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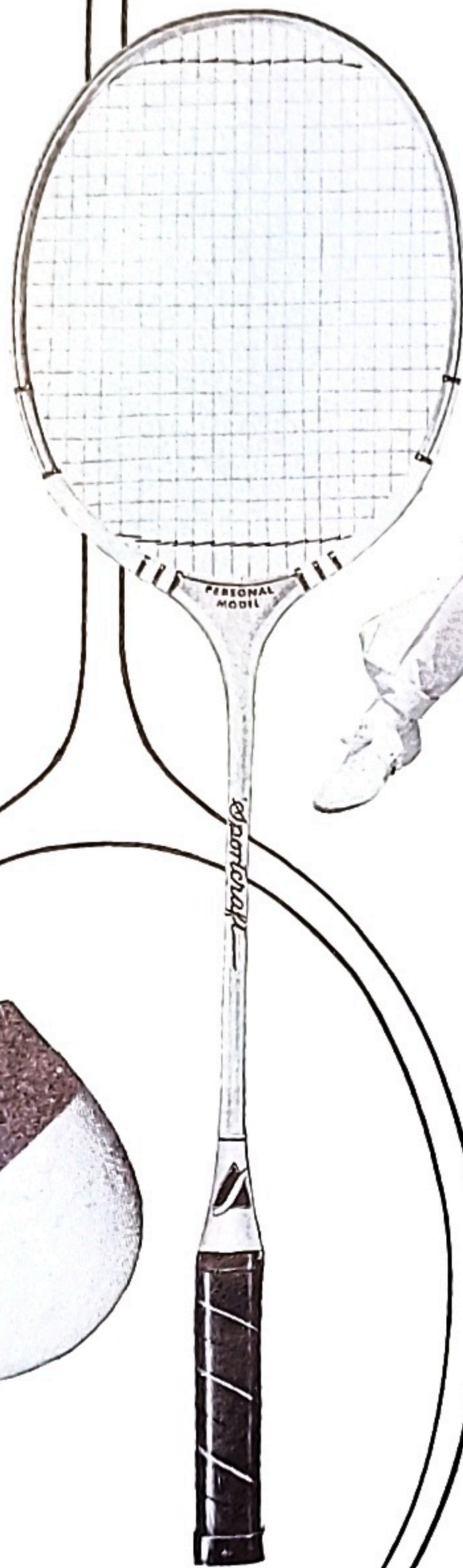
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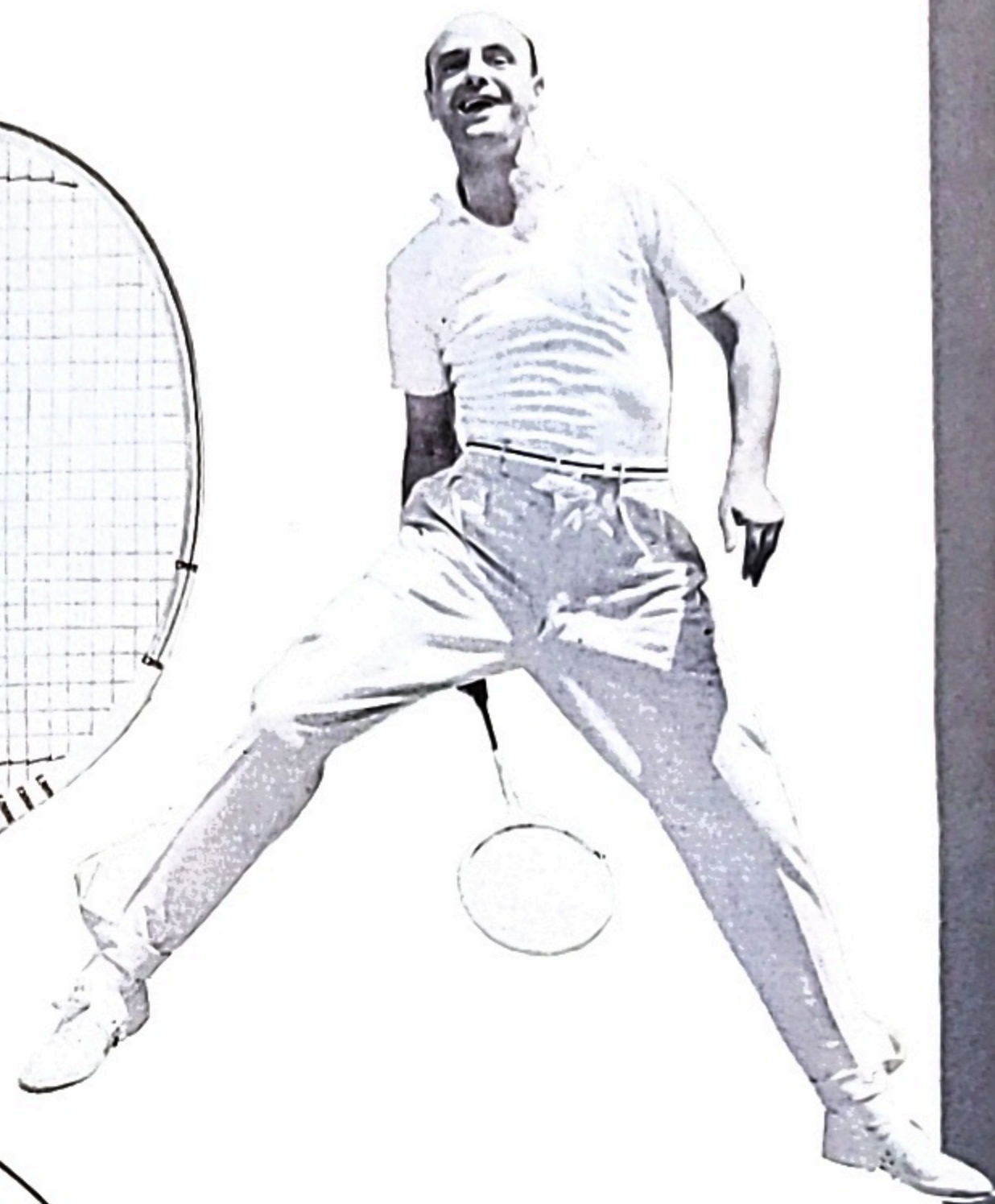


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ALL BIRDS *were* GEESE

SEATTLE BUSINESS SOARS ON GOOSE FEATHERS

By Bob Schwarzmann

Cliff Barker and Jim Mayhall wish they were brothers to the old wild goose.

These young operators of Barker-Mayhall, Inc., one of the two badminton-shuttle manufacturing concerns in the United States, deal in goose feathers—and they have more unusual problems than a goose has feathers.

For those unfamiliar with the increasingly popular game of badminton, it is a sport similar to tennis, but the object batted to and fro across the net is a cork in which 16 white-goose feathers have been imbedded. The badminton player calls it a "bird."

The American Badminton Association, governing body of American badminton, has found that only white-goose feathers stand up under the buffeting handed the shuttles. Only 16 tufts, eight under each wing, will pass the stringent tests laid down by the A.B.A. for its sanctioned tournaments.

To cut overhead in their comparatively new business, Barker-Mayhall has by-passed the feather merchants and dealt directly with the suppliers in areas where white geese are raised. But, unless you speak the language, anything can happen, since the feathers are available only in Central Europe or China.

Take the time Barker sent a request to a Czechoslovakian dealer for a large order of "goose quills." At last a 300-pound sack arrived at the plant. Barker hurriedly opened the consignment and reached in for a sample. The literal-minded European had sent Barker-Mayhall just what was requested—quills. All the feathers had been shaved diligently from the shafts.

Not long after, Mayhall heard of a new supply in Northern China. Off went the requisition.

Upon receiving the shipment, Mayhall pulled out feathers from the container with misgivings. Then a smile came to his face. They looked good, with not too much waste in evidence. But as he dumped the contents on the floor preparatory to washing the dirty feathers, he found a sleeper. Barker-Mayhall had paid for the expensive feathers by the pound, and Mayhall gave a cry that the wild goose would have envied as chicken heads rolled out from the bottom of the bag.

All the problems of making shuttles are not foreign. After the feathers are stuck into the cork, thread has to be sewn around and among the quills to add strength.

Because this work is done by hand, women do the labor at home on sewing machines adapted for the task. Barker-Mayhall furnishes the thread in the form of strong linen twine. During the spring of 1946, the year the corporation was formed, the partners noticed a considerable jump in the quantity of twine needed by the home workers. After one woman requested a second spool in the same week—the normal consumption is a half spool—Barker investigated. As he passed the empty lot next to the woman's house, he saw her son flying a kite. That solved the mystery.

Despite its strange problems, the company has discovered a means of eliminating one of the industry's major bottlenecks. Previously, many man-hours were needed to drill holes in the cork and insert the 16 feathers. Barker-Mayhall has designed a machine to do the work in a fraction of the former time, and much more efficiently.

All the tufts for top-quality shuttles come from white geese. Eighty per cent of the geese-raising countries are under Communist control.

One of the first questions asked by outsiders is, "Why don't you raise your own geese?"

Barker explained it this way.

"Only 16 quills can be taken from one goose. We use feathers from about 2,400 geese in one day. There are humane laws in this country that will not allow plucking a live fowl, and what would we do with 2,400 carcasses even if it were practical to raise them ourselves?"

When asked about using plumage from wild geese, Barker said there are laws that forbid commercial use of wild-game products.

A tour of the plant gives a complete picture of the shuttle-making process. The first step is to wash the feathers. They are tossed into an oversized automatic washing machine. Then the soggy feathers are placed in a drier.

After leaving the drier, the feathers are sorted. All right-wing feathers go in one pile, the left in the other, broken feathers being thrown aside as



waste, later to be sold to mattress manufacturers. Because of the curve of the tufts, only all right or all left can go into the same shuttle; otherwise the flight of the bird would be erratic.

Next the sorted quills are taken to a machine that punch-cuts the feathers into the right size for the shuttle. Again the waste is tossed aside. The cut feathers then are graded into four groups, from the finest to the poorest.

The cork bases, which come already cut to size, are processed then. Caps are applied and then leather is cut and placed over the cork, and the feathers are inserted into the cork.

Next the birds are glued, graded and weighed.

The weighing is important. Each bird has to fall within one half grain of 79 grains.



1. Here are materials that go into the manufacture and packaging of badminton shuttles, from feathers to labels of the distributing companies. Lower, from left, are corks and caps, raw feathers, trimmed feathers and a piece of soft leather wrapped about the corks. Above these are the linen twine, cardboard tube, tape, labels and other items used.
2. Removing washed feathers from a drying machine.
3. Newly assembled shuttles are placed in tube containers before the glue dries, so they will retain the proper shape when the glue sets.
4. Sorted feathers to be used in shuttles are cut on a special stamping machine which utilizes only the center portion of each feather. Remnants are sold to pillow manufacturers.
5. Trimming the feather ends on the finished "birds," while Cliff Barker puts a snakelike batch of shuttles into a tube.
6. Sticking labels inside the shuttles. The factory, one of only two such plants in the United States, completes more than 200 dozen units daily.
7. Weighing a shuttle. Each must weigh within half a grain of 79 grains. Tiny lead pellets are pushed into the cork to add weight.

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HOW TO PLAY BADMINTON

The Forehand Drive

from "Badminton" the International Textbook of the game

By *Doug Grant*

Though apparently similar, the drive strokes used in badminton and tennis respectively are opposed in two basic essentials of execution. In tennis the drive is struck waist high with a locked wrist and arm supplying force to the stroke as one unit. In badminton the drive is struck at shoulder level with the arm and wrist contributing their force in successive stages. The principle of these strokes is to gain momentum with a free arm swing adding the final punch with a vicious wrist whip.

Since the essence of attack in badminton is to meet the bird at the highest point and to return it at a steep downward angle, it is obvious that we would favor overhead strokes.

There are, however, times when we cannot employ an overhead either because our opponent's shot is too low to be smashed, or because we cannot reach the bird before it has dropped below the "overhead" level.

Under these conditions of play we should concentrate on meeting the bird at the highest possible level, and we shall find the drive, which is the next "highest" stroke to the overhead, to

be a logical stroke. One of the more offensive weapons, the drive is often a decisive factor in regaining the attack.

The forehand drive illustrated above was made under circumstances which allowed time for a fully-prepared stroke but if I had been more rushed, a quicker if less powerful wrist flick alone would have been almost as effective — indeed there is a growing tendency towards a shorter, quicker action for drive strokes.

Generally speaking, however, both the arm and wrist should be utilized especially when the drive is made from the baseline. The rhythm of the stroke is determined by the co-ordination of the arm which creates the starting momentum and the whip of the wrist which supplies the final punch. These action shots show:

(1) The flexed arm and wrist are drawn well back and the body is turned sideways to the line of flight, with the back facing the net.

(2) The unflexed arm supplies its power as the body turns towards the approaching bird.

(3) The still cocked wrist is finally

unflexed whipping the racquet head through to meet the bird at shoulder level with a fully extended arm.

(4) The complete arm, wrist and body follow-through which is essential for maximum power and control.

The drive finds its principle usage in mixed doubles by the man who is given frequent openings for drive placements along the lines and across court.

In men's doubles the drive is frequently used for returning smashes, speed of wrist action and direction being major factors in its success.

In singles the drive is most effective when used sparingly as a complete surprise to the opponent. It is a useful alternative to a drop in smash defence and will occasionally catch the opponent off guard when substituted for a more likely drop or clear.

The success of drive strokes depends on speed, the element of surprise, early contact, net-skimming flight, and nearness to the lines.

PASH!

SINGAPORE AHOY!

The U. S. A. Thomas Cup squad to travel to Singapore, Malaya, for the Interzone play-off on May 26-27, 1952, against the winner of the Denmark vs India match has not yet been officially announced. However, it is known that the six-man team which was successful against Canada has been invited to go *en bloc* if they can all spare the time to make the trip. Ken Davidson, who will act as Manager and Coach, has also been invited. It is hoped that each of the seven concerned will be able to make satisfactory arrangements for a leave of absence from business to include the extra time required should our U.S.A. team beat Denmark or India and thus have to play against the present Champion Nation, Malaya, in Singapore on May 31, June 1, 1952, at the 9,500 seating capacity Happy World Stadium.

The squad is expected to leave the United States by air on or near May 15. Depending on connections, it takes approximately 3½ days for plane passage to Singapore. It is understood that the Denmark vs India play-off (for the right to meet the U.S.A.) will be played in India, probably Bombay, around May 18-20, in order to save traveling expenses. (The Danes must travel through India to reach Malaya.)

Bird Chatter and all its readers wish the U.S.A. squad "Good Luck" in its effort to bring the Thomas Cup back to this country.



"Humor George — ask him about the Badminton Tournament."



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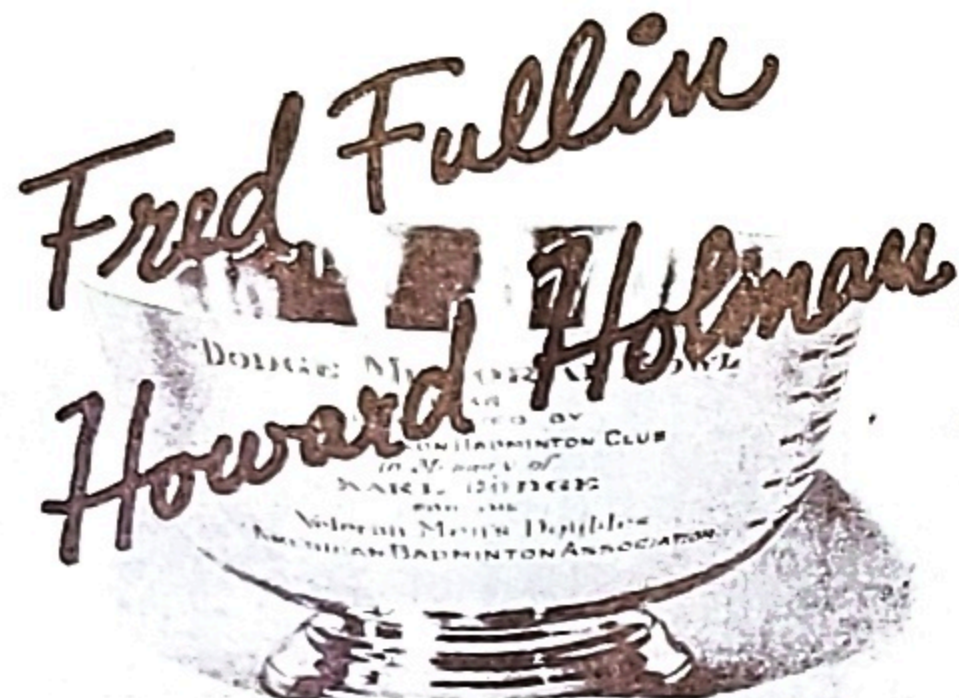
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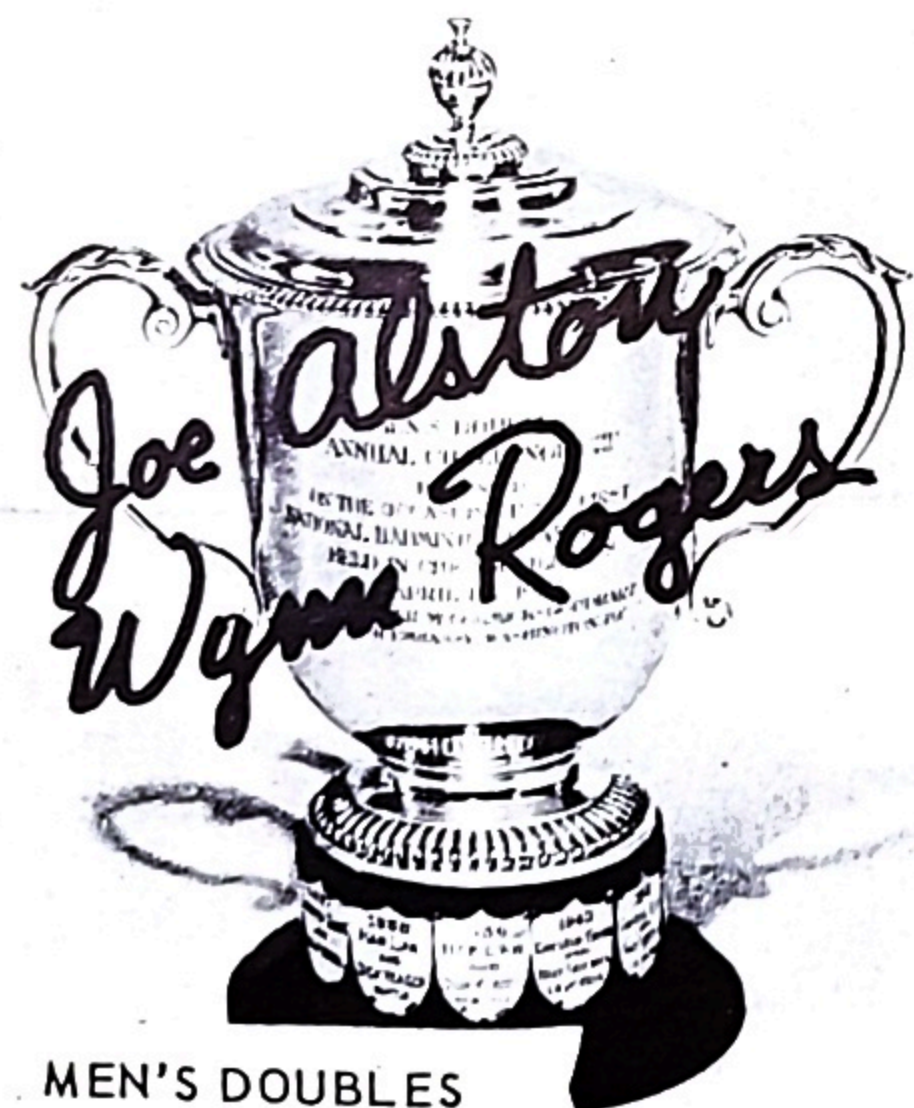
LADIES' SINGLES



VETERANS' DOUBLES



MIXED DOUBLES



MEN'S DOUBLES



LADIES' DOUBLES

Steady Marten Mendez of San Diego, Calif., regained the singles title he lost last year by beating top-seeded Joe Alston of Fargo, N.D. defending champion, in a scorching three-game final that climaxed play in the national amateur badminton championships.

Ethel Marshall of Buffalo annexed her sixth straight women's singles title with comparative ease, downing Mrs. Thelma Scovil of Long Beach, Calif., 11-3 and 11-7.

Mendez, winner of the 1949-50 championships, simply wore down Alston, who has a tough time winning his semifinal match from Wynn Rogers Friday night.

Returning Alston's shots with disarming regularity, Mendez moved to a 12-1 lead in the first game, and won going away. Alston's forehand smashes saved him the second game, 15-7.

After exchanging points in the third game up to 6-all, Mendez opened up. He placed his shots perfectly and returned the exchampion's hardest drives without allowing him another point.

Playing true to her top seeding, Miss Marshall piled up a 9-0 lead in the first game and went on to win easily.

Mrs. Scovil, runner up to Miss Marshall in three previous national tournaments, rallied brilliantly in the second game to take a 7-1 lead, but faltered as the champion grabbed ten straight points and the title.

In the men's doubles final, Alston and his partner, Wynn Rogers of Arcadia, California, gained a measure of revenge by whipping Mendez and his partner, Bob Williams of Williamsville, N.Y., 15-4 and 15-8, just as they had been expected to do.

Mrs. Scovil was not so lucky in her quest for revenge, as she and her partner, Janet Wright of San Francisco, top-seeded pair in the women's doubles, lost the title to Miss Marshall and Beatrice Massman of Buffalo.

Both of the women's doubles matches were good battles with the first one ending 15-10, and the second, a knock-down, drag-out affair, winding up at 18-17.

In the evening's opening event, Fred Fullin of South Norwalk, Conn., and Howard Holman, Fresno, had little difficulty in retaining the veteran's doubles championship, measuring Californians Lewis Rulison, Alhambra, and Hulet Smith, Arcadia, 15-7, 15-12.

In the mixed doubles, Miss Marshall missed her attempt at a third title, as she and her partner, Bob Williams, of Williamsville, N.Y., lost to top-seeded Helen Tibbetts of Alhambra and Wynn Rogers of Arcadia, 17-16, 15-10.

U.S. wins American Zone Tie

by KEN DAVIDSON

(U.S.A. Thomas Cup Coach)

The U.S.A. Thomas Cup Six-man team beat the Canadian six-man team 6 matches to 3 at the Glencoe Club, Calgary, Alberta, on March 21-22, 1952, to retain their American Zone Championship title and gain the right to represent the zone in the Zone Play-offs against either Denmark (European Zone Champions) or India (Pacific Zone Champions) in Singapore, Malaya, in the latter part of May.

U.S. SQUAD

Alston, Joseph
Fargo, N.D.
Loveday, Carl
San Diego, Calif.
Mendez, Marten
San Diego, Calif.
Mitchell, Richard
San Diego, Calif.
Rogers, Wynn
Arcadia, Calif.
Williams, Robert
Williamsville, N.Y.
Coach: Davidson, Ken
New York, N.Y.
Official Referee: Underhill, Jack (Vancouver)

CANADIAN SQUAD

Forsythe, Kenneth
Toronto
Henry, Grant
Millbrook, Ont.
Porter, Budd
Toronto
Smythe, Don
Toronto
Thompson, Daryl
Vancouver
Williams, Alan
Calgary
Coach: Birch, Dick
Toronto

Ideal playing conditions were provided by the Glencoe Club although the 3,550 elevation meant that shuttles of a lighter weight had to be used. Approximately 700 spectators attended at each session.

First session: MENDEZ vs SMYTHE. Both players were somewhat excited in the opening battle but Don Smythe, the new Canadian Champion, showed his nervousness and quickly lost five points to give Marten an early lead. Continuing to show signs of indecision Don never really settled down and Marten had little difficulty in winning the first set at 15-6. It seemed that the U.S.A. would get away to a comfortable first match win when Marten scored early points in the second game, leading 7-4, but the Californian did not press home his advantage and the game lapsed into a slower tempo which allowed the Canadian to recover his composure. Smythe took the second game to level the games and when Marten, at 1-2 in the third game, lost his touch when replacing his racket (broken strings) the score rapidly moved to 9-3 in favor of Canada. At this point, Marten regained his touch and the rallies became longer. Marten rallied valiantly and Smythe appeared tired as the Californian crept to 10-12. The psychological turning point in the match occurred when Marten, after a well played rally, presented Don with his thirteenth point by hitting a set-up near the front service line over the base line; which only proves that even the outstanding stars of the game must follow the fundamental rule of concentrating on the shot at the moment of hitting. Marten could not get nearer than 12-13 and Canada took the first match in the series when Marten "dumped" game and match point into the net directly from a low serve. The Canadian squad rushed out onto the court to greet their Champion, whose persistence in the second game eventually brought about a then unexpected victory for Canada.

MITCHELL vs THOMPSON. The two tallest men on their respective squads took the court for the second match but it was strictly no contest in the first game as the left handed Californian swept through 15 point to overcome an opponent who is noted for a slow start and left unworried about

losing the first game. And so it proved - the second game found Daryl Thompson putting on one of his determined recoveries and the exchanges became much more difficult to win. Mitchell's finesse at the net won several points for him but they were off-set by the power and deceptive overhead hitting of Thompson from over his left shoulder. It seemed that a third game would be needed when Canada took a 14-10 lead but the never-say-die Californian scored two quick points to bring the score to 12-14. At this stage, after long rallies, Mitchell scored two successive points in identically dramatic manner - he literally bounced a couple of smashes off the net-rod to tie up the game at 14 all. The game see-sawed back and forth as first Mitchell had match point with 2-0 lead in the set, then Thompson, having tied the score again at 2 all, had his chance to save the match by winning his 17th point but, with Mitchell back in court, he guided his cross-court net return over the side-line to lose his last opportunity to score and, with Mitchell serving low, he again put the shuttle over the boundary line - the base line - to allow the U.S.A. to win its first victory.

ALSTON-ROGERS vs PORTER-SMYTHE. The Men's Doubles Champions of their respective nations took the court for the third and final match of the opening session. Alston, with no previous Tournament play throughout the season, and Rogers were "red hot" and swept the two Canadians off the court with a fierce attack which never let up to give the Canadians any ideas about getting back into the game. The rallies followed one pattern - the Americans on the attack and the Canadians vainfully trying to stem the storm. Both Alston and Rogers were serving well, and following up their partner's attack by crisply clipping off any weak returns at the net. This doubles win gave the U.S.A. a 2-1 lead.

Second Session: ALSTON vs WILLIAMS (Al). Because the former San Diego boy, Joe Alston, had only had some four weeks of practice it was decided to play him in only one Single's match, which necessitated him playing the No. 3 Singles notwithstanding the fact that he was the U.S.A. Singles Champion at the time of the Calgary matches. The doubt of his stamina lasting was not raised in his match with the local player, Al Williams, Canadian Champion in 1950, as Joe constantly kept his opponent off balance by his overhead deception and the Calgary man never was sure whether a smash, clear or drop-shot would be forthcoming. Consequently the U.S.A. hurriedly took a 3-1 lead in the series.

LOVEDAY-WILLIAMS (Bob) vs PORTER-SMYTHE. The Canadian Champions were in much better form than the previous night but the U.S.A. No. 2 team gave as much as they received as the rallies produced some excellent badminton. Bob Williams and Don Smythe, on their respective teams, were hitting powerfully and Carl Loveday and Bud Porter were each varying the pace and changing the direction of the play with quick, cleverly produced half-court placements and crisp drives. The U.S.A. pair reached 13 first, and, after setting at 5 points, seemed well on their way to winning the first game as they took a 3-0 lead with play developing in their favor. Unfortunately, a line decision, called against the San Diego-Buffalo duo, not only gave the serve back to the Canadians but upset the concentration of the American pair and, before they could pull themselves

together, they lost five quick points to lose the first game at 16-18. The Canadians ran the score up to 13-4 in the second game before the U.S.A. boys provided any real opposition. At this stage, both Carl and Bob "caught fire." Bob's smashes were sharp and Carl also scored numerous points with flat drives. Excitement rose as the score mounted to 12-13 and the Canadians were obviously worried, but they must be given credit for stopping a now confident U.S.A. attack with determined defensive work on a rally which seemed destined to tie the score at 13 all. For the first time in several attempts the Canadians scored when they regained the serve and match point was secured by a superb piece of wrist work by Bud Porter, who surprisingly placed the shuttle away from both Carl and Bob as Bob rushed a not too accurate low serve of Don Smythe's. The U.S.A. lead now narrowed to 3-2 in total matches.

ALSTON-ROGERS vs HENRY-FORSYTHE. The Canadians No. 2 pair took the floor for the first time and immediately showed that their defense was the main feature of their play. Neither Rogers nor Alston were as sharp as on the previous night and Wynn Rogers made some early mistakes when receiving from Grant Henry's side line serving position, which helped the Canadians enjoy an 11-9 lead. Nor would they readily submit to a stronger and more powerful U.S.A. attack until Wynn and Joe buckled down and produced their best form, and even then, each point had to be persistently won before the first game was wrapped up at 15-12. The second game it was a question as to how long the Canadian defense could hold out against the U.S.A. attack, which constantly bore down to win at 10. Thus, the U.S.A. enjoyed a 4-2 lead.

Third Session: MITCHELL vs SMYTHE. This was a thriller, with Mitchell playing well and Smythe full of confidence. The rallies, from the start, were long and tough. Dick Mitchell's touch at the net gained for him some points and the Canadian relied mainly on running Dick about and waiting for the opportunity to smash from around-the-head. This severe hitting was a major factor in the match and the Californian never did control his return of the Canadian Champion's smash. However, if ever there was a fighter, Mitchell was as he outfought the Canadian to gain a 12-10 lead in the first game and, at this point, Smythe's confidence was beginning to fray and an upset appeared in the offing. Dick's concentration on the matter at hand was broken by a very questionable line call which, in his favor, would have given him a 13-10 lead. This gave the Canadian the break he so badly needed at that particular time and, with the constant pressure off him for a moment, he forged ahead and took the first game at 15-12. Smythe continued to serve low, as is his general custom, with Dick dropping to him at the net (with an occasional flick to the back court), thus drawing him (Dick) forward to guard against a possible short net reply, but leaving him open to a flick return to his deep forehand corner, a shot Smythe played exceedingly well. Although Dick reached these returns he was forced to hit from a low level and loft the shuttle into Smythe's court - if the return was short, Smythe smashed, often successfully; if the return was safe, Smythe would drop and force Dick to lift. This became a pattern of play, and although the

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★ **ALMANSON GYM**
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

By Jack Van Praag

One of the finest examples of community spirit is the new and beautiful Almansor Memorial Building located in Alhambra, California. Made possible by the untiring efforts of Mr. Fred Cope, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, the building stands as a fitting tribute in honor of the community's war heroes.

Embracing twenty two thousand square feet overall with twelve thousand square feet devoted to the gymnasium, this recreation building is considered by many to be one of the most modern sport centers in the entire southland.

Alhambra's energetic young Director of Recreation, "Stu" Spencer with the cooperation of some of the city's top badminton players, including Barner McKay, Maynard Horst, Lin Shampine, Everett Mies, to name a few, has inaugurated a program which has really "caught fire"---six courts being in full play at all times. Mr. Spencer expects to hold a major badminton tournament during the coming spring.

Badminton for beginners is taught Wednesday and Friday evenings with children's classes on Saturdays and is under the direction of Ed Vallerand,



Supervisor of Badminton at Almansor. The children are especially eager to learn and in the future Alhambra should have many fine, young players in tournaments throughout the country.

At present these fine facilities are shared by Alhambra Badminton Club under the direction of Everett Mies, President, Northside Badminton Club, Jack Van Paag, President and Whittier

Badminton Club, Rand Myers, President. Additional facts--

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New A.B.A. Officers

Roy W. Jordan of St. Louis was chosen president of the American Badminton Association at a meeting of the organization yesterday.

Other officers elected were Hulet T. Smith, Arcadia, Calif., first vice president; Charles B. Newhall, Marblehead, Mass., second vice president, and Herpel Perkins, Chicago, secretary-treasurer.

The association awarded Boston next year's championship matches.

HARMAN WINS CROWN



George Harman, perennial state badminton champion, retained his class A singles title here Sunday in the annual state meet held by the Oklahoma Badminton Association.

It was Harman's eighth straight championship and his ninth since the tourney was inaugurated in 1943.

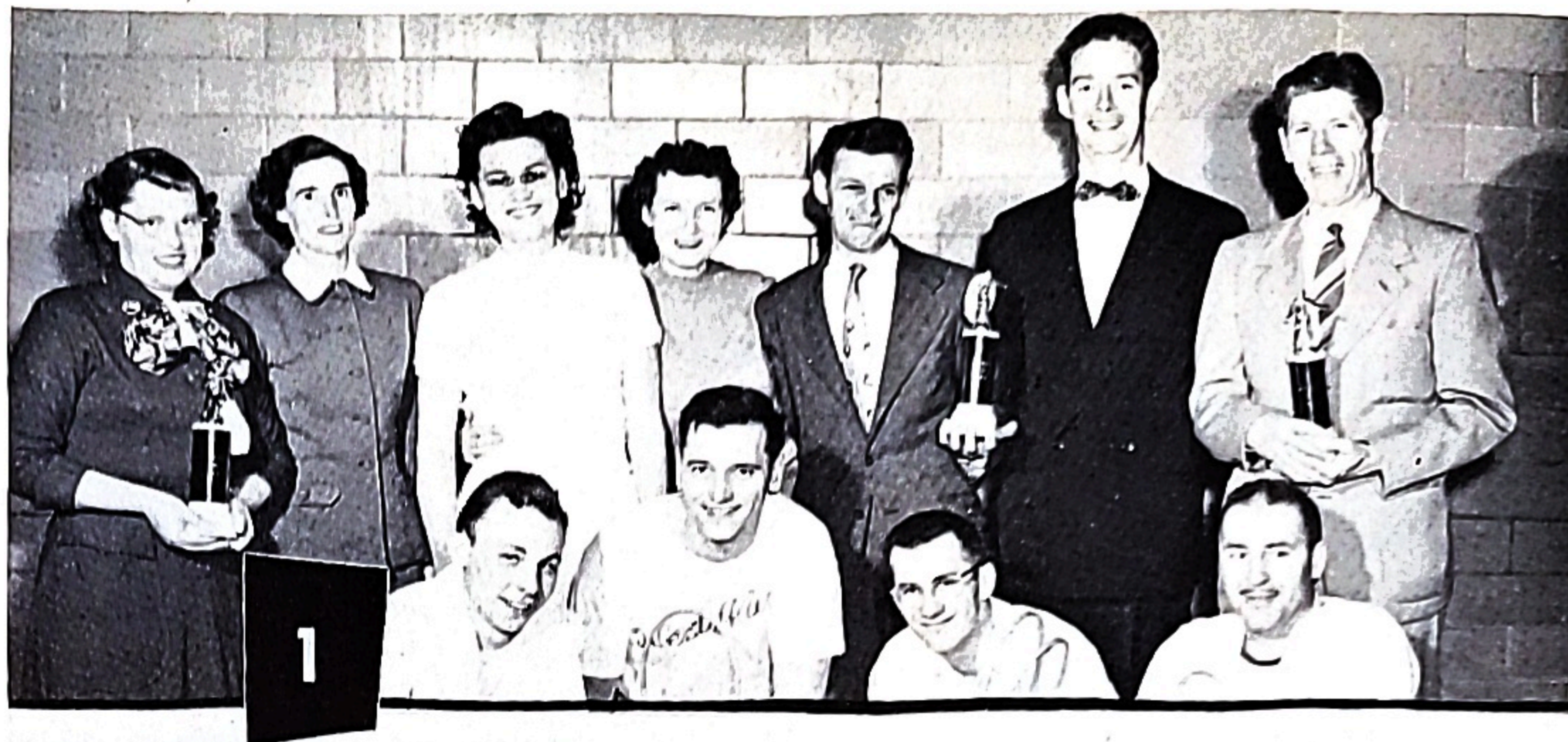
Harman defeated John Sudbury of Ponca City in the finals, 15-10, 15-8.

The only other defending champions to repeat were Pat Harman and Laddie Cremers of Ponca City, who again won the class A mixed doubles title with a 15-4, 15-12 win over Jean and John Sudbury, also of Ponca City.

Each of the Sudburys placed second in three events.

Eleanor Round of Ponca City was a double winner, taking the women's singles title with an 11-3, 11-8 win over Jean Sudbury and teaming with Pat Harman to win the women's doubles title, 15-7, 15-10, over Jean Sudbury and Jeanne Knutson.

Harold Hines and Carl Mitchell of Oklahoma City downed John Sudbury and Sam Pruyne in the men's doubles finals, 15-12, 5-15, 15-8.



1. WISCONSIN STATE TOURNAMENT - Back row: Gert Dahlquist, Ellen Wehrle, Irene Gollish, Min Aschenbrenner, Elmer Blaesing, Bill Bowles, Lawrence De Coster. Front row: Jim Wanek, Jack Gollish, Vic Soukup, Hank Bredael.

2. MANHATTAN BEACH TOURNEY - a. Connie Taylor, Dotty Hann, Helen Tibbetts, Thelma Scovil, Joan Gibbs; b. Larry Calvert, Fred Knight, Clem Gilbert, Elmer Bymaster; c. Ruth Penhale, Grace Cogan, June Gregory, Dot Marsden; d. Lil Wells, Bob Worthington, Jeanne Pons, Randy Sage; e. Paul Coker, Ev Oliver, Lewis Rulison, Larry Cole; f. Ronnie Palmer; g. Dean Maurry; h. Marten Mendez; i. Mike Hartgrove, Marten Mendez, Buzz Martin, Manny Armendariz; j. Jean Parker, Diane Myers.

3. MASSACHUSETTS STATE LADIES ENTRIES - Back row: Evelyn Howard, Ruth Eddy, June Tinglof, Shirley Warren, Ruth Blake, Peggy Ryan, Eddy Perry, Debbie Warren, Anne Avon, Mary Frances Wright; First row: Nat Park, Jane Thaxter, Lee Chadbourne, Dot Hills, Jane St. Amant, Edith Henderson.

NATIONAL CAPITAL OPEN

The 9th Annual National Capital Open, sponsored by the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia and played February 1, 2, and 3 in the Kensington Armory, attracted 68 entries including most of the East's top-ranking stars and a sizeable group of nationally ranked Baltimore juniors.

Ken Kost, Connecticut champ who was seeded No. 3 in the tournament, produced a surprising upset by winning the semi-finals over Stan Sangdahl, of Cleveland, seeded No. 2, and gaining the men's singles title by defeating top-seeded Mackenzie Tessier of Quebec—it was an uphill battle, with Ken losing the first game.

The ladies' singles crown went to Patsey Stephens, perennial title-winner from Baltimore, who defeated Ruth Jett, ranking nationally No. 4, after gaining the finals by a victory over Sue Devlin, also of Baltimore.

Patsey's second tournament honor came when she and Mackenzie Tessier defeated Ruth Jett and Harry Hackett of Philadelphia in the finals after toppling veterans Wanda Bergman and Bob Loughheed of Connecticut in the semi-finals.

Teamed with veteran champ Fred Fullin of Connecticut, Ken Kost picked up additional honor when he and Fred

defeated Harry Hackett and John Cornell of Philadelphia to take the men's doubles crown.

The Devlin sisters—Sue and Judy, the junior singles champion—annexed their first National Capital Open victory by defeating Patsey Stephens and Polly Thompson of the D. C. club in the semi-finals and Wanda Bergman and Helen Gibson of Connecticut in the finals.

A spectacular sidelight of the tournament was an exhibition by Don Kerr, one-legged star from Montclair, and Frank Roberts, veteran from Baltimore, which was arranged to demonstrate the prosthetic devices for a group of amputees from Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Among the interested spectators at the tournament was Major Clint Stephens of Baltimore, 3-event winner last year, who was unable to defend his titles due to injuries received in an automobile accident.

Results:

(MS) Ken Kost d Mackenzie Tessier 7-15, 15-3, 15-8. (LS) Patsey Stephens d Ruth Jett 11-2, 11-2. (MD) Ken Kost-Fred Fullin d Harry Hackett-John Cornell 15-3, 15-8. (LD) Sue Devlin-Judy-Devlin d Helen Gibson-Wanda Bergman 15-10, 15-5. (MxD) Patsey Stephens Mackenzie Tessier d Ruth Jett-Harry Hackett 15-9, 15-14.

Mrs. Robert VanDenbergh, Jr.
Correspondent.

ANNUAL CALIF. STATE TOURNEY

The annual California state tourney was held in the San Diego Municipal Gym, March 14, 15, and 16, 1952.

The state finals were marred by an unfortunate accident, this year. During the first game of the Women's Doubles match, Loma Smith called for time out because of an injured leg muscle. She couldn't get things back in order and had to default.

Her doctor says six weeks, completely off her leg will be the only solution.

The best match of the evening was the Men's Singles between Marten Mendez and Wynn Rogers. The rallies were long, and the net play was terrific.

Results:

(MS) Mendez d Rogers 13-15, 15-6, 15-6. (WS) Thelma Scovil d Jean Kirby 11-4, 11-2. (MD) Carl Loveday-Wynn Rogers d Buzz Martin-Manuel Armendariz 15-0, 15-10. (WD) Jean Kirby-Helen Tibbetts d Loma Smith-Dottie Hann default. (MxD) Loma Smith-Wynn Rogers d Janet Wright-Irl Madden 15-5, 15-3. (Vets) Louis Rulison-Hulet Smith d Lin Shampine-Don Smith 15-12, 15-7.

"B" Results: (MS) Mulheissen d Master-son 15-12, 15-9. (WS) Hampton d Desibio 11-6, 11-12, 11-9. (MD) Mies-Smith d Wolf-Shampine 15-12, 15-2. (WD) Hester-Franck d Desibio-Hampton 15-5, 17-14. (MxD) Peterson-Bymaster d Searl-Searl 15-7, 9-15, 15-12. (Vets) Carr-Welcome d Conn-Henninger 15-10, 11-15, 15-12.

Helen Tibbetts, Correspondent.



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JUNIORS PLAY

The Maryland Junior Badminton Tournament was brought to an exciting and successful conclusion on March 22, 1952 with a series of semi-final and final matches that were a wonderful mixture of matches that followed the form, and stunning upsets.

In the Girls' Singles, Judy Devlin picked up where she left off in the 1951 National Junior Finals and defeated second-seeded Sandra Dailey 11-0; 11-6. In the Girls' Doubles, Judy and fourth-seeded Sally Price, who were picked to win, were upset by second-seeded Virginia Ball and Sandra Dailey 15-13; 15-11. The Mixed Doubles was a bitter fight between the first seeded brother and sister team of Dick and Virginia Ball and second-seeded Sandra Dailey Gordon Wentworth. This match was full of long rallies, with impossible gets and the girls dropping back from the net to protect the court when their partners were pulled out of position. Gordon and Sandra finally won after going three games 16-18; 15-2; 15-11.

In the Boys' Singles it was first seeded Dick Ball vs. second-seeded Gordon Wentworth. These two are constant competitors against each other. They play together two or three times a week and so can anticipate each others every move. The rallies were long and furious with good court covering on both sides. The first game was

a battle in spite of the one-sided score of 15-6 in favor of Dick. The second game went to Gordon 15-10, and the stage was set for the third game that went to 17-17 before Gordon pulled it out with a beautifully deceptive drop shot.

The Boys' Doubles was no contest as Ball and Wentworth won as they pleased over the young team of Bob Steinwald and Doug Lucas.

The Girls' Under 15 Singles was a continuation of the feud started in this tournament in 1950. Mary Ellen West, seeded one, met her doubles partner, Linda Flack, seeded two, for the championship. In all previous tournaments, including the Under 15 Singles of the Eastern Open, held in Baltimore at Christmas time, Mary Ellen had won handily. But March 22, 1952 was Linda's day. She beat Mary Ellen 11-7; 11-7 in the afternoon for the consolations in the Under 18 group, and again in the evening 11-7; 7-11; 12-11 at night for the Under 15 crown.

The Under 15 Girls' Doubles went to Mary Ellen and Linda 15-2; 15-4 over MacGregor Stewart and Jay Tischinger.

In the Under 15 Mixed Doubles Mary Ellen West and Bob Steinwald defeated MacGregor Stewart and Bob Miser 15-6; 11-15; 15-6.

The Boys' Under 15 was all Bob Steinwald who beat young Bob Miser 15-11; 15-5.

Martin Herbst and Steinwald teamed up in the Boys' Under 15 Doubles to beat Billy Post and Bob Miser 15-2; 15-1.

This was really our best tournament and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the Junior Nationals in Niagara Falls. Baltimore will be well represented with a contingent of twenty boys and girls. And watch our girls!

Keep belting those birds!

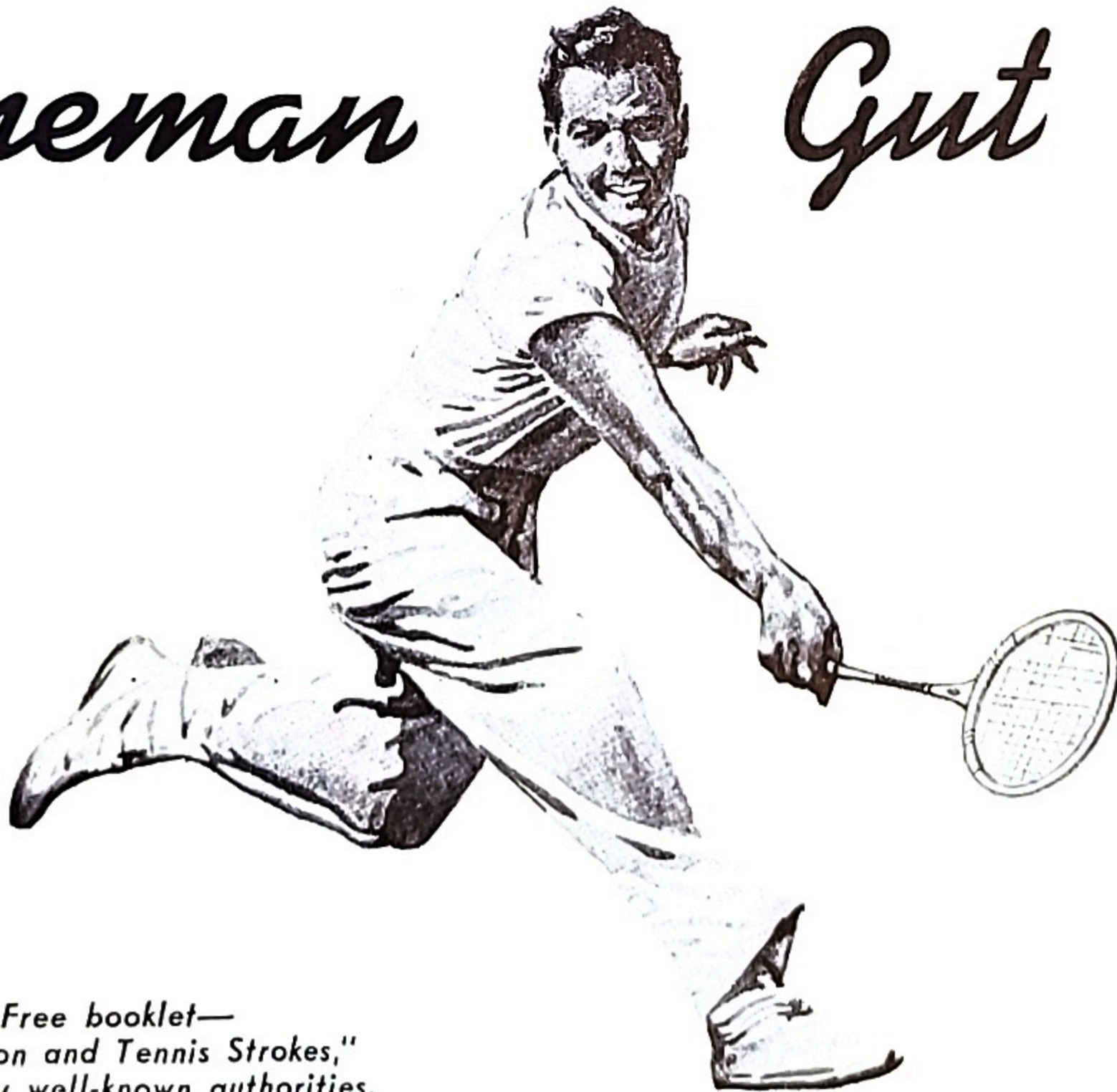
James W. Flack, Correspondent.

MASON-DIXON TOURNEY

The highlights of the Mason-Dixon event, held the second weekend of February in Baltimore, were the defeats of several of the Washington winners of the week before: Patsey Stephens in Ladies' Singles, Ken Kost in Men's Singles and the Devlin sisters in Ladies' Doubles. Also outstanding at Baltimore was the play of several of our most promising Juniors and recent Juniors: *Judy Devlin* (who won the Ladies' Singles and was runner-up in Ladies' Doubles); "*Bunky*" *Roche* (who upset Kost and went on to be runner-up in Men's Singles); and *Pete Sherwood* (who was a semi-finalist in both Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, and carried Sangdahl to 3 games in the quarter-final of the Men's Singles)!!!

Ted Jarrett, Correspondent.

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The old guard was in there trying, but many new faces were smiling when the State Champions were crowned Sunday, March 16, in Boston.

Harold Seavey recaptured the Singles crown after a lapse of five years, defeating Don O'Callaghan. Lee Chadbourne, a Junior, two years ago upset Mrs. Mary Richards, finalist in this year's New England. Howie Albion won his first state title teamed with Seavey by coming from behind twice to tie and then defeat Bob Warren and O'Callaghan 18-15, 17-14. Betsey Shaw got her first title, playing with Mrs. Richards to defeat Mrs. Evelyn Howard and Linda Cobb in a well-played three game match. Wayne Schell, a past holder of all state titles and Mrs. Deborah Warren (her first title) defeated Bob Warren and Mrs. Richards, last year's winners, in the mixed event. Two newcomers, Al McWhirter and Sam Smyth, teamed to win the Vets over Larry Roberts and Red Travis.

Results:

(MS) Harold Seavey d Donal O'Callaghan 15-7, 12-15, 15-5. (LS) Lee Chadbourne d Mrs. Mary Richards 11-9, 12-10. (MD) Harold Seavey-Howie Albion d Bob Warren-Don O'Callaghan 18-15, 17-14. (LD) Mrs. Mary Richards-Betsey Shaw d Mrs. Evelyn Howard-Linda Cobb 13-18, 15-5, 15-4. (MxD) Wayne Schell-Mrs. Deborah Warren d Bob Warren-Mrs. Mary Richards 2-15, 15-13, 15-5. (Vets) Sam Smyth-Al McWhirter d Larry Roberts-Harold Travis 16-18, 15-11, 15-11.

Bob Warren, Correspondent.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC TOURNEY

The entries numbered 112 in the Middle Atlantic Tournament, held at Lower Merion High School, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, on March 7 and 8.

Results:

(MS) Ken Kost d Harry Hackett 15-7, 18-16. (LS) Judy Devlin d Patsy Stephens 7-11, 11-8, 11-6. (MD) Ken Kost-Wayne Schell d Jim Lockwood-Joe Sullivan 15-7, 15-5. (LD) Judy Devlin-Sue Devlin d Patsy Stephens-Ruth Jett 15-9, 15-14. (MxD) Fred Fullin-Helen Gibson d Walter Raymond-Jean Corvino 12-15, 15-8, 15-6.

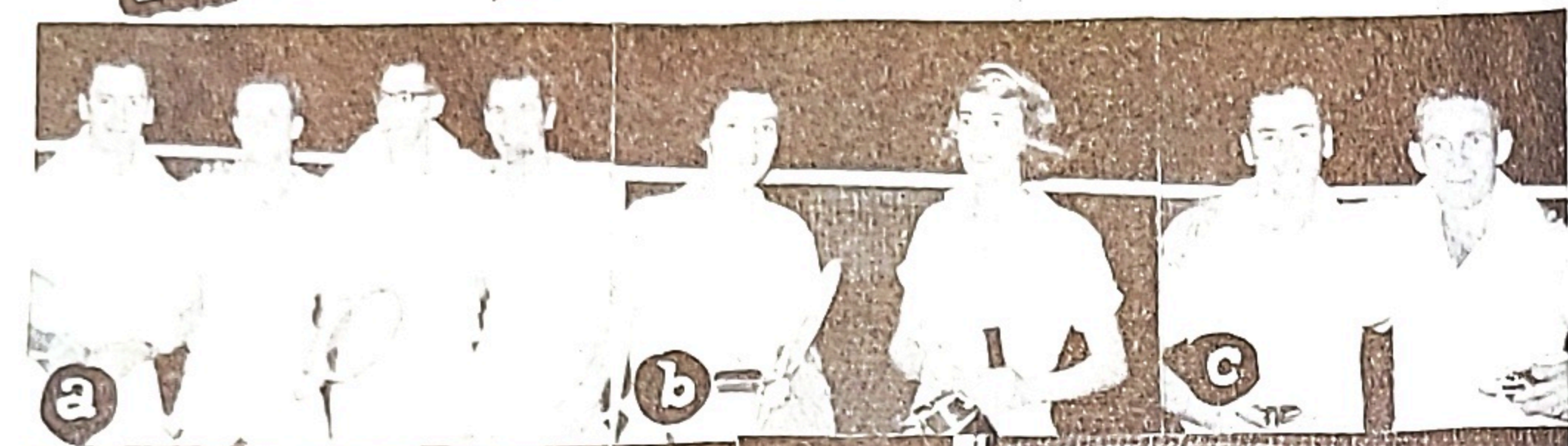
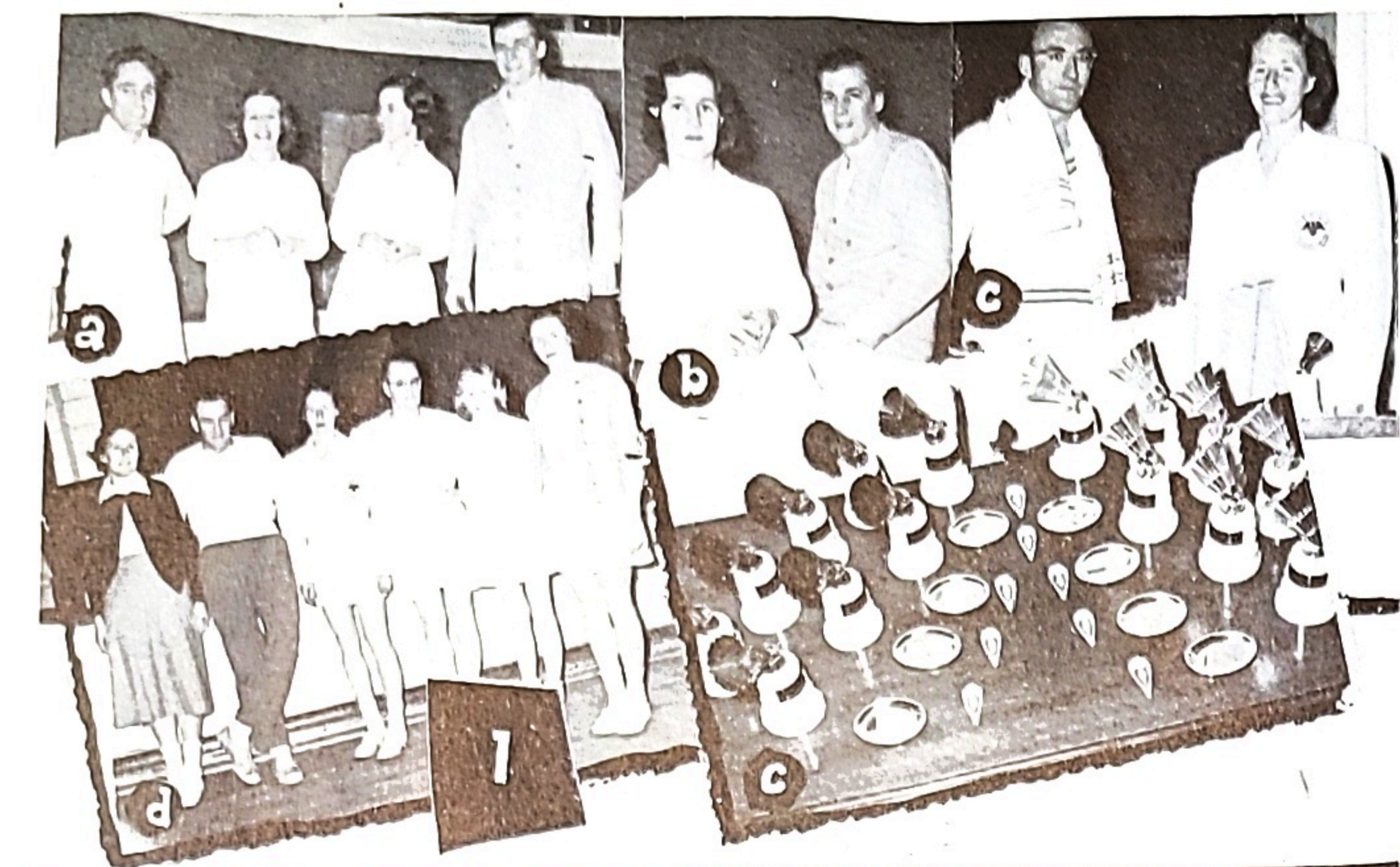
John Comell, Correspondent.



1. DELAWARE ANNUAL TOURNEY - a. Endsley P. Fairman, Mrs. Naomi C. Bender, Rita Harney, Irving O'Neil; b. Rita Harvey, Irving O'Neil; c. Joan Underwood, Bob De Groat; d. Alice Mearns, Bill Stone, Mrs. Evelyn Donaldson, Max Karrer, Barbara Prince, Mrs. Kay Herbert; e. Trophy table.

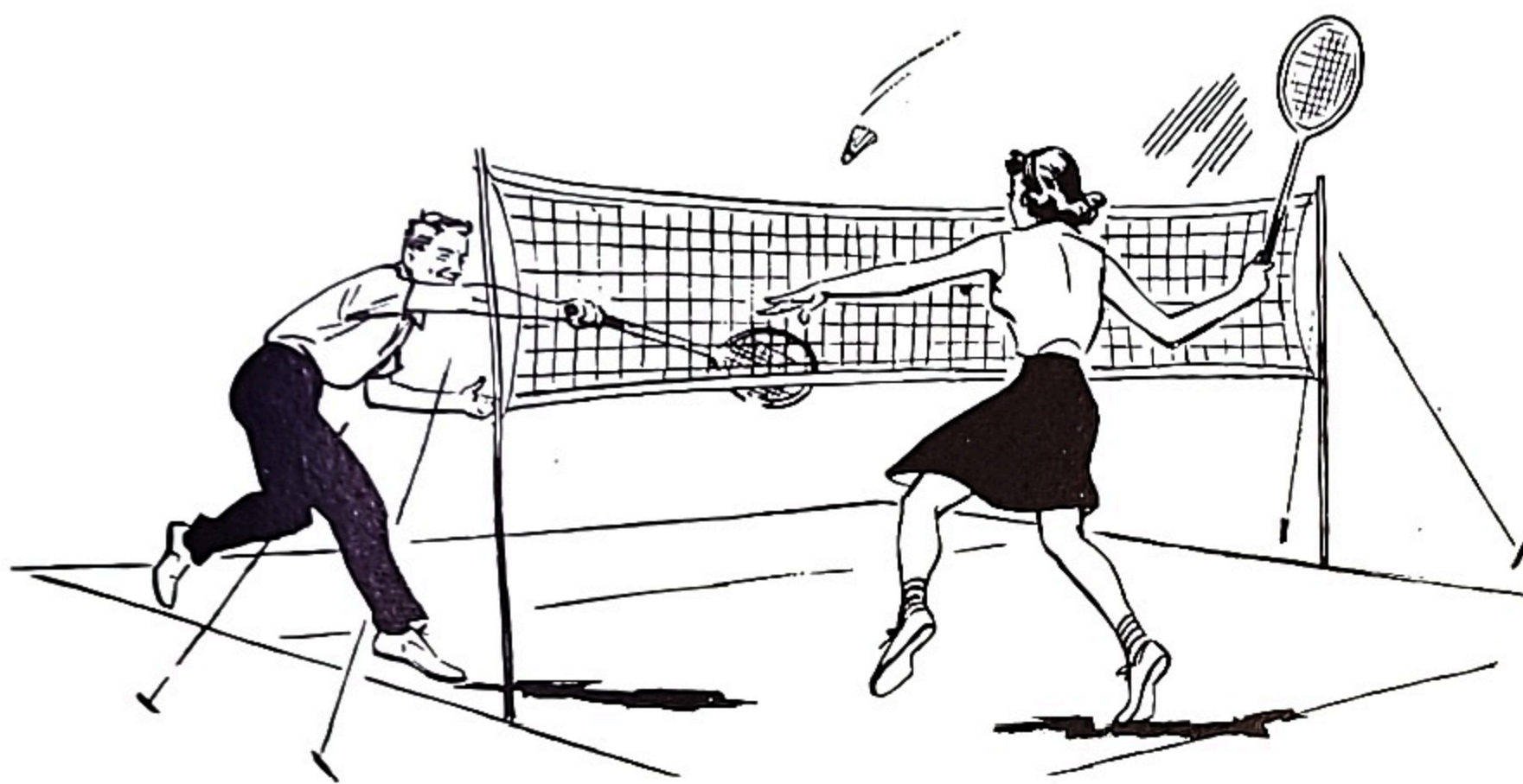
2. NATIONAL CAPITAL OPEN - a. Mackenzie Tessier, Stan Sangdahl, Harry Hackett, John Cornell; b. Ruth Jett, Patsey Stephens; c. Mackenzie Tessier, Ken Kost; d. Maj. Clint Stephens, Mackenzie Tessier, Patsey Stephens, Harry Hackett, Ruth Jett; e. Joel Baker, enjoying an exciting moment in the semi-finals; f. Spencer Davis, v-pres. & tourney chairman, Marie VanDenbergh, sec'y, Polly Thompson, treas., Bob VanDenbergh, pres.

3. MIDDLE ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS - a. Fred Fullin, Helen Gibson, Jean Corvino, Walter Raymond; b. Ruth Jett, Judy Devlin, Sue Devlin, Patsey Stephens; c. Ken Kost, Wayne Schell, Jim Lockwood, Joe Sullivan; d. Judy Devlin, Patsey Stephens; e. Ken Kost, Harry Hackett.



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AMERICAN ZONE TIE

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of point winning smashes, one down the side-line and the other a cross-court masterpiece, as the audience roared its approval. The Californian tightened his already sturdy defense and domineered the next two rallies and won the first game at 18-16. To all intents and purposes the match was now won as it was obviously apparent that Daryl had given his all in trying to stave off a Canadian defeat. Marten hurriedly raced to a 14-0 lead in the second game as Thompson, thoroughly leg weary and physically worn down, could not find a way to stop a still energetic opponent who was eager and keen to wrap up the match for the U.S.A. And so it was. Canada lost the chance to even up the score and Marten assured the U.S.A. of winning the match as he ran out the score at 15-2. The entire American squad dashed out on the court to joyously acclaim Marten in giving the U.S.A. the unsurmountable lead of 5-3.

LOVEDAY-WILLIAMS vs HENRY-FORSYTHE. The clash between the No. 2 Doubles teams provided some of the most exciting and brilliantly played rallies of the whole tie. All four players were at the top of their form, but again, it was a question of the Canadians relying primarily on their defense to win points since the unorthodox serving base of Grant Henry, who served from the outside side line from both the right and left courts, failed to draw forth any errors on the United States players return of serve. Bob and Carl gave the U.S.A. an excellent win and victory over Canada by 6 matches to 3.

MATCH DETAILS

(U.S.A. Names and Scores First)

First Session: Mendez lost to Smythe 15-6, 11-15, 12-15. Mitchell beat Thompson 15-6, 17-16. Alston-Rogers beat Porter-Smythe 15-8, 15-6.

Second Session: Alston beat Williams, 15-8, 15-7. Loveday-Williams lost to Porter-Smythe 16-18, 12-15. Alston-Rogers beat Henry-Forsythe 15-12, 15-10.

Third Session: Mitchell lost to Smythe 12-15, 9-15. Mendez beat Thompson 18-16, 15-2. Loveday-Williams beat Henry-Forsythe 15-5, 15-6.

Final Result: United States 6 matches beat Canada 3 matches.

The whole affair was exceptionally well organized by the Glencoe Club on behalf of the Canadian Badminton Association. Mr. George Crawford, President of the C.B.A., and a resident of Calgary, and Mr. Stu Aiken, Manager of the Glencoe Club as well as Secretary-Treasurer of the C.B.A., devoted their full energies to welcoming and entertaining all the visitors from the U.S.A. which included Don and Phil Richardson and their wives; Roy Jordan, Ted Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burdick and Noel Fehm. The beautifully appointed Glencoe Club, with its spacious lounge and satisfying first-class restaurant, was placed at the complete disposal of all the Americans, who made full use of this fine gesture. The climax of the entertainment was reached on Sunday, March 23, when local badminton enthusiasts drove all the Americans (with the exception of Carl Loveday and Joe Alston, who had to hurry back to work) some eighty miles to Banff. This world-wide famous resort was at its best as the sun shone gloriously and the atmosphere was crystal clear as we looked from one mountain top to another. The high point of the visit was the ride up the ski-lift and, as we reached the top of the 7,000 foot peak (it takes 7 minutes to ride from the 5,500 foot high start), we looked in awe as nature unfolded an unbelievable panorama of beauty all around us. A great day — one well fitted to close our all too brief stay in Calgary. Thanks to all who made it possible.

Californian fought as relentlessly as always, and smashed efficiently whenever the slightest opportunity presented itself, he more often than not was lured into lofting the shuttle to open the way for the Canadian's smash, which, on this particular day, was highly effective. In all other respects, Mitchell played well, and he was only beaten after demanding the finest from Smythe, a great competitor himself. U.S.A.'s lead now was cut to 4-3.

MENDEZ vs THOMPSON. The closeness of the matches won and lost did not effect the play of the 1951 Canadian Champion, Daryl Thompson, and Marten Mendez, U.S.A. National Champion in 1949 and 1950 (and 1952 one week later in Seattle) as much as it did the nerves of the onlookers. The atmosphere was electric as everyone realized this was the key match of the series, particularly for Canada. Thompson, usually a slow starter, braced himself for an all-out effort. Both boys were keen and hitting the shuttle cleanly. Thompson faced a different Mendez from the night before — whereas, Marten had been slow and hesitant in his movements against Smythe, he was now tiger-like in the quickness of his footwork and his racket flashed with more certainty in the execution of his strokes. But the tall Vancouver player would not give an inch and the rallies became long and hard to win as Marten's defense could rarely be broken by the overhead severity of Daryl's smashing and, in turn, the Canadian intercepted many of the quick attacking clears of the Californian or stretched out to stop any of his well angled drop-shots reaching the floor. A feature of the play at this time was the amazing success with which Daryl Thompson put out Marten's chance to score by playing FIVE consecutive cross-court drop-shot returns from Marten's high serve to the right court. Marten did not reach one of these returns steeply angled into his low forehand corner. Eventually, he circumvented the danger by serving low. The score mounted slowly, with the U.S.A. player having a slight edge until he fell behind at 10-11. At this time the pace began to tell on the Canadian and he underwent a grueling time as he struggled to keep the shuttle in play as Marten ran him back and forth. Just as it appeared that he must quit the race, Thompson doggedly stuck to his guns and tied up the score at 13 all. Mendez set at 5 points and put on a spurt to lead 3-0 but again, the never-say-die Thompson summoned up his last remaining energies and tied up the score at 3 all with a couple

SOUTHERN CALIF. TOURNEY — 1. Connie Taylor, Dotty Hann, Helen Tibbetts, Thelma Scovil, Joan Gibbs; 2. Gladys Best, Lois O'Connell, Ellen Doble, Fran Fleming, Jean Parker, Diane Myers; 3. Jack Cogan, Pat Lerner, Diane Myers, Elmer Bymaster; 4. Gene Elms, Howard Holman, Ev Oliver, Paul Coke; 5. Ken Conn, Randy Myers, Del Prather, Claude Welcome; 6. John Lieb, Jack Cogan, Dean Maurry, Bill Bayley, Merwin Miller; 7. Helen Tibbetts, Dick Mitchell, Marten Mendez, Mike Hartgrove, Loma Smith, Wynn Rogers, Carl Loveday.

NORTH SHORE CLASS B TOURNEY — 8. Ed Goehring; 9. Marilyn Fleming, Jean Moore; 10. Charley Wilson, Tom Barber, Vance Smith, Bill Thatcher; 11. Marilyn Fleming, Carolyn Canty, Jean Wigglesworth, Jean Moore.

INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 1951-52.

EUROPEAN ZONE

SECOND ROUND TIES

ENGLAND v SCOTLAND—Played at Nottingham on 1st and 2nd February, and won by England by 6 matches to 3.

Scores (England names first):

SINGLES—K. R. Greasley lost to J. A. Russell, 5-15, 15-9, 6-15; beat A. I. McIntyre, 15-7, 15-9. N. B. Radford beat McIntyre, 15-10, 15-10; lost to Russell, 7-15, 3-15. H. R. Marsland beat W. A. Robinson, 15-7, 15-7.

DOUBLES—H. R. Marsland and K. R. Greasley lost to R. S. Hodge and W. A. Robinson, 15-11, 7-15, 13-15; beat J. C. Mackay and J. B. Leslie, 15-11, 15-5. H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute beat Mackay and Leslie 15-6, 15-5; beat Hodge and Robinson 10-15, 15-7, 15-11.

H. Morland (England) and E. W. Wilson (Scotland) captained the teams, H. A. E. Scheele (I.B.F.) was honorary referee. A.D. Jordan was also nominated for England but did not eventually play.

FINAL ROUND

The final tie between England and Denmark will take place at Sale, Manchester, on March 17th and 18th.

CHALLENGE TIE

Malaya will defend the Thomas Cup against the winners of the final inter-zone tie at Singapore, on May 31st and June 1st.

H. A. E. Scheele, Correspondent.

MIDWESTERNERS PLAY

The Midwestern Badminton Championships were played at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, on February 29 and March 1. There were 166 entries.

Results:

(MS) Stanley Sangdahl d Harry Drewry 11-15, 15-11, 15-4. (LS) Abbie Rutledge d Thelma Burdick 11-2, 11-4. (MD) Bill Anderson-Harry Drewry d Stanley Sangdahl 15-8, 9-15, 15-7. (LD) Eleanor Combs-Thelma Burdick d Abbie Rutledge-Hazel Brown 18-13, 4-15, 17-14. (MxD) Mary Connor-Bill Anderson d Eleanor Combs-Earl Boston 15-7, 15-9. (Vets) Ken Aderholt-Herpel Perkins d

THOMAS CUP SCORES

In the Thomas Cup match between Sweden and Denmark, Sweden was beaten by Denmark with the figures 6-3. Jom Skaarup and Poul Holm of Denmark both were beaten by Nils Jonson (S), who is ranked as No. 2 on the Swedish team. On the other hand the first string in Sweden, Inge Blomberg, lost to Jom Skaarup as well as Poul Holm.

Results:

Nils Jonson (S) d Jom Skaarup (D) 15-9, 17-18, 8-15. N. Jonson (S) d Poul Holm (D) 15-13, 15-4. Jom Skaarup (D) d Inge Blomberg (S) 15-7, 18-13. Poul Holm (D) d Inge Blomberg (S) 15-11, 15-2. Knut Malmgren (S) d Jorgen Hammergaard (D) 12-15, 15-12, 6-15.

The four doubles went to Denmark. Poul Holm & Ole Jensen d Nils Jonson & Stellan Mohlin 18-16, 15-10. Ib Olesen & John Nygaard d Inge Blomberg & Knut Malmgren 15-5, 15-9. Ib Olesen & John Nygaard d Nils Jonson & Stellan Mohlin 8-15, 18-17, 15-7. Poul Holm & Ole Jensen d Inge Blomberg & Knut Malmgren 15-12, 18-13.

Knud Lunoe, Correspondent.

REPORT ON THE PAST!

Manhattan Beach Badminton Tournament was held at Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, December 7, 8, 9, 1951. As usual the competition at this tourney was just as great as ever. Due to the death of Hulet Smith's mother, neither Loma nor Hulet participated. So Dottie Hann had Connie Taylor as a "sub" with a very exciting women's doubles finals with Helen Tibbetts and Thelma Scovil winning a 3-gamer with the scores of 15-10, 8-15, 17-14.

Results (A Finals):

(MS) Martin Mendez d Ronny Palmer 15-5, 15-9. (LS) T. Scovil d J. Gibbs 11-7, 11-3. (MD) Mendez & Hartgrove d Armandariz & Martin 15-4, 15-9. (LD) Tibbetts & Scovil d Taylor & Hann 15-10, 8-15, 17-14. (MxD) Mendez & Tibbetts d Martin & Hann 15-12, 15-6. (Vets D) E. Oliver & P. Coke d L. Cole & L. Rulison 15-12, 15-12.

MASSACHUSETTS "B" FINALS

The University Club in Boston was the scene of the Massachusetts State "B" Finals on February 17. There were 114 entries.

Results:

(MS) Butch Kavorkian d Al Dockray 15-8, 15-6. (LS) Linda Cobb d Peggy Ryan 11-4, 11-2. (MD) Al Laubinger-Henry Der d Jack Tarbell-Al Priddy 12-15, 15-9, 15-6. (LD) Mrs. Anne Avon-Linda Cobb d Mrs. Jayne Thaxter-Mary F. Wright 15-10, 15-10. (MxD) Al Dockray-Mrs. Jayne Thaxter d Butch Kavorkian-Linda Cobb 12-15, 15-9, 15-12.

Robert A. Warren Jr., Correspondent.

A.A.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 11th Annual Atlanta Athletic Club Championships were played on February 7-9, 1952. In this tournament we had over 70 entries. The badminton play was most enjoyable as well as our annual social gathering following the tournament.

Results:

(MS-A) Allen Hardin d Jim Carlton 15-4, 15-4. (LS-A) Dorothy Dobson d Donna Vaughan, 11-0, 11-2. (MD-A) Ed Patton-Cam Mitchell d Allen Hardin-Joe McCrory 15-8, 7-15, 15-2. (LD-A) Dorothy Dobson-Edith Fugitt d Emily Lane-Nancy McLarty 15-2, 18-16. (Esq.D) Bill Braswell-Joe McCrory d Winfrey Wynn-Bill Rocker 18-17, 15-12. (MxD) Leonard Dobson-Dorothy Dobson d B. Rocker-Edith Fugitt 15-3, 17-16.

WISCONSIN TOURNAMENT

Following are the results of the Wisconsin State Badminton Tournament for 1952:

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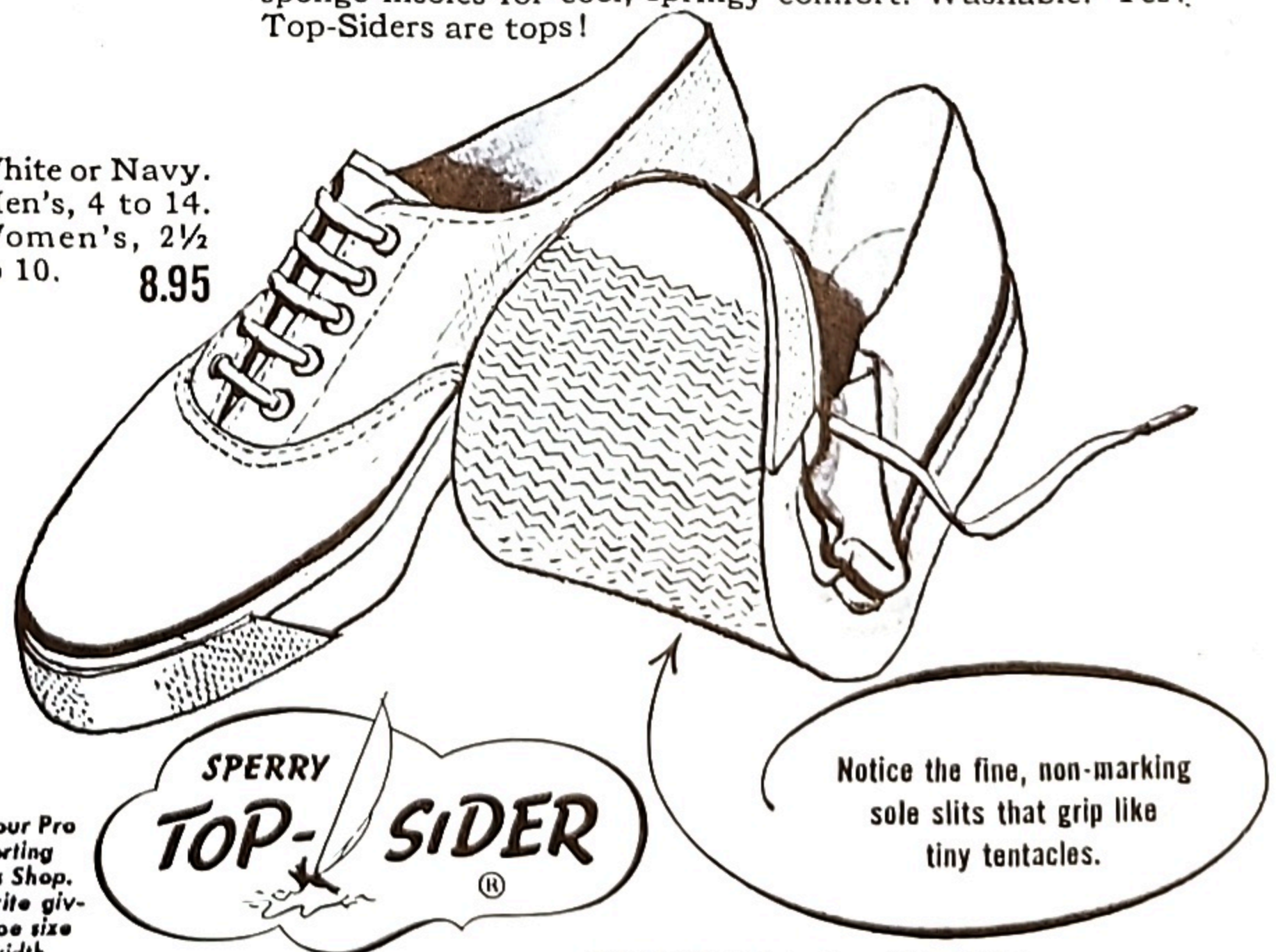
(MS) Vic Soukup d Jim Wanek 15-10, 15-7. (LS) Gert Dahlquist d Jean Blanchard 11-4, 11-2. (MD) Jack Gollish-Vic Soukup d Jim Wanek-Mike Pulito 11-15, 15-3, 15-2. (LD) Gert Dahlquist-Ellen Wehrle d Irene Gollish-Helen Schuller 15-12, 15-2. (MxD) Irene Gollish-Jim Wanek d Jean Blanchard-Vic Soukup 15-0, 15-12. (Vets-MS) Elmer Blaesing d Bob Francis 15-11, 15-10. (Vets-MxD) Min Aschenbrenner-Lawrence DeCoster d Ellen Wehrle-Bob Dahlquist 15-10, 15-12. (Vets-MD) Bill Bowles-Hank Bredael d W. Aschenbrenner-Lawrence DeCoster 15-2, 15-11.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FIRESTONE BADMINTON CLUB, AKRON, OHIO.

The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio, one of the pioneers of industrial recreation added badminton to their recreation activities in 1935, both as a winter indoor sport and a summer outdoor sport.

The Club was open to employees and their families and proved successful from the start with Dad, Mother and the children all taking part. Badminton caught on fast with the employees and within a short time the Firestone Club was the No. 1 club in Akron and retained that position until 1943 when the Firestone Gymnasium was taken over for war production. The membership averaged around 60 each year.

In conjunction with the Recreation Dept., the Firestone Club sponsored a City Tournament at the end of each year. Firestone players won the majority of the trophies. Johnny Single and Shirley Fry, now an International Tennis celebrity were outstanding players in the Club. Johnny won the City Championship each men's division and Shirley won the City and Ohio State Closed and Ohio State Open three years in the women's division.

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FIRESTONE BADMINTON CLUB, AKRON, OHIO—Top row: Charles White, Clifford Nickirk, Joe Meir, Mary Ann Fenney, Mr. Gary Williamson, Helen Jan Lafferty, Gary Williamson, Curtis E. Wagner; Bottom row: Dan Toris, Irma Hetherington, Shirley Fry, Mrs. Lester Fry, Ann White, Betty Rininger.

available the Club was reorganized with 30 members signing up at the initial meeting.

The Firestone Recreation Dept., Paul P. Sheeks, Director, sponsors the Club and furnishes all facilities

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JUNIORS IN DETROIT

By H. S. McCallum

The Lasky Junior Badminton Club was organized in October, 1951. A letter was sent to all junior players in Detroit and surrounding cities, announcing the new Club. Interested players sent in a reply and then attended the first play day and party Sunday, October 21, 1951, coming from Ferndale, Detroit, Windsor and Hazel Park.

Since that date, we have met almost every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the gym of the Lasky Recreation Center. Several adults come and play with the juniors. Reese Cramer coaches and makes sure no one even thinks of using the wrong grip or shot. Already we have had two tournaments—a Handicap and a Junior-Senior, a junior playing with a senior—and a match with Riverside High School, Canada. More are planned for the future. Dues are 50¢ to join and 25¢ a week. This money, however, comes back to the players in the form of food at the after-tournament parties.

The idea of the Club, originated by Reese Cramer, is to give the juniors a chance to play more badminton, to be taught the right ways to play, and to play with experienced players who can teach them and help them develop. The juniors take advantage of this oppor-

tunity with approximately 20 coming each week, plus adults. Many of the juniors are moving right along and play in the Detroit Badminton Club, perhaps giving the seniors something to think about.

Each year for the past three years a Novice Tournament, sponsored by the Detroit Recreation Department to encourage young players has been held and the fourth one is due sometime in April this year. After once winning any event, a person is no longer eligible to compete in that event. All applicants must be under 21 years of age. By refusing the former winners, we are able to stop a monopoly by a few of the best players and give more a chance to win, all of which keeps up interest because everyone likes to win.

All in all, the juniors think they have a grand opportunity to play and meet new people, and all the juniors thank those who are responsible for giving it to them.

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THE DANES PLAY



The Danish Championships were played in Copenhagen on February 26.

Results:

(MS) Poul Holm d Jorn Skaarup 15-13, 4-15, 15-11. (LS) Tonny Ahm d Aase Schiott Jacobsen 11-4, 7-11, 11-4. (MD) Poul Holm-Ole Jensen d Ib Olesen-John Nygaard 15-2, 15-7. (LD) Jytte Kjems-Marie Ussing d Tonny Ahm-Aase Schiott Jacobsen 15-10, 7-15, 15-6. (MxD) Poul Holm-Tonny Ahm d Ole Jensen-Gitte Schultz-Pedersen 11-15, 15-10, 15-6.
Kund Lunoe, Correspondent.

DELAWARE TOURNEY

Results of the Twelfth Annual Delaware State Badminton Tournament, played on Dilwyne Courts, Wilmington, Delaware, February 28, 29 and March 1, 1952.

Results—Class A, State Championship:

(MS) Irving O'Neil d Wm. Bender 15-5, 15-10. (LS) Rita Harney d Mrs. Wm. Bender 11-3, 11-9. (MD) E. Fairman-I. O'Neil d Ed. Prince-Joe Rhodes 15-3, 15-7. (LD) Miss Harney-Mrs. Bender d Mrs. Fairman-Mrs. J. Carpenter 15-2, 15-9. (MxD) R. Harney-I. O'Neil d M. Fairman-E. Fairman 15-7, 15-6.

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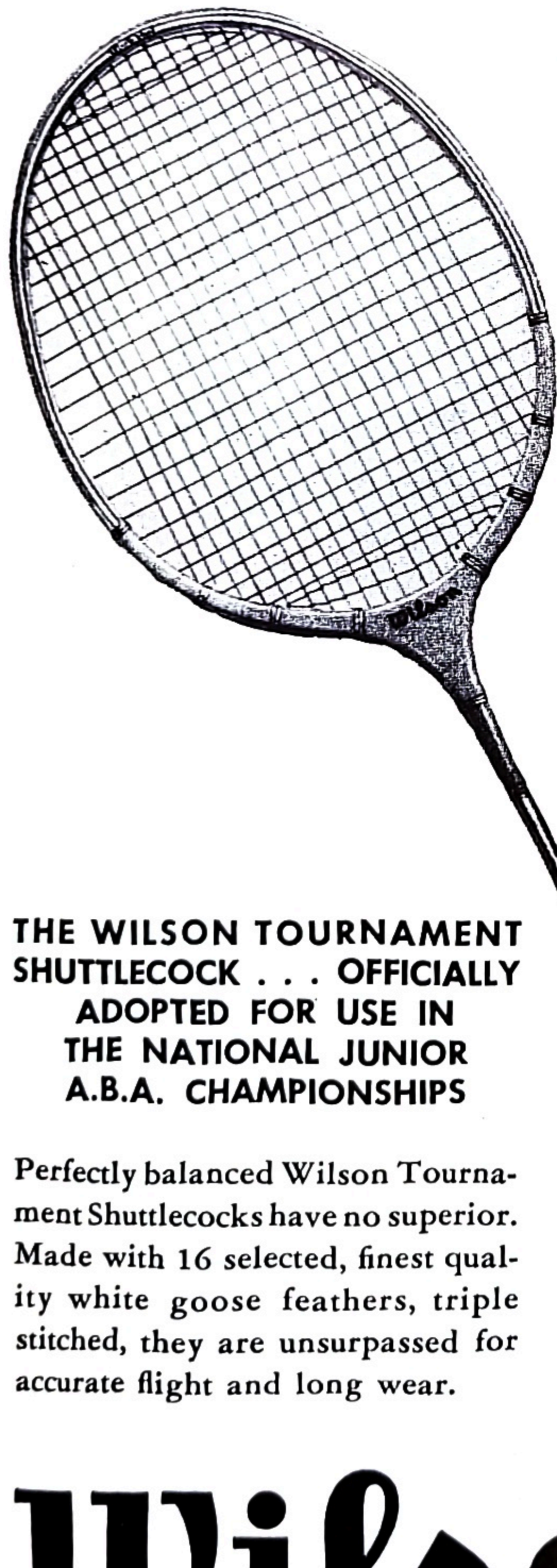
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S.B.A. 11TH ANNUAL TOURNEY

The 11th Annual Tournament of the Southern Badminton Association was held in the Al Doonan Gym at the Atlanta Athletic Club March 21, 22, 23rd. The entry list was the largest in the history of the S.B.A. - 111 entries from 11 clubs representing 9 of the Southeastern states.

Allen Hardin of the Atlanta Athletic Club successfully defended his singles crown in two straight games winning over his team mate, John Ager. This is the fourth successive year in which Hardin has held the singles trophy. Martha Bass of Chattanooga also retained her singles crown for the fourth successive year in defeating Elma Roane of Memphis.

In the ladies' doubles Nancy McLarty, A.A.C., teamed with Martha Bass retained their challenge trophy which they won last year, defeating the sister team of Elma Roane and Virginia Roane Anderson from Memphis.

Bob Love and Earl Pate from Memphis upset the former men's doubles champions, Pat Patton and Cam Mitchell of the A.A.C. in the semi-finals and went on to win over their team mates, Gordon Renaud and Rufus Eichelberger. This ended a three year reign of Patton and Mitchell in the S.B.A.

Another upset was the win of Bob Love and Virginia Anderson of Memphis over the former champions, Nancy McLarty, A.A.C., and Murray Cleveland of New Orleans. This was a very close 3-game match and was a fitting climax to the tournament - the third game being deuced at 14-all.

Also Pate and Renaud of Memphis retained their Veterans Doubles title which they won last year in defeating the hard fighting team of Jim Taylor and Len Dobson of the A.A.C.

The new officers of the S. B. A. are Louis Brown, Chattanooga, President; Winfrey Wynn, Atlanta Athletic Club, Executive Vice-President. Don Kerr, New Orleans; Ben Spears, Memphis; Pattie Goodall, Birmingham; Charles Council, Raleigh and Bill Rocker, Atlanta Athletic Club, were elected to the Board of Directors.

Members of the S. B. A. were unanimous in their praise of Past President Pat Patton of the A.A.C. for the organization and operation of the largest and best tournament in the history of the S.B.A.

Results (Final Matches):

(M.S.) Allen Hardin d John Ager 15-5, 15-12. (L.S.) Martha Bass d Elma Roane 11-1, 11-1. (M.D.) Bob Love-Earl Pate d Gordon Renaud-Rufus Eichelberger 12-15, 15-4, 15-5. (L.D.) Nancy McLarty-Martha Bass d Elma Roane-Virginia Anderson 15-3, 15-6. (Mx.D.) Bob Love-Virginia Anderson d Nancy McLarty-Murray Cleveland 10-15, 15-3, 17-14. (M.V.D.) Earl Pate-Gordon Renaud d Jim Taylor-Len Dobson 15-8, 13-15, 15-4. (L.V.D.) Lucille Brown-Pattie Goodall d E. Fairbrother-Katherine Hooper 15-12, 15-10.

Winfrey Wynn, Correspondent.

NEW ENGLAND OPEN

New England badminton players, 160 in number, met at the University Club in Boston on February 22, 23 and 24 for the 13th Annual New England Open Tournament.

Results:

(MS) Don Smythe d Ken Kost 15-6, 15-4. (LS) Marjorie Shedd d Joan Hennessey 11-7, 11-1. (MD) Don Smythe-Bill Purcell d Wayne Schell-Ken Kost 18-14, 15-12. (LD) Joan Hennessey-Marjorie Shedd d Wanda Bergman-Helen Gibson 15-10, 15-8. (MxD) Don Smythe-Marjorie Shedd d Wayne Schell-Helen Gibson 15-10, 15-10. (Vets) C. Rayner Hutchinson-Fred Fullin d Robert Sughrue-Ernest Woelfel 15-4, 15-7. Robert Warren, Correspondent.

NORTH SHORE NOVICE AND CLASS B TOURNEYS

Both tournaments were one day affairs held on successive Sundays at the New Trier High School Gym. Ed Goehring was chairman of the Novice Tournament and did a splendid job. Vance Smith was chairman of the Class B Tournament and also did a very nice job.

Results - Novice:

(MS) Bob Zimmerman (Evanston) d Hubert Fox (Glencoe) 15-8, 15-13. (LS) Marilyn Fleming (Skokie) d Marion McLeod (Wilmette) 11-6, 11-2. (MD) Zimmerman-John Nikolich (Evanston) d C. Wilson-B. Tyler (Skokie) by default. Bob Tyler injured his ankle in the first game of the finals. (LD) Marilyn Fleming-Sally Bunnell (Skokie) d Marion McLeod (Wilmette)-Phyllis Fehr (New Trier) 15-7, 15-6. (MxD) M. McLeod-C. Wilson d S. Bunnell-J. McLeod 15-8, 15-10.

Results - Class B:

(MS) Ed Goehring (Skokie) d Tom Barber (Evanston) 15-17, 17-16, 15-1. (LS) Marilyn Fleming (Skokie) d Jean Moore (New Trier) 11-1, 6-11, 11-7. (MD) Vance Smith-Bill Thatcher (Evanston) d C. Wilson (Skokie)-T. Barber (Evanston) 18-13, 15-5. (LD) M. Fleming-Jean Moore d Jean Wigglesworth-Carolyn Canty (Skokie) 15-8, 15-3. (MxD) M. Fleming-C. Wilson (Skokie) d J. Moore-Cal Davis (New Trier) 11-15, 15-3, 15-7. J. D. Wigglesworth, President N.S.B.A., Correspondent.

NORTH SHORE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

On Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16, the North Shore Badminton Association sponsored the Class "A" Tournament for clubs belonging to the N.S.B.A.

The tournament was held at the Central School of Glencoe, Illinois, and had Marion McLeod and J. D. Wigglesworth as tournament co-chairman. Ester Grabb handled the profitable refreshment center.

The Starrett-Ketcham Trophy went to the Evanston Badminton Club for having the most number of points in the finals.

The clubs in the N.S.B.A. include Evanston B.C., Skokie B.C., Glencoe B.C., New Trier B.C., Wilmette B.C., and Kenilworth Gardens B.C. They appeared in this order for the Starrett-Ketcham Trophy.

Results:

(MS) Earl Boston d Bert Fish 15-10, 12-15, 15-4. (LS) Eleanor Coombs d Jean Moore 11-4, 11-1. (MD) Boston-Wigglesworth d Mitchell-Weigand 15-6, 15-10. (LD) Jan Mitchell-E. Coombs d M. Fleming-Judy Drake 15-5, 15-2. (MxD) E. Coombs-E. Boston d J. Mitchell-W. Weigand 15-7, 15-10. (Vets. D) H. Wilson-B. Fish d R. Woltz-H. Gilito 15-3, 15-6.

J. D. Wigglesworth, Correspondent.

BALTIMORE JRS. TOURNEY - 1. Front row: Sandra Dailey, Judy Devlin, Virginia Ball; Back row: Dick Ball, Gordon Wentworth, Eddie Kirby, 2. Front row: Martha Lou West, Linda Flack, Joy Tischenger, Lee Steinwald, June Costin; Back row: Janet Straharn, Mary Ellen West, Judy Clogg, Brooke Thompson, Sally Roop, Bobby Saunders; 3. Bill Cory, Charlie Sample, Bill Pollard, Bobby Steinwald.



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