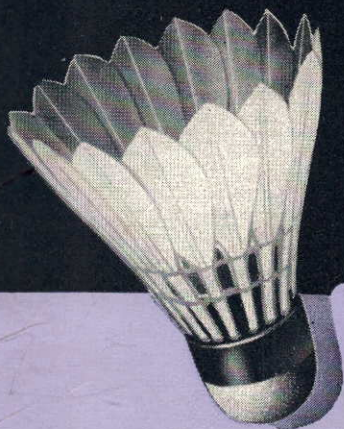


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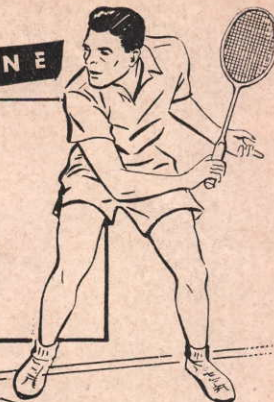


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ABA COMMITTEE REPORTS

By PHILIP RICHARDSON

Secretary of the American Badminton Association

This year's meetings were held at the Baker hotel in Dallas March 30-31.

Donald Richardson was reelected president of the ABA as were Roy W. Jordan, vice-president, and Hulet P. Smith, vice-president. Phil Richardson will continue to serve as secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

A brief report of the committee activities follows:

Shuttlecock Committee by Ted Jarrett. The new policy of approving shuttles, without further testing, for those approved the previous year has met with very favorable comment from manufacturers. Approval should be sent out by July 1st if possible to allow manufacturers time to prepare fall advertising.

Rule Book Committee. Report referred to Executive Committee for action on new printing and price schedule.

Rules Committee, by Phil Michlin. Umpires association formation not yet ready but will submit it to Executive Committee as soon as possible.

Bird Chatter. Resignation of Bob Kildall, editor, Gladys Mallory and Steve Johnson accepted with regret. Motion made to send sincere appreciation for extra fine job done. Several new prospects for *Bird Chatter* board now available.

Tournament Committee. Matter of sanctioning conflicting dates for some major tournaments in Midwest and East discussed. Suggestion made to try scheme of cooperation between tournament chairmen of these Class A associations on all major tournaments before requesting sanctioning. Nick Roberts, chairman of the Championship Committee, reported small number of entries. Tournament should show a profit. Television rights sold for final night.

Publicity Committee. Still having

trouble to get enough good publicity in many places due to pressure by other sports. Everyone should continually feed copy to newspapers, radio, etc.

Amateur Status, by Fred Russell. No cases presented to committee for ruling. Considering clarification of regulations regarding exhibition matches, rules for amateur standing and provisions of the Code for Interpretation of Amateur Regulations relating to employment connected with the sale of sporting goods. Steps are to be taken so that Class A associations be notified that they may appoint local committees to act as sub committees of Amateur Status Committee.

Junior Activities Committee. This committee empowered by directors to prepare suggested standard entry and announcement forms for national junior championships, as well as any other pertinent material for running this event. To be submitted to executive committee. On suggestion for a 15 years and under event in championships, the board felt it not appropriate at present time, but suggested this be tried out first in local tournaments. Also referred back to the committee was the matter of issuing registration card with possible fee which could be used for Junior development. Asked committee to canvass Class A associations and bring in later report. This committee will, in addition, discuss the question of color of insignia to be used on Junior blazers.

Junior Trophy Committee. Report accepted with changes which would allow, if they so desired, Class A associations or clubs the right to make individual winners of trophies responsible for marking of trophy and pay expenses for returning it to next championships. Board em-

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THE DALLAS National Senior's Results

By Ken Davidson

THE ELEVENTH Annual United States Badminton Championships held in the Recreation Building at Fair Park, Dallas, Texas on March 29, 30 & 31, 1951, saw new names added to the ever growing list of National champions.

Joe Alston, San Diego, Calif., dethroned Marten Mendez, also of San Diego, after losing to Marten for the past two years in the final of the Men's Singles. Joe also jumped into the honor's roll again by successfully partnering Wynn Rogers, Arcadia, Calif., in the Men's Doubles. In this event, Joe replaced Barney McCay, Pasadena, Calif., who held the title with Wynn for two years but who has been unable to compete for several months owing to ankle trouble.

Janet Wright, San Francisco, Calif., failed to be on the winning ladies doubles team for the first time since 1940. Except for the 1942 Durham, N.C. nationals when Janet won with Evelyn Boldrick Howard, Janet's partner has always been Thelma Kingsbury Scovil, Manhattan Beach, Calif. Janet and Thelma had never lost a single match in any tournament since they started their partnership over ten years ago and, in addition to their 1941 Cleveland national's win, had held the U.S.A. ladies doubles title throughout the four post-war years. All participants in the Dallas event early realized that the broken archilles tendon Janet suffered eight weeks previously in the Pacific Southwest tournament in Hollywood, Calif., was not yet sufficiently pliable to allow her full freedom of movement and, when she re-hurt the leg muscles in the first stage of her quarter-final mixed doubles match, it was quickly evident that only a miracle could save their unbeaten ladies doubles record. The eventual winners, the 3rd seeded team of Loma Smith, Pasadena, Calif., and Dottie Hann, Manhattan Beach, Calif., placed their names on the beautiful trophy for the first time with Dottie securing her initial national title.

Men's Singles Final

The third final between Joe Alston and Marten Mendez proved to be the most disappointing from an onlookers point of view since Joe quickly swept Marten off the court with a display of good control and fast hitting. Both boys were somewhat tentative at the beginning but Joe was the first to settle down and he found a weakness down the middle of Marten's court as his smash worked perfectly and Marten's usual stonewall defense could

not stand up to such a severe test. Joe kept Marten off balance with some close overhead drop-shots—some of which deceived Marten completely—and he won the first game at 15-5. The 24 year old youngster kept up the pressure and Marten seemed unable to take away the initiative from Joe who was keeping a fine length on his serves and clears, whereas Marten's touch continued to be erratic. Joe picked the right moments to smash and it was not until the second game was half way over that Marten returned one of Joe's blasts. This was the only serious error in judgment made by the youthful Californian and, apart from a slight pause for non-scoring rallies at 10-5, he continued to score and dispose of the two-times champion in straight games to win the highest honors in the land for the first time in a career which started when he was 11 years old.

Ladies Singles

Meantime, the ladies singles brought together the same two left-handed finalists as last year in Baltimore and at the Waco Nationals in 1948—the holder, Ethel Marshall, Buffalo, N.Y., and Thelma Scovil. Ethel polished off the easy stroking Ruth Jett, Philadelphia, Pa., in the semis much easier than she did Abbie Rutledge, Lafayette, Ind., in the quarters. The former Texas player gave Ethel several anxious moments in the second game and might have taken a game from the champion of she had not over-anxiously smashed out down the sidelines when in an advantageous position. Another Texan, Margaret Varner, and Thelma Scovil put on a stirring struggle in the other semi-final and when the strong hitting Dallas entry took the second game many doubted if her much older opponent could withstand the pace. To the surprise of most, the former All-England and U.S.A. champion out-cleared from one corner to the other until Margaret weakened—often from her round-the head clears—and Thelma dispatched the shuttle accurately on its way to score another point.

In the final, the four-times champion from Buffalo calmly and efficiently set about the task of tiring out her older opponent and it seemed as though she would take the first game easily. Thelma's great experience came to her aid when she was six points down at 9-3 and she ran the score up to 7-9 by means of some sharp hitting and deceptive change-of-pace shots from overhead. Although Thelma put Ethel out of service four or

five times, the steady stroking of the defending champion was not to be denied and she took the first game at 11-8. Surprisingly, Ethel's control proved erratic at the beginning of the second game and Thelma went ahead at 5-0. However, the smooth running Buffalo girl settled down and once again kept her opponent moving about the court in an effort to wear down Thelma's resistance. The tide gradually but surely turned and it was obvious that youth, allied with steadiness, must eventually be served. So it was, and Thelma's gallant effort (this was Thelma's only Single's loss of the season) only helped to prove that Ethel Marshall is a worthy champion as she took the title for the fifth successive year. With her youth and vigor there appears every prospect that she will easily beat Dave Freeman's record of six successive nation single's titles.

Ladies Doubles

The Smith-Hann and the Gibson-Raymond ladies doubles final was, apart from the veterans doubles, the closest of the final matches. The final score of 15-13 and 18-17 in favor of the Californians just about represented the play. There were many fine rallies, with both teams taking the offense at the slightest provocation. Eleanor Raymond, in particular, hit hard and covered court extremely well—in fact, when her team took the lead at 13-10 in the second game, she was forced to play almost every bird in an exceptionally long rally which she ended by darting in from the back court to make a sensational "get" near the net. The effort temporarily winded her and she immediately made three errors which allowed her opponents to tie up the game at 13 all. The steady serving of Loma Smith proved to be the difference at the close of the game as she and Dottie eked out a one point victory to become the champions.

Men's Doubles

The two top seeded teams in the men's doubles, Rogers-Alston and Loveday-Williams, had not too much difficulty in reaching the finals. The No. 6 seeded team of Ted Moehlman and Bob Stille, Cincinnati, Ohio, proved too aggressive for the No. 3 seeded team of Irl Madden and Dick Mitchell and beat them to enter the semi-final round to play Loveday-Williams. They did not retain the form shown earlier in the day, mainly because Loveday broke up their game, and they disappointedly past out of the picture in two straight games. Nick Roberts, the tournament chairman, and his Dallas partner, Hap Horn, came from behind to win a close three set match against the No. 4 seeded team of Herpel Perkins-Ken Aderholt, St. Louis, Mo., but they were no match for the sharp thrusts of the top-seeded team of Rogers-Alston in the other semi-final.

In the final, Wynn Rogers and Joe Alston gave a prime example of aggressive badminton and a series of good serves by Joe aided greatly in their taking the first game at 15-8. Bob Williams was also hitting crisply from overhead but more often than not the Californians jumped on the offense and kept hitting down. Carl Loveday succeeded in finding his net touch near the end of the second game and the Easterners pulled the score up to 13 all as they, for a brief spell, secured the attack. There were many fine driving duels between Wynn and Carl—both of whom enjoy intercepting quickly in the forecourt—before the Westerners took the last two points to close out some exciting play and take the match at 18-16. In view of the forthcoming Thomas cup matches, this match was of particular interest—Carl and Bob were playing in their first nationals together, as were Wynn and Joe—since the players would appear to be likely candidates for the International matches. Both teams need a lot of work if the most is to be made of their capabilities.

Mixed Doubles

There were many make-shift pairs in the mixed doubles and the committee had a tough time seeding the teams. Head and shoulders above all others stood the team of Rogers and Smith, the holders for the past two years. There were many close matches in the earlier rounds, particularly between Helen Gibson-Marten Mendez who out-steadied Lois Smedley-Joe Alston in the quarters. The Pasadena holders were expected to meet tough resistance from Bob Williams and Ethel Marshall, who came to this tournament fresh from a win over the 1951 Canadian mixed doubles winners. But the Western New York pair gave the Rogers-Smith combine little trouble as they were weak in their return of service.

The final between Smith-Rogers and Gibson-Mendez opened up promisingly enough with the challengers winning the first three points by means of some net interceptions by Helen Gibson but from thereon it was a pathetic parade of points as Loma Smith served perfectly and clipped off any net returns and Wynn's rapier like thrusts completely demoralized the East-West pair. The forceful play continued in the second game and, with the loss of only one point, the holders gave a brief, but emphatic, demonstration of strong mixed doubles play to easily retain their championship for the third successive year.

Veteran's Doubles

As is becoming the normal procedure, the Veteran's final went three games and the No. 2 seeded team, Howard Holman and Fred Fullin edged out the No. 1 Raynor Hutchinson-Wayne Schell team 15-12 in the third after being down 8-12.



1951 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS—(Top to bottom) Dottie Hann, Roy Jordan, Loma Smith; Joe Alston, Don Richardson, ABA president; Thelma Scovil, Ethel Marshall, Mrs. Celes Randal; Wynn Rogers, Loma Smith.

How to play Badminton

Overhead Clear

From "Badminton" the International Textbook of the Game

By
DOUG GRANT

The clear is the most used stroke in singles; must be of good length; should be high enough to force your opponent to the very baseline; is frequently directed against the opponents backhand; has the same preliminary action as the smash and over-head drop; is reached for and struck at the full upward stretch of the extended arm.

As in the execution of the high serve, the first requisite of an effective clear is *full depth and height*. Since practically every short clear sooner or later results in a lost point it can easily be appreciated that a winning player must be able to stroke his clears from any part of his own court to the farthest corners of his opponent's court.

This stroke requires perfect execution and considerable power, especially when the stroker is rushed or caught the slightest bit off balance and is forced to play a hurried stroke from an awkward position. For a good clear, the swing should be full, free, forceful and unrestricted throughout with the wrist action supplying the final punch. The main points of such a swing are illustrated above.

(1) & (2) are the full unrestricted backswing.

(3) The arm is fully flexed.

(4) The cocked wrist supplies last second whip.

(5) The bird is hit directly above the head with a *perfectly flat racquet at the full stretch of the arm*.

(6) Is the full, upward follow through.

Note especially and practice (5) assiduously because the speed, length, accuracy, and deception of every shot in badminton is dependent on a full, free, extended swing which brings the racquet in contact with the bird at the *full stretch of the arm*. If you are having trouble hitting the bird the full length of the court you will be wise to check your swing with the six vital parts of the stroke emphasized here.

The clear is one of the most basic strokes in singles because it is used more than any other shot in the course

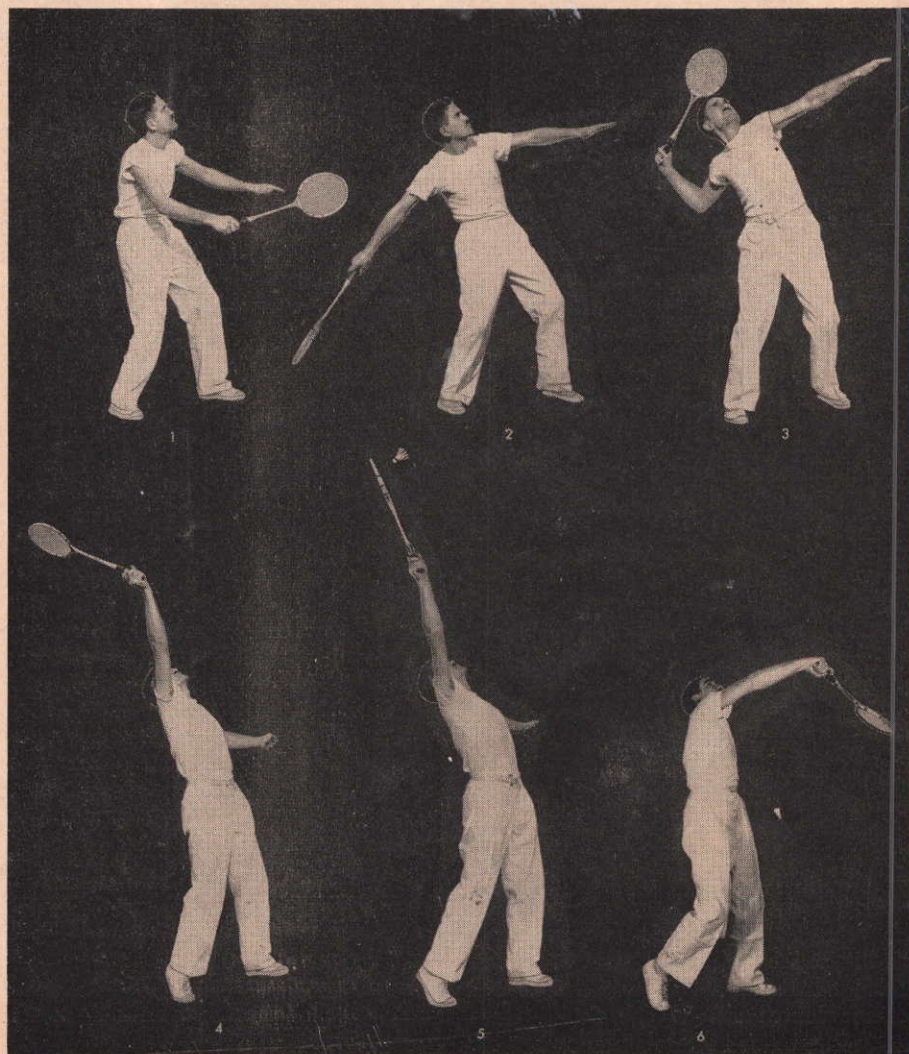
of a match. It is used as a safety shot, as a means of maneuvering an opponent out of position, and to force openings for the offensive use of the smash and drop.

There are two types of clears—the high clear which is a defensive stroke of attrition and the low, fast clear which is used offensively to rush the opponent and put the bird behind him before he can get in position. The choice of which type of clear to employ under given circumstances will become clear from experience in competitive play.

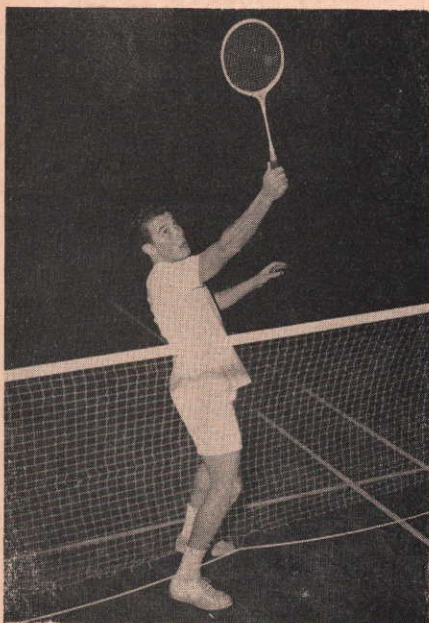
The clear is seldom used in men's doubles because the danger of annihilation relegates it to a role of a defensive weapon only useful as a means for recovery after being drawn out of position. In ladies doubles, however, the clear is used more often because feminine players have less decisive smashing ability. In mixed doubles the clear is purely defensive and is used as seldom as possible.

The clear must be perfectly timed to utilize all the strength of arm and wrist. It calls for an easy, relaxed swing with the real punch applied just before impact. By picking an imaginary spot high on the opposite wall and pretending to throw the racquet at this target, a player can easily simulate the correct whip-like action.

Because the clear forms the basic swing for smash and overhead drop, ambitious players will be wise to practice this stroke persistently. Such practice can best be obtained by simply knocking the bird back and forth or through competitive play. This constant stroking will greatly strengthen hand and wrist action while perfecting control.



JOE ALSTON, NEW U. S. SINGLES CHAMPION



WHEN the quick wisp of smoke produced by a surprisingly brief and decisive battle for the United States badminton men's singles championship had cleared from the courts at Dallas March 31, nobody was more agreeably surprised about the outcome than one Joseph Cameron Alston, a 24-year old native San Diegan who also happened to be the winner.

In two previous nationals and in innumerable Pacific Coast tourney windups agile, personable "Joe" had been a perennial runner-up to a fellow townsman, Marten Mendez, who, despite being 10 years older, never seemed to run out of gas or winning shots. Joe's reaction to his 15-5, 15-5 win over Mendez, and that of his large and faithful following, was universally expressed in just two words. "At last!"

The reaction of more objective observers of the shuttlecock sport, however, was to ask some interesting questions. "Is this another player of the stature of Walter Kramer and Dave Freeman?" "Is this the answer to America's hopes of capturing the Thomas Cup from Malaya?"

What the spectators saw at Dallas was a young Mr. Alston who, since his graduation from San Diego State College as a business administration major in January, had concentrated on attaining perfect physical condition and tuning up his game to a machine-tool accuracy. They saw a cat-like retriever, a powerful smasher, a player with a complete range of shots and one with reactions beyond belief. (The nearest phenomenon in sports to Alston in reaction speed is national tennis champion, Art Larsen, an athlete with the perennial jitters. Joe has perfect control of his nervous energy.)

Of course, badminton-wise San Diego felt no shock at the Alston accession to the Mendez throne. It was almost as though the event had been planned since a day back in 1937 when Joe and his sister wandered into the large municipal gymnasium in Balboa Park and decided to take advantage of this popular new sport being offered there free through a Park and Recreation Department program.

It would doubtless be more accurate to say that the process actually began on December 20, 1926, when he was born in recreation-conscious San Diego to a mother who has since been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to him in athletics and otherwise. Joe's vibrant personality and likeable nature



LOIS SMEDLEY

were soon to be reflected by his election as student body president both of Florence grammar school and later of huge, University-like San Diego Union high school.

His appeal as a person and a potential athlete intrigued some of the regulars around the muni gym at that time, people like Carl Loveday and John Murphy, and their devoted help was not long in producing dividends. By the time these two had garnered high national rankings and Evelyn Boldrick had become the recognized queen of all women's play, Joe Alston was known in the San Diego Badminton Association as "the boy wonder."

World War II found Joe's mentor the Merchant Marine, in which he spent the years from 1945-47 as an officer. By this time he returned to San Diego to enter college, a new team of experts was there to tutor him and offer him the country's top competition. Dave Freeman, working

then on an assignment at the County hospital, Dick Mitchell, a native of outstanding ability, and Mendez were already making the semi-finals of local tournaments as tough as a final Thomas Cup tie. Occasional visits by a helpful Ken Davidson added anything in the way of finesse that might still have been lacking in Joe's game.

Beyond all the assistance, to which modest, appreciative Joe gives 100 percent credit for any success, there's been an uphill pull to the title that only a determined and unusually talented shuttlecock swatter would have made. In his first national finals in Los Angeles in 1947, Joe hit Freeman in the round of 16. Finances were lacking to make the next one held in the east. Before he struggled together the where-with-all for his surprising 1949 stint in the United States titular matches, he had absorbed many discouraging defeats from Mendez, Wynn Rogers and other West Coast standouts. In addition to badminton problems, he had his college career to tend to, and Joe is a high-ranking student not given to cutting classes in favor of batting a bird around a gym.

Determination is not the monopoly of one-sided or unbalanced people. Despite Leo Durocher's dictum, nice guys do win games. When they do, people are happy about it. Among these are Joe's first fans, his mother; his fiancée of recent weeks, beautiful Lois Smedley, who has been ranked among the Country's top eight women in badminton the past two years; his co-players, nearly all of whom have shared Coast doubles championships with him and one, Wynn Rogers with whom he holds the present national tandem title; the fans of badminton, who see in him the next world's champion; and everyone this writer knows who has known Joe Alston.

1951 Midwest Championships

The Midwest Badminton Association crowned new champions in five divisions as its annual tournament ended a two-day stay at IMA auditorium February 25. It was the first appearance of the tournament in Flint.

Results:

SENIORS (MS) Ted Moehlman d Stan Sangdahl 15-7, 17-18, 15-9. (LS) Mildred Sirwaitis d Abbie Rutledge 12-11, 11-7. (MD) Moehlman-Russ Smith d Ken Aderholt-Herp Perkins 11-15, 15-11, 15-10. (LD) Eleanor Coombs-Thelma Burdick d Sirwaitis-Hazel Brown 15-10, 13-18, 15-12. (MxD) Russ and Virginia Smith d Moehlman-Elaine Krey 15-10, 13-15, 15-11. (Vets) Streng-Mowery d Norb Sweete-George Geever 15-7, 15-6.

JUNIORS (BS) Vic VanDeVan d Bill McLaughlin 15-5, 15-3. (GS) Peg Headley d Lynn Kelly 12-9, 6-11, 11-7. (BD) VanDeVan-Nick Pritula d McLaughlin-Bill Coyne 15-7, 18-17. (GD) Headley-Kelly d Jeane Coyne-Nancy McCallum 18-17, 15-11. (MxD) VanDeVan-Kay Bullion d Pritula-Kelly 15-6, 15-4. Chas. A. Mobley, Correspondent

New Winners Score in Junior Nationals

FEW of those who attended the 5th Junior Nationals will ever forget it,—the thrill of the Easterners at crossing the Mississippi river—the presence of the large contingent of Californian boys and girls who experienced what was the first snowfall for many of them—the slush in the streets produced by the thawing of last winter's snow-fall of '85". And last but not least, the generosity of the University of Minnesota, who, under the magical 'Open Sesame' of W. Ray Smith, intramural director and tournament chairman, deleted the Basketball-court lines and marked out four Badminton courts in the huge Williams Arena, opened Pioneer hall to the boys, Comstock hall to the girls and the use of the excellent Coffman Union Memorial Cafeteria. Then, last but not least, the luncheon on Saturday with Harold Thieston as our witty and excellent master of ceremonies.

Both the defending champions, Judy Devlin and Steve Hinchliffe, retained their crowns, Judy for the third straight year.

Steve experienced little trouble until he reached the semifinals, breezing past 14 year old Butch Kevorkian, Mass. and Harry Quinn, Conn. in the second and third rounds. Quinn had a close match 15-11, 18-15 with Don Carpenter, N.J., while Robert Johnson, Ga., the youngest and by far the least talkative boy in the tournament, gave 4th seeded Bob Carpenter a good game, before losing 15-11, 15-12. Jack Chrisman, Cal., did not have too much trouble with Bill McLaughlin, Ill., and less with Bob Carpenter, but on Friday night he and Steve fought out a real battle. Jack could do nothing wrong in the first game, anticipating Steve's every shot and taking the game 15 to 3. Steve then changed his tactics and keeping Jack on the run, and frequently off balance, he worked his way to 15-9. The third game was fought hard and furiously, Steve just pulling out at 15-13. Meanwhile, in the other half of the draw Vic Van DeVen, Michigan, took Dean Maurry, Cal., into camp 15-6, 15-9, and John Daggett, N.Y., 15-4, 15-5, before losing a tough match to Don Davis, Seattle 18-16, 15-3. In the lower quarter Michael (Bunky) Roche, Md., beat Glen Harold, a promising local boy, and then took Mike Hartgrove, Cal., 15-10, 15-3. Mike has lost to Steve Hinch-



JUNIOR NATIONALS—(Top to Bottom) Jean and Joan Gibbs, Mike Hartgrove, Dean Maurry, Steve Hinchliffe, Jack Chrisman, Mary McMurray; Mrs. Grave Devlin, Judy Devlin, Sandra Dailey; Jean and Joan Gibbs, Judy Devlin, Deedy McCormick; Steve Hinchliffe, Bunky Roche.

liffe only once this year and, under-estimating a vastly improved Bunky, he lost a well played first game only to fade completely in the second game with needless and costly errors. In the semi-finals Don Davis was leading 10-0 and then 12-2 before Bunky turned on an accurate deceptive type of badminton which frequently found Don off balance and, in spite of a strong rally by Don in the second game, enabled Bunky to win 15-13, 15-11. In the finals Bunky failed to reproduce the game which had subdued both Davis and Hartgrove and Steve won easily, 15-4, 15-3.

Girl's Singles

The girls singles, with 48 entries, provided thrills and upsets from the 1st round. Louise Adams, Ill., gave Mary McMurray, Cal., a fine battle 12-10, 11-2 in the 1st round, and in the 2nd round Shirley Mans, Minn., caught Jean Gibbs, Cal., off guard in the first game but lost 4-11, 11-3, 11-5 while Jane Eisenhardt, Ohio took Joan Gibbs, Cal., to 12-10, in the 1st game, losing the 2nd 11-5. One of the most improved girls in the tournament was the Massachusetts' girl champion, 14 year old Linda Cobb, who only lost to Mary McMurray 10-12, 11-5, 11-3. Sally Thomas, N.J., put up a stern fight with 2nd seeded Evie Talley, Md., losing 11-6, 12-10, Talley going down in the next round to Doris Martin, Cal., 12-10, 11-6. Meanwhile, the Maryland dark horse, 7th seeded Sandra Dailey, was surprising everyone but her fellow Marylanders, by taking Joan Gibbs, California's number 1 girl, 11-1, 8-11, 11-1, going on to take Deedy McCormick, Connecticut, who had lost only one point in two matches, 11-3, 4-11, 11-6 and Doris Martin, 7-11, 11-2, 11-2, to earn the right to meet the defending Champion in the Finals. Judy, her whole game vastly improved since last year, beat Minneapolis' Phyllis Westerman, Pat Buelow, Ill., Mary McMurray, and Jean Gibbs, Cal., without the loss of a game. Meeting Sandra Dailey in the finals—their fifth encounter this year—Judy won without difficulty, 11-4, 11-2.

Boy's Doubles

The boys doubles went to the 4th seeded pair of Jack Chrisman and Dean Maurry, Cal. Bunky Roche, Md., Steve Curry, Conn., gave the eventual winners a good match 17-14, 15-9 in the quarter finals but Maurry-Chrisman proved too alert for the Carpenter brothers in the semis, winning easily 15-3, 15-4. In the other half of the draw 1st seeded Steve Hinchliffe-Mike Hartgrove had a close first game with Jimmie Woods-Harry Quinn, Conn., winning 18-15, 15-4. The finals, an all Californian affair, looked like anyone's match in the first game which Hinchliffe and Hartgrove won 15-10, however Mike became erratic in the

second game and with Dean and Jack gathering speed and sustaining the attack, he never regained his touch, and lost the next two games 15-8, 15-5.

Girls' Doubles

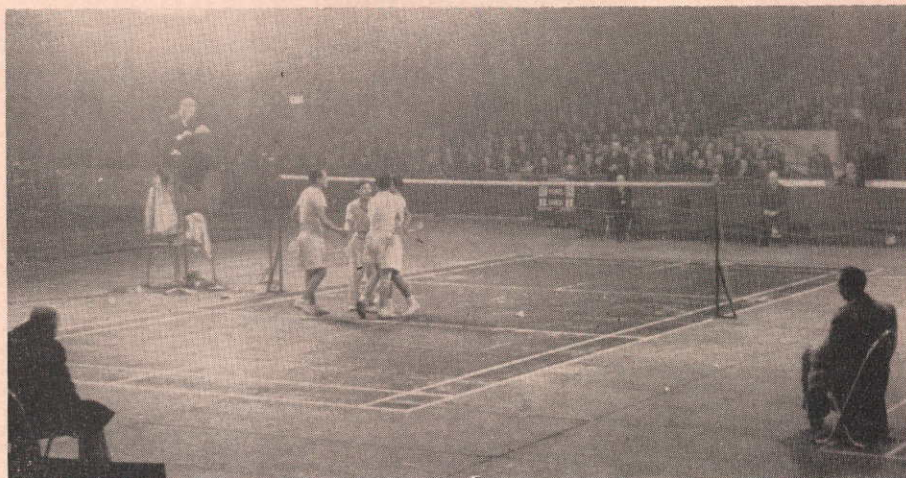
The girls doubles, with 27 local pairs entered, looked from the beginning as though it would be a battle between the holders, Judy Devlin-Deedy McCormick and the Gibbs twins, California's No. 1 junior pair. In the early rounds Anne Harvey-Pat Buell, N.Y., had a tough match before beating Pat Buelow-Louise Adams, Ill., 15-8, 6-15, 15-9, and one of the toughest matches of the quarter finals saw Sandra Costello-Linda Cobb, Mass., winning from the Minnesotan pair of Shirley Mans-Marilyn Lande, 15-12, 10-15, 15-12. Joan and Jean Gibbs subdued the second seeded pair of Sandra Dailey-Evie Talley, Md., 15-3, 15-10 in the quarter finals and the fourth seeded Costello-Cobb in the semis, 17-18, 15-7, 15-9. Meanwhile Judy and Deedy found their way to the finals via Lucille Merrick-Chrysal Moore, Minn. Anne Harvey-Pat Buell, N.Y. and Mary McMurray-Doris Martin. Judy and Deedy started slowly in the Finals and the Gibbs twins led 5-0 before they finally got going, slowly caught their opponents, passed them and took the game at 15-10. Again in the second game the twins took a 6-1 lead but once more the defending Champions turned on the heat and, playing the best badminton the girls had shown, they all fought to the finish of 15-12. The match was played at tremendous speed with Judy's greater severity and deception and Deedy's excellent net-play providing the answer to all the twins' rallies.

Mixed Doubles

In the mixed doubles not a single seeded pair gained the semi-final round, which was an all Californian affair. Judy Devlin, playing with Don Davis, in the absence of Ronnie Ryan, went out in the quarter finals to Joan Gibbs-Mike Hartgrove. The 4th seeded pair of Evie Talley-Bunky Roche, after squeezing past Lynn Kelly, Ill.,-Vic Van DeVen, Mich., 15-17, 15-7, 17-14, lost comparatively easily to Mary McMurray-Jack Chrisman, who went on to defeat Joan Giggs-Mike Hartgrove in a hard fought semi-finals 15-8, 9-15, 18-14. Nancy Pool, Md.,-Bob Carpenter had to fight hard to down Virginia Ball, Md., and a much improved Jim Taylor, Ga., and only lost to Jean Gibbs and Steve Hinchliffe 18-15, 15-9. In the semi-finals Jean and Steve did not experience much trouble with Doris Martin-Dean Maury. The finals match was noteworthy for some good all-court play by the boys backed up by the first class net-play by the girls. In particular Jean Gibbs who played almost faultless badminton in the third game, to win the match 15-12, 8-15, 15-6.

41st All England Championships

By JOHN NEWLAND
Beckenham, England



ALL-ENGLAND MEN'S DOUBLES FINALS—David and Eddie Choong, winners, congratulate Ong Poh Lim Ismail bin Marjan.

THE 41st All-England badminton championships were held in London early in March and attracted a very strong international entry, particularly in the men's events.

The finals started at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 16th March, and the Empress hall of Earls' Court was filled to capacity with some eight thousand spectators who were thrilled by some very exciting badminton.

The first event to be played was the men's singles. Ong Poh Lim, Malaya, served first and went to four love before Wong Peng Soon, Malaya, scored his first point. Both players were soon in their stride, playing beautifully and aggressively—smashing whenever there was an opportunity. Neither player was content to play a waiting game. Wong went from 0-4 to 8-4, 10-5, 11-7, 13-10, but Ong, who always seems to play better and better when trailing behind, levelled the game to 13 all (Wong decided to set) and then Ong served his next service out of court. Wong then led 1-0, 2-1, but Ong, after some vigorous smashing, won the first game, 18-15.

Ong Poh Lim is definitely not the player to imitate. He is, in fact, one of the most awkward players I have ever seen. According to all the books on the game of badminton, it is difficult to get real power into a stroke with your shoulders parallel to the net and holding the racket the way Poh Lim does, while the way he serves a short service is good for a laugh any time; but his smash is very fast, his clear deep and his short service good enough to help him become doubles champion in a land where a short service, if not very accurate, is quickly tapped to the floor.

No, Ong Poh Lim is certainly not a player to tell any one to try to copy as far as stroke play is concerned but a finer example of a real sportsman and a grand fighter would be hard to find.

In the second game, Wong, with some very accurate clearing and steady defense, went away to a 9-1 lead on two runs of service but Ong fought back hard 2-9, 7-10, and then the service changed hands many times before Wong went to 12-7. Ong then got the service and, with a brilliant backhand smash which Wong could not reach, went to 8-12; a forehand smash by Ong beat Wong 9-12, then Ong slipped but from the floor made an unreturnable net shot to make it 10-12 but lost the service with a net shot have hovered on the top of the net before dropping back on his side. Wong then reached 13 but Ong levelled at 13 all and went to 1-0. Wong then secured the service and by brilliant defense against the continual smashing of Ong, won the second game on smashing errors forced from his opponent, 17-14.

In the third game, Wong kept on top all the way, 3-0, 10-3, 11-6, and took the game and match 15-7 to win his second consecutive All-England Singles title. It was a splendid game played at high speed in spite of a rather slippery court.

Results:

(MS) Wong Peng Soon (Malaya) d Ong Poh Lim (Malaya) 15-18, 17-14, 15-7. (LS) Aase Jacobsen (Denmark) d Mrs. Tonny Ahm (Denmark) 11-6, 11-2. (MD) Eddie and David Choong (Malaya) d Ong Poh Lim-Ismail bin Marjan (Malaya) 9-15, 15-7, 15-10. (LD) Tonny Ahm-Kirsten Thorndahl (Denmark) d Mrs. K. M. Henderson-Mrs. Queenie Allen-Webber 17-15, 15-7. (MxD) Poul Holm-Ahm (Denmark) d Arve Lossman-Thorndahl (Denmark) 8-15, 15-2, 15-4.

ABA Committee Reports

(Continued from Page 3)

powered executive committee to draw up similar regulations for senior trophies.

Membership Committee. More can be done to obtain new clubs. Many ready for joining ABA if proper contacts are made. Suggestion to form a Rocky Mountain Association of Montana clubs with Denver Athletic Club. Ham Law appointed as committee to prepare report for program tentatively approved.

Handbook Committee. Board acknowledged receipt of the new Handbook and commended highly the work of this committee. Voted to accept resolution offered by committee, that wording of rules and regulations relating to ranking, seeding, Thomas Cup Committee, Junior Activities Committee, and *Bird Chatter* arrangement with staff as issued in the new handbook be approved as correct statement and wording of such rules.

Thomas Cup Committee. Considerable discussion on availability of eligible players due to many factors including possible military service, possible expense and funds. Several important letters read from Singapore and Humphrey Chilton, our I.B.F. representative, on world opinion on international affect of U. S. A. entering a team; comment on assistance from Army Special Services. Board voted to enter a team and will advise all clubs and associations of the support needed for this team through contributions, exhibition matches, etc.

Miscellaneous matters. Board voted not to take action on a change in age limit of veterans. Went on record favoring an extra day for holding Senior Championships, but left this to the discretion of Championships Committee. Turned down suggestion for ladies veterans event. Voted to advise Class A associations to have them try out mixed veterans event, and if sufficient interest, would consider adding this event to championships. Age limit of 40 years each partner.

Voted to advise I.B.F. of rejection of New Zealand's proposal to again change the "carry or wood shot" rule back to the old rule. Also voted to advise I.B.F. of approving a definite rule for a 5 minute rest period between all singles matches in international competition.

Approved general policy of Open National Championships but to be referred to a new committee to be appointed by president. Committee to explore this further, consider several major differences of opinion, to make periodic reports to executive committee covering further clarification of details and necessary changes in rules, to have final report as soon as possible, so executive committee may be able to submit this to directors before next championships.

Accepted the bid for the 1952 championships presented at the annual meeting by the Washington State Badminton Association to be held at Seattle, Washington.

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Seattle National Championships

The 1952 United States badminton championships have been scheduled for the Civic auditorium in Seattle, Washington, next Spring.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Washington State Badminton Association and Greater Seattle, Inc. Walter Van Camp, manager of Greater Seattle, Inc., expects to make the championships an important attraction for the Seattle Centennial celebration.

Dick Yeager has been elected chairman of the event with Rupe Topp as vice-chairman.

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Watertown Doubles Tournament

The third annual Watertown A-D men's doubles tournament was held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Badminton Association and sponsored by the Watertown badminton club of Watertown, Massachusetts, March 1, 2 and 3. The tournament itself was open to all members of member clubs of the Massachusetts association. It was a combination tournament in which "A" players partnered "D" players, and the equivalent "B"- "C" combination was encouraged.

The tournament is held in low ceiling courts thus putting an accent on a flat game. In the finals, Phil Blanchard of Watertown and Ernie Sackett of Shady Hill defeated Larry Roberts of Shady Hill and Al Laubinger of Watertown 9-15, 15-9, 15-11.

A. O. Laubinger, Correspondent

★
North Shore "A"

The Evanston badminton club won its third consecutive Starrett-Ketcham championship trophy March 4 in the North Shore "A" tournament by winning five of the six finals.

Results:

(MS) Earl Boston d James Wigglesworth 15-12, 11-15, 15-12. (LS) Eleanor Coombs d Wilma Shortz 11-2, 11-6. (MD) Boston-George Asakura d Wigglesworth-Dan Dunn 15-7, 15-2. (LD) Coombs-Janice Mitchell d Shortz-Marion Buchanan 15-5, 15-4. (MxD) Coombs-Boston d Mitchell-Wallie Weingamb 15-4, 15-5. (Vets) Bud Fraser-Lyle Shortz d Dick Oelrich-Heinie Wilson 15-6, 15-5.

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Milwaukee YMCA Tourney

The Milwaukee YMCA badminton club and the YMCA Downtown branch physical department were co-sponsors of the Milwaukee YMCA invitational state badminton championships held April 14 at the Downtown branch of the Milwaukee YMCA.

Results:

(MS) Vic Soukup d Jack Gollish 5-15,

15-8, 15-9. (LS) Doris Rather d Ellen Wehrle 11-1, 12-10. (MD) Foote-Jim Wanek d Gollish-Molitor 15-5, 17-16. (LD) Foote-Gollish d Rather-Johnson 15-6, 15-4. (MxD) Foote-Foote d Wanek-Gollish 15-11, 15-4.

Class "B"

(MS) W. J. Bohr d Bill Baermann 15-8, 15-11. (LS) Mardell Faust d Helen Altstadt 11-4, 11-5.

★
Oklahoma State Tourney

The Conoco badminton club of Ponca City captured three class "A" championships in the Oklahoma badminton association's ninth annual state tournament held April 22 at the Continental Oil company gymnasium in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Results:

Class "A"

(MS) George Harman d Laddie Cremers 15-2, 15-1. (LS) Mrs. Crepps d Peggy Dyche 11-3, 11-4. (MD) Harman-John Sudbury d Carl Mitchell-Harold Hines 18-15, 8-15, 15-5. (LD) Crepps-Ethel Overholser d Pat Harman-Eleanor Round 11-3, 11-4. (MxD) Harman-Cremers d Dyche-Hines 15-7, 15-8.

Class "B"

(MS) Dr. William Turnbow d Jimmy Chapman 15-10, 15-6. (LS) Carmen Lindsey d Wesine Heath 11-4, 11-4. (MD) Turnbow-Bud Hough d Hal Wolfe-John Sibole 15-8, 15-6. (LD) Elizabeth Oesterle-Phyllis Banta d Lindsey-Wesine Heath 15-8, 15-12. (MxD) Jane Stratton-Col. James Drake d Lynn Turnbow-Bud Hough 17-16, 15-13.

George Harman, Correspondent

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Chicago Championships

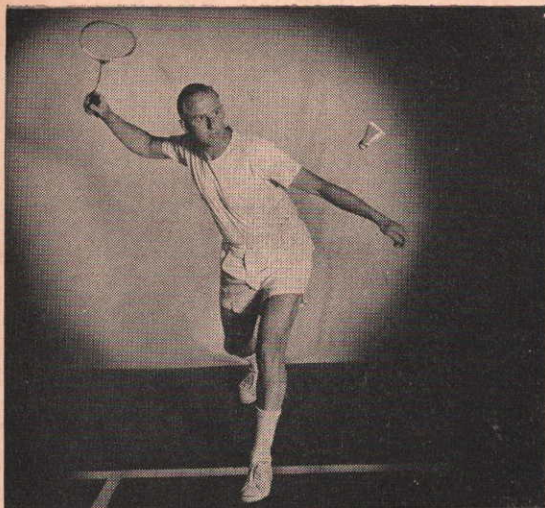
Chicago District championships were held March 17-18 at River Forest, Ill., in which there were 120 entries. H. W. Conlan was tournament chairman.

Results:

(MS) Robert Mullen d Wm. Gibbs 15-7, 15-14. (LS) Thelma Burdick d Eleanor Coombs 11-5, 12-9. (MD) Earl Boston-Earl Ongman d John Prest-Lee Robinson 15-9, 15-10. (LD) Coombs-Burdick d Wilma Shortz-Janet Mitchell 15-5, 10-15, 15-13. (MxD) Coombs-Boston d Burdick-Dave Ponitch 15-8, 15-5. (Vets) Harry Conlan-Hap Burdick d Stu Leber-Dan Dunne 15-12, 15-12.



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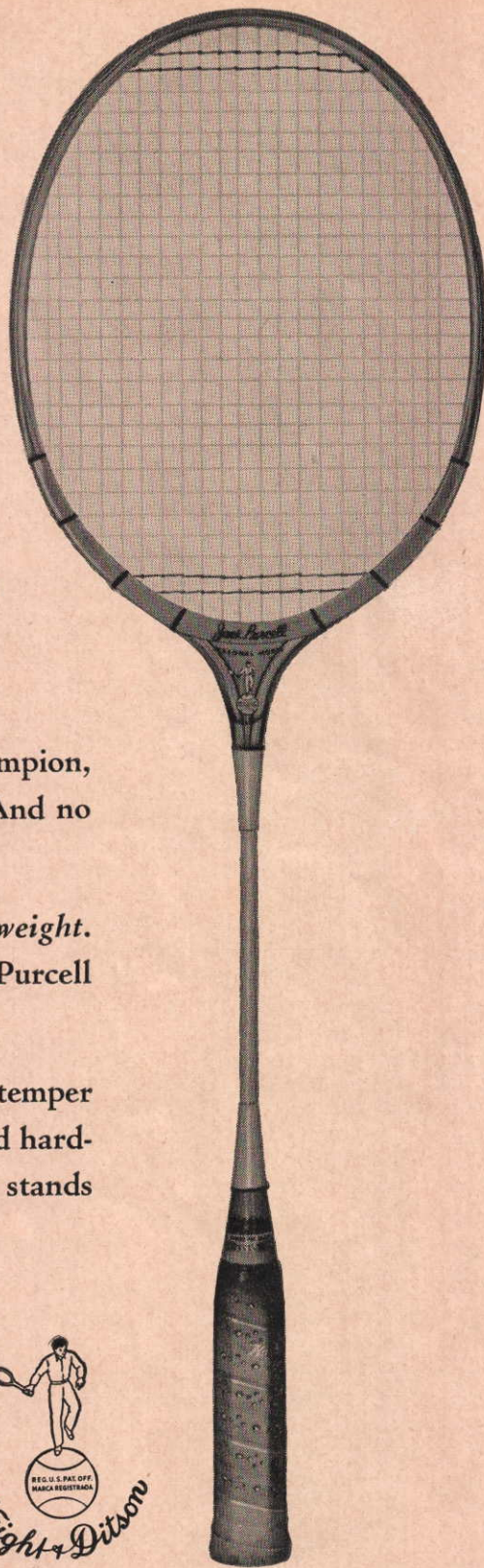


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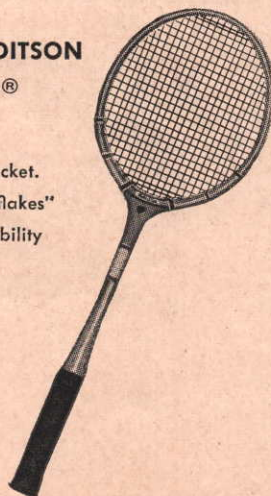
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Tourneys and Topics

Alabama Closed

The Alabama closed tournament was held in Birmingham March 5. There were 40 entries.

Results:

(MS) Herman Dean d Gordon Martin 15-2, 15-4. (LS) Katherine Hooper d Eithol Fairbrother 11-7, 11-8. (MD) Dean-Johnnie Bowen d Martin-Harry Cosper 15-8, 15-8. (MxD) Gerow Hodges-Hooper d Cospert-Martelia Bell 15-10, 15-12.

Katherine Hooper, Correspondent

Mass. State Jr. Championships

The Mass. State junior championships was held March 10, at the University club, Boston, Mass. Norma E. Keechy was tournament chairman.

Results:

(BS) John Kevorkian d John Brewer 15-9, 15-3. (GS) Linda Cobb d Sandra Costello 11-4, 12-10. (BD) Kevorkian-Steve Gilligan d Brewer-Thomas McCormick 15-10, 10-15, 15-2. (GD) Cobb-Jane St. Amant d Costello-Jane Lynch 15-6, 15-3. (MxD) Cobb-Kevorkian d Costello-Bruce Moore 15-5, 15-3.

Penn. State YMCA Meet

Bill Parsons was the men's singles winner in the Penna. State YMCA badminton tournament held at the Altoona YMCA, Saturday, March 10.

Results:

(MS) Bill Parsons d Bernard Tremblay 15-0, 15-9. (MD) Bill and Tom Parsons d Tremblay-Joe O'Grady 15-7, 12-15, 15-13.

West Pennsylvania Open

The 13th annual Western Pennsylvania open badminton tournament was held at the East Liberty YMCA in Pittsburgh March 17. Edward H. Riesmeyer, Jr. was tournament chairman.

Results:

(MS) Stan Sangdahl, Cleveland, Ohio, d Spencer Davis, Washington, D. C., 15-3, 15-9. (LS) Marguerite Wright, Warren, Ohio, d Polly Thompson, Washington, D. C., 11-3, 11-7. (MD) Joel Baker-Davis, Washington, D. C., d J. O'Grady-B. Tremblay, Pittsburgh, Pa., 18-13, 15-12. (MxD) Baker-Thompson d Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Grady 15-6, 15-3. (Vets) E. Lewis-Ted LaVerne, Youngstown, Ohio, d Dr. J. Cornely-R. Wilson, Philipsburg, Pa., 16-17, 15-11, 15-13.

Jacob Lipman, Correspondent

Connecticut State Championships

Connecticut badminton association championships were decided March 17



MISSOURI OPEN—(1) Group picture of winners and runner-ups of the Missouri Open tournament.

ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB—(2) John Ager, Patton, Cam Mitchell, Allen Hardin. (3) Dot Dobson, Dr. Dobson, Nancy McLarty, Rocker.

(4) Winfrey Wynn, Bill Braswell, Joe McCrorey, Henry Lane, Chairman McGee.

DELAWARE STATE—(5) Mrs. William Bender, Rita Harney. (6) Tommy and Barbara Prince. (7) Mrs. Karrer, Mrs. Balick. (8) Tom Prince, Peter Stone, Mr. Karrer. (9) Stanley Horn,

Stanley Miller, W. Bender. (10) Irving O'Neil, Rita Harney.

OHIO STATE—(11) Bob and Terry Stille, Whitney Warner, Mary Connor, Bill Anderson. (12) Bob Stille, Ted Mehlman, Jr., Whitney Warner, Harry Drewry, Bill Anderson. (13) Bea Massman, Ethel Marshall, Whitney Warner, Mildred Sirwaitis, Hazel Brown.

and 18, at the Westport YMCA, when the annual tournament, sponsored by the Badminton Club of Westport, produced some fine play.

Results:

(MS) Ken Kost d N. Fehm 12-15, 15-3, 15-4. (LS) Eleanor Raymond d O'Neill 11-3, 11-4. (MD) Chuck Welch-Ed Drab d Kost-Walter Raymond 15-5, 17-18, 15-5. (LD) Helen Gibson-Wanda Bergman d Raymond-Mrs. Alan Vogt 15-4, 15-12. (MxD) Raymond-Raymond d Gibson-Kost 15-13, 8-15, 18-14. (Vets) Hugh Beattie-Bob Lougheed d Alan Vogt-Hersam 15-6, 15-9.

Don Hersam, Correspondent

14th Annual Wisconsin State

The 14th annual Wisconsin state badminton championships were held at the Douglas Park community house and park pool gym on March 31 and April 1 at Racine, Wisconsin.

Results:

(MS) Vic Soukup d Jim Wanek 15-18, 15-2, 15-8. (LS) Doris Rather d Gert Dahlquist 11-8, 6-11, 11-7. (MD) Foote-Wanek d Clarenbach-Reed 15-5, 15-4. (LD) Foote-Gollish d Dahlquist-Ellen Wehrle 15-12, 15-11. (MxD) Foote-Foote d Dahlquist-Dahlquist 15-6, 15-9. (Vets Singles) Elmer Blaesing d Ed Stirlie 15-8, 15-13. (Vets Doubles) Wehrle-Foote d Clarenbach-Reed 15-11, 15-6.

N.C. STATE CHAMPS

The North Carolina State championships were held at the Needham Broughton gymnasium in Raleigh on March 22, 23, 24.

Results:

(MS) Clark Taylor d C. R. Council 15-3, 15-12. (LS) Mrs. C. R. Council d Laura Cole 11-6, 11-6. (MD) Thomas Cole-L. S. Shaw d Taylor-Ed Cloyd 15-12, 8-15, 15-5. (LD) Cole-Mrs. Emily Rider d Council-Elizabeth Hayes 18-15, 15-5. (MxD) Council-Council d Shaw-Rider 15-8, 15-7.

G. E. Anderson, Correspondent

Seattle City Tournament

Finals of the Seattle city championship badminton tourney at Loyal Heights saw Marg Geldseth and Rupert Top crowned as singles champions, April 22.

Results:

(MS) Rupert Topp d Bill Deacon 10-15, 15-12, 15-11. (LS) Marge Geldseth d Mary Jean Bushell 10-12, 12-9, 11-6. (MD) Jim Paull-Topp d Bob and Bill Deacon 11-15, 15-10, 15-11. (LD) Zoe Yeager-Bushell d Virginia Suggs-Gieldseth 15-9, 15-8. (MxD) Maxine Cruickshank-Paull d Zoe and Dick Yeager 15-8, 15-11. (Vets) Hugh Michell-Fred Walck d Bert Booth-Dick Hayden 15-6, 15-5.

Tourneys and Topics

Racine City Juniors

The Racine City junior badminton championships were held in that city in May.

Results:

(BS) Dave Standiford d Howard Jorgenson 15-5, 15-4. (GS) Dorothy Danek d Lynne Wehrle 11-8, 9-12, 11-8. (BD) Standiford-Jorgenson d John Chopyak-Gebhardt 15-8, 15-11. (GD) Joanne MacKnight-Dot Andress d Lynne Wehrle-Janet Emick 8-15, 15-11, 15-10. (MxD) Chopyak-MacKnight d Dick Delaney-Emick 15-4, 15-5.



MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS—(1) Ted Moehlman, Mrs. Elaine Krey, Charles Mobley, Mrs. Virginia Smith, Russell Smith. (2) Art Mowery, William Streng, Mildred Sirwaitis, Thelma Burdisk, Eleanor Coombs. (3) Kay Bullion, Victor Van de Ven, Reese Cramer, Nick Pritula, Lynn Kelly, Peg Headley. **SASKATCHEWAN CHAMPIONS**—(4) Keith Burgess, Jack Frost. (5) Elon Fengerson, Frank Longrede. **CONNECTICUT CHAMPIONSHIPS**—(6) Helen Gibson, Elizabeth Maffrucci, Louise Ober, Eleanor Raymond, Dorothy Pickering, Alice Jones, Leona Scully, Claire Flewellyn, Barbara Lee. (Standing) Fred Fullin, Peter Parahus, Cal Whiteford, Norman MacInnis, Walter Raymond, Jimmy Woods, Jr., Steve Curry, Alan Vogt, Marshall Neale, Thompson Shea.

RACINE JUNIORS—(7) Danek, Wehrle. **CENTRAL N. Y. CLASS "C"**—(8) Back row: Phil Michlin, Robert Rogus, Jose Orive, William Crandell, James Nichols, Scott Fleming, Dwight Stowell. Front row: Joan Nesmith, Terri Ralph, Dorris Lemp, Marion Meigs. **TEDESCO LADIES DOUBLES**—(9) Eleanor Raymond, May Hellwig, Norma Keech, Evelyn Howard. **WATERTOWN DOUBLES**—(10) Phil Blanchard, Ernie Sackett, Larry Roberts, Al Laubinger, Lew Fowler, Charles Plummer, Joe Costello, Butch Kevorkian. **GUT 'N' FEATHERS**—(11) Harold Seavey, Raymond Hutchinson, Fred Bogardus, Carl Loveday. **NORTH CAROLINA STATE**—(12) Front row: Emily Rider, Laura Cole, Frances Council. Back row: L. S. Shaw, Thomas Cole, C. R. Council.

SBA Championships

On March 16-18 the annual championships of the Southern Badminton Association were held in Memphis.

Results:

(MS) Allen Hardin d Bob Love 15-9, 15-4. (LS) Martha Bass d Dorothy Dobson 11-1, 11-3. (MD) A. E. Patton-Cam Mitchell d R. A. Eichelberger-Gordon Renaud 15-2, 15-7. (LD) Bass-Nancy McLarty d Elma Roane-Virginia Anderson 15-5, 15-2. (MxD) Mc-

Larty-Murray Cleveland d Martha and Bill Bass 15-10, 15-3. (L.Vets) Catherine Hooper-Eithol Fairbrother d Lucille Brown-Eleanor Dubois 15-7, 15-5. (M.Vets) Earl Pate-Renaud d Bill Braswell-Joe McCrorey 15-6, 10-15, 15-8.

Bob Love, Winfrey Wynn, Correspondents

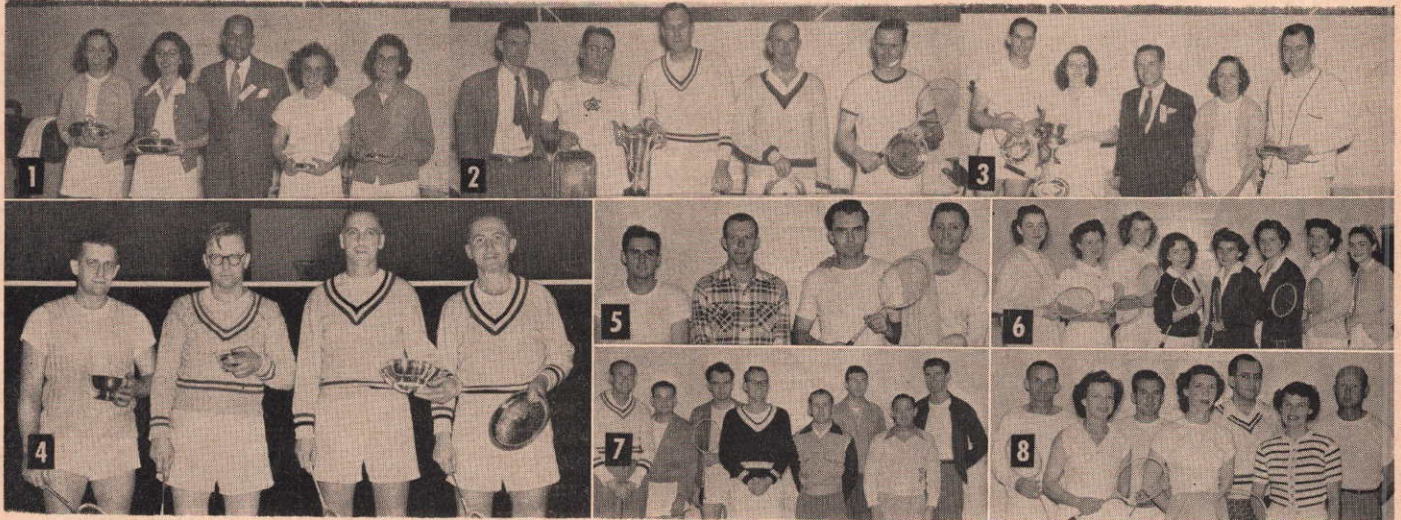
Ohio Open —★—

On March 3-4 the Ohio open badminton tournament was held at the Moreland school in Shaker Heights.

Results:

(MS) Ted Moehlman Jr. d Harry Drewry 15-6, 15-3. (LS) Ethel Marshall d Margaret Varner 11-6, 11-3. (MD) Moehlman-Robert Stille d Bill Anderson-Drewry 12-15, 15-11, 18-14. (LD) Marshall-Bea Massman d Hazel Brown-Mildred Sirwaitis 15-1, 15-9. (MxD) Mary Connor-Anderson d Mary Jane Stille-Stille 15-8, 15-6. (Vets) Ed Lewis-Ed Riesmeyer d Art Mowrey-Dick Gregory 15-11, 15-12.

Beverly Masch, Correspondent



SOUTHERN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION MEET—(1) Martha Bass, Nancy McLarty, Roane, Anderson. (2) Bob Love, Patton, Mitchell, Renaud, Eichelberger. (3) Murray Cleveland, McLarty, Harry Vaughan, Bass, Bass.

PENN. STATE YMCA—(4) Bernard Tremblay, Joe O'Grady, Bill Parsons, Tom Parsons.

GLENDALE "C"—(5) David McCosker, Paul McKibbin, Don Jones, Randy Sage. (6) June Mies, Betty Shampine, Jackie Davis, Donna Marks, Mary Ann Breckell, Nancy Carr, Leah Jane Held, Margaret Bymaster. (7) Ronnie Carr, Jack Davis, Don Jones, Merwin Miller, Bob Harmsen, Ev Mies, Louis Wengert, Jack Frisz. (8) Randy Myers, Irene Gardner, Bob Evans, Eleanor Avrand, George Pajares, Lil Wells, Al Wilkinson.



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Because of the interest aroused by question No. 2, it's discussion is continued this month. The question was—WHAT IS THE POPULAR FEELING TOWARD THE WOOD SHOT RULE IN YOUR AREA?

Last season the International Badminton Federation altered Law 14 (H) to make it a fault henceforth whenever the shuttle comes into physical contact with any part of the frame, shaft or handle of the racket. This change eliminated the possibility of clean wood shots.)

Question No. 3 for next issue "What is your carefully considered opinion of an Open U. S. Championships or an Open North American Championships?"

Doug Grant, Montreal, Canada: "I note that New Zealand has applied for a change of the wood shot rule. The Canadian Badminton Association officially approved "all's fair in love and badminton" and the new interpretation has proved in practice to be a tremendous improvement as I predicted some time ago. Unless I miss my guess, all countries will be using

it within a couple of years. For more sustained action and excitement, particularly in men's doubles, in one result. However, there probably isn't a more controversial aspect of the game and many arguments pro and con will doubtless continue.

L. R. Gustavson, Westport, Conn.: Perhaps I have too much to say on the new law about unclean hits.

At the time it was being (discussed?) in the A.B.A. directors meeting the Connecticut Badminton Assn., through me, presented a motion by correspondence, saying in effect that only *deliberate* carries be declared a fault.

I pointed out the reasons for this based on years of close observation of all forms of tournament play, teaching, coaching and directing national junior play and a great deal of study and consideration of ordinary club play. The A.B.A. chose not to consider our motion seriously and it never got a chance to be voted on.

I think I am as well qualified as any one other person in the game to judge the effects of the present rule and in my opinion it has had no noticeable effect other than to slow down the game and when an argument does arise it is more bitter. The rule should be changed again in the manner proposed by the Conn. Badminton Association.

An analysis is this. In top tournament

play there are very few unclean shots hit and when there are they generally have such a negligible effect that there is much doubt in the minds of the players and the umpire as to whether there was a fault or not. And certainly the rally could go on with little loss or gain to either side. Its effect is mostly mental.

In junior play, even in National Championships there is so much of it in the early rounds that the Tournament Committees have chosen not to enforce the rule until the semi-finals, because it would practically stop all rallies.

A few years ago, before the new rule, I watched a veterans doubles match in a National Tournament in which three of the contestants were A.B.A. officials of high office, no umpire present, and they rarely called a carry or double hit, although there were many, and the rallies went on to the enjoyment of all four players.

In lower caliber club play most rallies in any match are LOST because of an unclean hit, not won by superior ability or tactics.

From a layman spectator view the rule is disgusting. Its like old basket-ball rules when the whistle blew every few seconds. A good rally is stopped for no evident reason and he says. "Why, what happened?"

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Metropolitan Championships

The Metropolitan (New York) Class "A" and Class "C" tournaments were held April 13, 14, 15 at Pier 6, Cromwell Centre Staten Island.

Class "A" Results:

(MS) Carl Loveday d Walter Raymond 15-10, 15-12. (LS) Eleanor Raymond d Peggy Falvella 11-4, 11-0. (MD) Loveday-Frank Hinds d Raymond-Edward Shields 15-7, 12-15, 15-11. (LD) Raymond-May Hellwig d Falvella-Doris Sullivan 15-5, 15-6. (MxD) Loveday-Paddy Shaw d Shields-Hellwig 15-4, 11-15, 15-6. (Vets) Bob Wright-Max Schirmer d Cy Sasseen-Adolph Sack.

Class "C" Results:

(MS) Tris Stephens d Jack Kaufhold 13-15, 15-9, 15-4. (LS) Fay Shaw d Jeane Pelletier 6-11, 11-6, 11-9. (MD) Scheck-Redfield

d Stephens-Bredenberg 15-6, 15-7. (LD) Pleban-Gerard d Shaw-Schramm 15-6, 9-15, 15-9. (MxD) Stephens-Shaw d Gerard-Gerard 15-11, 8-15, 15-11.

May Hellwig, Correspondent

Danish International

No less than 32 foreign players took part in the Danish International Open Championship April 17 in Odense.

Results:

(MS) Wong Peng Soon d Eddy Choong 15-8, 15-6. (LS) Tonny Ahm d Aase Svendsen 11-2, 11-3. (MD) Ong Poh Lim-Ismail bin Marjan d Jorn Skaarup-Preben Dabelsteen 15-9, 15-5. (LD) Thorndahl-Ahm d Aase Svendsen-Inger Sorensen 16-17, 18-13, 15-4. (MxD) Arve Lossmann-Thorndahl d Ib Olesen-Svendsen 10-15, 18-17, 15-2.

Knud Lunoe, Correspondent

Sixth Annual "C" Flight Tournament

Glendale's sixth annual "C" Flight tournament got under way April 12 at the Los Angeles City College in Los Angeles, with the largest entry in the history of the club. 234 event entries with approximately 130 players participated.

Results:

"A Flight"

(MS) Randy Sage d Don Jones 15-10, 15-4. (LS) Katy Kraft d Audrey Armstrong 11-2, 11-2. (MD) Jones-Merwin Miller d Jack Davis-Ron Carr 15-7, 15-9. (LD) Jackie Davis-Donna Marks d Betty Shampine-June Mies 15-5, 15-6. (MxD) Robert Luevano-June Gregory d Everett Meis-Shampine 15-2, 12-15, 15-6. (Vets Mixed Doubles) (combined ages 75) Ton Carter-Elsie VanHiel d Rich Fleming-Lois O'Connell 15-11, 9-15, 17-14.

"B Flight"

(MS) Paul McKibben d Dave McCosker 15-9, 15-7. (LS) Jackie Davis d Mary Ann Breckell 11-1, 11-8. (MD) Jack Frisz-Louis Wengert d Bob Harmsen-Everett Mies 12-15, 18-17, 15-6. (LD) Margaret Bymaster-Leah Held d Breckell-Norma Carr 4-15, 15-4, 15-10. (MxD) George Pajares-Ellie Aurand d Al Wilkinson-Lillian Wells 14-17, 18-17, 15-7. (Vets) Bill Evans-Ellie Aurand d Rand Myers-Irene Gardner 15-12, 18-16.

Marguerite Miller, Correspondent

Atlanta A.C. Meet

The 13th Annual Atlanta Athletic club championships were held Feb. 8-11.

Results:

"A Flight"

(MS) John Ager d Allen Hardin 16-17, 15-12, 15-8. (LS) Dorothy Dobson d Nancy McLarty 11-6, 11-3. (MD) Cam Mitchell-A. E. Patton d Ager-Hardin 15-5, 15-5. (LD) Dobson-Ballinger d McLarty-Vaughan 15-4, 15-8. (MxD) D. Dobson-Dobson d Rocker-McLarty 15-12, 15-6. (Vets) Bill Braswell-Joe McCrorey d Rocker-Winfrey Wynn 15-6, 17-14.

"B Flight"

(MS) Johnson d McCannell 15-1, 15-2. (MD) Ballinger-McConnell d Davis-Arp 15-10, 7-15, 15-6. (M Novice S) Haynes d O'Neill 15-11, 15-11. (M Novice D) Haynes-Johnson d Johnson-Carley default. (Mx Novice D) O'Neill-Prather d Tucker-Tucker 15-6, 15-7.

Winfrey Wynn, Correspondent

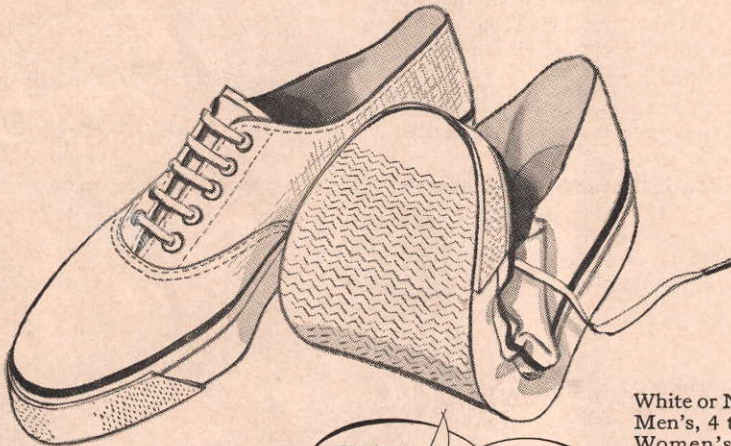
California State Tournament

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Results:

(MS) Marten Mendez d Joe Alston 15-14, 15-5. (LS) Thelma Scovil d Jean Kirby 11-4, 12-11. (MD) Wynn Rogers-Alston d Irl Madden-Dick Michell 15-6, 15-1. (LD) Loma Smith-Dottie Hann d Scovil-Mildred Jude 15-7, 15-13. (MxD) Smith-Rogers d Lois Smedley-Alston 15-8, 15-10. (Vets) Howard Holman-Gene Elms d Louis Rulison-Hulet Smith 15-7, 15-6.



Northwest Juniors

The Northwest Junior badminton championships were held at the Hiawatha fieldhouse in Seattle. Bill Carlson was tournament chairman.

Results:

(BS) Don Davis d Bob Stenning 15-9, 15-4. (GS) Patsy Heard d Lois Root 11-5, 11-12, 11-3. (BD) Davis-Stenning d Tom Hoag-Ernest Craft 15-5, 15-5. (GD) Eve Nolan-Sally True d Lorene Boorman-Esther Napier 15-10, 15-13. (MxD) Heard-Stenning d Nolan-Davis 15-6, 10-15, 15-10.



Bunker Hill Class "D"

The Bunker Hill class "D" doubles tournament was held April 14, 15 at the Charlestown Armed Services Y. M. C. A. in Charlestown, Mass.

Results:

(MD) Lt. William J. Griffith-Zeno Washburn d Arthur E. Nelson-Charles White 15-11, 15-12. (MxD) Kay O'Toole-White d Alin L. Suslam-Alvah F. Stimpson 15-1, 15-4.

Raymond E. Corbin, Correspondent

Chattanooga Tournament

The City of Chattanooga tournament was held at the McCallie school gym on March 22, 23, 24. Pat St. Charles was chairman of the event.

Results:

SENIORS (MS) Bill Caldwell d Clyde Hill 15-3, 15-0. (LS) Martha Bass d Jean Cooley default. (MD) Wm. Bass-Pat St. Charles d Names not given 17-15, 15-9. (LD) Bass-Cooley d Edna Wolensky-Jean Roberts 15-3, 15-3. (MxD) Bass-Bass d Mrs. Ashord Todd-Caldwell 15-4, 15-2.

JUNIORS (BS) Jimmy Sloan d Charles Almon 11-0, 11-2. (GS) Betty Rush d Barbara Drinnon 11-0, 11-1. (BD) Sloan-Larry Patrick d Earl Gaddis-Bobby McMurray 15-8, 15-7. (GD) Rush-Drinnon d Peggy Vandiver-Marie Sanders 15-7, 15-9. (MxD) Jeanette Tanner-Sloan d Mary Cooper-Patrick 15-5, 15-1.

C. M. DuBois, Correspondent



Indiana State Tournament

There were almost 100 entries in the Indiana state badminton tournament held April 6, 7, at the Earlham college, Richmond, Indiana. Merle A. Rousey was tournament chairman.

Results:

(MS) Roy Nusbaum d Harold Nusbaum 15-4, 15-7. (LS) Abbie Rutledge d Ruth Gadowski 11-0, 11-0. (MD) H. Nusbaum-R. Nusbaum d Charles Armon-Clarence Huetten 15-7, 15-5. (LD) Betty Mathews-Rutledge d Catherine Wolf-Gadowski 15-4, 15-5. (MxD) Armon-Rutledge d R. Nusbaum-Molly Kline 15-2, 15-12.

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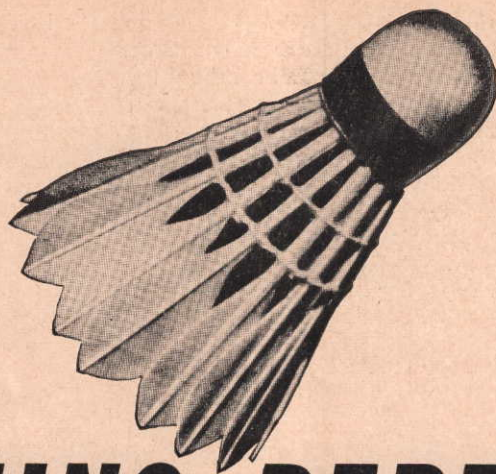
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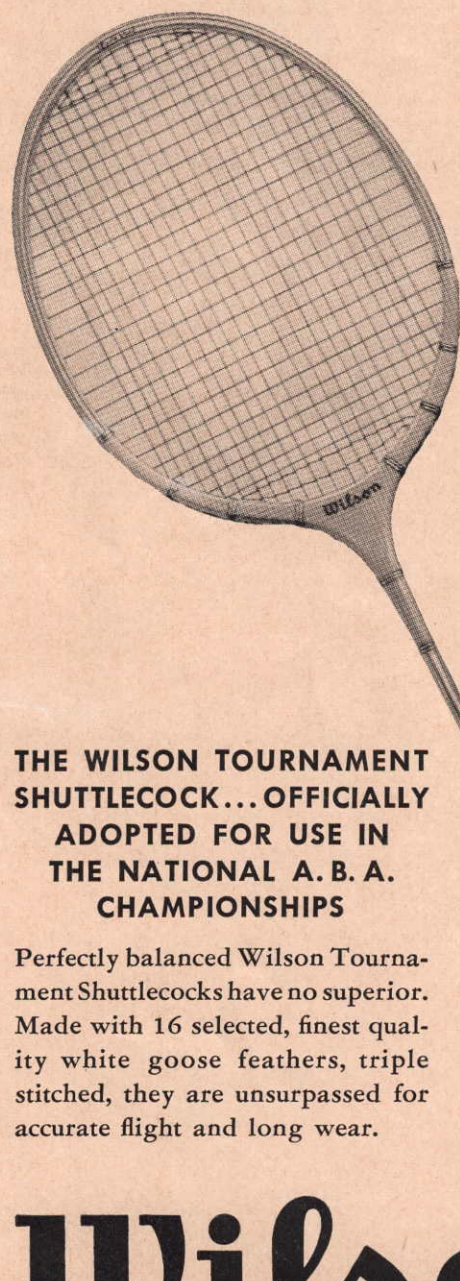
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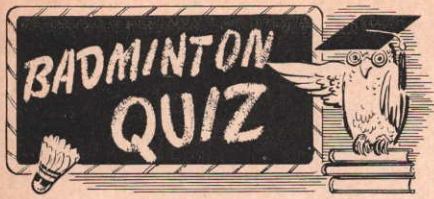
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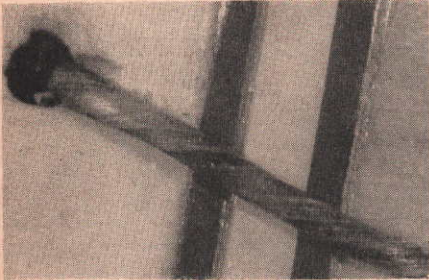
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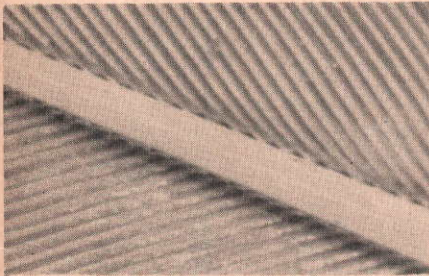
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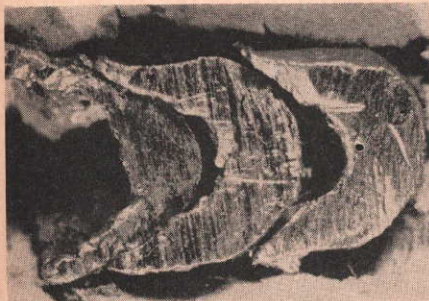
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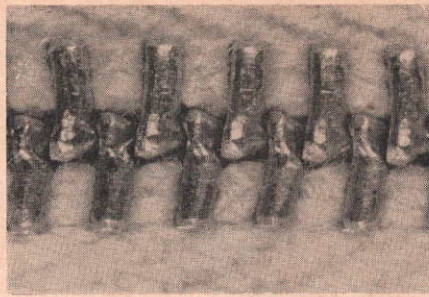
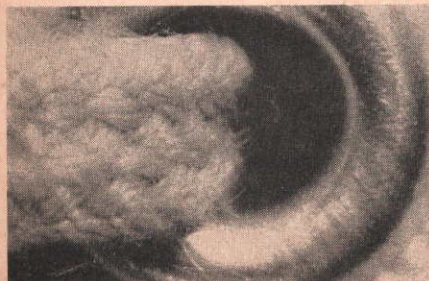
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Oregon State Closed

Russ Hill was a triple winner in the Oregon State closed tournament held at the Cleveland high school in Portland on February 19, 21, 22.

Results:

(MS) Russell Hill d Harold H. Muntz 15-5, 15-8. (LS) Mary Ann Hanson d Betty Rankin 11-3, 11-1. (MD) Hill-Charles Cleveland d Muntz-Stanley Cicrich 15-1, 15-11. (LD) Hanson-Helen Phillips d Betty Rankin-Grace Noraine 15-9, 15-12. (MxD) Hill-Claire Hill d Cicrich-Louise Cicrich 15-6, 15-10.

"B" Flight

(MS) Bob Brownell d John Bertram 17-14, 15-10. (MD) Shipley-Huddleston d Rankin-Noraine 15-9, 17-14. (MxD) Delavaga-Settlemyre d Brownell-Sundeleaf 15-13, 9-15, 15-13.

Consolation

(MS) Jack Warren d Glen Snodgrass 15-8, 15-11. (MD) Delavaga-Huston d Church-Meeker 18-14, 11-15, 18-15. (MxD) Mr. and Mrs. Warren d Mr. and Mrs. Shipley 15-6, 9-15, 15-10. Harold H. Muntz, Correspondent

3rd Missouri Open

Marten Mendez and Margaret Varner came out on top of the Missouri Third Annual open tournament held at Concordia Seminary, March 24, 25 in Concordia, Missouri.

Results:

(MS) Marten Mendez d Ted Moehlman 15-5, 18-15. (LS) Margaret Varner d Eleanor Coombs 11-5, 12-11. (MD) Mendez-Bob Stille d Bill Anderson-Harry Drewery 17-14, 15-13. (LD) Varner-Abbie Rutledge d Coombs-Thelma Burdick 15-7, 11-15, 15-9. (MxD) Varner-Anderson d Mary Jane Stille-Stille 15-11, 3-15, 15-9. (Vets) Herb Fehrenbach-Sil Michlin d Ken Aderholt-Ed Jarrett 15-8, 15-11.

Consolations

(MS) Dave Ponitch d Howard Bland 15-10, 15-4. (LS) Peggy Vilbig d Audrey Mathes 11-3, 11-1. (MD) Sil Michlin-Herb Fehrenbach d Harrison Hugh-Ponitch 15-7, 15-2. (LD) Vilbig-Peg Goessling d Teresa Landry-Carol Stirling 15-1, 15-1. (MxD) Abbie Rutledge-Richard Casey d Vilbig-Sil Michlin 15-13, 15-3. (Vets) George Horne-Ed Ott d Herman Goessling-Ted Moehlman Sr. 15-7, 15-6. Howard T. Bland, Correspondent

Baltimore City

Clint Stephens defeated Stan Sangdahl to capture the men's singles tiara in the Baltimore City Invitation bad-

minton tournament held February 9, 10, and 11th. John D. McGee was chairman.

Results:

(MS) Clint Stephens d Stan Sangdahl 15-9, 15-2. (LS) Marie Ussing d Ruth Jett 11-3, 11-3. (MD) Stephens-Ed Shields d Harry Hackett-Ken Kost 15-13, 15-10. (LD) Ussing-Eleanor Raymond d Judy & Sue Devlin 15-12, 15-9. (MxD) Stephens-J. Devlin d Mr. and Mrs. Raymond 15-6, 15-8.

Estelle N. Dryden, Correspondent

Delaware State

The eleventh annual closed Delaware State badminton tournament was played at Dilwyne badminton club, Wilmington, March 1, 2, 3.

Results:

(MS) Irving O'Neil d Donald Altmeir 15-1, 15-2. (LS) Rita Harney d Mrs. Austin Peoples 11-7, 10-12, 11-2. (MD) E. P. Fairman-O'Neil d S. Levy-W. Levy 15-11, 15-13. (LD) Harney-Bender d Peoples-Balick. (MxD) Harney-O'Neil d Mr. & Mrs. Fairman 15-8, 2-15, 15-12.

J. M. Rhodes, Correspondent

Mass. State Championships

There were nearly 150 entries in the Massachusetts state championships held at the University club in Boston March 16, 17, 18. C. A. Godsell was chairman of the event.

Results:

(MS) Wayne Schell d Harold Seavey 15-9, 15-5. (LS) Norma Keech d Lee Chadbourne 11-3, 11-7. (MD) Edward Crocker-William Goodman d Robert Warren-Donald O'Callaghan 15-8, 15-4. (LD) Keech-Mrs. Mary Richards d Ruth Eddy-Mary Frances Wright 15-2, 15-8. (MxD) Warren-Richards d Proctor Avon-Keech 15-1, 15-1. (Vets) C. Raynor Hutchinson-Stanley Anderson d Loring Roberts-Harold Travis 18-13, 15-10.

Michigan Inter-City

East Grand Rapids came out on top of most events in the Michigan inter-city tournament held at the East Grand Rapids high school March 18. A. Parker Terryberry was chairman.

Results:

(MD) Dick Johnson-Bob Heaney, Grand Rapids, d Lee Koopsen-Eric Pratt, Kalamazoo, 15-1, 15-12. (LD) Kay Jaffee-Mary Raynox, Lansing, d Patty Chiff-Helen Nicole, East Grand Rapids, 15-7, 15-10. (MxD) Johnson-Cliff d Heaney-Nicole 15-5, 15-8.

Mrs. William Cliff, Correspondent

Central N. Y. Classic

Ithaca, Massena and Syracuse shared honors in the Second Annual Central New York Class "C" badminton championships April 20-22. The tournament was held at the Syracuse Y.W.C.A. under the capable chairmanship of Marion Meigs, secretary of the Syracuse badminton club, which sponsored the tournament.

Results:

(MS) Scott Fleming d Lester Zehr default. (LS) Dorris Lemp d Marge Paull 11-5, 11-2. (MD) William Crandell-James Nichols d Jose Orive-Robert Rogus 15-5, 15-5. (LD) Joan Nesmith-Terri Ralph d Joy Bauer-Joan Wheeler 18-16, 15-13. (MxD) Nesmith-Orive d Ralph-Rogus 15-11, 15-11.

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BORN—Miss Melinda Carson Tibbetts to Helen and Chuck Tibbetts, Southern California players, on March 5, 4:02 p.m., 6 lbs., 10 oz. She is their second child.

WINGS OF AN ANGEL—Warden Dowd of the Michigan State Prison recently announced in the prison paper that the athletic program would be enlarged. The paper states, "For the older and more refined gentlemen there will be horseshoe pitching, checkers, badminton, croquet and ping pong." How did we get into that group?

ACCIDENT—Two badminton stalwarts, Howard and Connie Taylor,

Hollywood, California, missed the big Dallas nationals when their automobile skidded off the road near Albuquerque, N. M., and was completely wrecked. The Taylors escaped serious permanent injury but were severely bruised and badly shaken up.

TELECAST—Well covered by television was the 1951 Senior nationals at Dallas. Ken Davidson made two appearances to publicize the matches and on the evening of the finals, he made a running commentary as the matches were telecast for one and one-half hours including interviewing of the winners. The telecast was scheduled for one hour but it proved so successful that it was extended and eventually covered all of the men's and women's singles events and most of the ladies' doubles.

LARGEST MEET—The 134 entries in the 1951 Minneapolis Junior Nationals was the largest ever recorded in that tournament. Players entered from Illinois, Minnesota, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, California, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio, Washington State, Georgia and Michigan.

MARRIAGE—Barbara Delores Christenson and Cliff Mulberg were married at the Canadian Memorial church in Vancouver, British Columbia, May 19. Both are well known in Canadian and Northwest badminton circles.



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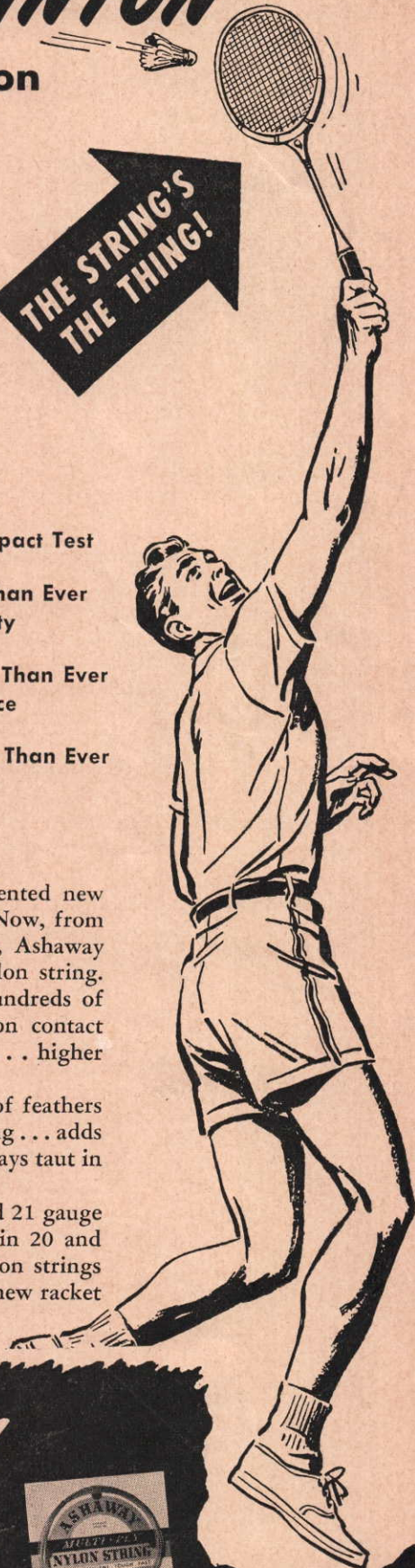
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Dear Sir:

What must we do to get something in Bird Chatter?

I have just come back from another badminton tournament. How can I get more people to take Bird Chatter if there is no news of anybody we know so well?

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• Elmer brings up a question that must be in the minds of many of our friends who are trying to promote Bird Chatter.

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In your March-April issue of Bird Chatter you asked for our opinion on building an outdoor court. I have built at least three of these and I think this last one is the real thing.

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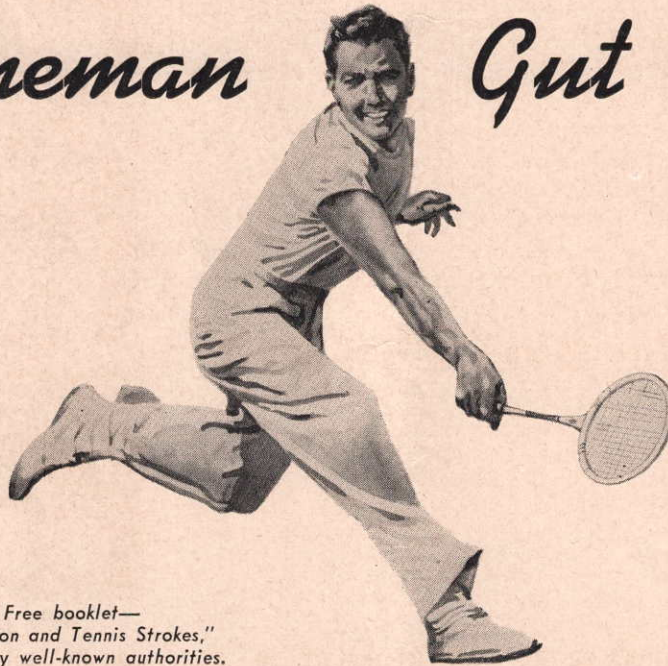
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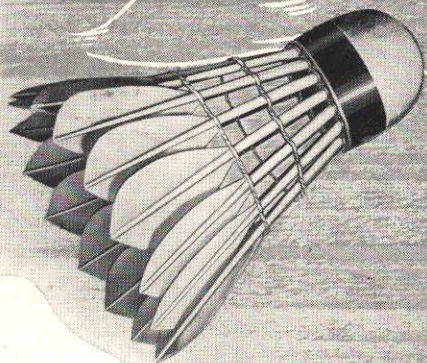
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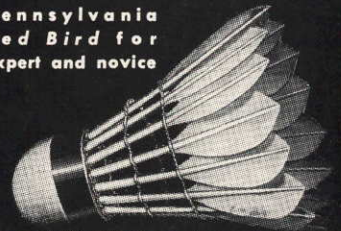
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