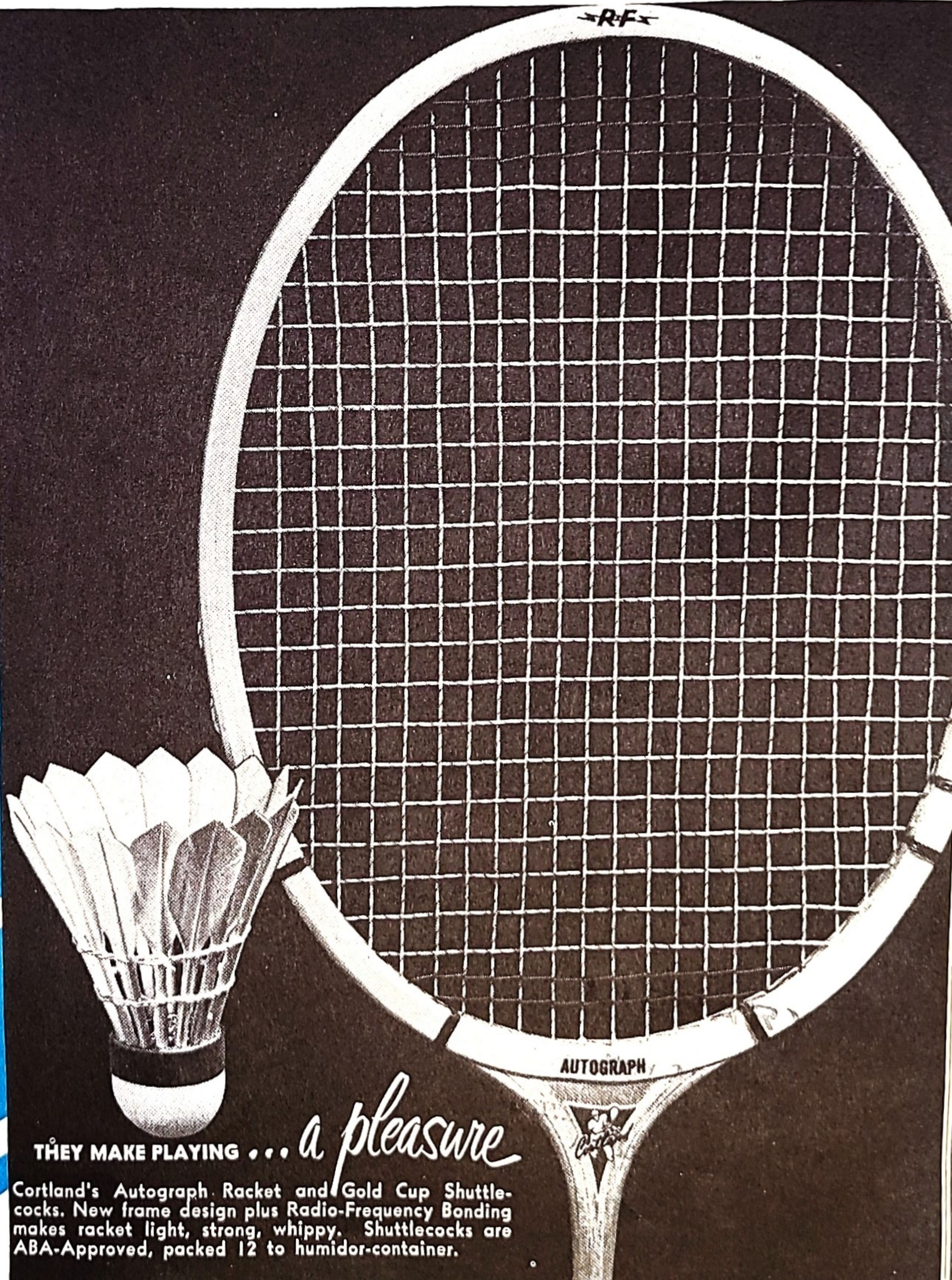


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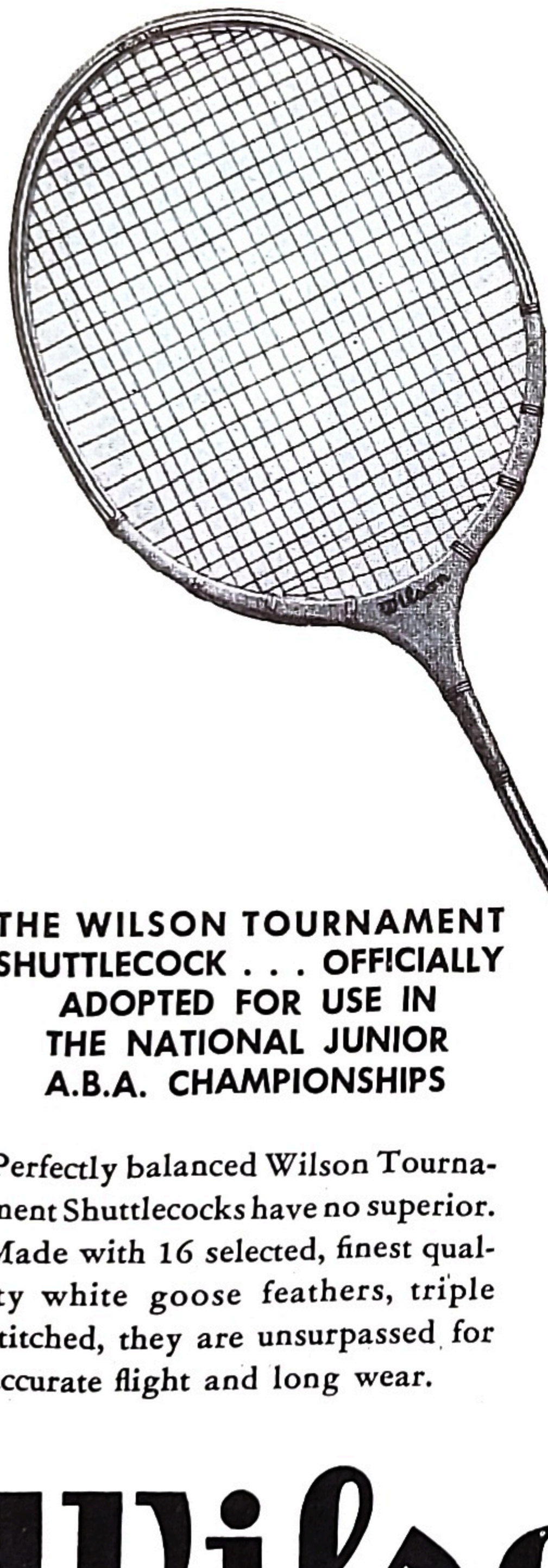


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Message From Our President

"The American Badminton Association enthusiastically welcomes the new subscribers of *Bird Chatter* and sends a warm hello to those that have been with us in previous years. From reports that we have received, Badminton can look forward to a great season. The location and dates of our Senior and Junior Tournaments have been announced.

"The staff of *Bird Chatter* has been completed and we think you will be happy to know that Steve Johnson, Bob Kildall, Tim Royce, and Clarence Olson have agreed to publish the magazine this year. The badminton experience of these men will insure us of having most interesting issues

"It will be the policy of the magazine to give as much space as possible to the results of badminton activity in each section of the country, without favoritism or discrimination as in the past. There are to be articles that will help the beginner to play better badminton. You will be kept advised of the actions of the Board of Directors of the American Badminton Association and of the standing committees.

"The staff needs your support, let's show that we are behind them by sending them material concerning badminton in our own area, by securing subscriptions, and by lending a helping hand in obtaining advertisements."

ROY W. JORDAN
President

Subscription cost for four issues will again be \$1.00 and Bob Kildall will greatly appreciate any help you can give him in securing subscriptions. *Everyone in the Dallas Badminton Club has subscribed to Bird Chatter* this year, as have quite a number of other clubs around the country. LET'S GET BEHIND THEM!! We cannot afford another loss this year.

Steve Johnson earnestly requests each area to submit local news to him.

Clarence Olson requests your help in securing paid advertising.

Journeys and Topics

SO. CALIF. JR. TOURNEY

The 5th Annual Southern California Jr. Tournament was run off more smoothly than ever this year. As usual, Hulet and Loma Smith put in weeks of their time and energy to make the event a complete success.

The tourney was graced this year by the 1952 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Queen, Nancy Thorne. She was entered with her sister in 18 year old girls' doubles. Eventually, they were eliminated by the Gibbs sisters.

Speaking of the Gibbs girls, they now have their names on the girls' doubles perpetual trophy five times. Makes it easy on the engraver!

In contrast to the girls' record, is the list of names — all different — on the boys' singles trophy. This year's winner was Manuel Armendariz, by virtue of his win over Mike Hartgrove.

Results:

13 and under "A": (GS) Charlotte Herlocker d Lorna Lane 11-4, 11-4. (BS) Sloan Hales d Dennis DePry 11-1, 11-4.

13 and under "B": (GS) Dale Wyatt d Sydney Chacksfield 11-3, 11-6. (BS) Carl Skvarna d Ted Ebenkamp 11-2, 11-7.

15 yr. old and under "A": (GS) Gwen Gamsey d Carlene Hester 0-11, 11-8, 12-10. (BS) Ron Miller d Sloan Hales 11-6, 11-0. (GD) Carlene Hester and Gwen Gamsey d Sandra Alles and Lois Denby 11-2, 11-2. (BD) John Paden and Ron Miller d Jim Buck and Hank Vellekamp 11-0, 11-3.

15 yr. old and under "B": (GS) Linda Lamb d Marcia Bateman 11-5, 11-4. (BS) Sam Boyd d Dennis DePry 12-11, 11-4. (GD) Marcia Bateman and Sue McCall d Bonnie Dysart and Alison Tolin 11-4, 11-2. (BD) Lani Exton and Roger Samuelson d Jerry Holman and John Hollingsworth 9-12, 11-5, 12-11.

18 and under "A": (GS) Joan Gibbs d Jean Gibbs 11-1, 11-0. (BS) Manuel Armendariz d Mike Hartgrove 15-12, 15-4. (GD) Joan Gibbs and Jean Gibbs d Mary McMurray and Diane Myers 15-6, 15-5. (BD) Manuel Armendariz and Mike Hartgrove d Dean Maury and Jack Chrisman 15-6, 18-17. (MxD) Jean Gibbs and Mike Hartgrove d Joan Gibbs and Jack Chrisman 11-15, 15-10, 15-11.

18 and under "B": (GS) Sandra Alles d Jan Roberts 11-0, 11-1. (BS) Richard Green d Jim Over 11-9, 11-1. (GD) Ellen Passick and Charlotte Romp d Diana DeParis and Maxine Anderson 15-8, 17-16. (BD) John Hales and Neal Waterfall d Don Duncan and Larry Abler 18-17, 15-8. (MxD) Cin Hock Caw and Mary Ann Weston d Larry Abler and Evelyn Simms 15-4, 15-10.

Helen Tibbetts, Correspondent

SKOKIE BADMINTON CLUB OPENS TWENTIETH YEAR

Skokie Badminton Club, playing at New Trier High School, Winnetka, Illinois officially opened its twentieth season with a crazy mixed round robin on November 26th. The club this year plays in the main seven court gym of New Trier, in place of the 4-court gym used last year, and membership has been increased to 73 adult members. This group is handled by Dim Drake of Winnetka, Secretary-Treasurer, and an affiliated group of New Trier students is being run by Jim Wigglesworth of Chicago. Junior membership so far, has reached 31.

Several men's teams were entered in the November 26 round robin, with handicaps, and the event was won by a men's team: Don Campbell of Wilmette and Bob Schroeder of Northfield.

The club plays host, Sunday, December 7th, to all other member clubs of Chicago and the North Shore, in the annual crazy mixed tournament of the North Shore Badminton Association. This event is being run by Charles Goodrich of Winnetka.

Hugh Clayton, Correspondent

OHIO CLOSED TOURNEY

The Ohio Closed Badminton Tournament was held on December 6, 1952 at Moreland School, Shaker Heights, Ohio with 33 entries.

Results:

(MS) Stanley Sangdahl d Ed DiLeone 15-3, 16-18, 15-8. (LS) Shirley Fry d Marge Wright 11-7, 12-10. (MD) Ed DiLeone and Gary Colton d Stan Sangdahl and Bud Warner 15-9, 15-9. (LD) Shirley Fry and Marge Wright d Ruth Haberacker and Ann Pennington 15-1, 15-4. (MxD) Marge Wright and Norm Atchison d Ann DiLeone and Ed DiLeone 15-10, 15-9.

Whitney Warner, Jr., Correspondent

NEEDHAM JUNIORS

The Needham (Massachusetts) Badminton Club Juniors are an active group with a promising future. They meet at the Needham High School gymnasium Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30, with instruction on Tuesday and general play on Thursday. The group is sponsored by the Needham Recreation Department and the Needham Badminton Club. In fact, the club Seniors assisted financially in helping to send two players, Lois Warner and William McEvoy, to the National Juniors in Niagara Falls.

The Juniors have been functioning under my direction for three years and I am happy to say I have over twenty youngsters to manage on three courts. The school will be enlarged in 1953, and I expect to have from four to seven courts available for play.

Al Warner, Correspondent

MIXED DOUBLES MIX AGAIN

The annual mixed up mixed doubles badminton party, held under the auspices of the New Rochelle Badminton Club in the Huguenot YMCA, took place this year on November 1, 1952. Invited teams came from Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York.

Entrants were divided into two sections—Blue and Red. The original team entry played with each other once; then split up to play with and against the other entries. Scoring was on a twenty-one point, sudden death basis, with points counting in final score—not games won. Play started at noon and continued until six-thirty when dinner was served in the Girls' Lounge of the Y. Play resumed following dinner and continued until eleven-thirty. The play-offs saw the team of John Cornell and Doris Sullivan defeating Bill Goodman and Rose Herbert for first place; Ronnie Palmer and Rosine Capehart defeating Wayne Schell and Eda Daume for third place; Vic Erickson and Pat Cornell defeating Karl Bredenberg and Beverly Searls for booby place. The runners-up in each case earned second, fourth and booby-booby prizes. A door prize was won by Betsy Shaw.

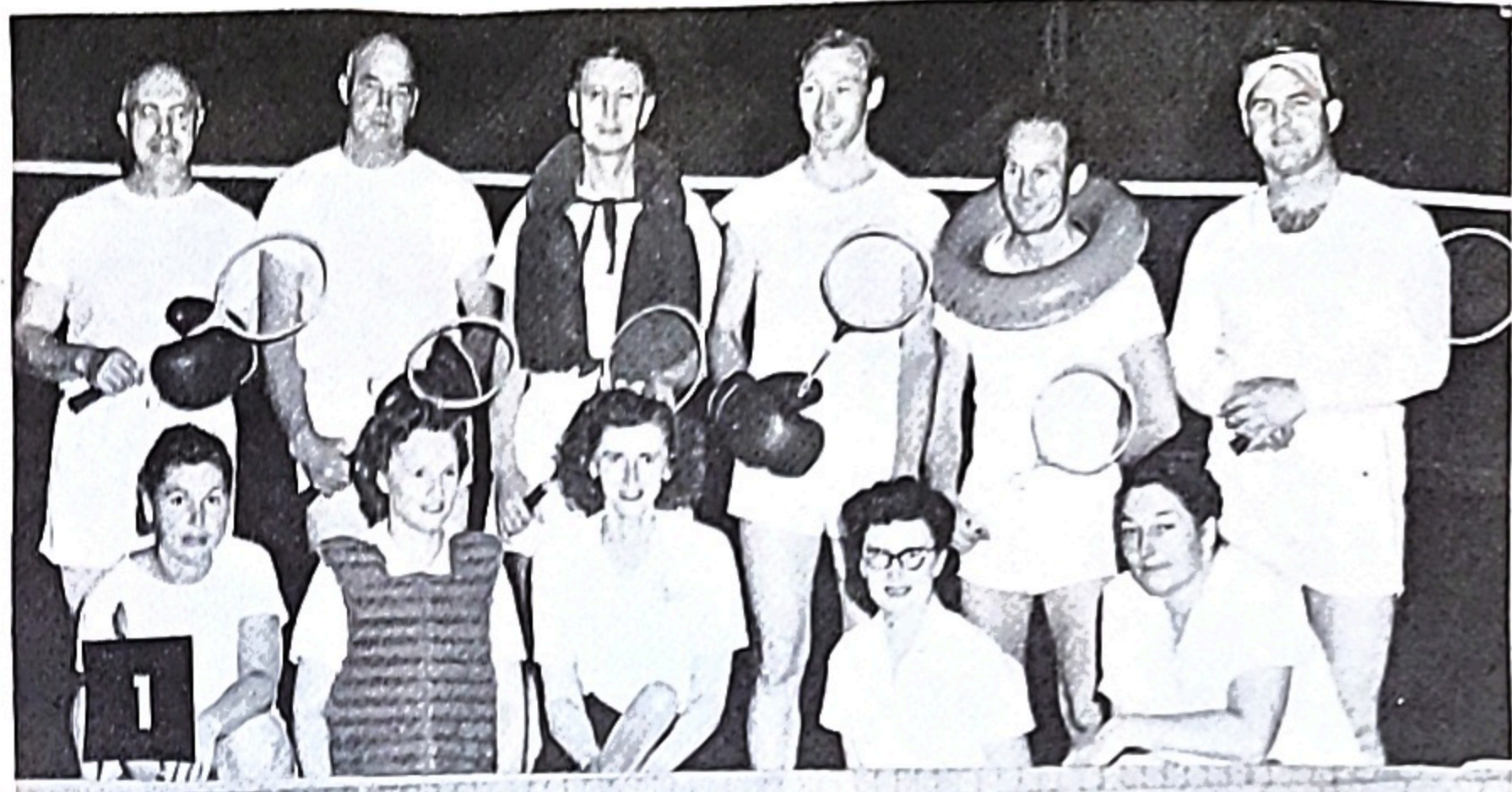
The following is a list of the participants: Karl Bredenberg, Wayne Schell, Steve Edson, Claus Hartleben, Bob Wright, Hal Daume, John Cooper, Bill Goodman, Max Schirmer, Frank Jasensky, Irene Bredenberg, May Shields, Lee Scully, Louise Ober, Ellie Raymond, Eda Daume, Doris Cooper, Betsy Shaw, Rose Herbert, Ronnie Palmer, Cy Sasseen, Ted Jarrett, Don Kerr, Vic Surrows, Herb Swinarton, John Cornell, Don Hume, Larry DeLord, Don Hersam, Fay Shaw, Jean Corvino, Paddy Shaw, Rosine Capehart, Florence Swinarton, Pat Cornell, Peggy Hume, Doris Sullivan, Evy Vogt.

Following the play-offs a party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shields.

May H. Shields, Correspondent

Oregon's Novelty Handicap

Hip boots, boxing gloves, life preservers, baseball chest protectors and fencing masks were only a part of the unusual handicaps Chairman Vern Noraine and wife Grace cooked up for entrants in the Oregon Badminton Association's Novelty Handicap, conducted at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland as a season's opener. Nearly seventy badminton players representing a half dozen badminton clubs and groups in Oregon participated. The winners, pictured above, are (left to right, front row) Mary Gilman, Multnomah Club; Myrle Hoffman, Reed College; Margaret Ball, MAC; Winifred Corbin, Reed and MAC, and Helen Phillips, Reed; (back row) Carl Scheulderman, MAC; Seth George, Beaumont; Norm Lewis, MAC; Larry "Doc" Gillen, Cleveland; Morris Searcy, MAC, and Harold Muntz, president of the Reed College club.



New York Badminton Assn.

TOP ROW: 1 to r. Helen Buddemeyer, Bob Mack, Grace Altenburg, Adelaide Green, Del Altenburg, Ethel Marshall, Jo Ferraraccio, Dolores Zintek, Arlene Jasinski.

SECOND ROW: Dick Harvey, Jack Buddemeyer, Jack O'Bannon, Rex Rial, Betty Wiley, Buck Wiley, Dick Grossman, Charley Schafer.

THIRD ROW: Ray Scharmach, Bea Massman, Helen Mulholland, Evie Scharmach, Gary McFarland, Glenn Hackett, Cynthia Wentworth, Louise Wentworth, Janet Ogilvie.

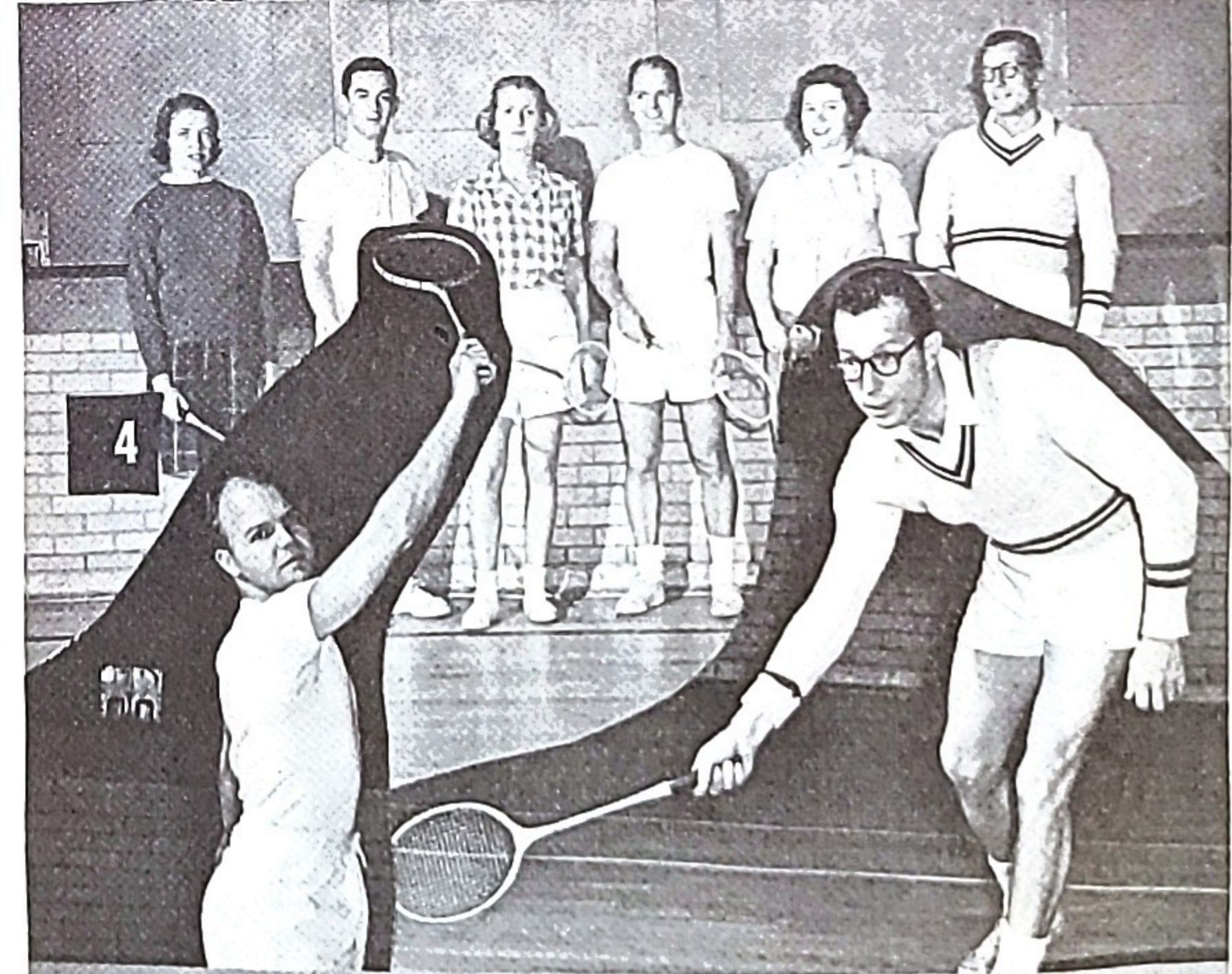
FRONT ROW: MaryJoan Altenburg, Brian O'Bannon, Maureen Mulholland, Joan Dulak, Joan Tullock, Vickie Pluta, Richie Wiley, Bob Scharmach, Linda Harvey, Judy Harvey, Ron McCormick.

Photographer - Ray Scharmach



Oregon's Fall Handicap

An expert job of handicapping contributed to a most successful Fall Handicap Tournament conducted at Reed College, November 10, 12 and 13, by the Oregon Badminton Association. The winners, pictured above, are (back row, left to right) Joe Griffith, mixed runners up; Harold Muntz, runners up, singles; Bill Amburn, winner men's singles; Jim Hodgkins, men's doubles runners up; Chuck Dolph, winner men's doubles, and Mac Smith, winner men's doubles; (front row) Dean Moran, men's doubles runners up; Odessa Reinke, mixed runners up; Myrle Hoffman and Wes Sundeleaf, mixed doubles winners. Not present for the picture were Clair Hill and Reo Farmer, winners in women's doubles, and Del Schaer and Barbara Smith, runners up. Wes Sundeleaf was tournament chairman.



Skokie Round-Robin

PARTICIPANTS IN SKOKIE B. C. NOV. 26 ROUND ROBIN

Tommy Solberg, Don Campbell, Jill Heath, Jim Wigglesworth, Irene Greeley, Hugh Clayton.

INSERT Jim Wigglesworth Hugh Clayton

TOP: Charles Solberg, John McLeod, Brace Pattou, Edmund Goehring, Bob Schroeder, Kurt Stoehr, Bert Fish, Jim Wigglesworth, Bob Schaefer.

MIDDLE: Harry Jones, Rufus Beach, Henry Wilson, Hugh Clayton, John Heath, Charles Wilson, Roy Woltz.

BOTTOM: Hobby Pattou, Betty Goehring, Sally McLeod, Doris Schroeder, Irene Greeley, Jill Heath, Jean Wigglesworth, Betty Strong, Tommy Solberg.



ABA NEWS

JUNIOR RANKINGS 1951-1952 Season

GIRLS' SINGLES

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| 1. Judy Devlin | Maryland |
| 2. Joan Gibbs | California |
| 3. Sandra Dailey | Maryland |
| 4. Jean Gibbs | California |
| 5. Virginia Ball | Maryland |
| 6. Linda Cobb | Mass. |
| 7. Rosine Capehart | New York |
| 8. Sally Thomas | New Jersey |
| 9. Anne Harvey | New York |
| 10. Shirley Mans | Minnesota |

GIRLS' DOUBLES

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| 1. Judy Devlin | Maryland |
| Linda Cobb | Mass. |
| 2. Joan Gibbs | California |
| Jean Gibbs | California |
| 3. Virginia Ball | Maryland |
| Sandra Dailey | Maryland |
| 4. Rosine Capehart | New York |
| Sally Thomas | New Jersey |
| 5. Anne Harvey | New York |
| Janet Mack | New York |
| 6. Jane Eisenhart | Ohio |
| Jeanne Coyne | Michigan |
| 7. Patricia Buell | New York |
| Suzanne Belden | New York |
| 8. Shirley Mans | Minnesota |
| Marilyn Lande | Minnesota |
| 9. Roberta Gunner | Minnesota |
| Ramona Gunner | Minnesota |
| 10. Doris Gearman | New York |
| Dorris Lempe | New York |

BOYS' SINGLES

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| 1. Jack Chrisman | California |
| 2. Don Davis | Washington |
| 3. Victor Van de Ven | Michigan |
| 4. Dean Maurry | California |
| 5. Bob Rice | New York |
| 6. Donald Carpenter | New Jersey |
| 7. Dick Harvey, Jr. | New York |
| 8. Gordon Wentworth | Maryland |
| 9. John Kevorkian | Mass. |
| 10. Richard Ball, Jr. | Maryland |
| Bill Muldoon | Texas |

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| Gary Ogilvie | New York |
| 4. Dick Harvey, Jr. | New York |
| John Daggett | New York |
| 5. Tom Heden | Minnesota |
| Glen Harold | Minnesota |
| 6. Oliver Johnson | Georgia |
| Bill Mitchell | Georgia |
| 7. Don Davis | Washington |
| Bill Muldoon | Texas |
| 8. Billy Coyne | Michigan |
| Monte Gerald | Michigan |

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- JAN. 9, 10, 11 - Massachusetts State "C"
 JAN. 11 - Chicago Golden Bird Tournament (Closed), River Forest, Ill.
 JAN. 23, 24, 25 - Buffalo Athletic Club Tournament
 JAN. 24, 25 - Michigan Open Tournament, Dearborn, Mich.
 JAN. 30 - Skokie (Closed) Championships, Winnetka, Ill.
 JAN. 31 (tentative) - Marblehead Gut'n Feathers
 FEB. 13, 14, 15 - Massachusetts State "B" Tournament
 FEB. 19, 20, 21 - Watertown "A-D" Tournament
 FEB. 20, 21, 22 - Niagara Falls Country Club Tournament, Lewiston, N.Y.
 FEB. 21, 22 - Ohio State Open Tournament, Cleveland, Ohio
 FEB. 27, 28 - Indiana State Championships, Richmond, Ind.
 FEB. 27, 28 & MARCH 1 - Massachusetts State Juniors Tournament
 MARCH 6, 7, 8 - 16th Annual Midwest Championships (Closed), Winnetka
 MARCH 6, 7, 8 - Midwest Junior Championships, Winnetka, Ill.
 MARCH 6, 7, 8 - Massachusetts State "A"
 MARCH 20, 21, 22 - INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, Niagara Falls
 Country Club, Lewiston, New York
 MARCH 27, 28 - Middle Atlantic Tournament, Philadelphia, Pa.
 MARCH 27, 28, 29 - INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, Niagara Falls
 Country Club, Lewiston, New York
 MARCH 28, 29 - Missouri Open Tournament, St. Louis, Mo.
 MARCH 31, APRIL 1, 2, 3, 4 - National Seniors
 APRIL 9, 10, 11 - Junior Nationals, San Antonio, Texas



YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 1953 CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is a personal invitation to you to attend the National Badminton Championships, which are to be held on the University Club Courts in Boston on March 31, April 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1953. We would like you to partake of our hospitality here in Boston and enjoy the opportunity of meeting and competing against players from other parts of the country. Time will be available between matches for historical tours and for visits to our shopping centers. In the evening there will be entertainment: swimming, dancing and one of our famous University Club buffets.

We in Boston assure you of a grand tournament with pleasant memories for the year to come. We urge you to make your plans now to visit us in the spring.

*Cordially,
Wayne V. Schell, Chairman*

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| 9. Dick Ball, Jr. | Maryland | Victor Van de Ven | Michigan |
| Gordon Wentworth | Maryland | 5. Linda Cobb | Mass. |
| 10. Peter de Meritt | Mass. | John Kevorkian | Mass. |
| Bromley de Meritt, Jr. | Mass. | 6. Anne Harvey | New York |
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| | | 7. Janet Mack | New York |
| | | Bob Rice | New York |
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| Dean Maurry | California |
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| Don Davis | Washington |
| 4. Judy Devlin | Maryland |

HANDBOOK

The mimeographed A.B.A. Handbook issued in November 1952 contains all of the rules and regulations of the A.B.A. and the Constitution. The former issue of the handbook omitted those rules which were to be found in the printed Official A.B.A. Rule Book. The printed Rule Book will continue to be made available; in it are the Laws of Badminton, and some of the most frequently referred to rules of the A.B.A.

The handbook committee of Tim Royce, Bob Kildall and Steve Johnson, through the generous cooperation of Mary Schultheis, Mary Jean Bushell, Marge Gieldseth, Zoe and Dick Yeager, Rupe Topp, Henry Mahnkey and Marc Mallory, were able to get out the handbook without expense save for materials and postage. The address of the Committee is 3002 Smith Tower, Seattle.

A typographical error remained undetected until after mailing: Men's singles was omitted as an event of the National Tournament, page 1.

SHUTTLECOCK APPROVAL

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FILE YOUR APPLICATIONS

We would like to call to your attention the fact that applications from associations or member clubs in good standing desiring to hold the National Championships, (Senior or Junior), must be filed in writing with the Secretary-Treasurer at least Sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting which, this year, will be held on April 4, 1953. It is not too early to start work on these important events for 1954.

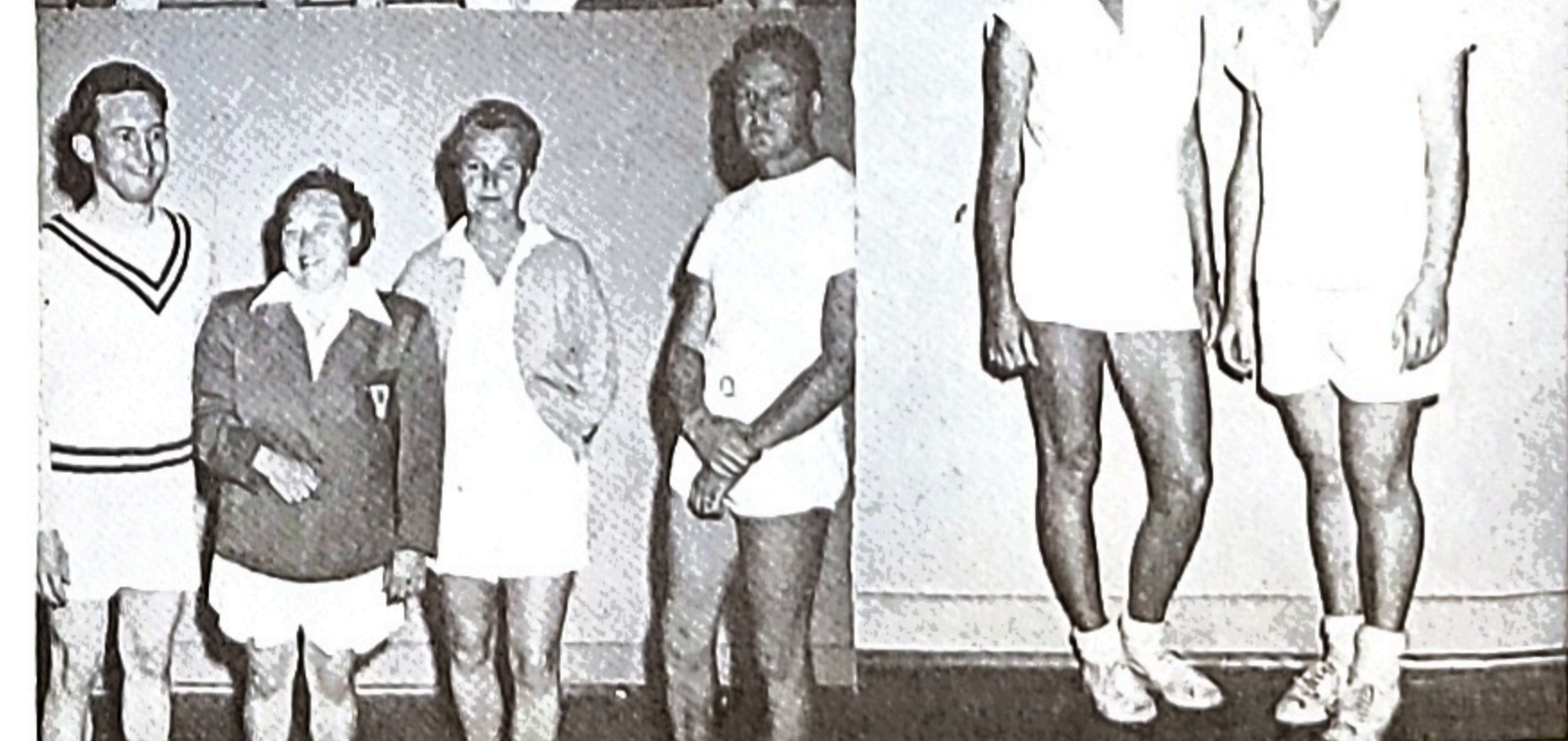
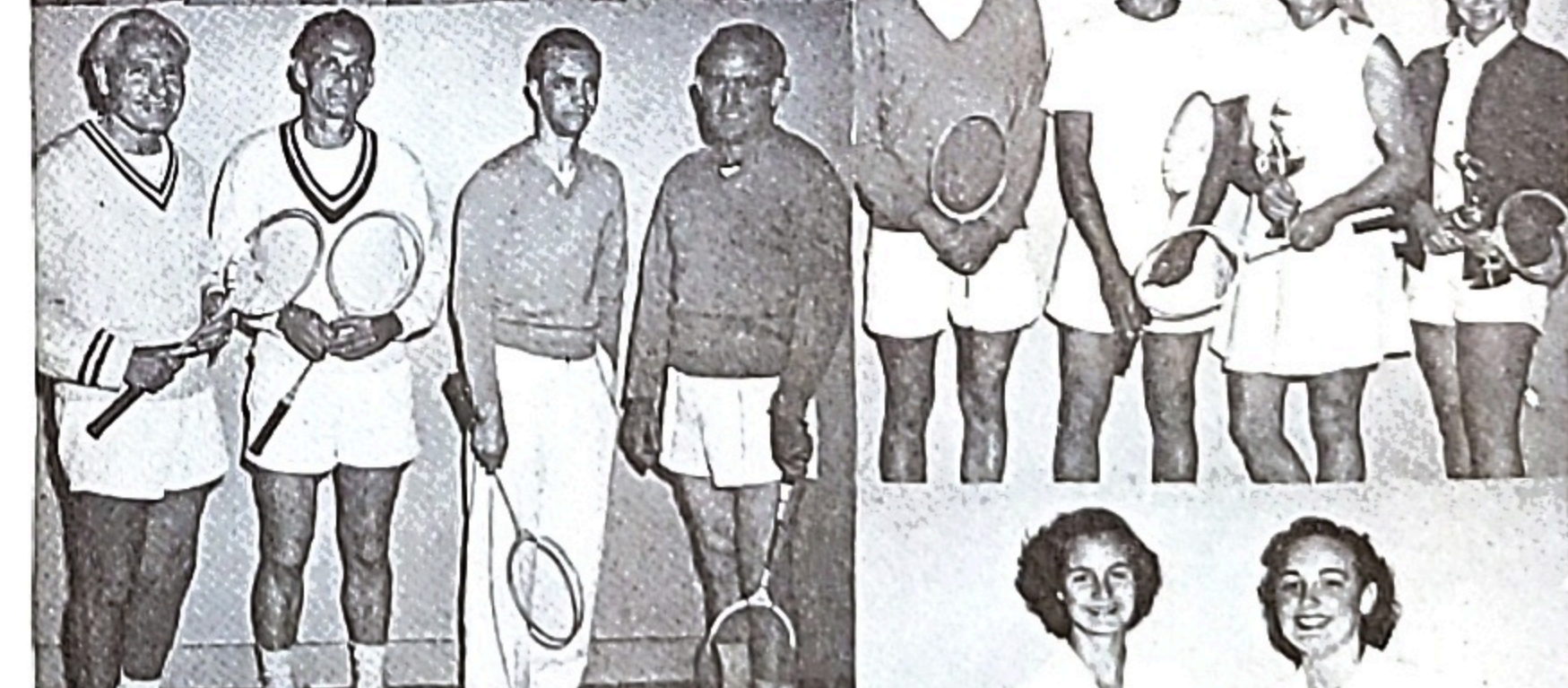
H. Herpel Perkins, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

Pictures

MANHATTAN BEACH TOURNEY - Upper Panel

(1) Back row - Veterans "B", Front row - Mixed doubles "B"; (2) Veterans "A"; (3) Men's Doubles "A"; (4) Women's Doubles "B"; (5) Women's Doubles "A".

SEMANA NAUTICA TOURNEY - Lower Panel



ELECTIONS COAST TO COAST

From the Atlantic coast to the Pacific, badminton clubs are in the midst of the season's activities. One of the first orders of business was, of course, election of new officers. A few clubs have reported the election results to *Bird Chatter*, and we pass the news along to you.

Mrs. Robert M. Van Denbergh, Jr. sent the following information: "The Badminton Club of the District of Columbia opened its '52-53 season on October 14 at the Armory, Kensington, Maryland. Election of officers was held on the 22nd, with the following results: Robert Van Denbergh, Jr., president; C. F. Norment, III, vice president; Miss Polly Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Van Denbergh, Jr., secretary."

Here are the names of officers of the Maryland Badminton Association: John H. Hessey IV, president; Hamilton Easter, vice president; Harold Webb, treasurer; and Estelle M. Dryden, secretary. Estelle Dryden, who sent us the list, added this interesting bit of information, "President Hessey is the proud father of a new son."

This information came from Bea Myers: "At the first meeting of the Rhode Island Badminton Association September 25th the following officials were elected: Karl Rittmann, president; Dave Crary, vice president; Beatrice Myers, secretary. Member clubs represented were Providence YWCA, Pawtucket West, Warwick, Hope and Southbridge, Mass."

Missouri State Badminton Association officers are: Mr. Bud Younger, president; Mr. Carl Lundvall, vice

president; Mrs. Ethel Horne, secretary; Mr. Louis Fusz, treasurer. "I am doing my best," Ethel Horne assured us, "to get the Missourians to subscribe to *Bird Chatter* and hope to do better in the near future."

In their *Newsletter* of October 27, the Northern California Badminton Association announced the election of the following officers: Dave Copenhagen, president; Gary Ott, vice president; Janet Wright, treasurer; Lloyd Gowen, secretary.

INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK

The Annual Handbook of the International Badminton Federation is now available. If anyone desires a copy, write H. H. Perkins, Jr., 1030 Charleville, Rock Hill 19, Missouri, Secretary-Treasurer of the ABA and he will secure a copy for them. We have not been advised of the cost, but it will probably be about 50¢.

DUES ARE DUE

Bills for the annual dues, due December 1, 1952, will be mailed shortly to all Class A Associations and Class B Clubs. The dues will be \$4.00 per member club. Please send a list of the names of each club together with the names of the president and secretary of same along with your check. If during the year new clubs are added, please send the names of such clubs and also the names of the presidents and secretaries.

"BAD" MINTON?

A reader has sent us a newspaper clipping with the dateline "Singapore". It reports a meeting of the Malayan Association, and includes the interesting statement that "in at least one bandit camp a badminton court had been found".



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Readers of *Bird Chatter* will be glad to learn that the newly-formed Senior Advisory Council of the ABA has already begun to function. We are indebted to Robert L. McMillan, secretary of the Council, for sending us a copy of the chairman's recent letter to the Council. Below are excerpts from the letter.

TO: The Members of the SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL of the AMERICAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

You have become a member of the Senior Advisory Council of the American Badminton Association, which is composed of all former national officers at an organization meeting held in Seattle on March 29th, 1952.

The purposes of the Council are twofold: (1) To keep in touch with and provide information to former officers of the American Badminton Association; (2) To provide advice and counsel on matters of local or national interest,

when requested by the current officers or directors.

A bit of information we hope you will find valuable is a list never before published of all the former officers, together with their addresses. We hope you will find this information interesting and helpful, and that you will keep in touch with the current officers whose names and addresses are given in case you can help them in your own home area.

Two of us who were the original officers of the American Badminton Association, namely Donald E. Wilbur and Robert L. McMillan, were chosen as Chairman and Secretary, respectively of the Council.

We will be glad to hear from you at any time with suggestions and ideas.

Cordially yours,

Donald E. Wilbur
Chairman, Senior Advisory Council
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NORTH AMERICAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have received a request, from a committee of the Canadian Badminton Association which is investigating the possibility of a North American Team Championship, to discuss with them the desirability of such a match. Your Executive Committee feels that it is practically impossible for us to participate in such a competition this year but believes that we should make a thorough study of this problem and would appreciate hearing from any member association that feels they would be interested in sponsoring such an international match. This match would be conducted in accordance with the Thomas Cup regulations. Any replies should be sent to H. H. Perkins, Jr., 1030 Charleville, Rock Hill 19, Missouri, Secretary, Treasurer.

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SUCCESSFUL CLINICS IN PITTSBURGH

We were badly in need of some type of badminton rejuvenation in Pittsburgh. In the past few years our ABA membership of ten local clubs had dwindled down to two, with a possibility of losing those two.

We wrote Ken Davidson, asking him to put on some school clinics and demonstrations. When he consented to come from October 22 to 31 we immediately wrote all local schools, nearby colleges and institutions, telling them of our plan and giving them information about Mr. Davidson's background and his methods of operation.

As a result sixteen Pittsburgh high schools and six suburban schools were included in the clinics, and schedules were made up calling for two clinics a day for each school.

Ken Davidson played in 20 schools while he was here, to an audience of 12,000 pupils.

The average teenager in these schools had never been shown how a shuttlecock should be hit nor what a little bit of control will do to one. These kids were impressed with Ken's performance. This was demonstrated by their exclamations of glee, their excited squeals and the fun they had in watching his antics. After each demonstration their applause rang out through the gym or auditorium in appreciation of his talented performance, with every kid demanding his autograph. He worked mighty hard to make each show a tremendous hit and deserves a vote of congratulation for the success with which all of his demonstrations were held.

Another feature of the week was an "Instructors' Guidance Clinic." Though the attendance at this clinic was small, those attending represented several colleges, schools and social clubs. They were all vitally interested in the game, and after the demonstration, the question and answer period kept the group together until after midnight. Mr. Davidson gave his usual good account of himself with his interpretation of the various stroke fundamentals.

The letters of appreciation received from the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education and other schools gave praise to Ken Davidson's work. There is not room here to incorporate them into this report. All of them are congratulatory, and all declare that interest in badminton has really grown since Mr. Davidson's visit.

Most significant of all, however, has been the efforts of Mr. Roberts, head of the Physical and Health Education Department of the Pittsburgh school district. He has suggested the same type of program to several members of his faculty with the understanding that players from the Pittsburgh Badminton Association will assist his teachers whenever and wherever needed.

So as not to permit these activities to become stagnant, our own Mr. Edw. H. Riesmeyer, Jr. has been charged with the responsibility of sponsoring Junior Badminton Activities in this district. He will make periodic checks to see that these programs are functioning properly.

In reviewing the results of the clinics and in making plans for the future, we have made the following appraisal of our immediate needs: to procure more adequate playing facilities, to obtain more sufficient newspaper and radio publicity, to overcome the refusal of some players to play with beginners, to prevent closely knitted cliques amongst club members, to encourage the thousands of back yard players, to reduce the initial cost and upkeep of playing equipment, and to produce a low cost practical and serviceable shuttle.

Jacob Lipman, Correspondent.

MANHATTAN BEACH TOURNEY

The 4th Annual Labor Day Manhattan Beach Doubles Tourney was fun, as always, this year. Both the badminton courts and the beautiful swimming pool were put to good use.

The final matches were paced, as is usually the case, by a very exciting men's doubles. Irl Madden and Jack Chrisman (brand new team), both quite tall, poured many well-angled smashes at the shorter pair, Buzz Martin and Manuel Armendariz, who returned them with great regularity. In the 3rd game, Buzz returned 14 smashes during the course of a nearly 90 second rally. Chrisman, as usual, was on the floor often. Even Madden took off once to slide 12 feet on his stomach after a well placed drop shot.

You could hardly ask for a more exciting and hard fought match.

Results:

Class A: (MD) Buzz Martin and Manuel Armendariz d Irl Madden and Jack Chrisman 15-9, 7-15, 15-12. (LD) Thelma Scovil and Helen Tibbetts d Connie Taylor and Dottie Hahn 15-12, 15-11. (MxD) Marten Mendez and Helen Tibbetts d Manuel Armendariz and Buelah Bymaster 15-8, 5-15, 15-8. (Vet's D) Dan McArthur and Don Smith d Ev Oliver and Paul Coke 15-6, 15-13. (Vet's Mixed) Virginia Hill and Irl Madden d Gene Elms and Thelma Scovil 14-17, 15-12, 15-12.

Class B: (MD) Don Davis and Dean Maurry d Bob Worthington and Dan McArthur 15-7, 15-9. (LD) Barbara Smith and Faye Haraughty d June Gregory and Dot Marsden 9-15, 18-13, 15-9. (MxD) Larry Calvert and Faye Haraughty d Allan Mahaffey and Mary MacMurray 15-6, 11-15, 15-9. (Vet's D) George Chacksfield and Herm Maury d Jack Van Praag and Rand Meyers 15-12, 5-15, 15-11. (Vet's Mixed) Elmer Bymaster and Emmy Dreier d Dan and Faith MacArthur 16-18, 15-1, 15-7.

Helen Tibbetts, Correspondent

PART-TIME BADMINTON PALACE

Since the closing of the Hollywood Sport Center, there has been a part-time badminton palace open on Glendale Blvd. in Los Angeles. Not many players had been there, so Mr. Lee Leport, the manager, held open-house on August 21. Since most local clubs depend on school gyms for their courts and these have to be closed during part of August and September every year, and since Virginia Hill and Bill Green publicized the event very thoroughly, there was a huge turnout for the event. Even some of our retired players came to play: Skeeter Erikson and Tody Rhine for instance.

There were quite a number of past and present, Junior and Senior national champions present, who were introduced, for the benefit of any players who didn't know them.

The management served cake and coffee and in general everyone enjoyed a fine evening. Of course with such a wealth of players in one place, the 9 courts were much in demand. Mr. Leport's plan to introduce the gym to Southern California was accomplished and he also received the honest opinions of the players about playing conditions and how they could be improved.

For the benefit of those who don't know - here is the address: The Palace, 1712 Glendale Blvd., L.A. Drop around on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. But please don't try to play on weekends - Friday through Sunday it is a roller rink!

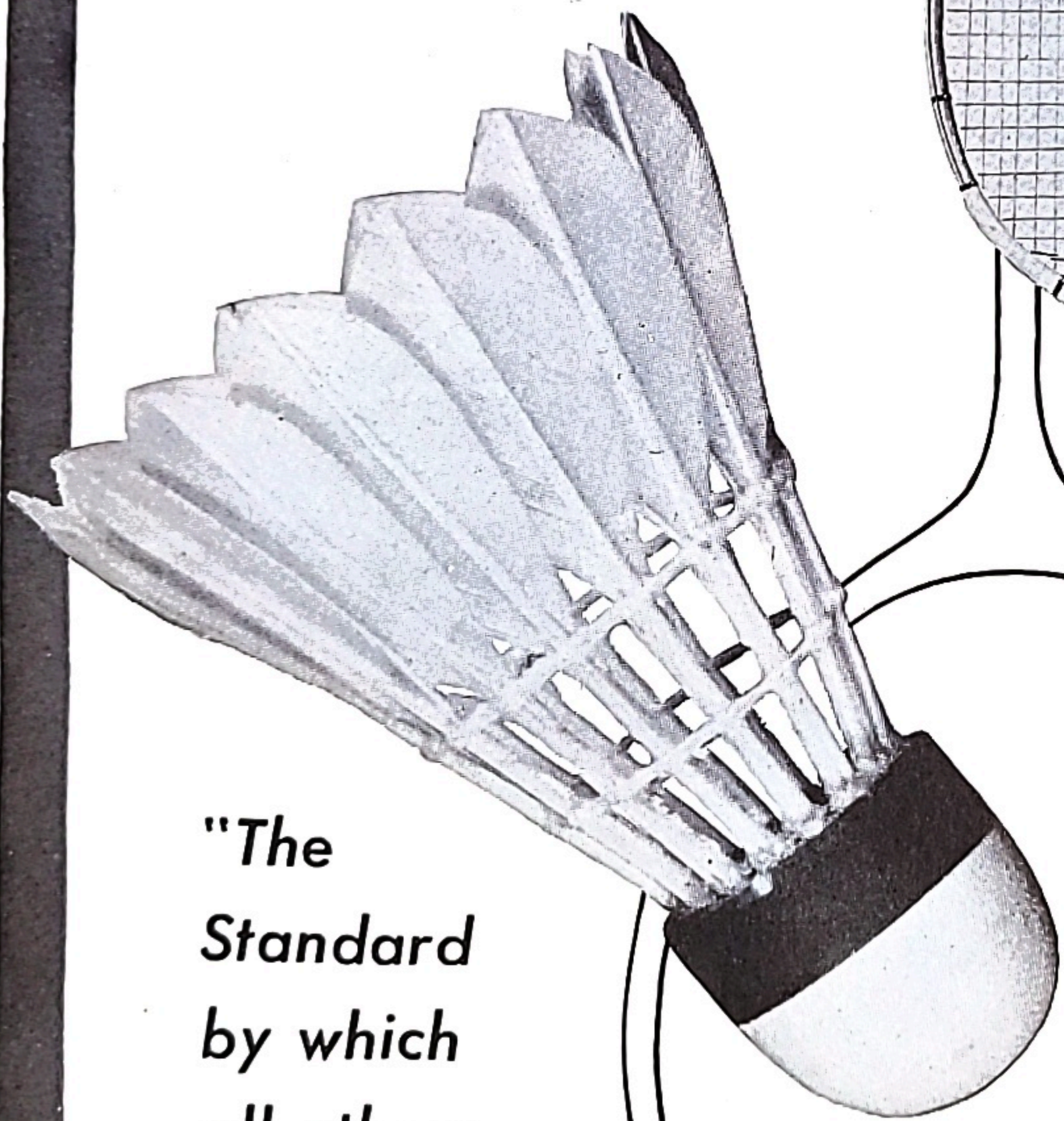
BIRD CHATTER CHAMPION

Helen McLeod of Edina, Minnesota, sends a note of apology because she hasn't had time to work for *Bird Chatter* as well as she should. She sent in only 45 subscriptions, but promises to do better next time. We like Helen!

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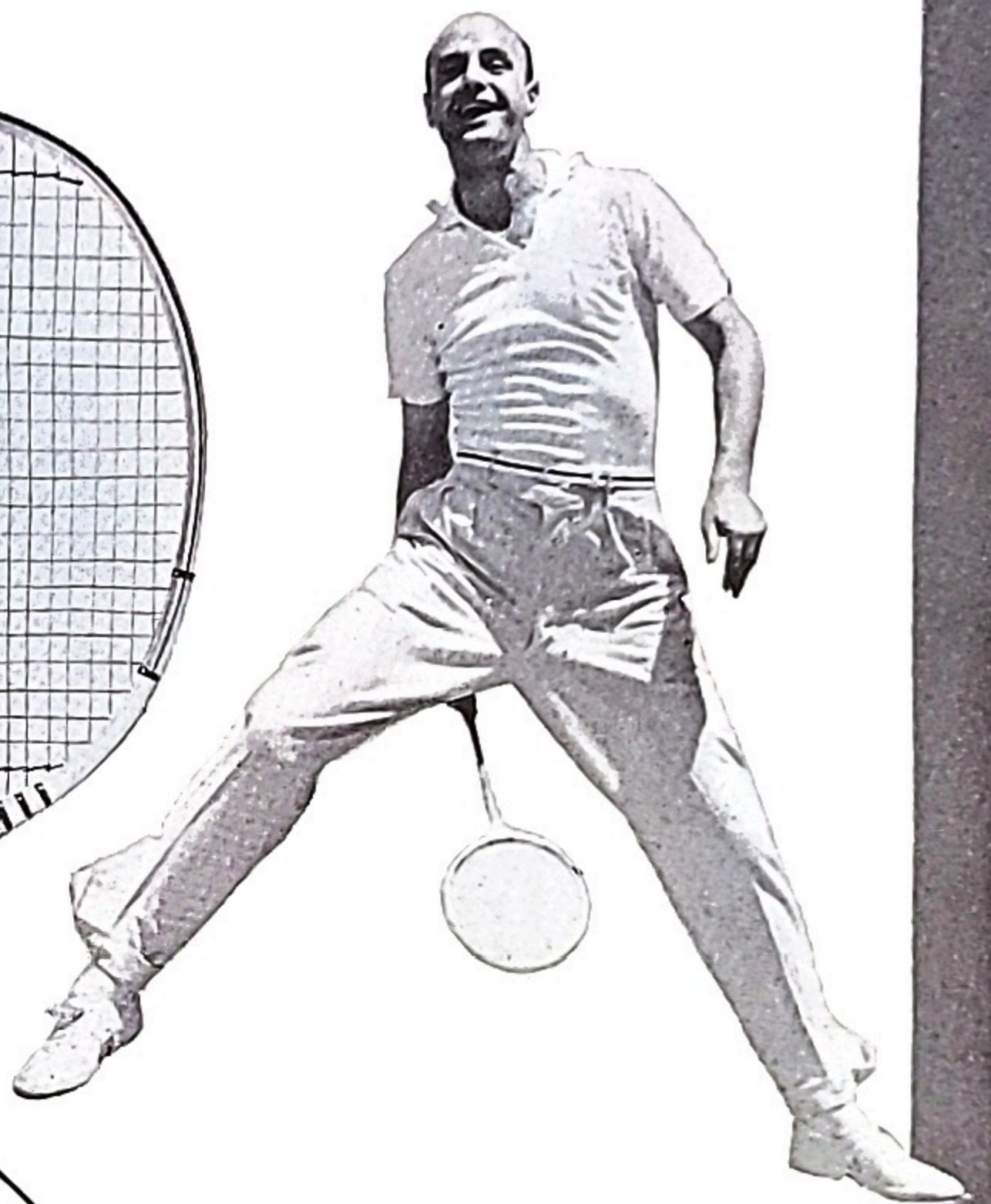


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SEMANA NAUTICA

The 12th annual Santa Barbara, California Semana Nautica Open Badminton Championship tournament was held at the spacious Santa Barbara High School Gymnasium on July 4th to 6 inclusive. This was one of the very unusual occasions when the tournament opened on a Holiday which started off the 90 contestant matches at an early hour in lieu of the usual evening start. Consequently, the tournament was one of the most outstanding of the year, allowing all contestants plenty of time between matches to rest and have a delicious dinner or lunch at one of the many beautiful restaurants or enjoy a cool and refreshing swim at one of the neighborhood beaches.

This annual tournament referred to by many as the "Vacation Tournament" is appropriately named. Most of the contestants and their families being "Out of Towners" stay at one of the many local hotels or motels and plan their valuable time between scheduled matches to enjoy the beaches or plan to witness one of the many land or water sport competitions of their choice. This is possible since the annual Semana Nautica (Marine Week) draws competitors in over 200 sports from all over the United States. This great week is presented by the Santa Barbara Semana Nautica Association, Inc. with the cooperation of the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce and many other leagues, Associations and Clubs of which the Santa Barbara Badminton Club is one. Trophies, ribbons or medal awards go to winners of all events, from the children's tricycle races to the great ocean yacht competition. In the case of the badminton events, 40 beautiful trophies were presented to the winners and runner-up in all A and B flight events.

Results:

Class A: (MS) Manuel Armandariz d Don Davis 15-11, 15-8. (LS) Thelma Scovil d Doris Martin 11-6, 11-0. (MD) Buz Martin and Manuel Armandariz d Mike Hartgrove and Alan Mahoffey 7-15, 15-9, 17-15. (LD) Dorothy Hann and Connie Taylor d Jean Pons and Mary McMurry 15-16, 10-15, 17-16. (MxD) Buz Martin and Dorothy Hann d Bob Wells and Mildred Jude 15-12, 15-5. (Vets) Don Smith and Dan McArthur d Howard Holman and Jack Boegle 17-16, 12-15, 15-5.

Class B: (MS) Dave Trader d Jim Jackson 15-8, 15-1. (LS) Carleen Hester d Dianne Myers 0-11, 11-8, 11-9. (MD) Bill Greene and Larry Calvert d Dave Trader and Ken Wells 15-9, 15-10. (LD) June Mies and Dianne Myers d Babe Pajares and Mary Ellen Dobel 15-10, 8-15, 15-7. (MxD) Larry Calvert and Faye Haraughty d Bob Worthington and Lillian Wells 15-9, 15-3. (Vets) Huston McElhinney and Nelson Baker d Rand Myers and Jack Van Praag 15-12, 15-12.

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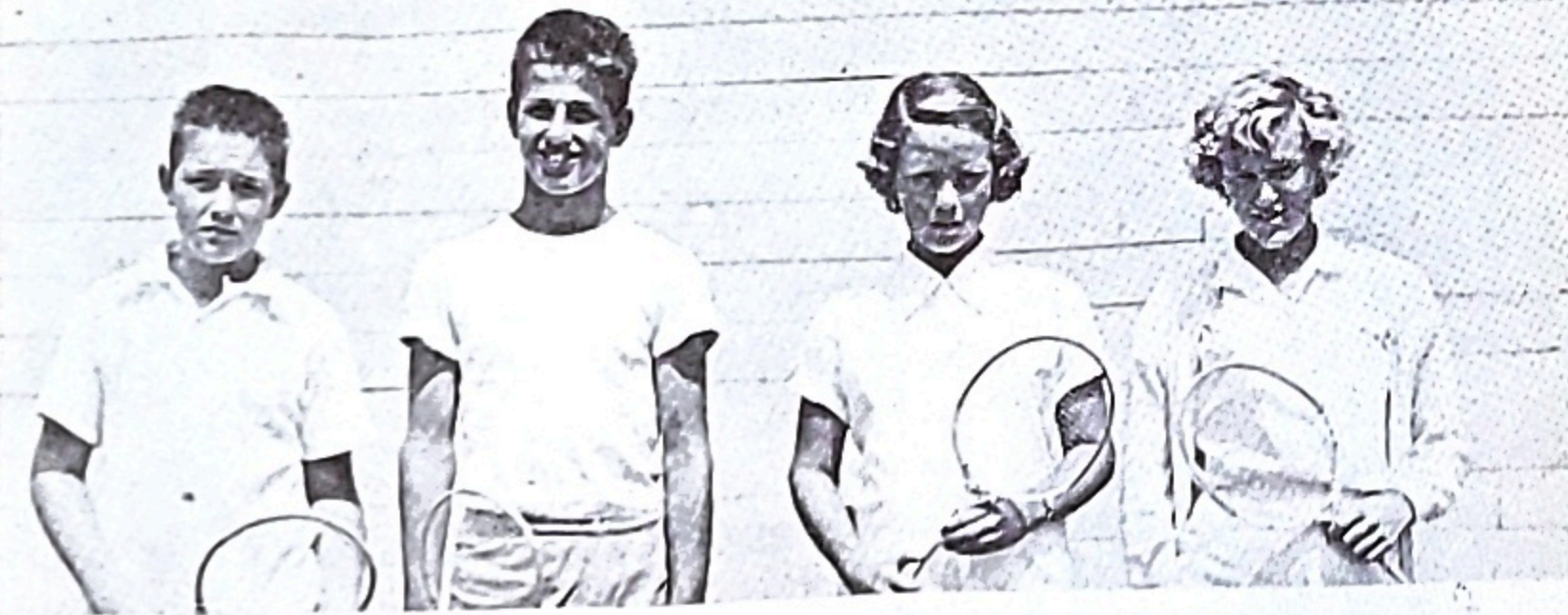
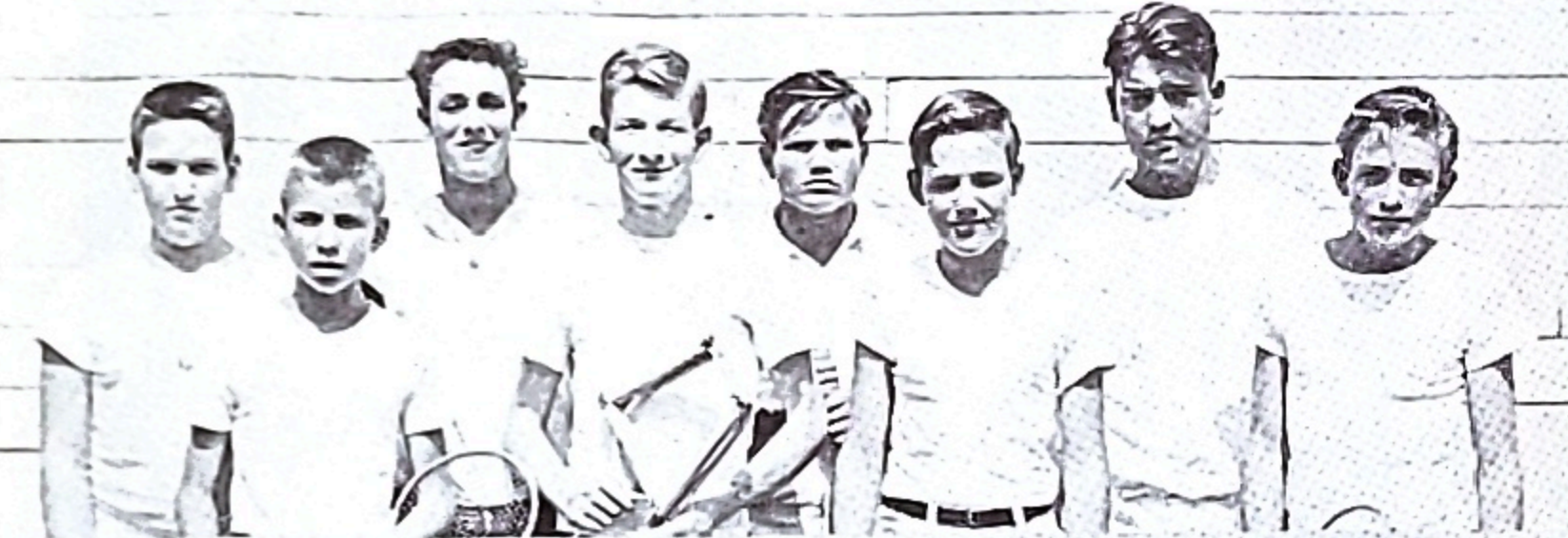
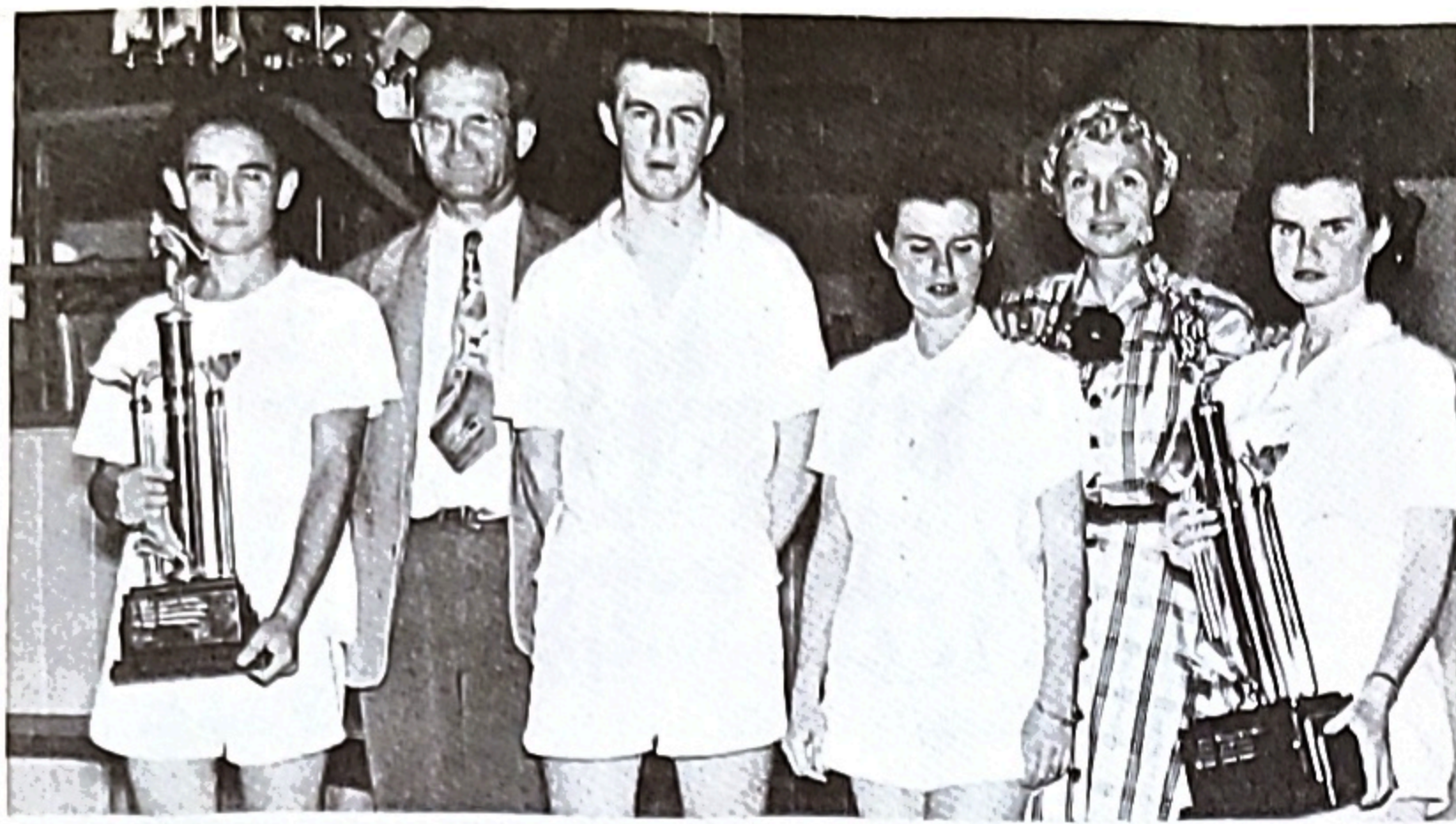
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Picture 1: Back row - Tom Heden (Mid-west Boys' Doubles Champion, Mid-west Mixed Doubles Champion and Mid-west Boys' Singles Runner-up), Irene Urashi (Mid-west Mixed Doubles Champion and Mid-west Girls' Singles Runner-up), Ramona Gunner (Mid-west Girls' Doubles Champion), Marilyn Lande (Mid-west Girls' Doubles Runner-up and Mid-west Mixed Doubles Runner-up), Hap Harold (Mid-west Boys' Doubles Champion and Mid-west Mixed Doubles Runner-up). Front Row - Roberta Gunner (Mid-west Girls' Doubles Champion), Roberta Rasmussen (Mid-west Consolation Girls' Singles Champion and Mid-west Consolation Girls' Doubles Champion), Gloria Sandberg (Mid-west Consolation Girls' Doubles Champion).

Picture 2: Shirley Maus (Mid-west Girls' Singles Champion and Mid-west Girls' Doubles Runner-up).



Mid-West Champions ↴



EASTERN UNITED STATES vs EASTERN CANADIAN JUNIORS

A Junior Badminton match, which it is hoped will prove to be the first of an annual fixture, was played on November 22nd between teams representing Eastern U.S. and Eastern Canadian Juniors. The Match consisted of Boys and Girls Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, and was held in the High School Gym at Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

The Eastern U.S. proved to be the Winners by 8 points to 5, and while nobody probably played their best Badminton, (for all were conscious of a very low ceiling), there were some good games and very close matches. Jim Carnwath, Woodstock, Ontario, the Canadian Junior Champion, in spite of heavily bandaged knee, won three points for the Canadians, defeating Bob Rice of Lewiston, N.Y. in three games. With Don Giles, Montreal, he just slid past No. 2 nationally ranked Don Carpenter, Mountain Lakes and Butch Kevorkian, Boston and with Noreen Cossar, Toronto he scored his third point in the Mixed over Carpenter and Jeanne Coyne, Detroit.

The girls upheld their part of the match nobly, in fact they scored five of the winning 8 points. Janet Mack, Lewiston, lost a very close Single with Martha McDougall, Montreal, but in the other encounters the U.S. girls won fairly handily. Butch Kevorkian's single with Pete Clark, Toronto was touch and go all through the second and third games while Dick Ball, Baltimore was playing beautiful Badminton to defeat fourteen year old Harold Moody, Montreal. Colin Irving, Montreal, was clearly too accurate for Gordon Wentworth, Baltimore, particularly in the second game. Gary Ogilvie, Lewiston was impressive in the Boys Doubles; a south-paw, he and Rice combined beautifully in a game played at top speed.

Bob Rice and Judy Devlin, co-captains of the Eastern U.S. team, received a plaque, presented by Dr. Gil Carpenter on behalf of the residents of Mountain Lakes. It is to be held by each member of the team in rotation, and all members of both teams were given medals by Emcee Dr. Carpenter, in the form of necklaces for the girls and tie-clasps for the boys, suitably engraved to commemorate the Match.

Eastern Canada immediately issued a Challenge for a return match to be played in Canada next season. A Buffet supper on Friday and a party on Saturday night rounded off the proceedings.

Results:

(BS) Jim Carnwath, Woodstock, Ont. d Bob Rice, Lewiston, N.Y. 15-3, 8-15, 15-9. Colin Irving, Montreal, d Gordon Wentworth, Baltimore 18-13, 15-6. Butch Kevorkian, Boston, Mass. d Pete Clark, Toronto 15-5, 12-15, 15-13. Dick Ball, Baltimore d Harold Moody, Montreal 15-8, 15-9. (GS) Judy Devlin, Baltimore, Md. d Noreen Cossar, Toronto 11-2, 11-3. Rosine Capehart, N.Y.C. d Liz Rorke, Toronto 11-6, 11-4. Sally Thomas, Mountain Lakes d Heather Doig, Montreal 11-2, 11-3. Martha McDougall, Montreal d Janet Mack, Lewiston 11-4, 2-11, 11-5. (BD) Jim Carnwath, Woodstock and Don Giles, Montreal d Don Carpenter, Mt. Lakes and Butch Kevorkian, Boston 9-15, 18-17, 18-17. Gary Ogilvie and Bobby Rice, Lewiston, N.Y. d Dave Smith and Tony Lawson 15-8, 15-12. (GD) Judy Devlin, Balto. and Jeanne Coyne, Detroit d Noreen Cossar and Liz Rorke, Toronto 15-7, 15-5. Rosine Capehart, N.Y.C. and Sally Thomas, Mt. Lakes d Kay Smith and Cynthia Ferguson, Toronto, Ont. 15-2, 15-5. (MxD) Noreen Cossar, Toronto and Jim Carnwath, Woodstock d Jeanne Coyne, Detroit and Don Carpenter, Mt. Lakes.

Grace I. Devlin, Correspondent

Mrs. Hulet Smith rather aggravated some of her golfing opponents by winning a tournament from them while she was still recovering from the leg injury which kept her out of the Nationals in Seattle this year.

Ken Davidson SAYS ..

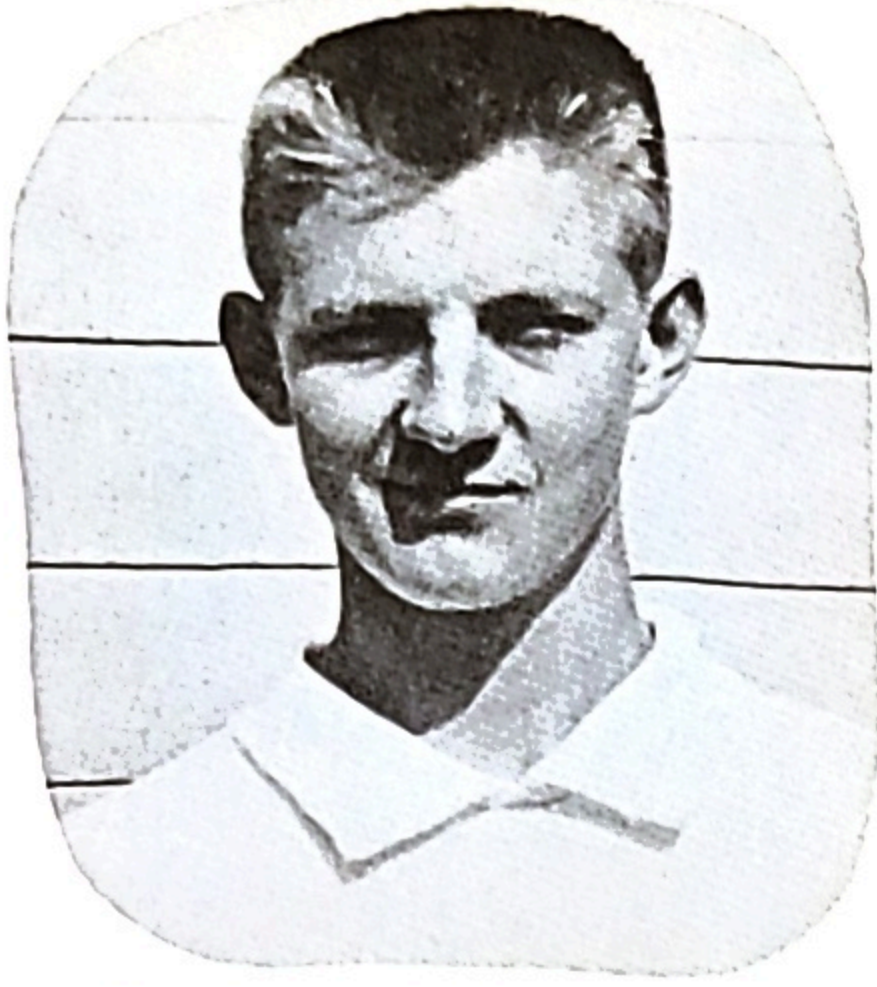
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GRAND SLAMMER

Southern California beamed with pride last April because of the fine showing of local juniors in the National Junior Tourney in Buffalo. The star of the show turned out to be Jack Chrisman of Burbank, California, who brought home a trio of titles. He won the singles from Don Davis of Seattle. In boys' doubles, he and Dean Maury of Manhattan Beach retained their title of last year with a very decisive win over Butch Kevorkian and Don Carpenter from the East.

Then Jack and Joan Gibbs won the mixed doubles event from their own doubles partners, Jean Gibbs (last year's mixed winner) and Dean Maury.

Young Chrisman has been a high ranking junior player for several years. In last year's Junior Nationals he lost a terrific singles battle in the semi-finals to winner Steve Hinchliffe. In mixed, he and partner Mary McMurray lost in the finals.

Jack got started playing badminton in 1948. He was a regular visitor at the Burbank Recreation Center where he took up ping pong. From that he branched out to badminton. He seemed to have considerable talent and decided to stay with shuttle chasing.

The new 3-way champ is 18, about 6 feet 1 inch tall, blond, and a well-proportioned 185 pounds. In his first year at Glendale College, his major was English. He plans to return to school in the fall, and eventually wants to become a writer of fiction. However, Uncle Sam may interrupt his studies anytime. He is on the list marked "1-A".

Outside of badminton and school, one of Jack's main interests is weight lifting. He got started with it at a friend's home and kept at it to build himself up. Confidentially - he did!

This was Jack's last year, in national junior competition. He couldn't have finished in much more of a blaze of glory. Now he has to settle down to strictly senior competition. There seems no reason why he shouldn't do well. So - watch out for Mr. Chrisman from now on.

NEW YORK TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, November 22nd, 1952 the Western New York Badminton Association sponsored a Junior-Senior Tournament on the three courts of the Buffalo Seminary School Gym.

This tourney idea was the brain-child of the Chairman of Junior activities for Western New York - Miss Bea Massman.

Sixteen boys and girls, all 15 years of age and under, with the same number of adults enjoyed a badminton active afternoon.

Vocational, public and private schools were represented together with a good contingent from Niagara Falls Country Club (last year's host to the National Junior Tournament). One girl from St. Mary's School for the Deaf also played and showed great enthusiasm for badminton.

The six Junior boys played a round robin tourney to decide the winning team, while the large number of Junior girls were divided into two leagues and played round robin. The winners of both leagues played off for an eventual winner for the afternoon.

The boys' section winners were Jr. Gary McFarland (N.F.C.C.) and Sr. Del Altenburg (Triad); runnersup were Jr. Richie Wiley (Triad) and Sr. Buck Wiley (Triad).

The girls' section winners were Jr. Louise Wentworth (N.F.C.C.) and Sr. Jo Farrarcio (Triad); runnersup were Jr. Linda Harvey (N.F.C.C.) and Sr. Dolores Zinteck (Triad).

All participants and spectators agreed that this novel tourney was indeed a stimulating idea to foster junior activity.

Pairings follow:

Girls	Seniors
Mary Joan Altenburg	Grace Altenburg
Maureen Mulholland	Betty Wiley
Joan Dulak	Adelaide Green
Vickie Pluta	Doris Gearman
Janet Ogilvie	Ethel Marshall
Judy Harvey	Eve Scharmach
Linda Harvey	Dolores Zinteck
Louise Wentworth	Jo Farrarcio
Cynthia Wentworth	Arlene Jasinska
Joan Tullock	Bea Massman
Boys	Seniors
Bob Scharmach	Ray Scharmach
Ron McCormick	Chic Schaefer
Brian O'Bannon	Bob Mack
Gary McFarland	Del Altenburg
Glenn Hackett	Dick Grossman
Richie Wiley	Buck Wiley

Scorekeeper for the Round Robin was W.N.Y. Prexie Jack O'Bannon ably assisted by A.B.A. Director Rex Rial.

Ethel Marshall, Correspondent

Over the net

IN SERVICE

Captain Bill Busby (Manhattan Beach Club) is now stationed in San Luis Obispo and plans on being a civilian in December.

Also in that same town are Warren Peterson and Allan Mahaffey. Warren has just gotten nicely started, but Allan should be out by November.

Up the coast a ways, at Fort Ord, is Bill Berry (San Diego) wishing he were getting out.

Still further North, at Camp Parks, you can find a very new Air Force private, Bob and Pat Noble's son John, in basic training.

Moving East a bit to Arizona, you'll see Cpl. Dick Van Praag with his wife and new son John Henry, watching the calendar for a December date with civilian life.

Back on the East coast, at Monmouth, New Jersey is Ronnie Palmer. Incidentally, it was recently announced that Ronnie and Diane Caves were married in February. He has been getting some badminton practise with Don Kerr. Also tennis has been taking its share of his spare time. He won an Army tennis tourney.

DEATHS

Betty Gudie, former member of the Hollywood and Burbank Badminton Clubs, passed away this summer. She had been ill for a long time.

Mrs. Lewis Rulison lost her mother and the Pasadena Badminton Club lost one of its members of long standing, Mrs. Raymond Hill, all in one week. Mrs. Hill was the victim of an automobile crash.

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