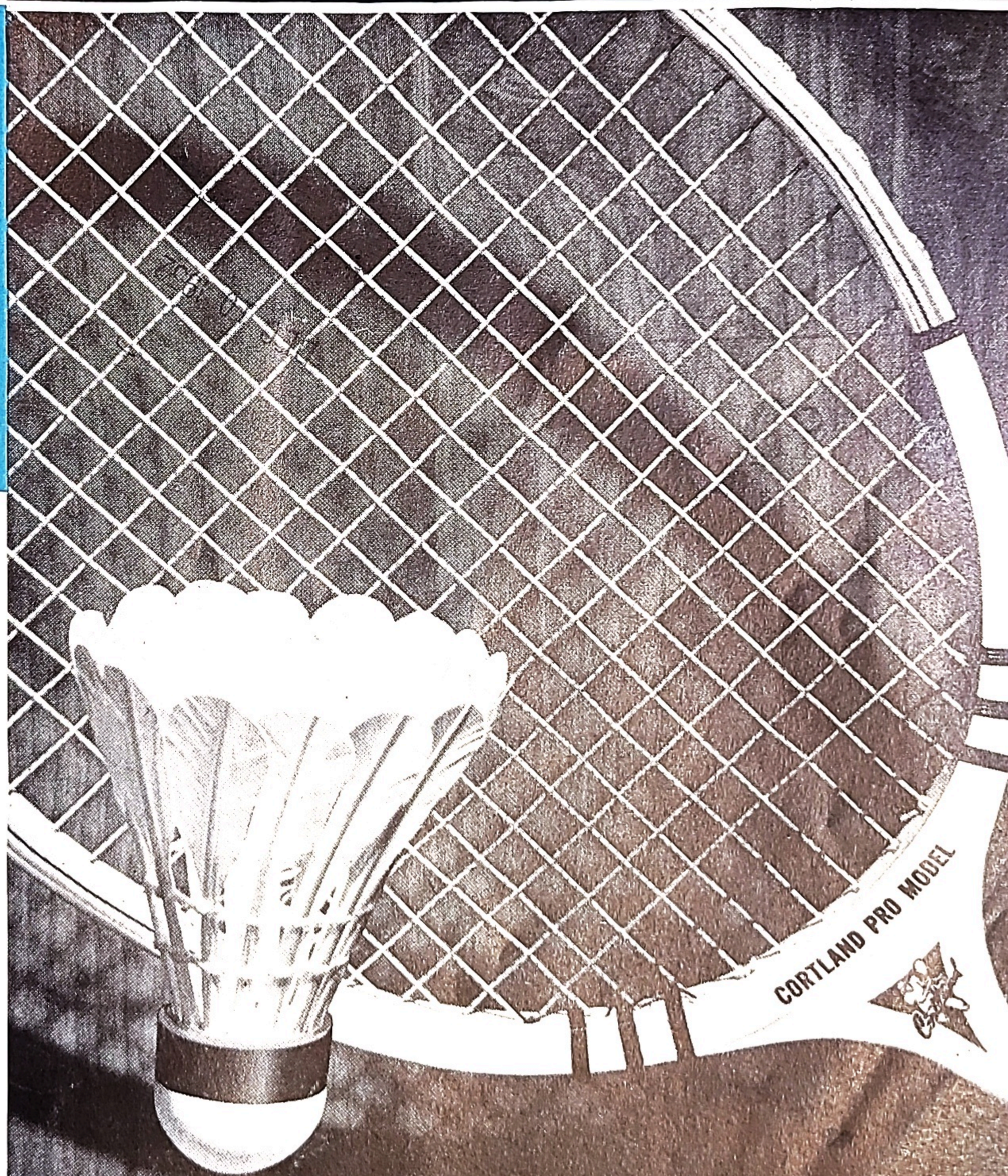




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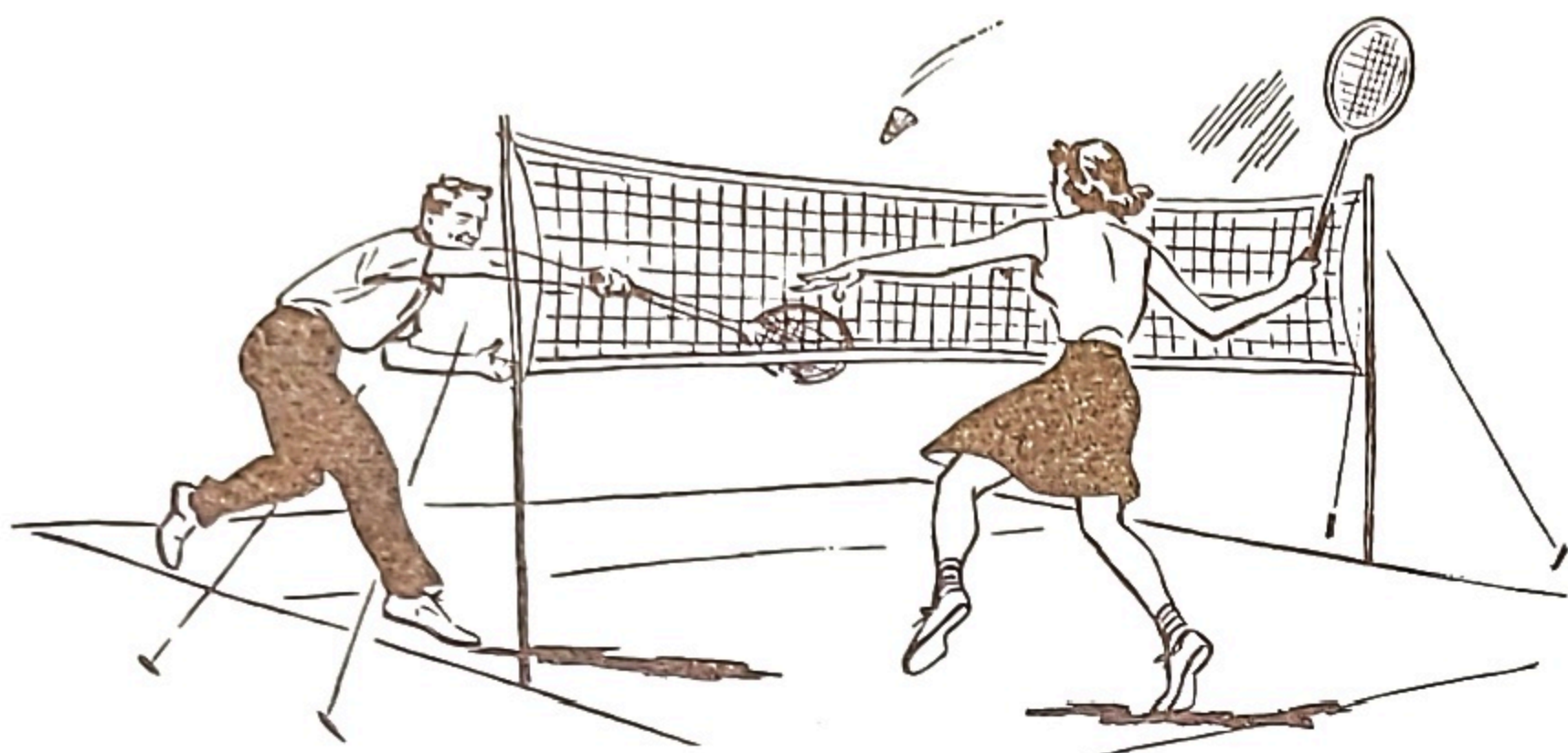
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MALAYA retains THOMAS CUP



by
KEN DAVIDSON

The Malayan Thomas Cup team held tightly to the possession of the Thomas Cup on May 31, June 1, 1952, when they defeated the United States by 7-2 in the Happy World Stadium before more than 9,000 spectators each night. The Stadium was packed to the rafters and, as could be expected, the fans yelled and were more demonstrative (except for the closing matches of the dramatic USA vs India Tie) than in the previous Tie since their own countrymen were performing but they were exceptionally impartial and vigorously voiced their approval at any fine piece of work by any U.S.A. player. The most popular player with the crowd was "Big Dick" Mitchell and he received constant vocal encouragement in his stout-hearted efforts against Ooi Teik Hock and Wong Peng Soon and the cry of "Come on Dee..ck" became a bye-word whenever he came on the scene.

The "Outstanding Player of the Malaya vs U.S.A. Tie", as voted by the staff of The Strait Times, was Wynn Rogers, who played much better than against India.

The Malaysians definitely deserved their victory and, although the U.S.A. team had to be revised owing to the recall to duty of Joe Alston following his dynamic match-winning performance against India, it is doubtful that even without this handicap that the U.S.A. could have garnered more than four matches in all on this particular occasion. As it was, four matches were well within grasp since Marten Mendez allowed Wong Peng Soon to wriggle out of his hold when he (Marten) was leading 8-6 in the second game and he had Wong tired and obviously rattled; and the exhausting, clammy, smoke-ridden heat within the Stadium at the end of the evening's play had just as much claim as did Ong and Marjan to the slight margin of victory over Wynn Rogers and Bob Williams. (The temperature on the final night's play, slightly but not much hotter than the other nights, was measured between 104-105!! Little wonder that the perspiration poured out of the players—the heat in the bleachers was higher and several spectators had to leave the building for fresh air).

Their Excellencies, The Commissioner General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, and The Governor of Singapore, Mr. J. F. Nicholl, were presented to the two teams.

The noise, the excitement, the shouts

THE RESULTS

SINGLES

Wong Peng Soon beat Marten Mendez 15-11, 10-15.
Ooi Teik Hock beat Dick Mitchell 15-9, 15-11.
Wong Peng Soon beat Dick Mitchell 15-8, 15-5.
Ooi Teik Hock lost to Marten Mendez 15-11, 10-15. (Retired).
Ong Poh Lim beat Bob Williams 15-1, 15-6

DOUBLES

Chan Kon Leong and Abdullah Piruz lost to Bob Williams and Wynn Rogers 15-9, 16-18 9-15
Ong Poh Lim and Ismail Marjan beat Carl Loveday and Dick Mitchell 15-5, 15-4.
Abdullah Piruz and Chan Kon Leong beat Carl Loveday and Dick Mitchell 15-2, 15-2.
Ong Poh Lim and Ismail Marjan beat Wynn Rogers and Bob Williams 15-12, 13-15, 15-12.

of the soft drink hawkers, the press photographers clattering up the sides of the court added to the confusion of keeping the ever hungry autograph seekers away from the players. It was some time before the umpire could stop the movement in back of the court...finally the game started and the final Tie for the 1952 Thomas Cup would soon be history.

The opening match was a disappointment from our point of view. Marten was nervous—probably from reading at every turn that Wong Peng Soon is the greatest player today—and within a few minutes he had presented the first game to Wong through a long series of errors, mainly over-hitting the base line. Marten's efforts to keep the shuttle in play and make the most of his amazing stamina met with more success in the second game and the rallies grew longer and longer. It was noticeable that Marten bested Wong in these long exchanges and the possibility that the Malayan and All-England Champion could be beaten became a distinct probability. At 6-8 against him, Wong delayed play for a considerable time to take a drink. This strategy broke Marten's concentration and, after dropping his serve immediately, he again presented Wong with 3 quick, easy

points. His confidence restored, Wong then hit two "out-of-this-world" backhand smashes; the crowd roaring its approval at such a show of wristy speed.

Dick Mitchell, as always, fought tenaciously but the heat of the opening night against India seemed to have sapped some of the energy from him and he could not "get on top of the bird" until Ooi led 9-0 in both games. It is a credit to Dick's fighting qualities that, in the second game in particular, Dick battled up to 11-13 and Ooi, becoming groggy was happy to watch one of Dick's smashes flash not more than one inch over the baseline to give him a 14-11 lead. Malaya, with a 2-0 lead, were more confident than ever.

The new combination of Wynn Rogers and Bob Williams clicked immediately and the Malaysians were greatly shocked to find their Champions beaten as they had anticipated little trouble in any of their doubles matches. Williams played at his best, and his serving in the second game opened up the way for many of Wynn Roger's drives. Both Bob and Wynn smashed strongly and wisely in the third game and it was the Malaysians who cracked under the strain of the fast play. An excellently played match throughout gave the U.S.A. its first point.

Carl Loveday, somewhat under the weather from stomach cramps, and Dick Mitchell, not recovered from his singles, were a scratch team and offered little serious opposition to the former Malayan Champions, Ong Poh Lim and Ismail bin Marjan—a team of quick sharp-shooters who attack continuously with the unorthodox, but highly effective, Ong electrifying the crowd with his lightning interceptions in the fore court. A 3-1 lead looked a mighty big obstacle to American hopes of taking the Cup to the States.

A weary, but willing, Dick Mitchell found Wong Peng Soon's drops and clears too much for him and immediately the States fell into a 4-1 deficit at the end of the first match on the second day's play.

The heat was at its worst but Marten seemed unaffected by it and after losing the first game to Ooi Teik Hock, his clears became of better length and once again the rallies lengthened and Ooi began to falter under the strain of running around. Gradually, the play became dominated by the San Diego runner and Ooi showed signs of leg weariness and his breath came in short gasps. To save running, Ooi tried smashing

THOMAS CUP TEAM



for quick points but Marten's defense withstood the test and Ooi, fighting as he did in Glasgow in 1949, hobbled to the net to retrieve any short returns only to find he could not recover to reach the flick to the back of the court. Entirely run down at the end of the second, and with no five minute rest period allowed, Ooi decided to call it a day and Marten took the third game by default to give the U.S.A. its second point.

Any ideas of an Indian style of recovery were quickly dispelled by Ong Poh Lim's win over Bob Williams, who was elected to play 3rd Singles in place of Joe Alston, and preferred over Wynn Rogers because of his better staying powers in the heat. Ong Poh Lim, a human whirlwind, found his touch immediately and his eccentric contortions bewildered Bob who could not find the right length to the base line, where Ong is less dangerous. Bob tried valiantly in the second game but the Malayan proved unstoppable and Malaya took its fifth point and once again became the proud owners of the title, "The Champion Nation".

The American squad dashed out on the court to congratulate the winners.

Although the Carl Loveday, Dick Mitchell vs Chan Kon Leong, A. Piruz match was played rather than scratched by the American pair (Carl Loveday spent the three following days in bed due to this attack of dysentery) the Rogers-Williams vs Ong-Marjan affair proved to be a fitting climax to a great week of badminton and it was fought with all the intensity and fierceness as if the fate of the Thomas Cup depended on the result. The quickness of Ong Poh Lim troubled the Americans at first but they controlled his activities by concentrating on Marjan, who smashed brilliantly but erratically. Just as it seemed as though the U.S.A. duo would take the first game, leading at 12-9, and seemingly in command, both Wynn and Bob lapsed into errors and the Malaysians took the first game, running off six points on two series of serves. Some of the driving rallies in the second game between Ong Poh Lim and Wynn Rogers brought the crowd to their feet—Ong's fame at this type of play was often dulled by the backhand punching ability of the tall Californian. Never far apart, the two teams went into a third game when Bob Williams, serving well to the low inside corner, suddenly flicked a high serve past Marjan to ace him for the 15th and final point of the second game.

The struggle for the attack continued and the pace quickened, with both Bob and Wynn smashing effectively once the shuttle was in the air. The Malaysians constantly tried to harass their taller opponents with quick, flat drives to the body. As the battle neared the hour mark it became apparent that the heat must tell on the players. At 12-10 for the U.S.A. it looked like another victory for the newly formed American combination but a couple of service errors proved costly and the Malaysians quickly evened the score at 12 all. Unable to score on their next serve the Americans lost the 13th point after a fierce, exciting driving rally and superb defense by both teams when Marjan drove a smash into the boards at Bob's feet. Then, on the one serve, Marjan served two low serves and, in turn, the now thoroughly wearied Wynn and Bob "rushed" into the top of the net as the crowd rose in appreciation for the best and most exciting badminton played throughout the Tie. Final score 7-2 to Malaya.

Mr. J. L. Woods, representing Sir George Thomas, Bart., who was unable to travel to Malaya owing to ill health, presented the Thomas Cup to Mr. Lim Chuan Geok, non-playing Captain of the Malayan team. He presented medals to all of the players. And so a great series ended... now for 1955!

HIGHLIGHTS of the MALAYAN TOUR

by KEN DAVIDSON

Passports...inoculations...plane reservations...cancellations and changes due to Oil Strike...phone calls...feverish anxiety to get Joe Alston on London flight...finally achieved through persistent hounding of plane officials by Connie Davidson...more cables...more phone calls...last minute instructions from Don Richardson who put in untold hours of writing and arranging details...my meeting Khoo Teik Ee—President of the Malayan Badminton Association—in New York on his way to Lake Placid for the Rotary International Convention...the gathering together of the squad (with the exception of Joe Alston who traveled via London, India) in San Francisco...practice at the Hillsboro Club...dinner...the fine hospitality of Irl Madden and Ed Walter...the take-off at 11 a.m. May 16, 1952 on Pan-American Strato Cruiser...perfect flying...Honolulu...too late to go into town...flight to Wake Island in sleeper berths...Wake at 5 a.m....our first taste of heat...Guam...pitching for pennies with the locals wondering what strange new game these crazy Americans had invented...cards during the flight to Manila...beautiful islands, clouds...Manila...greeting by Eduardo Ortigas and Susano Negado...members of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, a government organization in charge of all sports, including Badminton...1,000 spectators view the U.S.A. vs Philippine match...U.S.A. wins all matches but several promising Philipinos including A. Torres, and a doubles team of Santos and Yanga...a day of sight-seeing and official reception and lunch at the Manila Polo Club...great desire by the officials to learn more of how best to promote Badminton throughout the Philippines...exhibition matches amongst all members of the U.S.A. squad in the terrific heat of the Rizal Memorial Stadium...an omen of things to come...Bob Williams "passes out" and retires after one game...stifling heat...Marten carries on but the rest wilt...I replace Joe Alston as Wynn's partner and find a new partner for my act in Carl Loveday...sweat and the impossibility of drying out before we dash to the Airport to catch the 11 P.M. plane for Singapore...farewell and thanks to Susano Negardo for organizing our matches and the details for a most pleasant stay.

Singapore...6 A.M., May 20...the plane circles till dawn and lands perfectly right on schedule...a great flight. Officials, Malayan team members, press and photographers out in force...our arrival is NEWS in Malaya and the Far East...posters and front page photographs spread the word that "Americans Practice"...the Sea View Hotel, our headquarters for our Singapore stay...just a stone's throw from the ocean...the cool sea breezes are refreshing but the heat still continues...especially indoors...the mosquitos pick on a few of us...warnings of drinking ice drinks while hot...guard against draughts...the food surprisingly good after a questionable look around...the Parrotts (Ruth and Glenn), formerly of Seattle, take us in and make their house our home...meals the American way...a pleasant change from hotel food

...comfortable sleeping in our hotel rooms overlooking the ocean. Joe Alston arrives 3:45 P.M. May 21...tired but happy to see his fellow team members...tells us of practice games in London with Eddie Chong, the Malayan student who holds the All-England Doubles title with his brother. Phone calls every few minutes from the press, or photographers, or from some official group wishing to entertain the American boys...impossible to fit in all the invitations. We meet the U.S.A. Consulate-General, Mr. Baldwin and his wife, and many others, at a lunch given to the American and Malayan squads by Mr. Loke Wan Tho, head of the Reception Committee... Mr. Loke, a wonderful organizer, a millionaire, and an honor graduate of Oxford University...both he and his charming wife know America well. The boys secretly delighted as crowds gather around them as they walk through the main streets of Singapore...autograph hounds never let up. Practice in one court halls...lack of indoor courts in Singapore—only four or five one court halls in this 1,300,000 metropolis...morning sessions really hot...evening a little cooler, but still sticky and humid.

The Danes, a flight cancelled from Bangkok forcing a three day stay-over there, arrive amidst another flurry of camera flash-bulbs, on the eve of their Tie with India...an overnight stay at the Sea View Hotel with us...an early morning 250 mile flight to Kuala Lumpur...arrival just 8 hours before play. I go to "scout" both teams. The Danes, unsettled by their delayed arrival, and overcome by the stifling heat within the packed 1692 seating capacity newly built Badminton Hall, are surprised by an underdog Indian team. The Indians, with new blood, much stronger than 1949... T. N. Seth in particular, with his beautiful form looked the perfect badminton artist...India's Singles very strong...their doubles brilliant but erratic. India wins. The U.S.A. boys continue to practice...getting more acclimatized...practice in the Happy World Stadium much hotter than other halls even though no crowd present...the U.S.A. team the same as played against Canada in Calgary—remember the temperatures there of zero to 25° above...what a change!! Pressmen constantly worrying for statements...every little word is NEWS...unbelievable publicity...pages of it...each of the Three papers announce special "Thomas Cup Supplements"...one of 8 pages...another of 12 pages and the third puts out a 24 photograph story of the Ties...radio broadcasts. The eve of the India Tie...dinner at the Parrotts...the U.S.A. boys anxious to get going.

May 27, 1952. Hot and sticky...late afternoon rain cools the air...lines wait to get into Happy World Stadium from 6:30 p.m....a disappointing discovery to find the indoor atmosphere terrifically stifling...the specially installed fans doing little good...spectators sweating before teams introduced...wow...how will the players stand it?

Play details elsewhere.

Odds and ends from the India vs U.S.A.
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TOURNEYS

CONN. STATE JR. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Connecticut State Junior Championships were played at Westport Y.M.C.A., March 29-30.

Results:

(BS) Semi-Finals: Steve Curry, Norwalk, d John Manning, Westport, 15-2, 15-4. Ted Patterson, Norwalk, d John Cummings, Westport, 15-5, 15-8. Finals: Curry d Patterson 15-8, 15-11.

(GS) Semi-Finals: Elaine Langdon, Norwalk, d Sally Marshall, Westport, 11-1, 11-0. Justine Herman, Westport, d Valerie Dutton, Greenwich, 11-7, 11-9. Finals: Langdon d Herman 11-1, 11-2.

(BD) Semi-Finals: Patterson and Manning d Michael Cleary and Randall Morin, Westport, 15-3, 15-0. Curry and Sam Finley, Westport, d Cummings and Bob Seitz, Westport, 14-17, 15-7, 15-3. Finals: Curry and Finley d Patterson and Manning 4-15, 15-1, 15-7.

(GD) Semi-Finals: Langdon and Herman d Linda Jackson and Roberta Wedder, Greenwich, 15-0, 15-1. Dutton and Joan Johnson, Greenwich, d Diana Wenman, Darien and Carol Pracna, Noroton, 15-3 15-6. Finals; Langdon and Herman d Dutton and Johnson 15-0, 15-2.

(MxD) Semi-Finals: Langdon and Curry d Herman and Cummings 15-5, 15-3. Linda Patterson and Ted Patterson, Norwalk, d Patricia Halloran, Norwalk, and Seitz, 15-3, 15-8. Finals: Langdon and Curry d Patterson and Patterson 15-6, 15-8.

Thanks to Don Hersam, Correspondent.

CLASS B CONN. STATE TOURNEY

The Class "B" badminton state tournament was held in New Haven April 19 and 20. Steve Curry of Norwalk, former No. 1 Norwalk High School net star, won the men's singles title by defeating Art Paoletto of New Haven in the finals, 15-6, 15-9.

TEXAS STATE TOURNEY

The Texas State Tournament was held in Austin on March 21-22. The Austin Club won the Lowell L. Douglas trophy for most points scored in the tourney.

Results:

(MS) Roberts (Dallas) d Jackson (San Antonio) 15-7, 15-11. (LS) Vilbig (Austin) d Martin (Dallas) 11-5, 11-6. (MD) Roberts and Horn (Dallas) d Martin and Russell (Dallas) 17-14, 15-4. (LD) Vilbig (Austin) and Martin (Dallas) d Summers (Houston) and Harrison (Fort Worth) 15-4, 15-7. (MxD) Summers (Houston) and Roberts (Dallas) d Vilbig (Austin) and Horn (Dallas) 15-10, 15-12. (Ladies Esquire) Larsen (San Antonio) and Mills (Austin) d Muldoon and Randal (San Antonio) 15-13, 16-18, 15-5. (Vets-D) Newton and Wukash (Austin) d McKinney (Austin) and Harrison (Fort Worth) 14-15, 15-8, 15-5. (Vets-MxD) Horton (Austin) and Harrison (Fort Worth) d Landers (Dallas) and Wukash (Austin) 15-9, 15-5.

MICHIGAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Michigan Closed Championships were held on March 29 and 30, at the Cranbrook School Gymnasium in Birmingham, Michigan. There were 215 entries present.

Results:

(MS) William Anderson d Harry Drewry 17-15, 15-10. (LS) Mildred Sirwaitis d Hazel Browne 11-8, 11-3. (MD) William Anderson and Harry Drewry d Kuldip Maini and Richard Johnson 15-7, 17-15. (LD) Hazel Browne and Mildred Sirwaitis d Mary Connor and Geraldine Hengel 15-8, 15-13. (MxD) Harry Drewry and Mildred Sirwaitis d William Anderson and Mary Connor 8-15, 15-6, 15-4. Jerry Burns and Everett Gesaman d Arthur Mowrey and William Streng 15-13, 9-15, 15-12. (Jr. MS) Sherwin Collins d Monte Gerald 17-14, 15-5. (Jr. LS) Jeanne Coyne d Nancy McCallum 6-11, 11-4, 11-7.

Thanks to Everett D. Gesaman, Correspondent.

TOURNEY IN BREMERTON

The Washington State Closed Tournament was held in Bremerton on February 29, and March 1 and 2. There were 183 entries.

Results:

(MS) Frank Gaylord d Don Davis 18-17, 15-10. (LS) Virginia Suggs d Marge Gildseth 6-11, 11-6, 11-6. (MD) Bob Deacon-Bill Deacon d Dick Yeager-Henry Mahnkey 15-10, 15-12. (LD) Marge Gildseth-Virginia Suggs d Zoe Yeager-Mary Jean Bushell 18-13, 11-15, 15-13. (MxD) Maxine Cruikshank-Jim Paull d Zoe Yeager-Dick Yeager 15-12, 11-15, 15-6. (Vets) Merle Corrin-Bob Showacre d Hugh Mitchell-Mac McDonald by default.

WASHINGTON STATE OPEN

The Washington State Open Tournament was held at the Washington State Armory and the Y.M.C.A. in Seattle on March 7, 8 and 9 with 98 entries.

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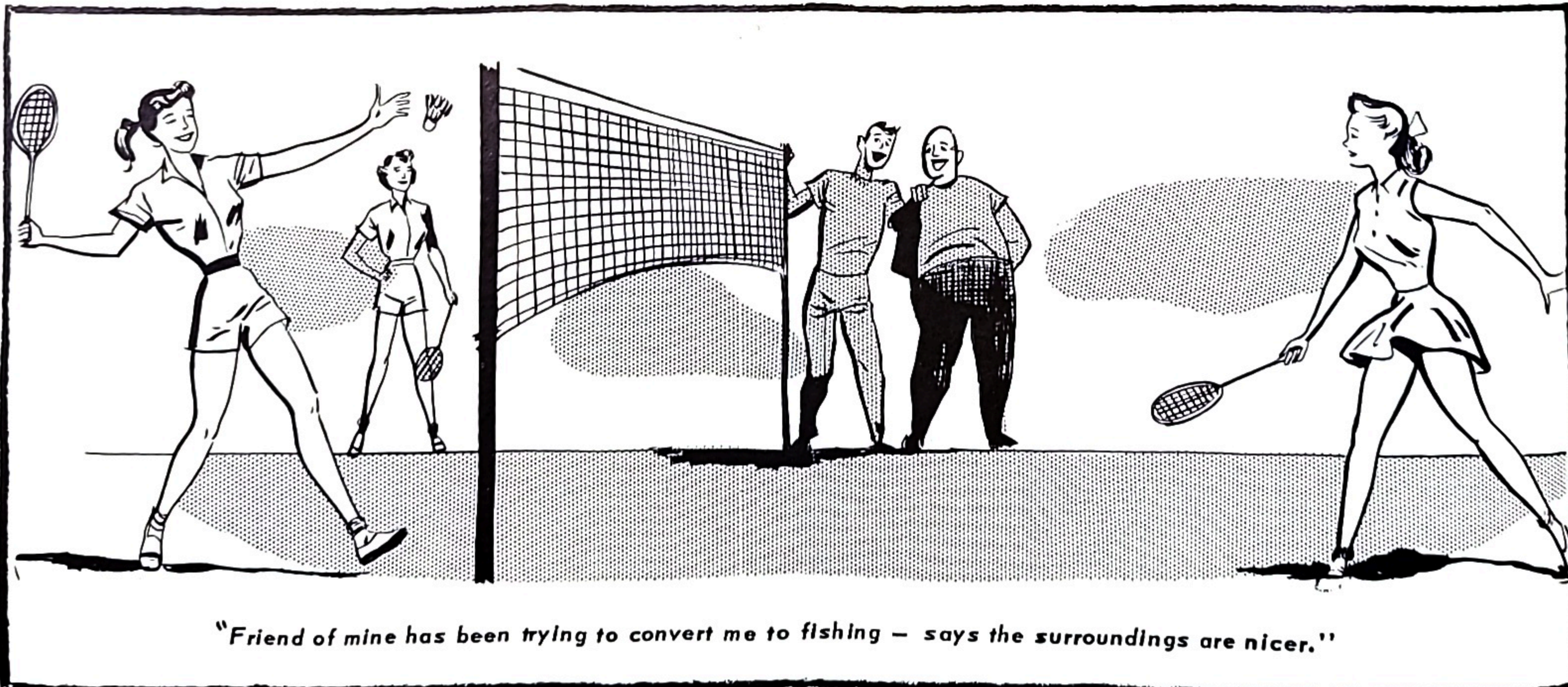
(MS) Jack Harvey d Frank Gaylord. (LS) Virginia Suggs d Marg Gieldseth. (MD) Jack Harvey-Jim Paull d James Ihrig-Bob Stening. (LD) Virginia Suggs-Marg Gieldseth d Zoe Yeager-M. Bushell. (MxD) Maxine Cruikshank-Jim Paull d Virginia Suggs-Frank Gaylord. (Vets) Merle Corrin-Robert Showacre d Al Wilson-Jeff Jeffries.

Merle R. Corrin, Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Connecticut Badminton Championships were played March 22 and 23 on the Orange Club courts in Orange, Connecticut, with a large gallery on both days.

Kenneth Kost retained his singles title, defeating Harry Quinn in the finals. Eleanor Raymond again won the women's singles, and Helen Gibson and Wanda Bergman retained their women's doubles championship. Kost and Walter Raymond took the men's doubles championship, defeating Fred Fullin and Peter Sherwood in the finals, after the latter team had upset the 1951 champions, Ed Drab and Chuck Welch. The mixed doubles went to Kost and Helen Gibson.



"Friend of mine has been trying to convert me to fishing - says the surroundings are nicer."

TOURNEYS

CLEVELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the Cleveland Championships held April 9, 10 and 11 the Dileone family dominated the play by appearing in all final events. Ann Dileone won the ladies' singles and was a runner up in the ladies' doubles. Ed Dileone lost a close match in the men's singles to Stan Sangdahl, the defending champion, but came back to win the men's doubles and teamed with Ann to win the mixed doubles.

Thanks to Stan Sangdahl, Correspondent.

MASS. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Massachusetts Junior Championships were held March 8 and 9 at the University Club in Boston. Mrs. Robert Perry was chairman of the tournament.

Results:

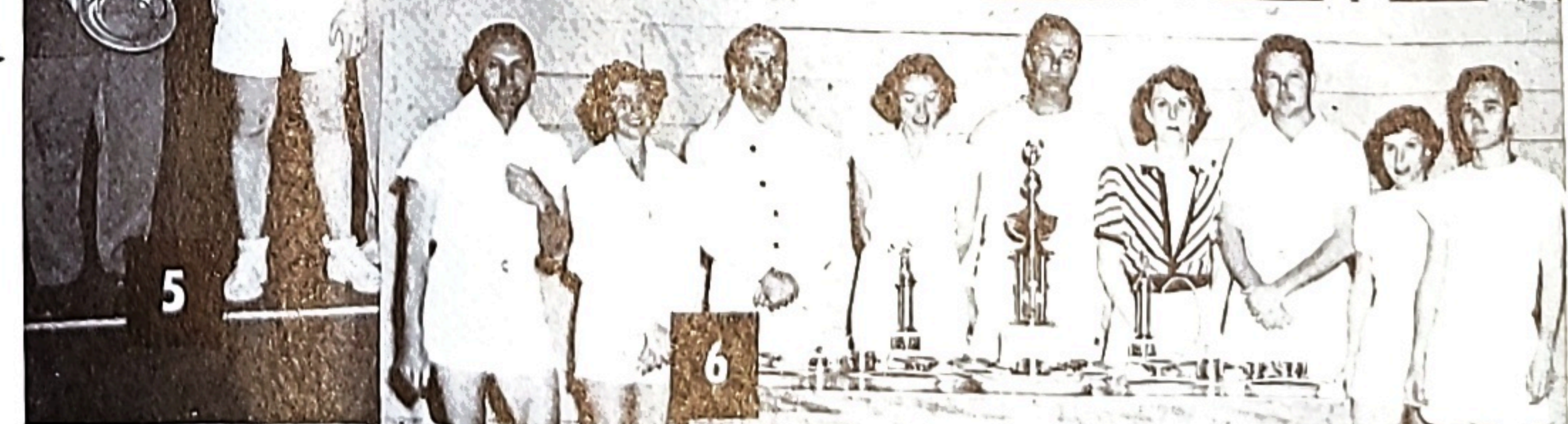
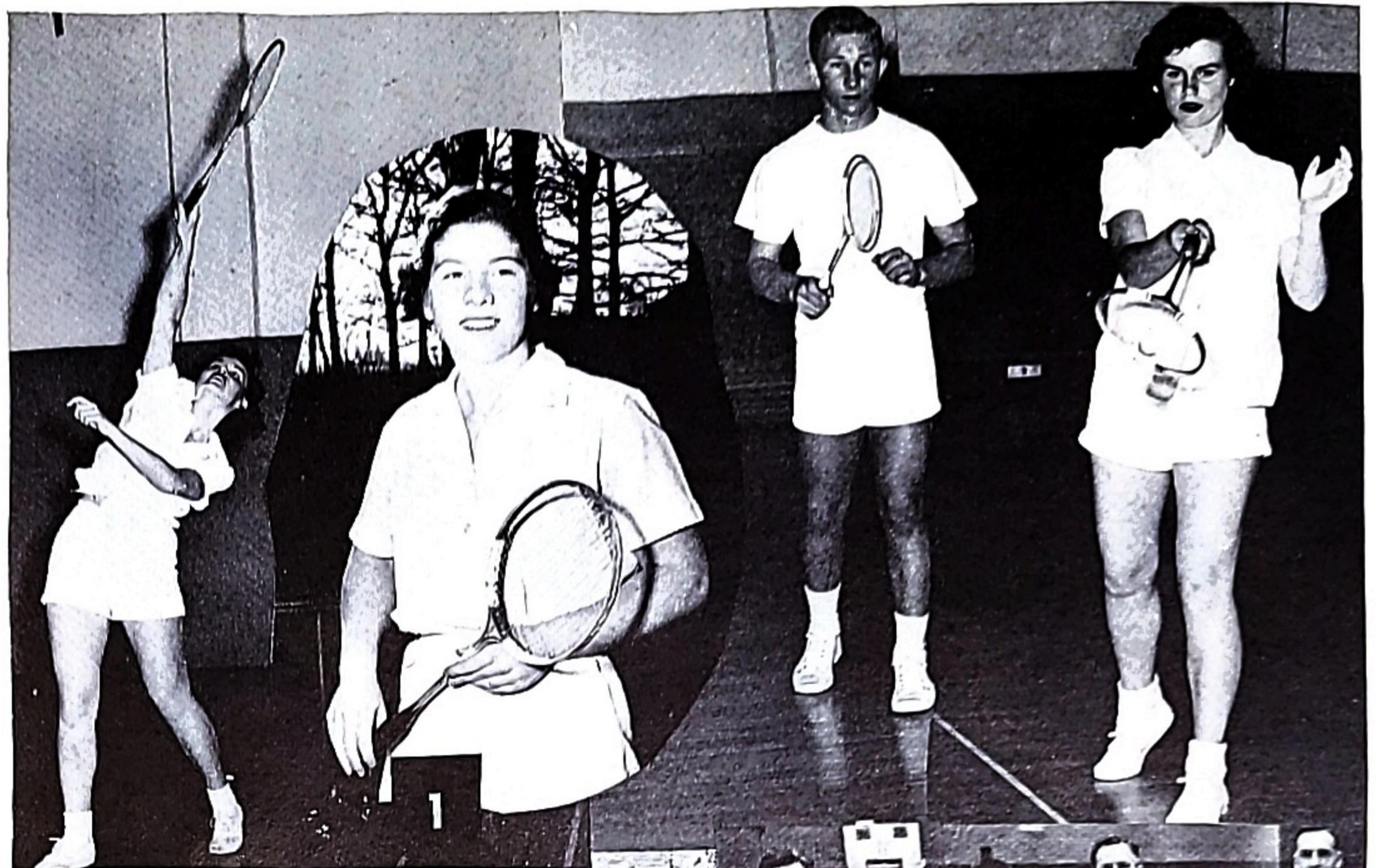
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(GD) Semi-Finals: Linda Cobb and Jane St. Amant d Marion Dusoe de Barenne and Esther Chute 15-2, 15-5. Carol Wendell and Ann Jones d Doris and Norma Slauer 15-9, 9-15, 15-12. Finals: L. Cobb and J. St. Amant d C. Wendell and A. Jones 15-3, 15-1.

(MxD) Semi-Finals: Linda Cobb and J. Kevorkian d Gail Richardson and Brom De Meritt 15-5, 15-0. Don Gardner Jr. and Ann Potter d Jay Hartwell and Priscilla Poitras 15-12, 3-15, 17-14. Finals: Linda Cobb and John Kevorkian d Ann Potter and Don Gardner Jr. 15-0, 15-2.

(BS) Semi-Finals: John "Butch" Kevorkian d Peter De Meritt 15-5, 15-0. Bromley De Meritt d Jay Hartwell 15-1, 15-8. Finals: J. Kevorkian d B. De Meritt 15-3, 15-3.

(BD) Semi-Finals: J. Kevorkian and Jay Hartwell d Gil Barclay and Louis Bachigalupo 15-2, 15-4. B. and P. De Meritt d Don Gardner Jr. and Bruce Moore 15-6, 15-9. Finals: J. Kevorkian and Jay Hartwell d B. and P. De Meritt 15-6, 15-8.



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 4. CONNECTICUT STATE JR. CHAMPIONSHIPS - Back Row: Sam Findlay, John Manning, Steve Curry, Valerie Dutton, Joan Johnson, Justine Herman, Front Row: Ted Paterson, Elaine Langdon, Linda Paterson;
 5. WATERTOWN BADMINTON CLUB - Al Houde, Charles Plummer, Lew Fowler, Al Laubinger, Butch Kevorkian, Henry Der, Al Cockray, Bill Blake;
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UNITED STATES VS INDIA

by KEN DAVIDSON

The most exciting, thrill packed Tie played in the annals of International competition occurred on May 27, 28, 1952 in the hot, humid, sweating atmosphere within the Happy World Stadium in Singapore as 8,500 shrieking fans were galvanized into prolonged and boisterous applause as the U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team came from behind in the ninth and final match to snatch a 5-4 victory after having had a comfortable 4-1 lead over the Indian squad.

The Indian team, behind 3-1 at the start of the second night's play and 4-1 down after Marten Mendez beat Devinder Mohan Lal in the opener, staged a sustained and inspired rally to even the score at 4 all and win the first game of the final match

1. First Match - Mitchell racing in for drop shot before 8000 excited spectators; 2. Mitchell warms up before opening gun sounds; 3. Indian supporters cheer as score is tied at 4 all; 4. Mr. Lun Chuan Geok, Malayan's captain, also adds his congratulations; 5. Ken Davidson congratulates Devinder Mohan Lal on India's tying up score at 4 all; 6. U.S. squad shouting; 7. "That's it boys;" 8. Alston-Rogers vs. Davinder-Ferriera; 9. Carrying Joe Alston off court at the conclusion of the most exciting International Match ever played; 10. Indian Team.

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and take an 8-2 lead in the second game - only 7 points away from victory. Just when the embarrassed Americans were at their lowest ebb, the team of Joe Alston and Wynn Rogers finally caught fire, stopped the Indian pair of Seth and Guha in their tracks and evened up the game at one-all. In the third and final game, the Americans played with more confidence and slowly but surely gained the upper hand - a complete reversal from the first game - as their team members shouted encouragement from the side lines and the majority of the vast throng screamed and whooped as each point brought the spine-tingling game nearer and nearer to a close. As the final smash struck the boards to complete the American victory the whole arena broke out in a mad scene of pandemonium - the whole place was in an uproar as the crowd hollered its near frenzied approval and the American bench-warmers leaped high into the air and galloped on to the court to mob their two exhausted team members and to carry off, shoulder-high, Joe Alston who had led the recovery in the second game when matters seem hopeless.

It is impossible for the American and European badminton crowds to understand the noisy enthusiasm with which the Asiatic audience literally shouts its approval of the play or for one of their favorites - the comparison can only be likened to the scenes seen at a World Series or when two college basketball rivals are urged along to greater efforts by their fellow students. To all of us on the U.S.A. squad this rooting was utterly fantastic but it was not long before our restrained hand-clapping turned into vocal acclaim for some masterly effort by one of our team members and it need hardly be stated that the tense, titanic struggle in the last match produced some of the loudest ear-splitting shrieks of encouragement ever proffered to any team.

Great praise must be given to all members of the Indian team for their magnificent come-back after being 4-1 down. Time after time they seemed to be on the verge of defeat and time after time they prolonged their chances of attaining final victory. A combination of superb Indian play and a never-say-die spirit not only resulted in their tying the score at 4 all - a real thriller of a match as the Indians fought from behind at 10-13 down in the third set, and again at 0-4 down after setting at 13 all - but the impetus of their inspiration put their second doubles team way ahead of the U.S.A. Number 1 Double's pair in the fateful last match of the series. Oh Brother! How close can a match get! And yet, a close inspection of the scores will show that the Indians won two of their four wins by only one point and another one by only two points so that, in fact, a reversal of these four points would have meant an 8-1 U.S.A. victory - and still we barely won 5-4. What a fright! But what excitement!!!

The intense heat inside the stadium had the more than 8,000 spectators fanning themselves before the players made their appearance. 10 cent fans were being sold from 35 cents to \$1 and the soft drink sellers had no selling problems. Some special exhaust fans installed for this match failed to carry out their function and the air was stuffy and sticky before a shuttle was struck - unfair conditions for any badminton player of any nation but particularly for those from cooler climates.

Both teams were presented to the Commissioner-General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the National anthems played, before Dick Mitchell (San Diego) stepped out to do battle against Devinder Mohan Lal, India's Captain and most experienced Single's player.

BUNKER HILL TOURNEY

The 2nd Annual Bunker Hill Badminton Class "D" Doubles Tournament was held April 5, 1952 in Charlestown Armed Services YMCA, Charlestown, Massachusetts. The number of entries was 54 individuals, 39 teams.

Results:

(MD) Arthur Nelson and Blake Thaxter d Paul V. Dusossoit and Lester H. Nussbaum. (LD) Alyce F. DUBY and Mrs. H. H. Holly d Marjorie Moore and Jean Rowell. (MxD) Doris Maxwell and Jack Wm. Millar d Chatherine Makeis and Paul V. Dusossoit.

Thanks to Ray Corbin, Correspondent.

ALTOONA Y TOURNAMENTS

The Altoona YMCA again held the State YMCA Men's Singles and Doubles Tournament. This year, along with the Singles and Doubles Tournament, an open Veterans' Double Tournament was held. Bill Parsons, the defending Singles champion, successfully defended his title this year, as did Bill and Tom Parsons in the double event. The tournament was held Saturday, April 19.

Results:

(MS) Semi-Finals: Bill Parsons d Sandy Krongold 15-5, 15-7. Bernie Tremblay d Herb LaTuchie 15-6, 15-8. Finals: Bill Parsons d Bernie Tremblay 15-4, 15-2.

(MD) Semi-Finals: Bill and Tom Parsons d Herb LaTuchie and Gus Notopoulos 15-5, 15-3. Bernie Tremblay and Joe O'Grady d Rich Wilson and Charlie Bailey 15-10, 15-8. Finals: Bill and Tom Parsons d Bernie Tremblay and Joe O'Grady 11-15, 15-8, 18-4.

(Vets-D) Finals: Rich Wilson and Charlie Bailey d Jake Lippman and Gus Notopoulos 15-4, 15-6.

Thanks to Thomas C. Parsons, Correspondent.

R.I. JR. BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Junior Tournament has brought so much interest and so many entries in the past year, that this year the tournament was divided into a Junior High and Senior High tournament. Practically 400 entries were received and two schools were used to handle the matches.

The final matches were very good and in many cases the contestants were evenly matched which meant some very good badminton playing.

Results:

(MS-Jr.) H. Sayles d D. Hasson 15-4, 15-8. (MS-S.) Gordon Ambach d Ed Mulvaney 12-15, 15-2, 15-2. (LS-Jr.) Muriel Gilbane d Helen Golish 11-4, 11-8. (LS-S.) Merylyn Tucker d Janet Lavigne 11-3, 11-3. (MD-Jr.) Hall and Joheman d Hasson and Shea 15-5, 15-6. (MD-S.) Ambach and Mulvaney d Muller and Kritz 15-6, 15-6. (LD-Jr.) M. Gilbane and P. Damiani d H. Colish and R. Jawgowski 10-15, 15-2, 15-11. (LD-S.) D. Snow and D. Ingalls d B. Atkins and P. Briggs 15-1, 15-4. (MxD-Jr.) J. Shell and M. Gilbane d L. Molhan and H. Golish 15-10, 15-5. (MxD-S.) M. Tucker and G. Ambach d J. Whitelan and Lefavre 15-9, 15-6.

Thanks to Lois L. Wartman, Correspondent.

OHIO STATE OPEN

The Ohio State Open Tournament was held at Moreland School in Cleveland on February 16 and 17, with 114 entries.

Results:

(MS) Bob Williams d Stanley Sangdahl 17-15, 17-14. (LS) Ethel Marshall d Abbie Rutledge 11-1, 11-2. (MD) Bob Williams-Bob Hardison d Bill Anderson-Harry Drewry 15-9, 15-0. (LD) Ethel Marshall-Bea Massman d Mildred Sirwaitis-Hazel Browne 15-4, 15-0. (MxD) Mary Conner-Bill Anderson d Ethel Marshall-Bob Hardison 15-10, 9-15, 18-13. (Vets) Art Mowrey-Bill Strong d Whitney Warner, Jr.-Everett Gesaman 13-18, 15-5, 15-13.

Whitney Warner, Jr., Correspondent.

BLUE COAT WINNERS

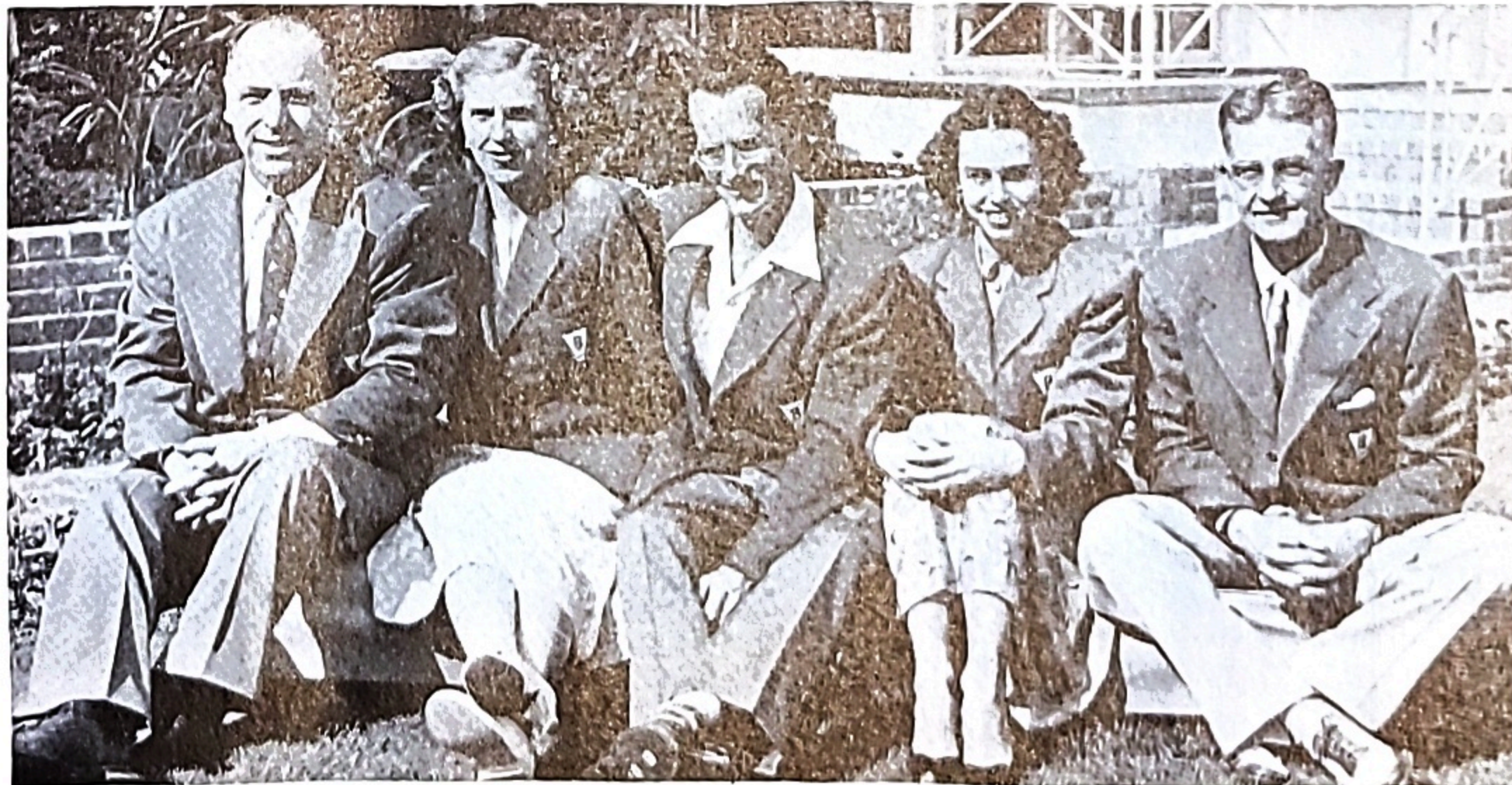


Photo above shows Pasadena Badminton Club members who have earned their Blue Coats - L. to R. - Lewis Rulison, "Vets" 1947; Loma Smith, LD 1951, Mixed 1949-50-51; Wynn Rogers, Mixed 1947-49-50-51-52, MD 1948-49-50-51-52; Helen Noble Tibbetts, Mixed 1952; Hulet Smith, "Vets" 1947. Jean and Joan Gibbs were not present for the picture. Just for the record, there are 11 others who won their Blue Coat under P.B.C. Colors!

Thanks to Pat Noble, Correspondent.

NEWS FROM FRANCE

THE FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the twenty-fourth French Championships in Paris on March 28th and 29th the Choong brothers, E. L. (David) and E. B. (Eddie), dominated finals day. In the Singles Eddie beat his elder brother, together they won the Men's Doubles and they were on opposite sides of the net in the Mixed.

From the start the Singles was obviously destined to produce an all-Choong final with the odds on that brilliant if somewhat diminutive athlete Eddie being the winner. And so it was although there were times during the semi-final when it seemed to the French supporters of Bengt Nielsen that David might go down to this Dane who is at present living in Paris. In the other semi-final Eddie Choong had a very good game with Henri Pellizza who is number one on the French badminton ranking lists and high in the Lawn Tennis lists. In the final Eddie's relentless accuracy and inexhaustible energy were too much for his heavier elder brother and so E. B. Choong defeated E. L. Choong 15-5, 15-8.

In the Men's Doubles there was no

pair within measurable distance of the Choongs (who have won the All-England Men's Doubles title for the last two years) and they cantered home. In the final they beat Pellizza and Ailloud 15-2, 15-5.

In the Ladies' Singles (or Simple Dames as the French term this event) Audrey Stone, of Kent scored her first foreign singles title by defeating Hampshire's Mrs. Mimi Wyatt in two sets, 12-9, 11-2. Audrey Stone's journey to the final had been without effort but Mrs. Wyatt had had very close struggle with Mrs. Mavis Henderson and had only won after setting in the third set. Mrs. Henderson had her revenge in the final of the Ladies' Doubles when she and Audrey Stone scored a somewhat unexpected but highly deserved victory over the very strong opposition of Mrs. Queenie Allen Webber and Mrs. Wyatt who are two of England's strongest ladies' doubles players. The winners played forcefully and combined much better than their opponents. The aggressive play and fleetness of foot of Mrs. Henderson (who, as Mavis Green, won her first title here in 1927 and who has now won fifteen French Championship titles) were a great personal triumph for one who has been prevented from playing most of this season by a leg injury. The Henderson-Stone combination won 15-12, 15-6.

The Mixed Doubles was, briefly, an affair of Choong versus Choong. In a fine display of Mixed Eddie (and Mrs. Webber) beat David (and Mrs. Wyatt) 12-15, 15-1, 15-11.

As usual the finals were followed by an official dinner and speeches which at one stage were somewhat multi-lingual as one Choong, to the delight of the French, chose to give part of his speech in Chinese while his brother translated into English and Mrs. Wyatt (who must find one French parent a great advantage at this tournament) in turn translated the result into French.

The official French Badminton Ranking follows; (Men) 1. H. Pelizza, 2. Y. Baudoin, 3. P. Ailloud, 4. M. Le Renard, 5. E. Maillot, 6. J. Gibon-G. Bouvier, 8. M. Mathieu, 9. C. Chassain, 10. Duboiz; (Women) 1. Noelle Ailloud, 2. J. Boivin-M. Chassain (Mrs.)-A Gibon, 5. C. Carvalho.

OTHER NEWS

On April 2nd in the Gymnasium of the Racing Club de France at Rue Eble Paris an R.C.F. team defeated a visiting team from the S.J.I.F.

S.J.I.F., Malmo: H. Olson, H. Hulberg, S. Neilsen, J. Strand, L. Kristiansen, and T. Dalquist.

Racing Club de France; B. Nielsen, Y. Baudoin, P. Ailloud, M. Le Renard, H. Pellizza, G. Bouvier, M. Mathieu, J. Newland, M. Marret (Captain).



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NEWS FROM ENGLAND

At the Empress Hall, London, before a crowd of more than nine thousand, Wong Peng Soon won the Men's Singles title for the third consecutive year — the fourth player to win this cup outright since the first All-England in 1900. And so Wong has joined those outstanding previous outright winners, Sir George Thomas, J. F. Devlin and R. C. F. Nichols.

Mrs. Tonny Ahm also staked her claim to be one of the greatest women players of all time and certainly the greatest since the war, by bringing her total of All-England titles to twelve — thus equalling Mrs. Betty Uber's total. This score only has been reached by one other lady, Miss M. Lucas, who won fifteen All-England titles in the dim distant years before the war of 1914-1918. Tonny Ahm was on the winning side in all her three finals, and, with Poul Holm, won the Mixed Doubles Cup outright. Last year she won the Ladies' Doubles Cup outright with Miss Kirsten Thorndahl by achieving their fourth victory in five years.

A feature of the championships this year was the introduction of Qualifying rounds to reduce the number of competitors to a reasonable level. This year, the qualifying rounds were held only in London but it is to be hoped that, next year, there will be two qualifying competitions, one in the North of England in addition to the one in London.

The final of the Men's Singles was between Wong Peng Soon and Eddie Choong who had reached their appointed places without the loss of a game. In the semi-final, he lost only four points to his fellow Malayan, Johnny Heah, but this score was truly no indication of the game which went on and on with exciting yet chanceless rallies until Heah was, at last, forced into making an error.

The final was exciting but both players seemed to lack their usual accuracy. Choong rapidly achieved a lead of 8-2 but Wong went ahead to 9-8 on one run of service. Choong hung on grimly but had bad luck at 11-14 in hitting the shuttle very high into the overhead lighting where it stayed. In the second set, again Choong went ahead to a good lead of 9-1 playing very steadily and Wong was using the smash a lot but was smashing too flat and hit many out of the back of the court. Once Wong found his length, he was out of difficulty and, in spite of valiant efforts on the part of Eddie Choong, he went from 1-9 to 15-9 and so made the Challenge Cup his personal property.

The Ladies' Singles followed and was a very disappointing game. Aase Jacobsen, whose speed about the court and very powerful strokes had already earned her two All-England Singles titles, was very much below her best form and appeared from the very beginning, to have no heart for the game. Mrs. Ahm, however, showed that determination and concentration which are among her greatest assets and was an easy winner over her dispirited doubles partner.

After this disappointing game, the Men's Doubles was a tonic. The holders, the brothers Choong, were challenged by Poul Holm and Ole Jensen and the Danes took the first set, 15-9 while the brothers seemed not to be the pair they were last year. The Danes were able to dictate the game and David Choong appeared slower and less sure than last year while Eddie's defence looked like cracking under pressure. In the second set, the Choongs hung on grimly with David gradually gaining control of the situation as the Danes made the mistake of attacking him more than his brother. By the end of this game, David had the measure of the Danish Attack and the Danes rarely won a rally directed against him. In this same set, Eddie produced some spells of brilliant low serving which really turned the tide. Several times the serves were so close that the Danes let them drop thinking they must either have touched the net or be too short but Eddie did not lose a point in this way throughout the second half of this set and his side won nearly all their points when he was serving. Jensen started to lose control of his service and for much of the second set and for all the third, the Danes were virtually playing "one hand down". In the third set, the Choongs had matters all their own way and so won the event for the second year running.

The Ladies' Doubles was, as it has been for many years now, between Tonny Ahm and one of the younger Danish players, in this case, Aase Jacobsen, and a veteran English pair. This year it was, once more, Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber but they could not last the pace. They nearly won the first set but faded away in the second for the Danes to win 18-15, 15-14. This is the sixth time Mrs. Ahm has won the Ladies' Doubles at the All-England.

The last event of the day was the Mixed Doubles between two Danish pairs: Poul Holm and Tonny Ahm previous winners three times during the last five years and needing only one more victory to remove the Challenge Cups from the competition and Ole Jensen and Aase Jacobsen whose unlucky day this seemed to be. It looked

as though Ole and Aase were still well below form and the holders swept through them to take the first set 15-4. It appeared as though the second set would go the same way but Jensen and his partner gallantly struggled with their individual hoodoos and, amid a terrific ovation, won this game 15-10. Holm and Mrs. Ahm, however, made no mistake about the final set which they took 15-7 thereby winning the trophy outright.

The "gate" at the All-England Championships has increased year by year since the war and The Empress Hall booking office has already been dealing with people anxious to book now for the 1953 tournament.

Thanks to John Newland,
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TEXAS-OKLAHOMA TEAM MATCHES

The Tourney was held at the Dallas Athletic Club May 18, 1952 with the results Texas 13, Oklahoma 4. The matches were followed by a dinner in honor of the Oklahoma players and attended by all contestants.

Results:

(MS) George Harman O. d Bill Menefee T. 15-4, 15-5. Nick Roberts T. d John Sudbury O. 15-3, 17-15. Hap Horn T. d Keith Sheppard O. 15-7, 5-15, 15-5. Laddie Cremers O. d Jimmy Jackson T. 15-10, 15-13. Roy Harrison T. d Sam Pruyne O. 15-10, 15-8. (LS) Dorothy Martin T. d Eleanor Round O. 11-3, 11-0. Jeanette Summers T. d Jean Knutson O. 11-5, 11-3. Patsy Harman O. d Kay Mitchell T. 11-5, 11-3. (MD) Martin-Russell T. d Sudbury-Harman O. 15-14, 15-7. Harrison-Menefee T. d Pruyne-Rawak O. 7-15, 15-10, 15-7. Lawler-Priddy T. d Sheppard-Cremers O. 3-15, 15-8, 15-1. (LD) Martin-Mitchell T. d Round-Knutson O. 15-3, 15-2. Harrison-Summers T. d Harman-Morley O. 15-4, 15-5. Wertheimer-Roberts T. d Sudbury-Bryant O. 15-6, 15-0. (MxD) Harrison-Roberts T. d Harman-Harman O. 15-13, 15-13. Morley-Cremers O. d Mitchell-Horn T. 15-12, 12-15, 15-11. Martin-Martin T. d Sudbury-Rawak O. 15-4, 15-12.

Thanks to Thelma Harrison,
Correspondent.

MALAYA AHOY!

Meramec Badminton Club of St. Louis, Missouri held a "Red and Blue" Tournament, a benefit for the Sir Thomas Cup Team, May 4th, 1952, at the Voight High School Gym. All proceeds going to the Sir Thomas Cup Team. Everyone had plenty of badminton and lots of fun, refreshments were also on hand with plenty of iced Soda.

Winners — Herpel Perkins, Webster Badminton Club and Mrs. Ruth Wermeier of Navy Club defeated Frank Hack, Alton Birdie Busters, Alton, Illinois and Mrs. Jerrie Krey, Meramec Badminton Club.

Thanks to Mrs. Carl Lundvall,
Correspondent.

MALAYAN TOUR

(Continued from Page 5)

Tie. Mitchell, holding a 12-2 lead in the second, after winning the first set against Devinder, ran completely "out of gas" and could never get sufficient oxygen into his lungs to get his second wind...the same happened to Joe Alston in his second game against Amrit Dewan...Joe tried to get his final points with quick flat serves and barely failed...with Joe completely out on his feet, I signalled him, when two points down in the third, to let the match go and to conserve his strength for the doubles...as the Singapore Strait Times said "a gamble which eventually paid off" ...even then, Joe had to steel himself in the latter part of the fateful last doubles against keeling over...indescribable conditions...Joe nevertheless was the hero of the hour as his steadiness in serving and on defense proved to be the major factors in slowing up the inspired Indian team of Seth-Guha...Guha, unorthodox but amazingly agile and quick made "impossible" gets and screwy returns in the first game... what a finish!!! Mendez also a hero as he won both his Singles but he got an "assist" from Mitchell on his win over Devinder since Mitch, although losing a heartbreaker, gave Devinder a "good going-over". Mitch's doggedness also tired Devinder out for his Doubles later in the evening. All the boys played well in impossible conditions, and win the right to meet Malaya two days later.

A continuous stream of phone calls congratulate the U.S.A. boys on their win... strangers in the streets smile and step forward to shake the hands of the American lads, who love this newly found glory... more photographers...more reporters...a spoken word from the lips of any American immediately hits the headlines...the team is highly popular.

Lunch with His Excellency the Commis-

sioner General, The Rt. Honorable Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, P.C. at his residence—the fabulous Bukit Serene, Johore Bahru...Mr. MacDonald, a player of Badminton, son of the former Prime Minister of Great Britain, a gracious and popular host...we meet many highly distinguished socialites.

Cocktails with His Excellency The Governor of Singapore—Mr. J. F. Nicoll—at Government House, Singapore...another fabulous residence...but Mitch's droll remark, "This place isn't so great—the pool is only half a mile wide" set everyone at ease and created much amusement amongst the official party. The Governor makes the draw.

A morning warm-up to test out some new lighting in the Happy World...more autographs...more newspaper interviews and radio recordings...dinner with the Parrotts again...relaxing before the BIG Tie with Malaya.

Traffic jams, police whistles, hustle and bustle as fans push to get into see their favorites...The Happy World Stadium, a hot, clammy oven, with the audience wiping the perspiration off their heads long before the players are introduced to Malcolm MacDonald—by now a friend of the family...the black market operators make a "killing", selling \$15 tickets as high as \$50 each, \$10 tickets as high as \$35, \$6 up to \$20 and \$3 up to \$15... what a sight to those of us who rarely see gates of 1,000 in the States!

(Note: 3 Strait Dollars equals \$1 U.S.A.)

U. S. A. vs Malaya match details elsewhere.

A worn out but not disgraced group of Americans slowly trudged their way to the Parrotts to meet other Americans who gloried in the constant battle given to the strong Malayan team...and so to bed...to dream of what might have been... "if" we had Dave Freeman, "if" Joe Alston could have played, but coming down to reality and actuality, knowing full well that the

better team deserved to keep the Thomas Cup in Malaya.

There can be no pleasanter memory of the trip than the tribute paid to the American squad by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Britain's Commissioner General for South East Asia territories, who made one of the happiest of speeches at the banquet dinner given to the visiting Thomas Cup teams by the Badminton Association of Malaya.

Mr. MacDonald said, "Of course, we turned the heat on our opponents long before our team stepped on the court. The warm and clammy embrace of our climate must have been a great disadvantage to them and one of our abiding and may I say admiring and affectionate, memories will be the sight of Dick Mitchell doing his slow march around the court between rallies, looking rather like the Duke of Wellington having a turkish bath. Like half-a-dozen Dukes of Wellington, the Americans showed in every set of every match of every round that every one of them is a grand fighter. Or, who can forget the ballet like grace; the combination of skill and stylishness and the stamina which is Marten Mendez.

If Ken Davidson on a classic and hilarious occasion introduced a lighter touch to their play, it was just to emphasize that the international badminton court is a playground where good friends engage in sporting rivalry, not a battle field where mortal enemies engage in deadly combat.

One of the qualities which made the Americans so popular with the crowd was their good-humored sportsmanship, which we shall long remember—and hope to see again."

Mr. MacDonald concluded, "You have shown us fine sportsmanship, a lot of great-hearted, glorious badminton; and in so doing you have confirmed a friendship between our countries which makes us all good members of the same team of free men and women".



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MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Maryland State Championships were held on April 6th. The Maryland Badminton Association presented a skit on badminton of the 1874 era. Two gentlemen dressed as they did at the time—complete with mustaches, sideburns and frock coats—had as partners two bustle costumed ladies who, of course, wore picture hats. Tennis racquets were used, as we understand badminton racquets had not yet been developed, and the referee, who topped his costume off with beaver hat, gloves and cane, intoned the scores quite solemnly and then presented the winners with 2,000 shares of railroad stock. Soft music was played in the background and young ladies in costumes served tea to the audience who seemed to get a big bang out of the whole affair. See picture of four of the young ladies who helped to make the affair a success.

The tournament winners were: "Bunky" Roche, men's singles; Judy Devlin, ladies' singles; Fred Steiber, Bart Harvey, men's doubles; Judy and Sue Devlin, ladies' doubles; Louise Stansbury, George Small, mixed doubles; Graham Cromwell, Bill Saunders, veteran men's doubles. Thanks to, Estelle N. Dryden, Correspondent.

WATERTOWN BADMINTON CLUB

On March 20th, 21st, and 22nd the 4th Annual Watertown Men's Doubles Tournament was held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Badminton Association and sponsored by the Watertown Badminton Club of Watertown, Massachusetts. As in past years, the tournament was open to all members of member clubs of the Massachusetts Association. This tournament was a combination tournament in which "A" players partnered "D" players, or the equivalent B-C combination.

There was a consolation event included in this tournament in which both first and second round losers participated.

The tournament was held in the gymnasium of the Hood Rubber Company, in Watertown, Massachusetts.

In the finals on Saturday afternoon, March 22nd in the championship round, Henry Der of the Watertown Club and Al Dockray of the Shady Hill Club defeated Al Laubinger of the Watertown Club and Butch Kevorkian of the University Club by the scores of 15-12, 11-15, and 15-10.

In the finals of the consolation event, Charles Plummer of the Quincy Club and Lew Fowler also of the Quincy Club defeated Bill Blake and Al Houde both of the University Club by the scores of 15-4, 15-6.

Thanks to A. O. Laubinger, Correspondent.

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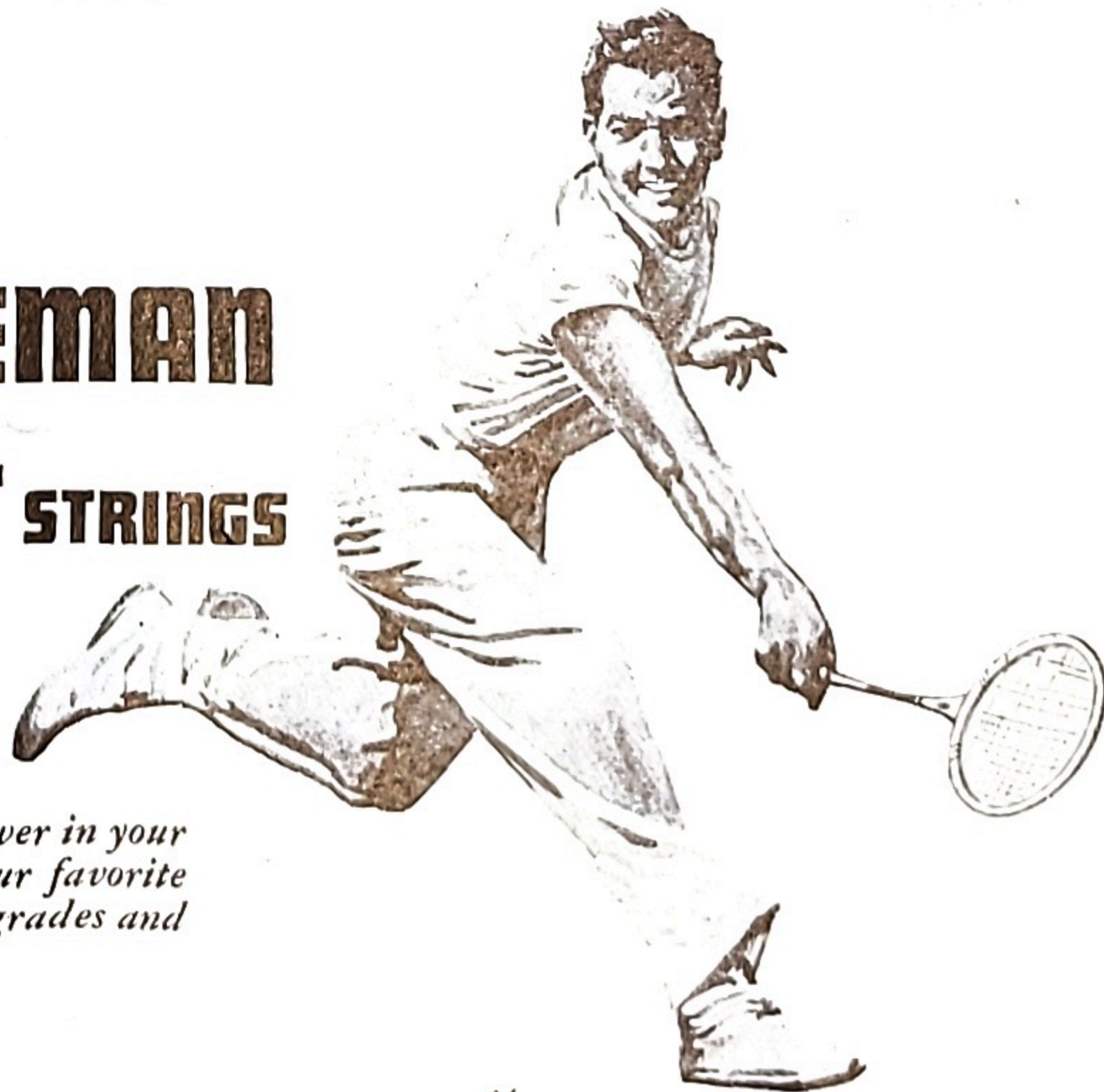
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AMERICAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Report of Directors Meetings in Seattle

Shuttlecock Committee

Approved report that only approved shuttlecocks may be used in sanctioned Tournaments. Voted to instruct I.B.F. delegates to vote against a proposal by the Badminton Association of England to allow the use of other types of shuttlecocks. Voted to raise the fee for adoption of the shuttlecock for the National Junior Championships from \$50.00 to \$100.00; the same fee as now charged the Senior adoption.

Handbook Committee

Instructed this committee to add to the Handbook all Rules and Regulations of the ABA except Laws of Badminton, and to prepare additional copies for distribution.

Membership Committee

Approved the suggestion of this committee for new membership application blanks and a bulletin of information.

Tournament Committee

Referred back to this committee for further study the matter of the sanctioning of Tournaments. At the request of this committee for a ruling on allowing all Service Men to play in sanctioned Tournaments, it was voted that this was covered by the same regulations as non-members, which is decided by the local Tournament Committee.

Junior Activities Committee

Approved new shield for winners of Junior National Championships. Rejected a registration fee and the addition of a new class of fifteen and under in the National Championships, although in the latter case recommended it be considered by Class A Associations in their own Junior Championships.

"Open" Senior Championships - discussed all phases of this problem in great detail and referred it for further study to a special committee.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the ABA was held at the New Washington Hotel, Seattle, Washington, at 1:40 P.M. on Saturday, March 29th, following the Annual Luncheon. President Donald Richardson opened the Meeting by welcoming the delegates and guests. The roll call showed fourteen delegates out of seventeen associations being represented. Mr. Richard Yeager, President of the Washington State Badminton Association, extended the greetings of his Association to the ABA. This was followed by introductions of the Officers and those Directors present.

The President gave a detailed report of the year's activities, with special attention to the Thomas Cup operations. The Treasurer's report as of March 3, 1952 showed an income of \$1420.58 and expenses of \$514.85, leaving a cash balance of \$3638.56.

Several amendments were passed, including the addition of the immediate past president to the Executive Committee. New Directors and the

Nominating Committee were elected.

Mr. Charles Newhall presented the bid of the Massachusetts Badminton Association and the University Club of Boston to hold the Senior National Championships in Boston on March 31, and June 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1953.

Mr. Donald Wilbur of Boston, the first president of the ABA, gave a short talk on the start of the Association and the friendly spirit of badminton players throughout the country. He announced the formation of a separate group of all past officers.

A complete report of the Thomas Cup activities was given by President Donald Richardson. This was followed by a detailed account of the United States-Canadian match by the Coach of the Thomas Cup Team, Mr. Kenneth Davidson. All members of the Team were presented, except Captain Carl Loveday, who was absent.

The Meeting ended after a unanimous vote of approval to President Richardson and Secretary Philip Richardson for the fine job of running the Association during the last two years.

The rankings, listing the regular partners of certain players a second time as members of other doubles combinations, reflect recognition of outstanding performances of such teams, either as finalists in the National Championships or in extensive competition prior to the Seattle tournament.

One encouraging sign which can be read in these rankings is the appearance of the name of at least one Junior player, or recent graduate from the Junior ranks, in the listings under each event (excepting, of course, Veterans Doubles).

LADIES' SINGLES

1. Ethel Marshall	New York
2. Thelma Scovil	California
3. Abbie Rutledge	Indiana
4. Lois Alston	N. Dakota
5. Judy Devlin	Maryland
6. Patsy Stephens	Maryland
7. Marge Gieldseth	Washington
8. Ruth Jett	Penna.
9. Mildred Sirwaitis	Michigan
10. Thelma Burdick	Illinois

HONORABLE MENTION

Joan Gibbs	California
Connie Taylor	California
Lee Chadbourne	Mass.
Jean Kirby	California
Marge Wright	Ohio

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Eleanor Coombs	Illinois
Eleanor Raymond	Connecticut
Virginia Suggs	Washington
Margaret Varner	Texas
Janet Wright	California

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Marten Mendez	California
2. Joe Alston	N. Dakota
3. Wynn Rogers	California
4. Richard Mitchell	California
5. Ronald Palmer	California
6. Robert Williams	New York
7. Stanley Sangdahl	Ohio
8. Irl Madden	California
9. Kenneth Kost	Connecticut
10. Harry Drewry	Michigan

HONORABLE MENTION

Noel Fehm	Connecticut
Harry Hackett	Penna.
Mike Hartgrove	California

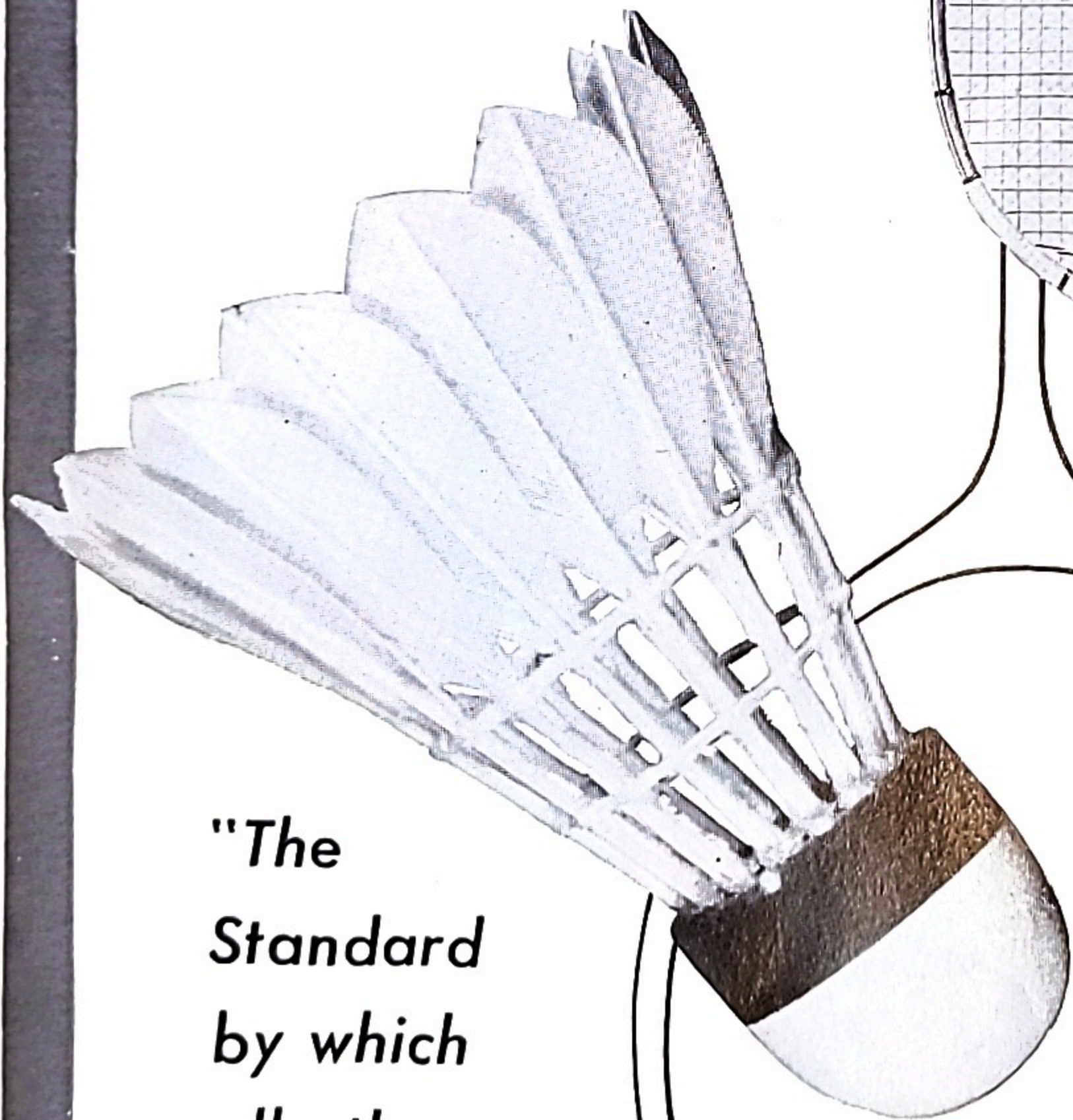
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George Harman	Oklahoma
Ted Moehlmann	Missouri
Clinton Stephens	Maryland

R. S. L. TOURNEY

Shuttlecocks

were selected for the 1952 National Amateur Badminton Championships

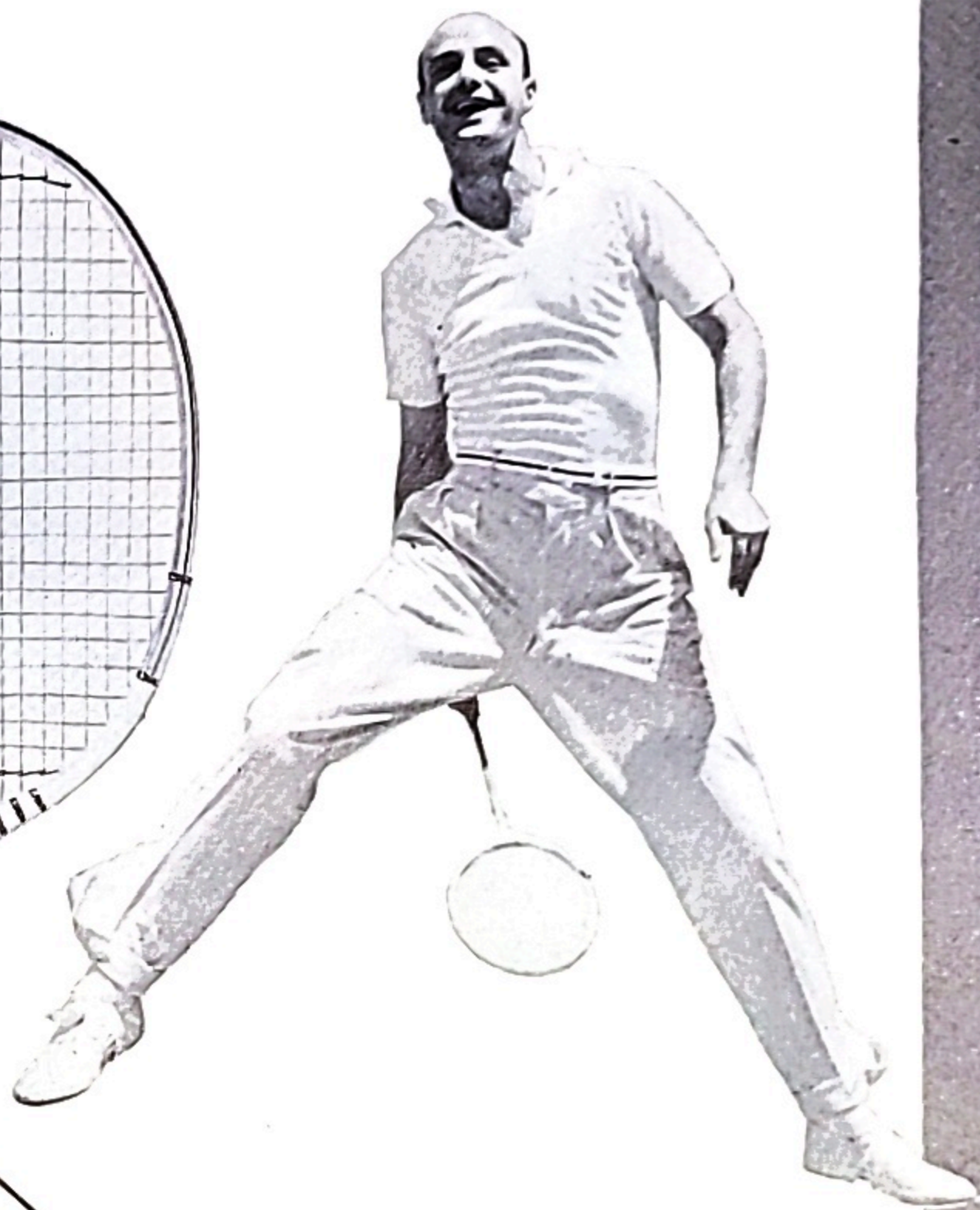


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1. Ethel Marshall New York
Beatrice Massman New York
2. Thelma Scovil California
Janet Wright California
3. Dorothy Hann California
Loma Smith California
4. Thelma Scovil California
Helen Tibbetts California
5. Marge Gieldseth Washington
Virginia Suggs Washington
6. Dorothy Hann California
Helen Tibbetts California
7. Mary Jean Bushell Washington
Zoe Yeager Washington
8. Judy Devlin Maryland
Sue Devlin Maryland
9. Thelma Burdick Illinois
Eleanor Coombs Illinois
10. Ruth Jett Penna.
Patsy Stephens Maryland

HONORABLE MENTION

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| Elizabeth Anselm | California |
| Connie Taylor | California |
| Wanda Bergman | Connecticut |
| Helen Gibson | Connecticut |
| Hazel Brown | Michigan |
| Mildred Sirwaitis | Michigan |

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| Abbie Rutledge | Indiana |
| Margaret Varner | Texas |
| Marianna Gott | California |
| Bernice Marignan | California |

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Joe Alston N. Dakota
Wynn Rogers California
2. Marten Mendez California
Robert Williams New York
3. Manuel Armendariz California
Wallace Martin California
4. Carl Loveday California
Wynn Rogers California
5. Mike Hartgrove California
Marten Mendez California
6. Irl Madden California
Richard Mitchell California
7. Robert Hardison New York
Robert Williams New York
8. William Anderson Michigan
Harry Drewry Michigan
9. Kenneth Kost Connecticut
Wayne Schell Mass.
10. Jack Harvey Washington
James Paull Washington

HONORABLE MENTION

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| John Cornell | Penna. |
| Harry Hackett | Penna. |

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| Carl Loveday | California |
| Robert Williams | New York |
| Ted Moehlmann | Missouri |
| Robert Stille | Ohio |
| Hap Horn | Texas |
| Nick Roberts | Texas |

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Helen Tibbetts California
Wynn Rogers California
2. Ethel Marshall New York
Robert Williams New York
3. Loma Smith California
Wynn Rogers California
4. Helen Tibbetts California
Marten Mendez California
5. Dorothy Hann California
Wallace Martin California
6. Janet Wright California
Irl Madden California
7. Maxine Cruikshank Washington
James Paull Washington
8. Mary Connor Michigan
William Anderson Michigan
9. Beulah Bymaster California
Manuel Armendariz California
10. Eleanor Coombs Illinois
Earl Boston Illinois

HONORABLE MENTION

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| Jean Corvino | New York |
| Walter Raymond | Connecticut |
| Joan Gibbs | California |
| Gil White | California |

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| Lois Alston | N. Dakota |
| Joe Alston | N. Dakota |
| Helen Gibson | Connecticut |
| Fred Fullin | Connecticut |
| Margaret Varner | Texas |
| Hap Horn | Texas |

VETERANS' DOUBLES

1. Fred Fullin Connecticut
Howard Holman California
2. Lewis Rulison California
Hulet Smith California
3. Gene Elms California
Howard Holman California
4. Paul Coke California
Everett Oliver California
5. Kenneth Aderholt Missouri
H. Herpel Perkins Missouri

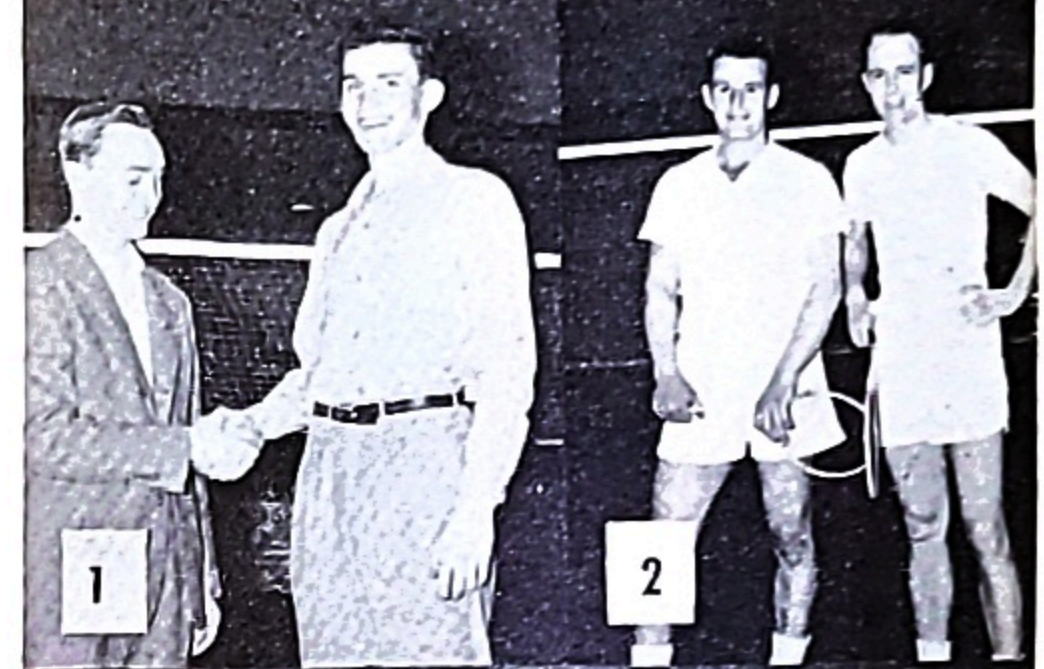
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| Arthur Mowrey | Michigan |
| Richard Streng | Michigan |
| Fred Fullin | Connecticut |
| C. Raynor Hutchinson | Mass. |
| Merle Corrin | Washington |
| Robert Showacre | Washington |
| Hugh Mitchell | Washington |
| Fred Walck | Washington |

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| Herbert Fehrenbach | New York |
| Philip Michlin | New York |

(Subject to approval and ratification by Directors of the A.B.A.)



GLENDALE ANNUAL C TOURNEY—1. Evelyn Hansen, Ken Conn, Mary Ann Breckell, Vern Miller, Lea Jane Held, Dave Trader, Norma Carr, Al Wilkenson; 2. Leah Jane Held, Mary Ann Breckell, Dave Trader, Vern Miller; 3. Bob Wells, Dorothy Dalzell, George Pajares, Irene Gardner, Ken Fullerton, May Carr, Ronnie Carr, Jack Van Praag.
RHODE ISLAND TOURNEY — 1. Ed Mulvaney, Gordon Ambach; 2. Jack Cooper, Karl Rittman; 3. Louise Molhan, Helen Golish, Muriel Gilbane, James Sell; 4. Dolly Balme, Annie Tucker, Ruth Blake, Grayce Donaldson; 5. Barbara Davis, Ruth Blake.

TOURNEYS

SIXTH ANNUAL JUNIOR BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

On April 17, 18, 19th, the Sixth Annual United States Junior Badminton Championships were held at the Niagara Falls Country Club in Lewiston, N.Y. The tournament was sponsored by the Western New York Badminton Association.

There was a full program of activities carefully planned for players and parents which included sight-seeing trips in scenic Niagara area, golf, luncheons, a dance and social gatherings.

Top seeded players, Judy Devlin, Maryland, and Jack Chrisman, California, gave outstanding performances as Chrisman captured three events while Miss Devlin won two events. Judy won the girls singles title for the fourth straight time by defeating Joan Gibbs, California, 11-3, 12-10 and then teamed up with Linda Cobb, Mass., to upset Joan and Jean Gibbs 15-8, 15-12. Miss Cobb played the forecourt very well while Judy displayed her power in the back court.

Chrisman outlasted Don Davis of Washington, 15-12, 18-13 in an excellent match for the boys singles crown. Chrisman often dove to the floor in making spectacular shots. Jack Chrisman and Dean Maurry, California, then teamed up to form one of the strongest boys doubles teams ever seen in the Junior tournaments as they downed "Butch" Kevorkian, Mass., and Don Carpenter, New Jersey, 15-2, 15-1.

Chrisman and Joan Gibbs went on to defeat Jean Gibbs and Dean Maurry in an all-California mixed doubles match 15-10.

In the semi-finals Chrisman beat Maurry 15-2, 15-11 while Davis ousted Vic VandeVen, Michigan, 7-15, 18-15 in a hard-fought contest. In girls doubles Joan Gibbs topped Sandra Dailey, Maryland, 12-10, 11-6 and Judy Devlin beat Jean Gibbs 11-1, 11-4.

In boys doubles Kevorkian and Carpenter outlasted Dick Harvey, Jr., and Jake Daggett of Niagara Falls, 11-15, 15-3, 15-12 while Chrisman and Maurry downed Rice and Ogilvie of Niagara Falls, 15-6, 15-0. Joan and Jean Gibbs defeated Sally Thomas, New Jersey, and Rosine Capehart, New York, 15-8, 15-9 while Devlin and Cobb beat Virginia Ball and Sandra Dailey of Maryland, 15-7, 15-6.

Top seeded mixed players Joan Gibbs and Jack Chrisman trimmed Cobb and Kevorkian 15-5, 15-13 while Jean Gibbs and Dean Maurry rounded out the semi-final matches with a win over Devlin and VandeVen 15-7, 15-6.

Ken Davidson and Bob Williams, coach and member of the Thomas Cup

team respectively, staged an eye-appealing exhibition match before a capacity crowd.

Prior to the semi-finals, approximately 175 people turned out for the annual luncheon. The tournament committee and A.B.A. officials were present. These included Phil Michlin, official referee; Rex Rial, draw; R. Lindley Murray, Honorary referee; Monte Halverson, call of play; and the well-known Don and Phil Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Devlin. All agreed that the tireless co-chairmen did a superb job in organizing this well-run tournament.

Prizes were also awarded to Linda Flack, Maryland, and Velma Rice of Niagara Falls for girls displaying outstanding sportsmanship on the court. Robert Johnson of Georgia won the boy's prize and was also runner-up to "Butch" Kevorkian in boys consolation singles.

12TH ANNUAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

On March 22 and 23 the R.I. Badminton players went into action to determine the new state champions for the 1952 season.

Jack Cooper topped the singles, mixed doubles and men's doubles fields and has the honor of holding the three titles which is the first time this has happened since 1938.

The most outstanding contests were in the men's doubles and women's doubles matches where Jack Cooper and Karl Rittman really worked to pull out their win over Alec McWhirter and Charlie Voyer. (12-15, 15-7, 15-11)

Likewise in the women's doubles Ruth Blake (1952 R. I. Singles Champion) and her partner Grayce Donaldson went to three games in order to win over Dorothy Blame and Annie Tucker, defending 1951 women's doubles champions. (5-15, 15-12, 15-8)

Results;
(MS) Jack Cooper d Karl Rittman 15-6, 15-6. (LS) Ruth Blake d Barbara Davis 11-4, 11-5. (MD) Jack Cooper and Karl Rittman d Alex McWhirter and Charlie Voyer 12-15, 15-7, 15-11. (LD) Ruth Blake and Grayce Donaldson d Dorothy Balme and Annie Tucker 5-15, 15-12, 15-8. (MxD) Jack Cooper and Doris Cooper d Dorothy Balme and Alex McWhirter 15-8, 15-6.

Thanks to Karl Tittman, Correspondent.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

The Australian Team is coming over this season in July to try to win back the Whyte Trophy.

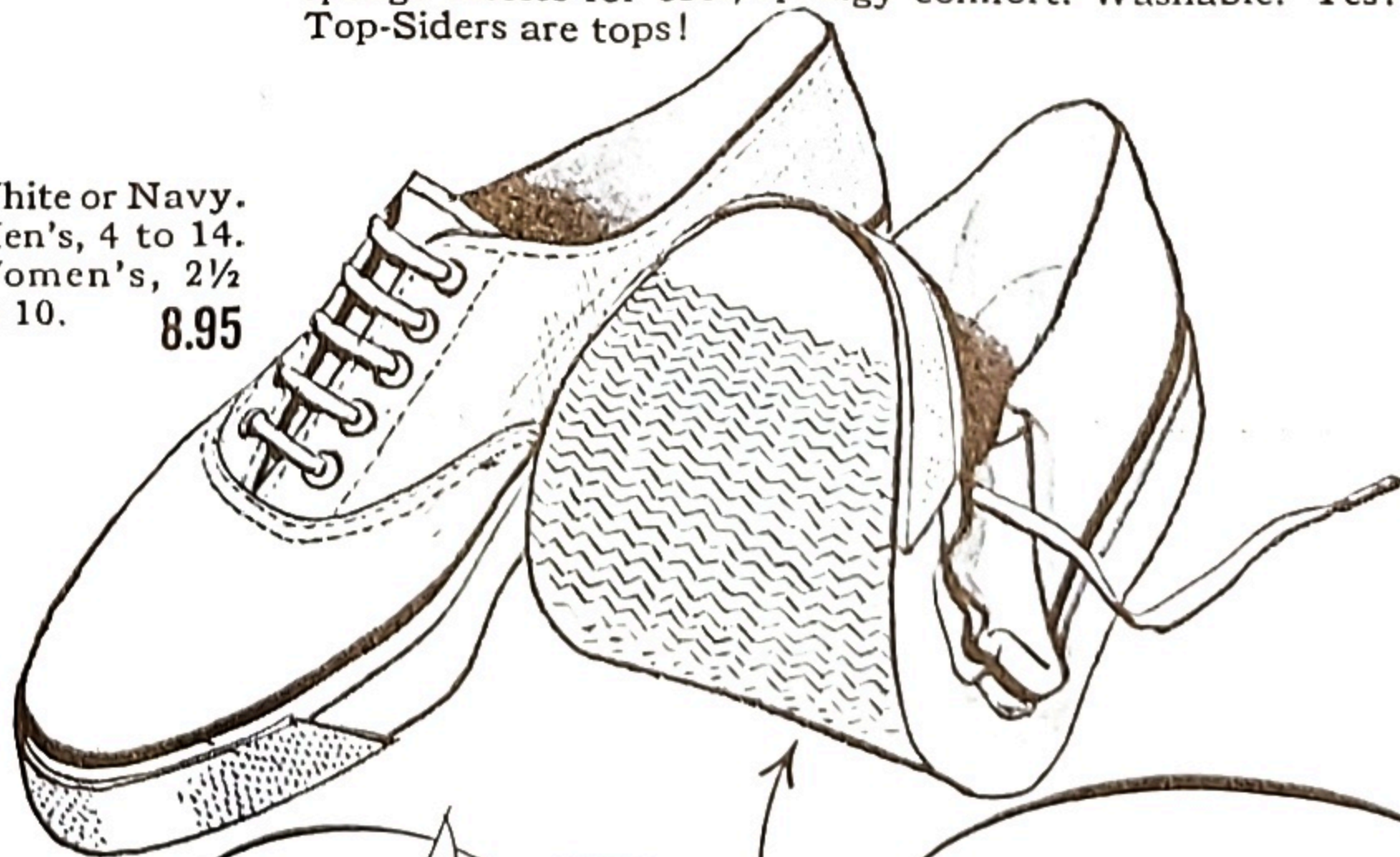
Our outstanding player, Jeff Robson, who is both Australian and New Zealand champion, has just completed an instructional tour of the whole of New Zealand and the New Zealand governing body has decided to institute junior national championships commencing next season.

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TOURNEYS

MISSOURI TOURNEYS

Missouri Open Championship and Class B Tournament was held April 18, 19 and 20th 1952 at Concordia Field House, St. Louis, Missouri.

Had a grand showing of out-of-town players including five players from Mexico City, Mexico: Ernesto Villareal (their No. 1 seed), Ruben Mejia, Carlos Mendez, Fernando Molinor and Jose Rivera. Other out-of-town players were Margaret Varner and Ann Phillips, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Abbie Rutledge, Betty Newman and Carolyn Mellinger, Lafayette, Indiana; Harry Drewry, Wm. Anderson, Mary Connor and G. Hengel, Detroit; Earl Boston, Dave Ponitch, Eleanor Coombs, Thelma Burdick and Hugh Clayton of Chicago; Stan Sangdahl of Cleveland; George Harmon and John Sudbury, Ponca City, Oklahoma; H. Nussbaum and R. Nussbaum, South Bend, Indiana; Fred Russel, Dallas; R. Spean, Rick Hope, R. Eichelberger and W. Bullock of Memphis, Tennessee; plus quite a few more and then, of course, all our St. Louis players which made it quite a wonderful turn-out.

Results:

CLASS B - LOCAL PLAYERS ONLY

(LS) Mary Casey d Audrey Mathis 4-11, 11-5, 11-8. (LD) A. Mathis and S. Bemis d L. Lundval and M. Opfer 18-14, 7-15, 15-5.

(MS) Harold Thomas d Jack Beck 15-7, 15-3. (MD) G. Horne and Edw. Ott d Carl Lundvall and Harold Thomas 15-17, 15-23, 15-12. (MxD) H. Burrus and A. Mathis d J. Beck and N. Byrnes 15-2, 15-2.

CONSOLATION WINNERS

(MS) G. Gokenback d D. Niedt 12-15, 15-8, 15-10. (LS) N. Byrnes d B. Teegarden 11-6, 11-6. (MD) D. Niedt and R. Nix won by default. (LD) J. Buerhle and P. Vance d B. Robinson and B. Teegarden 15-2, 15-6. (MxD) K. Deterding and E. Ward d S. Pankin and S. Bemis 15-2, 10-15, 15-5.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(LS) M. Varner d A. Rutledge 11-0, 11-5. (LD) M. Varner and A. Rutledge d T. Burdick and E. Coombs 10-15, 18-13, 15-13. (MS) Ernesta Villareal d Stan Sangdahl 18-10, 15-5. (MD) E. Villareal and R. Mejia d E. Boston and L. Robinson 15-5, 15-9. (MxD) Wm. Anderson and M. Connor d E. Boston and E. Coombs 17-16, 15-8. (Vets-D) H. Perkins and K. Aderholt d G. Horne and Edw. Ott 15-6, 15-8.

CONSOLATION WINNERS

(MS) Richard Casey d Carlos Mendez 18-15, 15-9. (LS) R. Andrew d C. Mellinger 11-3, 11-1. (MD) H. Nussbaum and R. Nussbaum d Geo. Harmon and J. Sudbury 15-8, 15-9. (LD) C. Canty and J. Casey won by default. (MxD) H. Thomas and J. Krey d Rick Hoppe and L. Lundvall 15-7, 15-3. (Vets-D) R. Jordan and F. Hack d Carl Lundvall and Ted Moehlman, Sr. 15-5, 15-0.

Thanks to Mrs. Carl H. Lundvall,
Correspondent.

GLENDALE 7TH BADMINTON CLUB ANNUAL "C" TOURNAMENT

The Seventh Annual "C" Badminton Tournament was held by the Glendale Badminton Club on April 17, 18, 19 and 20, at Glendale High School

under the direction of Tournament Chairman, Dick Lundy.

Since this is the only tournament of its kind in Southern California, we are proud of the 209 entries in the event which was open only to the "average" players.

A delegation of nine players from Arizona State University at Tempe, Arizona, were entered, and we were also happy to welcome many other new players into their first tournament matches.

Results:

TOP FLIGHT

(LS) Mary Ann Breckell d Leah Jane Held 18-11, 11-7, 11-9. (MS) Dave Trader d Vern Miller 9-15, 15-7, 15-4. (LD) Evelyn Hansen and Leah Jane Held d Mary Ann Breckell and Norma Carr 15-2, 15-6. (MD) Dave Trader and Al Wilkinson d Ken Conn and Vern Miller 17-14, 15-3. (MxD) Mary Jones and Don Jones d Alice Rulison and Vern Miller 8-15, 15-1, 15-12. (Vets-MxD) Elsie Van Hiel and Tom Carter d Liz Anselm and Dick Fleming 15-6, 4-15, 17-16.

CONSOLATION

(LS) Anna Lee Osborne d Ruth Shaw 11-2, 11-7. (MS) H. H. Cochran d Dick Van Praag 9-15, 15-9, 17-14. (LD) Betty Landy and Joyce Nelson d Charlotte Kidney and Dorothy Thomas 15-7, 18-17. (MD) George Pajares and Albert Argo d Dick Van Praag and Jack Van Praag 15-11, 15-2. (MxD) Ken Fullerton and Elaine Bingham d Bob Wells and Dorothy Dalzell 15-7, 15-17, 15-5. (Vets-MxD) Rand Myers and Irene Gardner d Mae Carr and Ronnie Carr 15-11, 15-1.

Thanks to Helen Tibbets,
Correspondent.



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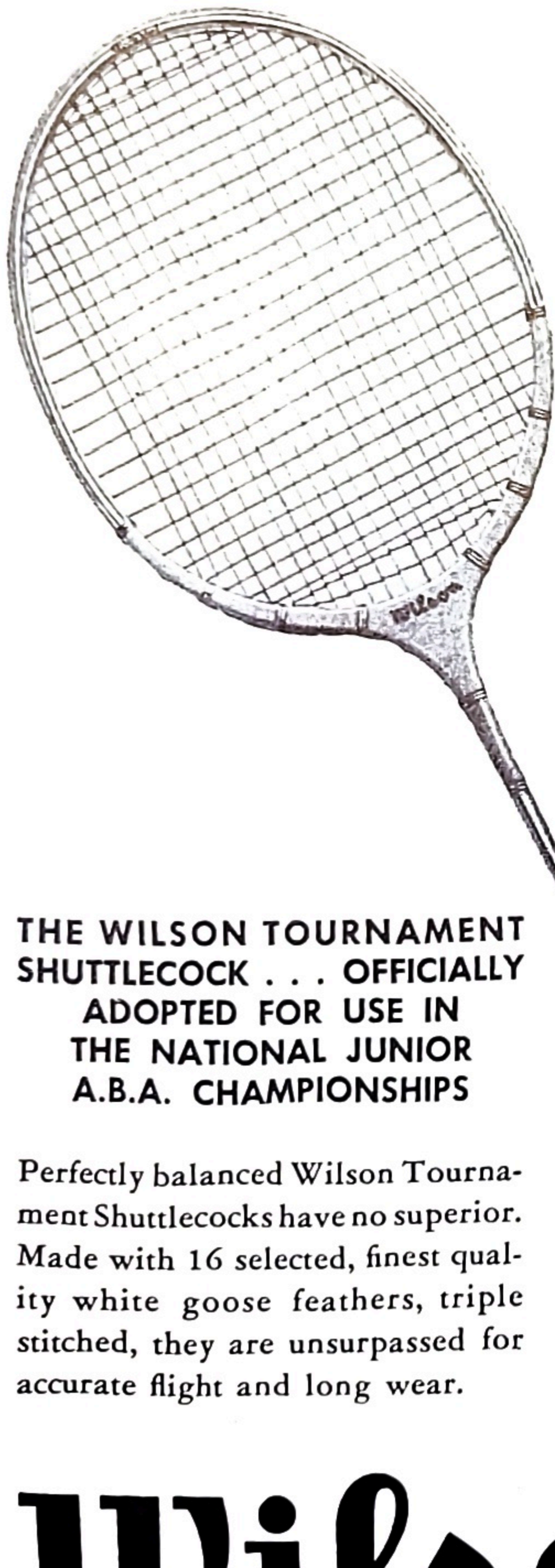
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Stone:

Thank you for your kind letter concerning my subscription to *Bird Chatter*. The mails are a little long unless they are air mail, hence all this delay in your letter reaching me. You flatter me for a request for a story on badminton in Moscow. I'll do the best I can in this letter.

We have been playing badminton in the diplomatic colony here for about 7 years. Averell Harriman, war-time Ambassador to the Soviet Union, brought the first equipment out here and installed the first indoor and outdoor court.

The game is played at what is known as "Spasso House", the permanent residence of the American ambassador. The outdoor court is actually in his front yard and the indoor court in the residence ballroom. Were it not for the kindness of the various Ambassadors, from Harriman, through Smith and Kirk and now presently the Charge d'Affaires, Hugh Cumming Jr., we'd be seriously handicapped.

Inasmuch as we're playing in a ballroom--and one that's frequently used for big diplomatic functions, we can't paint the court lines as we'd like. Instead we have found that it's best to put them down with white tape and then put scotch tape down on top of this. It serves very well and is not too intrusive when the diplomats are using the place for a ball.

We are still using the net that Harriman brought and some of the racquets, I'm afraid, although the more deadly serious of the players have imported their own. We get our birds from all kinds of places and the kind of badminton we play really raises havoc with them. I mean our bird consumption is high.

We have players from a number of the Embassies and recently the Indian Embassy opened up a court. So, we have two indoor courts nowadays. The Americans do most of their playing on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, which are half holidays at the Embassy here. The Indians invite foreigners over for Monday afternoons and go very heavy on the tea end of the affair.

Almost every time you make a drop shot there's someone standing by smilingly with a fresh cup of tea. All very nice, of course, and much appreciated, but it does tend to waterlog one.

Doubles is the big game here and we go in a lot for mixed doubles. One of our better lady players was Mrs. Kirk, wife of the former Ambassador, Admiral Alan G. Kirk.

I'll try to dig up a few pictures for you sometime if you are still interested.

I was delighted with my first copy of *Bird Chatter*. It's really informative and certainly pictorial.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Eddy Gilmore
Chief of Bureau
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Note: Dear Mr. Gilmore, Thank You—Mrs. Luise Stone.—Ed.

Gentlemen:

Many of our players feel the present "Wood Rule" is a mistake. The same irritation over the slowness or, sometimes, extra speed of the officials in calling "wood" shots still exists. The net result of the rule seems to have been to slow down the game. As Mr. Grant has pointed out, other racquet games do very well without such a rule.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Rhodes
Secretary
Delaware Badminton Association

Dear Miss Stone:

Badminton's Jetro-hygenated Player of Tomorrow found his (her ?) way to our bulletin board immediately, and has become one of the most popular cartoons on display.

If all bills were sent with as much humor as yours, there should be no jobs for bill collectors. I do hope that *Bird Chatter* will be able to continue its flight around the country, and not get caught in the net of financial difficulties.

Sincerely yours,

Marga Hosaeus
Dept. of Health and Physical Education
Montana State College
Bozeman

TOURNEYS

HARMAN, VILBIG WIN SINGLES TITLES AGAIN IN BADMINTON MEET

George Harman of Ponca City and Peggy Vilbig of Austin, Texas, successfully defended their singles championships in the Oklahoma Open Badminton Tournament Sunday at Conoco Gym.

Harman, a recreation supervisor at

Continental, won the men's singles crown with a 15-7, 15-7 victory over Nick Roberts of Dallas—the same opponent Harman defeated in last year's finals.

Miss Vilbig, a physical education instructor at the University of Texas, retained her women's singles championship with an 11-3, 11-2 victory over Dorothy Lander Martin of Dallas.

Miss Vilbig and Mrs. Martin then teamed to win the women's doubles titles, defeating Thelma Harrison of Fort Worth and Texas Landtroop of Oklahoma City, 15-2, 15-6.

The champions eliminated the Ponca City duo of Jean Sudbury and Jeanne Knutson in the semi-finals.

Three 1951 champion doubles teams were beaten in this year's meet.

Fred Russell and George Martin of Dallas upset the defending men's doubles champions, Roberts and Hap Horn of Dallas, 15-7, 15-10, in one of the day's top matches.

Horn and Miss Vilbig, last year's mixed doubles titlists, were beaten by Roberts and Thelma Harrison, 18-14, 10-15, 15-10. Pat and George Harman of Ponca City reached the semi-finals, but were beaten by the champions.

The veterans' doubles champs also fell in this year's meet. George Horne of St. Louis and Ed Ott of Alton, Ill. were no match for the Texas pair of Fred Russell of Dallas and Roy Harrison of Fort Worth. The Texans won, 15-4, 15-2.

Thanks to Jean Sudbury,

Correspondent.

BASS RIVER MEN'S DOUBLES

The Bass River Badminton Club held the Men's Doubles Championships in South Dennis on April 19. Sixteen teams entered the contest.

Beautiful weather. Players arrived Friday afternoon, the tournament started Saturday noon and lasted until midnight. All players were accommodated by the Club.

In the Men's Doubles Wayne Schell and Bob Henderson defeated Bob Warren and Phil Blanchard 4-15, 15-6, 18-14. Consolation winners were Bill DUBY and Paul Miller who defeated Al Dockray and Jack Munroe 15-10, 15-11.

Winners of unscheduled matches included Poker Winners: Howard Albion and Harold Seavey; Potato Peeling Contest: Ed Shields; Contest for Not Showing up to Matches on Time: Walt Raymond; Horseshoe Pitching: Larry Roberts (no opposition); Oyster Digging: Fred Bogardus.

Turkey and ham supper Saturday — Roast beef dinner Sunday — Everybody went home Sunday night.

Thanks to Edith Henderson,

Correspondent.

Ed. Note — The Editor's invitation to the tournament must have been lost in the mail.

OVER THE NET

NEWS

LOST: ONE APPENDIX—1949 and 1950 men's doubles National Champion, Barney McCay, his 3 daughters, and new son, had to get along without Mrs. McCay (Jean) for a part of April. A sudden attack of appendicitis kept her busy at the hospital temporarily.

EAST 'N' WEST—Joan and Jean Gibbs, Jack Chrisman and Dean Maury returned to California after their very successful trip to the Jr. Nationals at Buffalo with glowing descriptions of their visit. The tourney was well run and the New York hospitality was wonderful.

May I say, the same holds true for the Senior event at Seattle. 1952 was a good year for Nationals all the way around

DEATH—Mrs. Virginia Welcome passed away April 24th as the result of a stroke. Claude Welcome, husband of the deceased, is a director of the Southern California Association.

ON LEAVE—Jack VanPraag's son came home the last weekend of April for a couple of days leave from the Army. He spent most of his time playing badminton in the Glendale tourney. Dick is stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

TRAVELERS—Ken Davidson's short visit to Southern California, the first part of April was quite a busy time. He played a number of exhibitions at Pasadena and neighboring cities' schools, until Easter vacation came along to give him a breather from that. What with all the visiting he had to catch up on—including seeing his new grand-daughter—he didn't catch his breath before it was time to go back to New York for Junior Nationals.

While he's traveling around the badminton circles, his wife Connie, not to be outdone, has been visiting in England.

HOLD THAT JAGUAR—Ruth and Bert Estabrook have gotten mighty sporty lately, by getting themselves a new Jaguar sport car.

WHAT A RACKET!—Bob Jarrett's newscast referred to the national steel dispute as a "Game of legal badminton".

TOURING—The Don and Phil Richardsons visited Northern and Southern California before going home from Seattle. They spent several days at Hulet and Loma Smith's home.

ILL—Betty Gudie is reported to be

quite ill in Glendale's Monte Sano Hospital

Thanks to Helen Tibbetts,
Correspondent.

NAVY NEWS

A group of Navy men from the San Diego Navy Base have been playing team matches against clubs in the Los Angeles area during March and April. They are on an organized team which won the championship in their Naval District and are being sent out under a recreational program to get practice. Transportation is provided.

Members of the team are: Dave Masterson, Monty Carter, Nels Nelson, Ed Fullmore, H. Mendenhall, A. Stokes, Lt. Fisher, and Lt. Benson. So far they have played against teams from Glendale, Alhambra, Hollywood, Manhattan Beach, and twice Pasadena.

During the second visit to Pasadena Ken Davidson and Wynn Rogers put on a short exhibition which was well received by the servicemen. After the matches were over, Hulet and Loma Smith entertained the players at their home.

The opinion seems unanimous that they are a most congenial group, and team matches with them are always enjoyable. Hope to see them up our way again.

Thanks to Helen Tibbetts,
Correspondent.

Attention; BOB STILLE JR.

For your future reference, you weighed 8 pounds, 4½ ounces on March 31st, 1952, the day you were born. Congratulations to your parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stille, Cincinnati, Ohio.

BADMINTON TO DENTISTRY

From Jack van Praag comes the news that his son, Richard van Praag, has been promoted to corporal in charge of all enlisted men at the dental clinic at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Richard was one of the up and coming players in Southern California before his induction into the army. He received his basic training at Fort Ord after which he was assigned as an assistant dental technician at the dental clinic there. He was later transferred to Fort Huachuca where he is now stationed.

July 3rd last year he was married to Carolyn Zelhart of Pasadena. He has informed us that some time this summer we may expect the arrival of a third generation of badminton players in the van Praag family. Dick is a member of the Northside and Hollywood Badminton Clubs.

A graduate of Pasadena City College where he was very active in sports, Dick was training for a career in forestry. However, he has shown great interest in the technical side of dentistry and is planning to continue this work when he leaves the service. While at Fort Ord he won the Special Troops Novice Welterweight Boxing Championship for which he received a beautiful trophy. At Fort Huachuca he has been starring on the football and basketball teams. He was runner up in the Fort Huachuca Post Ping Pong Championship.

Badminton is increasing in popularity, and Wilson's outstanding Tournament Shuttle T-8910 is leading the way as evidence by the recent adoption for the National Junior championships, held at Niagara Falls (N.Y.) April 17, 18 and 19.

Other badminton adoptions include the Midwest Badminton championships at Earlham College, Richmond (Ind.), the Northwest Open and the Minnesota State championships.

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