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## Dave Freeman, Ethel Marshall Retain Crowns at National Championships U. S. Enters International Thomas Cup Matches

The United States Championships were completed on April 3 at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and the 1947 Singles Champions retained their titles in convincing demonstrations of their superiority. For the sixth consecutive time Dave Freeman showed himself to be literally unbeatable as again he baffled all challengers without the loss of a game. That diminutive lefthander, Ethel Marshall, demonstrated an improved game with an especially fine performance in the finals to annex her second consecutive National Ladies' Singles title.

Freeman again was a coholder of the Men's Doubles with his new partner, Wynn Rogers, while that powerful team of Janet Wright and Thelma Scovil again dominated the Ladies' Doubles for the second consecutive year.

New champions were crowned in the Mixed Doubles with last year's runners-up Clint and Patsy Stevens winning their first national title, as did "Pop" Hines and Fred Fullin in the Veterans' Doubles.

A full report of matches and many interesting pictures will be presented in the June issue and thus no more details are given in order to whet the curiosity of those who either didn't attend or haven't heard the complete story.

#### **New ABA Officers**

National officers for the 1948-49 season were elected and this list appears below. The complete list of all officials of the Association will be published next issue.

#### **Thomas Cup Matches**

The ABA Directors voted to enter the International Thomas Cups matches next season (see complete article on page 14 of this issue).

#### **Bird Chatter**

Resignations of the present staff to take effect at the end of this season were presented and plans for continuation of the magazine are under consideration-

#### Finances

Membership dues are headed for an increase to \$4.00 per club if the recommendation of the Directors to the Executive Committee is adopted. Sanction fees for authorized tournaments were voted ranging from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per tournament.

#### **Amateur Status Changes**

Major changes in the Amateur Status Code were adopted with an introduction of a rule which permits physical educators to be exempt from forfeiture of amateur standing due to teaching. Changes were likewise adopted in reinstatement regulations with major interest centered

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in the abrogation of the "once a professional always a professional" regulations to permit a three-year period from April 1946 for reinstatement applications.

These and other matters are briefed as this issue is made up, and as stated above complete details will be included in the June (final) issue.

#### All England to Danes

The 38th All-England Badminton Championships held at the Harringay Ice Hockey Arena March 3-6 was a complete triumph for the Danes.

19-year old Miss K. Thorndahl was the individual star, winning three titles, with Jorn Skaarup close on her heels with two wins and a runner-up position.

#### RESULTS

Men's Singles Jorn Skaarup (Den.) def. Poul Holm (Den.) 15/3, 15/13.

Ladies' Singles K. Thorndahl (Den.) def. Mrs. Ahm (Den.) 11/7, 11/0.

Men's Doubles Frederiksen-Dabelsteen (Den.) def. Jepsen-Jonson (Sweden) 15/8, 16/18, 18/17

(Holm-Skaarup were defeated by the winners in the semis).

Ladies' Doubles K. Thorndahl-Mrs. Ahm (Den.) def. Mrs. Uber-Miss Allen (Eng.) 15/6, 12/15, 15/2.

Mixed Doubles

Thorndahl (Den.) def. Skaarup-K. Jepsen (Sweden)-A. Svendsen (Den.) 15/10, 15/2.

Correspondent — Humphrey Chillon

#### More Shuttles Approved by ABA Committee

Adding to the 11 brands listed in the January issue of Bird Chatter, chairman Ozzie Hilton of the ABA Shuttlecock Committee announces the following approvals to complete the 1947-48 season.

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#### Editorial

One of the most interesting and quite often instructive phases of the game of badminton is the locker room discussion after the play is over. Not so long ago I heard a top official in another amateur sport expound on the obligations of a champion. His remarks reflected the result of unusual experience in the study and handling of persons who were "top dogs" in sports and they apply most decidedly to our activities.

"Whether a champion through prowess or an elected leader to an administrative position you have reached a point where your obligations are above those of the rank and file. Whether you realize and like it, or not, people now recognize you as a leader and expect your attitude and actions to properly reflect this position. They don't like prima donnas nor tyrants for they fully believe they assisted in your obtaining this elevated status and expect you to give back to them and others like them a measure of assistance equal to that which was given to you.

"It's true you may have worked hard and long to reach this goal but it is equally true it couldn't have been accomplished if the other fellow wasn't there as a stepping stone.

"The 'giving back' part may be or become more tedious or distasteful than the steps in your rise but your continual success in prowess or position of administration lies in your social acceptance by your fellow man.

"Some one will eventually replace you through ability or selection and your subsequent place in the scheme of things may well be determined by your actions and attitude while you were in the top seat.

"Recall to yourself the greats of the past and profit by the mistakes of those who rapidly disappeared from the fold." These are the thoughts I gleaned from the speaker and I commend them to all of you. They not only refer to the topmost champion or leader of the nation but to the leader of your group, club, section or the like. In our badminton world you should know the rules and play them without circumvention. The youth may well be guided by your style, attitude or sportsmanship and your contribution to their training and state of mind may leave an indelible mark on the future success of the game or its sound administration.

The growth of badminton has mushroomed many to places of prominence in an abnormal space of time. The years to come will constantly find the task more difficult as increasing numbers compete for the top positions. In the meantime let this advice from the leader of men, mentioned above, guide you in your successful climb and final accomplishment. A champion in name and in character is an enviable position.

#### ABA Ranking Policy

A ranking of U. S. players 30 days after the National Championships is no sinecure for Roy Jordan and his A.B.A. Ranking Committee. However, the groundwork was well laid last year so that only a few changes in policy have been necessary this season. Bird Chatter's plan to outline certain phases of most all National committees includes this phase of activity which is so important to the players themselves and their adherents.

#### **General Basis for Ranking**

1. Results of contestants in National Championships.

2. Results of contestants in intersectional championships who also participate in the nationals.

3. Results of contestants in regional or sectional championships who participate in the nationals.

4. Results of contestants in intersectional, regional or sectional tournaments who do not participate in the nationals.

Elaboration and clarification of these points are as follows:

1. The National rankings will be based primarily on the play at the National Tournament, but not more than the first four rankings will be automatically given based on this play, and the results of the National Tournament shall not necessarily establish the order of this ranking. 2. A player or team that has participated in at least three major tournaments during the season, but not in the nationals, may nevertheless be considered for ranking.

3. A player may be ranked more than once if he has a successful team record with more than one other player.

4. Rankings will be given only where sufficient data is available to substantiate the rankings. In this connection, it may be impossible to rank ten players or teams in each event.

5. Honorable mention will be given to outstanding teams or players otherwise unranked and will be made on a geographical basis rather than on comparative abilities. There may be instances where top calibre players and teams must be listed as "unranked because of insufficient data."

6. Junior Rankings will be based entirely on the results of the National Junior Tournament.

The above is the preliminary report of the Ranking Committee policies. Though subject to change by the Directors at the Annual Convention it would seem to quite adequately cover the problem. Any constructive comments and suggestions are welcomed by Mr. Jordan for the consideration of his Committee.

#### Freeman; Edith Marshall Stories Covered in Sports Magazines

Dave Freeman, U. S. Men's Champion has been publicized in three large publications throughout the year, Liberty, Allsports and Sportfolio. The latter publication listed him in its February issue "Athletes of the Year Awards" and in the April issue carried a six-page interesting article "King David's Court."

This same magazine during the year also included a story on Ethel Marshall, U. S. Ladies' Championand an article on "Badminton in Maryland."

#### Correspondents Note

The June issue is following promptly and the results of the late tournaments should be forwarded promptly for inclusion. Send any pictures in advance for plate making and let copy follow if it cannot accompany them.

## Mexican Champion Leads Singles Field At Southwest A.A.U. Tournament



Ernesto Villareal, Mexican Champion, Mrs. Virginia Smith of Missouri, Margaret Varner of Texas and George Harmon of Oklahoma.

Ernesto Villareal, Mexican Singles Champion, easily bested the best Southwestern players in the Southwestern A.A.U. Open held at Dallas, Texas, January 16, 17.

Interesting to the local and possibly national picture was the playing of a newcomer, Margaret Varner, Denton, Texas, who upset three seeded players enroute to her first major title and annexed the doubles with clubmate Abbie Rutledge.

St. Louis was again represented with a good sized delegation. Perkins and Aderholt retained their last year's doubles crowns and it is interesting to note that the 1947 Junior Champion, Ted Moehlman, reached the semi's in singles and mixed.

Correspondent — Nick Roberts

#### RESULTS

#### Semi-Finals

Men's Singles

- Harman def. Moehlman, 15/4, 15/7. Villareal def. Tenney, 18/15, 15/10.
- Ladies' Singles Smith def. Rutledge, 12/10, 11/3.
- Varner def. Summers, 6/11, 11/5, 11/0. Men's Doubles
- Perkins-Aderholt def. Horn-Roberts, 15/8, 15/8.
- Tenney-Faver def. Madden-Harman 15/13, 15/3.

#### Ladies' Doubles

- Landers-Mitchell def. Overholser-Berry, 15/3, 15/11. Varner-Rutledge def. Vilbig-Marks, 9/6,
- def. Mixed Doubles
- Harman-Summers def. Moehlman-Smith, 18/15, 15/4. Roberts-Landers def. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, 18/13, 17/14.
- Finals

#### Men's Singles

- Villareal def. Harman, 15/8, 15/7. Ladies' Singles
- Varner def. Smith, 11/5, 12/9.
- Men's Doubles
- Perkins-Aderholt def. Tenney-Faver. 12/15, 15/6, 15/13.
- Ladies' Doubles

Varner-Rutledge def. Landers-Mitchell, 15/11, 15/4. Mixed Doubles

Roberts-Harman-Summers def. Landers, 18/13, 17/14.

#### Central Invitation Doubles

The Invitation Veteran's Doubles held by the Central Presbyterian Church, New York City on March 6 resulted in Lawrence Howard and Frank Hinds of Central B. C. leading the 18 teams entered by winning a close final round from Fred Fullin of Westport, Conn., and Max Schirmer of New Rochelle, N. Y., 18/14, 15/13.

Correspondent - "Pop" Hinds

#### Villareal Mexican Champion

Ernesto Villareal is the present Mexican badminton champion in singles, men's and mixed doubles and has been since 1940.

A "natural" at the game, he reached the final in his first year (1939) of play, losing to Florentino Martinez Rico, the defending champion, but was successful in both the Men's, with Joaquim Tetuia, and the Mixed, with Emilia Gomez Luna.

The following year he defeated Rico in the finals of the Pan-American Tournament at San Antonio, Texas, 15-5, 15-6; and repeated this win over Rico in his country's championships by scores of 15-7, 15-7, also winning with his 1939 partners in the mixed and Men's Doubles. In the succeeding years, he won the doubles events with different partners, except for the Mixed, in which he has competed since 1945 with his wife, the present ladies' singles champion.

He gives due credit to Mr. Basil Janes, a former Canadian and American club professional, who visited Mexico in 1940.

In addition to the Southwest event his play against American players has consisted of a (1) semifinal win over Wayne Sikes, formerly of New York City and then nationally ranked in 1940, at the Pan American Tournament. (2) A win in the finals of the same event in 1941 over Robert Madden of Texas, unofficially ranked No. 3 in the Southwest in 1946 but in 1941 perhaps their top player, (3), a win of 15-8, 15-7 over Ozzie Hilton of California, 1945 French champion in an exhibition match in Mexico City last summer.

#### Forgie in 1948 Ice Capades

Professional Hugh Forgie, who has been thrilling audiences, with his partner Stig Larsen, with "Bad-minton on Ice" has been booked with "Ice Capades of 1948."

A subsequent issue of Bird Chatter will carry an article by Hugh on "What it is like to play Badminton on Ice.'

While his act is purely an exhibition it has added additional interest in the game and stimulated the desire to play the game by many who have never played it before. His appearance in many cities throughout the United States has led to many friendly games.

## Canadians Dominate Singles, Lose Doubles At New England Championships Renewal



(1) Semi-final Mixed Doubles, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yeager, Ethel Marshall, Bobby Williams; (2) Singles Finalists, Canadians Gordon Simpson, Jack Muir; (3) Semi-finals Mixed Doubles, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Wanda Bergman, Wayne Schell; (4) Semi-final Men's Doubles, Gordon Simpson, Leo LaFontaine, Joel Baker, Howard Holman; (5) Vets Champs, C. R. Hutchinson, Stanley Anderson; (6) Ladies' Doubles finalists, Ethel Marshall, Bea Massman, Mrs. Zoe Yeager, Mrs. Eleanor Raymond.

Marking its first renewal since 1942 the New England Championships held at Boston, Mass., February 27, 28, 29 again took its place as the strongest tournament of the season in the eastern section of the country. With the exception of Carl Loveday who was absent due to sickness, the most potent array of badminton talent, highlighted by some of the best of Eastern Canada's stars was seen in action at this 9th Annual affair.

Only four of all of the nationally ranked players of the east were absent and Canada was represented by six Montreal and Toronto men players. Jack Muir of Toronto edged out Gordon Simpson of Montreal as the Canadians dominated the singles field, but the U.S. No. 2 pair of Clint Stephens-Bobby Wil-liams turned back the Montreal threat of Simpson-LaFontaine in the doubles.

Clint Stephens became a two-time winner when he and his wife overcame a surprisingly well knit combination of Bobby Williams and

U. S. Ladies' the Champion, Ethel Marshall. The latter continued her unbroken string of American tournament victories by downing Patsy Stevens in the Ladies' Singles final.

Former National Champions Helen Gibson - Wanda Bergman were no match for the hard hitting team of Eleanor Raymond - Zoe Yeager, the latter a former National Doubles Champion also.

Strong contingents from Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, New York, Connecticut, Buffalo and Massachusetts made up a total of some 140 players participating.

#### RESULTS

#### Semi-Finals

Men's Singles

Simpson def. Williams, 15/10, 15/9; Muir def. Stephens, 11/15, 15/10, 15/9. Ladies' Singles

Marshall def. Raymond, 10/0, 10/1; Stephens def. Keech, 11/2, 11/2.

Men's Doubles

Stephens-Williams def Porter-Muir, 18/15, 15/10; Simpson-Lafontaine def. Baker-Holman, 15/12, 15/11.

#### Ladies' Doubles

Yeager-Raymond def. Marshall Mass-mann, 8/15, 15/9, 18/15; Gibson-Bergman def. Stephens-Hellwig, 15/10, 15/4.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens def. Schell-Bergman, 15/11, 15/8; Marshall-Williams def. Mr. and Mrs. Yeager, 15/3, 15/8. Veterans' Doubles

Phil and Don Richardson def. Hinds-Howard, 17/15, 15/9; Anderson-Hutchinson def. Thompson-Schirmer, 15/4, 18/17.

#### Finals

#### Men's Singles

Muir def. Simpson, 7/15, 15/10, 15/10. Ladies' Singles

Marshall def. Stephens, 11/8, 11/3.

Men's Doubles Stephens-Williams def. Simpson-

Lafontaine, 15/8, 15/9.

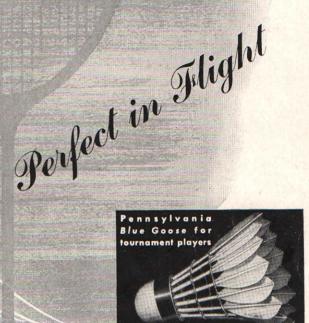
Ladies' Doubles

- Yeager-Raymond def. Gibson-Bergman, 15/3, 15/5
- Mixed Doubles
- Mr. and Mrs. Stephens def. Marshall-Williams, 18/13, 15/13. Veterans' Doubles
- Anderson-Hutchinson def. Phil and Don Richardson, 15/8, 14/17, 15/8.

Correspondents -

Charles Newhall, Bob Landry











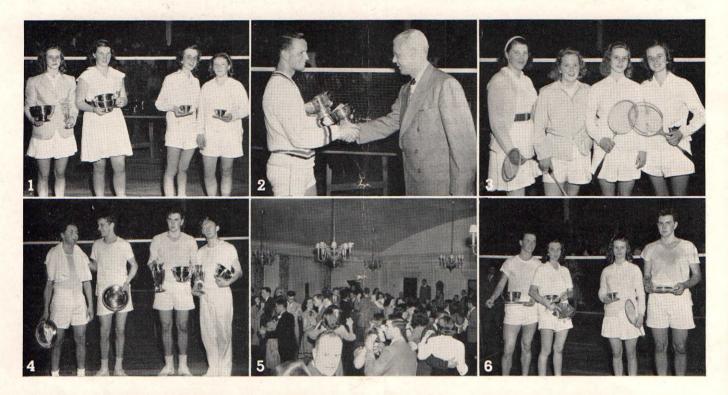
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## The Second U. S. National Junior Championships-March 19, 20, 21



 Girls' Doubles finalists, champions Barbara Scarlett and Sue Devlin, runners-up, Marilyn Banks and Judy Devlin. 2. Boys' champion, Ronnie Ryan receiving congratulations from Warren Wheary, ABA president. 3. Girls' Singles, semi-finalists, Sue Devlin, Dot O'Neil, champion Barbara Scarlett and runner-up Marilyn Banks. 4. Boys' Doubles finalists, runners-up Jack Taylor-Don Brown, champions, Bill Bullen and Bill Kellogg. 5. Scene at final night informal party with adults enjoying it as much as the juniors. 6. Mixed Doubles finalists, champions Ronnie Ryan and Marilyn Banks, runners-up Barbara Scarlett and Bill Bullen.

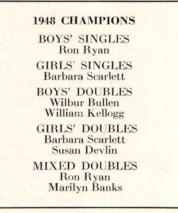
New stars and improved play marked the successful operation of the Second U. S. National Junior Championships held March 19, 20, 21, at the Teachers' College, New Britain, Conn.

Retaining their last year's titles were Barbara Scarlett and Susan Devlin, both of Baltimore, Maryland. The competition was so keen, however, it required three game matches for Barbara to hold the Girls' Singles and Barbara and Susan to again win the Girls' Doubles.

The outstanding player was 14 year old Ronnie Ryan of Oakland, California who dominated the Boys' Singles, and, though ably assisted by his partner, was the real factor in an almost one-sided mixed final.

Challenging all the way was Marilyn Banks of Burbank, California who partnered Ronnie Ryan to the Mixed Championship and lost in the singles and doubles only after the closest of three game matches.

Outstanding also was Wilbur Bullen of Waban, Mass., who became a coholder of the Boys' Doubles with William Kellogg of



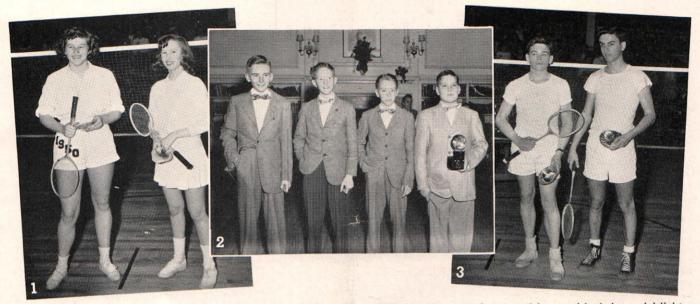
Glencoe, Illinois and a runner-up in both the singles and mixed events. Packing a tremendous smash, Bullen, who was runner-up in the singles and mixed last year was a surprising finalist to many who expected his game to be more seriously affected by his inability to play much badminton throughout the season.

One of the most spectacular matches was the semi-final between Barbara Scarlett and Dorothy O'Neil of Norwich, Conn., with the match going to the final point of a set third game.

Showing great promise for future Nationals was 13 year old Judy Devlin of Baltimore, Maryland and 14 year old Jack Taylor of Winnetka, Illinois, the latter of whom reached the semis in singles and both were finalists in doubles.

The excellent dormitory housing and eating arrangements in the same building were particularly liked by the contestants and helped acquaintanceships to develop quickly.

Excellent administration of all phases by Miss Helen Gibson, Chairman of the Championship Committee and a meticulous scheduling of matches by Tournament Referee, Lealand Gustavson highlighted the splendid activity by all committee members. The sponsor of the tournament, the Connecticut Badminton Association, is to be highly complimented on another wonderful National Junior event. One hundred and four entrants, 57 boys and 47 girls played 194 matches covering 5 championship events and consolations in boys' and girls' singles.



1. Consolation finalists, Nancy Rehnberg, Nancy Poole. 2. Four of the 10 and 11 year old first round losers with their special light-up bow ties. 3. Consolation finalists, Gerald Cobb, Lionel Layden.

In the Consolations, a novelty was introduced which gave to the first round losers special prizes and the four boys pictured herewith are proudly displaying the "light-up" bow ties they were awarded.

All was not serious play for a get-together affair was staged the first night and a wind-up party and dance was held the final night. Above picture indicates that many of the grown ups also enjoyed the delightful informal party.

Many eligible contestants to the 1949 National Junior Tournament made definite plans to try again for the coveted awards and it is hoped that an early decision as to its location can be announced.

### Results

#### **BOYS' SINGLES**

FIRST ROUND: Jim Hamilton, N. Y., def. Putnam Blodgett, Vt., 15/4, 15/10: Bob Wentworth, Md., def. Wm. St. Amant, 15/1, Vt., 15/4, 15/10: Bob Wentworth, Md., def. Wm. St. Amant, 15/1, 15/2: James Taylor, Ga., def. Paul Tripp, Conn., 15/3, 15/4: Wendel McLam, Vt., def. Jimmy Woods, Conn., 15/4, 15/3: Howard Herbst, Md., def. Gerald Cobb, Mass., 15/7, 15/7: Dave Hawkins, Conn., def. Lindsay Huppman, Md., 15/7, 15/5: Mike Roche, Md., def. Phillip Jones, Conn., 15/11, 15/8: Nick Fenney, Conn., def. Mile Potter, Md., 15/9, 15/1: Don Brown, Mo., def. Graham Ralph, Conn., 15/3, 15/3: Donald Wechter, N. Y., def. George Bohne, Ga., 15/5, 15/9: Bob Newkirk, Md., def. Bobby Pipes, Mass., 15/3, 15/4: Jack Taylor, III., def. John Pierson, Vt., 15/6, 15/0: Myron Ricketts, R. I., def. Phil Schaub, Conn., 15/5, 15/2: Winslow Cobb, Mass., def. Edwin Cover, Md., 15/1, 15/5: Randy Rice, N. Y., def. Edwin Tillery, Md., 15/9, 15/0. Tillery, Md., 15/9, 15/0.

SECOND ROUND: Wilbur Bullen, Mass., def. Ivan Echelson, SECOND ROUND: Wilbur Bullen, Mass., def. Ivan Echelson, Conn., 15/8, 15/2: Fred Hawkins, Conn., def. Andrew Rocker, Ga., 15/4, 15/12: Donald Carpenter, Md., def. Steve Curry, Conn., 15/1, 15/5: Wentworth def. Hamilton, 15/1, 15/6: Taylor def. Don Magner, Conn., 15/1, 15/1: Herbst def. McLam, 15/2, 15/10: Roche def. Hawkins, 18/13, 15/2: Kellogg def. Fenney, 15/9, 13/15, 15/10: Brown def. Wechter, 15/10, 15/4: Newkirk def. Marshall Reuther, N. Y., 15/2, 15/3: Taylor def. Ricketts, 15/8, 15/6: Collom def. W. Cobb, 15/11, 15/8: Rice def. Louis Potter, Md., 15/1, 15/3: John Haldi, Ga., def. Peter Sherwood, Conn., 15/5, 15/5: Bob Carpenter, Md., def. Wm. Cobb, Mass., 15/9, 15/10: Ronnie Byan def. Roger Sweet Vt 15/1, 15/2. Ryan def. Roger Sweet, Vt., 15/1, 15/0.

THIRD ROUND: Bullen def. Hawkins, 15/1, 15/3: Wentworth def. Carpenter, 15/1, 15/0: Herbst def. Taylor, 15/11, 15/1: Kellogg def. Roche, 15/12, 15/6: Brown def. Newkirk, 15/4, 15/7: Taylor def. Collom, 11/15, 15/4, 18/17: Haldi def. Rice, 15/7, 15/10: Ryan def. Carpenter, 15/1, 15/3.

QUARTER FINALS: Bullen def. Wentworth, 15/11, 15/11: Kellogg def. Herbst, 18/13, 15/4: Jack Taylor def. Brown, 15/3, 15/12: Ryan def. Haldi, 15/4, 15/3.

SEMI-FINALS: Bullen def. Kellogg, 15/9, 15/1: Ryan def. Taylor, 15/1, 15/4.

FINALS: Ryan def. Bullen, 15/8, 15/3.

#### GIRLS' SINGLES

FIRST ROUND: Sidney Peard, Md., def. Nancy Rehnberg, Conn., 11/6, 11/5: Dorothy O'Neil, Conn., def. Sandra Costello, Mass., 11/1, 11/1: Sue Devlin, Md., def. P. Campbell, Conn., 11/1, 11/0.

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SECOND ROUND: Barbara Scarlett, Md., def. Elaine Geyer, Conn., 11/0, 11/0: Barbara Grandy, Ga., def. J. McCornick, Conn., 11/5, 7/11, 11/5: Carol Schaefer, N. Y., won from Elaine Tomasino, Conn., by default. Jean Billow, III., def. Janet Emeneger, Conn., 11/7, 11/0: June Percy, N. Y., def. Betsey Borgerson, 11/5, 11/1: Paula Jewell, Vt., def. Jane Smyrniotes, Conn., 11/1, 11/3: Joan Carpenter, Md., def. Mary Munk, Conn., 11/2, 11/3: O'Neil def. Peard, 11/3, 11/0: Sue Devlin def. Claire Esposito, N. Y., 11/0, 11/0: Sandra Hardin def. Deedy McCornick, Conn., 11/9, 11/3: Judy Seitz, Conn., def. Mary Moore, Md., 6/11, 11/8, 12/10: Joan Abbott, Mass., def. Marie Joy, Conn., 11/7, 11/0: Diane Vogt, Conn., def. Nancy Pool, Md., 12/11, 12/10: Joyce Leach def. Winnie Ott, Conn., 11/2, 11/4: Judy Devlin, Md., def. Carolyn Hauf, 11/0, 11/1: Marilyn Banks, Cal., def. Joan Maddaus, Conn., Hauf, 11/0, 11/1: Marilyn Banks, Cal., def. Joan Maddaus, Conn., 11/0, 11/1.

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THIRD ROUND: Scarlett def. Grandy, 11/3, 11/0: Billow def.
Schaefer, 11/3, 11/4: Jewell def. Percy, 11/0, 11/0: O'Neil def.
Carpenter, 11/1, 11/4: S. Devlin def. Hardin, 11/1, 11/3: Abbott
def. Seitz, 11/7, 11/2: Vogt def. Leach, 1/11, 11/7, 11/3: Banks
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SEMI-FINALS: Scarlett def. O'Neil, 11/5, 8/11, 12/11: Banks
def. S. Devlin, 12/9, 11/4.
FINALS: Scarlett def. S/11, 11/7, 11/9.

#### **BOYS' DOUBLES**

FIRST ROUND: Thurston-Rogers, Vt., def. Hawkins-Magner, FIRST ROUND: Thurston-Rogers, Vt., def. Hawkins-Magner, Conn., 15/11, 15/10: Carpenter-Carpenter, Md., def. Reuther-Wechter, N. Y., 17/16, 10/15, 15/10: Sherwood-Woods, Conn., def. Pierson-Sweet, Vt., 15/12, 13/15, 15/11: Cobb-Cobb, Mass., def. Huppman-Potter, Md., 15/3, 15/4: Schaub-Hawkins, Conn., def. Bohne-Rocker, 15/5, 15/3: Wentworth-Collom, Md., def. Blodgett-Jackman, Vt., 15/3, 15/2: J. Taylor-Brown, Mo., def. Booher-Cournoyer, Conn., 15/4, 15/3: Cover-Roche, Md., def. Louden-Brautigan, Conn., 15/2, 15/5: St. Amant-Pipes, Mass., def. Fanney-Pickett, Conn., 15/10, 15/5: Rice-Hamilton, N. Y., def. Tillery-Potter, Md., 15/5, 15/9: Taylor-Haldi, Ga., def. Layden, Cal.-Cobb-Mass., 15/6, 15/8. (Continued on next page.)

#### NATIONAL JUNIOR RESULTS-Continued

SECOND ROUND: Kellogg, Ill.-Bullen, Mass. def. Newkirk-Herbst, Md., 15/6, 15/6: Carpenter-Carpenter def. Thurston-Rogers, 15/13, 6/15, 15/9: Cobb-Cobb, def. Sherwood-Woods, 6/15, 15/6, 15/4: Wentworth-Collom def. Schaub-Hawkins, 15/2, 15/3: Taylor-Brown def. Cover-Roche, 15/6, 15/10: Rice-Hamilton def. St. Amant-Pipes, 15/5, 15/9: Taylor-Haldi def. McLam-Elliott, Vt., 15/6, 17/14: Ryan, Calif.-Ralph, Conn. def. Jones-Tripp, Conn., 15/4, 15/6. QUARTER-FINALS: Kellogg-Bullen def. Carpenter-Carpenter,

15/5, 15/2: Wentworth-Collom def. Cobb-Cobb, 15/3, 15/10: Jack Taylor-Brown def. Rice-Hamilton, 15/8, 15/4: Taylor-Haldi def.

Ryan-Bloh, 7/15, 15/12, 15/6.
SEMI-FINALS: Kellogg-Bullen def. Wentworth-Collom, 15/11, 15/7: Taylor-Don Brown def. Taylor-Haldil, 15/11, 15/12.
FINALS: Bullen-Kellogg, def. Brown-Taylor, 18/15, 15/2.

#### **GIRLS' DOUBLES**

FIRST ROUND: Peard-Moore, Md. def. McCormick-McCor-

FIRST ROUND: Peard-Moore, Md. def. McCormick-McCormick, Conn., 7/15, 18/16, 15/6: Cobb-Richardson, Mass. def. Hauf-White, Conn., 15/12, 15/10: Billow, Ill.-Percy, N. Y., won from Kisil-Tomasino, Conn., by default. Vogt-O'Neil, Conn. def. Pool-Leach, Md., 15/10, 15/6: Joy-Munk, Conn. def. Higgins-Geyer, Conn., 15/7, 10/15, 15/4.
SECOND ROUND: Scarlett-S. Devlin, Md. def. Smyrniotes-Lesniewski, Conn., 15/5, 15/1: Abbott-Costello, Mass. def. Carpenter-Taylor, Md., 15/6, 15/9: Peard-Moore def. Eaton-Jewell, Vt., 15/12, 14/17, 15/12: Billow-Pearcy def. Cobb-Richardson, 15/2, 15/4: Vogt-O'Neil, def. Joy-Munk, 15/2, 15/0: Grandy-Hardin, Ga. def. Seitz-Ott, Conn., 15/8, 15/8: Emeneger-Rehnberg, Conn. def. Baldwin-Bon Tempo, Conn, 15/1, 15/0.
QUARTER-FINALS: Scarlett-S. Devlin def. Abbott-Costello, 15/2, 15/0: Peard-Moore, def. Billow-Percy, 9/15, 15/2, 17/14: Vogt-O'Neil def. Grandy-Hardin, 15/7, 15/6: Banks-J. Devlin def. Emeneger-Rehnberg, 15/4, 15/10.
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#### MIXED DOUBLES

MIXED DOUBLES FIRST ROUND: Taylor-Grandy, Ga. def. Tripp-Higgins, Conn., 15/0, 15/1: Layden, Cal.-Maddaus, Conn. def. Wm. Cobb-Costello, Mass., 15/10, 15/7: Woods-McCormick, Conn. def. Roche-Moore, Md., 5/15, 15/7, 15/8: Brown, Mo.-Vogt, Conn. def. Thurston-Shearer, Vt., 15/4, 15/6: Carpenter-Carpenter, Md. def. Hawkins-Ott, Conn., 15/8, 18/14: Haldi-Hardin, Ga. def. Newkirk-Pool, Md., 15/4, 15/8: Kellogg-Billow, Ill. def. Carpenter-Taylor, Md., 15/2, 15/3: Taylor, Ill.-O'Neil, Conn. def. McLam-Eaton, Vt., 15/10, 15/1: G. Cobb-Abbott, Mass. def. Sherwood-Seitz, Conn., 10/15, 15/8, 15/12: Wentworth-J. Devlin, Md. def. Jones Lesniewski, Conn., 15/3, 15/0: Collom-S. Devlin, Md., def. Hawkins-McCormick, Conn., 15/5, 15/4. SECOND ROUND: Bullen-Scarlett, Md. def. James Taylor-Grandy, 15/2, 15/1: Woods-McCormick def. Layden-Maddaus, 18/13, 13/18, 15/9: Brown-Vogt def. Carpenter-Carpenter, 15/7, 15/6: Haldi-Hardin def. Kellogg-Billow, 15/9, 3/15, 15/10: Taylor-O'Neil def. Cover-Peard, Md., 15/7, 15/9: Wentworth-J. Devlin def. G. Cobb-Abbott, 15/5, 15/3: Collom-S. Devlin def. Herbst-Leach, 15/3, 15/11:: Ryan-Banks, Calif. def. Rice, N.Y.-Jewell, Vt. 15/6, 15/2. OUABTER-FINALS: Bullen-Scarlett def. Woods-McCormick

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QUARTER-FINALS: Bullen-Scarlett def. Woods-McCormick, 15/4, 15/1: Brown-Vogt def. Haldi-Hardin, 15/3, 8/15, 15/9: Jack Taylor-O'Neil def. Wentworth-J. Devlin, 15/5, 15/3: Ryan-Banks def. Collom-S. Devlin, 15/7, 15/1. SEMI-FINALS: Bullen-Scarlett def. Brown-Vogt, 15/10, 15/2:

Ryan-Banks def. Taylor-O'Neil, 15/3, 15/1.

FINALS: Ryan-Banks def. Bullen-Scarlett, 15/12, 15/1.

#### **CONSOLATION BOYS' SINGLES**

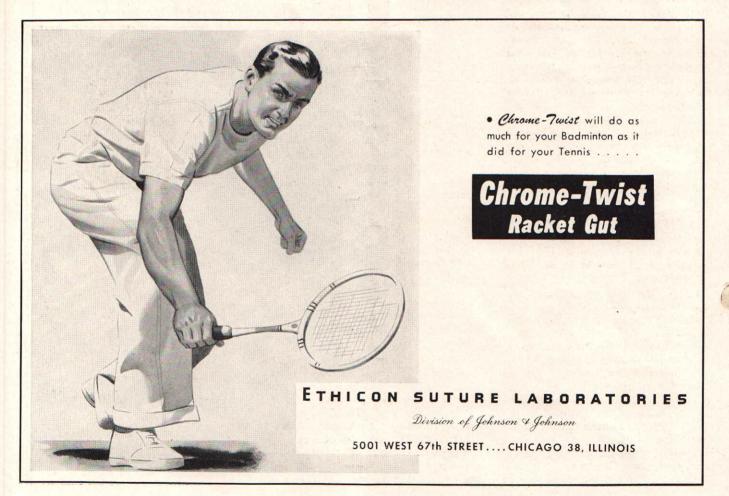
SEMI-FINALS: G. Cobb def. St. Amant, 15/7, 15/6: Layden def. Sherwood, 15/5, 15/11.

FINALS: Layden def. G. Cobb, 15/3, 15/4.

#### **CONSOLATION GIRLS' SINGLES**

SEMI-FINALS: Rehnberg def. McCormick, 12/10, 11/8: Poole def. Moore, 11/4, 11/6.

FINALS: Poole def. Rehnberg, 11/1, 11/0.



## Highlights of the Canadian Badminton Championship and Some Observations on the Thomas Cup Matches

The following article was written by Rodney G. Phelen, Secretary of the Canadian Badminton Association. Our interest in Canadian play is second only to our own and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Phelen for this timely and interesting story from Canada.

The Canadian Badminton Championship took place at The Granite Club, Toronto, Ontario, March 3 to 6, 1948. This Club occupies a unique position in respect to membership and sports activity. It is a family club with the largest membership in the British Empire and provides facilities for practically every kind of sport. The setting was therefore ideal for this most important tournament, the results of which will have considerable bearing on the choice of the personnel who will comprise the Canadian Cup team.

The Men's Singles event was dominated from the outset by the two pre-tournament favorites. Dick Birch of Toronto and John Samis of Vancouver, British Columbia and as anticipated, they met in the finals. Birch, at the age of 34, produced somewhat of an upset in defeating his young opponent, the defending champion, in three bitterly fought games. Samis is well-known in the western United States where he has participated on many occasions in exhibition matches against the American champion, Dave Freeman. Birch and Samis undoubtedly will be two of the Canadian representatives in the Thomas Cup Matches. Birch was also on the winning team in the Mixed Doubles event (for the seventh time) and has established himself as the outstanding Mixed Doubles player that this country has vet produced.

In the Men's Doubles event, the powerful team of Roy Smith and Ted Polloch of Ontario fought their way through to a well-earned victory. Their most difficult assignment came in the semi-final round where they defeated the brilliant British Columbia champions, Ken Meredith and Allan France. This match was the sensation of the entire tournament. Play was maintained at an exceedingly fast pace, all four participants playing superbly both offensively and defensively. From a spectator point of view, it is doubtful if a more exciting game of Badminton has ever been witnessed in a Canadian Championship. The result was in doubt until the final shot had been played in the third game. Canadians will be treated to Badminton at its best when these two teams fight it out for representation on the Thomas Cup team. The final match in the Men's Doubles was not quite so brilliant, the Smith-Polloch team having too much all round power for the John Samis-Jack Underhill combination from the West Coast.

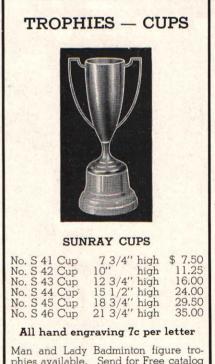
It is impossible to pass over without comment the play of Jack Underhill. Underhill won his first Canadian Championship in 1928 defeating the former World's Champion, Jack Purcell, in the final of the Singles. Now at an age when few men play the game, even for light exercise, Underhill is still a tournament performer of top calibre. His stamina and agility drew admiration and rounds of applause from the large galleries which attended the tournament. In addition to his fine effort in this event, he successfully defended his Senior Men's title being partnered by Eric Sweetman, also of British Columbia. Mr. Underhill was also re-elected as President of the Canadian Badminton Association where his energy and leadership are equally as evident as they are on the court.

The Ladies' events brought to the fore some new and younger players, particularly Miss Marjorie Mapp of Toronto who reached two finals. While not successful in either of them, she gave indication of a brand of game which should make her an outstanding performer of the future. In the Singles final, Mrs. Clara Lovett, the defending champion from British Columbia possessed too much power and experience for Miss Mapp and defeated her in straight games.

The Executive Meeting of the Association which was held on the morning of the final day of play was honored by the presence of Mr. Warren Wheary, the President of the American Badminton Association. His attendance at the meeting was particularly timely because of the discussion which took place concerning the Thomas Cup Matches. The matter of whether these Matches should be completed after the All-England Championship in March next as presently arranged is one that is giving the United States and Canadian Associations great concern. The winner of the North-American zone, be it United States or Canada, must be in England by February 26, 1949 to play off with the winner of the Pacific zone for the right to meet the European zone winner in the final match. The finals however are to be delayed, until the All-England Championship has been held. This fails to take into consideration that Badminton in North America is still carried on in a modest scale and the funds behind it are quite limited. The cost of financing a team of five or six players in England for three or four weeks is not inconsiderable. It is to be hoped therefore that this will be recognized abroad before final plans for the Cup Matches are made and that the North-American zone representative will not find itself confronted with an expenditure beyond its means.

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## Ted Moehlmann, 1947 Junior Champion, and Eleanor Coambs Star at Eleventh Annual Midwest Championships



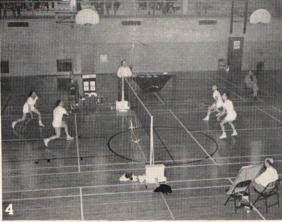
1. Jack and Jill Taylor (credit line - Chicago Daily News). 2. Champions Ted Moehlmann, Eleanor Coambs. 3. The Badminton Hat (credit line — Chicago Daily News) 4. Veterans' Final - left court, Mowrey-Streng; right court, Shortz-Fraser.

From U. S. Junior Champion to Singles Champion of one of the strongest senior tournaments of the country is the meteoric one year accom-plishment of Ted Moehlmann of St. Louis, Mo. Hardly pressed in the three day Eleventh Annual **Midwest Badminton Championships** held March 19-21 at the Proviso Township High School Field House, Maywood, Illinois, Moehlmann's outstanding play is extremely encouraging for the future of our youth in the top flight brackets of National competition.

The ladies' field was primarily Eleanor Coambs of Chicago, Ill., who retained her singles crown and won half interest in two other events, the Ladies' Doubles with Thelma Burdick and the Mixed with Wm. Lafayette.

Perkins and Aderholt climaxed an excellent season of competition by blasting through the Men's Doubles field without the loss of a game. The





perennial vets, Fraser and Shortz of Chicago overcame the strong challenge of Mowrey and Streng of Detroit.

Unusual publicity, see above pictures, caught the fancy of the Chicago papers who ably assisted in tournament reporting. The hat worn by Miss Doris Hart of Indiianapolis from the Don McNeil Breakfast Club was designed by Lois Longfellow of Chicago and takes its place with the creation introduced last April at the Los Angeles National Championships. The shuttle shown with the Juniors is four feet high and made from a volley ball and cardboard feathers by Reed Longfellow.

Correspondents . Fred Hindle, Reed Longfellow

#### RESULTS

#### Semi-Finals

Men's Sinales Moehlmann def. Ponitch, 15/6, 15/7

Fiebig def. Tiberi, 15/6, 15/6.

Ladies' Singles Coambs def. Smith, 11/2, 11/4. Shortz def. Riel, 11/8, 11/6.

Men's Doubles Graham-Tiberi def. Foote-Riday, 15/3. 15/10.

Perkins-Aderholt def. Lafayette-Ponitch, 15/8, 15/9.

Ladies' Doubles

Smith-Riel def. Grant-Mackie, Tarita Andrewski, 15/3, 15/6. Coambs - Burdick def. Horne-Krey, 15/5, 15/3.

Mixed Doubles

Coambs-Lafayette def. Burdick-Tiberi. 17/16, 15/12.

Smith-Smith def. Riel-Aderholt, 15/11, 15/13. Veterans' Doubles

Shortz-Fraser def. Rice-Bryce, 15/11, 15/6.

Mowrey-Streng def. Gregory-Heaney, 15/9, 15/12.

#### Finals

Men's Singles

Moehlmann def. Fiebig, 15/1, 15/11.

Ladies' Singles Coambs def. Shortz, 11/4, 11/3.

Men's Doubles

Perkins-Aderholt def. Graham-Tiberi, 15/10, 15/9.

Ladies' Doubles Coambs-Burdick def. Smith-Riel, 15/9,

10/15, 15/8. Mixed Doubles

Coambs-Lafayette def. Smith-Smith /15, 17/16, 15/8.

Veterans' Doubles

Shortz-Fraser def. Mowrey-Streng, 15/10, 18/14.

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### Thomas Cup Matches—United States Enters Team in the American Zone

The first international badminton matches for "The Thomas Cup" will be held during the season 1948–49. Because of the interest in this world wide match play, which has been steadily mounting during the past year, it has seemed appropriate that many of the facts connected with this competition be broadcast to our readers.

Officially the name for this compe-tition is "The International Badminton Championship," though it has come to be known as the Thomas Cup Matches because of the donation of a trophy for the Champion Nation by Sir George Thomas, Bart., of England. Regulations for the competition were promulgated early in 1939 and adopted July 3, 1940. At the annual International Badminton Federation Meeting held last March, 1947, certain additions and revisions were made and the regulations listed, in part, below are now those under which the competition will be held in the 1948-49 season. barring any further changes which may be included in accordance with the vote of the Council of the I.B.F. or a Committee duly appointed for such purpose.

Who may compete — Every National Organization affiliated with the I.B.F.

Where would the competition be held - The badminton world is divided into three geographical groups, called Zones, European, American and Pacific and a Nation may enter its team in any of these Zones, irrespective of its own geographical position. All matches to determine the Zone champion will be played in the respective Zone only. For the first year of competition 1948-49 the winners of the American, Pacific and European Zones will meet in England. The first play-off Tie will be the weekend of February 26, 1949 just prior to the All-England Championships. Directly after the All-England the final tie will be played for the "Champion Nation" title. In subsequent Competitions the Champion Nation shall remain out of any Zone competition and shall be challenged by that Nation that wins the final tie between the three Zone winners. The Challenge Round will be held in the Country of the Champion Nation but the Zone winners may mutually agree to play their matches in other localities.

How often will the Competition be held — Every three years, thus, the first one in 1948-49 and the next one in 1951-52, etc.

When do entries have to be in — For this first Competition the Pacific Zone entries had to be in not later than January, 1948. For the American and European Zones entries must be in not later than June 15, 1948.

What matches will be played — In each tie, five Men's Singles and four Men's Doubles. The winner will be that team winning the majority of the matches.

How many players make up a team—A Nation shall nominate 4-6 players 10 days before a match and 48 hours before this match shall give notice of the composition of the team, which may be composed of 4, 5, or 6 players.

What shall be the final composition of the team — In Singles — 3 players, with the No. 1 and No. 2 players playing each of the opposing No. 1 and No. 2 players, and the No. 3 players playing each other only. In Doubles — 2 teams (4 players) who shall play both of the opposing two teams.

What players are eligible to compete for a Nation — Bona fide amateurs determined by each Nation for its own players, who are members of a club affiliated with the National Organization. Further qualifications concern parentage to be decided by the nationality of the Father or Paternal Grandfather, or residence at the time of selection for the five immediately preceding years and membership of a club in the country concerned. Once a player has been selected and has accepted to represent his Nation he is only eligible to compete for that Nation for ever after.

What is the Program of Play — Unless otherwise agreed, two days of play will be held. The first day, 2 Major Singles and 2 Doubles, with the balance of the matches the second day. No player will play more than one Singles and one Doubles per day.

How about Expenses and Income —When playing a visiting Nation in your own country the visitor is entitled to two-thirds of the Gross Receipts but shall bear all expenses incurred by his team. The home nation shall bear all other expenses of conducting the event. In a neutral country after the general expenses have been taken out, each competing Nation shall be paid from the surplus remaining in proportion to the traveling expenses of not more than five players. Any further remaining surplus shall be divided equally between the competing Nations. Should there be an insufficient amount to meet the general expenses — but let's pass over this now, it would be just too bad for both of the competing Nations.

All these above details and many others take over ten pages of type in the I.B.F. Handbook but for you and I, the above should give us a fair idea of the general situation.

#### U.S. to enter a Team

At a meeting of the Directors of the ABA held April 2, 1948 at the time of the National Tournament at Waco, Texas it was unanimously voted that we enter a team for play-off in the American Zone.

The sport governing bodies in this country have always been willing and eager to pit the ability of their players against any nation in the world, not necessarily because they believe they can win everything they tackle but most certainly because these bodies realize the tremendous value of organized international sports competition both as an adjunct to the development of world peace and understanding as well as the stimulation of sports competition.

Beyond the simple and easy decision to enter lies a real task in the organizing of the Association's plans covering selection and the financing of such a project. The ABA has not reached an affluent stage, though it is making steady progress in its climb to be self-sufficient in all of its routine and special operations.

Probably \$5,000 — \$10,000 will be needed to insure a completely adequate performance should we be fortunate enough to win the American Zone Tie with Canada, who, as far as we now know will be the only other entrant in the American Zone. Presumably each country can readily finance an interzone match, whether in the United States or Canada, through the gate which a spectacular event of this nature would draw, though undoubtedly some sinking fund would have to be obtained for

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advance costs of players' transportation and other necessary expenses.

The main task is to raise sufficient funds in anticipation of winning the American Zone Tie to send our Team to England in February for the playoffs. Time is a real factor in accomplishing this for it would be almost too late to wait for the results of the American-Canadian match to then start a fund raising campaign.

It is reported that our friendly neighbor is contemplating an assessment of its member clubs as one method of raising their funds for their, likewise, hoped for victory.

The Thomas Cup Committee of our Association, formed last year to explore all phases of both play and administration, submitted an excellent detailed report to the Directors in this connection and some worthwhile suggestions were offered. The full report of this committee will be given in the June (final) issue of this season's Bird Chatter.

Obviously, barring a member assessment which was not considered as a method we wished to adopt, a certain amount could be raised through exhibitions and outright donations by clubs and Class A Associations. This method alone does not appear to solve the problem and some repercussions might result if we were not fortunate enough to win the Zone Tie.

A far seeing progressive plan which would ultimately solve this and other major ABA operations was presented by the Committee and discussed not only in the Directors' meetings but also at the time of the Annual Meeting of the members on Saturday, April 3, in Waco, Texas.

#### **ABA Patrons' Association**

This plan, briefly, covers the formation of an American Badminton Association Patrons' Association to be organized as a separate organization from the ABA itself and not managed by the present Officers and Directors.

Basic membership in this organization calls for a \$50.00 founder fee with the possibility of associate membership at one or two lower rates. Donations to this association may be made by individuals, clubs, associations and commercial concerns who one and all are interested in either promoting the game of badminton or backing our National Association in the operation of the sport in all its phases. The govern-

## Schell Regains Mass. Singles Titles Class C Event Has Many New Players

Playing his best badminton of the season Wayne Schell regained his State singles title at the Massachusetts Championships held February 25, 26, 28 at the University Club of Boston. Last year's champion Harold Seavey, who had won a close 3 game battle last year from the new winner, was no match for the steadiness Schell exhibited in both the semis and final rounds.

Norma Keech was the outstanding lady player and became a threetime winner as she proved a real factor in helping her partner Bob Wright, outclass Schell and Theo Wood in the Mixed.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS Semi-Finals

Men's Singles

Harold Seavey def. Clifford Sawyer, 10/15, 15/6, 15/12; Wayne Schell def. Robert Wright, 15/8, 15/6. Ladies' Singles

Norma Keech def. Helen Pipes, 11/4, 11/5; Miriam Boynton def. Jean Pipes, 11/4, 11/8, 11/4.

Men's Doubles

Schell-Wright def. John Cornell-Larry Roberts, 15/4, 15/8; Howard Albion-Charles Voye def. C. R. Hutchinson-Harold Vose, 15/12, 17/14. Ladies' Doubles

Norma Keech-Theo Wood def. Marion Brown-Ruth Kohler, 16/17, 15/12, 15/6; Helen and Jean Pipes def. June Tingloff-Miriam Boynton, 15/7, 10/15, 15/9

Mixed Double's

Schell-Wood def. Cornell-Boynton, 15/4, 15/3; Wright-Keech def. Sawyer-Mrs. E. Perry, 15/9, 15/11.

ing body of this association would be empowered to release such funds as it deemed necessary to the American Badminton Association, from time to time, to properly promote or operate any phase of national badminton activity. This could rightfully include Thomas Cup competition, Junior Development, country wide publicity of the game or national activities, expenses toward a permanent ABA secretary, expansion of the national publication, "Bird Chatter" and like subjects.

The giving of donations to such a Patrons' Association would then cause no repercussions, such as mentioned above, for if the funds collected were not used for the coming Thomas Cup matches they could be as useful in other national operations or as a backlog for the next playing of Thomas Cup competition in 1951.

Even without all specific details

Veterans' Doubles C. R. Hutchinson-Stanley Anderson def. Robert Perry-Larry Roberts, 15/4, 15/8; Don and Phil Richardson def. Wm. Gorman-Ruel Ritz, 15/4, 15/9.

#### Finals

#### Men's Singles

Schell def. Seavey, 15/9, 15/8.

Ladies' Singles

- Keech def. Boynton, 11/8, 10/11, 11/3. Men's Doubles
- Schell-Wright def. Albion-Voye, 15/9, 15/5. Ladies' Doubles

Keech-Wood def. Pipes-Pipes, 15/6, 15/9.

Mixed Doubles

Wright-Keech def. Schell-Wood, 15/4, 15/10.

Veterans' Doubles

Hutchinson-Anderson def. Richardson-Richardson, 15/10, 18/14.

#### CLASS C RESULTS

#### Finals

Men's Singles Louis T. Ellis, Jr. def. Wm. Holden, 15/5, 15/8. Ladies' Singles

Ruth Blake def. Mrs. Mary Peek, 12/10, 11/3.

Men's Doubles

John A. Clarke-Charles E. Rolfe, Jr. def. Nelson Cochrane-Edward A. Melia, Jr., 15/11, 15/6. Ladies' Doubles

Elizabeth Smith-Mrs. Doris Ashcroft def. Mrs. Edith Henderson-Mrs. Helen Kenney, 15/12, 15/13.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hills def. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Avon, 15/12, 15/4.

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worked out at this writing, offers to be founder members of this group have already been received by the ABA president. A mere 200 persons throughout the entire nation could immediately provide a fund capable of answering our immediate problems. Pending the official formation, which we hope to announce next issue, Bird Chatter would be pleased to receive your intentions in this respect, whether as a founder member at \$50. or a possible associate member at perhaps \$25. or \$10. Your expression of interest (no money please) would go a long way towards letting the ABA officials know whether you are solidly with them in entering the Thomas Cup Competition and building towards real nation wide badminton. How about a postcard or letter to the Editor today? Next issue will report your response and more about the Thomas Cup selection plans.

#### Flint, Nee Saginaw, Tourney Draws Outstanding Field

The Saginaw Valley Invitational Badminton Tournament, which we have changed to call The Flint Invitational Championships again enjoyed a most successful Tourney. It was held in Flint, Michigan on February 21 and 22.

One hundred twenty-five entrants reaching from Cleveland to Chicago and all over Michigan made up a fine draw. In the round of eight in Men's Singles there was only one upset as Earl Ongman of Chicago defeated Bill Anderson of Detroit, 15/8, 8/15, 15/11. Ongman continued on to the round of four by defeating Harry Drewry also of Detroit, 15/7, 15/13. Other players to reach the round of four were Joe Tiberi of Chicago over Joe Loula of Detroit, 15/8, 15/7. Norm Atchison of Cleveland, defeated Harry Conlan of Chicago, 15/2, 15/14. Ed DiLeone of Cleveland defeated Ted Brooks of Detroit, 15/10, 15/12. In the semi-finals the action really began to tighten up when DiLeone was forced to go three hard games to defeat his own townsman Norm Atchison, 15/4, 10/15, 15/11. Joe Tiberi had another three-gamer in defeating Ongman 15/7, 10/15, 15/8. The finals gave Flint its best windup anyone could expect when Tiberi and DiLeone fought it out. Tiberi took the first game and the heads were nodding that we would have a new singles champ, but the final score showed DiLeone over Tiberi, 12/15, 15/7, 15/6.

#### Ladies' Singles

Margurite Wright of Warren. Ohio had difficulty in the semi-finals in defeating Mildred Sirwaitis of Detroit, 11/4, 8/11, 11/5. While Wilma Shortz of Chicago defeated Ann DiLeone of Cleveland, 11/4, 11/3. Miss Wright won the finals from Mrs. Shortz, 11/7, 11/8.

#### **Men's Doubles**

In the Men's Doubles, there were 10 three-game matches and several deuce games. To reach the semifinals Earl Boston-Fred Russell of Chicago went three to defeat Harry Fraser-Earl Ongman of Chicago, DiLeone-15/10.15/3,8/15, Sangdahl, Cleveland defeated Jerry Burns-Steve Warren of Detroit, 15/7, 8/15, 15/9. Bill Graham-Tiberi, Chicago, defeated Bill Anderson-Maurie Simpson of Ferndale, 15/8, 15/10. Harry Conlan-Lee Robinson of Chicago defeated Drewry-Loula of Detroit, 15/2,

## Loveday, Yeagers Star at New York Championships B, C Events Have Many Entrants

Close doubles matches featured the Metropolitan New York Championships held February 20-23 at the 69 Reg't Armory, New York City but the singles events were easy victories for Carl Loveday of Montclair, N. J., and Mrs. Zoe Yeager of New Rochelle, N.Y.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Men's Singles Carl Loveday def. Walter Raymond,

15/4, 15/3. Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Zoe Yeager def. Mrs. Eleanor Raymond, 11/8, 11/3.

Men's Doubles

Richard Yeager-Edward Shields def. Carl Loveday-Dr. Wm. Giblin, 15/11, 10/15, 15/7. Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Eleanor Raymond - Miss May Hellwig def. Mrs. Zoe Yeager-Miss Ruth Wiener, 15/8, 17/16.

Carl Loveday-Mrs. Lilla Haura def. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yeager, 7/15, 15/12, 18/14. Veterans' Doubles

Frank N. (Pop) Hinds-Lawrence How-ard def. Wm. T. Reiners-Herbert Swinarton, 8/15, 15/11, 15/10.

#### **B** RESULTS

Men's Singles Donald Hume def. Robert Gastmeyer, 15/8, 15/1.

13/15, 18/15. In the semi-finals Boston-Russell defeated DiLeone-Sangdahl, 15/4, 18/16, while Graham-Tiberi had trouble staying in as Conlan-Robinson gave them a tough three games before going down 11/15, 15/9, 15/9. In the finals Graham-Tiberi seemed to be on their best as they disposed of last year's winners, Boston - Russell, 15/13, 15/9.

#### Ladies' Doubles

Mildred Sirwaitis-Hazel Brown of Detroit (last year's winners) defeated Olga Grant-Wilma Shortz of Chicago to reach the finals, 15/12, 15/2. Miss Wright of Warren, Mrs. Di-Leone of Cleveland went three to defeat Peg Hammond of Flint,-Gerry Hengel of Ferndale, 15/5, 11/15, 15/4. In the finals, Miss Wright-Mrs. DiLeone won over Mrs. Sirwaitis-Mrs. Brown, 15/13, 6/15, 15/9.

#### **Mixed Doubles**

To reach the semi-finals Lyle and Wilma Shortz of Chicago defeated Ross Howard-Gerry Hengel of Ferndale, 15/4, 15/1. John Katalenic-Mrs. Sirwaitis of Detroit defeated Ladies' Singles

Miss Doris Sullivan def. Miss Marge Willshier, 11/7, 11/5.

Men's Doubles

Jefferson Burris-Frederick Hamilton def. Donald Hume-Lawrence DeLord, 7/15, 15/7, 15/12.

Ladies' Doubles

Miss Marge Willshier-Miss Louise Gladwin def. Miss Doris Sullivan-Miss Rita Blissert, 15/11, 15/11.

Mixed Doubles

Mr. Cyril Sasseen-Mrs. Lilla Haura def. Mr. Donald Hume-Miss Peggy Falvella.

#### C RESULTS

Men's Singles E. Allen Dennison def. Anthony Delatri,

15/7, 15/11.

Ladies' Singles Miss Doris Sullivan def. Miss Ruth Wiener, 11/0, 11/0.

Men's Doubles

Harold Daume-Ralph Starrett def. H. Schoonmaker-Anthony Delatri, 15/2, 15/5

Ladies' Doubles

Miss Doris Sullivan-Miss Marie McAghon def. Mrs. Eda Daume-Mrs. Tee Reiners, 15/5, 15/7. Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daume def. Mr. Robert Swinarton-Miss Ruth Wiener, 15/9, 16/18, 17/15.

Correspondent — Ed. W. Reiners

Boston of Chicago-Miss Wright of Warren, 15/5, 3/15, 15/6. In the lower bracket Jerry Burns-Mrs. Browne of Detroit defeated Bill Anderson-Mary Connor of Ferndale, 18/14, 15/8, and Bill Graham-Olga Grant of Chicago defeated Bob Calhoun-Peg Hammond of Flint, 15/9, 15/10. One of the upsets occurred in the mixed when Katalenic-Sirwaitis took out last years winners, Lyle and Wilma Shortz, 8/15, 15/12, 15/13. In the other semi-final Graham-Grant defeated Burns-Browne, 15/9, 15/11. Finals, Graham-Grant defeated Katalenic-Sirwaitis, 15/9, 15/6.

#### **Veterans'** Doubles

In the semi-finals Art Mowery-Bill Streng of Detroit defeated the very popular winners of last year, Harry Fraser-Lyle Shortz of Chicago, 9/15, 18/16, 18/17; and Bob Heaney-Dick Gregory of Grand Rapids defeated Bob Calhoun-Harold Carpenter of Flint, 12/15, 18/16, 15/6. Finals, Mowery-Streng defeated Heaney-Gregory, 15/10, 9/15, 15/12.

Correspondent — Charles A. Mobley

Mixed Doubles

#### Mendez Extends Freeman at California Champs

Playing his first competition of the season, due to Army duty, Dave Freeman encountered plenty of opposition from Martin Mendez at the 13th Annual California State Championships held in Burbank, Calif., on March 5, 6 and 7.

Down 6/13 in the second game, after winning the first one 15/8, he rallied to 11/13, lost the next point and then racked up the next 6 points for a 17/15 win despite superlative playing by Mendez. Continuing his winning streak the U.S. Champion partnered Wynn Rogers and Helen Tibbetts to victories in the Men's and Mixed Doubles.

Thelma Scovil and Janet Wright continued their domination of the Ladies' events with the former taking the Singles easily and as partners successfully retaining their Ladies' Doubles titles.

1947 National Champions Wynn Rogers-Virginia Hill and Hulet Smith-Louis Rulison bowed in their events.

Eric Haney, a finalist in the 1941

National Doubles, returned from a two year illness to reach the finals of the Men's Doubles with Leroy Erikson whose regular partner, Barney McCay, was sidelined with a broken toe.

Correspondents — Pat and Bob Noble

#### RESULTS

#### Semi-Finals

Men's Singles

Dave Freeman def. Norman Blanchet, 15/8, 15/8; Martin Mendez def. Wynn Rogers, 15/10, 15/12. Ladies' Singles

Janet Wright def. Mrs. Helen Tibbetts, 11/4, 10/12, 11/6; Thelma Scovil def. Sylvia Zukor, 11/2, 11/6. Men's Doubles

Dave Freeman-Wynn Rogers def. Gene Elms-Martin Mendez, 15/8, 15/0; Leroy Erikson-Raeford Haney def. Norm Blanchet-Irl Madden, 5/15, 15/3, 15/13. Ladies' Doubles

Thelma Scovil-Janet Wright def. Mrs. Hulet Smith-Mrs. Helen Tibbetts, 15/4, 15/12; Marianna Gott-Dot Hann def. Shirley Blanchet-Jean Kirby, 18/17, 6/15, 15/10.

Mixed Doubles

Dave Freeman-Helen Tibbetts def. Irl Madden-Mildred Jude, 15/9, 15/3; Webb Kimball-Mrs. Hulet Smith def. Wynn Rogers-Virginia Hill, 8/15, 15/8, 15/13.

Veterans' Doubles

Lewis Rulison-Hulet Smith def. Chips Aurand-Ray Wilhelm, 15/2, 15/8; Gene Elms-Moon Mullin def. Paul Coke-Everett Oliver, 15/2, 15/6.

#### Finals

- Men's Singles Freeman def. Mendez, 15/8, 17/15.
- Ladies' Singles Scovil def. Wright, 11/2, 11/3.

Men's Doubles

Freeman-Rogers def. Erikson-Haney, 15/6, 15/11. Ladies' Doubles

Wright-Scovil def. Gott-Hann, 15/9, 15/11

Mixed Doubles

Freeman-Tibbetts def. Kimball-Smith, 15/8, 15/12. Veterans' Doubles

Mullin-Elms def. Smith-Rulison, 15/7, 15/11.

**Consolation** Finals

Men's Singles Bill Overcamp def. Roger Griffin, 10/15, 15/11, 18/13.

Ladies' Singles

Gertrude Amling def. Betty Bean, 11/9. 11/1

Men's Doubles Estabrook-Townsend def. Kirby-Webb, 15/11, 15/

Ladies' Doubies

O'Connell - Amling def. Brand - Clark, 15/7. 15/11. Mixed Doubles

Overcamp-Carr def. Brandt-Anselm, 15/9, 5/15, 15/8.



## Russ Hill New Oregon Champion Seattle Players Win Majority of Titles



Jim Paull, Maxine Cruikshank **Oregon Mixed Champs** 

Climbing to a top place in Northwest badminton prominence, Russ Hill of Portland, Oregon became the new champion of the Oregon Open played at Portland on March 12-14 at the Jefferson High School.

Outside of the usually locally contested Veterans' event all other contests were won by out-of-staters with Seattle leading the field in Doubles play and the Ladies' Singles.

Hill met a veteran campaigner in runner-up Sam Lee who battled it out to the end but the defensive play of Hill forced the breaks which the champion quickly capitalized.

Virginia Suggs was a double winner, easily besting her doubles partner, Marge Gieldseth, in the singles, while together they had a decided edge on their city mates, Gladys Mallory-Mary Jean Bushell.

Jim Paull-Maxine Cruikshank battled through a tough semi-finals and first game finals but stepped up their tempo in the finish to round out the strenuous mixed play.

## 1947 Winners Retain Most Titles At 12th Chicago District Championships

The 12th Annual Chicago District Badminton Championships were held on the Hamilton Badminton Club courts on February 7-8th. Increased badminton interest in this area was shown by a 50% increase in entries over other post-war years.

New Men's Singles and Doubles Champions were crowned, but the 1947 winners successfully defended their titles in the other four events.

Dave Ponitch of Hamilton, B. C., seeded 5th, defeated a teammate, Earl Ongman, 15/6, 17/18, 15/3,

A "Family Affair" might well

characterize the Maryland State

March 15-21 at the Gilman Country

School in Baltimore. Clint and

Patsy Stephens were winners in all

the events in which they could play

and Clint even carried his father-in-

law along with him in the Men's Doubles. Only one step behind were

the Stiebers, hubby and wife, who

Edwin N. Kabernagel, Jr.

took five prizes themselves.

Correspondent —

Badminton Championships

for the Men's Singles title. Fred Russell-Earl Boston, Jr. (Skokie) defeated Joseph Tiberi-William Graham (Hamilton) 15/5, 14/18, 15/4, in an exciting Men's Doubles Final.

Eleanor Coambs (Hamilton) defeated Thelma Burdick (Hamilton) 11/6, 11/7, to retain her Ladies' Singles title; then paired with Mrs. Burdick to defeat Wilma Shortz (Hamilton)-Olga Grant (Hyde Park), 15/1, 15/4, in the Ladies' Doubles.

## Stephens' Triple Winners In Maryland Champs

held

RESULTS

Men's Singles Clint Stephens def. Fred Stieber, 15/7, 15/7

Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Clint Stephens def. Fairfax Brooks, 11/4, 11/3. Men's Doubles

- Stephens-Roberts def. Stieber-Irving
- O'Neill, 15/10, 14/15, 15/12. Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Stephens-Mrs. Fred Stieber def. Mrs. Elinor Behr-Polly Thompson, 15/5, 7/15, 15/9.

- **Mixed** Doubles
- Mr. and Mrs. Stephens def. Mr. and Mrs. Stieber, 15/8, 15/10. Men's Veterans' Doubles

Lou Potter-Don Redding def. Willard

Boehm-Frank Roberts, 3/15, 15/10, 17/15.

**Unseeded George Lane of Victoria** was given well deserved recognition. as a comer, by the gallery as a result of his singles play and excellent teaming with Bob Mensor of the U. of Oregon as they held off the Deacon brothers of Seattle in winning the doubles.

#### RESULTS

Men's Singles

Russ Hill (Mult. Ath.) def. Sam Lee (Mult. Ath.), 15/10, 15/12.

Ladies' Singles

Virginia Suggs (Queen Anne and Wash. Ath.) def. Marge Gieldseth (Queen Anne), 11/0, 11/8.

Men's Doubles

Bob Mensor (Oakland, Calif.)-George Lane (Canada) def. Bill and Bob Deacon (Seattle), 15/9, 15/9.

Ladies' Doubles

- Virginia Suggs Marge Gieldseth (Seattle) def. Gladys Mallory-Mary Jean Bushell (Seattle), 15/10, 15/10.
- Mixed Doubles James Paull - Maxine Cruikshank (Seattle) def. Bob Deacon-Virginia Anderson (Seattle), 15/12, 15/7.

Veterans' Doubles

Walt Miller-Fred Colwill (Portland) def. Jim Hodgkins-Bud Rice (Portland), 14/17, 15/10, 15/8.

Correspondents —

#### Al Brown, Ted Jarrett

Mrs. Burdick and Tiberi (Hamilton) repeated last year's victory in the mixed over Eleanor Coambs-William Lafayette (Hamilton), 15/2, 15/8.

Lyle Shortz (Hamilton)-Harry Fraser (Skokie) again won the veterans', defeating Harry Miller-Ollie Vogel (Chicago) 15/12, 15/10.

Among new members of the Hamilton Badminton Club this year are: Gene Pare, formerly of Boston; Gordon Byram of South Africa, now a student in Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Moore, formerly of To-Tonto, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vansco, formerly of New York, now residing in Gary, Ind.

Correspondent — Wilma Shortz

Ladies' Veterans' Doubles

- Mrs. Stuart Egerton-Mrs. K. Marty def. Mrs. Arthur Hepburn-Mrs. M. Marty, 15/7, 15/9.
- **Consolation Results**
- Men's Singles Kirby def. Hessey, 15/2, 15/6. Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Parran def. Miss Deuel, 4/11, 11/4, 11/2.

Men's Doubles

- Slagle-Stewart def. Kabernagel-Nickerson, 15/6, 14/18, 17/16. Ladies' Doubles
- Misses Stewart-Becker def. Mrs. Ro-denhi-Mrs. Evans, 15/12, 17/16.
- Mixed Doubles
- Micea Doules Mrs. Evans-Mr. Sullivan def. Mr. and Mrs. Potter, 10/15, 15/13, 15/13. Men's Veterans' Doubles
- Slagle-Stewart def. Montell-MacLea, 15/8, 15/11.

#### Diane Vogt, Conn. Junior Stars at Bridgeport B

Diane Vogt, junior badminton player from Stamford, starred at the Bridgeport Badminton Club's Class B Doubles tournament held February 28, 29 at the Bridgeport Y. M. C. A., to win with her partners in both Ladies' and Mixed Doubles. The Stamford Club won the club trophy based on the number of matches won throughout the tournament. New Haven had the largest entry and came in with a very close second place on the club cup points with the last match of the tournament deciding the award by one point.

#### RESULTS

- Men's Doubles
- Howard Hopkinson-Wm. Quittman def. S. Strauss-James Patterson, 6/15, 15/13, 18/17.

#### Ladies' Doubles

Evelyn and Diane Vogt def. Alma Piippo-Mrs. Edith Mudry, 15/6, 15/9.

#### Mixed Doubles

Louis Smith-Diane Vogt def. Howard Hopkinson-Marion Sandin, 18/17, 15/10.

Correspondent — Betty Johnston

#### Loveday Loses to Stephens at **Baltimore City Invitation**

It was not a Loveday affair at the Baltimore City Invitation held February 12-15 at the St. Paul's School for Boys, for despite a finalist in three events, the Stephens family had a "field day." Eighth U. S. ranking Clint Stephens won the singles over the No. 2 U. S. Carl Loveday in two games and partnered his wife and father-in-law to 3-game victories in the Men's and Mixed Doubles.

#### RESULTS

Men's Singles

Clint Stephens def. Carl Loveday, 15/12, 15/9.

Ladies' Singles Mrs. Clint Stephens def. Mrs. Elinor Behr, 11/2, 11/0.

Men's Doubles

- Stephens-Frank Roberts, def. Loveday-Fred Stieber, 6/15, 17/16, 15/12. Ladies' Doubles
- Helen Gibson-May Hellwig def. Char-lotte Decker-Polly Thompson, 15/10,
- 15/13.Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens def. Loveday-Helen Gibson, 5/15, 15/10, 15/13.

Correspondent -

Edwin N. Kabernagel, Jr.

#### Don Vaughan Stimulates Southern Play

Recent information from Don Vaughan, former top flight amateur and now doing professional promotional work, brings some interesting information about activity in the Southern Region.

"It has all been most interesting and I am encouraged by the badminton picture as I have seen it to date. Since leaving Dubuque and the mid-west in January, have been mostly in the south, getting a good deal of play in such towns as Knoxville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Birmingham and lesser feather junctions with a run up to Dayton to play an exhibition at Moraine Country Club with Ken Quigley, Ed DiLeone and Norman Atcheson.

'I will be around the south until after the Southern Championships in Atlanta in Mid-March and then point west for the Nationals at Waco. Harry Vaughan and other southern enthusiasts are planning an intensive campaign of badminton promotion in this area, an ambitious program roughly charted over a three-year period.

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#### Stephens' Lose Mixed At Washington, D. C.

The National Capital Doubles Badminton Championships played in Washington, D. C., on February 7 and 8, 1948, were featured by the star-studded entry list which in-cluded practically all of the top ranking stars in the East.

Play was held in doubles only due to limited playing space, but the quality of badminton was high and audience interest very keen.

The tournament was climaxed by the upset victory of Helen Gibson and Carl Loveday over Patsy and Clint Stephens in the mixed doubles final by scores of 15/10, 17/15. Fresh from their win over the Canadian National Mixed Doubles Champs, the Stephenses had their string of unbroken victories snapped when the Loveday and Gibson combination played tight and effective badminton. Carl Loveday once again demonstrated his uncanny ability to turn defensive play into smashing attack, while Helen Gibson played a superlative net The Stephenses made a game. furious closing rush in the second game to tie at fourteen all, but Gibson and Loveday pulled away to win.

The Men's Doubles final was a case of youth and age balancing each other nicely on both sides of the net. Carl Loveday and Pop Hinds defeated Clint Stephens and Frank Roberts 15/11, 15/6 in a match that featured Pop Hinds' great touch at the net. The Loveday-Hinds team took control early and never relinquished the lead at any time during the match.

The Ladies' Doubles final produced a very tense match that had spectators sitting on the edge of their seats throughout. Helen Gibson and Wanda Bergman defeated Zoe Yeager and May Hellwig 13/18, 15/8, 15/6. The first game was bitterly fought with service changing regularly without any scoring. However, the superior teamwork of the Gibson-Bergman pair became evident in the second game and they gradually pulled away to win.

One of the highlights of the whole tournament was the two Men's Doubles Semi-Finals which were played simultaneously on Saturday night. Both matches were see-saw battles that had the spectators in an uproar, starting and finishing at practically the same time. Carl Loveday and Pop Hinds defeated the home town team of Joel Baker

## Blanchet, Thelma Scovil Score North California Upsets

The most startling upset of the season occurred at the 13th annual No. California Championships held February 13, 14, 15 at San Francisco when Martin Mendez, ranking U.S. No. 3 player, lost a sensational match to Norman Blanchet of Oakland.

Coming from behind to tie Mendez at 13 all in the first game and then losing 5 straight points for this game, he won 28 of the next 43 points to take a commanding lead of 13/5 in the third game. Here it was that Mendez rallied to tie at 13 all but Blanchet was not to be denied and finished off with an 18/15victory that gave his national chances a real boost.

Thelma Scovil's reported serious bid to regain her former National Ladies' title likewise pleased her adherents when she literally smothered the ranking U.S. No. 2 Janet Wright with whom she is co-holder of the U.S. Ladies' Doubles title.

#### RESULTS

#### Semi-Finals

Ladies' Sinales

- Janet Wright def. Sylvia Zukor, 11/2, 9/11, 11/2
- Thelma Scovil def. Helen Tibbetts, 11/2, 11/5.
- Men's Singles Martin Mendez. def. Bob Mensor, 15/9, 15/11.
- Norman Blanchet def. Bruce McCurdy, 15/10, 15/6. Ladies' Doubles

Scovil--right def. Horner-Tibbetts,

15/8, 15/9. Gott-Hann, Blanchet-Kirby def. 15/11, 11/15, 15/13.

and Howard Holman 15/11, 5/15, 15/13; while Clint Stephens and Frank Roberts were eliminating Dick Yeager and Ed Shields, 15/9, 11/15, 17/16.

#### Semi-Finals

Ladies' Doubles

Helen Gibson-Wanda Bergman (West-port, Conn.) def. Elizabeth Mafucci-Eleanor Raymond (Westport, Conn.), Zoe Yeager-May Hellwig (New Ro-chelle, N. Y.) def. Polly Thompson-Charlotte Decker (Wash., D. C.), 17/16,

15/7.

Men's Doubles

Carl Loveday-Pop Hinds (Montclair, N. J. and N. Y. City) def. Joel Baker and Howard Holman (Wash., D. C.), 15/11, 5/15, 15/13. Clint Stephens-Frank Roberts (Balti-

more, Md.) def. Dick Yeager-Ed Shields (New Rochelle, N. Y.), 15/9, 11/15, 17/16.

Men's Doubles Blanchet-Madden def. Elms-Mendez,

- 15/7, 15/9. McCurdy-Ryan def. Busby-Cole, 15/4, 15/11
- Mixed Doubles
- Blanchet-Blanchet def. Watt-Judge, 15/12, 15/12
- Madden-Wright def. McCurdy-Burgess, 15/6, 15/8. Veterans' Doubles
- Elms-Mullin def. Horn-Paxton, 18/15, 15/11
- Bobbitt-Ough def. Smart-Boegle, 15/6, 15/8.

#### Finals

- Men's Singles
- Blanchet def. Mendez, 13/18, 15/10, 18/13.

Ladies' Singles Scovil def. Wright, 11/3, 11/3.

- Men's Doubles
- Blanchet-Madden def. McCurdy-Ryan, 15/11, 8/15, 15/9. Ladies' Doubles
- Wright-Scovil def. Blanchet-Kirby,
- 12/15, 15/3, 15/4. Mixed Doubles
- Madden-Wright def. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchet, 9/15, 15/14, 15/13. Veterans' Doubles
- Mullins-Elms def. Ough-Bobbitt, 7/15, 15/5, 15/7.

#### **Consolation** Flight

Men's Singles Griffin def. Martin, 15/11, 15/4.

- Ladies' Singles
- Betty Bean def. Ann Zaeppfel, 11/1, 11/1. Men's Doubles
- Estabrook-Townsend def. Crownhurst-Nickee, 15/7, 15/6.

- Ladies Doubles Betty Bean-Marguerite Miller def. Ruth Estabrook-Alice Gowen, 15/13, 17/14. Mixed Doubles
- Martin-Ruth Estabrook def. Mr. and Mrs. Collonge, 5/15, 15/11, 15/3.

Correspondents

L. E. Brown, Ted Jarrett

Mixed Doubles

Iixed Doubles
Patsy and Clint Stephens (Baltimore, Md.) def. Zoe and Dick Yeager (New Rochelle, N. Y.), 4/15, 15/4, 15/10.
Helen Gibson-Carl Loveday (Westport, Conn. and Montclair, N. J.) def. May Hellwig-Ed Shields (New Rochelle, NEX 15/7, 15/6) Hellwig-Ed Shields N. Y.), 15/7, 15/9.

- Helen Gibson-Wanda Bergman def. Zoe Yeager-May Hellwig, 15/18, 15/8, 15/6. Men's Doubles
- Carl Loveday-Pop Hinds def. Clint Stephens-Frank Roberts, 15/11, 15/6.
- Mixed Doubles
- Carl Loveday-Helen Gibson def. Clint and Patsy Stephens, 15/10, 17/15.

Correspondent — Polly Thompson

Ed. Note - Thanks, Polly, for one of the finest written reports received. The printing of complete Tournament results and mailing them to all contestants was a fine act by your Club.

- - - - Finals
    - Ladies' Doubles

#### Rupe Topp, Virginia Suggs Top Seattle Champs

Form held true, at the Seattle Badminton Championships, played March 4-7 at the Seattle Tennis Club when top seeds Rupe Topp and Virginia Suggs turned back their challengers.

Both likewise added second crowns by becoming co-holders of the Doubles crowns with partners Jim Paull and Marjorie Gieldseth.

Ken Davidson assisted in umpiring many of the matches.

Men's Singles Rupert Topp def. Bob Deacon, 15/10, 15/11.

Ladies' Singles

Virginia Suggs def. Marjorie Gieldseth, 11/5, 11/9. Men's Doubles

Jim Paull-Rupe Topp def. Bob and Bill Deacon, 15/8, 18/6.

Ladies' Doubles

Suggs-Gieldseth def. G. Mallory-Mary Jean Bushnell, 15/8, 15/6.

Mixed Doubles Bob Deacon-Virginia Anderson def. Jim Paull-Maxine Cruikshank, 15/11, 10/15, 15/11.

Veterans' Doubles

Howard Crow-Joe Johnson def. Ross Williams-Dick Hayden, 12/15, 15/10, 15/6.

Correspondent — Bob Kildall

#### Rhode Island Championships

The 8th Annual R. I. State Championships were held at the Hope Street High School, Providence, R. I., March 5, 6, 7. Competitive play for this event had been greatly stimulated by an informal match between two R. I. clubs, Hope and Warwick, and the Hyde Park Badminton Club of Massachusetts on February 8 when the R. I. players had won 11 of the 19 matches.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Men's Singles

John J. Cooper def. Frederick Davis, 15/8, 15/8. Ladies' Singles

Dorothy Balme def. Ruth Blake, 12/10, 8/11, 11/3. Men's Doubles

C. G. Voye-Alex McWhirter def. J. J. Cooper-Arthur Conn, 15/6, 15/8. Ladies' Doubles

Dorothy Balme-Ann Tucker def. Doris Ashcroft-Beatrice Myers, 15/8, 15/12. Mixed Doubles

- Charles Voye-Doris Ashcroft def. John Cooper-Dorothy Balme, 15/5, 15/5.
- Veterans' Doubles

Thomas Hall-Frederick Davis def. Walker Mason-Robert Thayer, 15/7, 15/3

Correspondents —

John Cooper, Doris Ashcroft

#### Bobby Williams, Ethel Marshall Dominate Western N. Y. Champs

The annual championships of the Western N. Y. Badminton Association, held March 19-21 at Lewiston Heights, New York, at the Niagara Falls Country Club courts found National Champion Ethel Marshall and Bobby Williams winning all events in which they participated. In addition, Williams retired the Singles Trophy by his third win in the last 4 years.

#### BESULTS

Men's Singles

Bobby Williams def. Don Bechtel, 15/3, 15/4. Ladies' Singles

Ethel Marshall def. Bea Massman, 11/6, 11/2. Men's Doubles

Bobby Williams-Don Bechtel def. Jack Buddemeyer-Dewitt Kittinger, 15/5, 15/6. Ladies' Doubles

Ethel Marshall-Bea Massman def. Alice Brown-Margaret Michlin, 15/11, 15/7. Mixed Doubles

Bobby Williams-Ethel Marshall def. De Altenburg-Alice Brown, 15/8, 15/3. Veterans' Doubles

John Jung-Cliff Schmidt def. Phil Michlin-Del Altenburg, 15/4, 15/3.

Correspondent — Del Altenburg



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## The "New" Southern Association Plans Aggressive Expansion Players From 7 States Compete in Regional Championships



1. Murray Cleveland, Taylor Caffery, John Agar, Cam Mitchell. 2. Misses Pattie Goodall, Katherine Hooper, Mary White, Nancy Vaughan. Mrs. Florence Hollowell presenting, Breezy Wynn, Towmey Master in background. 3. Mrs. Martha Bass with Ladies' Singles Perpetual Trophy and Silver Pitcher she will keep. 4. John Agar, Taylor Caffery offering congratulations, Bill Caldwell. 5. Nancy McLarty, Charles Fortune, Murray Cleveland.

The Southern has accepted badminton, jet propulsion, and "A" bombs! The ferment underlying the "new" badminton attitude in the South was exhibited in the largest tournament ever held, the largest number of clubs ever affiliated, the inauguration of two new events at the Tournament, Veterans' Men's and Veterans' Ladies' Doubles (no typographical error), a new Constitution and By-laws, two successive years of sending six or more players to the National Juniors' Tournament, the development and acceptance of a new emblem, the start of clubs in universities, and the first regional organization to inaugurate formal promotion of the game.

The Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Ga., was the scene of the Southern Badminton Championships held March 12, 13, 14 and part of the tournament time was devoted to a most successful meeting of the clubs of the Southern Badminton Association. Eighty-four players from 7 states and 14 cities made up 179 entries which included the enthusiastically received Ladies' Veterans, with the female sex honestly admitting their 40 years.

Consistent with the tradition started in 1942 at the Birmingham Athletic Club, the host club presented a perpetual challenge trophy. This was won by the New Orleans group who were competing in this championship for the first time.

Great strides have been made this year, the membership increasing from 9 to 18 clubs; an emblem was adopted suitable for stationery, blazers and trophies; inter-club play was inaugurated; collegiate interest was stimulated; and a patrons group was formed, which will support direct promotion of the game in the South for 3 years, and will constitute a group for action in the best social interests of the amateur game entirely independent of officialdom. TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Men's Singles

Wm. Caldwell (Chattanooga) def. John Agar (Atlanta), 12/15, 15/10, 15/11. Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Martha Bass (Chattanooga) def.

Mrs. Jane Smith (Miami), 11/8, 11/5. Men's Doubles

Cam Mitchell-John Agar (Atlanta) def. Taylor Cafferey-Murray Cleveland (New Orleans), 17/15, 15/6.

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Katherine Hooper-Mrs. Patty Goodall (Birmingham) def. Mrs. Martha Bass-Mrs. Eva Goudelock (Chattanooga), 15/7, 15/12. Mixed Doubles

Taylor Caffery-Nancy McLarty (New Orleans) def. Charles Fortuna (Augusta)-Mrs. Anne Lobeth (Knoxville), default.

Veterans' Men's Doubles Dwight L. Hallowell-James H. Taylor, Jr. (Atlanta) def. Henry Lane-Wm. P. Rocker (Atlanta), 11/15, 15/8, 15/7.

Veterans' Ladies' Doubles Mrs. Katherine Hooper-Mrs. Patty Goodall (Birmingham) def. Mrs. Nancy Vaughan (Atlanta)-Mrs. Mary White (Knoxville), 15/1, 15/8.

The Annual Atlanta Athletic Club Championships were held February 17–21.

#### A FLIGHT

Men's Singles John Agar def. Joe McCrorey, 15/5, 15/17, 15/1.

Ladies' Singles

Edith Fugitt def. Nancy Vaughan, 0/11, 11/7, 11/7.

Men's Doubles

Agar-Cam Mitchell def. McCrorey-Wm. Braswell, 15/3, 15/9.

Ladies' Doubles

Edith Fugitt-Dorothy Dobson def. Emily Lane-Florence Hallowell, 15/1, 15/6.

Mixed Doubles

Taylor Dobson def. Ed and Kay Patton, 15/12, 15/12.

Veterans' Doubles

Bill Rocker-Henry Lane def. Jim Taylor-Dwight Hallowell, 15/5, 15/13.

#### B FLIGHT

Men's Singles Allen Hardin def. M. M. O'Sullivan, 15/10, 15/4.

Ladies' Singles

Eva McNevin def. Jane Franklin, 8/11, 11/1, 11/6.

Men's Doubles

Hardin-O'Sullivan def. Jim Carlton-Wister Sharp, 15/12, 15/10.

Ladies' Doubles

Jane Franklin-Barbara Grandy won by default. Mixed Doubles

Carlton-Franklin def. Jas. S. Wilson,

Jr.-Mrs. Jas. Wilson, 15/1, 15/3.

Correspondents —

W. Harry Vaughan, Ira H. Hardin

## Americans Surprise Canadians at Washington State Tourney

Outstanding play by Oregon and Seattle players was a pleasant surprise at the Washington State Tournament held at Spokane, March 19, 20, 21.

Fresh from his triumph at the Jregon Open, Russ Hill of Portland, Oregon, won a real victory over Daryl Thompson of Canada in the singles. Virginia Suggs of Seattle, Wash., won a real thriller from Lois Reid of Canada with a long 3 set semi-final singles but unfortunately was unable to show her wares against the Canadian champion, Claire Lovett, in the finals due to an injury.

Both semi-final Seattle Ladies' Doubles teams downed strong Canadian pairs and the Deacon brothers of Seattle forced a second deuce game in the Men's Doubles before bowing to Canadians Thompson-Jones. The mixed was an all American Seattle final but only after the champions Bob Deacon-Virginia

Anderson had turned back Canadians O. A. Jones-Lois Reid in a fairly close semi-final.

#### RESULTS

#### Semi-Finals

Men's Singles

- Daryl Thompson (Canada) def. Eddie Hearn (Canada), 15/9, 15/13. Russ Hill def. Rupert Topp, 15/2, 18/17.
- Ladies' Singles
- Claire Lovett (Canada) def. Barbara Twizell (Canada), 11/1, 11/9. Virginia Suggs def. Lois Reid (Canada), 12/9, 10/12, 12/10.

Men's Doubles

- Bob Deacon-Bill Deacon def. Eddie Hearn-Harry Forse (Canada), 15/12, 15/11
- A. O. Jones-Daryl Thompson (Canada) def. Ned Rhodes-Bob Inkpen, 15/2, 15/0.
- Ladies' Doubles
- Gladys Mallory-Mary Jean Bushell def. Lois Reid-Barbara Twizell (Canada), 15/11, 15/9.
- Virginia Suggs-Marge Gieldseth def. Claire Lovett (Canada)-Lucille Lee (Wash.), 17/18, 15/11, 15/6.

Mixed Doubles

- Rupert Topp-Marge Gieldseth def. Smith-Russ Hill, 15/11, 15/6. Bob Deacon-Virginia Anderson def. Lois Reid-O. A. Jones (Canada), 18/14,
- 15/11.

#### Finals

Men's Singles Russ Hill def. Daryl Thompson (Ca-nada), 15/12, 7/15, 15/11. Ladies' Singles

Claire Lovett (Canada) def. Virginia Suggs — By Default. Men's Doubles

Daryl Thompson-A. O. Jones (Canada) def. Bob Deacon-Bill Deacon, 15/12, 18/14

Ladies' Doubles

Gladys Mallory-Mary Jean Bushell def. Virginia Suggs-Marge Gieldseth - By Default.

Mixed Doubles

Bob Deacon-Virginia Anderson det. Rupert Topp-Marge Gieldseth, 15/12, 9/15, 15/10.

Veterans' Doubles

Bob Showacre-Merle Corrin def. Howard Crow-Joe Johnson, 15/11, 14/17, 17/14.

#### **Handicap** Events

- Men's Doubles Homer Ellis-Bob Showacre, 15/3, 15/8.
- Ladies' Doubles Nancy MacKay-Dorris Popple, 15/8, 15/10.

Mixed Doubles

Eddie Hearn-Mary Hearn, 11/15, 15/8, 15/2

Correspondent — Merle R. Corrin



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### Zaharko Returns to Amateur Competition and Wins at Philly

Opening his bid for top flight honors Joe Zaharko, reinstated to amateur ranks April, 1947, became a double winner at the Philadelphia District Championships held March 18-21 at the Wissahickon Badminton Club, Pa. He defeated last vear's champion, Harry Hackett in the singles and paired with Endsley Fairman to take the doubles. The latter was also a twofold winner as he and his wife annexed the Mixed Doubles.

RESULTS Men's Singles

Zaharko (Wilmington, Del.) d Hackett (Wissahickon), 15/9, 15/10. def.

- Ladies' Singles Mrs. John E. Newlin, Jr. (Wiss.) def. Mrs. Austin Peoples (Wil.)

Men's Doubles

- Zaharko-Fairman def. Hackett-R. T. Nalle, Jr., 18/17, 15/10. Ladies' Doubles
- Mrs. W. Painter-Mrs. John W. Frazier, 3rd (Haverford, Pa.) def. Mrs. E. P. Fairman-Mrs. Lillian Bender (Wil), 15/10, 15/9.
- Mixed Doubles
- Mr. and Mrs. Fairman def. Nalle-Mrs. Newlin, 18/17, 15/10.
- Veterans' Men's Doubles Austin Peoples-A. M. Potter (Wil.) def. Howard Charles-Pete Snyder (Y. M.
- C. A.), 17/15, 18/17. Veterans' Ladies' Doubles

Wrs. A. M. Potter-Mrs. Fred Klutey (Wil.) def. Mrs. Edith Brinton-Mrs. Dorothy Wallace (Hav.), 12/15, 15/8, 15/9.

## League Matches and Tournament Spark Central Mass. Play

The enthusiasm of a few clubs in Central Massachusetts has provided organized league play and tournament competition. This is the report from Russell Urquhart, Physical Director of the Worcester Y. M. C. A., extracts of whose letter are quoted below:

"I have enjoyed each issue of Bird Chatter and have circulated these among our Badminton Club Members who have appreciated the opportunity of keeping informed as to what is going on in the sport throughout the nation.

#### **Badminton In Iceland**

Another in our series of Badminton in Other Lands. It was written by Mr. Jon Johannesson, President of the Tennis and Badmintonfélag Reykjavikur, Reykjavik, Iceland, and translated from the Bulletin of Frederiksberg Badminton Club. Ďenmark, Copenhagen, February issue, through the splendid co-operation of Mr. K. Lunoe.

Badminton was first introduced into Iceland in 1934, but on account of lack of accommodation and, above all, of missing instruction, the game did not get a footing at that time.

In 1938, however, a Dane came to Iceland who by his play and instruction again roused interest for the game among the population.

In December that year The Tennis and Badmintonfélag Reykjavikur was established with the rather modest membership of 29, but it

"I thought you would be interested in a bit of news from Central Massachusetts inasmuch as we have made an effort to promote as much interest as possible in Badminton. For the first time, a Central Massachusetts Badminton League was organized with Harry Gilman of the American Optical Badminton Club of Southbridge as President. This league included the American Optical Company of Southbridge, the Gardner Badminton Club, the Worcester Y. M. C. A. and the Cushing Veterans' Hospital. The

developed and progressed, and today the club has more than 150 members, about a hundred of whom play the game actively. But Reykjavik has not monopolized the game, also in the provinces they go in for it, although on a more limited scale.

The interest taken in the game in Iceland is on the whole increasing, but we, too, suffer from the lack of accommodation which is of course not very promoting to our sport. We hope, however, that this autumn will better our conditions.

At present the players make use of one of the camps which the American forces left in this country at the end of the war. The camp, which was used for basketball, handball, etc., by the Americans, is about seven metres high and holds two Badminton courts, one in prolongation of the other. There is plenty of room for spectators, and

The Class B Championships were likewise held at the Wissahickon Club on February 26, 27.

#### RESULTS

- Men's Doubles
- Chris. Koth (Norristown)-Jos. M. Fox (Haverford) def. Martin Levy-Hank Tonn (Y. M. C. A.), 15/9, 15/7. Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. G. McKie Milligan (Wiss.)-Mrs John R. Wanamaker (Wiss.) def. Mrs. Richard Blabon-Mrs. Dorothy Wallace (Haverford), 15/5, 14/17, 18/16. Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blabon (Haver-

ford) def. Tom Steere-Mrs. Dorothy Wallace (Haverford), 15/8, 6/15, 15/6.

#### Correspondents-

Robert F. Irwin, 3rd., and Whitfield Painter

League consisted of two series of round robin matches with the following results: Won Lost

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1.	American Optical Co. of Southbridge	42	6
2.	Gardner Badminton Club	26	22
3.	Worcester Y. M. C. A.	23	25

4. Cushing Veterans' Hospital 5 43

In January, a Central Massachusetts Mixed and Men's Doubles Badminton Tournament was held.

#### Mixed Doubles

Robert Woo-Ruth Oliver, Worcester Y. M. C. A. def. John Edmundson-Vivial Vachant, Southbridge, 15/8, 15/9.

Men's Doubles

Harry Gilman-John Edmundson, Southbridge def. Laurence Lauvigeur-Marcy Ossimo, Southbridge, 15/7, 15/7.

changing and bathing rooms are excellent.

Consequently the great desire and hope of the club is some day to be able to build its own hall, thus getting a place of its own, but so far this is all in the future, expenses being considerable.

The standard of playing in this country leaves much to be desired, I am sorry to say, but it is our aim to make an instructor come up here, so that our play may some day be of such a quality that international matches can be arranged.

We also hope, when the time has come, to gather all Badminton players in this country under the leadership of a "Badminton Associ-ation of Iceland," by means of which we should be able to develop the collaboration both between Icelandic players, and between players from Denmark, Iceland and other nations.

#### Missouri Activity Class B Results

Members of this Mid-West association have been on the "go" this year. Up to the present time we have been represented by 10 players in the Indiana State Open Tournament held at Purdue University on January 10-11, and by 7 players in #he Southwestern A.A.U. Tournament held January 16-17 at S.M.U. in Dallas, Texas.

in Dallas, Texas. Two of our outstanding singles players: Dick Casey, five times Mid-West singles champion and Ted Moehlman, National Junior Champion, participated in the Ohio State Open at Cleveland on February 14-15.

On February 27 a group of about 16 plan to leave for Ponca City, Okla., to take part in the Oklahoma Open held there February 28-29.

We hope to be represented by a few junior players in the Mid-West Junior Tournament in Chicago on March 7 and by Don Brown in the National Junior Tournament in Connecticut on March 19, 20, 21. Also on March 19, 20, 21 the Annual Mid-West Championship Tournament will be held in Chicago and a large group plan to participate.

Our own District Championship Tournament will be held in St. Louis on March 13, 14.

Our 2nd Annual Class B Tournament was held at C.B.C. Gymnasium on February 21, 22. Entries were limited to players who had not previously been finalists in the event they wished to enter. If they had been finalists in any two events offered they were excluded altogether. It was very encouraging to see some new faces in the tournament. It is our feeling and holding that Class B, apart from the District Championship Tournament encourages many to enter who might not otherwise do so. Finalists in Class B automatically advance to Championship class in the event in which ney played.

#### RESULTS

#### Class B

Men's Singles

Jerry Heinle def. J. Felker, 15/2, 15/2. Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Jo Reger def. Louise Boedges, 12/10, 11/1.

Men's Doubles

Bob Stuessel-Vernon Reger def. Francis Wielandy-George Staten, 15/11, 15/12. Mixed Doubles

Mel Queathem-Mrs. Virginia Schrier def. Jerry Heinle-Mrs. Betty Volz, 12/15, 18/15, 15/12.

Correspondent — Peg Goessling

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The Badminton Association of Malaya was formed in the year 1934 with the following nine State Organizations as members: Penang, Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Malacca, Johore, Singapore, Kedah and Kelantan Badminton Associations.

The Badminton Association of Malaya, as the parent body, governs all matters and affairs pertaining to Badminton in the whole of Malaya. Of the nine state organizations mentioned above, all are active again except the last-named two, and efforts are being made to revive these.

It is estimated that there are more than 25,000 active Badminton players in this country, the majority of these being confined to the following major Badminton playing states, viz. Singapore, Selangor, Penang and Perak. The class players themselves are concentrated in the respective capital cities and towns of these states, that is, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Ipoh.

Ordinary practices are held outdoors as no State Organization or individual club or party has an indoor court of its own. However, all inter-state matches and championships are held indoors, the Town Hall in the various centres being made use of. The two most ideal halls in Malaya are located in Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh respectively, those in Singapore and Penang being slightly "stuffy."

There is a scheme afoot to erect a proper Badminton hall in Kuala Lumpur, which incidentally is the capital of the Malayan Union. All Badminton enthusiasts hope that this scheme will be successful as Malaya will then be able to boast of a hall against which no criticism could be directed. It will also have the added advantage of being centrally situated, as Kuala Lumpur is located approximately midway between Penang and Singapore, the northern and southern ends of the Malaya Peninsula.

The major tournaments held here each year are; The All Malayan Championships, The Foong Seong Cup Competition, Triangular Inter-State Tournament, Inter - State Matches, Individual State Championship.

The Malayan Championships comprise the following events: Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies' Singles, Ladies' Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Veterans' Singles, Veterans' Doubles and the Consolation Singles Event for those knocked out in the first round of the Men's Singles Event proper. For your interest the 1947 Men's Singles Champion is still Wong Peng Soon who held the crown in 1940 and 1941. The Malavan Championships are usually held during the Easter Holidays of each year, and are open to members of clubs and parties affiliated to State Organizations who in turn are affiliated to the Badminton Association of Malava.

Foong Seong Cup Competition is a yearly competition run on the knock-out system and is open to all member states of the Badminton Association of Malaya. Each state is represented by two singles players and one doubles pair, the first singles player playing his opposite number and also the opposing No. 2 singles player. Each tie is decided over the best of the five matches. States south of Selangor are included in the southern section and those north of Selangor are included in the northern section for purposes of the competition, the state of Selangor itself being considered as a "buffer' state to be placed either in the northern or southern section as the Standing Committee of the Badminton Association of Malaya may deem necessary, in order to balance entries in both sections. In 1941, Penang was the winner of this Competition. The 1947 competition is now running its course and should be finalised by August, 1947.

The Triangular Inter-State Tournament was a yearly affair pre-war between Penang, Perak and Selangor. Each team comprised 3 men's singles and 4 men's doubles pairs. A separate ladies' section was also run, each team comprising 3 ladies' singles and 2 ladies' doubles pairs. This Tournament has not yet been revived after the war, although it is hoped to hold it sometime in the fall of this year.

Inter-State Matches are arranged between the various states con-

#### Minnesota District Tourney

The University of Minnesota was the scene of the Minnesota District Tournament held March 25–28. Helen McLeod of the University B. C., was a double winner, while Harold Anderson and Penelope Covell came away with one trophy and a runner-up prize each. Junior boys and girls played both singles and doubles.

#### RESULTS

Men's Singles

Harold Anderson (St. Paul) def. Lester Harrell (Minn.), 15/10, 15/9.

Ladies' Singles

Helen McLeod (Univ.) def. Penelope Covill (Univ.), 11/8, 11/2.

Men's Doubles

Norman MacDonald (St. Paul)-Phil Kreidt (Minn) def. Harold Anderson (St. Paul)-Fallon Kelly (St. Paul), 15/6, 18/3.

Ladies' Doubles

Helen McLeod-Dorothy Pass (Univ.) def. Ruth Howe-Norma Orning (Robbinsdale), 15/1, 15/8.

Mixed Doubles

Lester Harrell (Minn).-Penelope Covell (Univ.) def. Melvin Pass-Dorothy Pass (Univ.) 15/13, 11/15, 15/12.

Veterans' Doubles

W. R. Smith-Geo. W. Wood (Univ.) def. Carl A. Berg-George Morse (Minn.) 15/10, 15/7.

Junior Boys' Singles

James Ďixon (Minn.) def. Robert Berg (Minn.), 15/10, 15/11.

Junior Roys' Doubles

Robert Berg-James Dixon (Minn.) def. Duncan Robertson-Dave Trezilgas (So. St. Paul), 15/7, 18/13.

Junior Girls' Singles

Jeanette Merrick (Robbinsdale) def. Vonnie Merrick (Robbinsdale), 11/7, 11/6.

Junior Girls' Doubles

Jeanette Merrick-Vonnie Merrick def Donna Grinell-Elaine Johnson (Robbinsdale), 15/9, 15/6.

Correspondent — W. R. Smith

cerned subject to the approval of the Badminton Association of Malaya.

Individual State Championships are held annually by each individual state organization.

We have no particular season for playing Badminton in this country, as the climate here is the same throughout the year, and we play anytime and anywhere as weather permits.

The Standard of play in Malaya generally has deteriorated compared with pre-war, in the main due to the Japanese occupation of this country when little or no Badminton was played. However, we hope to get into our stride again soon. Ipoh, Perak, June, 1947.



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