United States for one continuous year.

3. Applications from associations or member clubs in good standing desiring the allocation of the Championships Tournament must be filed in writing with the Secretary-Treasurer at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting next preceding the Tournament desired.

4. The Annual Championships shall include the following official events: Girls' Singles, Boys' Singles, Girls' Doubles, Boys' Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, provided that no event shall be held unless there are at least 15 entries. Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, the organization holding the Championships may eliminate any event.

5. The Grant System of play shall be used in conducting the Annual Championships.

6. Any player winning or participating with another player in winning an official Annual Championship event will thereafter be entitled to wear the "Junior Winner Blazer" of the A B A.

7. Any surplus resulting from the operation of the Annual Championships Tournament shall be divided 25 percent to the club operating the Tournament, 25 percent to the Class A Association sponsoring the Tournament, and 50 percent to the A B A. In the event that a Class A Association should of itself operate a Tournament its participation in the surplus shall be 50 percent.

Under the leadership of Miss Helen Gibson the National Junior Activities Committee plans the following program for this season.

1. To promote and develop Junior Badminton in General.

A. Cooperating with Schools, Recreation departments and individuals, requesting aid in promoting Junior Badminton activity.

B. Promoting understanding and cooperation with other organizations that deal directly or indirectly with the promotion of Junior Badminton.

C. Writing articles on any phase of Badminton which will be helpful to Juniors. These will be submitted to leading magazines.

2. To promote and develop Junior Badminton within the ABA member clubs.

A. Contacting every regional association of the ABA in regard to its Junior Badminton program, and helping as far as possible with its problems of promotion.

B. Appointing assistants or sub-committees wherever needed to help with committee work, clinics, surveys, reports, etc.

C. Helping to publicise, stimulate interest in, and assist with the National Junior Championships.

D. Submitting an annual report from each region by a regional committee member, giving a complete record of all Junior activities in that particular district. All of these reports are to be sent to the National Junior Activities Chairman before March 1st, 1948 so that they may be presented to the Board of Directors at the annual ABA meeting.

ABA Rule Books

Official Rule Books, printed by the ABA, are available to all in individual or large quantities. For single copies, contact your local Class A Secretary. Larger quantities may be obtained by contacting the National Secretary, Rufus D. Beach, Room 1060, 134 So. LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois. Prices will be supplied upon request — business concerns please note. Regulations for National Championships, Exhibitions and Amateur Status are included.

Correction

In the June issue, 1947, The Honorable Mention Listing under Veterans' Doubles listed Whitfield Painter and W. Frazier. On the word of Mrs. Geraldine B. Blabon, secretary of the Haverford School Badminton Club, the Philadelphia Veterans' Doubles title was won by Whitfield Painter and J. Thomas Steere.

Badminton in Northern Rhodesia

There is not very much Badminton played in this territory and at present is only confined to the Copperbelt of which Nkana is the centre of the Copper Mining Industry.

Badminton has increased in popularity in the last year or so and the membership of our club in particular has increased and now stands at 80 members.

Each of the mining towns have their own Recreation Club, Badminton being one of the sporting sections. There are only four clubs — The Roan Antelope at Luanshya which has three courts. Mufulira and Nchanga each have one court, and our own club which has two courts.

We are at the moment experiencing great difficulty in arranging matches between the clubs as they are all at least 30 miles apart and at present there is an acute shortage of petrol. Motor transport is the main means of conveyance in Northern Rhodesia and with the present petrol ration we are unable to travel to the other mining towns.

We arrange, when possible, inter-mine matches and tournaments and social events of our own, and from the interest shown in these events, Badminton is becoming more popular.

Our Annual Championships and Handicap Events have just been successfully completed. The standard of play was rather high and the results of the Handicap Events proved that the handicapping was fairly drawn up.

We are holding a meeting in the near future to discuss the formation of the "Northern Rhodesia Badminton Association," as we think the time is opportune to form a league, and to encourage this sport further.

I hope what little information I have given you is of interest. As I have previously mentioned, Badminton is only now showing signs of becoming one of the popular sports in this country, but most probably in the near future I will be able to give you more news on Badminton, in Northern Rhodesia. Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, August, 1947

D. J. Padkin
Hon. Secretary

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Mixed Singles — The Forgotten Game

By GEORGE W. DAVIS

(a brave man who dares to sign this article)

It's high time we badminton lovers took the American Badminton Association to task for neglecting that all-important branch of the game — to wit, mixed singles. In tournament after tournament, we find the same six sanctioned events — men's singles and doubles, ladies' singles and doubles, veterans' doubles, and mixed doubles. Those six events are undeniably popular and important. But what about the seventh event, probably the most widely played game of all, this being mixed singles?

Mixed singles is definitely a branch of badminton all by itself. It bears a kinship to badminton, although a distant one. It is usually played by husband and wife, by an affianced pair, or a pair on the brink of merging. Often, too, it is played by a lady and some male partner who tried vainly to make himself look inconspicuous but was nevertheless nabbed and politely shanghaied into a foursome.

The strategy and tactics of mixed singles are noticeably and basically different from other forms of the game, (and at this point, let us toss a scallion at Jack Purcell, Frank Devlin, T. P. Dick, Jackson and Swan, Ken Davidson, Hugh Forgie, and other noted writers on the subject of badminton. In all their works, not a line on mixed singles — the most fascinating and complex subject of all!)

One successful exponent of mixed singles advocates stationing the lady near the net, mid-court, with her racket in front of her face. Anchored firmly at this spot, the lady presents an irresistible target for the opponents. Thus the opposing fire is concentrated toward a central point, and her partner avoids the necessity of running from side to side. Since the opponents can only hope to hit her racket about once in ten times, the partner can pick them off behind her. This same student of mixed singles issues a warning, however. The male partner, when covering the net on each side of the lady, should never run in front of her, but should instead follow a halfmoon path around behind her. The semi-circular route may add a few steps, but results in more freedom for a good swing.

Generally, however, mixed singles analysts advocate a freer scope for the lady. This point of view recognizes the difficulty of keeping the lady anchored with her racket upraised. In this school of thought, the lady tries for every shot (except, of course, those that her partner cannot conceivably reach). Her partner manoeuvres behind her, intercepting such shots as the lady doesn't catch on the rim or throw. This strategy has two basic advantages. First, the lady is constantly acting as a screen for her partner, adding to his deception and forcing him to use sharply angled shots to avoid hitting her. Often, too, the lady's rim shots will bounce back over the net. This attack is devastating to opposition morale, as there is no way to anticipate the direction or flight of the shot.

The main drawback to this form of teamwork is the lady's tendency to work farther and farther back into court, from which point she begins to send up stratospheric clears. One husband in a Mid-Western Club attempted to correct this weakness by a long-follow through on his strokes, the stroke finishing sharply on his partners person. Other members objected violently to this technique, however, and their complaints were quieted only when he pointed out that he never used his best racket in mixed singles. For mixed singles, he favors a heavy-headed racket with a warped frame. Thus mollified and informed, some of the other members now follow his practice.

In general, some hints worth keeping in mind:

1. Don't discourage the lady's natural stance with toes up, heels down and knees locked. This will enable the male partner to play many shots that the lady otherwise might reach in time.
2. If the lady likes to let her racket dangle, head toward the floor, by no means attempt to change this. This will cut down the number of "double tick" shots and throws.
3. Choke back any remarks of any kind. Advice and counsel invariably fall upon deaf ears — and the unspoken word is the best.
4. If during the course of a three game match, the lady brings off one or two good shots, be sure to mention them and praise them when leaving the court. Harmonious teamwork is essential in all sports, but especially in the home.

5. When the lady's serve clears the net, promptly comment, "Good serve!" This has often helped to reduce the percentage of serving faults.
6. Don't play all of your shots at the opposing lady. Mix them up, otherwise you'll find your male opponent conserving energy. An occasional shot played away from the lady will catch him napping.
7. When participation in a mixed singles becomes inescapable, hurry to pair up with a shapely partner. The viewpoint may help to alleviate the rigors of the game.

This resume of mixed singles is necessarily brief. However, if it succeeds in awakening our Association officials and club tournament committees to their shamefully neglectful attitude toward mixed singles, it will have served its purpose well. Who would be so bold as to deny that a mixed-singles event in any tournament would be the center of all attention, the focus of all conversation?

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Numerous Team Matches Mark Buffalo's Triad Play

The Triad Racquet and Shuttle Club of Buffalo played four inter-club early season matches, three against Canadian teams.

The Juniors played Nov. 22nd with Niagara Falls Country Club, losing 12-7, and with St. Catherine, Ontario, Dec. 6th winning 4-0, while the B team on Dec. 7th defeated the Badminton Club of Welland, Ontario, 7-1, and the A team lost to the Ontario Badminton Club of Niagara Falls on Dec. 21st, 12-2.

RESULTS

At Niagara Falls C C-Juniors

Girls' Singles

Ann Mack (N. F.) def. Esther Szulist (T.), 11/8, 11/2.
Virginia Smoker (T.) def. Barbara Knauff (N. F.), 2/11, 11/4, 11/0.
Josephine Ferraccio (T.) def. Jean Rice (N. F.), 11/2, 11/3.
Dolores Zintek (T.) def. Frances Gray (N. F.), 11/3, 11/4.
Dorothy Wozniak (T.) def. Jean Upper (N. F.), 11/4, 11/3.

Girls' Doubles

E. Szulist-D. Zintek (T.) def. J. Rice-A. Mack (N. F.), 15/5, 15/6.
V. Smoker-D. Wozniak (T.) def. B. Knauff-F. Gray (N. F.), 15/3, 15/4.

Boys' Singles

Randy Rice (N. F.) def. Bob Reece (T.), 15/8, 15/9.
Jim Hamilton (N. F.) def. Don Dewey (T.), 10/15, 15/11, 17/15.
Charles Daley (N. F.) def. John Simonian (T.), 15/10, 15/12.
Jim Daggett (N. F.) def. Vince Tomasula (T.), 15/8, 15/9.
Bob Rice (N. F.) def. Frank Polino (T.), 15/12, 15/9.

Boys' Doubles

R. Rice-J. Hamilton (N. F.) def. B. Reece-D. Dewey (T.), 15/10, 15/9.
C. Daley-J. Daggett (N. F.) def. J. Simonian-V. Tomasula (T.), 15/8, 15/7.

Mixed Doubles

R. Rice-J. Rice (N. F.) def. E. Szulist-B. Reece (T.), 15/8, 15/10.
A. Mack-J. Hamilton (N. F.) def. V. Smoker-D. Dewey (T.), 15/13, 15/9.
J. Upper-C. Daley (N. F.) def. J. Ferraccio-J. Simonian (T.), 12/15, 15/10, 15/13.
D. Zintek-V. Tomasula (T.) def. B. Knauff-J. Daggett (N. F.), 15/17, 15/13, 15/9.
F. Gray-B. Rice (N. F.) def. D. Wozniak-F. Polino (T.), 15/2, 15/2.

At Welland B. C. — B Team

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Scharmach-Mrs. Traquair (T.) def. Mrs. Way-Mrs. Mole (W.), 15/8, 15/6.
Mrs. Burke-Mrs. Matthews (W.) def. Miss M. Netsch-Miss M. Altenburg (T.), 10/15, 15/10, 15/6.

Men's Doubles

Scharmach-Salemi (T.) def. Burke-Matthews (W.), 15/10, 15/12.
Mack-Eckis (T.) def. Burke-Matthews (W.), 15/7, 12/15, 15/5.

Mixed Doubles

Scharmach-Netsch (T.) def. Way-McClement (W.), 10/15, 15/7, 15/11.

Stamford, Conn. Men's Invitation Doubles



(1) Consolation Finalists in the Stamford Men's Invitation Doubles, played November 29 in the Stamford Y.M.C.A. Pete Parahaus and Carl Whiteford, on the left, defeated Hugh Beatty and Joe Cuseo in the final match. The man in the center is Joseph Chiaramonte of the Stamford Badminton Club, who presented the prizes. (2) Finalists of the main tournament. Left to right, Wayne Schell, Ed Shields, Bob Wright, Joseph Chiaramonte, president of the Stamford Badminton Club, Dick Yeager and Max Schirmer. Wayne Schell and Bob Wright of Boston, Mass. won from Ed Shields and Dick Yeager of New Rochelle, N. Y., in the finals, by forfeit, when Shields was taken ill just before the match. Max Schirmer substituted for Shields, and he and Yeager pushed the winners to three games. The club served a supper to players and guests at the Stamford Y.M.C.A., and later, Carl Whiteford was host to the group at his home in Noroton, Conn., at a bang-up badminton party.

Eckis-Scharmach (T.) def. Burke-Burke (W.), 15/8, 15/9.
Salemi-Altenburg (T.) def. Mole-Riddel (W.), 10/15, 15/8, 15/12.
Mack-Traquair (T.) def. Way-Matthews (W.), 11/15, 15/7, 15/12

At St. Catherine's — Juniors

Girls' Singles

Josephine Ferraccio (T.) def. Barbara Samhead (St. C.) 11/10, 11/4.
Esther Szulist (T.) def. Barbara Hulse (St. C.), 11/9, 11/1.

Girls' Doubles

Esther Szulist-Dolores Zintek (T.) def. Barbara Samhead-Barbara Hulse (St. C.), 9/15, 17/15, 17/15.
Ruth Austin-Dorothy Wozniak (T.) def. Betty Jane Skinner-Margurite M Lachlin (St. C.), 15/9, 15/3.

At Ontario B. C. — A Team

Ladies' Doubles

Kay Kittner-Betty Fahey (O.) def. Ethel Marshall-Vera Reustle (T.), 15/12, 15/13.
Bea Massman-Betty McNeil (T.) def. Lorraine Puto-Eleanor Rehill (O.), 15/4, 15/11.
Mary Sauer-Lorraine Puto (O.) def. June Traquair-Rose Salemi (T.), 15/6, 15/2.
Betty Fahey-Eleanor Rehill (O.) def. Millie Netsch-Betty McNeil (T.), 15/5, 15/5.

Men's Doubles

Ned Stafford-Ian McCullum (O.) def. Bob Eckis-Bob Mack (T.), 15/5, 15/7.
Ray Young-Bob Hardison (O.) def. Paul Miller-Dick Salemi (T.), 15/5, 15/5.
Bob Johnson-Bill Clark (O.) def. Larry Reustle-Frank McNeil (T.), 17/18, 15/11, 15/8.

Mixed Doubles

Bob Hardison-Kay Kittner (O.) def. Bob and June Traquair (T.), 15/10, 16/18, 15/12.

Ian McCullum-Jean Davey (O.) def. Paul Miller-Millie Netsch (T.), 15/7, 15/10.
Joe and Betty Fahey (O.) def. Frank and Betty McNeil (T.), 5/15, 15/6, 15/11.
Ned Stafford-Lorraine Puto (O.) def. Larry and Vera Reustle (T.), 15/10, 15/8.
Ray Young-Mary Sauer (O.) def. Bob Eckis-Vera Reustle (T.), 15/12, 15/6.
Bob Mack-June Traquair (T.) def. Bob Johnson-Eleanor Rehill (O.), 15/6, 15/6.
Bill Clark-Lorraine Puto (O.) def. Dick and Rose Salemi (T.), 15/10, 11/15, 15/11.

Correspondent — Ethel Marshall

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Miscellaneous Items

Early April in Texas usually finds Spring well underway. This may mean "shirt-sleeve" or light coat weather. If the latter it is apt to mean a raincoat for April is the second wettest month of the year with an average rainfall of 4.30". Your swimming suit or bowling shoes can find ready use for the excellent facilities of Pool and Alleys are available day and night.

Off the record it may be noted for the benefit of the "veterans" that Waco is dry, if you know what we mean.

So, let's off to Waco, Texas for the running of the 8th ABA National Championships and in the words of the sponsors "bring your spurs and ten gallon hats for the shuttlecock rodeo."

International Rivalry Features Indian National Champs

India's National Championships results will be awaited with great interest by those who follow international competition. According to reports received from Mr. P. N. N. Pohwahla, Bird Chatter's Indian Correspondent, both the Danish and Malayan national bodies have sent some of their best players to compete in this event scheduled for Dec. 6-19th, 1947. From Denmark will go Tage Madsen and Paul Holm (All England Men's Doubles Champion) and Mrs. Tony Ahm. From Malaya will go A. S. Samuel, Chan Kon Leong and S. A. Durai. In addition to the championships matches, the three countries will hold unofficial exhibition matches among each other after the conclusion of the tournament.

An interesting article, written by India's George Lewis, ranking No. 3 player, and reproduced below, gives a picture of badminton thoughts from the original home of the game.

Future of Badminton

There might be hardly any other indoor game, which is more misunderstood. Even in India, it is still mistaken to be a game of the weaker sex, it being nicknamed, as the "ladies' game," whilst it is one of the most strenuous of the indoor games. In fact, it is a game of the athlete. Nobody, can be a really top-class indoor Badminton player, unless he or she has trained himself or herself into a normal athlete; or unless develops a horse's stamina. The reason is not far to seek. In order to have accurate, scientific Badminton, the Badminton hall has to be entirely closed so that no draught of wind can flow in, otherwise, the scientific precision of the game will be lost. As such, you can realize, in such a confined place, who can keep up breath except a genuine athlete, in perfectly healthy and tip-top physical fitness?

Apart from its great beauty of art and science, Badminton bears seeds of fruitifying into one of the most popular games of the world, on mass basis, on account of its being a growing sport of the Badminton world. Besides, as it has blossomed itself into a gamely sport of the common man in the street, it does portend a very fine future for itself. More so, on account of this colorful game's tremendous potentiality of appealing to the masses, its intrinsic value of demanding from

its exponents the highest degree of fitness and intellectual efficiency.

In addition, Badminton's art is more than fascinating. Seventy-five per cent of jugglery performed in it, is done by the wrist-work more subtly executed than "sleight of hand," magician's tricks, e.g. imperceptible wrist-jerks, prompted by uncanny judgment, compel the poor "bird" to fly to and fro, with speed and direction, as bidden by the controlling master-hand of an artiste, to the utter helplessness and frustration of the contestant, who, in spite of best efforts, finds the shuttlecock, too far off, to contact with.

This battle of wits and wrists, converts this manly game, into one of the finest arts. Take a couple of illustrations, — When an opponent is advancing to get in touch with the shuttle, for its return, the almost magic flick of the wrist, plays such an overpowering trick, at the last fraction of a second that its victim is completely outwitted and finds it impossible to retrieve the position. Or, on the other hand, when the opposing combatant is attempting to get away to meet the shuttle, this elusive "bird" inspired by its master, suddenly drops dead in front, to floor its chaser, because even the most fleet-footed and agile enemy crumbles, when caught exactly on the wrong foot, by clever maneuvering of its striker's wrist.

This artistry of the wrist is the deciding factor of the Art of Badminton, in which, besides these baffling wristy flick strokes — powerful smashes, quick, deceptive drops, clearing and/or positioning judicious lobs, vigorous forceful drives, last but not least, effective, skillful services — invest their due share, to make this smart game, artfully alluring.

With charming Badminton art, all a class by itself, if, he can see a little beyond the nose, the definitely brilliant future that Badminton promises, can be almost prophetically visualised, just on its own prospective merit.

Further, if professionalism is also introduced in Badminton, a good prophet can infallibly predict that Badminton in future will surpass any other indoor game, in its capacity to draw gate and in its popularity with the common man, as there is no other quicker indoor game, which demands special ability of its hair-split second, spontaneous decisions, in the midst of a gruelling struggle; and which calls for also

maximum volume of human stamina and first-class brains, for gaining coveted crown of even National Stardom in Badminton. As such, naturally, the public should, in due course, get crazy and balmy over it.

In India, too, it has as much splendid future, as it can have in any other country. Though this sub-continent is severely handicapped with paucity of big Badminton halls or huge suitable halls, like those in U. S. A., Canada, England, Denmark, France, Sweden, etc., she can fondly hope that it shall not be long before India too will be successful to find sufficient building materials to construct a grand Badminton pavilion, to meet the advancing urge of public attraction for this lovely game.

However for her immediate future, she should follow a sagacious policy to undertake tours abroad, where there are available big halls, combined with Badminton-minded public. She can very well profit by measuring her strength with other advanced countries and can also accrue benefit, by sharing in their excellent gate, through extensive patronage of their enlightened public; and can also get her due share of World's esteem of her prowess and for her potential strength.

Just as a Canute could not stop the advance of sea-waves, no power on earth can prevent advancing popularity of Badminton the world over.

Late Flash — Indian Results

Men's Singles

Winner, S. A. Durai (Malaya).

Men's Doubles

Winners, Samuel and Chan Leong (Malaya).

Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Tony Ahm (Denmark) def. Miss Muntaz Chinoy (Bombay), 5/11, 11/8, 11/5.

Ladies' Doubles

Deodher sisters (Maharashtra) def. Mrs. Tony Ahm (Denmark)-Mrs. P. Athaide (Sind), 15/12, 3/15, 15/7.

Mixed Doubles

Tage Madsen (Denmark)-Miss Suman Deodher (Maharashtra) def. Chan K. Leong (Malaya)-Mrs. M. Puito (C. P. and Berar), 15/11, 15/6.

The Danish star, Paul Holm, was forced to default due to a leg injury.

In the Indian-Denmark matches the latter won 2-1 with the Men's Singles showing Lewis (India) defeating Madsen (Denmark) in 3 games.

In the Indian-Malayan matches the former emerged the victor 4-3. The latter led 3 matches to 1 but had to post 2 defaults.

Bradford Juniors Badminton—By Hope J. Kjellerup

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One hundred and twenty-five Badminton enthusiasts and only one court on which to play! A small Vermont high school of less than two hundred! How can Badminton be run and financed under these conditions?

After a successful three years under these conditions, we feel that our main lack now is that of outside competition.

This is our setup this year. Six students who have shown promise and the correct skills were appointed instructors for other groups and I myself have one period a day free for Badminton. And so we have sixteen 40-minute periods a week set aside in the gymnasium for Badminton with eight players to a period. Each student pays a dime every day he plays to pay for shuttlecocks, use of the equipment and the class tournament. We use only the best tournament shuttlecocks, as the better players reject

any others in disgust. Medium priced nylon string rackets are used for daily play and more expensive ones for the class tournament, although an increasing number are purchasing their own rackets now, and these are satisfied with nothing but the best.

At the beginning of November the instructors met with me and we selected the so-called A players. Then an A tournament is held with each class meeting each of the others during noon hours for a match of nine games—two boy's doubles, two girl's doubles, three mixed doubles, a boy's singles and a girl's singles. No player may compete more than twice against the same opposing teams. A careful record is made of total games won by each class.

Near the end of this tournament the instructors again meet, and we mark the players for the B matches which are held in a similar fashion.

At the end of this tournament the games won are added to those of the A teams and a trophy awarded the winning class.

Then the rest of the players or C's are allowed to play each other, but this does not count toward the trophy, as too much luck is involved and in the case of smaller classes a duplication of girl players; since in our school, Badminton is more nearly a universal choice of the boys than of the girls.

In the spring, just before baseball season, the individual tournament is held with the best players seeded. Nearly everyone enters this tournament. A small fee is charged for trophies for the winners and medals for the runners-up. This is an increasingly popular event and is followed by a consolation tournament for those who lost the first round. We also have one evening a week for an alumni group.

Yes, if only we had outside competition, we would be developing some really good Badminton material back here in the hills of Vermont.

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Equipment

(For our instructional piece this issue we are indebted to George Geever, professional at the Chicago Badminton Club, who wrote the following article for his club's delightful magazine, "Bird Cage.")

One of the most important factors in learning and playing a good game of Badminton is the possession of the proper equipment. A good carpenter would not attempt to build a house with a dull saw, crooked nails, and a hammer with a broken handle. The same holds true in almost every trade or sport. To get the best out of every job or game we must have the proper tools.

It has been my experience with the beginner class that if they are started off on the right foot, with a properly balanced, correct-weight racket, strung with good gut to the proper tension, they are able to grasp the game and execute the fundamental strokes nearly twice as fast as their fellow players who are not well equipped.

A great many players in the beginner class, and even some beyond that I am sorry to say, try to

get by with the "Woolworth" type racket; that is, a cheaply constructed frame made out of low priced, heavy sap wood, which will take only a very loose string job or it will warp instantly. With such inferior equipment this player cannot begin to compete with players who have a well-balanced, light-weight, tightly strung racket. The latter will be able to execute his strokes with a crispness and power and get more accurate direction with less effort, while the former player finds himself straining to the utmost to keep the bird in play but succeeds only in throws or setting up easy kills.

Examine your racket and see if it meets the following requirements:

1. The racket must not exceed 5 oz. when strung with good gut for the average men players, and $4\frac{3}{4}$ oz. for women. Lighter rackets are permissible, but it is not advisable to get one under $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz. strung.

2. Balance the shaft of your racket on your finger and when you have found the spot where it is even measure from this point to the end of the butt, it should not exceed $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches. If it is more, your

racket is too heavy in the head and as such will give you trouble in snapping off your follow thru.

3. The handle or grip must not be too large for your hand or it will hamper the freedom of your wrist, causing "tennis strokes," which will have no power. The grip should have good, specially-treated leather to prevent throwing.

4. Last, but the most important, it must be properly strung. Up to the present day no substitute has been found that will give as much efficiency as gut. By this is meant a split lamb gut (hog gut, beef gut, or silk are not recommended). A new product on the market, called twisted nylon, is being tested at present and it is hoped will prove satisfactory and cut down on the present high cost of gut stringing for low budget players.

If you are in doubt about your racket, consult your Pro or any competent player who will advise you. By no means go to some out-of-the-way sporting goods store where an inexperienced clerk will sell you some shopworn frame he has had on the shelf for several years. It pays to pay more for the best.

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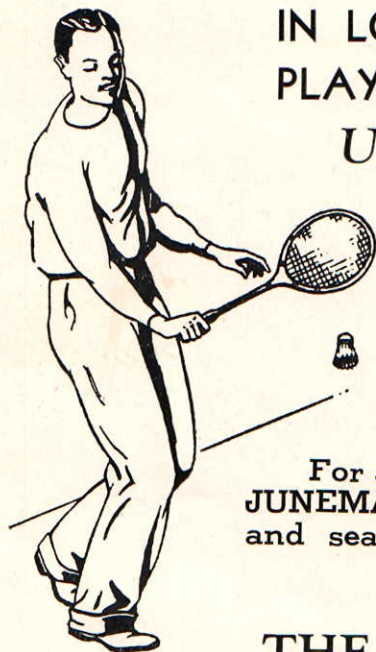
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