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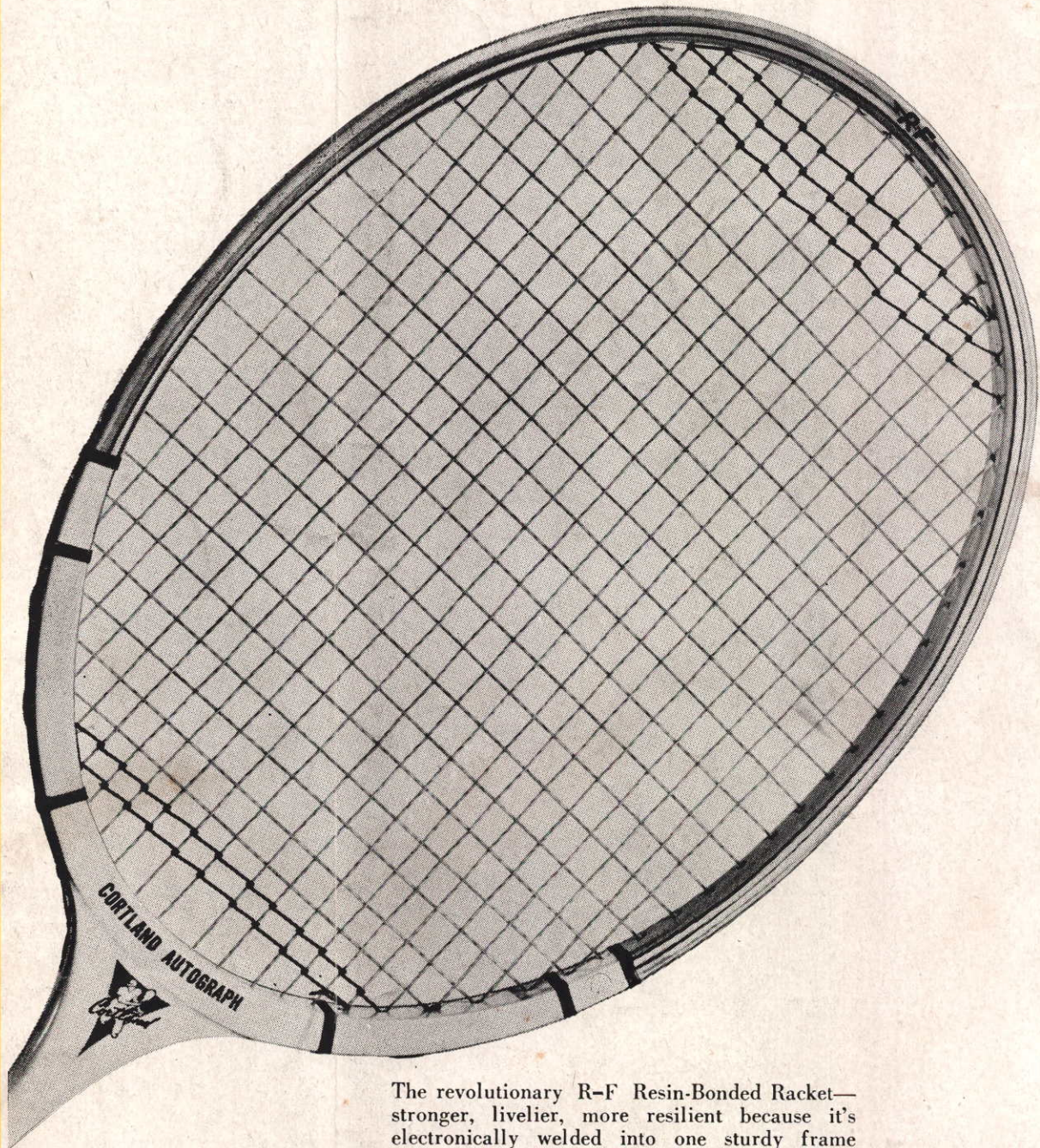
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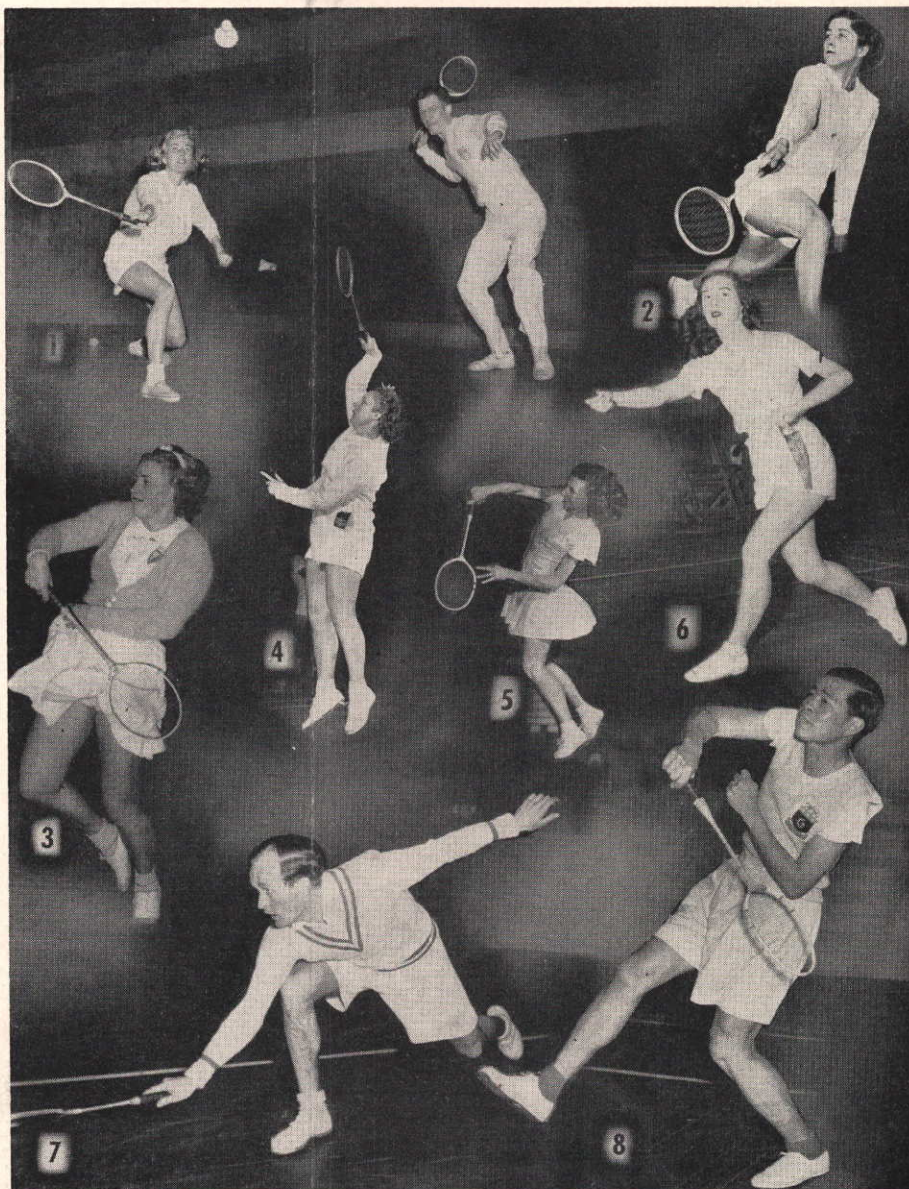
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Another Action-Packed Year



1949-50 HEADLINERS—(1) Patsey and Clint Stephens, U. S. (2) Eleanor Coombs, U. S. (3) Aase Svendsen, Denmark, (4) Thelma Burdick, U. S. (5) Ann DiLeone, U. S. (6) Diana Cox, Canada, (7) Tage Madsen, Denmark, (8) Wong Peng Soon, Malaya.

CHAMPIONS REPEAT

AT 1950 NATIONALS AT BALTIMORE

By KEN DAVIDSON

THE TENTH ANNUAL U. S. Badminton Championships held at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore, April 6, 7, 8, provided an unprecedented happening in the history of American competition, when all the holders of the six championship events successfully defended their titles.

Over 200 contestants from 19 different states and the District of Columbia challenged for the magnificent trophies. Ten courts, filling only one-third of the huge armory, were utilized until the quarter-finals. Competitors were kept on a strict schedule and a mammoth 15-foot score board quickly gave the match results to the spectators.

The most dramatic match of the whole tournament occurred in the quarter-finals when the local favorite, Clint Stephens, seeded No. 5, upset Dick Mitchell, a former little All-American basketball star from San Diego State College, seeded No. 4. Down 3-13 in the second game after losing a closely contested game 12-15, Clint literally came from "off the floor" to level up the game at 14 all to thunderous applause of the Eastern contingent. Clint had been unable to make much impression on the San Diego southpaw up to this point. To Clint's credit, he kept plugging along and took advantage of Dick's lapses, such as Dick's hitting only a couple of inches over the sideline at 14-9 on what would have been the match winning point. A thoroughly rattled Mitchell could not stop the onslaught and Clint closed the score to 14 all and quickly took the three set points to win, 17-14. A mentally bewildered Westerner offered only token resistance in the final game as Clint ran the score to 8-0 at the changeover in courts. Dick, desperately trying to recover, could not make up lost ground or regain the initiative and Clint finished the match at 15-7.

In the semi-finals, Clint couldn't place the shuttle out of Marten Mendez's reach, and with the defending champion playing in top form, it was not long before he won in two games, losing only eight points to the Easterner.

Wynn Rogers, who beat Joe Alston in the California State semis two weeks before, was a stiff obstacle for the No. 2 seeded, 22-year-old speedster from San Diego. This was an excellently played badminton match with clever, accurate rallies. Wynn, with his long reach and jumping ability, is a tough man to pass, but Joe's deception and control were such that he scored a number of points with well-directed attacking clears. Joe well deserved this victory over Wynn but the scores of 8 and 7 do not tell the full story of the close play.

Before some 1500 spectators, the final was a repetition of last year's final and of half a dozen other California finals this season—all

of them three game matches between Marten Mendez and Joe Alston.

Marten quickly showed the appreciative audience that he did not rely entirely on his superb defense to obtain points by winning two of his first five points with sharply hit around-the-head smashes. Joe was slow to settle down and Marten obtained a 9-1 lead. Then the rallies became longer and more closely contested, with both boys amazing the crowd with their speed afoot and fast reflexes. Marten, after winning the first game, 15-6, fell behind 4-8 in the second, but recovered to run seven straight points for an 11-8 lead. He appeared to be on his way to a two game victory as he discouraged his younger opponent by returning several of his hardest smashes to keep a rally going or to score a sensational point. By playing confidently as he had done against Wynn Rogers the previous night, Joe rallied and controlled his movements and the bird to take the score to 11 all. After misjudging the flight of a bird in the backcourt, he regained the service to play his best badminton of the match and to even the games with a 15-11 win.

The third game was even at 4-all, but thereafter the defending champion's seemingly inexhaustible supply of stamina gave him an edge over Joe in the long drawn out rallies. Marten must have taken all the heart out of Alston when he returned well-hit smashes which looked like winners except for one occasion that dented Marten's stonewall defense. Joe was not at ease against this constant stream of returns and three or four times allowed the shuttle to drop inches inside the court to lose points. The match, lasting almost 60 minutes, saw Joe make a desperate attempt to recover but the quick and accurate returns of the champion were not to be denied.

Ladies' Singles

The two semi-finals were excellently played, with Patsey Stephens, Baltimore, taking the only game from Ethel Marshall throughout the tournament. Patsey was a tired girl after winning the second game and even though she led 3-0 in the third game, Ethel was in no real danger once she settled down. In fact, Patsey never scored again as Ethel ran her around the court to close out the match, 11-3.

Thelma Scovil, Long Beach, and Janet Wright, San Francisco, fought desperately throughout their match with Thelma's superior serving and fine touch around the net giving her the slight edge she needed to beat the harder-hitting Northern California player.

Diminutive Ethel Marshall won her fourth straight singles title with a straight set 11-6, 12-9 victory over blond Mrs. Thelma Scovil, who was one-time English singles champion.

This was a battle of southpaws in which the champion's greater speed and harder shots successfully counteracted the challenger's court



Ethel Marshall, Buffalo

finesse. After trading points to 6-all, Miss Marshall found a weakness in her opponent's backhand and ran out the first set, 11-6.

In the second set the champion moved to a 9-5 advantage and appeared to have the match well in hand. However, Mrs. Scovil suddenly came to life and ran off four straight points to deadlock the second set at 9-all.

Ethel elected to take three and she won the deuced game by winning all three points for 12-9, match and title.

Ladies' Doubles

The ladies' doubles saw a renewal of last year's Chicago final. Neither team had yielded a game on their way through to the final although Patsey Stephens and Zoe Yeager, Seattle, had a close call against Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman, Buffalo, in their semi-final match. The East-West tandem showed no fear of the defending champions, unbeaten since their first victory in the 1941 Cleveland Nationals, and held a lead of 13-5 in the first set. At this point, Thelma Scovil served eight successive serves as the California pair began to operate in perfect unison and after tying up the game at 13-all they went to 4-0 in the five point setting. Service changed hands several times and excitement was high as the score leveled again at 4-all. Both sides had their opportunities but finally Janet Wright smashed away the eighteenth point for her team to win the opening set. Thelma's drop shots and Janet's overhead power continued to give them the initiative. Their two-game victory provided them with their fifth national ladies' doubles title.

Men's Doubles

The men's doubles event was the disappointing feature of the finals as Stephens and Williams lost to California's Wynn Rogers and Barney McCay. Stephens and Williams played well to beat Alston and John Murphy, San Diego, in the semi-finals, but they could do little with the sharp, quick-hitting of Rogers and McCay. Rogers' quick thrusts scored many outright points and hurried and harassed the East Coasters into making mistakes. McCay hit powerfully overhead and, in the second set

particularly, confounded his opponents by returning the hardest of Bob's smashes to upset their strategy.

Veteran's Doubles

The veteran's men's doubles event saw the holders, Bob Wright, Cambridge, Mass., and Wayne Schell, Cambridge, Mass., come from behind in their final match against the Washington, D.C. team of Howard Holman and Joel Baker in three games.

Mixed Doubles

The two top-seeded teams in the mixed doubles had comparatively little trouble in setting the stage for another one of their battles. The holders from the West Coast, Loma Smith and Wynn Rogers gave Patsey and Clint Stephens quick notice that they meant business by securing a 5-0 lead. The Easterners showed spasmodic evidence of their skill, but, in the main, they were overwhelmed by the strong, forceful tactics of the Pasadena pair. Loma gave Clint and Patsey a rough time with her interceptions and controlled serving, Wynn, apart from a temporary lapse of accuracy when serving a couple of faults in a row and returning three serves over the sideline mid-

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Men's Singles

Quarter-Finals: Marten Mendez, San Diego d Irl Madden, San Francisco 15-8, 15-10; Clint Stephens, Baltimore d Dick Mitchell, San Diego 12-15, 17-14, 15-7; Wynn Rogers, Arcadia, Cal. d Barney McCay, San Gabriel, Cal. 15-8, 8-15, 15-3; Joe Alston, San Diego d Ted Moehlmann, St. Louis 15-8, 15-6.

Semi-Finals: Mendez d Stephens 15-2, 15-6; Alston d Rogers 15-8, 15-7.

Finals: Mendez d Alston 15-6, 11-15, 15-10.

Ladies' Singles

Quarter-Finals: Ethel Marshall, Buffalo d Lois Smedley, San Diego 11-8, 11-2; Patsey Stephens, Baltimore d Marianna Gott, Manhattan Beach, Cal. 11-4, 5-11, 11-0; Janet Wright, San Francisco d Ruth Jett, Philadelphia 11-8, 11-2; Thelma Scovil, Long Beach d Bernice Marignan, Manhattan Beach, Cal. 11-2, 11-2.

Semi-Finals: Marshall d Stephens 11-3, 7-11, 11-3; Scovil d Wright 11-6, 12-10.

Finals: Marshall d Scovil 11-6, 12-9.

Men's Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Wynn Rogers, Arcadia, Cal.

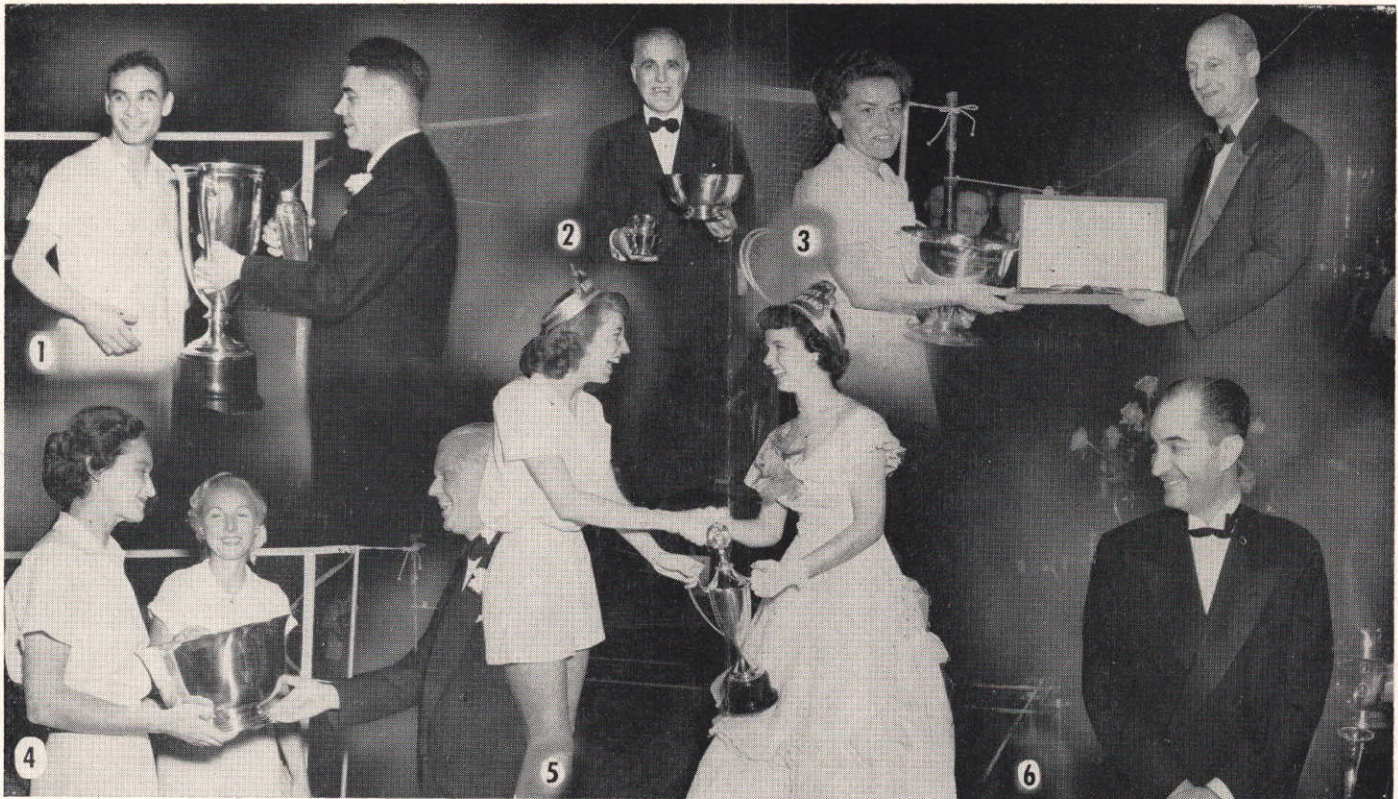
Cal.-Janet Wright, San Francisco d Eleanor Raymond, Old Greenwich, Conn.-Marge Gieldseth, Renton, Wash., 18-14, 15-8; Elizabeth Anselm, Manhattan Beach, Cal.-Dottie Hann, Manhattan Beach, Cal. d Marianna Gott, Manhattan Beach, Cal.-Bernice Marignan, Manhattan Beach 15-11, 15-12; Ethel Marshall, Buffalo-Bea Massman, Buffalo d Helen Gibson, Norwalk, Conn.-Wanda Bergman, Fairfield, Conn. 15-10, 15-7; Patsey Stephens, Baltimore-Zoe Yeager, Seattle d Norma Keech, Nahant, Mass.-Mary Richards, Waban, Mass. 15-12, 15-6.

Semi-Finals: Scovil-Wright d Anselm-Hann 15-5, 18-15; Stephens-Yeager d Marshall-Massman 18-15, 15-11.

Finals: Scovil-Wright d Stephens-Yeager 18-17, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Wynn Rogers, Arcadia, Cal.-Loma Smith, Arcadia d Lois Smedley, San Diego-Joe Alston, San Diego 15-7, 15-7; Helen Gibson, Norwalk, Conn.-Wayne Schell, Cambridge, Mass. d Zoe and Dick Yeager, Seattle, 18-16, 15-12; Mildred Jude, Alameda, Cal.-Irl Madden, San Francisco d Connie Davidson, La Canada, Cal.-John Murphy, San Diego 15-3,



NATIONALS HIGHLIGHTS—(1) Marten Mendez, Donald Richardson, ABA president. (2) T. M. (Tim) Royce, retiring ABA president. (3) Ethel Marshall, Ray Scarlett. (4) Janet Wright, Thelma Scovil, Warren Wheary. (5) Patsey Stephens, Miss Maryland 1950. (6) Frank Roberts, Tournament Chairman.

way in the second game, was much more aggressive than Clint. However, the brief lapse by lanky, bespeckled Wynn did give the local pair a chance to recover their composure and to their credit they accepted it to go into the lead for the first time and hold it until 14-12. The excitement rose to a high pitch as the home crowd sensed the opportunity for their favorites to level up the match and carry the fight into a third set. The defending champions evened the score at 14-all and the rallies became more tense and more bitterly contested in the 3-point setting. To make it still closer the score mounted step by step to 2-all before Loma smartly cross-court to put Clint out of position and gain the point to retain the mixed doubles championship for herself and Wynn.

-Barney McCay, San Gabriel, Cal. d Ken Aderholt, St. Louis-Herpel Perkins, Webster Groves, Mo. 15-5, 15-7; Irl Madden, San Francisco-Dick Mitchell, San Diego d Carl Loveday, Montclair, N.J.-Dick Yeager, Seattle 15-8, 15-12; Joe Alston, San Diego-John Murphy, San Diego d Bill Busby, Manhattan Beach, Cal.-Roy Cole, Manhattan Beach, Cal. 15-1, 15-6; Clint Stephens, Baltimore-Bobby Williams, Buffalo d Marten Mendez, San Diego-Buzz Martin, Arcadia, Cal. 15-9, 15-9.

Semi-Finals: Rogers-McCay d Madden-Mitchell, 15-8, 15-8; Stephens-Williams d Alston-Murphy 15-11, 18-14.

Finals: Rogers-McCay d Stephens-Williams 15-5, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Thelma Scovil, Long Beach,

15-10; Clint and Patsey Stephens d Bernice Marignan, Manhattan Beach, Cal.-Buzz Martin, Arcadia, Cal. 15-9, 15-11.

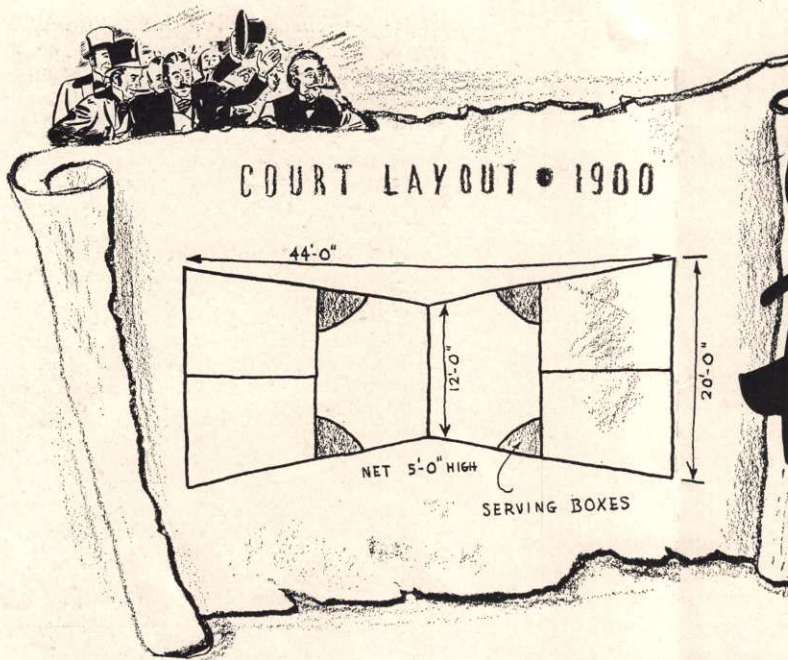
Semi-Finals: Smith-Rogers d Gibson-Schell 15-5, 15-6; Stephens-Stephens d Jude-Madden 15-9, 15-3.

Finals: Smith-Rogers d Stephens-Stephens 15-5, 17-16.

Veteran's Doubles

*Semi-Finals: Robert Wright, Cambridge, Mass.-Wayne Schell, Cambridge, Mass. d Ted Jarrett, New York-Kenneth MacDonald, Bronx, N.Y. 15-6, 15-3; Howard Holman, Arlington, Va.-Joel Baker, Alexandria, Va. d Ken Aderholt, St. Louis-Harry Conlan, Chicago 10-15, 15-9, 15-6.

Finals: Wright-Schell d Holman-Baker 7-15, 15-5, 15-5.



Upperworld Racquetters



Compiled by **MAY HELLWIG**
Assistant Editor Bird Chatter

ONE WARM EVENING at the turn of the century, the toast of New York society was playing at its pastime, badminton.

The ladies were dressed in ornate picture hats, wasp waisted dresses and trains. The men were attired in Prince Albert coats and silk hats for these clothes were the accepted wear for the game.

The famous column, "Cholly Knickerbocker Observes," last month recalled this evening in which a major crisis occurred in American badminton.

"During a hectic session," relates "Cholly," "a stout fellow committed the almost unpardonable sin. It provoked a moment of grave consternation for players as well as audience. Patronesses hurriedly got into a huddle. Arguments raged and play came to a halt.

"The sin of the offender? HE REMOVED HIS COAT!

"For weeks the subject was cause celebre in Southampton, Newport and New York. Coat or coatless became the big question. To settle the dispute, badminton enthusiasts sent to England for the rules.

"The answer came back—neither. The correct note was either flannels or shorts and a blazer."

This incident of American badminton occurred in the oldest badminton club in the world, the New York Badminton Club.

Started in 1878, when Bayard Clarke, who just returned from a trip to India,

and E. Langdon Wilks, came back from England, the New York Badminton Club attracted the most famous of New York City's families.

For a number of years the club was not organized; it was simply a gathering of invited guests. A visitor the first season was Howard Pell who became a member immediately and secured the memberships of famous Amory S. Carhart, T. J. Oakley Rhineland and J. Norman deR. Whitehouse. These men, together with the

William Rhineland. Only the bluest of blue bloods were admitted as members.

By 1887 some of the founders had left the city for extended visits and doubts arose as to whether or not this club would continue. To insure its continuance about forty members drew up a petition requesting Messrs. Pell, Carhart and Rhineland to reorganize the club and put it on a more permanent basis. This petition has been carefully preserved with the original



N.Y.B.C. GROUP—Left to right: (First Row), M. Jacob, S. S. Adams, J. McK. Rose, F. J. Hamilton, Mrs. E. L. Faber, Mrs. J. McK. Rose, (Second Row) Col. F. R. Stoddard, Mrs. F. R. Stoddard, Mrs. V. Tyson Jarman, Mrs. H. Austin, Mrs. S. S. Adams, Mrs. J. D. Burrus, Jr., Miss C. McKenna, (Third Row) Mr. A. Linear, Mr. E. K. Van Winkle, Mr. G. Reid, Mrs. E. K. Bogardus, Mrs. A. Oliver, Mrs. D. H. Houghtaling, Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, (Fourth Row) Mr. M. Snow, Mr. J. Gibbons, Mrs. A. Oliver, Mr. W. Clark, Mr. E. A. Dennison.

founders, assumed all management of the club and invited guests for one year only.

Originally badminton was a Lenten pastime in New York as all other activities were curtailed.

Following the English custom, there were always patronesses present who chaperoned the unmarried girls. One patroness always presided at the tea table.

Prominent matrons who became patronesses were Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. William Astor, and Mrs.

minute book and scrap book and is in the custody of the New York Historical Society.

During the first days of American badminton, small prizes such as bouquets and trinkets were awarded club match winners but later more valuable prizes such as a block of stock in U. S. Steel were given.

Some of the trophies for the events of the United States Badminton Championships were presented by NYBC members: Walter Rysam Jones gave the men's singles trophy; Miss Alouise

Boker, ladies' singles; and Mrs. F. Richards Ford, Jr., ladies' doubles.

Mr. E. K. (Ted) Van Winkle was elected a member in 1904 and found that the game was being played incorrectly. He procured a set of rules from the Badminton Association of England and badminton took new life.

"I started playing around 1898-1900," Mr. Van Winkle says. "The courts at that time were hour glass in shape: 12 feet at the center, 5 feet high at the net, and 10 feet at the back boundry line. There was a short service line as now, but with a box for the server. The rear portion of the court was divided in half by a center line.

"We used light weight tennis rackets, 11 to 12 ounces, and a larger and slower shuttle than today.

"All badminton equipment was imported by the late Frank Slazenger until the early thirties.

"My friend, John Welles Arnold offered to put up a cup as a trophy, so with four clubs, we formed the Metropolitan Badminton Association.

Mr. Van Winkle was instrumental in making the change from the hour glass to the present type courts. One evening at the club, he had players try out both systems and it was only a short time before everyone was sold on the innovation.

Although he held office for many years, it was as tournament committee chairman that Mr. Van Winkle did the most for the sport. As well as being one of the best players, he personally supervised the tournaments, arranged matches, procured shuttles, gave exhibition matches and was considered a most useful club member.

The New York Badminton Club plays at the 12th Regiment Armory and has had its home in many different buildings throughout the years: first the Armory at 34th St. and Broadway, the 71st Regiment Armory, the Berkeley School building, Columbia College, and the Tennis Building at 41st west of Seventh avenue.

The first international team match was played in 1923 between the NYBC and Kingston Garrison Club of Ontario, Canada. The Caines Institute at Boston and the NYBC engaged in the first inter-city match in 1909. In 1925 the All-England Touring Championship team gave an exhibition on the club's courts.

The Middle Atlantic Championships were sponsored by the club for a number of years. The club's singles champion for 1949 was Ethan Allen Denison.

Today a promising number of junior players point to future successes for America's "Upperworld Racquetees"—the New York Badminton Club.

The MENDEZ STORY

AT THE San Diego Municipal Gym, one evening in the Summer of 1939, the basketball game was over. It was still early, so he decided to try a game of badminton, before going home.

That's how it all started for Marten Mendez, this nation's badminton champion. Badminton looked like fun, so he tried it, kept trying and eventually went to the top.

While learning the game, Marten did not have the advantage of coaching. Constant practice with anyone willing to play sharpened his style. For some time he was able to play with professional, Howard Brandt, who was in the San Diego area and the U. S. champ learned a great deal from him.

Besides "birdie-batting," the 34-year-old San Diegan star plays basketball, squash and table tennis. These sports help keep him in condition and to give him his greatest court advantage—a phenomenal amount of endurance. He never seems to get tired.

The California speedster works for Convair Aircraft Company in San Diego and is still single.

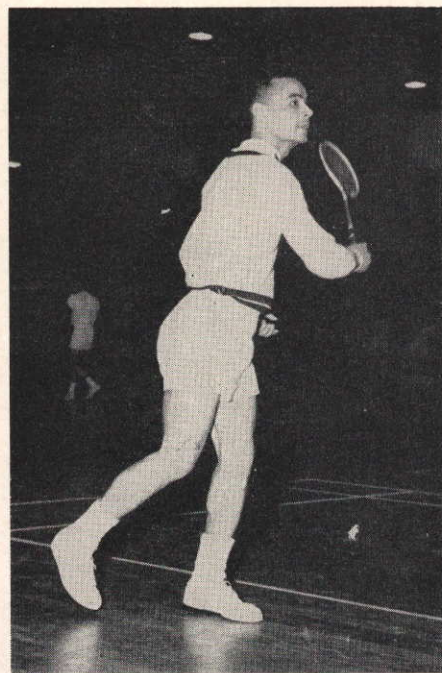
The 5' 8½" champion got his start in athletics in track while still in high school. Like Dave Freeman, who was also a track star in high school, Mendez has found that speed and leg endurance are important factors in winning badminton tournaments. Marten will run after the shuttlecock to all parts of the court and his beautiful footwork quickly gets him into position. His defense is superb.

His biggest break was his selection to the 1949 U. S. Thomas Cup team and the experience he gained in international matches against Canada and Malaya.

In the match with Canada, Marten won both his singles matches. On opening night of the test in Pasadena, Mendez took stylist John Samis of Vancouver, B. C., 15-6, 15-10. The following evening, he won from powerful Dick Birch after a grueling 17-18, 15-6, 15-4 match.

As a part of the six-man U. S. team, Mendez flew to England in February 1949 for the match with Malaya. In these events Marten was defeated but in the closest games of the meet and against the World's number 2 and 3 players.

Against Wong Peng Soon, the Malayan champ, he met an unorthodox



style of play which included the strongest backhand he had ever encountered. Marten's well-disguised drop shots and fast attacking lobs kept the match close and wore the Malayan down. Of Wong, Mendez says, "He didn't move around the court in the usual way. He seemed to be able to hit nearly every shot from one position on the court."

After a 55-minute struggle an exhausted Singapore champion emerged the victor 15-11, 11-15, 15-10.

Ooi Teik Hock, his next opponent, had a much more conventional game. Their match was also a three-game affair, 15-11, 16-17, 15-10.

Again after a 48-minute match, the winning Malayan found his stamina gone. And Marten, though defeated, had again proved that he could outlast any badminton player in the World.

Back in the States, he continued his winning ways by capturing the California State single tiara for the first time. In the Chicago nationals he defeated fellow townsman, Joe Alston to win the U. S. crown, 15-7, 12-15, 15-5.

Following the 1949 nationals, Marten won every tournament he entered except two.

This year at the Baltimore nationals, Mendez again topped little Joe 15-6, 11-15, 15-10 to hold the nation's title for another season.

In spite of all his successes, the champion has remained his usual quiet, likeable self. With his lack of height and age 34, which is considered old for singles, as seemingly unsurmountable handicaps, he is living proof that condition, ability and determination are necessary qualifications for champions. Our champion has them all.

Judy Pulls "Hat Trick"

In Fourth Annual Junior Championships



BALTIMORE'S JUNIOR NATIONAL ENTRIES—(Bottom) Charlotte Parr, Martin Herbst, Dorothy Stern, Mike Potter, (Middle) Sally Price, Nancy Pool, Ed Tillery, Joyce Leach, Brooke Thompson, Maureen Russell, (Top) Sandra Dailey, Howard Herbst, Virginia Ball, Gordon Wentworth, Judy Devlin, Ed Kirby. (Inset) Judy Devlin, who pulled "hat-trick" by winning three events.

RED-HAIRED, 14-year-old Judy Devlin, Baltimore, successfully defended her three titles in the Fourth Annual United States Junior Badminton Championships held at the University Club in Boston, Mass., March 24, 25, 26.

Despite the strong semi-final challenge of left-handed, unseeded 17-year-old Lee Chadbourne of Manchester, N. H., who was playing her first major tournament, Judy won the single's tiara without a loss of a game. Lee's 11-7, 11-4 games were her closest match. In the finals, Judy defeated third seeded Evie Talley, Baltimore, 11-4, 11-5. Seven of the eight quarter-finalists in girl's singles were Baltimore players.

To freckle faced, red haired Steve Hinchliffe, 16, Hermosa Beach, Cal., went the honor of bringing Ronnie Ryan's two-year championship to a convincing conclusion when his smooth and errorless game overcame the guile and power of the popular, much heavier Berkeley player. Sparked by his win over Ryan, Hinchliffe's game was too effective for Peter Sherwood, 17, of Westport, Conn., in the finals although Peter car-

ried the new champion to a set first game. Final scores were 18-15, 15-4.

The newly crowned singles' champions made it two straight with their partners by copping the boys' and girls' doubles events. Judy with Deedy McCormick, 17, of Westport, showed superb teamwork in romping over Baltimoreans Evie Talley, 16, and Sandra Dailey, 15.

Manuel Armendariz, 16, of Burbank and Steve fought a long hard battle with the Northern California duo of Ronnie Ryan and Lloyd Gowen Jr., 17, of Albany, Cal., in the feature match of the tournament. Ronnie's game was the best of the four and it was his play which prevented a normal straight game victory for the new champions.

Last year's mixed champs, Ronnie and Judy, had comparatively little trouble in downing Manuel Armendariz and Pat Gowen, 16, of Albany, Cal., though the latter tandem made a good comeback in the second game before the winners closed the door.

Sportsmanship awards, voted upon by contestants, for "the boy and girl who best exemplifies good sportsmanship on and off the court," were given to Deedy McCormick and Ronnie Ryan. A special award, presented by Humphrey Chilton, the ABA representative to the International Badminton Federation in England, was presented by a special committee to Lee Chadbourne as "the most promising junior in the tournament."

Conditions for the event were ideal with all visitors being housed and fed in the excellent facilities of the University Club. Many forms of entertainment were made available to all contestants and parents including a three-hour tour of historic Boston and Cambridge. Social events included an enjoyable splash party and final night dance. Movies, including the first Boston showing of the Thomas Cup matches and Ken Davidson's "Let's Play Badminton" followed by an instructional talk by Ken were also enjoyed by the teen-agers.



Aw, stick around Percy, it's only a passing shower.

Hundreds of pictures were taken by *Life* magazine. One and one-half hours of the finals were televised with Davidson acting as narrator.

The largest representation of any junior championships, 89 contestants from 14 states, which included champions of nearly every area, marked the definite increase in calibre of play and the finest of clean sportsmanship. An amazing number of parent and teacher sponsors traveled to watch and participate in the proceedings.

Results:

(BS) Semi-Finals: Steve Hinchliffe, Hermosa Beach, Cal., def Ronnie Ryan, Berkeley, Cal., 15-11, 15-5; Peter Sherwood, Westport, Conn., def Manuel Armandariz, Burbank, Cal., 15-6, 15-10. Finals: Hinchliffe def Sherwood 18-15, 15-4.

(GS) Semi-Finals: Judy Devlin, Baltimore def Lee Chadbourne, Manchester, N. H. 11-7, 11-4; Evie Talley, Baltimore def Virginia Ball, Baltimore 11-1, 11-6. Finals: Devlin def Talley 11-4, 11-5.

(BD) Semi-Finals: Armandariz-Hinchliffe def Howard Herbst Jr., Baltimore-Michael Roche, Baltimore 15-4, 15-0; Ryan-Lloyd Gowen Jr., Albany, Cal. def Sherwood-Jim Woods, Norwalk, Conn. 15-11, 15-11; Finals: Armandariz-Hinchliffe def Ryan-Gowen 11-15, 15-7, 15-10.

(GD) Semi-Finals: Devlin-Deedy McCormick, Westport, Conn. def Joyce Leach, Baltimore-Nancy Pool, Baltimore 15-7, 15-1; Talley-Sandra Dailey, Baltimore def Linda Cobb, Weston, Mass.-Sondra Costello, Brockton, Mass. 15-4, 15-8. Finals: Devlin-McCormick def Talley-Dailey 15-4, 15-8.

(MxD) Semi-Finals: Ryan-Devlin def Sherwood-Jane Marsh, Wilmington, Del. 15-5, 15-11; Armandariz-Pat Gowen, Albany, Cal. def Herbst-Leach 15-2, 15-5. Finals: Ryan-Devlin def Armandariz-Gowen 15-2, 15-11.

Consolations

(BS) Finals: James Shildneck, Marblehead, Mass. def Lloyd Gowen Jr., 15-7, 7-15, 15-10.

(GS) Finals: Sandra Dailey def Sondra Costello 11-7, 5-11, 11-8.



**THIRD ALL-JAPAN
BADMINTON TOURNEY**

Three hundred and fifty Japanese badminton players made up 621 entries in the Third All-Japan badminton championships at Kanazawa, Japan April 14, 15, 16, to make that meet the largest on record.

There were 78 entries in ladies' singles in comparison to 37 in our Baltimore nationals. Nearly 120 junior boys entered the boys' singles event to make that the largest single championship.

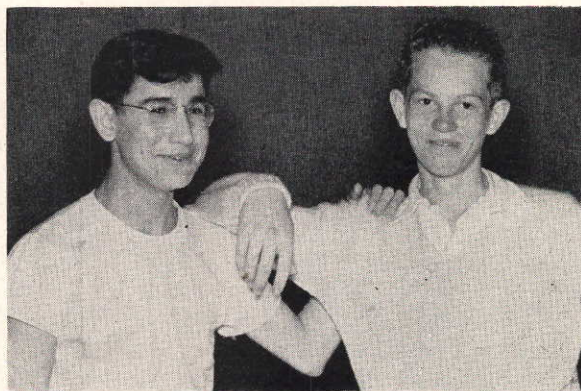
Mixed doubles is not as popular in Japan for only 18 teams entered their national mixed doubles championships.

Results:

(MS) J. Oka d T. Hirota 15-4, 15-6. (LS) T. Yoshida d M. Kaibara 11-2, 11-3. (MD) Oka Smoa d Hirota Fujii 15-8, 15-8. (LD) Yoshida-T. Tamura d H. Endo-U. Kobayashi 15-11, 13-15, 15-5. (MxD) Y. Yamada-C. Tamura d K. Urinaga-J. Sawada 15-2, 15-11. (Vet) K. Naraoka d K. Mizutani 15-4, 17-14. (V-D) K. Hirota-M. Hyodo d Y. Ito-S. Yonezawa 15-4, 15-4. (BS) H. Isgida d T. Masumoto 15-10, 15-7. (BD) Oka-Muramatsu d Kawase-Noguchi.

"Manuel and Steve"

By Helen Tibbetts



THE new boy's doubles champions of the United States crowned at the recent 4th Annual Junior National in Boston, are "buddies" of long standing. Steve Hinchliffe and Manuel Armandariz they are by name, and Southern Californians are very proud of them.

Sixteen-year-old Manny is from Burbank, California where he began to attract considerable attention about a year ago. His style differs from other juniors in that he uses all the time available between strokes without actually hitting delayed shots and he has a great deal of touch and control.

In last year's San Diego Open tourney, Manny and Buzz Martin went to the Class "A" semi-finals of men's doubles. They were a new combination and provided the major upsets of that meet.

As for singles, Manny has proved hard to beat. He has annexed local junior titles quite consistently. In the 1949 Burbank Open he won all three of the "B" Flight finals. These victories boosted him into "A" Flight competition and he has been sharpening up his game against the more experienced "A" players.

The other half of the new championship team, Steve Hinchliffe, Manhattan Beach, Cal., who is also the new National Junior kingpin, looks and acts the part of the typical All-American boy. Sixteen years old, red-headed and freckle-faced, gangling Steve was named "Rudolph the Red Reindeer" or just plain "Rudolph" by fellow contestants in Boston.

Steve just hit his stride six weeks before the Junior Nationals when he entered the Northern California meet held in San Francisco. He defeated Ronnie Ryan and Manuel Armandariz before losing a good match to highly rated Irl Madden. With Ronnie Ryan at that time the U. S. Junior champ, the red-head saw his chance for the tiara and decided to make the try.

Hinchliffe measured a powerful and heavier Ryan in the semi-finals of the Nationals and entered the finals against Peter Sherwood, Westport, Conn., who had defeated Steve's buddy, Manny 15-6, 15-10.

Tim Hogan, sportwriter for the Boston Herald, said that "Hinchliffe's game (in the finals) consisted of a clever pattern of drop shots, slams, and passing shots sustained by near professional footwork."

After a close 18-15 first game Steve laid claim to the title with a decisive 15-4 second and deciding game.

Three Westerners, Hinchliffe, Armandariz and Don Davis, Seattle, roomed together at the University Club in Boston and all three had blue slacks to wear to the many social events that had been planned. When they left Boston, each junior made a grab for the closest pair of slacks and stuffed them into his suitcase. Armandariz got his own but it took a three-week letter writing spree through the Bird Chatter offices before Don and Steve got their dress slacks straightened out—both in time for crucial teenage dances.

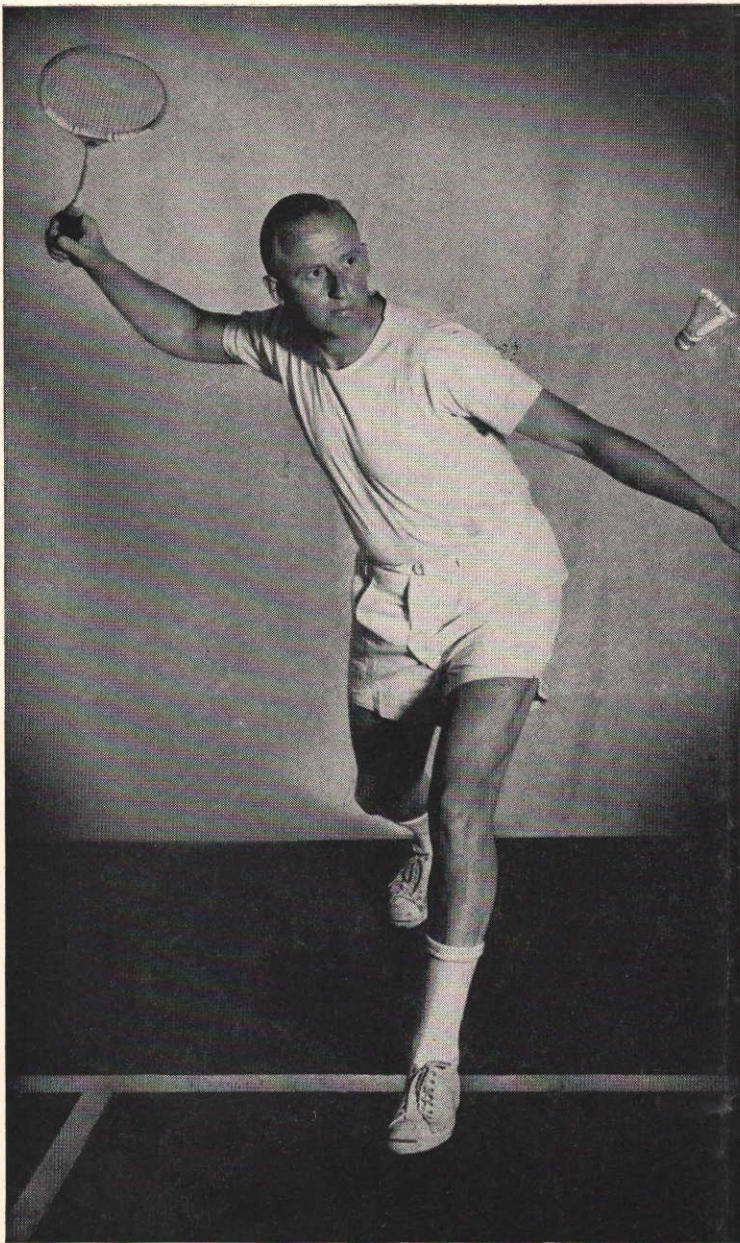
The California State championships were in progress the same weekend as the Junior event. To keep the California players in touch with the progress of their teenage players, regular news bulletins were read over the loud speaker system. When the results of the finals were read play stopped and a cheer went up for Manny and Steve for Steve was the new singles champion; he and Manny were the new boys' doubles winners and Manny was runner-up in the mixed event.

Both boys will be back for the junior tournament next year and with the experience they have gained this year they will be tough to beat. And not many seasons may pass before the names Manuel Armandariz and Steve Hinchliffe become important factors in the National Senior event.

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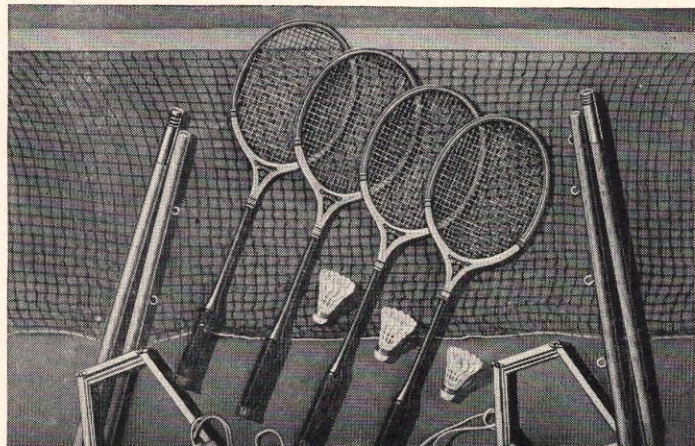
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How to play Badminton

Around-the-head Strokes

from "Badminton" the International Textbook of the game

By DOUG GRANT

Around-the-head strokes are basic in singles; are useful in doubles; protect the deep backhand corner; are both versatile and offensive—offering a choice of clear, drop, or smash from the same position; are tiring because they require maximum foot movement and backbending; place a premium on the correct grip, strong wrist action, and supple backbending.

In singles more shots are directed to the deep backhand corner than any other part of the court. Offensive and defensive coverage of this quarter is, therefore, a primary consideration.

When the bird is directed here it is either returned by an "around-the-head" stroke or accepted on the backhand.

Whenever it is possible to reach the bird with an around-the-head stroke without too much strain this offensive method should be adopted but if you are so far away from the bird that you cannot lean over far enough to reach it—then you should resort to the backhand as the best alternative defensive measure under the circumstances.

The difference between an around-the-head and an orthodox overhead is that for the former the bird is struck well out around the left shoulder while for the latter it is contacted immediately above the right shoulder.

In all types of around-the-head strokes the racquet follows a left to right path—the stroke always finishing on the right hand side of the body rather than the left as for typical overhead strokes. This procedure would be, of course, reversed for a left-hander.

Because around-the-head strokes are played from awkward, unnatural positions from which it is difficult to get full body weight behind the strokes—it is necessary to place far more reliance on the power of the wrist and forearm. These strokes are, therefore, executed best by supple-bodied players who anticipate early, move quickly and make the most of a powerful last-second flick of the wrist for all-important offensive punch.

The preliminary action for around-the-head clears, drops, and smashes is similar with the final action of the wrist determining the type and direction of the stroke. It is most important that all these alternatives be played with exactly the same preliminary action. If the type of



stroke to be played is telegraphed, the opponent will catch the bird early and direct it into the open forehand court far too quickly for comfort.

The preliminary action for around-the-heads is similar to orthodox overheads but the point of contact is to the left and slightly more behind the body — this point, through necessity, being more constant for clear, drop, or smash than when made from the center of the court.

The figures shown in the illustration designate the following positions:

- (0) Common point of impact for clear, drop, or smash.
- (1) Upward, left to right finish of the clear.
- (2) Finish of drop with wrist in control.
- (3) Left to right finish of the smash.

(2) Finish of drop with wrist in control.

(3) Left to right finish of the smash. Since it is necessary to get the body behind the bird as much as possible for all attacking strokes—the vital importance of early anticipation and quick movement for successful, offensive around-the-head strokes cannot be over-estimated.

★ "BADMINTON" IS PUBLISHED

First copies of Doug Grant's book, "Badminton, the International Textbook of the Game," have been published and are available by writing Mr. Grant, c/o Graphic Publishing Co., 2076 Sherbrooke St., W., Montreal, Canada.

THE NOBLE EFFORT

THIS is the story of the Nobles of Alhambra, California. Largely through the efforts of this one family, Southern California has become the best publicized badminton section in this country and probably the world.

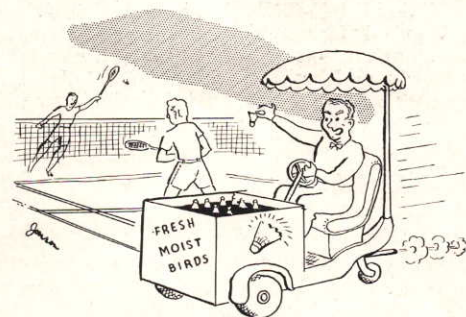
National magazines, foreign publications and tournament chairmen everywhere have depended upon this unique family for pictures and badminton facts. And no issue of *Bird Chatter* is complete until Photographic Editor Bob Noble has sent pictures of all tournament winners and Assistant Editor Helen (Noble) Tibbetts has mailed the results and an eye witness account of the events to be used with them. At the same time Bob's wife, Pat, as a subscription manager is making sure that someone is reading the magazine by seeing that Southern California leads the nation in subscriptions.

Badminton fanatics such as the Nobles are not unknown for most sections of the ABA have such hardy souls. But having three in one family is unusual enough to call for a closer look.

It was 14 years ago in May 1936 that Pat and Bob and young daughter Helen decided to build an outdoor badminton court in spite of their sloping backyard.

Mother, daughter and brother John visited in Maryland that summer while hard working father got all the neighbors interested. By the time the family got home, the court was always filled up and the homecomers found they had a tough time catching up.

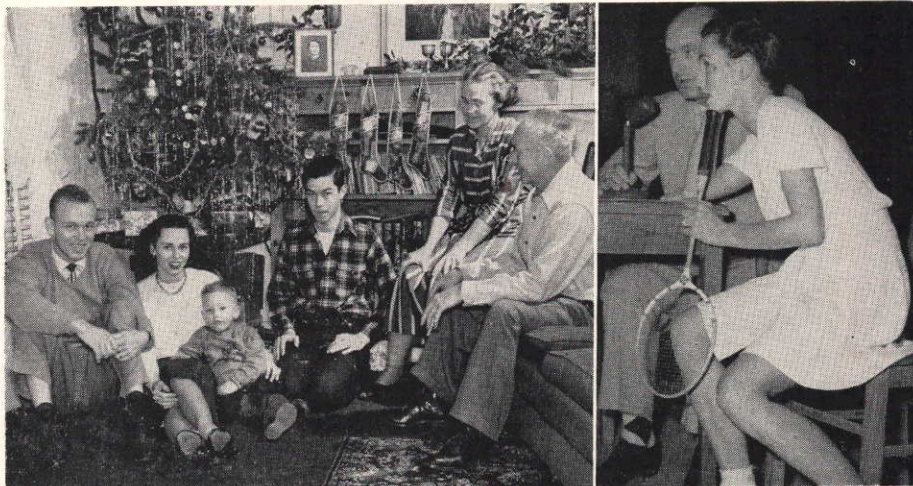
Then Bob decided that the "backyarders" should be organized. Acquiring a local basketball gym, "Dad" painted lines on it, strung up the nets and provided all racquets. Since most of the players, including Barney Mc-



"The Good Humidor Man"

Cay, who is a well known California badminton star, were also tennis players, they called the group a "Badminton and Tennis Club."

Three strong the Nobles played regularly and entered all the tournaments. Soon they joined the Pasadena Badminton Club which has developed a sub-



AT XMAS PARTY—Chuck, Helen and Jeffry Tibbetts, John, Pat and Bob Noble. On the Air—Ken Davidson and Helen Tibbetts.

stantial portion of this nation's badminton stars. By this time Pat had given up active play but daughter and father were going strong.

A few years ago, "Pop" decided that the only badminton "shots" he should be making were those with a camera. Since that time he has built up the most complete badminton picture file in the country and his pictures have appeared in many national and international publications and newspapers. More than a photographer, Bob enjoys every other phase of the game and takes an active part in them: tournaments, records, care of some P.B.C members racquets and many other things.

Bob "made" about 45 rackets for Loma and Hulet Smith's youth program last summer from any old rackets donated. And he kept them in usable shape. Pasadena Badminton club members learned to keep close watch of their good rackets for fear they might turn up in the playground program supply.

Helen has just kept playing and is always a factor in ladies' singles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles in any tournament she enters which means any tournament within reasonable traveling distance. With Dave Freeman and now Marten Mendez she partnered two of the nation's top stars in mixed doubles duos that were tough to beat.

Unknowingly, Helen Tibbetts placed the mark of old age on a visiting national champion from Seattle who was attending a Southern California tournament a number of years ago.

Later to friends, the visitor stated that while he was watching the court

play, a bewitching, slender, dark-haired girl appeared beside him and said hello. Flattered the stranger was certain that here was one person who had discovered how devastatingly attractive he really was when she broke the bubble by saying smilingly, "I know you. I first saw you play years ago when I was only that high."

And then Helen left the visitor feeling much older and just about that high.

Helen met Chuck Tibbetts in the summer of 1945 while both were working at Cal Tech. After they were married in Pasadena in December 1945, Helen and Chuck moved to the Occidental Campus Housing Unit where he attended Occidental College and studied Business Administration. Good-looking, tall, 6' 5" Chuck sells new Fords for a living now and leaves the shuttlechasing to Helen. He attempted a couple of tournaments but now just watches and does officiating.

The rest of the Noble and Tibbetts families are also taking it easy on badminton. Jeffry Noble Tibbetts, now 3½ years old attempted his badminton at six or eight months. "Since then he's retired," says the mother, "just temporarily, perhaps." Too hard on racquets!!

Seventeen year old brother John, 6' 1½" and a senior at Alhambra high school thinks that girls and railroads are more sensible hobbies than badminton. Pat says that most boys of that age would agree.

Except for these minor family setbacks, the three fanatics move steadily forward to prove that badminton in Southern California is a noble effort.

Journeys and Topics

MASS. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wayne Schell and Mary Richards were both extended to three games before they were able to win the singles titles in the Massachusetts State Championships held at the University Club in Boston on March 9, 10, 11.

RESULTS:

(MS) Wayne Schell d. Robert Wright 15-8, 11-15, 15-9. (LS) Mrs. Mary Richards d. Miss Norma Keech 5-11, 11-3, 12-10. (MD) Schell-Wright d. Harold Seavey-Clifford Sawyer 15-13, 15-11. (LD) Keech-Richards d. Ruth Kohler-June Tinglof 15-4, 15-6. (MxD) Wright-Keech d. Schell-Mrs. Evelyn Schell 15-10, 15-5.

P. H. Avon, Correspondent.

PHILADELPHIA INVITATION

Playing very strongly, Patsey Stephens won the "rubber" match with Dr. Marie Ussing in the Philadelphia Invitation held at the Wissahickon Badminton Club, March 3, 4, 5.

RESULTS:

(MS) Clint Stephens d. Carl Loveday 15-3, 15-4. (LS) Patsey Stephens d. Dr. Marie Ussing 11-4, 9-11, 11-6. (MD) Stephens-E. Shields d. Harry Hackett-Ken Kost 15-10, 14-18, 15-13. (LD) Stephens-Ussing d. Wanda Bergman-Helen Gibson 15-13, 15-5. (MxD) Stephens-Stephens d. H. Holman-Ussing 15-5, 15-3.

Ted Jarrett, Correspondent.

WATERTOWN MEN'S DOUBLES

Twenty-eight teams entered the Watertown Invitation men's doubles meet held at the Hood Rubber Company in Watertown, Mass., March 2, 3, 4.

It was a "mixed-class" men's doubles with "A" players partnering "D" players and "B" and "C" players playing together.

RESULTS:

Harold Seavey-Henry Der d. George Roberts-Craig Cameron 15-15, 15-10, 15-0. Consolation Flight: Wm. DUBY-Al Dockray d. Howard Albion-Al Warner 15-17, 15-10, 15-9. George Cotten, Correspondent.

8TH PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

Badminton's blond bomber, Thelma Scovil, racked up another win in the Eighth Annual Pacific Southwest badminton tournament in Hollywood, March 3, 4, 5. She has lost only one tournament so far this season.

Joe Alston strained a back muscle and had to miss this event.

RESULTS:

"A" Flight—

(MS) Marten Mendez d. Wynn Rogers 15-2, 14-17, 15-4. (LS) Thelma Scovil d. Marianna Gott 11-6, 11-6. (MD) Barney McCay-Rogers d. Bill Busby-Roy Cole 15-5, 15-10. (LD) Scovil-Janet Wright d. Dorothy Hann-Elizabeth Anselm 15-0, 15-5 (MxD) Rogers-Loma Smith d. Irl Madden-Mildred Jude 15-12, 15-6. (Vets) Gene Elms-Robert Johnson d. Hulet Smith-Lewis Rulison 7-15, 15-11, 15-12. (BS) Manuel Armendariz d.

LEGEND

(MS): Men's Singles; (LS): Ladies' Singles; (MD): Men's Doubles; (LD): Ladies' Doubles; (MxD): Mixed Doubles; (Vets): Veteran's Doubles; (BS): Boy's Singles; (GS): Girl's Singles; (BD): Boy's Doubles; (GD): Girl's Doubles.

Steve Hinchliffe 15-9, 15-8. (GS) Joan Gibbs d. Mary McMurray 11-5, 11-6.

"B" Flight—

(MS) Hinchliffe d. Dean Maury 15-3, 15-3. (LS) Jeanne Pons d. Lois Harughty 11-6, 2-11, 11-8. (MD) Jack Cullen-Bob Moore d. Wally Kinnear-Leo Dukehorn 18-16, 15-9. (LD) Elsie Van Heil-Lois O'Connell d. Jean and Joan Gibbs 15-9, 18-16. (MxD) John Murray-Mary Lou Wincote d. Bob Sickle-Esther Gwinnett 15-7, 15-10. (Vets) Bob McLeod-Lin Shampine d. Toy Erkkila-Al Kirby 15-8, 15-10. (BS) Ted Donaldson d. Ray Gardner 7-15, 15-8, 18-17. (GS) Ardyce Carr d. LaVonne Carr 6-11, 12-11, 11-8.

Helen Tibbetts, Correspondent.

OHIO STATE OPEN

Ethel Marshall, Buffalo, successfully defended three titles in the Ohio State Open tournament held in Cleveland, February 18, 19.

RESULTS:

(MS) Ken Quigley d. Ted Moehlmann, Jr. 18-16, 8-15, 15-6. (LS) Ethel Marshall d. Marie Ussing 11-1, 11-1. (MD) Bob Williams-Bob Eckis, Jr. d. Quigley-Grant Henry 12-15, 15-11, 15-12. (LD) Marshall-Bea Massman d. Ussing-Alice Brown 15-11, 15-3. (MxD) Marshall-Henry d. Eleanor Coombs-Bill LaFayette 15-3, 15-9 (Vets) Harry Conlan-Bob Heaney d. Ed Lewis-Tom Lavern 15-6, 15-4.

Whitney Warner, Jr., Correspondent.

BENHAM SCORES VICTORY

Bruce Benham, Vancouver, B. C., added the Washington State Open Tournament singles crown to his list when he turned Russ Hill, Portland, back, 11-15, 18-13, 15-9 in Bellingham, Feb. 26.

RESULTS: Open Events—

(MS) Bruce Benham d. Russ Hill 11-15, 18-13, 15-9. (LS) Marge Geldseth d. Nancy Bayly, Vanc., 11-3, 11-6. (MD) Dick Yeager-Rupe Topp d. Ernest Strachan-Ralph Mitchell, Vanc., 15-11, 15-12. (LD) Geldseth-Zoe Yeager d. Mary Jean Bushell-Gladys Mallory, 15-12, 15-2. (MxD) Yeager-Yeager d. Jim Paull-Maxine Cruikshank 15-10, 15-10. (Vets) Fred Walck-Hugh Mitchell d. Joe Johnson-Howard Crow 15-2, 15-4.

SOUTHWESTERN AAU OPEN

Ted Moehlmann's stamina proved the margin of victory when he defeated Ernesto Villareal in a tight three-game finals of the Southwestern Open badminton tournament held in Dallas, February 10, 11.

RESULTS:

(MS) Ted Moehlmann, St. Louis d. Ernesto Villareal, Mexico City, 15-12, 6-15, 15-10. (LS) Margaret Varner d. Abbie Rutledge 11-1, 11-3. (MD) Moehlmann-Russell

Smith, St. Louis, d. Villareal-Ruben Mejia 15-12, 17-16. (LD) Varner-Rutledge d. Dorothy Lander-Peggy Vilbig 6-15, 15-5, 15-7. (MxD) Smith-Virginia Smith d. Nick Roberts-Lander 15-11, 15-8. Men's Vets: Roy Harrison-Ray Lawler d. Cal Newton-Walter Wukasch 15-5, 15-9. Ladies' Vets: Peg Goessling-Gerry Krey, St. Louis, d. Ethel Overholser-Paralee Lander 15-6, 15-8.

Nick Roberts, Correspondent.

CHICAGO DISTRICT CHAMPS

The Chicago District badminton tournament was held in the Evanston (Ill.) Township High School, March 11, 12.

Results:

(MS) Joe Tiberi d. Wm. Gibbs 15-6, 15-12; (LS) Eleanor Coombs d. Thelma Burdick 11-8, 11-0; (MD) Earl Boston-George Asakura d. Lee Robinson-John Prest 8-15, 15-11, 15-6; (LD) Coombs-Burdick d. Nancy Owens-Wilma Shortz 15-2, 15-7; (MxD) Coombs-Wm. Lafayette d. Burdick-Tiberi 17-14, 15-12; (Vets) Harry Conlan-Hap Burdick d. Harry Fraser-Lyle Shortz 15-6, 15-12.

Janet Mitchell, Correspondent

WESTERN N. Y. "B & C"

The Western N. Y. "B. & C." Championships were held at the Genesee Valley Club in Rochester March 3, 4, 5.

Results:

Class "B"

(MS) Buck Shane d. John Kloss 15-4, 15-6; (LS) Arlene Jasinska d. Betty Ackley 11-6, 11-4; (MD) Bob and Bill Booth d. Shane-Harold Hinman 15-8, 15-12; (LD) Betty Wiley-Betty McNeil d. Doris Minges-Bernice Terhaar 15-8, 15-10; (MxD) Dorothy Shane-Shane d. Jasinska-Bill Booth 15-7, 15-9.

Class "C"

(MS) Jim Hodan d. Don Miller 15-0, 15-7; (LS) Ann Provinziano d. Viola Diebold 5-11, 11-4, 11-9; (MD) Hodan-Miller d. Paul Loveday-Robert Milton 15-4, 15-18, 15-4; (LD) Doris Gearman-Provinziano d. Marna Butt-Diebold 18-14, 15-9; (MxD) Gearman-Hodan d. Provinziano-Miller 15-10, 15-9.

WESTERN N.Y. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Western New York Championships were held at the Buffalo Athletic Club last March 17, 18, 19.

Results:

(MS) Robert Williams d. Robert Eckis, Jr. 15-2, 15-2; (LS) Ethel Marshall d. Bea Massman 11-1, 11-2; (MD) Williams-Eckis d. Philip Michlin-Cliff Schmidt 15-4, 15-0; (LD) Marshall-Massman d. Alice Brown - Lorraine Kittinger 15-2, 15-4; (MxD) Brown-Jack Bowling d. Marshall-Michlin 15-7, 4-15, 18-16; (Vets) Michlin-Schmidt d. Jack Buddemeyer-Dewitt Kittinger 15-2, 4-15, 15-11.

E. G. Ireland, Correspondent

MARYLAND TEENAGERS

There were 318 junior entries in the 12th Maryland State badminton championships held in Baltimore February 25, March 3, 4, 10, 11, 12 under the supervision of Baldwin Stewart.

Winners:

Under 18 (BS) Howard Herbst; (GS) Judy Devlin; (GD) Devlin-E. Talley; (BD) M. Herbst-E. Tillery; (MxD) J. Leach-Herbst.

Under 15 (BS) Howard Wentworth; (GS) Bobbie Saunders; (GD) Saunders-J. Clogg; (BD) E. Kirby-Wentworth; (MxD) L. Flack-Wentworth.

Under 13 (BS) Tommy Boot; (GS) Linda Flack; (BD) D. Mangurian-B. Nicholson; (GD) C. Parr-D. Stern.

William W. Saunders, Correspondent

GENESEE VALLEY INVITATIONAL

Visiting shuttlestars took five events in the Tenth Annual Genesee Valley Club Invitation badminton tournament at the Sports Club in Rochester, N. Y., March 31, April 1, 2.

Results:

(MS) Marten Mendez d Wynn Rogers 15-8, 15-8; (LS) Ethel Marshall d Patsey Stephens 8-11, 11-7, 11-6; (MD) Clint Stephens-Bobby Williams d Rogers-Barney McCay 15-14, 5-15, 17-14; (LD) Marshall-Bea Massman d Zoe Yeager-Stephens 15-9, 15-8; (MxD) Rogers-Dorothy Hann d Stephens-Stephens 15-10, 4-15, 15-12.

R. I. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 10th Annual Rhode Island badminton championships were decided in the Hope high school gymnasium in Providence last March 17, 18, 19.

Results:

(MS) Jack Cooper d Karl Rittman 15-6, 15-6; (LS) Ruth Blake d Dolly Balme 11-6, 11-2; (MD) Cooper-Rittman d Harry Gilman-John Edmundson 15-3, 17-14; (LD) Doris E. Ashcroft-Syma A. Greenberg d Blake-Grayce Donaldson 15-9, 15-11; (MxD) Balme-Alex McWhirter d Blake-Gilman 18-13, 15-5.

Lois L. Wartman, Correspondent

BADMINTON INSTRUCTION

Nearly sixty teen agers who make up the Wilmette Junior badminton club are receiving four hours of instructions twice a month under a plan put under way by Dorothy Lamson of the Wilmette, Ill., Recreation Department and the North Shore Badminton Association.

SOUTHERN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION CHAMPS—(1) Ed Patton, Cam Mitchell, Andy Lindblom, Allen Hardin, J. L. Dobson; (2) Dwight Hollowell, W. C. Braswell, Joe McCrorey, Victor Surrows, Bill Graham; (3) Elma Roane, R. Eichelburger, Winfrey Wynn, M. Bass, B. Bass.

EASTERN N. Y. STATE—(4) Buck Shane, Harold Hinman, Randall Whitbeck, Marvin Hinkelman; (5) Vera Hinman, Dorothy Shane; (6) Betty Horowitz, Virginia Ravillo.

OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS—(7) Bob Eckis, Jr., Bob Williams, Whitney Warner, Jr., Grant Henry, Ken Quigley; (8) Marie Ussing, Alice Brown, Judge McDermott, Ethel Marshall, Bea Massman.

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIORS—(9) First Row: Charles Ellis, L. St. Amant, Bill Ellis, John Kevorkian, (Second Row) Dick Lombard, Peter De Meritt, Jay Hartwell, Don Hutchinson, Bob McLeod, Bob Hammond; (Third Row) Tom Hutchinson, Llewelyn Rawding, Charles Batchelder, Don Gardner, Bob Moore; (Top Row) Bob Thompson, Ted Bullen, Bill St. Amant, Jack Brewer, Gerald Cobb.

NORTHWEST JUNIOR MEET—(10) Wendy Cox, Donna Mallory, Gem Monk, Pat Burley; (11) Lloyd Gowen, Jr., Rannie Ryan, Dave McTaggart, Doug Whitworth; (12) Dave McTaggart, Ray Daughters.

CHICAGO DISTRICT—(13) Hap Burdick, Harry Conlan, Harry Fraser, Lyle Shortz; (14) Nancy Owens, Wilma Shortz, Thelma Burdick, Eleanor Coombs.





EASTERN N. Y. MEET

The Seventh Annual Eastern New York State badminton tournament was held at the Jewish Community center in Albany on March 25, 26.

Results:

"A" Flight

(MS) Buck Shane d Phil Engelhardt 18-13, 15-4; (MD) Harold Hinman-Shane d Randall Whitbeck-Marvin Hinkelman 15-8, 15-9; (LD) Vera Hinman-Dorothy Shane d Frances Foley-Francis Brockway 15-6, 15-12; (MxD) Shane-Shane d Virginia Savage-Jack Goodman 15-5, 15-6.

Consolation Flight

(MD) John Doolittle-Jack Burdick d Dave Mintz-Meyer Dahl 15-12, 10-15, 15-13; (LD) Savage-Betty Horwitz d Marjory Reichard-Arlane Murnane 15-13, 15-4; (MxD) Brockway-Stuart Stearns d Horowitz-Louis Rabineau 15-12, 17-14.

Albert Sloman, Correspondent

SECOND MISSOURI OPEN

Another highly successful Missouri Open badminton tournament was held in St. Louis, April 1, 2.

Results: Open Events

(MS) Ted Moehlmann d Dick Casey 15-12, 15-7; (LS) Eleanor Coombs d Virginia Smith 12-10, 11-5; (MD) Ken Aderholt-Herpel Perkins d Smith-Moehlmann 15-12, 17-16; (LD) Coombs-Burdick d Smith-J. Krey 15-11, 13-15, 15-10; (MxD) Smith-Smith d Coombs-Bill Lafayette 15-12, 12-15, 15-11; (Vets) H. Conlan-Aderholt d Hug-Regar 15-6, 15-7.

Consolation Round

(MS) Joe Pohrer d H. Burdick 15-10, 15-13; (LS) J. Krey d M. Casey 12-9, 7-11, 12-10; (MD) V. Regar-H. Thomas d J. Taylor-W. Oetting 15-4, 15-7; (LD) M. Casey-E. Glickert d E. Carpentier-J. Regar 15-6, 12-15, 15-5; (MxD) T. Burdick-Conlan d P. Goessling-Atchison 7-15, 15-11, 17-14; (Vets) Burdick-Conlan d Hach-L. Smith 15-6, 18-13.

Harold A. Thomas, Correspondent

OREGON STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS—(1) Randy Phillips, Bruce Benham, Rupe Topp, George Lane; (2) Marge Crow, Howard Crow, Joe Johnsen; (3) Betty Rankin, Mable Brandon, Mary Ann Hanson, Grace Noraine; (4) George Lane, Bea Salmon.

GENESSEE VALLEY INVITATION—(5) Marten Mendez, Patsy Stephens, Bob Williams, Zoe Yeager, Ethel Marshall, Clint Stephens (partly hidden), Bea Massman, Wynn Rogers, Dorothy Hann, Barney McCay; (6) Clint Stephens, Bob Williams, Alan Hickok; (7) Marten Mendez, Phil Michlin, Wynn Rogers; (8) Ethel Marshall, Clint Stephens, Alan Hickok, Bob Williams, Marten Mendez.

TEDSCO LADIES' DOUBLES—(9) Helen Gibson, Wanda Bergman, May Hellwig, Eleanor Raymond.

GUT 'N FEATHERS MEN'S DOUBLES—(10) Kenneth H. Kost, Harry Hackett, Jr., Wayne V. Schell, Robert W. Wright; (11) Robert Lougheed, John A. Cornell, Noel Fehm, Fred J. Fullin.

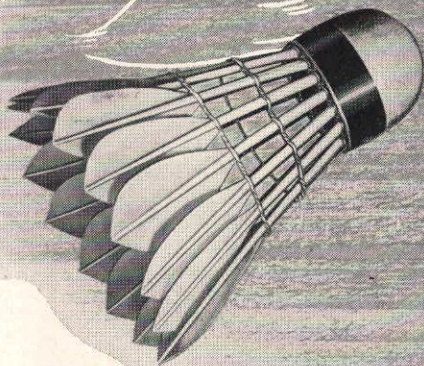
OREGON STATE JUNIOR CLOSED MEET—(12) Beverly Bartlett, Martha Sitton, Pat Ragmone, Betty Craughn, Charles Bodeen, Roy Oberg, Keith Krupki, Phillip Knight, Patsy Hurd.

BALTIMORE CITY INVITATION—(13) Marie Ussing, Denmark, Patsy Stephens.

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MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

A tremendous 230 entries participated in the Midwest Badminton Championships held in Evanston, Illinois, March 24, 25, 26.

Eleanor Coombs came close to pulling the "hat trick" but lost her ladies' doubles match in three games.

RESULTS:

(MS) Ken Quigley d. Ed DeLeone 15-9, 15-7. (LS) Eleanor Coombs d. Virginia Smith 11-2, 11-8. (MD) Ted Moehlmann, Jr. d. W. Russell Smith d. Ken Aderholt-Herpel Perkins 10-15, 15-10, 15-0. (LD) Mildred Sirwaitis-Hazel Brown d. Coombs-Thelma Burdick 4-15, 15-10, 15-7. (MxD) Coombs-Bill Lafayette d. Virginia Smith-Smith 15-7, 15-6. (Vets) Harry Conlan-Aderholt d. Harry Fraser-Lyle Shortz 15-10, 15-12.
John G. White, Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Olive Recreation Center was the scene of the 1950 California Championships held March 24, 25, 26.

There were 225 entries in the big West Coast event.

RESULTS:

Championship Flight—

(MS) Marten Mendez d. Wynn Rogers 15-12, 15-13. (LS) Thelma Scovil d. Janet Wright 11-8, 11-7. (MD) Rogers-Barney McCay d. Joe Alston-John Murphy 12-15, 15-11, 17-14. (LD) Scovil-Wright d. Elizabeth Anselm-Dorothy Hann 8-15, 15-5, 15-10. (MxD) Rogers-Loma Smith d. Irl Madden-Mildred Jude 11-15, 15-6, 15-4. (Vets) Hulet Smith-Louis Rulison d. Gene Elms-Bob Johnson 15-13, 15-11.

Consolation Flight—

(MS) Jack Cogan d. W. Kinnear 15-9, 15-9. (LS) Joan Gibbs d. Jean Gibbs 11-1, 11-4. (MD) A. Mahaffey-W. Berry d. J.

EASTERNS—(1) Front Row: Marge Gieldseth, Mildred Jude, Lois Smedley, Connie Davidson; Rear Row: Dick Yeager, Irl Madden, Joe Alston, John Murphy. (2) Front Row: Kenneth Macdonald, Larry Howard, Pop Hinds, Ted Jarrett; Rear Row: Fred Fullin, Howard Holman, Adolph Sack, Cy Sasseen.

—Pics by Mrs. Kenneth Macdonald

CALIFORNIA STATE—(3) Eliz Anselm, Janet Wright, Dottie Hann, Thelma Scovil; (4) Ruth Berry, Carol Jennings, Lois Smedley, Beulah Bymaster; (5) Gene Elms, Lewis Rulison, Hulet Smith, Bob Johnson; (6) Wally Kinnear, Jack Cogan.

1950 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST TOURNAMENT—(7) Ray Gardner, Ted Donaldson; (8) Leo Dukehorn, Wally Kinnear, Bob Moore, Jack Cullen; (9) Wynn Rogers, Barney McCay, Roy Cole, Bill Busby; (10) Dick Sickles, Esther Gwinnett, Marion Wyncote, John Murray; (11) Lavonne Carr, Ardyce Carr.

CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TOURNAMENT—(12) Left to right (Bottom Row) Barbara Drinnon, Betty Rush, Jeanette Tanner, Betty Drinnon, Shirley Stulce, (Middle Row) Bill Haynes, Jim Sloan, Jack Hourigan, Doris Bryant, Mary Garmany, Exa Goudeock, Larry Patrick, Bill Caldwell, (Top Row) Stanley Harold, Ed McClure, Martha Bass, Virginia Hicks, Ashford Todd, Bill Bass.

McCormick-P. Coke 18-14, 11-15, 15-7. (LD) B. Bymaster-R. Berry d. Lois Smedley-Carol Jennings 5-15, 15-12, 15-13. (MxD) Mahaffey-Bymaster d. Bert Estabrook-Jeanne Pons 15-10, 15-10. (Vets) L. Shampine-R. McLeod d. Claude Welcome-Jack van Praag, default.

Jack van Praag, Correspondent.

MICHIGAN LEAGUE RESULTS

Peg Hammond, Flint, with a splendid comeback captured the Michigan Badminton League Closed ladies' singles title from Helen Pipes 8-11, 11-5, 11-8 at the meet which ended March 18 in the Royal Oak High School in Royal Oak, Michigan.

RESULTS:

(MS) William Skinner d. Ernie Wagner 14-17, (default). (LS) Peg Hammond d. Helen Pipes 8-11, 11-5, 11-8. (MD) Robert Calhoun-Robert Bolton d. Jack Lavis-Jack Failing 10-15, 15-2, 15-11. (LD) Edna Andre-Pipes d. Hammond-Peg Watt 15-6, 15-2. (MxD) Calhoun-Hammond d. Bolton-Jeanette Mergan 15-10, 15-8.

Ralph Irvine, Correspondent.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION CAMPS

Allen Hardin, Atlanta Athletic Club, successfully defended his men's singles crown in the Ninth Annual Southern Badminton Association championships held in the Y.W.C.A. gym in Birmingham, Alabama March 17, 18, 19.

RESULTS:

(MS) Allen Hardin d. L. S. Shaw 15-6, 15-2. (LS) Martha Bass d. Julia Pickens 11-5, 11-5. (MD) A. E. Patton-Cam Mitchell d. J. L. Dobson-Hardin 15-6, 9-15,

15-6. (LD) Nancy McLarty-Bass d. Dot Dobson-Pickens 15-7, 12-15, 15-11. (MxD) Bass-Billy Bass d. Elma Roane-Rufus Eichelberger 15-5, 15-12. (Vets) Bill Braswell-Joe McCrorey d. Vic Surrows-Bill Graham 15-4, 4-15, 15-6.

Winfrey Wynn, Correspondent.

CHATTANOOGA CHAMPS

Fifty-six seniors and fifty-five juniors took part in the city of Chattanooga Invitation held in the McCallie school gymnasium March 9, 10, 11.

RESULTS:

Senior Events—

(MS) Bill Caldwell d. Stanley Harold 15-8, 15-8. (LS) Mrs. Martha Bass d. Virginia Hicks 11-2, 11-2. (MD) Caldwell-Ashford Todd d. Bill Haynes-Harold 10-15, 15-5, 15-8. (LD) Mary Garmany-Mrs. Doris Bryant d. Bass-Mrs. Exa Goudelock 15-9, 8-15, 15-10. (MxD) Bill Bass-Bass d. Garmany-Ed McClure 18-14, 15-10.

Junior Events—

(BS) Sam Henley d. Jack Hourigan 8-11, 11-8, 11-7. (GS) Betty Rush d. Betty Drinnon 11-0, 11-1. (BD) Henley-Hourigan d. Jim Sloan-Larry Patrick 10-15, 15-11, 17-14. (GD) Rush-Shirley Stulce d. Drinnon-Barbara Drinnon 15-7, 15-11. (MxD) Jeanette Tanner-Sloan d. Stulce-Hourigan 15-12, 17-15.

C. M. DuBois, Correspondent.

RYAN LOSES IN N.W.

Ronnie Ryan, Berkeley, could get no better than runner-up honors in the Pacific Northwest Badminton tournament held at Hiawatha fieldhouse in Seattle March 17, 18, 19, bowing to Canada's dexterous young racquet

wielder, Dave McTaggart in the finals.

RESULTS:

(BS) Dave McTaggart, Vancouver, B. C. d. Ronnie Ryan, Berkeley, 15-3, 15-7. (GS) Donna Mallory d. Dee Edgell, Vancouver, 11-8, 11-4. (BD) McTaggart-Doug Whitworth d. Lloyd Gowen Jr.-Ronnie Ryan 15-4, 13-15, 15-9. (GD) Mallory-Wendy Cox d. Patty Burley-Gem Monk 15-12, 15-9. (MxD) Patsy Heard-Ronnie Ryan d. Edgell-McTaggart, 15-7, 10-15, 15-10.

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIORS

The Massachusetts junior badminton championships were held at the University Club in Boston on February 25, March 4 and March 18.

RESULTS:

(BS) John Brewer, Jr. d. Gerald Cobb 18-13, 15-9. (GS) Sondra Costello d. Linda Cobb 11-4, 11-2. (BD) G. Cobb-Ed Scheer d. Brewer-John J. Kevorkian, Jr. 17-14, 15-13. (GD) Costello-Polly Crosby d. L. Cobb-Jane St. Amant 15-5, 15-4. (MxD) Cobb-Cobb d. Costello-Kevorkian, Jr. 15-12, 17-16.

Mary Richards, Correspondent.

"WINNING BADMINTON" BY KEN DAVIDSON

Lealand R. Gustavson, former U. S. vcteran's doubles champion and nationally known artist, is to collaborate with Kenneth on the book to be known as "Winning Badminton." A. S. Barnes & Co. of New York will publish the book at a price of \$1.50. Further details as to the date of publication will be given in the next issue of *Bird Chatter*.



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Injury Mars Canadian Finals

By JACK UNDERHILL

Past President Canadian Badminton Association

Daryl Thompson, Vancouver reached the finals in three events in the 1950 Canadian badminton championships at the Glencoe club in Calgary, March 4, before tearing a muscle in his leg in the singles' finals against Calgary's Al Williams. Rangy Thompson was forced to default the match and title to Williams as well as defaulting the mixed doubles and men's doubles finals events.

Men's Singles

Williams' speed and quick returns caught shuttlist Thompson off guard in the first game, which Williams won 15-4. Thompson came right back in the second set and with more protracted rallies, he gradually slowed up the Alberta and Calgary champion to take command of the play and win 15-4. The third game started at a terrific pace and Williams took a short well-earned lead. However the pressure began to tell and again Thompson succeeded in slowing the tempo. He seemed to be headed for the crown at 11-7 when he tore a leg muscle and had to default. Cagay Williams had come from a 7-11 deficit in the semi-final third game set against Don Smythe, Toronto, to win 15-12 with a super-human effort.

Ladies' Singles

In a splendid match that was not decided until the last point, lefthanded Lois Reid, Vancouver, defeated brunette Marjorie Mapp, Toronto, 11-6, 3-11, 12-11. Lois played extremely well in the first game using her powerful smash to advantage. Mapp's experience and all around court generalship was too much for the Westerner in the second set.

After the rest period, Lois started the third game strongly and ran up a lead of 9-3. However her energy was just about exhausted at this point and Mapp crept up point by point. With dogged determination and an all out effort, Miss Reid stayed in the game to lead at 10-9. Marjorie led at 11-10. Lois tied it at 11-11 and after two exchanges of service she finally won when Mapp's high clear fell long by four inches.

Ladies' Doubles

The ladies' finals was an all Toronto affair and all the girls came out onto the courts wearing their newly purchased cowgirl hats. Lefthanders Marjorie Mapp and Marjorie Shedd, who had defeated attractive Evelyn Roberts and Joan Hennesey in two provincial championships, were no match for the Roberts-Hennesey

tandem's beautiful teamwork who won handily, 15-6, 15-5.

Men's Doubles

Dave Clapperton, Calgary, and Grant Henry, Toronto, who had never played together prior to the Calgary meet, won the men's doubles by default from Ken Meredith - Daryl Thompson, Vancouver. Clapperton-Henry first disposed of the present British Columbia champions Bert Jones-Norm Mustart and then knocked off the number two seeded duo, Dick Birch-Bud Porter. Henry has partnered U. S. badminton champion, Ethel Marshall in many Eastern tournaments.

Mixed Doubles

Big, powerful Dick Birch and Evelyn Roberts, Toronto, won by default over Daryl Thompson and cute Jean Bardsley, Vancouver.

Twenty-one-year-old Bill Purcell, son of famous Canadian star Jack Purcell, captured the consolation singles title.

An interesting sidelight on the tournament was the fact that Lois Reid, winner of the ladies' singles event was a last minute entry and almost decided not to make the Calgary trip.

1950 ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

By KNUD LUNOE

Assistant Editor, Bird Chatter
Copenhagen, Denmark

Tonny Ahm, Denmark, was a triple winner in the 1950 All England championships held in Empress Hall, Earl's Court, London, March 1 to 4.

Players from Denmark, England, Ireland, India, Malaya, New Zealand, Scotland and Sweden entered.

After a torrid tussle with left-handed Kirsten Thorndahl, Denmark, whom she beat 11-5, 11-12, 11-4, Tonny Ahm entered the ladies' singles finals against Aase Schoitt Jacobsen, the Danish girl who won the event in 1949. Tonny's skill and experience turned Aase back by the scores of 11-4, 11-6 to give the top ranked Danish girl her first All-England singles crown in her long badminton career.

Wong Peng Soon, who flew from Malaya to attend, defeated Poul Holm, Denmark, in the finals, 15-7, 15-10, in a well played match. Wong's fine footwork, his excellent wrist action combined with his unflinching concentration gave him the victory. Although Poul Holm fought bravely and showed fine stroking

he was never a threat to the title bound Malayan. In the semi-finals between Jorn Skaarup and Wong, the Dane played the first two sets excellently and showed that it may be possible for leading European players to defeat the famous Malayan star. Skaarup lost the first set 11-15 but got the second, 15-12. It was all over after that, however, as Wong ran out the third set 15-0.

Danish teams won all the championships with the exception of men's singles.



Kirsten Thorndahl, Denmark

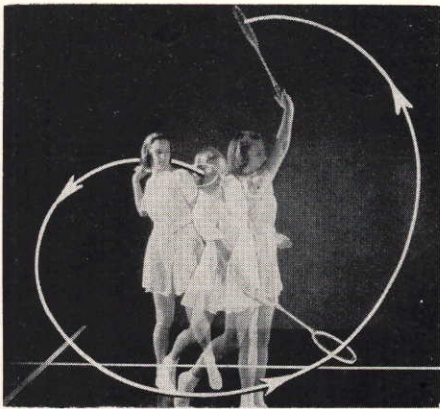
Mrs. H. S. Uber and Miss Q. M. Allen, England, who were defending champions, reached the finals in ladies' doubles to become the only non-Dane team besides Wong to enter the final round. The English doubles team was defeated by Tonny Ahm-Kirsten Thorndahl in a three-game match that captured the interest of the 10,000 spectators who were hoping for at least one English winner.

Results:

(MS) Wong Peng Soon, Malaya d Poul Holm, Denmark 15-7, 15-10. (LS) Tonny Ahm, Denmark d Aase Schoitt Jacobsen 11-4, 11-6. (MD) Jorn Skaarup-Preben Dabelsteen, Denmark d Poul Holm-Borge Fredericksen, Denmark 9-15, 15-2, 15-12. (LD) Tonny Ahm-Kirsten Thorndahl, Denmark d Mrs. H. S. Uber-Miss Q. M. Allen, England 16-17, 15-5, 15-8. (MxD) Tonny Ahm-Poul Holm, Denmark d Jorn Skaarup-Gitte Rostgaard Frohne, Denmark 15-3, 15-4.

CORRESPONDENTS

The copy deadline for the next issue, November-December, of Bird Chatter, official Badminton magazine is Oct. 15.



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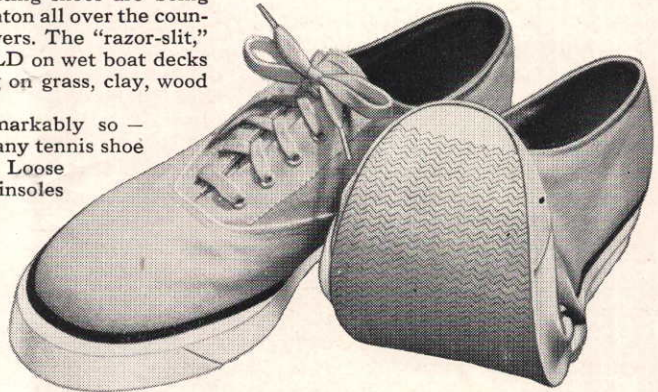
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

By **RICHARD O. YEAGER**
Secretary of the American Badminton Association

Equally as important as the national championships are the ABA elections, and directors' meetings which take place at the same time.

This year's meetings were held April 6, 7, 8 at the Lord Baltimore hotel in Baltimore, Maryland.

Donald Richardson, Waban, Mass., was elected president of the ABA to succeed T. M. Royce of Seattle. Other officers for the 1950-51 season include: Roy W. Jordan, St. Louis, 1st vice president; Hulet P. Smith, Arcadia, Cal., 2nd vice president; and Philip Richardson, secretary-treasurer, Wellesley Hills 82, Mass.

The directors reviewed the reports of the committee and acted upon their recommendations. A brief report of committee activities follows:

Membership

Chairman Joseph Grant was not present but his written report showed the membership of the ABA to have fallen off somewhat from last year even though quite a few new clubs have joined. A New Jersey Association request to join the ABA was subsequently approved by the board of directors with the proviso that in areas of overlapping jurisdiction with the Metropolitan Association, clubs

could have the choice of joining either association.

Ranking

The ranking committee had no report at this time as its principle work depends on results of the national tournament.

Rules

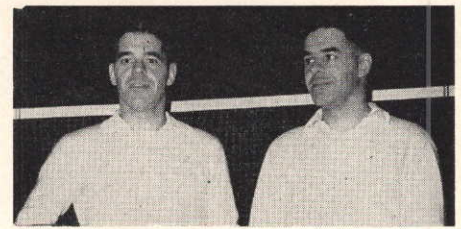
Chairman R. O. Yeager reported that considerable adverse comment had been received on the new woodshot rule and that it definitely required further study to determine its feasibility. A basic resolution was recommended for the purpose of forming an umpire association and was passed by the board of directors. The umpires association will operate under the rules committee and that committee will make the necessary rules for umpire qualification and certify as to their membership.

Amateur Status

Chairman Roy Jordan reported on cases reviewed during the year and made a recommendation that entry blanks for the national tournament contain a statement signed by the contestant as to his amateur status, which was passed by the directors.

Tournament

Chairman Dwight Hollowell reported that efforts were made to get tournaments scheduled as early as possible to avoid conflicts. Understandings of various types of tournaments and their sanctions seemed to be improved. Considerable



Donald and Philip Richardson

trouble was experienced during the year in making arrangements for tournaments closed to ABA members only and accordingly it was recommended and passed by the directors that any amateur in good standing could play in sanctioned tournaments whether a member of the ABA or not. The tournament committee was authorized to prepare a brochure on tournament operation to be sent with each sanction.

Shuttlecock

Chairman Harry Vaughan was not present to give his report, but reported having approved nine shuttles during the year. A motion was passed by the directors authorizing approval of shuttles by July 1 to extend through the following year. It was also provided that reports of shuttles to be used in the national tournaments be sent to all member associations.

Junior Activities

Chairman Grace Devlin presented a very pleasing report on the increased

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junior activity throughout the country. Two recommendations of the committee were approved by the directors, one was to change the date of age eligibility of juniors so that those not eighteen before October 1 would be eligible until the following June 1. It was also decided to have an honorable mention list for juniors.

Bird Chatter

Mrs. Gladys Mallory, Business Manager, reported on the operation of the official magazine edited by Robert Kildall. An unencouraging subscription picture during the past season meant that many planned improvements to the magazine could not be made. Help of the entire ABA was asked. A new working plan has been inaugurated.

In addition a report was made by Donald Richardson on the very successful national junior tournament held at Boston and a vote of approval was given by the board.

At the annual meeting of member associations of the ABA, those present were told of the year's activities by President T. M. Royce. Interesting talks were made by Mr. Ray Scarlett on his trip to India, Mr. Stuart Lawson, president of the Canadian Badminton Association, and Mr. Leander McCormick-Goodhart, donor of the national men's doubles trophy.

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WEDDING BELLS—Another badminton marriage was news this fall when popular Southern Californians, Ruth Young and Bill Berry took the vows.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR—Malaya sportswriters named Ooi Teik Hock as that country's Sportman of the Year (1949). Wong Peng Soon was a close second. These two players and the rest of the Malayan Thomas Cup team made badminton the biggest sports news of the last year in that nation.

PROS CLASH—Stan Cutts defeated Doug Grant 15-2, 18-15 at the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club in April to successfully defend his "World's Professional Badminton Championship."

MARRIED — Joined in holy matrimony last December 30 were Patricia Goodfellow and Bobbie Williams, both of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

FLINT INVITATIONAL

In the closest match of the tournament, 9-15, 15-7, 15-9, Harry Drewry and William Anderson captured the men's doubles crown in the 17th Annual Flint Invitational held at the I. M. A. auditorium in Flint, February 25, 26.

RESULTS:

(MS) Edward Di Leone d. Norman Atchison 15-8, 15-12. (LS) Eleanor Coombs d. Margaret Wright 11-9, 12-10. (MD) Harry Drewry-William Anderson d. Jack Pequegnat-J. Koehler 9-15, 15-7, 15-9. (LD) Coombs-Thelma Burdick d. Wright-Hazel Browne 15-4, 15-11 (MxD) William Lafeyette-Coombs d. Anderson-Mary Connors 15-4, 15-8. (Vets) Harry Conlan-Hap Burdick d. Richard Gregory-Robert Heaney 15-9, 18-16.

Geraldine Gearing, Correspondent.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TOURNAY

The fifteenth Annual Northern California badminton tournament was held in San Francisco, February 17, 18, 19.

RESULTS:

(MS) Marten Mendez d. Joe Alston 14-17, 15-4, 15-11. (LS) Janet Wright d. Thelma Scovil 4-11, 12-9, 11-5. (MD) Alston-J. Murphy d. B. McCurdy-Ronnie Ryan 15-8, 17-14. (LD) Scovil-Wright d. Marianna Gott-Bernice Marignan 15-2, 15-9. (MxD) Jim Bishop-Scovil d. Irl Madden-Mildred Jude 15-6, 18-13. (Vets) Ron Bobbitt-Tom Ough d. Bud Adams-Jim Barron 15-11, 9-15, 15-7.

Consolations—

(MS) Ronnie Ryan d. Jack Cogan 15-11, 15-8. (LS) Emma Mora d. Lois Smedley 11-5, 6-11, 12-9. (MD) Bobbitt-Ough d. Ray Daba-Walter Hunter 15-11, 11-15, 15-8. (LD) Claire Smith-Mary Lou Wincote d. Ngaire Kern-Helen Washburn 18-13, 15-18, 15-10. (MxD) Jerry Skillicorn-Claire Smith d. Bill Berry-Ruth Young 12-15, 17-15, 15-4.

Irl Madden, Correspondent.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY DOUBLES

For the first time since the war a badminton tournament, the Westchester County Doubles and Mixed Doubles, was held in the County Center Building, White Plains, N. Y., April 16.

Championship Flight

Results:

(MD) Kenneth Macdonald-Frank Williamson d. Albert Frost-Carl Palmblad 15-7, 15-5; (LD) Mrs. Josephine Macdonald-Miss May Hellwig d. Mrs. Olive Jennings-Mrs. Alice Dockerill 15-5, 15-5; (MxD) Hellwig-Herman (Sonny) Oppenheim d. Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald 15-13, 15-5.

May Hellwig, Correspondent

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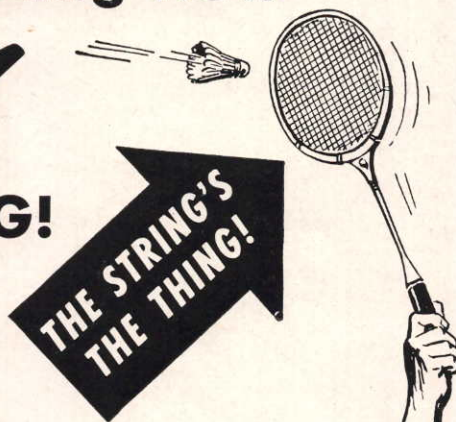
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Fred Brundle,
Sanderstead, Surrey,
England.

● Our friendly correspondent Mr. Brundle points out again the tremendous popularity of our sport in the British Isles. In England badminton is considered a major sports activity. Their success is a challenge to American badminton.—Ed.

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Dear Sirs:

. . . we voted to increase the club dues next season by one dollar with every member to receive a subscription to *Bird Chatter*. This should mean over 30 subscriptions from our Stamford, Conn., club. If you mention this in the magazine perhaps other clubs will follow our idea.

Stanley Pickering,
Byram, Conn.

● We would like to hear from other clubs who follow this splendid plan.—Ed.

CLEVELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was nearly an all family affair in the Cleveland City championships which ended April 15 when Ann and Ed DiLeone figured in every finals.

Results: Class "A"

(MS) Ed Di Leone d Norm Atchison 17-14, 8-15, 15-12; (LS) Ann Di Leone d Ruth Haberacker 5-11, 11-7, 12-9; (MD) Di Leone-Thomas Connell d C. Maylo-Quigley 15-12, 15-11; (LD) Di Leone-Thompson d Jane Bowers-Gloria Moeder 15-4, 15-11; (MxD) Mr. and Mrs. Di Leone d Mrs. C. L. Nicholls-Sangdahl 15-4, 15-10.

Class "B"

(MS) Bud Maxwell d Ray Accetta 15-11, 9-15, 15-12; (LS) Jane Eisenhardt vs. June Maxwell (no scores); (MD) Earl Patterson-Leward d Maxwell-Accetta 3-15, 15-2, 17-16; (LD) Eisenhardt-Toy Merrick d Maxwell-Mary Jones 15-10, 15-10; (MxD) Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pennington d Mr. and Mrs. Merrick 15-10, 15-10.

CONNECTICUT EVENT

The 14th Annual Connecticut badminton championships were staged at the Staples High School, Westport, March 10, 11, 12.

Results:

(MS) Ken Kost d Walter Raymond 15-9, 15-1. (LS) Eleanor Raymond d Deedy McCormick 11-2, 11-5. (MD) Chuck Welch-Ed Drab d Fred Fullin-Noel Fehm 11-15, 15-11, 15-7. (LD) Helen Gibson-Wanda Bergman d Raymond-Vogt 15-10, 18-17. (MxD) John Cornell-Vogt d Raymond-Raymond 1-15, 15-13, 18-14. (VD) Hugh Beattie-Fullin d Bill Chapman-Al Vogt 16-5, 15-9.

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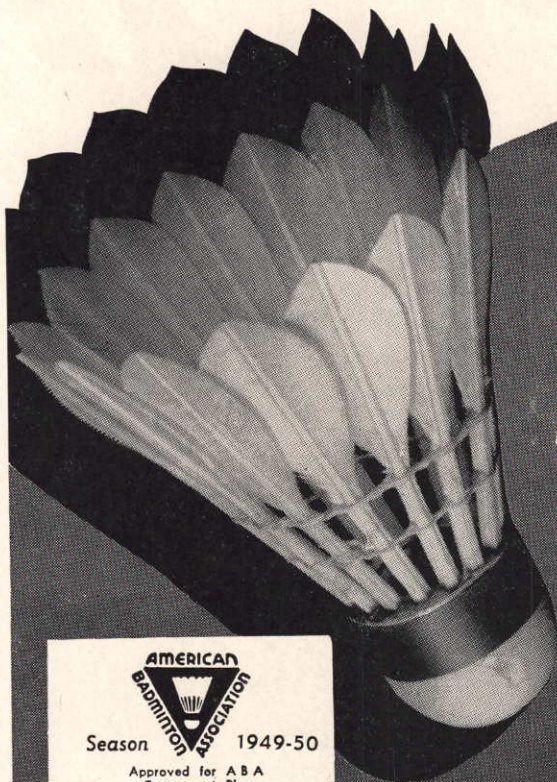
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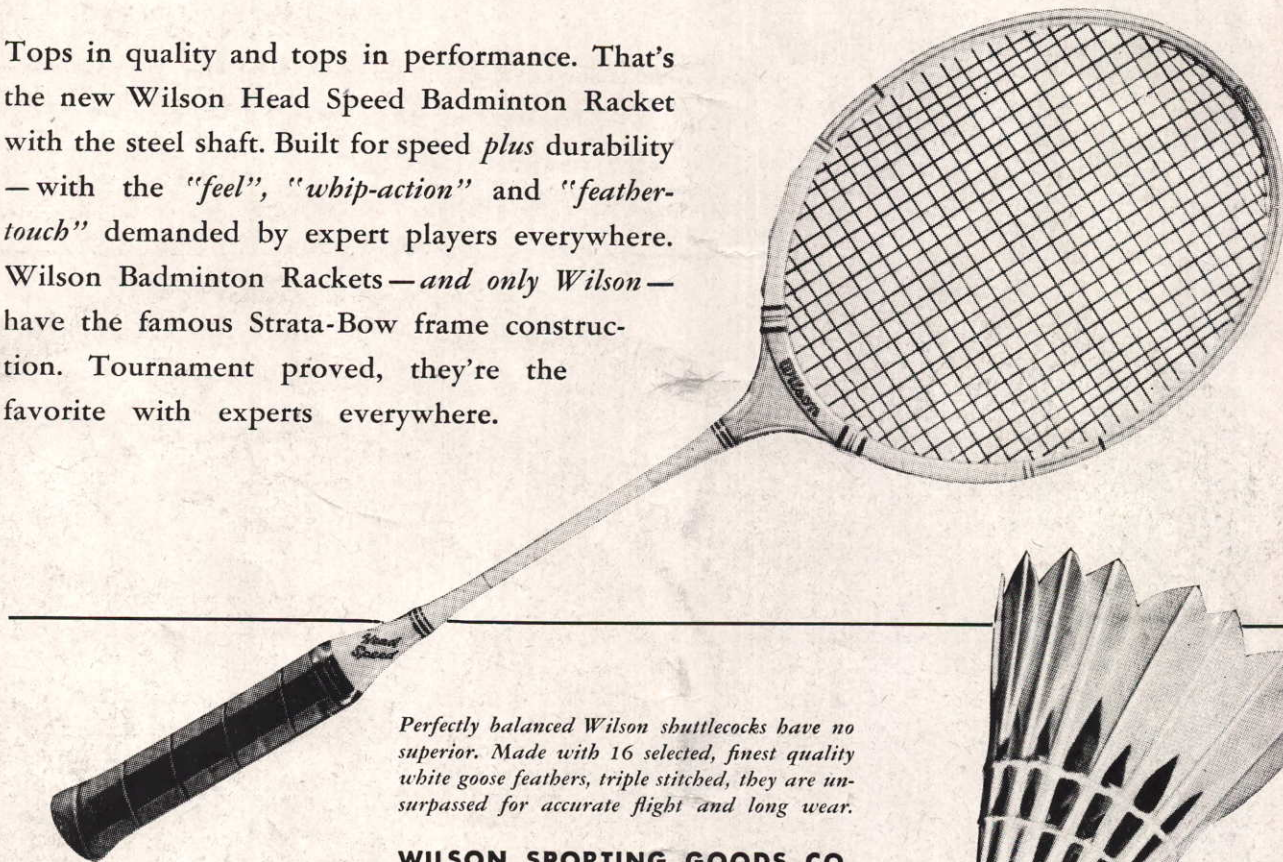
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