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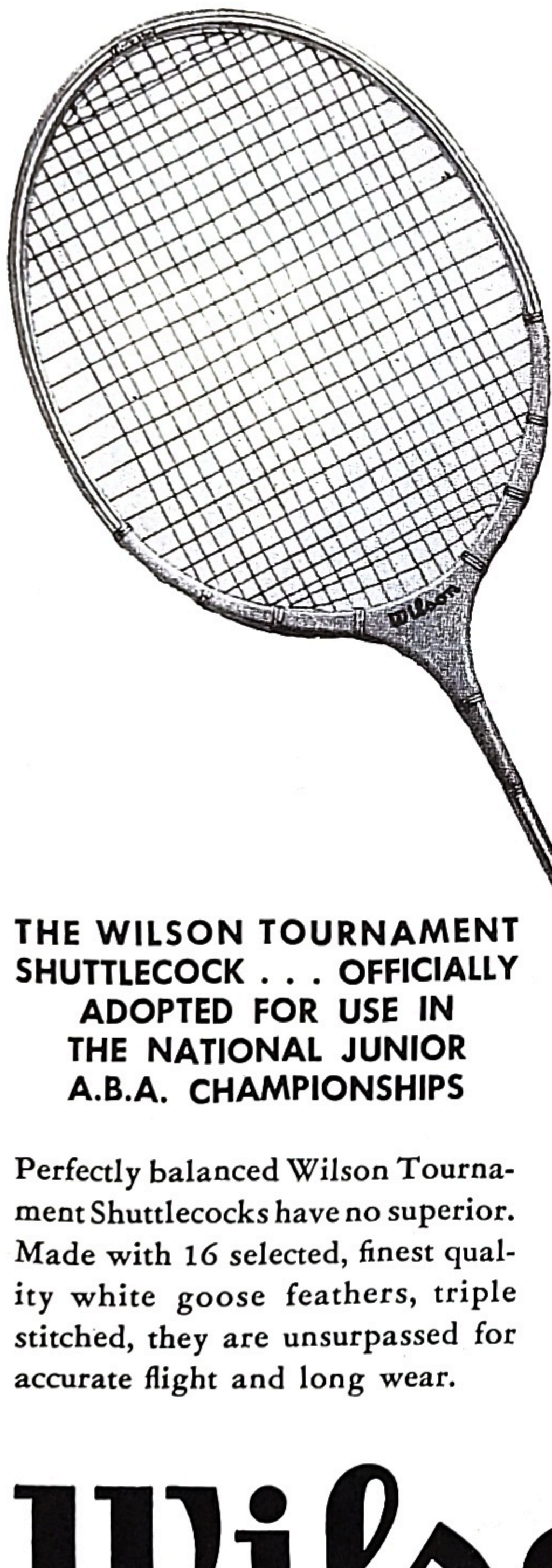
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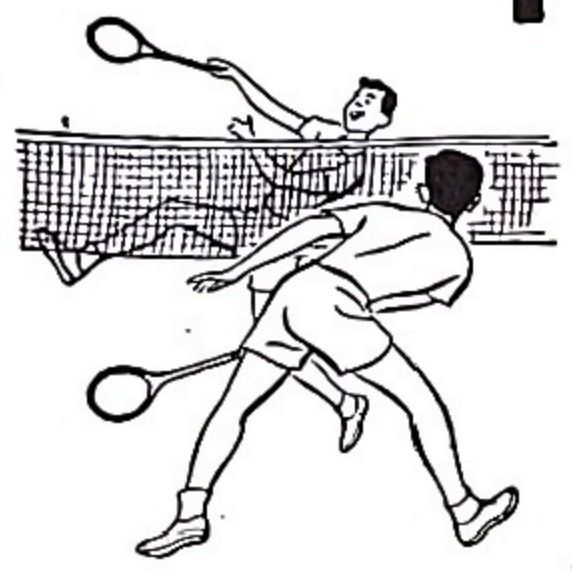
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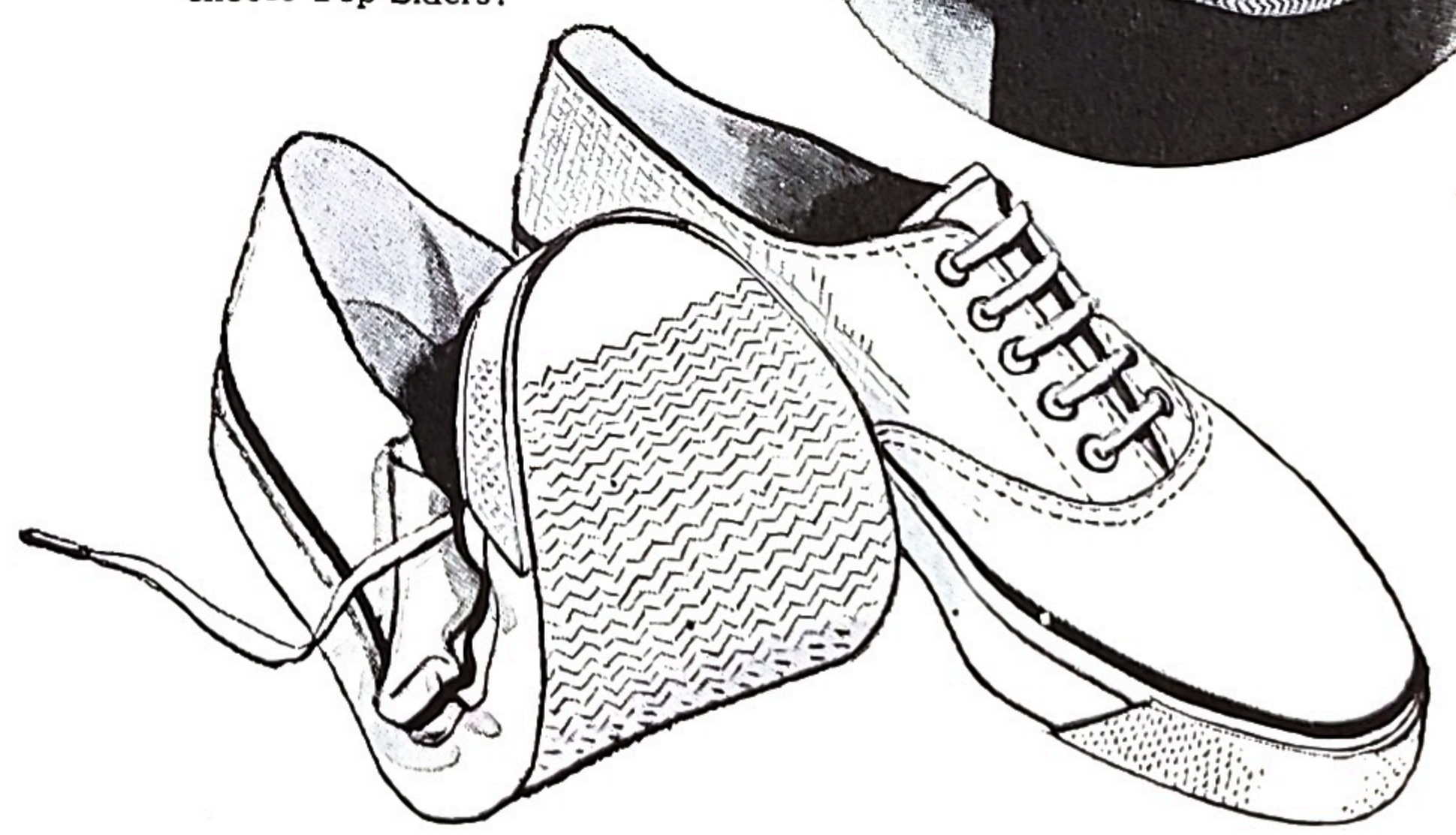
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Journeys and Topics

1953 SENIOR NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BOSTON

A large entry is expected for this year's National Badminton Championships which will be played at the University of Boston, March 31-April 4, 1953.

One of the special attractions is the possibility of return to National Tournament competition, after a four years absence, of Dave Freeman of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who was generally recognized as the outstanding Badminton player in the world in 1948-1949, when he won the 1948 United States Singles Championship for the sixth successive time, and was, co-holder of the 1948 United States Men's Doubles Championship for the fifth successive time, following which he won the 1949 All-England Singles Championship held in London, and the 1949 Danish Open Championship held in Copenhagen, as well as both of his Singles Matches in 1949 against Malaya in the Thomas Cup competition held in Glasgow, Scotland.

Another of the special attractions is the opportunity for those attending the Tournament to become acquainted with the many places of historical importance in Boston and vicinity, which area has been well described as the birth-place of American independence. Visits will be possible not only to such famous places in Boston, itself as Bunker Hill and the Old North Church, but also Concord and Lexington.

Still a further special attraction will be the opportunity for many of the competitors to room under the same roof where the Tournament will be played. For those who are unable to be accommodated at the University Club, there are a number of excellent hotels situated close by. All of the Tournament activities will be centered at the University Club, which besides facilities for Badminton play, has a large number of bed-rooms (all with private bath) two ball rooms, adequate dining facilities and a swimming pool (which will be open to contestants at specified times). The tournament Colonial Ball will be held Saturday night, April 3, at the University Club.

The University Club has been the center for many large Tournaments in the past, such as the famous "New Englands" in which many of the best Canadian players have competed, as well as all of the outstanding players in the East.

It is also fortunate that there is an unusually large number of experienced personnel in the immediate vicinity to run the Tournament.

The University Club Badminton courts will be available for practice Saturday, Sunday, and Monday before the Tournament opens.

The play Tuesday, March 31, will be confined to Ladies & Men's Singles, with Doubles play commencing Wednesday morning, April 1.

Those playing only in Veterans' Doubles need not register earlier than 8:00 P.M., Thursday, April 2.

We are counting on your all out support, and anticipate with pleasure your attendance and full cooperation with our efforts to make this an outstanding event.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE "D" TOURNEY

On December 5-6-7, 1952, the Massachusetts State "D" Tournament was held at the University Club, Boston, Mass.

RESULTS:

(MS) Bill Vuori d Parker Symmes. 15-10, 15-11.

(LS) Angie Marino d Natalie Park 11-2, 11-2.

(MD) Bill Stimpson & Zeno Washburn d Al Vanderhoof & Ray Powell 15-11, 12-15 17-14. (LD) Natalie Park & Virginia Holly d Jean Rowell & Marjorie Moore 15-6, 15-4. (MxD) Arthur Nelson & Priscilla Blanchard d Sam Tilden & Jean Rowell 12-15, 15-11, 15-4.

Albert O. Laubinger, Tournament Chairman

1953 JUNIOR NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SAN ANTONIO

The American Badminton Association announces that the Seventh Annual United States Junior Badminton Championships has been awarded to San Antonio, Texas and will be sponsored by the San Antonio Badminton Club. Serving as General Chairman will be Mr. Winchester Kelso while Mrs. B. F. (Bonnie) Pitman, Jr. will act as Co-Chairman.

The Tournament dates will be April 9th, 10th, 11th, 1953. Play will be held at Alamo Stadium Gymnasium which has a seating capacity of 6500 people. In addition to perfect facilities for badminton the gymnasium is also equipped with a press box thus permitting complete and prompt news coverage, of all events.

Mr. Ken Davidson, world famous professional star, will be present to put on one of his superb and inimitable badminton exhibitions.

A large entry from all parts of the United States is expected. Several of the National Titles will be undefended as the holders have graduated from Junior ranks during the past year. Among those who have passed the age limit of 18 is Jack Chrisman of Burbank, California present triple title holder who holds the boys singles championship and shares the boys doubles title with Dean Maury of Manhattan Beach, Calif. and the mixed doubles title with Joan Gibbs of Pasadena, California. Joan was runner up in the girls singles division and with her twin sister, Jean, was runner up in the girls doubles event. Both Joan and Jean have also passed the age limit.

Judy Devlin of Baltimore, Md. will defend her girls singles championship as well as the girls doubles crown which she shares with Linda Cobb of Weston, Mass.. Other leading contenders expected to enter the Junior National Championships include Don Davis of Seattle, Wash., Dean Maury of Manhattan Beach, Calif. and Diane Myers, Carlene Hester and Gwen Garnsey of Pasadena, California.

Historical old San Antonio, Texas, home of the Alamo and cradle of Texas liberty will host the American Badminton Association National Junior Championships for 1953. As a special feature there will be held, in addition to and concurrently with the Junior Championships, the Alamo City Badminton Tournament, which will be limited to players who had not reached their fifteenth birthday prior to October 1, 1952. Each tournament will consist of the usual five events, plus consolation singles matches in each tournament.

As additional attractions there will be a Chuck Wagon Supper, a semi-formal dance, a historical tour which will include the Alamo, the Spanish Governor's Palace and many other points of interest, the Annual Luncheon plus the one and only Ken Davidson. Players will be housed with local families and arrangements have been made to house parents and chaperons at Motels and downtown Hotels.

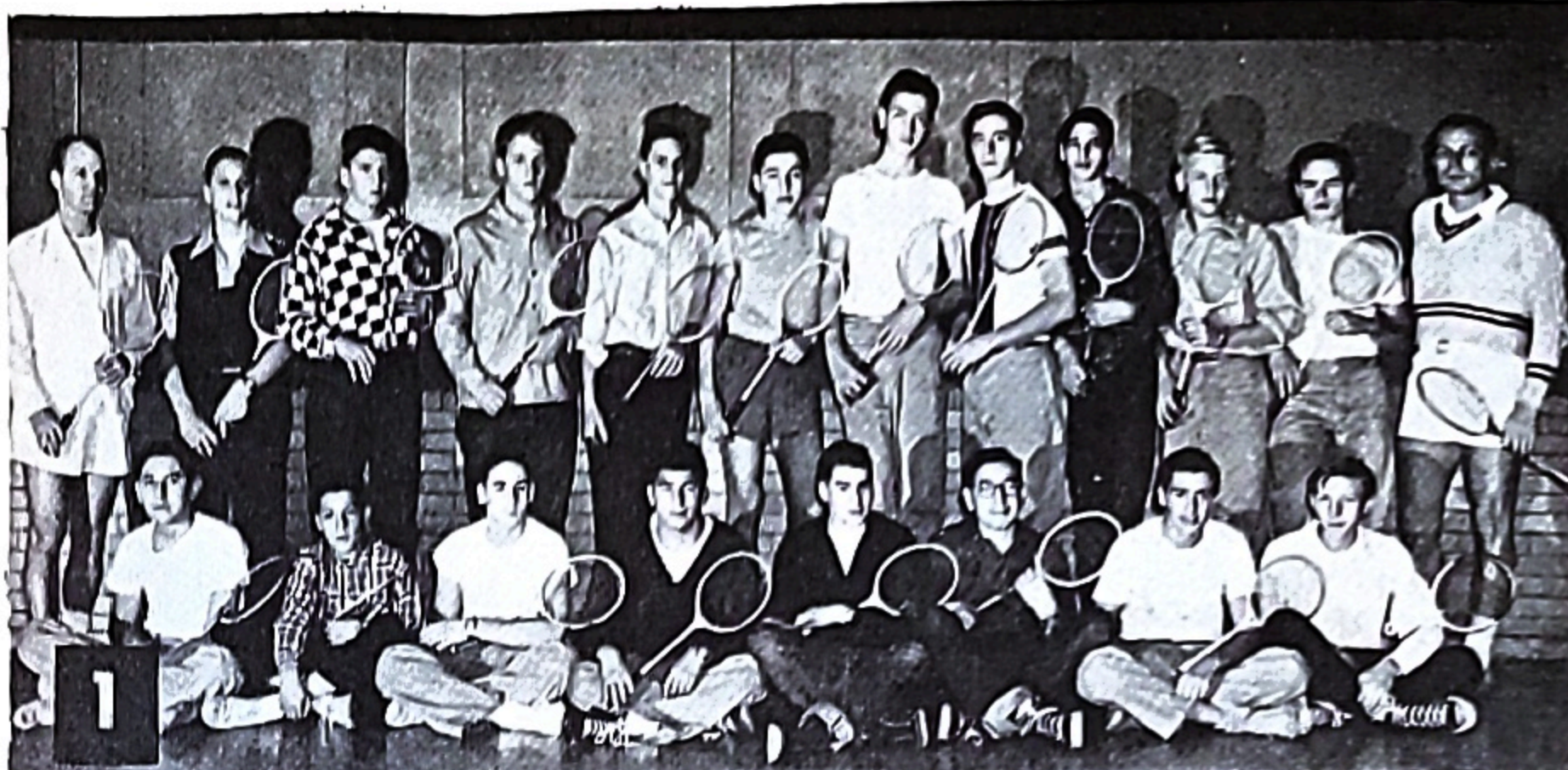
Jack. H. van Praag, Correspondent

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

March 3, 5, 8-Memphis City Tournament, Memphis, Tenn.
March 4-8 Mason-Dixon Badminton Tourney, Baltimore Md.
March 11, 12, 13, 14-Chattanooga City Tourney, Chatt. Tenn.
March 14, 15-Oklahoma "Open" Tourney-Ponca City, Okla.
March 16-16th Annual Midwest Badminton Tourney (closed)
March 22-28 - Missouri Open Badminton Tourney, St. Louis
March 27-28 - Middle Atlantic Badminton Tourney, Phil. Penn.
March 27, 28, 29-International Tourney, Lewiston N. Y.
March 31-National Championship, Boston, Massachusetts
April 1, 2, 3, 4-National Championship, Boston, Massachusetts
April 9, 10, 11- Junior Nationals, San Antonio, Texas

BADMINTON IN NORWAY by The Buskeys

Norway had an International Tournament last Nov. (1952) which brought Poul Holm and Palle Granlund from Denmark and Inge Blomberg and Knut Malmgren from Sweden. There was really some good badminton played. The Norwegians were quickly eliminated and U. S. Paul Buskey (he did get to the semi-finals in doubles with the #1 Norwegian player, Johann Elgaaen) and it finished up with all Swedes in the finals. Blomberg won over Holm and Blomberg & Malmgren won over Holm & Granlund in the doubles. The Swedes are sending a team to Oslo to play us on Feb. 28 so we will have another chance - Ladies singles, doubles, & mixed this time. In the International it was only men's single & doubles.

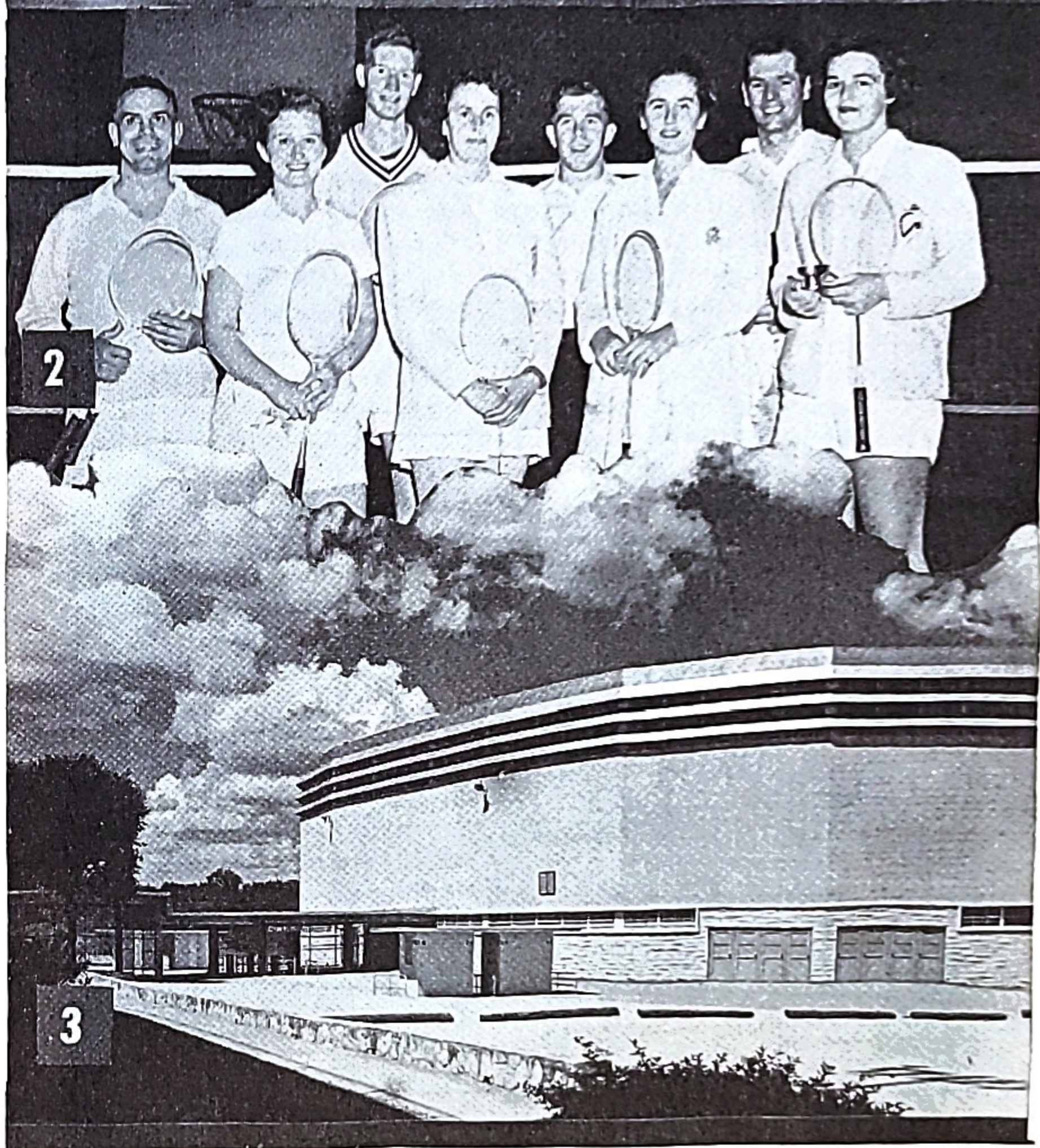


BADMINTON IN NEW ZEALAND

G. M. Ross, Chairman of the Wellington Badminton Association

The last big event in New Zealand's badminton season is generally the National Championship Tournament held during the last week in August. The season occupies five months from May to September inclusive, but very little of national consequence takes place during the last month.

This year the progressive and rapidly expanding city of Palmerston North, pop. 33000, was host for the nineteenth national championship tournament.



NORTH SHORE NOVICE TOURNEY

The North Shore Novice Badminton Tournament was held at Boltwood Field House, Evanston, Illinois on February 8, 1953. The tourney was sponsored by the North Shore Badminton Association under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jeanne Moore.

Sixty entrants battled their way through the five different events with the stand out being Russell Stern playing for the Bat and Bird Badminton Club.

Russ and his partner, Sam Baird, walked through their (MSD) final against Don Flannery of Evanston Badminton Club and Bob Gramm a promising senior at New Trier High School. Then Stern, playing with Ramona Spencer of Skokie Badminton Club and Mrs. Jean Wigglesworth and Bob Gramm (again) in MD; Russell then took it out on his MD partner, Sam Baird, in a very hard fought tiring MS match.

RESULTS:

(MS) Russell Stern and Sam Baird 15-10, 11-15, 15-11. Both Bat and Bird BC. (MD) Baird and Stern (Bat and Bird BC) and Gramm and Flannery (New Trier and Evanston BC) 15-2, 15-1. (MxD) Spencer-Stern (Skokie and Bat and Bird BC) and Wigglesworth-Gramm (Skokie and New Trier) 15-6 and 15-5. (WS) Anne Miller (Bat and Bird) and Jane Boston (Skokie) 11-2, 11-4. (WD) Sally Massey-Dreda Robertson (Wilmette BC) and M Marjory Baird-Anne Miller (Bat and Bird) 15-10, 18-15.

OHIO STATE OPEN TOURNEY

On February 14-15, 1953 the Ohio State Open Badminton - Tournament was held at Moreland School, Cleveland, Ohio.

RESULTS:

(MS) Mike Kollé and Clint Stephens 7-15, 15-10, 9-15. (LS) Ethel Marshall and Judy Devlin 11-8, 11-8. (MD) Clint Stephens & Mike Kollé and Harry Drewry & Bill Anderson 18-14, 15-4. (LD) Judy Devlin & Sue Devlin and Ethel Marshall & Bea Massman 17-18, 18-4. (MxD) Patsy Stephens & Clint Stephens and Mary Jane Stille & Bob Stille 18-14, 15-4. (Vets) Joe O'Grady & Dick Wilson and Ev Gesaman & Art Mowrey 4-15, 4-15.

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(1) SKOKIE BADMINTON JUNIORS

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(Second Row) Herron, Nobel, Goldman, Baum, Hanson, Kaufman, Baity, Greer.

(2) NEW ROCHELLE TOURNEY, NOV. 1st

Dayne Schell-Eda Daume (4th), Bill Goodman-Rose Herbert (2nd), Ronnie Palmer-Rosine Capehart (3rd), John Cornell-Doris Sullivan (1st).

(3) JUNIOR NATIONALS TOURNAMENT

Alamo Stadium Gymnasium San Antonio, Texas Site of 1953 Junior National Badminton Tournament Seats 6400 people.

THE 9th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

by Ken Davidson

The 9th Annual International Invitation Tournament held at Strathgowan Badminton Club, Toronto, Canada, on Jan-13-18, 1953, featured the return to action in Tournament of Dave Freeman (whose neuro surgery studies at Michigan U have kept him out of competition for almost four years) and Clint Stephens (whose recall to the Army kept him away from badminton circles for some 2 years) amidst a galaxy of stars never before gathered together at the same time under the one roof. Twelve USA and Canadian Thomas Cup Internationalists, and numerous National title holders of the fairer sex were drawn together at the invitation of Mr. Stuart Lawson, former President of the Canadian B.A., & owner of the Strathgowan B. C. His courage, and confidence, were rewarded when spectators flocked to each session of play.

Although there were a staggering number of great names present the main attraction to the Canadians was Dave Freeman, who had never before played across the border as evidenced by the programme saying, "To those of us in Canada who have never seen Dave play, he is a fabulous legend and we are looking forward to seeing him in the flesh."

Nor did Dave disappoint anyone. What a guy! Despite the fact that he didn't touch a racket for three years and only started to play, once a week, at the beginning of this season with his close friend, Joe Alston, he completed an incredible performance by winning the single's title without any player scoring any more than seven points in any one game, thus retaining an unbeaten single's record of not having lost a match since 1939!! The decisiveness of this comeback in such tough competition lends further proof to those of us who believe Dave is the greatest of all time in single's play.

There were many matches in the first round of this tournament which would have been worthy of the finals of the normal tournament. For example, Clint Stephens, a member of the USA Thomas Cup team in 1948-49, beat Gordie Simpson a Canadian Thomas Cupper, 15-3 in the third game only to run into the present USA Champion, Marten Mendez, in the second round. Bob Williams was unexpectedly beaten by Denmark's Number 6 Single's player, Mogens Kolle, who is in Washington, D. C. for one year in his country's diplomatic service.

The Dane had an interesting, and entertaining match with Dave Freeman in his next round and confessed his disappointment at getting only 5 and 7 points in his two games, until after the final when he felt much more satisfied when he realized Joe Alston (semi-final) and Don Smythe (final) could each only total 10 points in their respective matches against Dave Freeman.

Don Smythe, the Canadian Champion, repeated his Thomas Cup victory (at Calgary) over Marten Mendez, USA Champion, but this time in two straight sets, 18-14, 15-9; actually, this was a case of Marten losing rather than Don winning. For some unknown reason, Marten seemed to lose his control when it appeared he would win the first game, and again when leading Don at 7-5 in the second game by making unforced errors and his failure to keep the shuttle in play, he allowed Don to run from 5 to 12 in one series of serves without any serious opposition.

In the other semi-final, Dave and Joe renewed their weekly battles, but this time before some 1,000 pairs of eyes. Joe, winner over Daryl Thompson (Canadian Champion in 1951) when Daryl had to retire when he tore some ligaments in his left leg when behind to Joe in the second game at 10-13 (Daryl) won the first game at (15-8), made some spectacular "gets" against Dave but he seemed over-anxious to do well and hurried his play rather than wait for the openings.

The long awaited meeting between Don Smythe and Dave Freeman had the 1,200 spectators applauding right from the start. In the early stages, the rallies were long and the points bitterly contested, the first point going to Freeman, following many deep clears and close drop-shots, with a perf-

ectly executed deceptive straight-down the-line backhand drive catching the Canadian off-balance. This did not upset him, and he coolly and deliberately set about running Dave around the court, showing excellent strategy and consistent stroking. To those of us who have seen Dave Freeman in action since 1938 it was noticeable that he was not quite so consistent in his concentration as before and it appeared he was slightly perturbed at himself for "giving away a cheap point" when he returned Don's serve at 1-3 well over the sideline.

Once Dave let his mind dwell solely on the game at hand, he again began to unfold the magic of his game and his command over each rally became more dominant, and he went on to win the first game at 15-7.

With this first game safely booked, Dave's confidence was restored to its highest level and the spectators were treated to some almost flawless play. Many have thought that Dave is a purely defensive player. Although his defense is almost impregnable and, in the main, responsible for the few points scored against him, Dave continuously keeps the pressure on his opponents by keeping them off balance and giving them little chance to play shots of their choice. This constant pressure is a form of attack just as deadly as any other although not so obvious as the blasting of a powerful overhead smash.

Fine player though Don Smythe is, and notwithstanding his top form and strong smashing, it became increasingly more difficult for him to score points and his steadiness began to break under the controlled placement of a Freeman now completely in command. Dave domineered each rally and the match drew to its inevitable conclusion with the Canadian spectators heartily applauding their unbelief at witnessing their National Champion's stout-hearted efforts garnering no more than 3 points in the second game of a match which gave final proof that Dave Freeman is something out of the ordinary even to the ranks of champions.

Although it is doubtful that Dave will ever again reach the mental and physical heights he set for himself in 1948-49 when he won all his Thomas Cup matches and gained a world title by winning the All-England Single's Championship in London, England, against all the top convincing players from Malaya, India, Denmark and many other countries, Dave's performance in Canada against such strong opposition strengthens the claims of those who believe that, with Dave in the USA Thomas Cup team, he would have led his country to victory against the strong Malayan team in Singapore last May-June. Be that as it may, there is little doubt that Dave Freeman is still the Number 1 Single's player in the world today.

Another display of almost errorless badminton was also being carried on in the Ladies' singles competition by the six-time USA Champion, Ethel Marshall, who beat Patsey Stephens in the final with the loss of only 3 points. Patsey had earlier beaten the 1951 Canadian Champion, Marge Shedd, while Ethel was beating Judy Devlin, 11-5, 11-2, in the other semi-final. The young Junior Champion from Baltimore set off with a 3-0 lead in the first game but, from there on, she fell prey to the strategy of her more experienced opponent, who mercilessly moved Judy around the court to take advantage of her superior speed of foot.

Ethel has dominated the Ladies Singles events on the North-American Continent for the past six years and it is to be hoped that some way may be found, while she is in the prime of her career, to have her prove that she is the best in the world. Since there is no competition for females similar to the Thomas Cup for men the only possibility of her meeting any other ladies with a right to such a claim would seem to be a visit to Europe to compete against the Danish girls in either the All-Englands in London or the Danish Championships in Copenhagen. (The Danish girls have dominated play in Europe since the war and proved better than the best in South Africa or Australasia. The Malayan, Indian or other Pacific Ladies are still well below the standard of the best Europeans or Americans.)

USA representative completed a clean sweep in all the doubles events.

Wynn Rogers and Joe Alston, USA Champions, again beat

12th ANNUAL MANHATTAN BEACH TOURNAMENT

December 5, 6, 7, 1952.

This tourney was different from others around Southern Calif. in that 17 of our good neighbors from Mexico were present. Only about 5 or 6 were entered. All were very well-liked and much to the relief of most of us, they spoke quite good English. The "flavor" of the whole week-end was quite "Pan American" and no one could resist a "si" or "bueno" at least occasionally.

The biggest upset of the tournament was Wynn Rogers' defeat of Marten Mendez in the Singles. Wynn had one of his best nights ever and won handily. Extra vitamin pills, no doubt.

"A" RESULTS:

(LS) Scovil d Joan Gibbs 11-1; 11-7. (MS) Rogers d Mendez 15-8, 9-15, 15-13. (LD) Scovil & Wright d Hann & Taylor 15-9, 15-7. (MD) Armendariz & Martin d Rogers & Chrisman 3-15, 15-11, 15-11. (MxD) Rogers & Smith d Buzz Martin & Dottie Hann 15-7, 15-9. (VET) Ozzie Hilton & H. Holman d Rulison & Smith 15-11, 15-8.

"B" RESULTS:

(LS) Enriqueta Mayora d Lois Haraughty 11-1, 11-8. (MS) Larry Calvert d Fred Knight 7-15, 15-7, 15-0. (LD) F. Haraughty & Barbara Smith d E. Mayora & Ruth Pinhale 15-7, 15-11. (MD) Calvert & Greene d McArthur & Worthington 15-5, 12-15, 18-17. (MxD) Calvert & F. Haraughty d Greene & Hester 8-15, 15-12, 15-13.

Pictures

(1) NORTH SHORE NOVICE TOURNEY

Russell Stern—(MS) Champ & (MD) Champ, Mrs. Jean Moore Tournament Chairman, Sam Baird— (MS) Runner up & (MD) Champ—Ramona Spencer, Russell Stern (MxD) Winners. Jean Wigglesworth, Bob Gramm Runner up.—Sally Mossey & Dreda Robertson (WD) Winners. Anne Miller (WS) Winner, (WD) Runner up, Marjorie Baird.

(2) CHICAGO PLAYERS at DETROIT OPEN TOURNEY January 24-25

Clayton Haley, Elsy Figler, George Geever, Eleanor Coombs, Norbert Sweete, Bob Mullens, Bill Gibbs, Earl Boston, Hugh Clayton, Gertrude Kuehr, Bernice Barbour, Ed Tomzayk.

(3) MANHATTAN BEACH 12th ANNUAL

(A- MEN'S; WOMEN'S, & MIXED DOUBLES)

Connis Taylor, Buzz Martin, Mannis Armendarie, Jack Chrisman, Wynn Rogers, Dottie Hann, Thelma Scovil, Janet Wright, Loma Smith.

(A-VETS)

Lewis Rulison, Hulet Smith, Howard Holman, Ozzie Hilton

(B FLIGHT)

Fred Knight, Ruth Penhale, Barbara Smith, Bob Worthington, Lois Haraughty, Enriqueta Mayora (Mex) Larry Calvert, Faye Haraughty, Dan McArthur, Carlene Hester, Bill Greene.

(A SGLS)

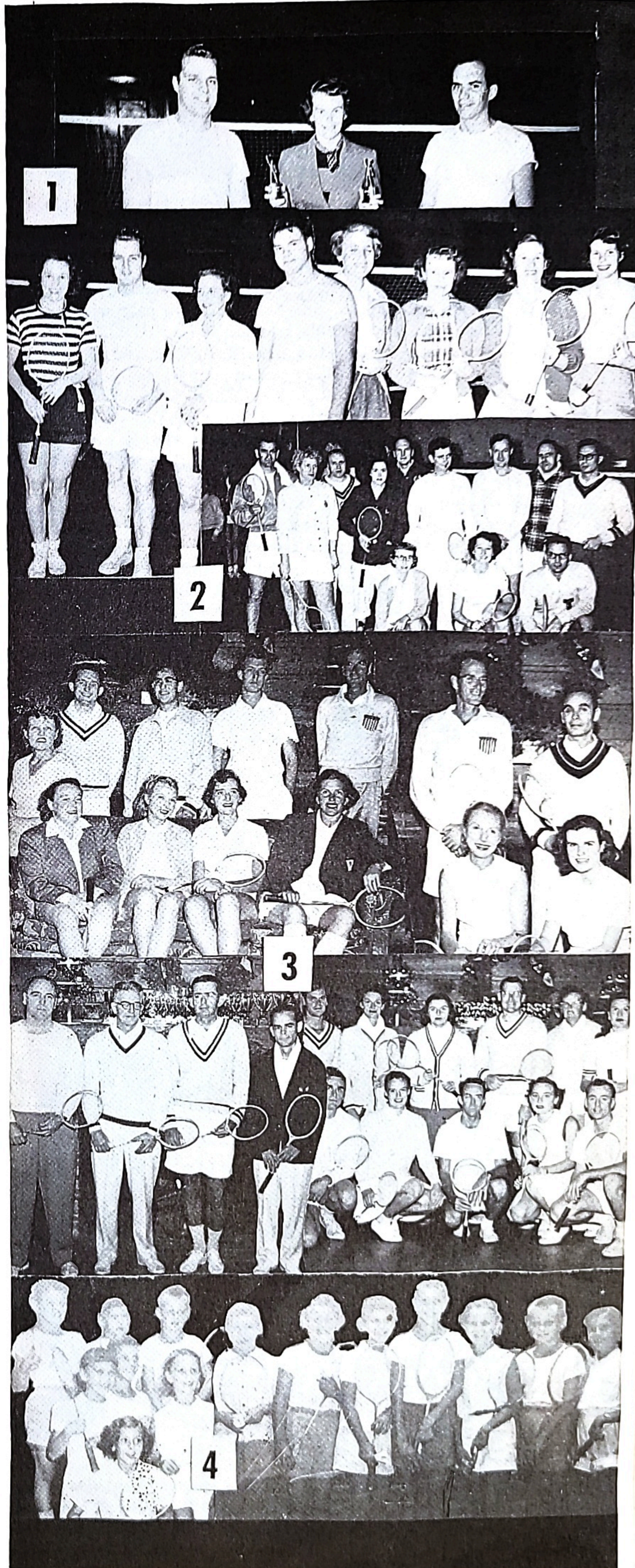
Wynn Rogers, Marten Mendez, Thelma Scovil, Joan Gibbs.

(4) MID-WEST BADMINTON PLAYERS

Kathy Nelson, Billy Nelson, Suzy Nelson, Berry Johnson, "D.C." Doolittle, Peter Rogers, Gail Horovitz.

Billy Nelson, Kathy Nelson, Peter Rogers, Suzy Nelson, Berry Johnson, "D.C." Doolittle, Gail Horovitz.

Helen McLeod of Edina, Minnesota, Correspondent



INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY (continued)

the Canadian Champions, Don Smythe and Bud Porter, in two straight games. After a close first game, 15-12, in which they retained the lead throughout, the American pair ran away with the second game with surprisingly little opposition. Their toughest match was against another American pair, Bob Williams and R. Hardison, in the semis. The Niagara Falls pair smashed well and both games were closely contested with a round 10 all when one or two flaws in their defense allowed the Champions to finish off each game.

Patsey Stephens and Judy Devlin had the honor of beating the Canadian Champions, Barbara Ince and Joan Warren, in the semis (three games); and, in the final, the present USA Champions, Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman. After a shaky start, Judy settled down to play some fine badminton in the second and third games, and the Baltimore pair won the last two games by a comfortable margin.

It was a great pleasure to see that delightful, and popular pair Clint and Patsey Stephens, in action once again. Although they were no match for Wynn Rogers and Ethel Marshall in the final (Wynn amazed the Canadian audiences with his vicious cross-court backhand drives) Clint played remarkably well, particularly since he had had less than one month's practice, throughout the rest of the tournament. He and Patsey beat Joe & Lois Alston in the semi, after Joe and Lois had beaten the often crowned Mixed Doubles Champions of Canada, Dick Birch and Barbara Ince, in a quarter-round match.

RESULTS

(MS) First Round: Dave Freeman d Dick Sebben, 5/5, 15-6
Mogens Kolle d Bob Williams 10-15, 15-6, 15-10.

Daryl Thompson d Stan Sangdahl 15-4, 18-13.
Joe Alston d Martin Semple 15-9, 15-3. Don Smythe d Noel Fehm. Second Round: Dave Freeman d Kolle 15-5, 15-4
Alston d Thompson 8-15, 13-10 - Thompson retired hurt.
Smythe d Westcott 15-1, 15-8. Mendez d Stephens 15-6, 15-9.
Semi-finals: Freeman d Alston 15-8, 15-7. Smythe d Mendez 18-14, 15-9. Finals: Freeman d Smythe 15-7, 15-3.

(LS) First Round Ethel Marshall d Mildred Sirwaitis 11-1, 11

-2. Judy Devlin d Joan Hennessy 11-9, 11-4. Marg Shedd d Lois Alston 11-6, 11-3. Patsey Stephens d Daphne Walker 11-5, 11-8. Semi-Finals: Marshall d Devlin 11-5, 11-2. Stephens d Shedd 11-8, 11-2. Finals: Marshall d Stephens 11-2, 11-1.

(MD) Quarter finals: B. Porter & D. Smythe d G. Thorpe-B. Brewster, 15-12, 15-7. R. Birch-G. Simpson d G. Henry-C. Stephens 15-11, 9-15, 15-3. R. Williams-R. Hardison d R. Sebben. M. Kolle, 15-7, 15-8. W. Rogers-J. Alston d R. Traquair- R. Young 18-17, 15-5. Semi-Finals: Porter-Smythe d Birch-Simpson 14-17, 15-11, 15-12. Rogers-Alston d Williams-Hardison 15-10, 15-11. Finals: Rogers-Alston d Porter-Smythe 15-12, 15-5. (MxD) 1st. Round: Ince-Birch d Mr. & Mrs. E. Shields 15-7, 15-6. Mr and Mrs. J. Alston d A. Phillips, Mr. Rice 15-3 15-5. J. Devlin-B Williams d Mr. and Mrs. D. Freeman, default. Mr. and Mrs. C. Stephens d J. Muir J. Hennessy. R. Sebben-M. Sirwaitis d E. Marshall-B. Porter 15-10, 17-18, 15-4. N. Cossar-G. Henry d B. Massman-N. Fehm 15-9, 15-9. M. Shedd-W. Purcell d J. Warren-M. Kolle. E. Marshall-W- Rogers d A. Upton-A MacPherson 15-5, 15-5.

Quarter-Finals: Alston-Alston d Ince-Birch 17-16, 17-16. Stephens-Stephens d Devlin-Williams 15-5, 15-6. Sebben-Sirwaitis d Cossar-Henry 7-15, 15-5, 15-7. Marshall-Rogers d Shedd-Purcell 15-9, 15-6.

Semi-Finals: Stephens-Stephens d Alston-Alston 15-9, 15-12. Marshall-Rogers d Sebben-Sirwaitis 15-2, 15-11.

Finals: Marshall-Rogers d Stephens-Stephens 15-9, 15-3.

(LD) First Round: J. Warren-B. Ince d D. Walker A. Greey 15-5, 15-3. P. Stephens-J. Devlin d E. Marshall-M. Shedd-J. Hennessy d L. Alston-M. Sirwaitis. E. Marshall-B. Massman d N. Cossar-M. Bray

Semi-finals: Stephens-Devlin d Warren-Ince 15-18, 15-2, 15-12. Marshall-Massman d Shedd-Hennessy.

Finals: Stephens-Devlin d Marshall-Massman.

Men's Veterans: J. Lockwood d McAllister-McGregor, 15-8, 15-6.



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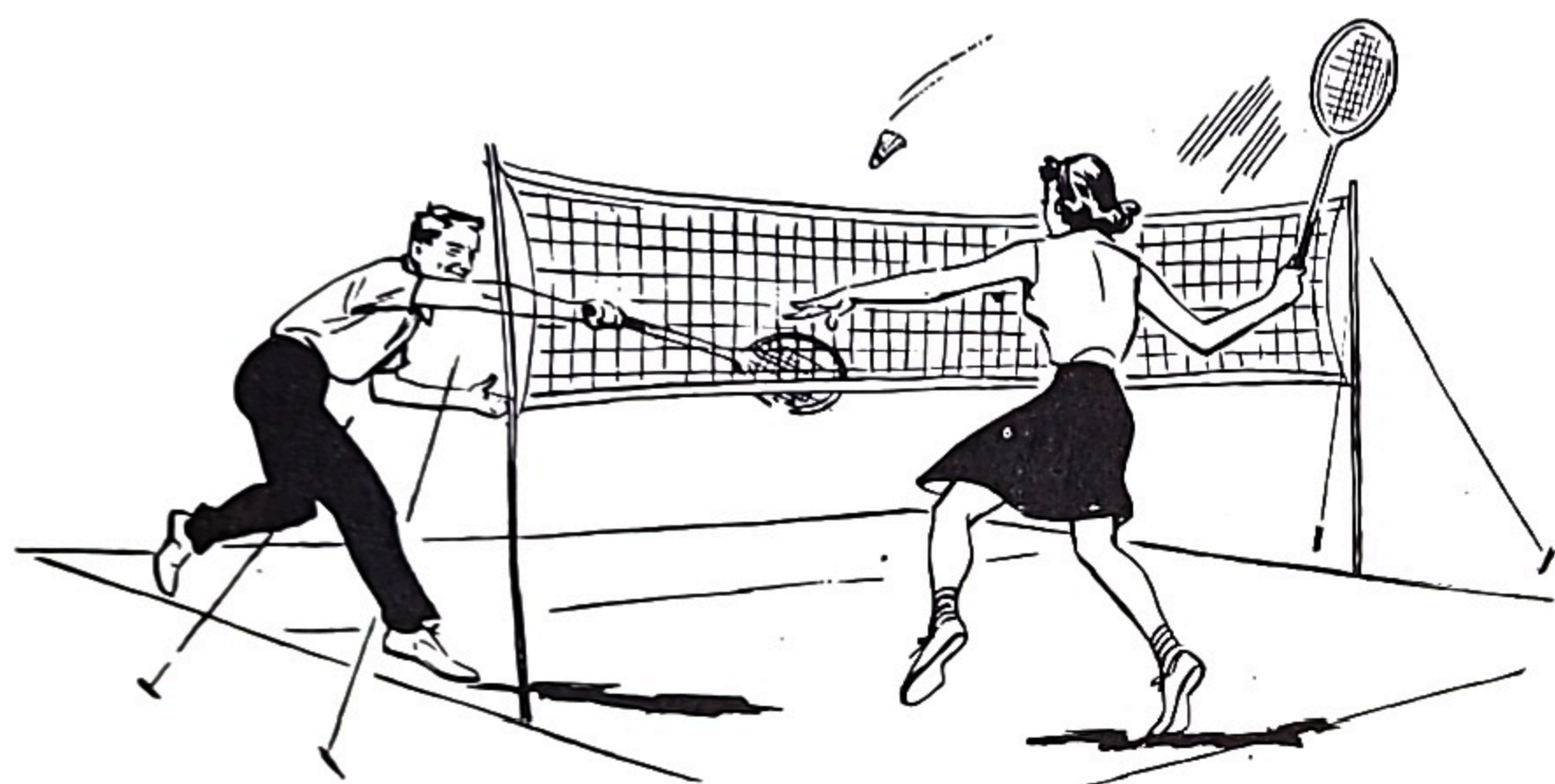
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Journeys and Topics

BADMINTON IN FRANCE

by John Newland
Correspondent

To me Paris is everything that has ever been written about it and much more besides and when such great describers (is there such a word) as Lawrence Sterne and Elliot Paul have tried to portray the charm and diversity of the city (and nearly succeeded) who am I to have a go? I will, however, expend a few moments of your time in saying a few words about the people at the top of badminton in France—the people who help to make my annual pilgrimage so wonderful)

First of all there is Rene Mathieu. He is the man most responsible for the increasing interest in France in the game you and I love. He is a colourful character who has worked very very hard to get things moving again. Monsieur Mathieu, (who is married to Simone Mathieu that world ranking tennis player of the thirties) is the 'Directeur'

(I suppose Editor is an approximate translation of the title) of the magazine "Smash" which is, 'La Revue Française de Lawn-Tennis, de Badminton, de Ping-Ball (whatever that is!!) et de Tennis de Table. Badminton in France as yet does not rate a magazine all by itself. One of the other people who, like M. Mathieu are all so wonderfully hospitable to all foreign visiting badminton players is Michel Marret. In a recent Thomas Cup match official hand-out Michel-Marret was described as "Captain of the French team; French international player; many times French doubles champion. Very spectacular and clever but nevertheless a specialist in wood shots! I hope I have translated this fairly well. I think I have; I can imagine M. Mathieu and Michel Marret thoroughly enjoying devising this press hand-out especially as another very good friend of mine, the irrepressible Michel Le Renard, is described as a notable-breaker of rackets. But to return to Michel Marret. No one who has taken part in a post war French Championship will forget the wonderful informal parties that Michel and his wife Jaqueline gave in their flat after the official dinner that follows the finals. Michel Marret has been a leading tennis-player not so long ago and in this respect he is like France's Number One Badminton player, Henri Pelizza, for some ten years, who is now being very hard pressed for his position by young Paul Ailloud, a very gifted player who needs only regular play against foreign opposition to become a formidable player in any company.

These are only a few among many grand people who gave the visitors from England such a wonderful time each year.

5th JUNIOR EASTERN OPEN TOURNEY

We are happy to report a very successful Junior Fifth Eastern Open Tournament held in Baltimore during the Christmas holidays. There were twenty out-of-town entrants from New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, and Delaware. All of the out-of-towners were housed in homes near Gilman Country School, where the tournament was held. Lunches were obtainable at the Courts and one evening they were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ball. On Tuesday night, after the finals, a party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Clogg for all contestants and visiting parents. The party was a big success and the girls and boys from Baltimore are interested in knowing of any other Junior tournaments held in the East which they might enter.

In the Boy's Singles it looked as if any one of six boys, Bob Rice, Lewiston, N. Y., Don Carpenter, Mountain Lakes, N. J., Butch Kevorkian, Watertown, Mass., Gary Ogilvie, Lewiston, N. Y., Gordon Wentworth, or Dick Ball of Baltimore could win. We seeded four according to National Ranking and Bob Rice, seeded number one came through with flying colors.

However, Gary Ogilvie, Bob's doubles partner, proved to be the dark horse of the tournament as, although not seeded, he eliminated Don Carpenter, seeded two, and Butch Kevorkian, seeded three, and gave Bob a tough three game battle in the finals. The scores were 15-10; 11-15; 17-15.

In the Girls Singles our own Judy Devlin swept all before her without any trouble, but in the last game of the finals she found herself pushing a little harder than usual to down Linda Cobb, Boston, Mass. 11-0; 11-7. The Girls Doubles also went according to form with Judy Devlin and Linda Cobb defeating Sally Thomas and Rosine Capehart, New York, 15-7; 9-15; 15-6.

The boys doubles found Bob Rice and Gary Ogilvie defeating Butch Kevorkian and Don Carpenter 15-10; 12-15; 15-11 in another hard-fought match.

The Mixed Doubles resulted in Judy Devlin, teaming together with Bob Rice to defeat Gary Ogilvie and Rosine Capehart 15-6; 17-15.

Boys and Girls Under 15 Singles and Boys and Girls Under 13 Singles were also held. The results:

Under 15, Girls MacGregor Stewart Baltimore defeated Barbara Prince, Wilmington, Del. 11-10; 11-8.

Under 15, Boys G. M. McFarland, Lewiston, N. Y. defeated Bob Miser, Baltimore, 15-10; 15-8.

Under 13, Girls Linda Windsor, Baltimore, defeated Nancy Menton, Baltimore 11-9; 11-0.

Under 13, Boys Booty Nice, Baltimore, defeated Frank Windsor, Baltimore, 15-8; 15-7.

James W. Flack, Correspondent

10th NATIONAL CAPITOL OPEN TOURNEY

Emery T. Freeman, Correspondent

150 entries assured the success of the 10th Annual National Capitol Open sponsored by the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia February 6-8 and held at the Armory in Kensington, Maryland.

Men's singles provided the highlight of the finals with Clint Stephens, Baltimore, winning a hard-fought battle over Washington's Mike Kollé, Danish star and local "dark horse" who defeated top-seeded Bobby Williams in the semi-finals.

The ladies' singles crown went to National Junior champ Judy Devlin, who defeated her fellow Gilman Club member Patsey Stephens.

Judy and her sister, Sue, successfully defended the ladies doubles title they won last year by defeating Patsey Stephens and Charlotte Decker, D. C. Club member recently returned to the badminton fold after a 3-year sojourn in Japan.

Bobby Williams, Niagara Falls Country Club, and Clint Stephens teamed together to defeat Fred Fullin and Noel Fehm of the Westport Club in men's doubles, and Patsey & Clint Stephens won mixed doubles over Helen Gibson of Westport and Harry Hackett of Wissahickon to regain the title they had held until last year when Clint was unable to defend.

As one of the contestants so aptly put it, "In addition to good badminton, it was wonderful to have everything under one roof"—meaning a snack bar which functioned all day on Saturday and the club party on Saturday night—both in the club room at the Armory.

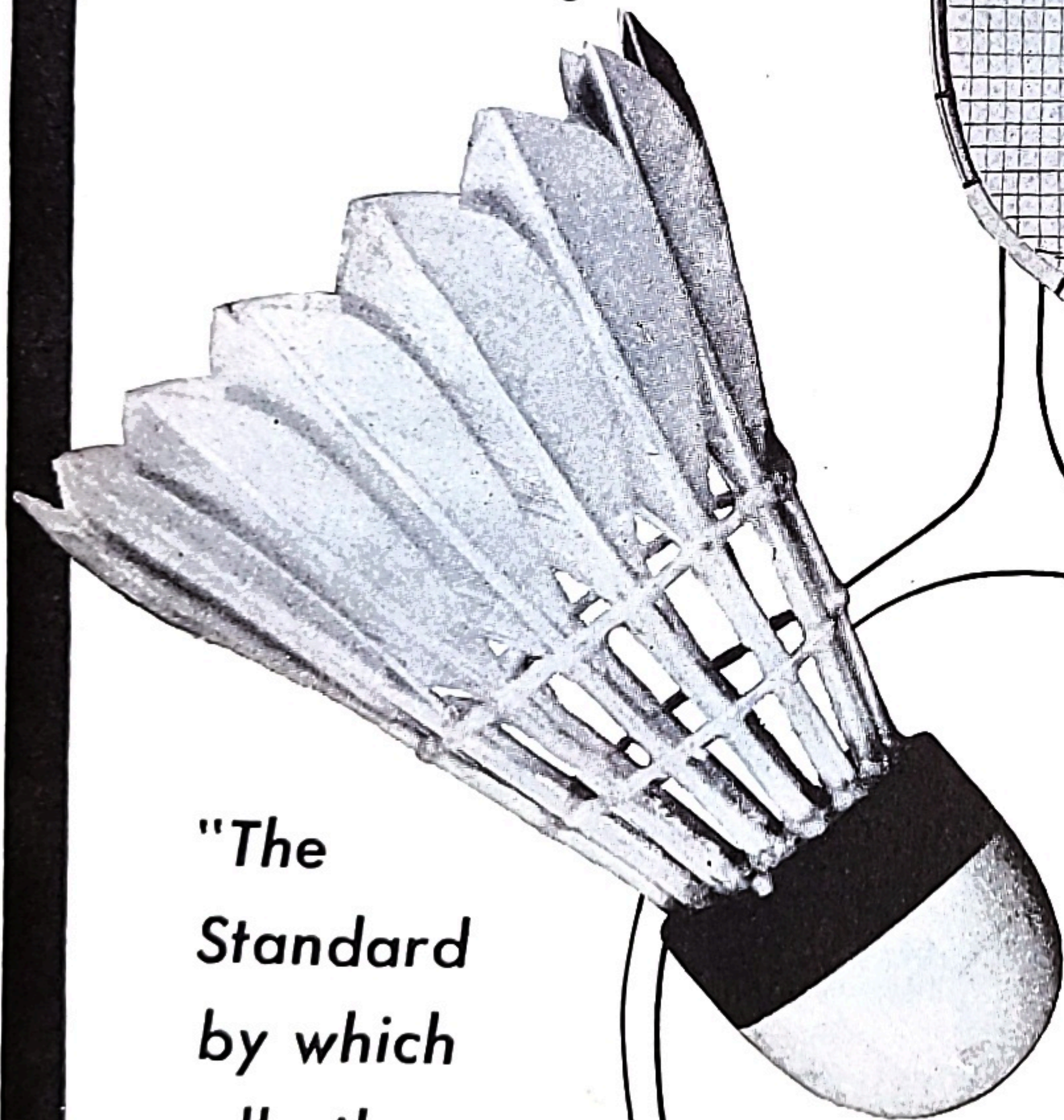
Emery Freeman and Charlotte Decker were publicity and general tournament chairman; Bill Shreve, director of play; Polly Thompson, tournament secretary; John Stewart, grounds chairman; Ruth Freeman and Georgia Stewart, awards; Clay Norment, social chairman; Helen McLeod, ticket chairman; and Bob and Marie Van Denbergh, housing.

RESULTS:

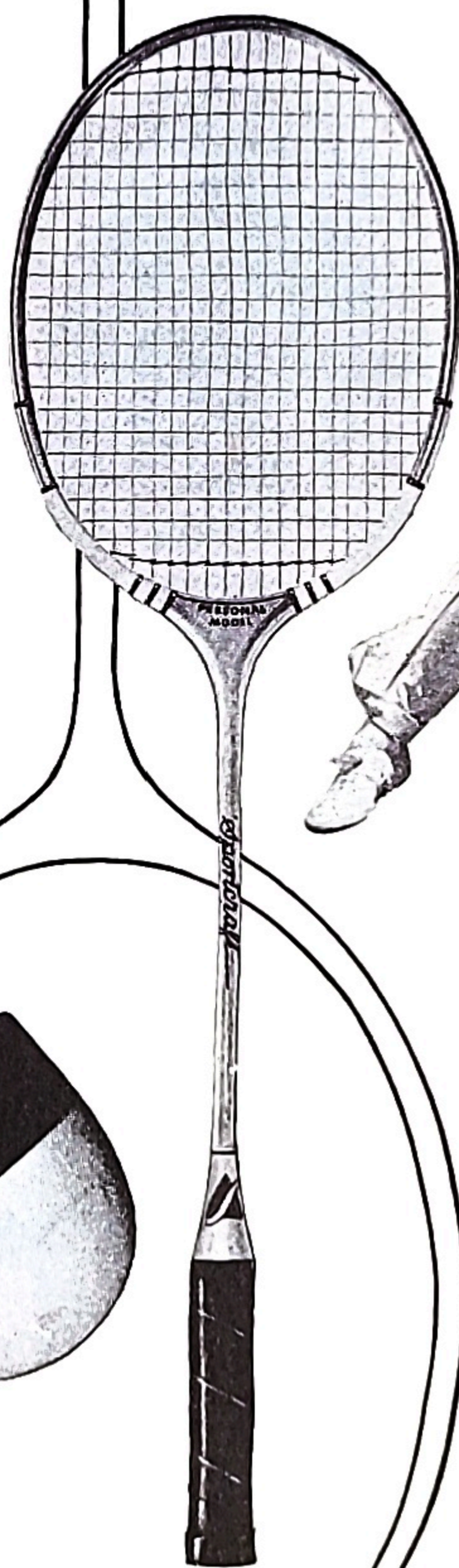
(MS) Clint Stephens d Mogens (Mike) Kollé 15-3, 17-4. (LS) Judy Devlin d Patsey Stephens 11-4, 11-5 (MD) Clint Stephens and Bobby Williams d Fred Fullin and Noel Fehm 15-3, 15-2. (LD) Judy Devlin and Sue Devlin d Patsey Stephens and Charlotte Decker 15-1, 15-6. (MxD) Patsey Stephens and Clint Stephens d Helen Gibson and Harry Hackett 15-9, 15-10.

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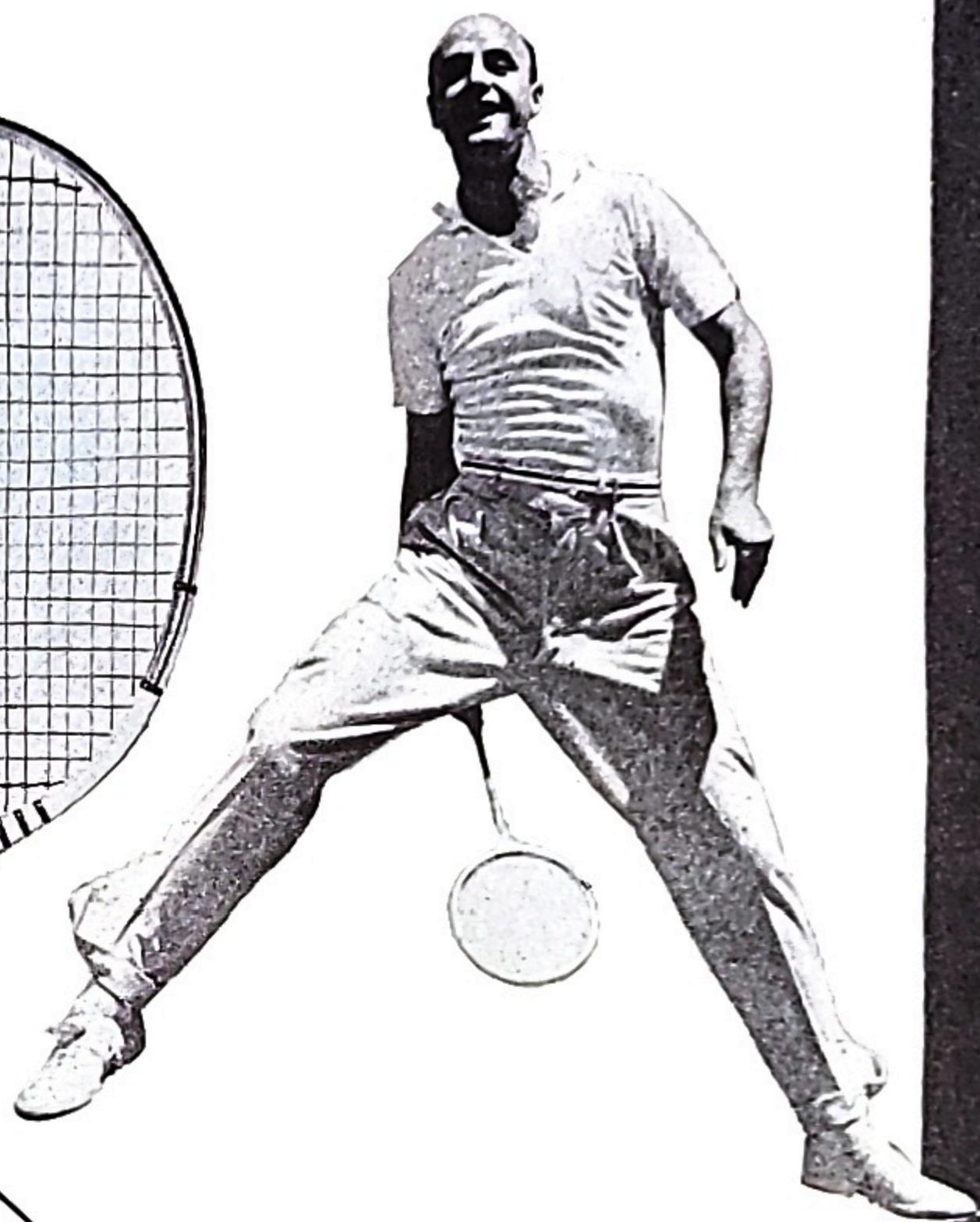


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ANNUAL GOLDEN BIRD "B" TOURNEY

J. D. Wigglesworth, Correspondent.

The annual Golden Bird (Class B) Tournament originated and sponsored by the Chicago Badminton Club was held Sunday January 11, 1953 at Concordia College Gymnasium.

A total of 73 contestants were entered and 129 separate matches were played. Entries were received from Altgeld Park, Skokie, Ogden Hills, McKinley Park, Evanston, Racine Wisconsin, Blue Island and Chicago Badminton Clubs, the Hyde Park YMCA, Town Club, Wabash YMCA and Earlham College of Richmond, Indiana. Trophies went to the winners and runner-ups of winning and also consolation rounds.

RESULTS:

(MS) Bill McLaughlin, a senior at Oak Park High School won the Mens Singles Championship from a field of 30 rivals defeating Daniel Dunne of Skokie BC 15-9, 15-7. (MD) Bill McLaughlin teamed with Ed Tomczek, both of Chicago Badminton Club won from Hugh Clayton and Daniel Dunne of Skokie BC 15-7, 13-15, 15-6. (WS) Bernice Barbour of Hyde Park and Dorothy Sommerfield of Racine Wisconsin. 11-9, 11-5. (WD) Bernice Barbour of Hyde Park & Elsy Figler of Altgeld Park and Virginia Slyker & Gertrude Kuehm of Chicago, BC 15-2, 15-3 (MxD) Bernice Barbour & Marvin Statro of Hyde Park and Ardith Taylor & George Brown, Chicago Badminton Club 15-6, 10, 15, 17-16.

Consolation Round Finals:

(MS) Fred Schlotterbeck Earlham College and Charlton Bradshaw III, Athletic Club, 15-4, 15-7. (MD) Anton Sturm & Bob Lewis, Ogden Hills and Mike Freeman & Stewart Pinos, Skokie 15-8, 15-9. (WS) Florence Haas McKinley Park and Angie Fazzari Racine, Wis. 11-1. One game match. (WD) Phyllis Bell & Nancy Becker, Blue Island and Jean Wigglesworth & Jane Boston Skokie BC. 15-12. One game match

Pictures

(1) SECOND INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY

Harry Drewry and Marten Mendez in Mexico.
Mendez playing in finals.
Stan Sangdahl in Mexico.

(2) STRATHGOWAN TOURNAMENT TORONTO, CANADA

Ken Davidson amuses the crowd at finals with his hilarious badminton skit. — Dave Freeman's follow-through on high, deep serve to Don Smythe. — Mrs. Stuart Lawson presenting Winner's Trophy to Dave Freeman — Clint Stephens warming up for Mixed Final.

photos, Stan Sangdahl, Cleveland.

(3) 7th ANNUAL BURBANK OPEN

(A FLIGHT)

Jack Chrisman, Wynn Rogers, Dick Mitchell, Daryl Thompson, unidentified, Manuel Armendariz, Joan Gibbs, Jean Gibbs, Thelma Scovil, Mrs. Hulet Smith, Helen Tibbetts, Beulah Bymaster.

(B FLIGHT)

Bill Greene, Larry Calvert, Bob Worthington, Dan McArthur, Jack Searl, Dave Frader, Ray Fleming, Frank Auxier, Evans, Ken Conn, Lewis Wengert, Babe Pajares, Mary Ellen Dobel, Frances Fleming, Diane Myers, Gwen Garney, Carlene Hester, Margarite Miller

(4) NATIONAL CAPITOL OPEN

Mike Kolle, Clint Stephens — Bob VanDenbergh, Clint Stephens, Patsey Stephens — Bobby Williams, Clint Stephens, Noel Fehm, Fred Fullin — Patsey Stephens, Charlotte Decker, Judy Devlin, Sue Devlin — Clint Stephens, Patsey Stephens, Helen Gibson, Harry Hackett.



8th ANNUAL GUT'N FEATHERS INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

The 8th. Annual Gut'n Feathers Invitation Men's Doubles Tournament was held at the Gut'n Feathers Club in Marblehead on January 31, 1953, in which 30 of the leading teams in the Eastern part of the country competed. The tourney was won by Harry Quinn and Noel Fehm, of Westport, Connecticut, who defeated Harold Seavey of Framingham Massachusetts, and Ken Kost of Westport, Connecticut 18-13, 8-15, 15-12.

Fehm & Quinn had reached the Finals by defeating Wayne Schell of the University Club of Boston & John Cooper of Rhode Island in the Semi-Finals 15-5; 13-15; 15-10. IN

In the other Semi-Finals, Kost & Seavey had defeated Rayner Hutchinson of Exeter, N. H. & Fred Fullin of Westport, Connecticut, 9-15, 15-9, 15-8.

The Quarter-Finals results were as follows: Fehm and Quinn defeated Wright & Lougheed 15-13, 17-14; Schell & Cooper defeated Hackett & Cornell, 15-2; 13-15; 15-11; Kost & Seavey defeated Warren & Blanchard, 17-15; 8-15; 15-12; and Hutchinson & Fullin defeated O'Callaghan and Sherwood, 17-14; 15-4.

The winners of the Consolation Round were Harold Daume and Cy Sasseen. Charles B. Newhall, Correspondent

MASSACHUSETTS STATE "C" TOURNEY

On January 9-10-11-1953 the Massachusetts State "C," Tournament was held at the University Club, Boston, Mass

RESULTS:

(MS) Al Houde d Walter Bradford 8-15, 15-9, 15-9.

(LS) Norma Slauer d Gloria Griffin 11-9, 11-0.

(MD) Lewis Fowler & Charles Plummer d Al Houde & Al Vanderhoof 15-11, 15-12. (LD) Virginia Wheeler & Janet Vaughn d Virginia Holly & Natalie Park 15-10, 15-11. (MxD) Ed McGuire & Virginia Holly d Bob Steer & Gloria Griffin 15-8, 15-5. Albert O. Laubinger, Tournament Chairman

7th ANNUAL BURBANK OPEN TOURNEY

The Burbank Club's annual "season opening" tourney boasted excellent finals this year. The entry list was lacking #1 Marten Mendez, but was ably filled out with 3 other Thomas Cuppers, a pair of excellent Canadians, and the usual high caliber So. Calif. players.

Nearly all matches were close, but the closest and most exciting was (as usual) the Men's Doubles. Daryl Thompson & John Bouch (Canadians) had a couple of very close matches to reach the finals where they met Wynn Rogers and Jack Chrisman. The first game went to Canada, the second to the local team-both hard played games. But the third teetered back and forth all the way, Chrisman was up and down, Thompson seemed absolutely winded. After they got into the deuce it went on and on, with the visitors taking it, finally, 18-17. Daryl and John were very pleased and the audience was exhausted.

(WS) Thelma Scovill d Joan Gibbs, 11-6, 9-11, 11-9

Diane Myers d Gwen Garnsey 11-2, 11-4.

(MS) Wynn Rogers d Dick Mitchell 15-9, 15-11. Jack Searl d Dave Trader 15-6, 15-9.

(WD) Scovill & Tibbetts d Gibbs & Gibbs 9-15, 15-9, 15-8.

Dobel & Pajores d Fleming & Miller 11-15, 15-1, 17-14

(MD) (Daryl) Thompson and (John) Bouck d Rogers & Chrisman 15-8, 10, 15, 18-17. Calvert & Greene d McArthur & Worthington 17-14, 15-5.

(MxD) Rogers & Smith d Armendariz & Bymaster 6-15, 15-10, 15-8. Fleming & Fleming d Greene & Hester 15-11, 11-15, 17-14.

VETS - Holman & Hilton d McArthur & Smith 10-15, 15-5, 15-4. Auxier & Evans d Conn & Wingert 11-15, 15-4, 15-8.

Helen Tibbetts, Correspondent

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6th ANNUAL A-C MEN'S DOUBLES TOURNAMENT IN BOSTON

December 13 and 14, we held the Sixth Annual A-C Men's Doubles Tournament at the University Club in Boston. In this Tournament an "A" player must play with either a "C" or "D" player. Two "B" players, however, may team together. The idea of this is to give the players with lesser ability a chance to play with the better players and a chance for players of medium ability to play against a top player who has a weak partner. This Tournament has proved to be one of the most successful that we hold in the New England area.

This year Wayne Schell and Fred Ordway of the University Club defeated Phil Blanchard and Bob Steer of the Hood Rubber Badminton Club 15-12, 14-18, and 15-9, to win the event for the third time, thus retiring the trophy. In the Semi-Finals, Ordway and Schell defeated Sam Smyth and Alec McWhirter of Providence 15-6, 4-15, 15-8, while Blanchard and Steer downed Art Hills and Blair Hawley of Winchester, 17-14, 15-18, and 15-10. In the consolation match, Howard Albion of Weymouth and Walt Bradford of Cohasset defeated Al Priddy of the University Club and Jack Tarbell of Winchester 15-9 and 18-14.

Robert A. Warren Jr. Correspondent

TOURNEYS AND TOPICS

2nd R.I. INVITATION DOUBLES TOURNEY

Bea. Myers, Correspondent

On January 24, 1953 the Second R. I. Invitation Doubles was held at Hope High Providence, West High Pawtucket, - Rhode, Island.

RESULTS:

(MD) Harry Hackett & Jack-Cooper d Ken Kost & Bob Wright 15-6, 14-18, 15-10. (LD) Helen Gibson & Wanda Bergman d May Shields & Doris Sullivan 15-8, 15-7. (MxD) Wayne Schell & Helen Gibson d Bob Lougheed & Wanda Bergman 15-8, 15-7.

Ruth M. Blake. Tournament Chairman

MASSACHUSETTS STATE "B" TOURNEY

On February 13, 14, 15, 1953 the Massachusetts Badminton Association held their class "B" Tournament in the University Club in Boston, Massachusetts.

RESULTS:

(MS) Al Priddy d Al Houde 10-15, 15-5, 17-15. (LS) Peg Ryan d Mary Frances Wright 11-3, 7-11, 11-4. (MD) Bob Steer & Hugo Francke d Lew Fowler & Charlie Plummer 15-9, 15-8. (LD) Janet Vaughn & Virginia Wheeler d Peg Ryan & Baba Lewiw 15-9, 8-15, 18-16. (MxD) Al McWhirter & Alin Sualam d Sam Smyth & Shirley Warren. 15-11, 15-7.

Albert O. Laubinger, Tournament Chairman

POONA CLUB TOURNAMENT

On January 31, 1953 the Poona Club Invitation Ladies Doubles held its tournament, at the University Club, Boston, Mass.

RESULTS:

(LD) Helen Gibson & Wanda Bergman d Evelyn Boldrick Howard and Lee Chadbourne 15-9, 15-5. Consolation Wanda Slowik & Lois Wartman d Beth Davis & Grayce Donaldson 15-10, 8-15, 15-6.

Edna S. Perry, Tournament Chairman

16th ANNUAL MIDWEST TOURNEY

On March 6, 7, and 8, 1953 the Midwest Badminton Association held its sixteenth annual badminton tournament. It was held at New Trier Township High School, Winnetka, Ill

SANTA CRUZ TOURNAMENT

Everyone voted the 18th Annual Northern California Badminton Tournament as the best ever held in Northern California.

The tournament was played in the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, which is rapidly becoming one of the most popular places to hold a tournament in California. Over 30 persons made the trip up from Los Angeles and seemed very pleased with it as they carted home most of the trophies.

The tournament was featured by the last minute entry of three fine Canadian players: Daryl Thompson, 1951 Canadian Champion in three events; Bert Jones, British Columbia doubles champ; and John Bouck, 5th seeded in Men's singles in Canada. All matches were played through the semi-finals on Saturday, and it was really too strenuous on those players who kept winning. Consequently, no player reached the finals in more than two events.

Jack Searl won all three of the "B" Flight events teaming with Ed Fernbach in the Doubles and Jean Pons in the Mixed. Pat Gallagher won the Ladies Singles "B" and Dottie Wemmer and Marie Coats won the Ladies Doubles. Jack VanPraag and Claude Welcome won the Veteran's "B".

Finals Results:

(LS) Thelma Scovil d Jean Gibbs 11-4, 11-2. (MS) Marten Mendez d Daryl Thompson 15-6, 15-3. (LD) Thelma Scovil and Janet Wright d Shirley Anderson and Jean Kirby 15-5, 15-8. (MD) Marten Mendez and Irl Madden d Manuel Armendariz and Buzz Martin 15-12, 9-15, 17-14. (MxD) Manuel Armendariz and Beulah Bymaster d Alan Mahaffey and Joan Gibbs 15-6, 15-7. (Vets D) Ozzie Hilton and Howard Holman d Dan McArthur and Don Smith 15-12, 15-8.

I. S. Madden, Correspondent

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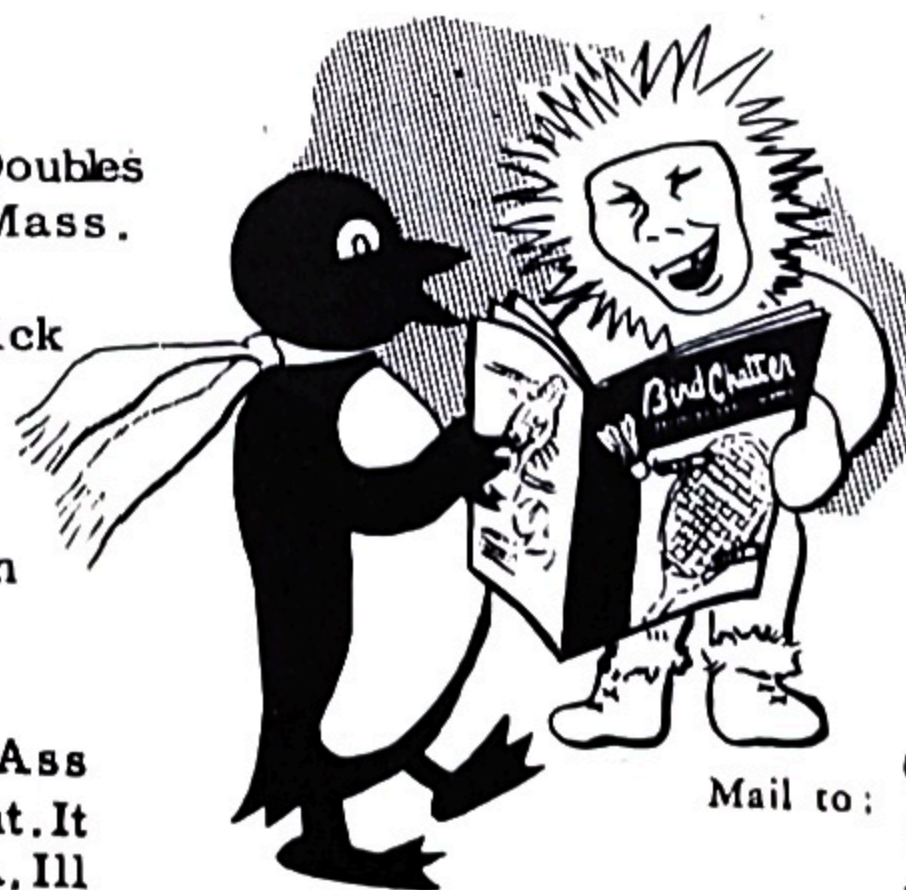
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the final round, 15-1, 15-0, with a barrage of overhead smashes, drop shots and deceptive serves. He and Joe Loula defeated Vic Pritula and Vic Van De Ven, 12-16, 15-4, 15-1, while the Alstons took the mixed doubles with a 15-0, 15-10 victory over Abbe Rutledge and Bill Anderson.

Miss Rutledge, physical education instructor at Purdue, retained the women's crown, beating Mrs. Alston, 15-4, 15-4, on a mixture of cross court drives and drop shots. She and Mrs. Mildred Sirwaitis dethroned Eleanor Combs and Thelma Burdick,

DON DAVIS TAKES MEN'S SINGLES SHUTTLE CROWN in SEATTLE

Don Davis, who leaves for the national junior and senior badminton tournaments to be held in the East next month, won the city men's singles title at the Seattle Tennis Club Sunday. Davis, second nationally ranked junior, defeated Dick Bonesteel, 15-5, 15-8, in the finals.

He then teamed with Rupe Topp to win the men's doubles. Donna Connolly won the ladies' singles and teamed with her mother, Mrs. Gladys Mallory, to capture the women's doubles. Jim Paull and Maxine Cruikshank took honors in the mixed

doubles. Results follow:

MEN'S DOUBLES Davis-Topp beat Jim Paull-Bob Beacon, 15-13, 15-13. **Women's singles:** Donna Connolly beat Idel Netwig, 11-6, 11-7. **Ladies' doubles:** Connolly-Mallory beat Mary Jean Bushell-Virginia Andersen, 15-12, 15-8. **Mixed doubles:** Paull-Cruikshank beat Bob Beacon-Virginia Andersen, 15-8, 15-13.

HANDICAP EVENTS—**Ladies' doubles:** Joyce Jones-Lorraine McCusough beat Louise Routh-Bea Kurtzer, 15-14, 15-11. **Men's doubles:** Joe Johnson-Nick Johnson defeated Hugh Mitchell-Lt. Bob Coughlin, 15-9, 12-15, 15-9. **Mixed doubles:** Dick Bonesteel-Marian Ewing beat Henry and Virginia Mahnkey, 5-15, 15-13, 15-18.

FBI AGENT NABS TITLE

Followers of badminton are glad the FBI moved Joe Alston to Detroit but many players would have preferred to see him go elsewhere.

The 26-year-old former national singles champion and present doubles titleholder made a shambles of the Michigan Open tournament held over the weekend at Ford Recreation Hall. He won the men's singles, losing only 10 points in five matches; took the doubles and paired with his wife Lois, for the mixed doubles trophies.

Alston smothered Harry Drewry, the 1952 champion in



JOE ALSTON

Chicago, 14-17, 15-2, 15-11.

Ev Gesaman and Jerry Burns won from Art Mowrey and Bill Streng, 15-10, 8-15, 15-7 in veterans' doubles.

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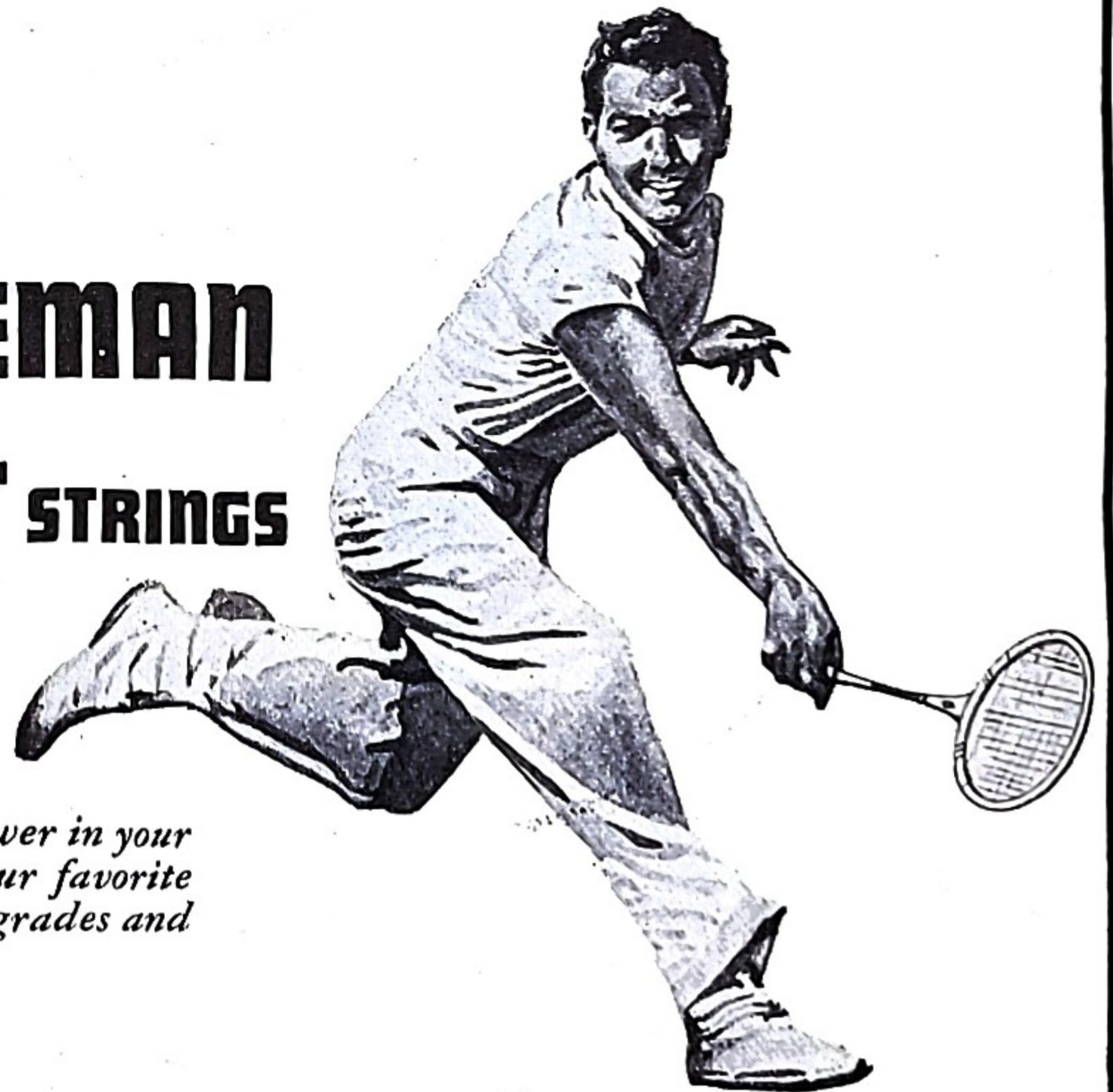
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