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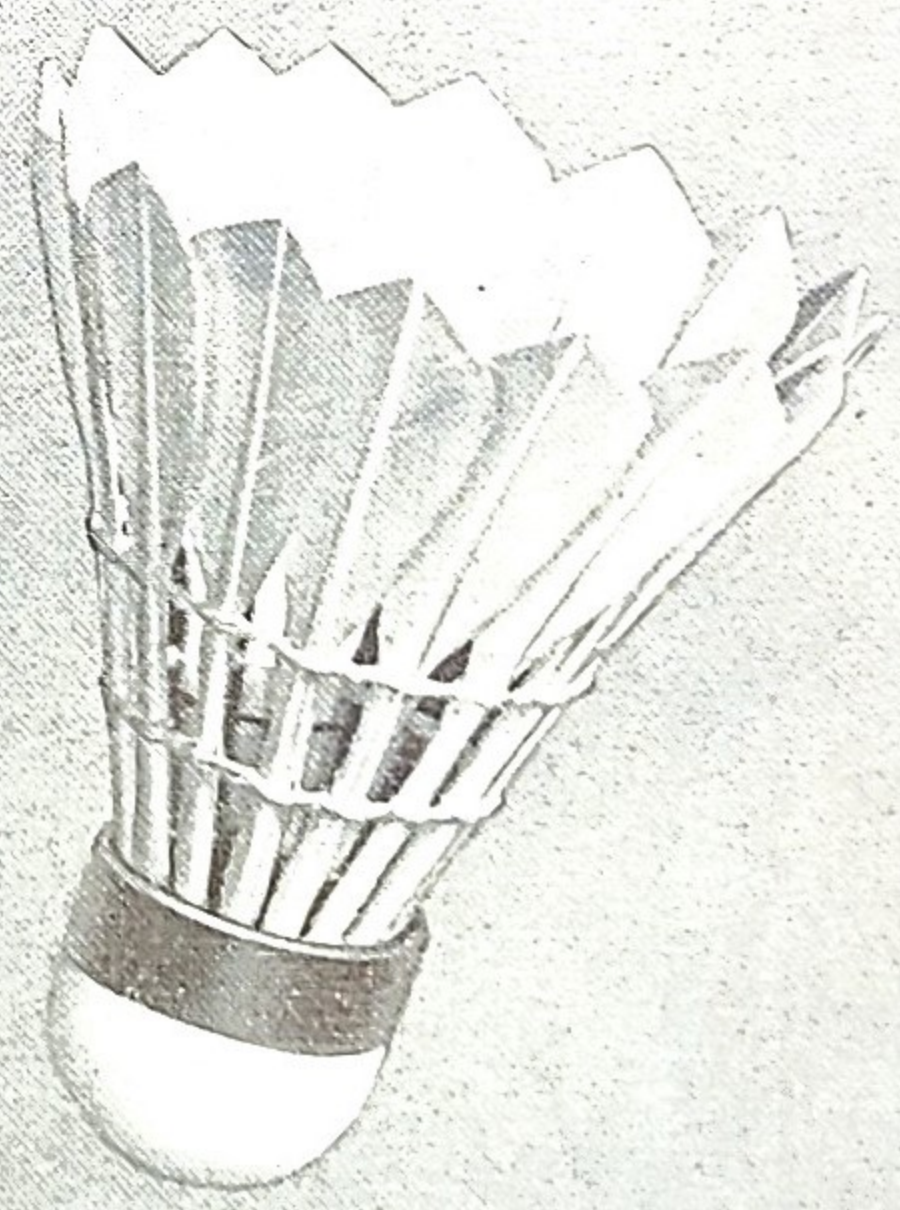
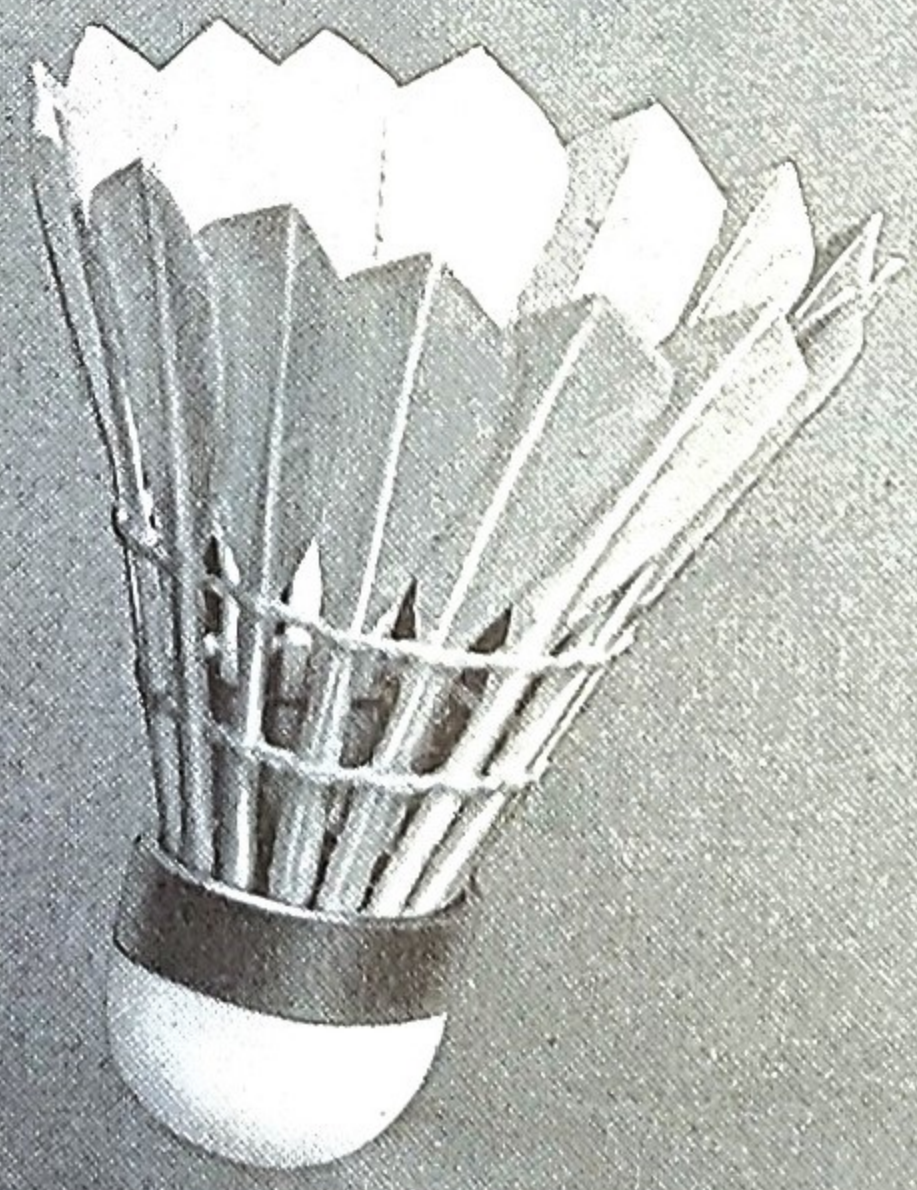
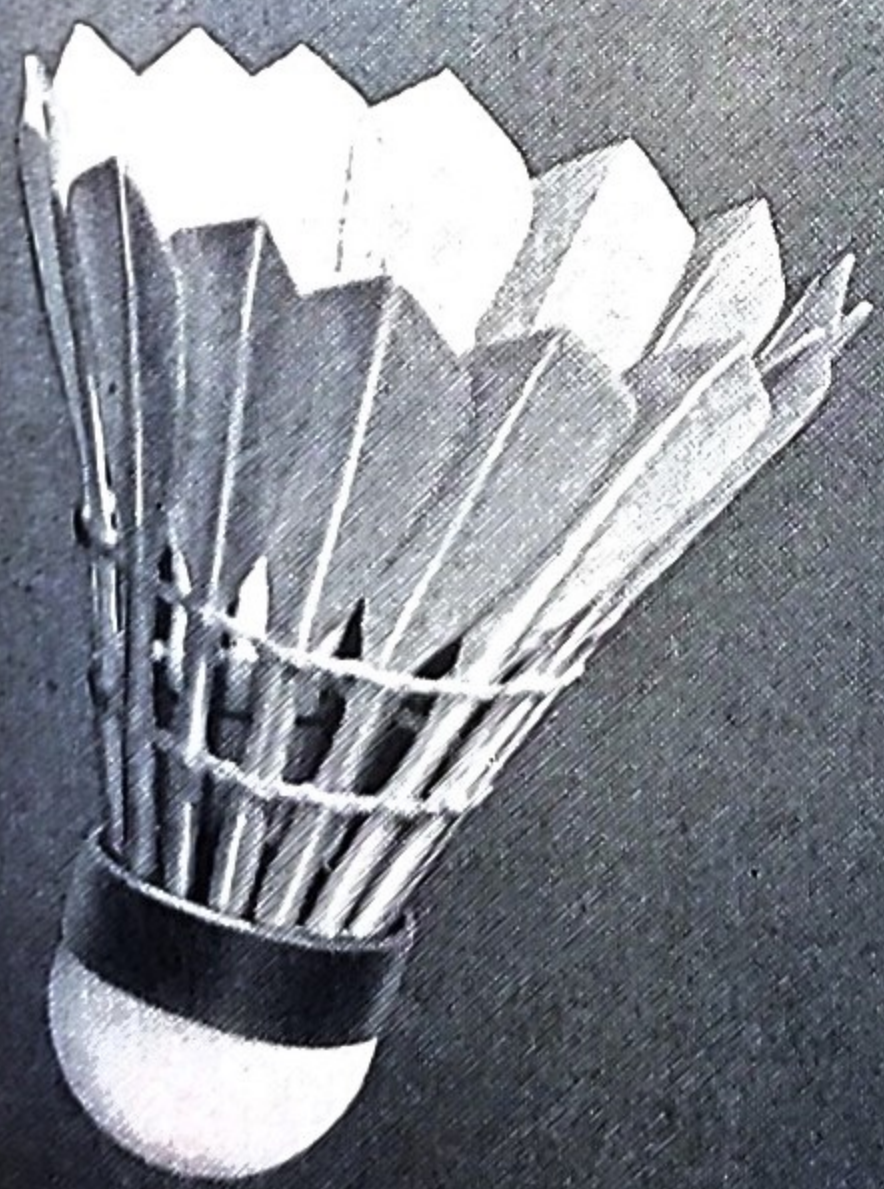


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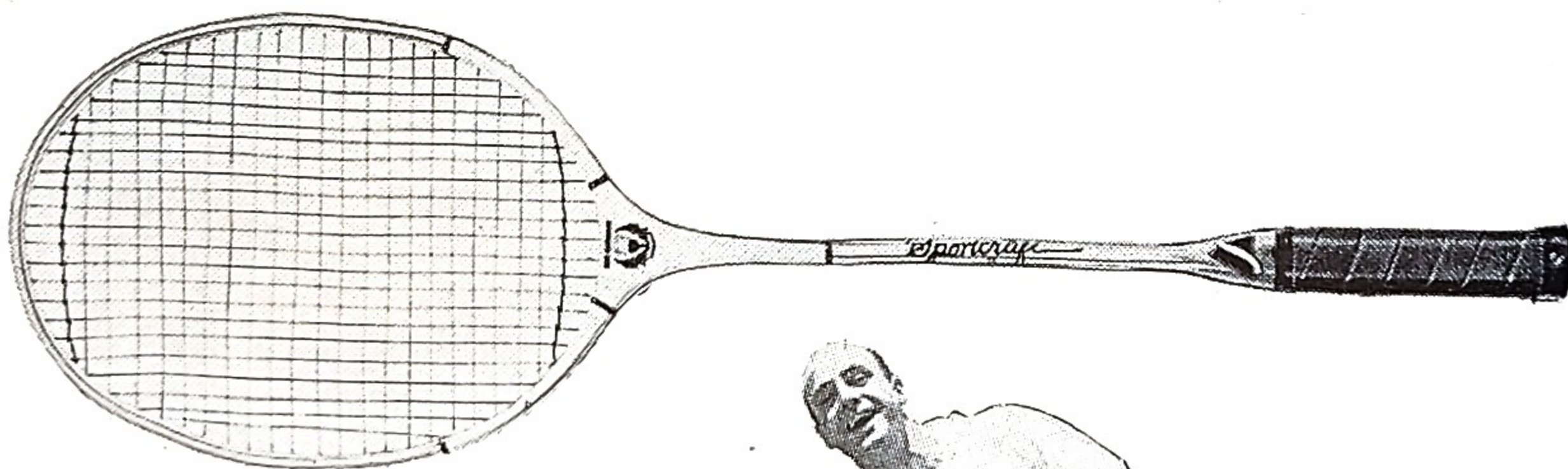
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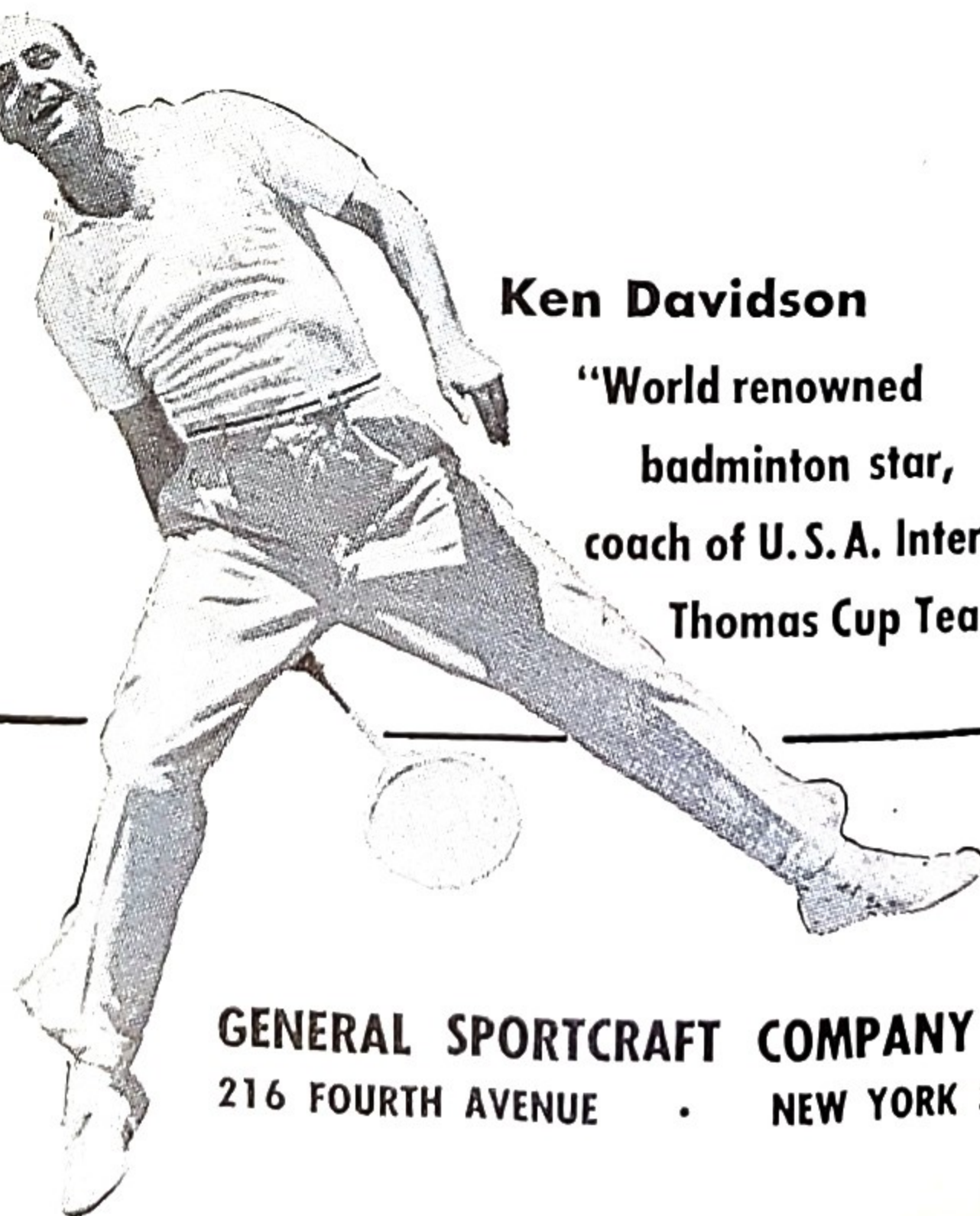
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According to Don Richardson a squad selection will be announced shortly.

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# 1954 U. S. A. NATIONALS

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The 1954 U.S.A. Nationals, the 14th Annual Championships but the first ever opened to amateur players of other countries, played on the courts of the Niagara Falls Country Club, Lewiston, N.Y., on April 7-11, were rated the best of all by those who have been visiting these National badminton meetings since they first started in 1937.

Possibly the 1947 Nationals in Los Angeles, California, came close to the 1954 event in regard to talent but the entry of players from over-the-border and overseas brought new styles and personalities to the United States and added zest and spice to the play—and to the social functions which surround the running of such an international get-together.

Welcome visitors came from Canada which, with the site on its border, naturally sent the largest number of entries, approximately 40. Our friends from below the border, Mexico, sent six players headed by their champion, Ernesto Villareal, whose match against Nandu Natekar proved that a short number of years ago he would have given any entry all he could have handled. India sent two delightful stroke players, and, of course, Malaya's four entries soon left no doubt that they had not traveled halfway across the world merely to view one of the seven wonders of the world, Niagara Falls.

Each and every one of our visitors was extremely popular with the crowd, both on and off the court, and we hope that we shall have the pleasure of meeting all of them again at next year's Nationals in Long Beach, California. Mr. Lim Chuan Geok, manager of the official Malayan squad, made a fine speech at the annual luncheon, thanking the A.B.A. and the Tournament Committee, headed by Dick Harvey, for the generous hospitality extended to all the visitors.

Out of all the many exciting and thrilling matches, two could be chosen apart—the Men's Singles final between the eventual winner, Eddy Choong of Malaya, and Joe Alston, U.S.A.'s Number 1 entry; and the Men's Doubles final between the four Malaysians, Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lim vs. David and Eddy

Choong; the first for its dramatic climax, the second because of the unbelievable rapidity of action which left the 1,200 capacity crowd breathless and wildly cheering some of the rallies as the four overseas visitors slammed and banged the shuttle back and forth at a pace almost too quick for the eye to follow. This incredible performance made it possible for the United States badminton followers to better understand why Malaya holds the Thomas Cup, and is recognized as the "Champion Nation" throughout the world.

## Ladies' Singles

The two top-seeded players came through as expected, neither Margaret Varner, top-seeded, nor Judy Devlin, winner of the All-England Singles Championship three weeks earlier in London, England, lost a game on their way to the final. Only Judy had to struggle in any match and this was in the semi-final against Marjory Shedd, Canadian Champion for the past two years.

The right to a place against Margaret Varner in the other semi-final was won by Lois Alston, Pasadena, California, who played the Purdue University teacher, Abbie Rutledge. Lois and Abbie went three games, with the California girl scoring a close win, but she was unable to find her best form in the semi-final against the deep clearing of Margaret Varner.

The final found both girls playing at their best and the spectators were treated to singles as it should be played. The first game went to Margaret at 11-8, following some fine around-the-head drop-shots cross-court to Judy's backhand corner of the net, and some strong smashing whenever the opportunity presented itself.

The second game followed similar lines but with Judy finally taking it at 11-6 with a perfectly executed drop-shot which Margaret was unable to reach. Following the 5-minute rest period, Margaret went into a 5-1 lead with some fine smashing following her deep clears which forced Judy to clear short. But the 18-year-old All-England Champion is nothing if not a fighter and she gritted her teeth and stuck to the task of overtaking her opponent. Speeding up her strok-

ing slightly and showing more initiative than previously, Judy ended many long well-played rallies with well placed smashes or perfectly played overhead drop-shots, to catch Margaret at 5-all. Play continued on similar lines, with Margaret challenging all the way but unable to win the long rallies on her own service, and she finally had to relinquish her hopes of becoming the 1954 U.S.A. Champion when Judy won the final point at 11-6 in a magnificently played match.

## Men's Singles

Two seeded players, Ooi Teik Hock, Malaya, and Bev Westcott, Canada, scratched from the Men's Singles event, the first because of blistered feet and the second because of an attack of influenza. The quarter finals turned out as expected, with two Americans, Alston (top seeded domestic player) and Williams; two Indians, Seth and Natekar; three Malaysians, Ong Poh Lim, David Choong and Eddy Choong (top seeded foreign player); and one Canadian, Don Smythe, completing the eight players concerned.

The semi-finals saw Joe Alston and Eddy Choong win the right to play for the Championship but not without both having to put forth their best efforts, although the scores may seem to contradict this fact. Joe beat Nandu Natekar, All-India Champion, 15-4, 15-8, but the Indian boy, moving beautifully and thrilling the spectators with the amazing ease of his stroking, kept fighting throughout, and only after many changes of serve at 7-all in the second game was it possible for the Californian to improve his point total.

Eddy Choong, apparently safe in the first game at 14-9, was tied up at 14-all by the stubborn competitiveness of the Canadian Champion, Don Smythe, who doesn't know the meaning of the word quit. Then, after holding off game point several times, Don lost the first game 17-14. Suffering a mental let-down after his concentration of the first game, Don allowed Eddy to run up an early lead in the second game, and with Eddy playing his usually safe, sound game, he could do no better than



score three points against the ever-active Malayan.

Play in the finals between Joe Alston and Eddy Choong saw the U.S. A. boy winning the first point with a deceptive drop-shot which left Eddy glued in the middle of the court unable to make a move toward the shuttle. The crowd roared as Joe made it 3-0. Eddy scored his first point with a lightning around-the-head smash down Joe's forehand but this was but one of a few times throughout the match that the smash could be used, so good was the clearing of both boys. At 4-all, Joe broke the strings of his favorite racket and, most disappointingly, allowed it to interfere with his play. Eddy took the first game 15-5.

At the change-over of courts, Joe was handed back his mended racket. With renewed concentration, and confidence in his touch, the American set out to overcome the handicap of being one game down, no mean task against an Eddy Choong playing at his best. There was no doubt as to who had the upper hand as Joe completely controlled the play and dictated the rallies, which although long ended for the most part in his favor. He evened the match by winning the second game 15-2.

Continuing to dominate the play, Joe held an 8-5 lead at the halfway mark of the third game, and so amazingly good was his control over his deceptiveness that few figured the now tiring Malayan could struggle back into the match, even though his willingness to fight was always present. At 13-8 in favor of the Californian, none could see how his dominance of the match could slip away, but with Eddy gaining the serve at 8-13 fate stepped in through the medium of a new shuttle which appeared to be slightly faster in the warming atmosphere surrounding the courts, and Eddy scored two points as Joe's clears overshot the back line by a couple of inches to make the score 10-13 and start the crowd buzzing in anticipation for more exciting moments to come.

Thus unexpectedly encouraged, Eddy hopefully set about equalizing the score, which, as the result of a forced error by Joe and three shots barely over the line, rose to 12-13 and then to 13-all. Following the quieting of the crowd, now in an uproar at the closeness of the match, further excitement prevailed as Joe said, "No setting." Joe's confidence seemed fulfilled when he regained

the serve at 13-all. Then Joe, playing a close net return from one of Eddy's drop-shots, forced Eddy to hit straight up into a short clear—the shuttle seemed to be headed for the roof (a fault)—and Joe, evidently thinking the shuttle would hit the roof, relaxed to the point of not being able to smash away this short return and lost the chance to score another vital point. With Eddy serving at 13-all, Joe's concentration evidently had broken by the happening in the previous rally and he weakly hit Eddy's serve into the net to give Eddy match point at 14-13. Pulling himself together for a final effort, Joe forced Eddy around the court but, with everything to gain and nothing to lose, Eddy gambled (and won) on an around-the-head smash from his deep backhand corner winning the match. The shuttle flew quickly across the court to cramp Joe's backhand attempt to return it over the net—anywhere would have done as Eddy had slipped and was lying full length on the floor across the backline as the match so dramatically came to its conclusion.

A most disappointing match to lose for Joe but great credit must be given to Eddy for staying in the match when he was being outplayed, and for taking advantage of the opportunity to win when it was so unexpectedly presented to him. This match between Eddy Choong and Joe Alston will be listed as one of the epics of all time, and rightly so, as both boys played superbly and provided the onlookers with a brand of really top grade badminton.

#### Ladies' Doubles

The Devlin sisters, Sue and Judy, holders of this title and winners of the All-England Championships last month in London, unexpectedly lost a game in the final against the 1952 U.S.A. Champions, Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman, local favorites, but once they got their game organized there was little doubt that they would overcome the Marshall-Massman duo. Nevertheless, the superb stroking of Ethel Marshall kept her team in contention throughout the rallies but this was not enough to offset the teamwork of the Baltimore sisters, whose sound tactics brought them the title for the second year in a row.

In the semi-final, the eventual winners met a tough team in Margaret Varner and Abbie Rutledge. However, a certain lack of teamwork and tactics did much to mitigate their fine

individual stroking against such a fine team as the Devlins. The four time Champion team of Janet Wright and Thelma Welcome reached the semi-finals but were eased out easily by the local Buffalo pair.

#### Men's Doubles

The spectators were treated to some fast, competitive badminton—quicker than ever before seen on American soil—in the Men's Doubles. The Malaysians dominated the event but they had their anxious moments before their two pairs, Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lim, and the Choong brothers, met in the finals. In the semi-final the former pair had trouble with the U.S.A. holders of this title, Joe Alston and Wynn Rogers, but won in two games, 15-8, 15-12. The Choongs beat the Martin-Armendariz team comfortably in the other semi-final, the West Coast pair not having the power to break through the strong defense of the London students. However, their usually fine low serving and sound defense enabled them to make the rallies long and interesting but, they did not have the attack to score the points.

But the final—what a display of power, defense, flashing interceptions, retrieving, control under pressure and astounding all-around badminton. Those who saw the first game will never forget it. With points being scored only after long, exciting rallies, the spectators were whipped up into a state of frenzied enthusiasm. All four players were hitting at their best. Teik Hock, the least powerful smasher of the four but nevertheless the most efficient in its direction, and Poh Lim, with his inimitable greatness in crouching down and driving back the fiercest of the Choong smashes and driving the brothers to distraction with his unorthodox but magnificently effective methods, gave their opponents no rest and any slight opening was speedily gobbled up. Although the rallies continued to be fast and long, the Choong brothers found it more and more difficult to score and to stop the Ooi-Ong combination from scoring. Unbelievably, the Choongs' spectacular attack bounced back time and time again, and near the end of the second game it became so blunted that Ooi-Ong were handling it with ease.

The Ooi-Ong team won the match 15-11, 15-4, amidst the applause from an admiring crowd, enthusiastic over the astonishing display.



### Mixed Doubles

The Mixed Doubles was considered to be the most open of all five Championship events. As it turned out, the Choongs were ousted in the third round, the David Choong - Noreen Cossar (Canada) team losing to Carl Loveday - Jean Gibbs and the Eddy Choong - Helen Gibson pair going down before Buzz Martin - Dottie Hann. Both of these winners reached the semi-finals, completing an all-California semi when the Alstons and the Rogers-Smith teams justified their top seeded positions.

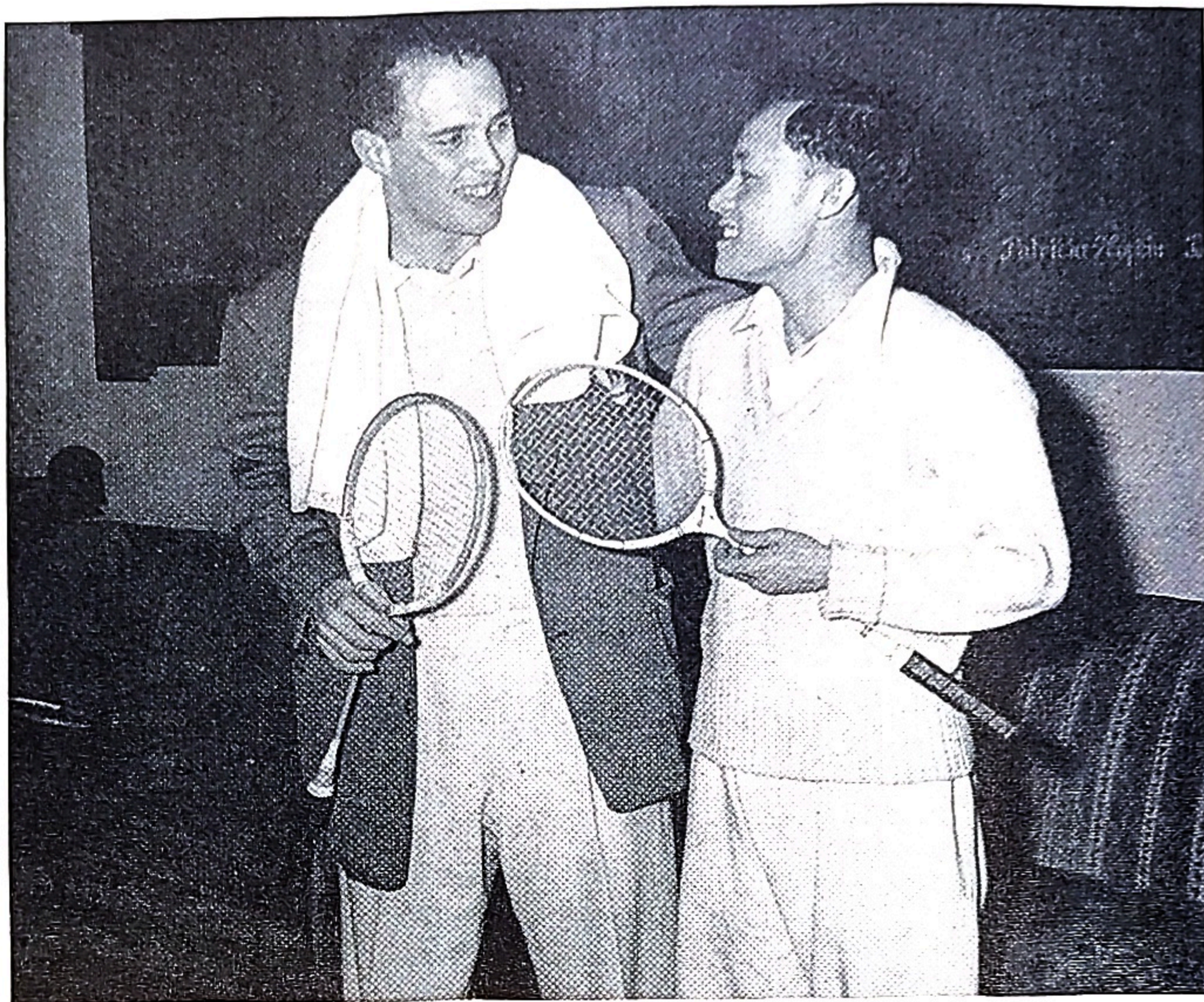
The final proved to be disappointing, particularly after all the fine matches played earlier in the day. The Alstons, unable to beat their home town Pasadena Club members all season, found unexpected easy going in the first game. With their opponents showing only spasmodic evidence of their greatness as a mixed doubles pair, the Alstons won the first game easily, and, growing in confidence, they never gave their friendly rivals a chance to settle down as they took the second game at 15-10 to retain their title, thus giving Joe some consolation for his heart-breaking loss in the singles final.

The Boston team of Bob Wright and Wayne Schell once again proved too strong for the other Veterans' Doubles pairs, winning comfortably over last year's finalists, Ken Aderholt and Herpel Perkins of St. Louis, 15-4, 15-4.

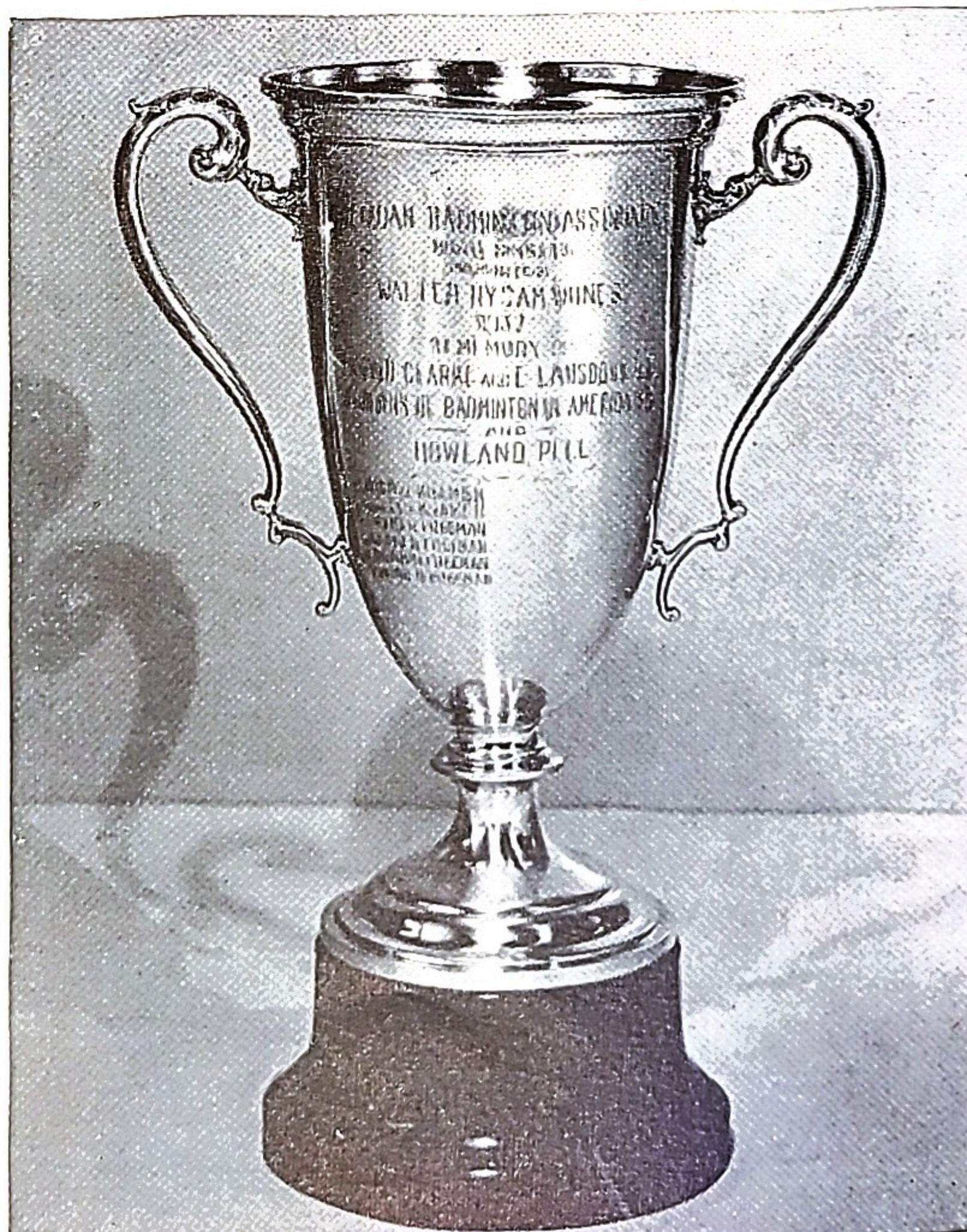
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Rule 7 (a) Scoring—The doubles and men's singles game consists of 15 or 21 points, as may be arranged. Provided that in a game of 15 points, when the score is 13 all, the side which first reached 13 has the option of "setting" the game to 5 and that when the score is 14 all, the side which first reached 14 has the option of "setting" the game to 3. After a game has been "set" the score is called "love all," and the side which first scores 5 or 3 points, according as the game has been "set" at 13 or 14 all, wins the game. In either case the claim to "set" the game must be made before the next service is delivered after the score has reached 13 all or 14 all. Provided also that in a game of 21 points the same method of scoring be adopted, substituting 19 and 20 for 13 and 14.

## 1954 Men's Singles Champion and Runner-Up



Joe Alston and Eddie Choong



Men's Singles — won by Eddie Choong



## 1954 U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Lewiston, N.Y., April 7-11

### Men's Singles

*Quarter-Finals*—Joe Alston (Cal.) def. D. Choong (Malaya) 15-2, 15-1; Nandu Natekar (India) def. Ong Poh Lim (Malaya) 15-13, 15-5; E. Choong (Malaya) def. Trilon Seth (India) 15-10, 15-5; Don Smythe (Canada) def. Robert Williams (N.Y.) 15-10, 15-3.

*Semi-Finals*—Joe Alston (Cal.) def. Nandu Natekar (India) 15-4, 15-8; E. Choong (Malaya) def. Don Smythe (Canada) 17-14, 15-3.

*Finals*—E. Choong (Malaya) def. Joe Alston (Cal.) 15-5, 2-15, 15-13.

### Ladies' Singles

*Quarter-Finals* — Margaret Varner (Mass.) def. Susan Devlin (Md.) 11-0, 11-1; Lois Alston (Cal.) def. Abbie Rutledge (Ind.) 9-12, 11-7, 11-3; Marjory Shedd (Canada) def. Thelma Welcome (Cal.) 11-0, 11-7; Judith Devlin (Md.) def. Joan Gibbs (Cal.) 11-1, 11-1.

*Semi-Finals*—Margaret Varner (Mass.) def. Lois Alston (Cal.) 11-4, 11-0; Judith Devlin (Md.) def. Marjory Shedd (Canada) 11-7, 11-3.

*Finals*—Judith Devlin (Md.) def. Margaret Varner (Mass.) 8-11, 11-6, 11-6.

### Men's Doubles

*Quarter-Finals* — Alston-Rogers (Cal.) def. Smythe-Porter (Canada) 15-10, 15-5; Hock-Lim (Malaya) def. Loveday-Mitchell (Cal.) 6-15, 15-9, 15-10; Choong-Choong (Malaya) def. Williams-Hardison (N.Y.) 15-4, 15-6; Martin-Armen-dariz (Cal.) def. Seth-Natekar (India) 15-7, 9-15, 15-10.

*Semi-Finals*—Hock-Lim (Malaya) def. Alston-Rogers (Cal.) 15-8, 15-12; Choong-Choong (Malaya) def. Martin-Armen-dariz (Cal.) 15-9, 15-4.

*Finals* — Hock-Lim (Malaya) def. Choong-Choong (Malaya) 15-11, 15-4.

### Ladies' Doubles

*Quarter-Finals* — Devlin-Devlin (Md.) def. Gibson-Hann (Cal.) 15-5, 15-10; Rutledge-Varner (Mass.) def. Alston-Bymaster (Cal.) 15-9, 15-4; Marshall-Massman (N.Y.) def. Shedd-Hennessy (Canada) 18-16, 15-6; Welcome-Wright (Cal.) def. Berry-Martin (Cal.) 15-7, 15-10.

*Semi-Finals*—Devlin-Devlin (Md.) def. Rutledge-Varner (Mass.) 15-8, 18-13; Marshall-Massman (N.Y.) def. Welcome-Wright (Cal.) 15-6, 15-10.

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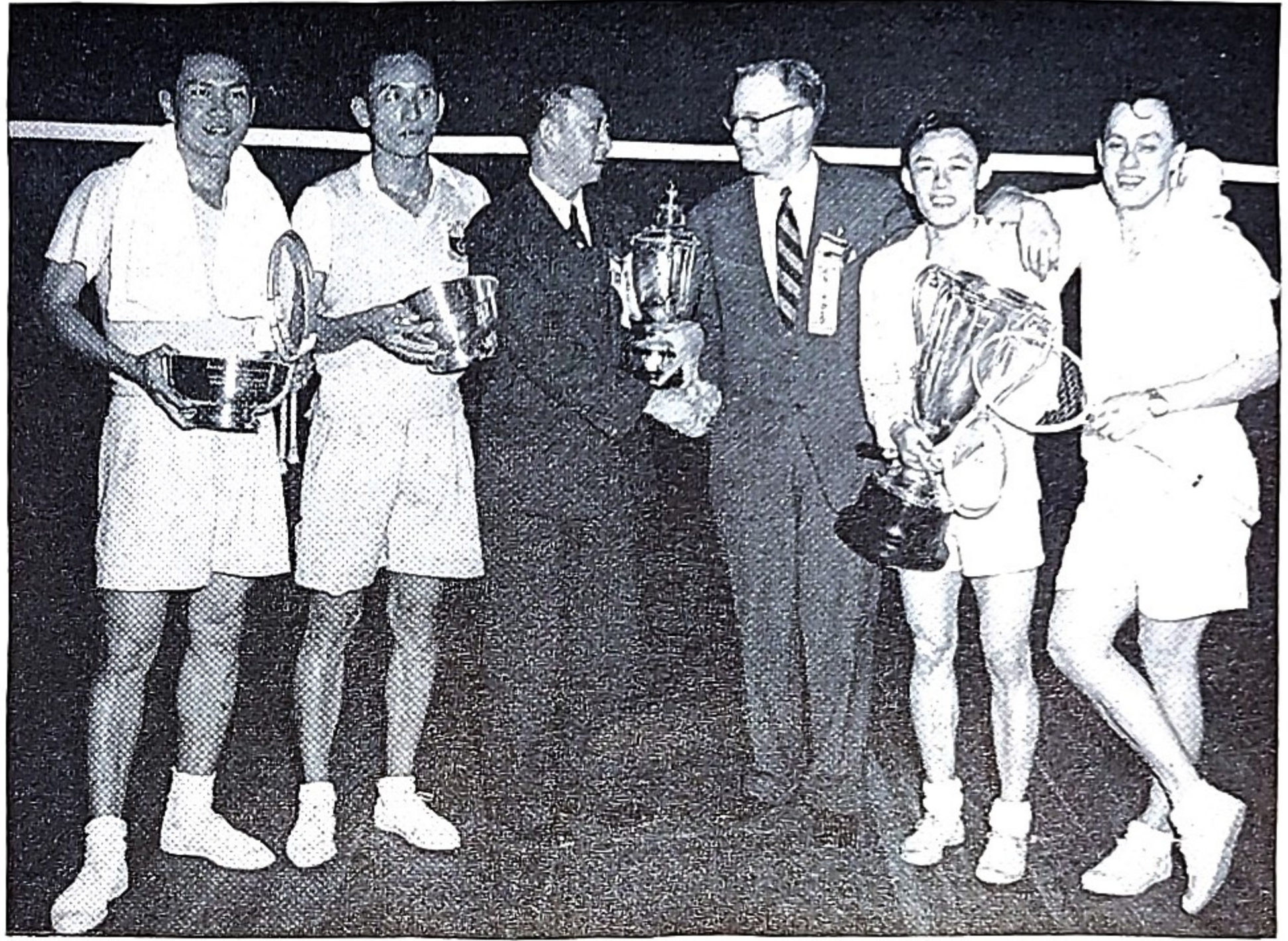
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*Quarter-Finals* — Alston-Alston (Cal.) def. Natekar (India)-Wright (Cal.) 15-8, 12-15, 15-11; Martin-Hann (Cal.) def. Sebben-Marshall (Canada) 15-17, 15-8, 15-3; Loveday-Gibbs (Cal.) def. Armen-dariz-Bymaster (Cal.) 15-5, 13-18, 15-11; Rogers-Smith (Cal.) def. Berry-Berry (Cal.) 15-8, 15-5.

*Semi-Finals*—Alston-Alston (Cal.) def. Martin-Hann (Cal.) 15-3, 9-15, 15-6; Rogers-Smith (Cal.) def. Berry-Berry (Cal.) 15-10, 18-16.

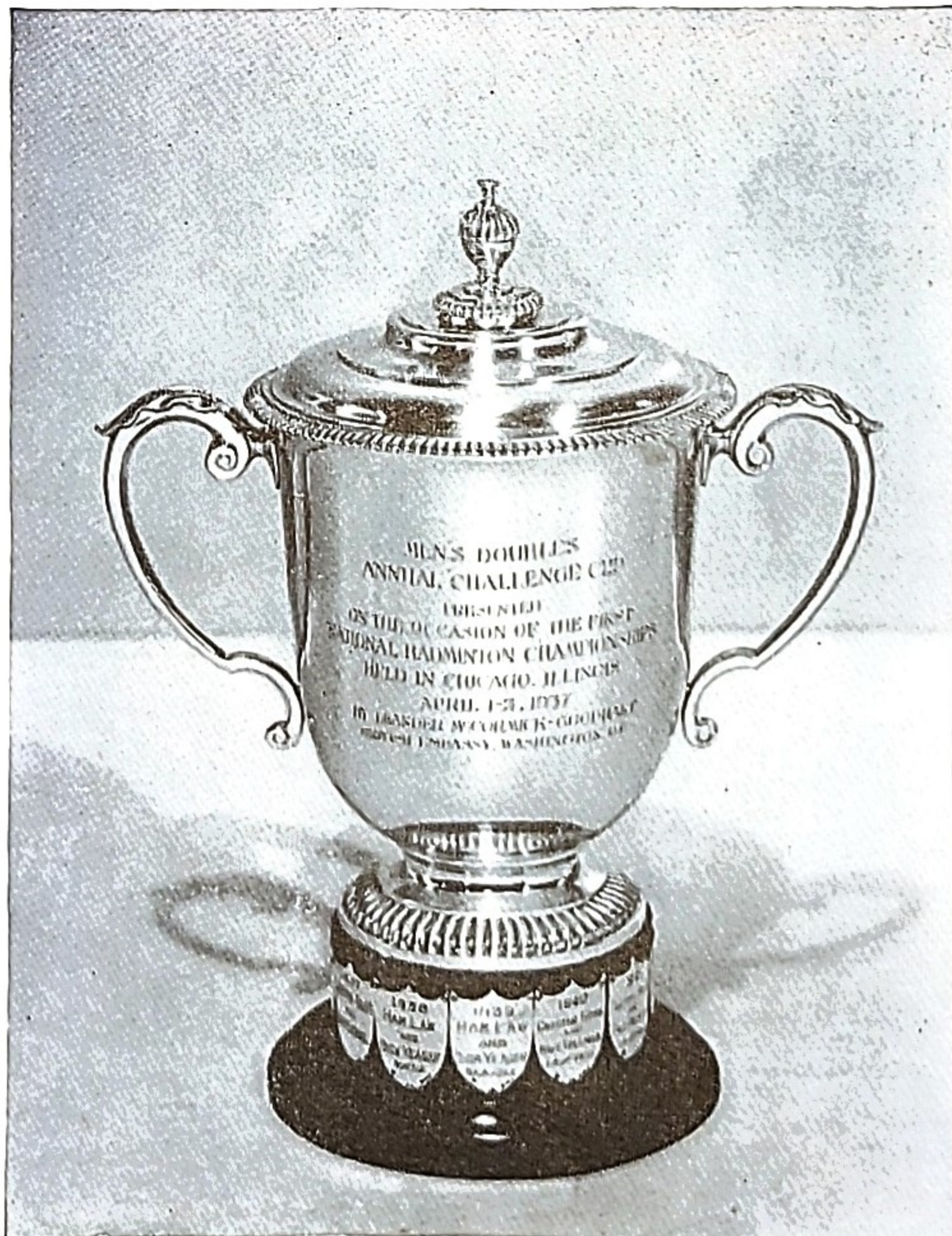
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## 1954 Men's Doubles Champions and Runners-Up



Left to Right: Ooi Tiek Hock, Ong Poh Lim, Lim Chuan Geok, Charley Newhall, Eddy Choong, David Choong.

## PERPETUAL TROPHY



Men's Doubles — won by Ong Poh Lim & Ooi Tiek Hock



## 1954 Ladies' Doubles Champions



Sue and Judy Devlin  
**PERPETUAL TROPHY**



Ladies' Singles — won by Judy Devlin

## SEEN AND HEARD

### Off the Court at Niagara Falls

Doris Martin wishing for more steam on the court.

Seth giving credit for winning a match to the good food.

Don Smythe after a rough three game with Bunky Roche giving the tall fellows back to the "Birds."

David Choong attempting to move court lines to fit his play.

Buzz Martin seen "not moving" in a singles game against Choong.

Spectator complaining after terrific quarter-finals match "I can't play this hard on a full stomach."

Loving Veteran's wife from sidelines to husband on court "Play, you idiot."

The house committee getting a big hand for turning out unnecessary lights.

ABA secretary landing in a spectator's lap while trying to get a bird.

Ted Moehlmann snitching a bird for practice.

Ethel Marshall having fun in her doubles game with Bea.

Orange slices tempting spectators.

A Gibbs girl watching from the sidelines as partner Carl covers court.

Wayne Schell getting hooked; (in net as crossing the court) Ken Davidson and Charley Newhall removing button from coat sleeve with knife.

The boys from India making us all feel important by asking for everyone's autograph.

The amazing shots of Poh Lim keeping spectators on edge.

Eddie Choong jumping four feet in the air to smash a bird.

Don Smythe after playing Manny Armendariz asking if he had to play any more juniors.

David Choong calling for "next player, please" after long rally.

Mitchell rushing out to patch Joe's favorite racket during finals match between Eddy Choong and Joe.

The Californians biting their nails.

Janet Wright beating her fists together helping Joe.

Spectators playing better badminton than the players.

### California

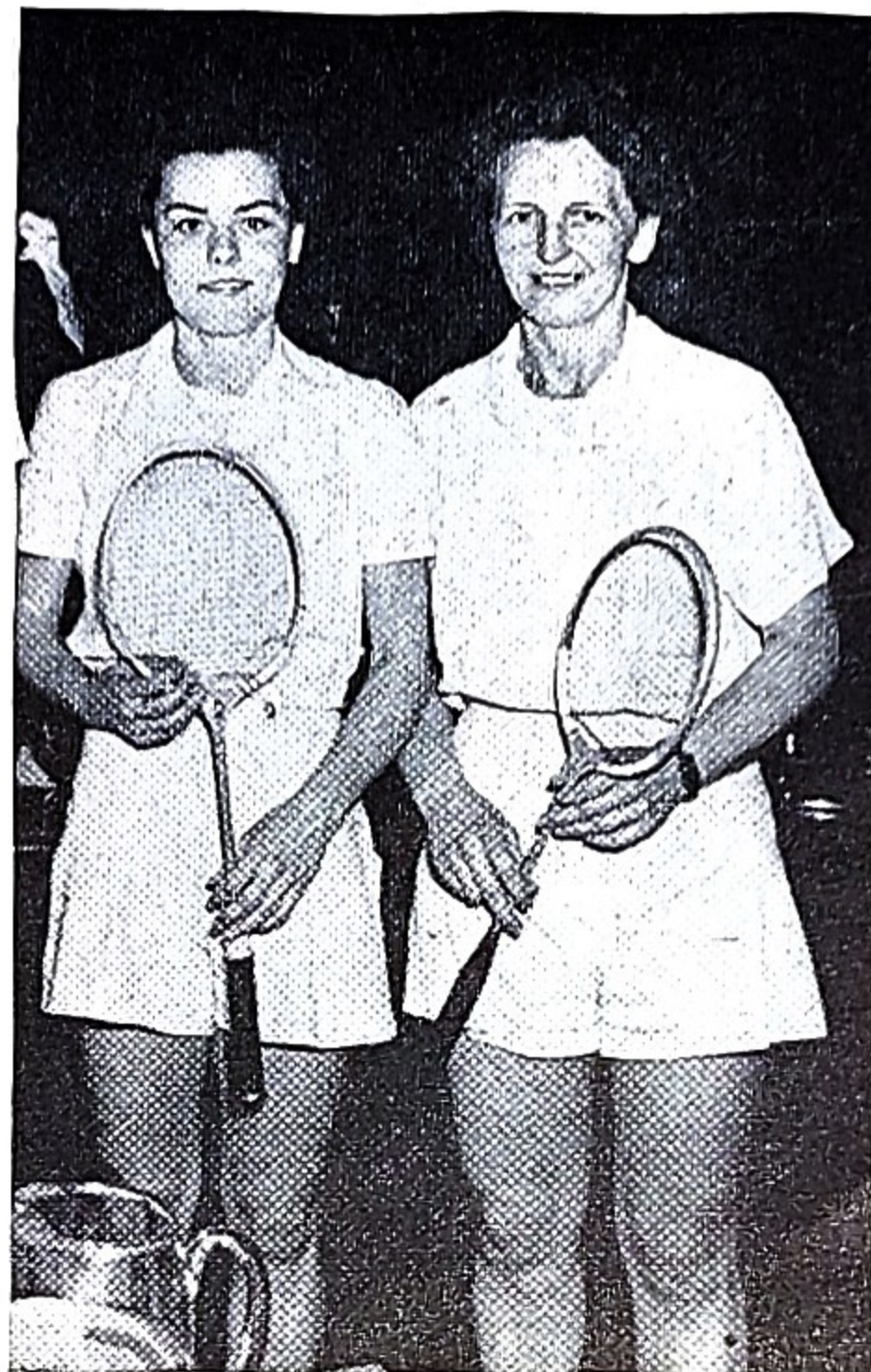
#### Jack vanPraag, Correspondent

Highlight of the Northern Calif. Tournament held at the Athens Athletic Club in Oakland was the presentation of the magnificent Irl Madden Memorial Men's Singles Perpetual Trophy to Bill Berry who is the first to have his name inscribed on this trophy. The perpetual trophy was established in memory of the late Irl Madden for his outstanding contribution to the cause of badminton in Northern California.



**1954 Ladies'  
Doubles  
Runners-Up**

**Ethel Marshall  
Bea Massman**



**Strathgowan Int'l Invitational**

Toronto, Canada

Ted Jarrett, Correspondent

L.S.—Margaret Varner def. Marjorie Shedd, 11-8, 11-6; M.S.—Eddie Choong def. Don Smythe, 15-11, 15-4; L.D.—Marjorie Shedd-Joan Hennessy def. Ethel Marshall-Bea Massman, 15-8, 18-16; M.D.—Eddie Choong-David Choong def. Bud Porter-Don Smythe, 15-8, 15-5; Mx.D.—E. Marshall-D. Choong def. J. Devlin-E. Choong, 2-15, 15-10, 15-1; Vet.D.—Russ McAllister-Don McGregor def. Herb. Fehrenbach-Phil Michlin, 8-15, 15-10, 15-3.

**Texas-Oklahoma Match**

The Third Annual Texas-Oklahoma Badminton Match was held in Oklahoma City January 30th. There was competition in Men's Singles, Ladies' Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies' Doubles and Mixed Doubles with a point scored for each match won. Oklahoma defeated Texas by a score of 9-8 and received the Texas-Oklahoma Badminton Championship trophy for a year.

New arrival at the Stephen's home in Baltimore is Lisa Ann. Nice going Patsy and Clint.

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Harold Seavey and Ruel Ritz of Framingham, Mass., are now instructing a group of Juniors at the Framingham High School.

**Georgia AAC Club Championship**

A. E. Patton, Correspondent

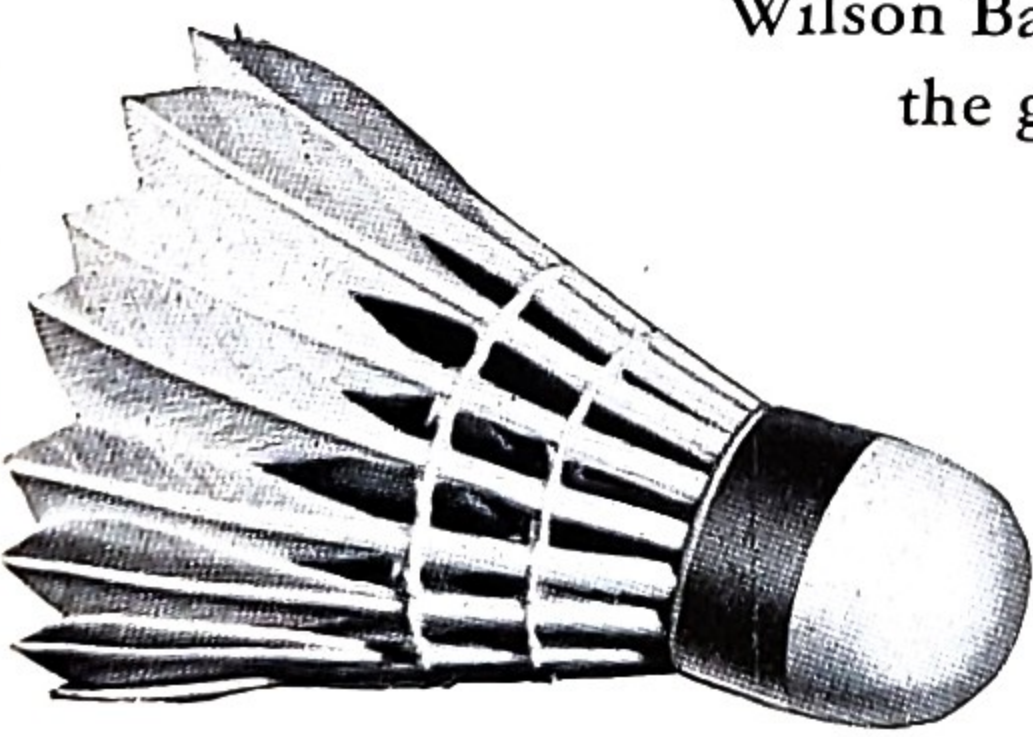
M.S.—Robert Johnson def. Jim Carlton; M.D.—Mitchell-Patton def. Rucker-Taylor; Mx.D.—Dobson-Dobson def. McLarty - Ransell; Vet.D.—Taylor - Dobson def. Braswell-McCrorey.

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## 1954 Veterans Doubles PERPETUAL TROPHY



Veterans Doubles — won by Wayne Schell & Bob Wright

### THREE TIMES A CHAMPION

Judy Devlin of Maryland won the ladies' singles event of the 44th Annual All-England Championships in March of this year, in England. Judy defeated Iris Cooley 11-7, 11-5. She won the same event in the '54 U.S. Nationals at Niagara Falls in April and won the girls' singles event in the Junior Nationals at Orange, N.J., the same month.

Judy teamed with her sister Sue to win the ladies' doubles events in both the All-England and the United States Championships. In the girls' doubles event at the U.S. Junior Nationals, Judy and her partner, Linda Cobb, lost to Sally Thomas and Rosine Capehart. Judy is only 18 and has a great future ahead in badminton.

According to the Badminton Gazette of England, Sue, the elder, was born in London, and Judy first saw the light in Winnipeg; both travel on British passports.

### Veterans' Doubles

*Quarter-Finals*—Schell-Wright (Mass.) def. Franczak-Burdick (Ill.) 15-3, 15-6; Keating-Stafford (N.Y.) def. Tiberi (Ill.)-Shields (N.Y.) 15-3, 13-18, 15-9; Rulison-Smith (Cal.) def. Macallister-Macgregor (Canada) 15-9, 15-9; Aderholt-Perkins (Mo.) def. Brooks-Burns (Mich.) 11-15, 15-6, 15-9.

*Semi-Finals* — Schell-Wright (Mass.) def. Keating-Stafford (N.Y.) 18-13, 15-11; Aderholt-Perkins (Mo.) def. Rulison-Smith (Cal.) 15-6, 15-12.

*Finals* — Schell-Wright (Mass.) def. Aderholt-Perkins (Mo.) 15-4, 15-4.

In service, if the shuttle touches the net it is a "Let," provided the service be otherwise good. If in the course of a rally the shuttle touches and passes over the net it does not invalidate the stroke. It is a good return if the shuttle having passed outside either post drop on or within the boundary lines of the opposite court. A "Let" may be given by the umpire for any unforeseen or accidental hindrance.

## Rankings of Midwest Badminton Association

Hugh Clayton, Correspondent

### Ladies' Singles

1. Abbie Rutledge.....Purdue Univ. B. C.
2. Mildred Sirwaitis.....Detroit B. C.
3. Thelma Burdick.....Altgeld Park B. C. Chicago

### Men's Singles

1. Stanley Sangdahl.....Moreland B. C.
2. Harry Drewry.....Detroit B. C.
3. Ted Moehlmann, Jr.....Univ. City B. C. St. Louis

### Ladies' Doubles

1. Abbie Rutledge.....Purdue Univ. B. C.
2. Mildred Sirwaitis.....Detroit B. C.
3. Thelma Burdick.....Altgeld Park B. C.
- Eleanor Coombs.....Evanston B. C.
- Mary Jane Stille.....Western Hills B. C.
- Marguerite Lillard.....Camargo Club Cincinnati

### Men's Doubles

1. Earl Boston.....Skokie B. C., Winnetka
- Lee Robinson.....Chicago B. C.
2. H. Herpel Perkins - Ken Aderholt Webster Groves B. C.
3. Robert Stille.....Western Hills B. C.
- Ted Moehlmann, Jr.....Univ. City B. C.

### Mixed Doubles

1. Eleanor Coombs.....Evanston B. C.
- Earl Boston.....Skokie B. C.
2. Mary Connor-Wm. Anderson.....Detroit
3. Virginia Smith - Russel Smith Webster Groves B. C.

### Veterans' Doubles

1. H. Herpel Perkins - Ken Aderholt.....Webster Groves B. C.
2. John Prest - Dr. Wm. Gibbs.....Chicago B. C.
3. Everett Gesaman - Jerry Burns.....Detroit B. C.

### Ohio Open Tournament

Whitney Warren, Jr., Correspondent

M.S.—Ong Poh Lim def. Ooi Teik Hock, 15-6, 15-8; L.S.—Thelma Welcome def. Joan Gibbs, 11-3, 11-0; M.D.—Ong Poh Lim-Ooi Teik Hock def. Wynn Rogers-Bob Williams, 18-16, 6-15, 15-8; L.D.—Ethel Marshall-Bea Massman def. Dottie Hann-Beulah Bymaster, 15-9, 17-14; Mx.D.—Wynn Rogers-Loma Smith def. Buzz Martin-Dottie Hann, 15-11, 15-12; Vet.D.—Bud Warner-Ed DiLeone def. Hap Burdick-John Franczak, 15-1, 15-8.

### Michigan Closed Tournament

Everett Gesaman, Correspondent

M.S.—Vic Van DeVen def. Vic Pritula, 13-18, 15-14, 15-11; L.S.—Mildred Sirwaitis def. Jeanne Coyne, 11-2, 11-0; M.D.—Wm. Anderson-Harry Drewry def. Vic Van DeVen-Vic Pritula, 15-10, 18-13; L.D.—Mildred Sirwaitis-Hazel Brown def. Jeanne Coyne-Evelyn Kaurtjian, 15-8, 13-15, 15-4; Mx.D.—William Anderson-Mary Connor def. Wayne Sheppard-Mildred Sirwaitis, 15-13, 15-8; Vets.D.—Jim Coyne-Ted Brooks def. Parker Terry-berry-Richard Johnson, 15-3, 15-4.

It is a fault if the shuttle "in play" be struck before it crosses to the striker's side of the net. (The striker may, however, follow the shuttle over the net with his racket in the course of his stroke.)



When calling a line an IN or OUT decision is made on the floor contact of the CORK and NOT of the FEATHERS of the shuttle. Thus a flat-angled bird may be OUT although the feathers are well inside the court line. If the cork touches ANY PART of the line, it is "IN."

In service the server may not serve till his opponent is ready, but the opponent shall be deemed to be ready if a return of the service be attempted.

It is a fault if, in serving, the shuttle falls into the wrong service-court (i.e., into the one not diagonally opposite to the server), or falls short of the short service line, or beyond the long service line, or outside the side boundary lines of the service-court into which service is in order.

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## 1954 Mixed Doubles Champions



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### PERPETUAL TROPHIES



Ladies' Doubles — won by Judy & Sue Devlin



Mixed Doubles — won by Lois & Joe Alston

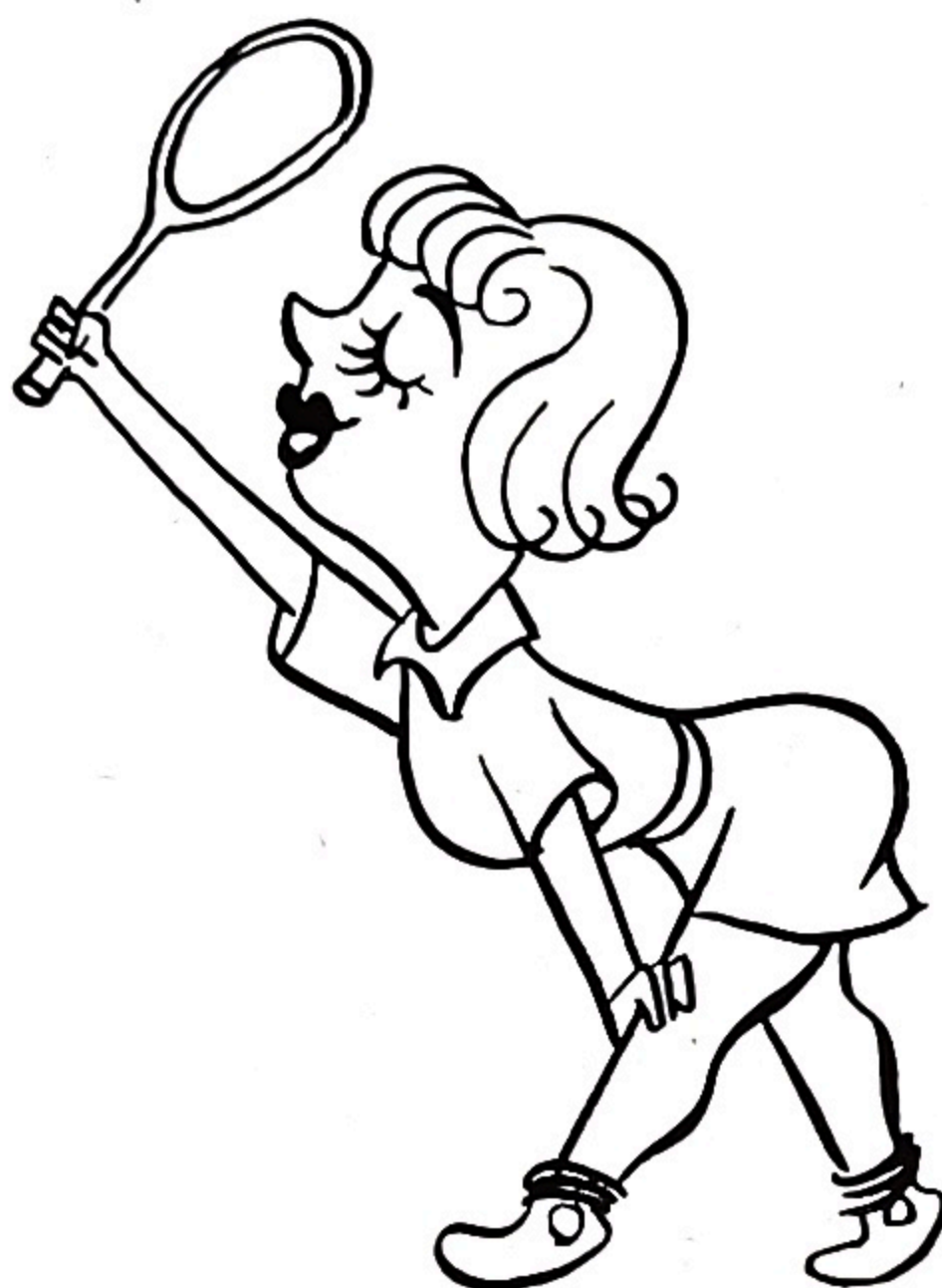


# WHY I PLAY BADMINTON

By Margaret Varner

Marguerite Miller asked me to write this article during the week of the National Badminton Championships in Niagara Falls, N.Y. I was a bit hesitant when I agreed to do it, since I have no pretensions as to my writing ability, however, caught in a weak moment I accepted. I was even more hesitant when she reminded me again (after the women's singles final, which I lost) because at that particular time, I was beginning to wonder myself why I play badminton.

Having recovered from a strenuous week, many reasons for playing badminton have come to my mind. Like most players and followers of the game, I enjoy the chance to travel, the prospects of meeting old and new friends, and the opportunities afforded at the social functions. These values can be found through participation in other activities and sports, consequently, I find that I play badminton mostly for the game itself. I especially like sports which require a great deal of running and endurance, and badminton (singles in particular) seems to top the list in



this respect. To me, the aspect of pitting all of one's physical and mental abilities against an opponent is most challenging in competitive badminton—especially when playing an opponent of equal or better ability. This is the real test and the joy of

playing — there is both "give and take."

Another phase of badminton with which I am concerned is promoting the game from a physical educator's viewpoint. In comparison with other activities offered in the physical education program, I find teaching badminton very rewarding. After one or two class meetings, the students are usually able to rally the shuttle back and forth several times. This enables them to enjoy the game from the very beginning, thus attaining a feeling of achievement. I often wonder and regret that more schools do not include badminton in their schedule. The carry-over values for play after school years can be matched by very few sports.

I am sure that I will continue playing badminton for many years, because there seems to be more and more to learn about the sport. It always amazes me to hear new ideas and thoughts on the game which have never occurred to me. This keeps me keen, interested and always eager for practice and competition.

## Personals

Proud parents in Dallas, Texas, are Bill and Paula Oliver, a boy, and George and Dot Martin who had a girl. It's a first for both couples.

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It was wedding bells in August for Nola Sue Demic and Ben Cole, both students of Abilene Christian College in Texas. Ben is 1953 men's singles champion of the Southwest.

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John Noble, brother of Helen Tibbetts, is stationed on Okinawa and is serving in the weather department of the Air Force. John has another year to go on Okinawa.

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The Mann Madrids of Santa Barbara, California, have added a fourth addition to their family. Benita Lynn arrived January 18, 1954.

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Mrs. Bill Irvine also of Santa Barbara is recovering from an illness of several months.

Inge Nyborg of Denmark and Margaret Varner of Texas are now members of the Poona Club in Massachusetts.

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Wanda Bergman of Westport, Conn., tore a ligament in her knee while competing in the Poona Club Ladies' Doubles in January. We hope you are off the crutches by now, Wanda.

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Born to Secretary-Treasurer, S. B. A. Alan M. McGhee and Mrs. McGhee, twins, Susan and Richard on February 20, 1954.

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Our star reporter from Texas, Thelma Harrison, can play some pretty good badminton from the looks of the results sent in on the Oklahoma-Texas Team Matches. A winner in three events.

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The Manhattan Beach Club had its first Junior Badminton tournament for members' children only. Thirty-five boys and girls entered with ages ranging from 8 thru 15.

Mrs. Texas Landtroop of Ft. Worth Club, and her three small boys left for Japan in April, where she will join her husband Major Landtroop. That's right, it's Texas from Texas.

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It was wedding bells for Stig Larson and Ice Capet, Miss Irene Hardden, of Boston, Mass. at the Methodist Church in Indianapolis February 28.

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There is a rumor that Ice Capades will be making a movie in L.A. following its appearance at the Pan Pacific.

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The badminton season in Australia starts when our season ends here in the U.S. You will be hearing from Rex Collins on their activities from there soon.

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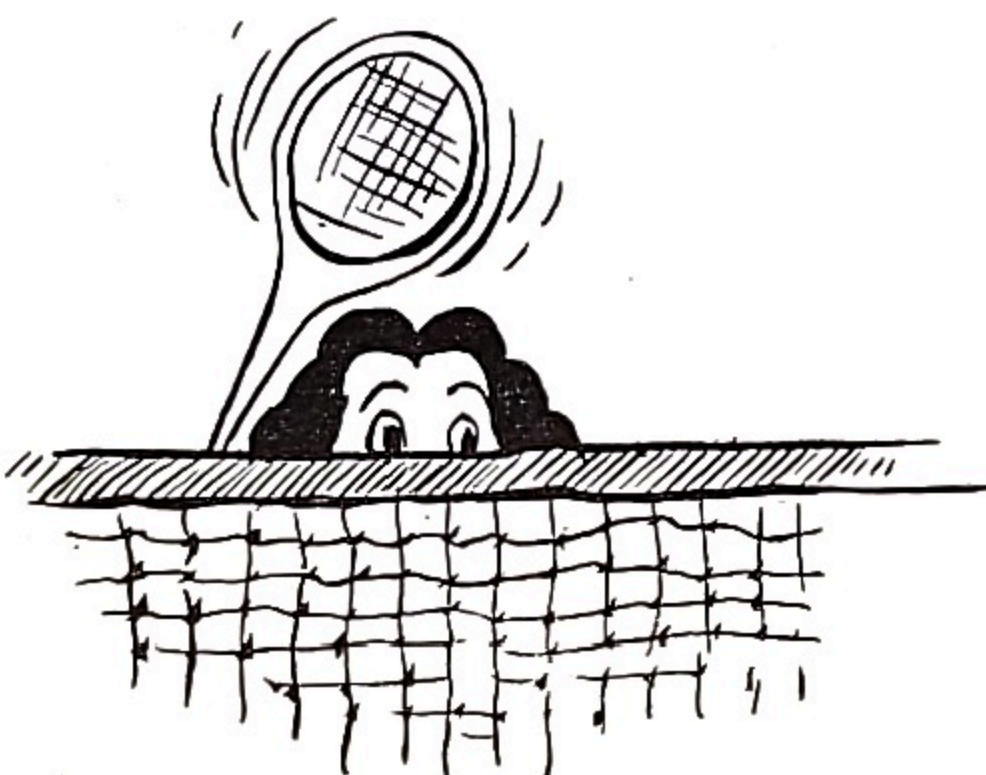
The National Junior Championships of the American Badminton Association returned to the East this year, after last season's highly successful operation in Texas, and the eighth annual renewal of the event was run off in Orange, New Jersey on April 15th, 16th and 17th. The sponsoring organizations were the New Jersey Badminton Association and Upsala College of East Orange, which institution provided the housing facilities for the players during the tournament. The scene of play was the National Guard Armory in Orange, where five courts handled the very full three-day program.

While the tournament followed form very closely, it became noteworthy in two particulars: Judy Devlin, in her last year of Junior competition, lost in her defense of the two doubles titles in which she shared; and, the tournament proved to be the first of the Junior events in which California failed to be represented in any of the finals. With its smallest delegation in years, the West Coast offered no boys who could keep the Easterners from taking over all the finals.

The Girls' Singles event was dominated, as expected, by Judy Devlin, who entered the tournament as holder of the All-England and U.S. Open Ladies' Singles titles. However, there were several tight matches before the final was set up as a replay of last year's final between Judy and Sally Thomas of Mountain Lakes. Linda Cobb had a battle with Carlene Hester to win a place in the semi-finals by a score of 11-9, 11-6, and Sally Thomas just squeaked past Rosine Capehart, her doubles partner, 12-10, 11-9, to uphold her No. 2 seeding. The final was not close, although Sally fought gamely, and Judy swept through, 11-2, 11-2, to an unprecedented 6th successive singles title.

In Boys' Singles, Bill Davidson of Seattle defeated Robert Gunner of Minneapolis and Bill Corey of Baltimore to win the fourth spot in the semi-finals with the three top-seeded Easterners. "Butch" Kevorkian of Boston, last year's runner-up, and Gary Ogilvie of Lewiston won their way into the final without diffi-

culty, where Gary came within a point of topping his smaller and faster opponent. In this meeting of left-handers, Butch started slowly and seemed unable to find the touch for his well-masked strokes, and he lost the first game with a stream of errors and misjudgments of shots which dropped just inside the lines. The second game was close all the way, and Gary lost it by one point when, after declining to set, let a bird drop 3 inches in from the sideline on match point. The third game saw Ke-



vorkian take control of the match and outmaneuver the bigger boy to win by a score of 11-15, 15-14, 15-5.

The Girls' Doubles went according to form all the way to the final, although Jeanne Coyne of Detroit and Ramona Gunner of Minneapolis had a close score, 17-15, 15-10, in winning their quarter-final over the Baltimore pair of McGregor Stewart and Jay Tischinger; and Rosine Capehart and Sally Thomas were carried to a 17-14 game in the semi-final by the Californians, Carlene Hester and Gwen Garnsey. The final between the two top-seeded teams was one of the tightest and most prolonged matches ever witnessed by the spectators, with the two evenly matched combinations seldom more than a few points apart in three set games which lasted nearly 55 minutes. In spite of changes in their opponents' formations and Judy's tremendous efforts, Rosine and Sally packed just enough power and accuracy to scrape out the win over Judy and Linda Cobb by the heart-

stopping score of 17-16, 15-18, 18-16 — thus repeating their victory in last December's Eastern Junior event.

The Boys' Doubles, with a small field of only 11 entries, saw the two seeded combinations reach the final without difficulty, where Kevorkian and Dick Ball of Baltimore proved too sharp for the Lewiston pair of Gary's — Ogilvie and McFarlane, winning by a score of 15-9, 15-5.

In the Mixed Doubles event occurred the only real upset of the tournament, with the No. 2 seeded team failing to reach the final. Here, in the lower half of the draw, Kevorkian and Linda Cobb swept past Ogilvie and Capehart in the semi-final by a score of 15-8, 15-9. Bill Davidson, playing with Linda Flack of Baltimore, reached his second semi-final of the tournament but was no match for Dick Ball and Judy. The final went to Butch and Linda in a see-saw affair of three games, 15-10, 2-15, 15-9 — completing the "hat trick" for the poised little stylist from Boston's University Club. Butch, who won the Massachusetts State Mixed Doubles title by defeating that skilled veteran, Wayne Schell, has several more seasons of Junior play and can be expected to be increasingly tough in the defense of his well-won honors.

In addition to the Championships for Boys and Girls under 18, the usual companion tournament for Juniors under 15 was played simultaneously, with a total of 45 event entries in the 5 events. With two exceptions, the finalists were all from the Eastern seaboard and Western New York areas. The results:

*Girls' Singles* — Barbara Prince (Penna.) def. Martha Lou West (Maryland), 11-1, 11-2.

*Boys' Singles* — Glen Hackett (New York) def. Bunny Talley (Maryland) 15-9, 15-6.

*Girls' Doubles* — Barbara Prince-Martha Lou West def. Lucille Peterson-Claudia Christensen (Minnesota) 15-3, 15-1.

*Boys' Doubles* — Glen Hackett-Barry Johnson (Minnesota) def. Ronnie Young-Tim O'Donnell (New Jersey) 15-4, 15-10.

*Mixed Doubles* — Bunny Talley-Martha Lou West def. Glen Hackett-Janet Ogilvie (New York) 15-13, 15-8.

Without the local entries which helped to boost the total number of players at San Antonio last year to more than one hundred, the 1954 Junior Championships became a suc-



cessful and representative tournament by attracting 85 Juniors in the two age groups from 13 states outside of New Jersey. Of these, Minnesota supplied 17, New York 16 and Maryland and Massachusetts 15 each—with special credit due to the first named state which continues its outstanding support by sending large delegations great distances each year under the enthusiastic leadership of the energetic Mrs. McLeod.

Special events which were held between sessions of tournament play included the Annual Luncheon, for A.B.A. Officials, parents and players; a Wiener Roast and Dance at the College on Friday night; and a sight-seeing trip to New York and the Statue of Liberty—which last was carried out in spite of low lying fog and heavy rain. Not the least of the extra attractions for the benefit of the players and spectators were two exhibitions, on Friday and Saturday evenings during intermissions in the semi-finals and finals, by the visiting Malayan and Indian players who came to the U.S. for the Open National Championships. On Friday, Eddy and David Choong played Mixed Doubles with the Shaw sis-

ters of New Jersey, and on Saturday they split up with the Indians, Nandu Natekar and T. N. Seth, in a Men's Doubles match.

Credit for the success of this Junior Championships goes to the hard-working members of the Tournament Committee, under the general chairmanship of Donald Kerr, whose principal assistants were: Ralph Davidson, President of the N.J. Assn., Cephas Monnett, Arthur Atkinson, Bill Bredenberg, Fay and Paddy Shaw, and representatives of Upsala College.

Officials of the American Badminton Association who were present and assisted in various capacities included: Mr. Charles Newhall of Boston, newly elected President; Directors Donald Richardson and C. B. Gwyn; Mrs. Grace Devlin and Mrs. Helen McLeod of the Junior Activities Committee; Mr. Ted Jarrett, Chairman of the Ranking Committee, and Jack Van Praag, Publicity Chairman.

#### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JUNIOR TOURNEY

Professor Stanley Pretorius and Professor Theodore Fleck of Upsala College were completely sold on bad-

minton after watching the first round matches of the junior tournament. Prof. Fleck said, "We have badminton in our budget for next year, but we're not sure we would have the game in Intramural Sports until seeing this tournament." The two professors will play on the faculty team.

The "Dad's Club" of the Lynbrook High sponsored six girls from the High School, Long Island, N.Y. Ann Norwat was the chaperone.

A Physical Education instructor from Long Island impressed by the good sportsmanship shown by all contestants.

#### Special Notice to Correspondents And Club Presidents

The first issue of the 1954-55 season will be published the middle of October, 1954. The deadline will be September 20, 1954. PLEASE have all articles typed double space and in the hands of the editor by that time. Your cooperation during the past season has helped to make the magazine the success it has been. Our sincere thanks to you.



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### Boy's Singles

*Quarter-Finals* — J. Kevorkian, Jr. (Mass.) def. G. Gonion (Minn.) 15-7, 15-0; R. Ball, Jr. (Md.) def. C. Wilson (Ill.) 15-9, 15-7; B. Davidson (Wash.) def. B. Corney (Md.) 15-6, 15-10; R. Ogilvie (N.Y.) def. R. Miller (Cal.) 15-6, 15-8.

*Semi-Finals*—J. Kevorkian, Jr. (Mass.) def. B. Davidson (Wash.) 15-12, 15-3; R. Ogilvie (N.Y.) def. R. Ball, Jr. (Md.) 15-9, 15-9.

*Finals*—J. Kevorkian, Jr. (Mass.) def. R. Ogilvie (N.Y.) 11-15, 15-14, 15-5.

### Girls' Singles

*Quarter-Finals*—J. Devlin (Md.) def. R. Gunner (Minn.) 11-1, 11-2; L. Cobb (Mass.) def. C. Hester (Cal.) 11-9, 11-6; R. Capehart (N.Y.) def. G. Garnsey (Cal.) 11-2, 11-5; S. Thomas (N.J.) def. McG. Stewart (Md.) 12-9, 11-1.

*Semi-Finals*—J. Devlin (Md.) def. L. Cobb (Mass.) 11-3, 11-4; S. Thomas (N.J.) def. R. Capehart (N.Y.) 12-10, 11-9.

*Finals*—J. Devlin (Md.) def. S. Thomas (N.J.) 11-2, 11-2.

### Boys' Doubles

*Quarter-Finals* — Kevorkian (Mass.)-Ball (Md.) def. Davidson (Wash.)-Gonion (Minn.) 15-0, 15-4; Corey (Md.)-Steinwald (Md.) def. Schodde (Minn.)-Wilson (Ill.) 17-16, 15-2; Gunner (Minn.)-Miller (Cal.) def. Rogus (N.Y.)-Johnson (Ga.) 15-5, 15-9; McFarlane (N.Y.)-Ogilvie (N.Y.) def. Horovitz (Minn.)-Paquette (Mich.) 15-4, 15-2.

*Semi-Finals*—Kevorkian (Mass.)-Ball (Md.) def. Corey (Md.)-Steinwald (Md.) 15-1, 15-6; McFarlane (N.Y.)-Ogilvie (N.Y.) def. Gunner (Minn.)-Miller (Cal.) 15-8, 15-9.

*Finals* — Kevorkian-Ball def. McFarlane-Ogilvie, 15-9, 15-5.

### Girls' Doubles

*Quarter-Finals*—J. Devlin (Md.)-Cobb (Mass.) def. Rice (N.Y.)-Harvey (N.Y.) 15-6, 15-4; Gunner (Minn.)-Coyne (Mich.) def. Stewart (Md.)-Tishinger (Md.) 17-15, 15-10; Hester (Cal.)-Garnsey (Cal.) def. Harter (Minn.)-Flack (Md.) 15-6, 15-5; Capehart (N.Y.)-Thomas (N.J.) def. Proctor (Minn.)-Rasmussen (Minn.) 15-3, 15-1.

*Semi-Finals* — J. Devlin (Md.)-Cobb (Mass.) def. Gunner (Minn.)-Coyne (Mich.) 15-6, 15-4; Capehart (N.Y.)-Thomas (N.J.) def. Hester (Cal.)-Garnsey (Cal.) 15-4, 17-14.

*Finals*—Capehart-Thomas def. J. Devlin-Cobb, 17-16, 15-18, 18-16.

### Mixed Doubles

*Quarter-Finals*—J. Devlin (Md.)-Ball (Md.) def. Harter (Minn.)-Schodde (Minn.) 15-5, 15-2; Flack (Md.)-Davidson (Wash.) def. Harvey (N.Y.)-McFarlane (N.Y.) 15-7, 15-9; Cobb (Mass.)-Kevorkian, Jr. (Mass.) def. Stewart (Md.)-Corey (Md.) 15-3, 15-5; Capehart (N.Y.)-Ogilvie (N.Y.) def. Hester (Cal.)-Miller (Cal.) 15-4, 15-6.

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*Finals* — Cobb-Kevorkian, Jr. def. J. Devlin-Ball, 15-10, 2-15, 15-9.

## National Juniors Consolation

### Singles Only

Gary McFarlane (N.Y.) def. Robert Johnson (Georgia) 15-4, 15-4.

Anne Tucker (R.I.) def. Mary Metcalfe (Mass.) 11-3, 0-11, 11-6.

## SEEN AND HEARD AT THE JUNIOR NATIONALS

Don Kerr requesting "no yawning" at early morning matches.

Linda Harvey to Judy Devlin as she walks into the Juniors from the Senior Tourney, "Hello, Judy, you owe me \$3.65."

Heard from the sidelines as a young Californian tried a fancy shot, "He's just not an Eddy."

Eddy Choong, umpire on boys singles final match, grinning at the advice Gary Ogilvie was giving himself during play.

Butch discussing the slippery floor as he lay flat on his stomach after a rugged rally.

Sally Thomas' big brother making her put her coat on after winning the Girls Doubles match with Rosine Capehart.

Ted Jarrett, umpire girls Doubles match final, completely exhausted after match.

Mrs. Devlin congratulating Mrs. Thomas (Sally's mother) on playing a fine match.

Only one junior bragging about not umpiring a game.

Charles Dill from Texas as he arrived for breakfast one morning, "Man, mah hands are shaking (cold weather) so much ah don't think ah can get anything to mah mouth."

Larry Larkin from Seabright having trouble keeping his "pants" up.

Bill Davidson from Washington doing a tumbling act in the middle of a game.

Eddie Choong, collector of souvenirs, walking out with half a racket.

"Mike" the mascot, making a late arrival on Thursday night and receiving many pats on the head.

David Choong giving lessons in picking up birds with a racket to the Lynbrook High School girls.

Puss Prichard, Mass., and Philip Upham, Mass., the two youngest contestants. Puss is 10 years old and Phil is 11.

## Tournament News

### Manhattan Beach Junior Handicap Tournament

Dolores Johnson, Correspondent

G.S. — Charlotte Herlocker def. Dale Wyatt; B.S.—Mike Maurry def. Pat Johnson; Dbls.—Anne Erkill-Kitty Mathews def. Dale Wyatt-Donna Wyatt; Mx.D.—Dale Wyatt-Pat Johnson def. Charlotte Herlocker-Mike Maurry.

### North Shore Tournament Illinois

Don Braun of Evanston defeated Harry Ehrmentraut of Skokie for the men's singles title in the North Shore Badminton tournament held last week in Glencoe. Forty-six players competed.

Ladies' singles—Harriet Murphy, Evanston, def. Harriet Kirby.

Men's doubles — George Everett-Malcolm McConnell, Winnetka, def. Mike Freeman-Steu Pinsof, Glencoe (Juniors).

Ladies' doubles—Jane Boston-Harriet Kirby, Evanston, def. Carolyn Butler-Ramona Spencer, Skokie.

Mixed doubles — Bob and Doris Schroeder, Skokie, def. Jane Boston and Don Braun, Evanston.

### Wisconsin State Championships

Elmer Blaesing, Correspondent

M.S.—J. Wanek def. N. Derringer, 17-16, 13-15, 15-11. L.S.—D. Rather def. D. Sommergeld, 11-2, 11-2. M.D.—Foote-Wanek def. Gollish-Cullen, 15-10, 16-17, 15-9. L.D.—Kidd-Schuller def. Rather-Temple, 10-15, 15-10, 15-3. Mx.D.—Wanek-Schuller def. Kidd-Fotte, 15-13, 8-15, 15-6.

### Class "B"

M.S.—Kuefler def. Stolts, 15-7, 15-7. M.D.—Ibsen-Kuefler def. Pollet-Proudfoot, 15-9, 15-3. Mx.D.—Beckett-Kansteiner def. Allen-Proudfoot, 15-2, 15-5. Vets M.S.—Day def. Blaesing 10-15, 15-11, 15-13. Vets. M.D.—Wehrle-Foote def. Dahlquist-Frank, 15-4, 15-7. Mx.D.—Stirle-Wehrle def. Fichett-Johnson, 15-7, 17-14.

### Eastman Kodak Invitational

New York (Class A-B)

Bea Massman, Correspondent

L.S.—M. Wright def. J. Ferraccio, 11-6, 11-3. M.S.—B. Williams def. J. Moon, 15-1, 15-2. L.D.—Marshall-Massman def. Ferraccio-Zintek, 15-6, 15-3. M.D.—Williams-Hardison def. Traquair-Young, 15-12, 15-6. Mx.D.—Marshall-Sebbin def. Massman-Traquair, 15-13, 15-8.

### Class C

L.S.—V. Henry def. L. Beamish, 5-11, 11-4, 11-8. M.S.—P. Smith def. F. Cartmell, 15-13, 15-6. L.D.—Abbott-Ransome def. Heney-Jackson, 18-16, 15-12. M.D.—Lawson-Smith def. Davey-Ward, 15-4, 15-5. Mx.D.—Hopkins-Smith def. McGeechie-Smith, 15-4, 18-14.



## Badminton World Mourns Rees Cramer

By Jimmy Coyne

Rees Cramer, founder of the Detroit Badminton Club in the early thirties, passed away suddenly as he was in the railway station preparatory to his departure for the Niagara Falls Nationals. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Robert Mason; a sister, Mrs. Quimby; and a brother; all of Uhrichsville, Ohio.

Stricken at the age of fifty-seven, Rees had done more to promote badminton in the State of Michigan than any single individual. Often playing six exhibitions a week in any church, hall, basement or any place available, he played, talked and lived badminton. Old-timers and newcomers alike will sincerely mourn his passing.

A tireless worker with the juniors, renowned for his immaculate appearance at all times, Rees was instrumental in the development of Walter Kramer, former National Champion, as well as hundreds of lesser greats.

Although never attaining a national championship, Rees played a beautiful game and participated in hundreds of tournaments. He was known and respected as a player, coach and, above all, a gentleman.

Perhaps his crowning experience was attained in 1948 when a testimonial banquet was held in his honor. Players whom Rees had helped over the preceding twenty years rallied to make this occasion the greatest moment of his life. He was presented with a magnificent wrist watch in appreciation of his splendid endeavor in behalf of badminton. (To all who helped to make this occasion such a success, we are eternally grateful that we did not wait too long.)

Immediately upon his death a move to perpetuate his memory was inaugurated. A memorial trophy in his honor will come into being at next year's Michigan Open. The Altgeld Park Badminton Club of Chicago were the first to contribute toward a significant trophy for one who did so much to promote a wonderful sport.

It is a fault if in serving, the shuttle at the instant of being struck be higher than the server's waist, or if any part of the head of the racket, at the instant of striking the shuttle, be higher than any part of the server's hand holding the racket.

## Memoriam

The Badminton World lost another dear friend and ardent worker with the death of "Pops" Marshall on the 14th of February in Los Angeles, California. "Pops" along with his son Bill spent 17 years at the Hollywood Sport Center in Hollywood helping one and all in all phases of badminton, and cooperating in every way whenever tournaments were held at the "Center." For the past three years Pops and Bill have been in retirement. Pops is survived by two sisters, Edith North and Flo Reeves, three sons, Rufus, William and Delbert and a daughter, Marshie Geiger.

## No. California Open Tournament

Jack vanPraag, Correspondent

### "A" Flight

M.S.—Bill Berry def. Russ Hill, 15-4, 15-6; L.S.—Beulah Bymaster def. Thelma Welcome, 11-7, 11-7; M.D.—Berry-Hartgrove def. Ryan-McCurdy, 17-14, 15-4; L. D.—Welcome-Wright def. Bymaster-Pons, 15-12, 15-13; Mx.D.—McCurdy-Wright def. Watt-Jude, 15-11, 15-12; Vet. D.—Hilton-Holman def. Horn-Sanborn, default.

### "B" Flight

M.S.—Mal Morehouse def. Bob Stening, 15-8, 15-8; L.S.—Carlene Hester def. Pat Gowan, 11-6, 11-2; M.D.—Mies-D. van Praag def. Daba-Hunter, 15-4, 15-12; L.D.—DiSibio-Hampton def. Coats-A. Gowan, 15-12, 8-15, 18-13; Mx.D.—Morehouse-Ingraham def. D. van Praag-J. Miles, 15-11, 9-15, 15-13; Vet.D.—Bouterious-J. van Praag def. L. Gowan-Welcome, 15-5, 15-11.

## WISCONSIN STATE BADMINTON CLUB

Newly elected officers: President, Win Day of Neenah; Vice-President, Ray Kuefler of Racine; Secretary-Treasurer, Stark Svenson of Neenah.

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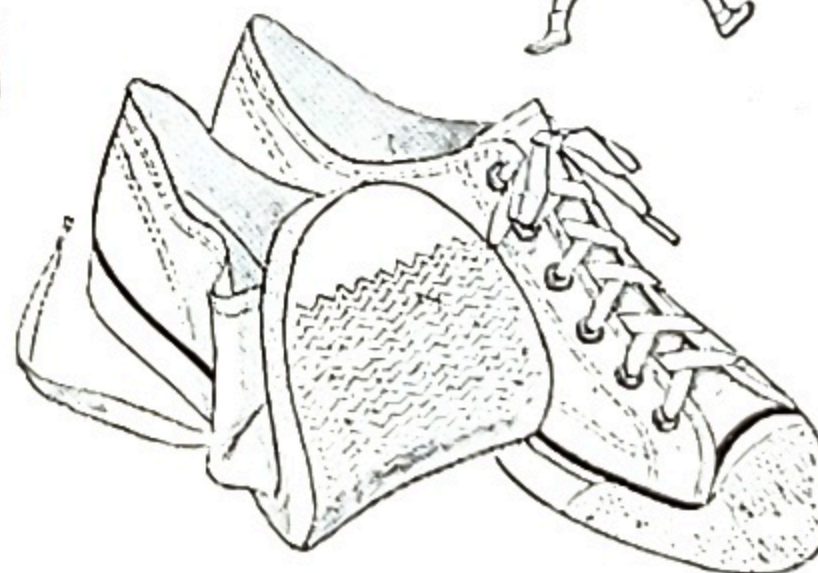
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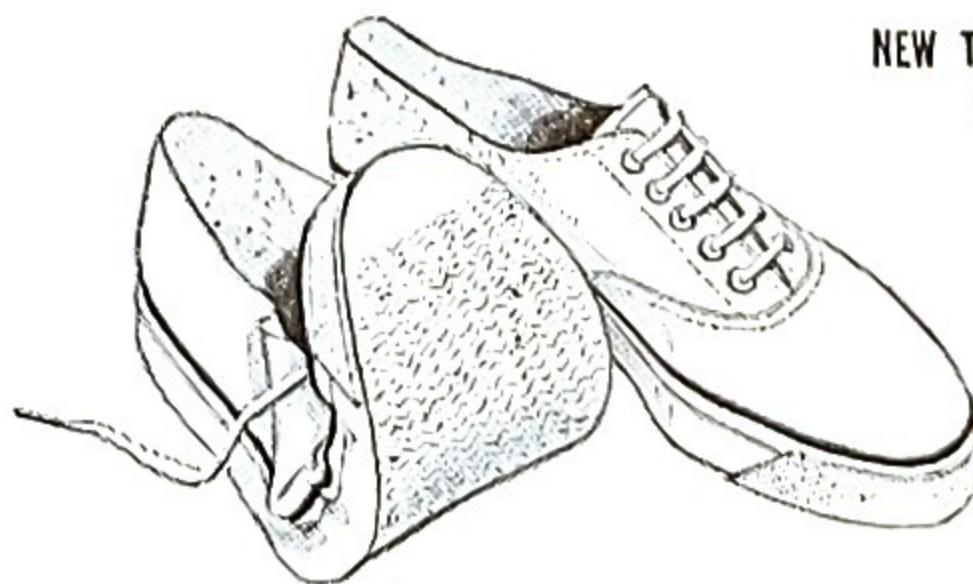
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# From Coast...

## DELAWARE

Noomi Bender, Correspondent

The Board of Park Commissioners of Wilmington provided the birds and prizes for the First Annual Delaware Junior State Tournament held at the Dilwyne Badminton Club, and the Wilmington YMCA. Entries were received from the Wm. Penn High School in New Castle, Del. and from the following schools in Wilmington: P. S. DuPont High, Tatnall, Friends, Tower Hill, I. DuPont, Daved W. Harlan, and Greenhill.

The Recreation Department will sponsor a Junior program one night a week in a public school.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Jack Van Praag of Pasadena was reelected president of the Southern California Badminton Association at the annual meeting. Others reelected were Kenneth Wells, Manhattan Beach, vice president; and Virginia Hill, Glendale, secretary-treasurer, a post she has held for 9 years.

Newly-elected director is Dan McArthur, Santa Monica. Other directors chosen to serve another two years include Clement Gilbert and Howard Taylor, Hollywood; Buzz Martin, Pasadena, and Joe Alston, South Pasadena. (Holdover directors are Dick Fleming, Glendale; Carl Loveday, San Diego; Claude Welcome, Glendale; Mrs. Hill, Wells and Van Praag.

## CALIFORNIA

Semana Nautica Open Championships  
Pat Everett & Fred Widstrup, Corres.

The 14th Annual Semana Nautica Open Badminton Championship Matches will be played at the Santa Barbara High School Gym in Santa Barbara, California on July 2, 3, and 4th. The committee is considering having a Veterans Mixed Doubles president of the Santa Barbara Badminton Club says they are looking forward to the visit of out-of-town entrants, their families and friends. According to Don Reid, trophy chairman of the Semana Nautica Association, the trophies will be of one design with the consolation trophies being smaller in size than the winner trophies.

## CALIFORNIA STATE

Virginia Hill, Correspondent

Upset seedings, new teams and new State Champions made the 1954 California State Tournament anything but dull from start to finish. Lois Alston upset top seeded Thelma Welcome in the finals and then teaming with her new partner, Beulah Bymaster won the ladies' doubles title from Janet Wright and Thelma after three-set games.

Another new veterans' doubles team, Dick Fleming and Fred Serafin defeated the State Champs, Ozzie Hilton and Howard Holman, in that event and went on to win the finals.

Wynn Rogers and Loma Smith won their sixth consecutive State mixed doubles title by defeating 1953 National Mixed Champs Joe and Lois Alston. All finalists with the exception of the Veteran's Doubles teams played in the 1954 Nationals.

## MICHIGAN

Everett D. Gesaman, Correspondent

After the invasion of the Alston's, Joe and Lois, during the 1952-53 Badminton season in Michigan, during which they won all five State titles between them (and we regret they were not here this year to defend them), our local champions have resumed their titles in the playing of the 19th Michigan Closed held March 27 and 28 at the Lasky Recreation Center. The tournament was sponsored by the Detroit Badminton Club, and was attended by contestants from various Michigan cities: Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Grosse Pointe, Dearborn, Monroe, Birmingham, Ferndale and Detroit.

## MICHIGAN

Jeanne Coyne, Detroit Badminton Club's up and coming junior made a clean sweep of the Mid-West Junior Championships held in Racine March 19th. Jeanne defeated defending Champion Ramona Gunner of Minneapolis in singles, 11-8, 11-9 and teamed with her singles opponent to win the girls doubles over Janet Harter and Mary Proctor of Minneapolis, 15-8, 15-11. Jeanne then teamed with Allen Horovitz of Minnesota to defeat the brother-sister combination Ramona and Robert Gunner, 15-12, 15-10.

## MICHIGAN

The Detroit Badminton Club consists of about 45 members and is one of the oldest clubs in Michigan. Twenty-five players entered the tournament at Kitchener, Ont. Twenty-one entered the Strathgowan, Toronto tournament, twenty-seven entered the tourney at Cleveland, nineteen entered Chicago, and twenty-three entered the Cincinnati tournament in a total 242 event entries.

## ILLINOIS

Ardeth Taylor, Correspondent

The Chicago Badminton Club held its annual "Whooperdoo Party" on Sunday, April 4th. Seventy-two players from Chicagoland and Racine, Wisconsin, attended the mixed doubles Round Robin event which was divided into five brackets. Play started at 10 a.m. and a dinner was served before the winners of each bracket played off the finals at 5 p.m. The total point winners were Earl Boston of Evanston and Dee Brown of Chicago. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful day.

## RHODE ISLAND

Julian T. Crandall, president of Ashaway Products, Inc., got a big bang in far-off Bangkok, Thailand, when he "dropped into" a local tennis shop to find his products had preceded him. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall are on a four month tennis and fishing research tour around the world.

## OHIO

Bob Roach, Correspondent

The Ohio Open Tournament drew a crowd of over 300 spectators to the Moreland School gym in Shaker Heights April 3rd and 4th. Spectators were hypnotized by the fine stroking, uncanny accuracy and agile footwork of the Malayan aces, Ong Poh Lim and Ooi Teik Hock. Members of the audience were particularly flabbergasted by the way the Malaysians could call a shot out as it whistled by them as they faced the net and the one on the back court would stop on a dime as the bird landed out of court.

Much credit is due Bud and Betty Warner as well as Beverly Masch for making the tournament the huge success it was.



# ... to Coast

## NEWLYWEDS



The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Welcome, did a bit of entertaining recently at Little Joe's in Los Angeles. Guests were Irene Gardner, Marguerite Miller, Louis Wengert and Hajime Imai of Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Imai is a teacher grantee from Tokyo on the Fulbright program and a new subscriber to Bird Chatter. What else could he do with ye ed and ye subscription manager along? The Alhambra Club entertained Mr. Imai with an evening of badminton before he left for his home.

### MARBLEHEAD, MASS.

**Marion Goodhue, Correspondent**

Boasting two of the finest Badminton Courts in New England, the Tedesco Country Club, Marblehead, Massachusetts is proud of its significant return to Badminton competition in the New England area. Constructed in the mid 1930's, the courts are rated as the finest in New England, and among the few in this territory to be built exclusively for badminton. In those years, the club produced some of the top competitors in not only state competition, but in tournaments along the eastern seaboard. Among those from the club who were ranked highly in the east

were Robert Wright, Fred Bogardus, Harold Vose and Gwen Atherton, all of whom competed on the National level, as well as being top contestants in the New Englands, which attracted the Canadian stars, and on the state level.

### GUT N' FEATHERS CLUB

**Marblehead, Mass. Tom Brown, Corres.**

Feature of the season for members of Gut N' Feathers Club and their friends were the recent exhibition matches involving the Thomas Cup Teams from Malaya and India. The Malayan Team of Eddie and David Choong vs. The Indian Team of Nandu Natekar and Trilock Nath Seth put on as dazzling a display of Badminton as this club has seen in many a year. The Malayan Team was victorious in a very hard fought contest. Other features of the evening were the singles play between the foreign players, and a mixed doubles match between Norma Slauer and Nandu Natekar vs. Margaret Varner and Wayne Schell. Ken Davidson was also on hand, and provided many laughs with his act.

Tedesco Country Club, also in Marblehead, plans to add to their Badminton courts by building on a lounge. This will be a great addition to the club, and like Gut N' Feathers, will provide space for supper parties before evening play. One of the happy features of Badminton in this area is the informal play and cooperation between these two clubs.

Now, after an inactive period competitively, due not only to the war, but to other circumstance, Tedesco has now returned very prominently to state competition. Directly responsible for the fine showing that Tedesco is now making in the Massachusetts Badminton Association graded tournaments is the Badminton Committee of the Club, namely Mr. George Thomson, Miss Ardelle Vose and Mr. Richard Slauer, and the tournament committee, comprising Mrs. Richard B. Johnson, Mrs. Minot M. Shaw, Mrs. John Metcalf and Mr. Slauer, who have made it possible, through diligent work, for badminton activity to be resumed.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**R. G. Slauer, Correspondent**

The Tedesco Badminton Club of Marblehead, Mass., held its second annual "badminton week-end" April 3-4 with an excellent turnout of 25 doubles teams. Entries were limited to one "A" player per team and to players associated with the Massachusetts Badminton Association which recognizes A, B, C and D ratings. Spectators averaged about 100 on both Saturday and Sunday. 200 attended the Saturday night dance.

The winning team was Norma Slauer (B) and Al Dochray (A) of Shady Hill who defeated Betsy Shaw (A) Poona and Bill Murphy (B) of Tedesco—15-12, 15-9. These teams reached the finals by eliminating respectively Marin Craigin (B) of Poona and Larry Roberts (A) University Club—15-13, 15-8, and Marion Goodhue (C) of Tedesco and Wayne Schell (A) University Club 15-13, 15-12. A consolation tournament was won by Ruth and Ed Crocher of Shady Hill, defeating Doris and Dick Slauer of Tedesco 15-10, 18-16.

### SOUTHERN BADMINTON ASSO.

**Winfrey Wynn, Correspondent**

Our good friend and mentor, Kenneth Davidson, has been on a swing around the Southern territory holding his now famous school clinics. He has visited Roanoke, Va.; Raleigh, N.C.; Spartanburg, S.C.; Athens, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Memphis, Tenn.; and wound up in New Orleans, La. in time for the 13th Annual SBA Tournament. We believe Ken has given badminton in the South the proverbial shot in the arm. Our thanks to Ken and to General Sportcraft.

Newly elected officers of the Southern Badminton Association are: John O. Brown, Birmingham, President; Katherin Hooper, Birmingham, Executive Vice President; Byron Settles, Roanoke, Director; William Bullock, Memphis, Director; Taylor Caffery, New Orleans, Director; Jerry Toms, Miami, Director; Winfrey Wynn, Atlanta, Director.

The 1955 Tournament was awarded to Birmingham, Ala., and the 1956 tourney will go to Memphis, Tenn.



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Granite Club Invitational Toronto, Canada

L.S.—Daphne Walker def. Joan Hennessey, 11-8, 11-6; M.S.—Wescott def. Williams, 15-17, 15-10, 17-15; L.D.—Marshall-Massman def. Hennessey-Roberts, 15-8, 15-3; M.D.—Williams-Hardison def. Brewster-Thorpe, 15-11, 12-15, 17-16; Mx.D.—Marshall-Sebben def. James-Porter, 15-10, 15-6.

## Roanoke, Va., Badminton Club Tournament

Jeanne L. Bentley, Correspondent

M.S.—Charley Turner def. Bill Linkous, 15-4, 15-4; L.D.—Jimmie Martin def. Frances Ramser, 11-8, 11-5; M.D.—Charley Turner-Byron Settle def. Jimmie Kramer-Bill Linkous, 15-8, 15-9; L.D.—Frances Ramser-Jean Beamer def. Jimmie Martin-Marie Philpott, 6-15, 15-9, 15-5; Mx.D.—Charley Turner-Jean Beamer def. Doc. Lambert-Nancy Leonard, 15-6, 15-10.

## Texas-Oklahoma Championships Jean Sudbury & Thelma Harrison

M.S.—George Marman, Okla. def. Jimmy Jackson, 15-5, 15-10. John Sudbury, Okla. def. Tommy Burleson, 15-6, 15-8. Laddie Cremers, Okla. def. Roy Harrison, 15-7, 15-6. Nick Roberts, Texas def. Harold Hines, 17-15, 15-4. Sam Prnyne, Okla. def. Bobby Ellis, 15-6, 15-7.

L.S.—Eleanor Round, Okla. def. Diane King, 11-6, 11-10. Thelma Harrison, Texas, def. Jeanne Knutson, 13-11, 11-0. Pat Harman, Okla. def. Nola Sue Cole, 11-7, 11-9.

M.D.—Russel-Martin, Texas, def. Harman-Sudbury, 15-11, 15-7. Horneand-Roberts, Texas, def. Hines-Mitchell, 15-11, 15-7. Cremers-Prnyne, Okla. def. Jackson-Harrison, 15-11, 15-8.

L.D.—Martin-Harrison, Texas, def. Harman-Morley, 15-12, 15-3. Cole-King, Texas, def. Round-Knutson, 15-6, 5-15, 15-11. Landersand-Roberts, Texas, def. Stratton-Manning, 8-15, 15-8, 15-8.

M.D.—Harman-Harman, Okla. def. Martin-Martin, 15-12, 15-11. Knutson-Cremers, Okla. def. Landers-Russell, 15-12, 15-10. Harrison-Horne, Texas, def. Morley-Sudbury, 17-15, 15-12.

## Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Championships Thelma Harrison, Correspondent

L.S.—Dorothy Martin def. Thelma Harrison, 12-10, 11-2. M.S.—Ben Cole def. Jimmy Jackson, 1-15, 18-16, 15-6. L.D.—Harrison-Martin def. Hinton-Mitchell, 15-12. M.D.—Horn-Martin def. Cole-Jackson, 15-3, 13-15, 15-9. Mx.D.—Mitchell-Horn def. Martin-Martin, 15-12, 7-15, 15-8.

## Mass. Mid-Winter Invitational Tom Brown, Correspondent Men's Doubles

Semi-Finals: Wright-O'Callaghan def. Fehm-Quinn, 15-12, 14-15, 18-14. Schell-Warren def. Kost-Fullin, 15-10, 11-15, 15-6.

Finals: Schell-Warren def. Wright-O'Callaghan, 15-4, 15-7.

## 18th Annual Chicago District Championships

Thelma Burdick, Correspondent

L.S.—Thelma Burdick def. Eleanor Coombs, 10-12, 11-5, 11-7. M.S.—James Wigglesworth def. Earl Boston, 18-14, 15-12. L.D.—Burdick-Coombs def. Gibbs-Mitchell, 15-2, 15-6. M.D.—Boston-Robinson def. Ponitch-Mullen, 15-3, 15-3. Mx.D.—Coombs-Boston def. Burdick-Mullen, 15-6, 15-6. Vets.D.—Geever-Headley def. Burdick-Franczak, 15-11, 15-7.

## New Jersey Championships E. W. Stanton, Correspondent

M.S.—R. Davidson def. A. Hammell, 10-15, 15-6, 15-12. L.S.—S. Thomas def. J. Corvino, 12-10, 11-5. M.D.—Don Carpenter-R. Carpenter def. Hammell-Monnett, 15-9, 15-11. L.D.—Daume-Corvino def. Carpenter-Thomas, 15-8, 15-11. Mx.D. Shaw-Davidson def. Thomas-Carpenter, 15-5, 9-15, 17-14. Vet.D.—Terpak-Stanton def. Scheck-Scheck, 15-4, 8-15, 15-6.

## New York Metropolitan Class 'C'

L.S.—Mildred Riggio def. Claire Saunders, 5-11, 11-6, 11-5; M.S.—Bob Rogus def. Dick Rogus, 15-8, 15-8; L.D.—Rose-Saunders def. Riggio-Lauth, 15-10, 15-6; M.D.—Rogus-Rogus def. Barbagallo-O'Rourke, 15-3, 15-1; Mx.D.—Rogus-Bisson def. Bredenberg-Riggio, 15-10, 15-7.

## INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR COMPETITION

University of Minnesota — January, 1954

Helen McLeod, Correspondent

Canada 9

Canadian Team—Jean Waring, Calgary; Valerie Brown, Winnipeg; Nina Laing, Winnipeg; Ann Thorpe, Saskatoon; Judy Cairns, Calgary; Don McIvor, Calgary; Bruce Jackson, Calgary; Bill Fulwiler, Saskatoon; Larry Ladyman, Winnipeg; Brian McNamara, Winnipeg.

Midwest U.S. 6

United States Team—Jeanne Coyne, Detroit; Ramona Gunner, Minneapolis; Janet Harter, Minneapolis; Virginia Hubbard, Minneapolis; Marion Meagher, Minneapolis; Charles Wilson, Chicago; Robert Gunner, Minneapolis; Alan Horowitz, Minneapolis; Steve Schodde, Minneapolis; Gordon Gonion, Minneapolis.

## Midwest Championships — Ohio Hugh Clayton

L.S.—A. Rutledge def. Sirwaitis, 0-11, 11-5, 11-2; M.S.—Moehlman def. Sangdahl, 15-7, 15-7; L.D.—Rutledge-Sirwaitis def. Coombs-Burdick, 15-8, 15-7; M.D.—Pritula-Van de Ven def. Moehlman-Tiberi, 7-15, 15-9, 17-14; Mx.D.—Rutledge-Moehlman def. Burdick-McLean, 15-5, 10-15, 15-13; Vet.D.—Burns-Tiberi def. Warner-DiLeone, 17-14, 9-15, 15-4.

## Poona Ladies' Doubles — Mass. Edna Perry

L.D.—Lee Chadbourne-Margaret Varner def. Helen Gibson-Wanda Bergman, 15-5, def.; Consolation—Marjorie Collins-Jane Laird def. Madelyn Schultz-Marie Schultz, 18-17, 15-7.

## Int'l Badminton Tournament of Maryland

F. Barton Harvey, Jr., Correspondent

M.S.—Eddie Choong (Malay) def. David Choong Malaya, 15-5, 15-8; L.S.—Judy Devlin (Baltimore) def. Margaret Varner (Boston) 11-1, 11-7; M.D.—Choong-Choong def. Carl Loveday (San Diego)-Dick Mitchell (San Diego) 15-3, 15-4; L.D.—Devlin-Devlin def. Varner-Stephens, 15-8-17; Mx.D.—Choong-Gibson def. Hester-Loveday, 15-10, 11-15, 15-3.

## Pennsylvania

Patricia Cornell, Correspondent

Harry Hackett, Wissahickon Boys Club, won the Philadelphia district Class A badminton championship for the sixth straight year and the tenth time since 1941. After this tournament Hackett, who is thirty-six announced he is retiring from further singles competition.

## Philadelphia Class A Championships

L.S.—Rita Harney def. Judy Cooling, 15-6, 15-2; M.S.—Harry Hackett def. John Cornell, 15-5, 15-4; L.D.—Harney-Bender def. Cooling-Peoples, 15-10, 15-2; M.D.—Cornell-Crawford def. Hackett-Quittman, 15-10, 6-15, 15-12; Mx.D.—Harney-O'Neill def. Kip and Hackett, 15-8, 2-15, 15-12; Vet.D.—Jones-McGeorge def. Edmondson-Levy, 15-11, 13-15, 15-11.

## Maryland State Class "C"

Howard DeMuth, Jr., Correspondent

M.S.—Ken Volk def. Bill Shipley, 15-1, 15-8; L.S.—Martha Leipold def. Kath. Krausa, 11-4, 11-1; M.D.—Ed Tillery, Jr.-Howard Herbst, Jr. def. Hal Webb-Ed Foster, 15-6, 15-2; L.D.—Martha Leipold-Kitty Smith def. Jean France-Eleanor Van Dyke, 15-11, 15-5; Mx.D.—Brooke Thompson-Ed Tillery, Jr. def. Kitty Smith-Hal Webb, 15-6, 15-11.

## Consolation Flight

G.S.—Linda Erkill def. Kitty Mathews; B.S.—Brad Stevenson def. Tucky Stevenson; Mx.D.—Geri Johnson-Tony Del Valle def. Jo Ann Newville-Jack O'Hara; Dbs.—Pat Johnson-Mike Maury def. Susie Kittleson-Sydney Chacksfield.

## Delaware State "A" Badminton Tournament

L.S.—Rita Harvey def. Barbara Prince, 11-0, 11-5; M.S.—Robert Miller def. George Berkemeier, 15-4, 8-15, 15-5; L.D.—Harvey-Bender def. Prince-Prince, 15-10, 15-8; M.D.—Miller-Rickey def. Mahoney-Watkins 15-3, 15-11; Mx.D.—Harvey-Bender def. Fairman-Fairman, 15-7, 15-11.



## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### Glendale, Calif., Badminton Club 9th Annual "C" Tournament

#### "A" Flight

L.S.—Laurie Cook def. Katie Kraft, 11-5, 11-2. M.S.—B. McLaughlin def. K. D. Conn, 15-4, 15-8. L.D.—L. Cook-F. Hugos def. E. Simms-S. Solomon, 18-13, 15-13. M.D.—B. Giles-B. McLaughlin def. W. Foy-J. Frisz, 6-15, 15-13, 18-15. Vets Mx. D.—T. Carter-E. Van Heil def. R. Fleming-F. Fleming, 15-3, 15-10. Mx.D.—J. Bacon-J. Frisz def. D. Carter-G. Pajares, 18-14, 12-15, 17-16.

#### "B" Flight

L.S.—E. Melzer def. M. Ybarra, 11-4, 11-3. M.S.—Dennis Oh def. H. Higgins, 11-15, 15-4, 15-4. L.D.—M. Jones-A. Foy def. D. Carter-H. Carter, 15-8, 15-12. M.D.—E. Kirch-P. Bruneau def. L. Baker-D. Mossbarger, 17-14, 1-15, 15-3. Vets Mx.D.—B. Pajares-G. Pajares def. M. Carr-E. Mies, 18-16, 15-10. Mx.D.—M. Jones-D. Lundy def. E. Bingham-H. Bingham, 15-9, 17-16.

### Niagara Falls 18th Invitational Dick Harvey, Correspondent

M.S.—Bob Williams def. Stan Sangdahl, 15-9, 15-3. L.D.—Joe Ferracio def. Esther Hodan, 11-5, 11-3. M.D.—Williams-Hardison def. Sebben-McPherson, 15-10, 18-13. L.D.—Marshall-Massman def. Ferracio-Zintek, 15-2, 15-3. Mx.D.—Marshall-Sebben def. Massman-Young, 15-4, 15-4.

### Midwest Jr. Open Championships Racine, Wisconsin

#### Elmer Blaesing, Correspondent

G.S.—Coyne (Mich.) def. Gunner, (Minn.), 11-4, 11-4. B.S.—Gunner def. Russel Paquette (Mich), 15-4, 15-6. G.D.—Coyne-Gunner def. M. Proctor-J. Harter (Minn.), 15-8, 15-4. B.D.—S. Schode (Minn.)-C. Wilson (Ill.), def. B. Barton-R. Paquette (Mich.), 15-7, 15-8. Mx.D.—Horovitz (Minn.)-Coyne def. Gunner-Gunner, 15-7, 15-13.

### Middle Atlantic Championships John Cornell, Correspondent

M.S.—C. Stephens def. M. Roche, 15-11, 15-3. L.S.—M. Varner def. D. O'Neil, 11-7, 11-7. M.D.—Stephens-Hackett def. Davis-Cornell, 15-7, 16-18, 15-10. L.D.—Capehart-DeLord def. Decker-O'Neil, 12-15, 15-11, 18-14. Mx.D.—Schell-Varner def. Fullin-Gibson, 15-4, 15-3.

### Southern Badminton Tournament New Orleans

#### Winfrey Wynn, Correspondent

M.S.—Love def. Khouw, 15-11, 15-7. M.D.—Eichelberger-Hoppe def. Pate-Love, 9-15, 15-13, 17-14. Vets.—Cleveland-Rhodes def. Spears-Kerr, 15-5, 15-8. Mx.D.—Roane-Hoppe def. Kulze-Eichelberger, 18-15, 15-7. L.S.—Bass def. Roane, 11-6, 8-11, 11-3. L.D.—Roane-Anderson def. Bass-McLarty, 15-9, 15-6.

### California State Tournament Virginia Hill & Jack van Praag

#### "A" Flight

M.S.—Joe Alston def. Dick Mitchell, 15-8, 15-10; L.S.—Lois Alston def. Thelma Welcome, 12-10, 11-5; M.D.—Alston-Rogers def. Loveday-Mitchell, 15-5, 15-11; L.D.—Alston-Bymaster def. Welcome-Wright, 18-14, 17-18, 18-4; Mx. D.—Rogers-Smith def. Alston-Alston, 15-6, 17-15; Vets.D.—Fleming-Serafin def. MacArthur-Wilkinson, 17-16, 15-11.

#### "B" Flight

M.S.—D. van Praag def. D. Connor, 4-15, 15-4, 18-15; L.S.—G. Garnsey def. J. Parker, 11-6, 11-3; M.D.—Fleming-Jones def. MacArthur-Wilkinson, 15-11, 15-11; L.D.—Garnsey-Mies def. Carr-Parker, 15-8, 15-1; Mx.D.—Worthington-Wells def. Miller-Myers, 15-2, 15-13; Vets.D.—Myers-J. van Praag def. Lundy-Pajares, 15-13, 15-10.

### Memphis City Tournament

#### George Ditchel, Correspondent

M.S.—B. Love def. R. Eichelberger, 15-7, 15-10. L.S.—E. Roane def. V. Anderson, 11-7, 11-4. M.D.—Hoppe-Eichelberger def. Pate-Love, 18-13, 15-4. L.D.—Anderson-Roane def. Kulze-Brewer, 15-6, 15-5. Mx.D.—Love-Anderson def. Hoppe-Roane, 9-15, 15-7, 15-7.

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## 11th National Capital Open

John E. Stewart, Correspondent

Players from eight states, Massachusetts to North Carolina, gathered at the Kensington Armory, Kensington, Maryland, February 4-7 for the 11th National Capital Open, sponsored by the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia.

The finals of the ladies singles featured what was probably the most thrilling match of the tournament when Margaret Varner of El Paso, Texas, and Mt. Holyoke College, Massachusetts, made a spectacular comeback to defeat Judy Devlin of Baltimore. Judy won the first game handily by the score of 11-2 and blazed into a fast 7-1 lead in the second, when Miss Varner suddenly caught fire and completely reversed the play, winning the game 11-9. Maintaining the same fast pace, she went on to win the third game 11-4. This was the third meeting of the pair this year, giving Miss Varner two wins and Miss Devlin one.

In the men's singles, Ronnie Palmer, 8th ranked, from Glendale, California, defeated Clint Stephens, 5th ranked, from Baltimore, in a hard-fought match, 15-7, 11-15, 15-9. Not only did Ronnie display the fine defensive play and speed for which he is known, but also considerable power on the offense. Clint showed his usual fine style and touch, but was forced to play under pressure during most of the match, having a substantial lead only once when he went ahead 9-2 in the second game.

In another closely contested match, Clint teamed with Harry Hackett of Philadelphia to beat hard-hitting, Noel Fehm of New Haven, Connecticut, and Harry Quinn, of Westport. The outcome of the first game was in doubt to the very end when Stephens and Hackett finally won 17-14. In the second game Stephen's perfect net shots combined with Hackett's power to permit this team to win decisively 15-7.

Judy and Sue Devlin, national women's doubles champions, proved too much for Margaret Varner and Helen Gibson of Westport, Connecticut, winning easily by scores of 15-7, 15-1.

Mixed doubles was distinguished by the headwork and fine shot-making of Wayne Schell of Boston, who teamed with Miss Varner to beat Ronnie Palmer and Fay Shaw of Ve-

## First Annual Delaware Junior State Tournament

N. Bander, Correspondent

G.S.—Sandy Loving def. Peggy Lindsey, 11-12, 11-8, 11-8; Intermediate—Pat Gammons def. Ann Tatnall, 11-2, 11-2; B.S.—Frederick Pollard def. Butch Holmes, 15-4, 15-6; Intermediate—Fred Roland def. Craig Mitchell, 15-8, 15-5; G.D.—Lindsey-Loving def. A. Canby-D. duPont, 15-8, 15-3; Intermediate—P. Gammons-M. Lattomous def. A. Tatnall-C. Oswald, 15-7, 12-15, 15-11; B.D.—F. Pollard-J. Carpenter def. R. Reese-S. Gawthrop, 15-6, 15-; Intermediate—C. Mitchell-F. Roland def. G. Belden-V. Bacon, 15-3, 15-9.



rona, New Jersey, 15-12, 15-13.

The tournament was enlivened considerably by the presence of "Mr. Badminton," Ken Davidson, and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Devlin.

The tournament committee was: John Stewart, general chairman; Clay Norment, Bill Shreve, Polly Thompson, Charlotte Decker, Tommy Thomas, Felicia Miller, Jim Edmund, Dick Daley and Sue Johnson.

## Massachusetts "A"

L.S.—Varner def. Cobb, 11-1, 11-4; M.: S.—Kervorkian def. O'Callaghan, 15-8, 15-13; L.D.—Howard-Varner def. Richards-Ball, 15-9, 15-6; M.D.—O'Callaghan-Warren def. Goodman-Seavey, 14-17, 15-4, 15-4; Mx.D.—Kervorkian-Varner def. Schell-Thaxter, 15-9, 15-9; Vet.D.—Wightman-Wright def. Hutchinson-Woelfel, 15-10, 15-3.

## Massachusetts "B"

L.S.—Slauer def. Warren, 11-10, 11-1; M.S.—Houde def. Tarbell, 15-11, 15-6; L.D.—Slauer-Metcalf def. Henderson-Warren, 18-14, 15-13; M.D.—Priddy-Priddy def. Fowler-Plummer, 11-15, 15-9, 15-9; Mx.D.—Priddy-Slauer def. Plummer-Holly, no score given.

## Massachusetts "C"

L.S.—Metcalf def. Slauer, 11-1, 11-6; M.S.—Hawley def. Bachman, 15-3, 15-1; L.D.—Goodhue-Johnson def. Metcalf-Prichard, 15-8, 15-11; M.D.—Nelson-Hawley def. Bachman-Colby, 17-18, 15-12, 15-11; Mx.D.—King-Bakris def. Bradford-Murray, 12-15, 15-12, 15-9.

## Massachusetts Junior Badminton Championships

G.S.—Linda Cobb def. Norma Slauer, 11-6, 12-0; B.S.—J. Kevorkian def. W. McEvoy, 15-9, 15-1; G.D.—Metcalf-Slauer def. Cobb-St. Amant, 15-2, 15-9; B.D.—Kevorkian-Upham def. McEvoy-Rose, 18-13, 15-6; Mx.D.—Cobb-Kevorkian def. Slauer-Rose, 15-8, 15-10.

## "Under 15"

G.S.—Ruth Prichard def. Sandy Caron, 11-6, 11-7; B.S.—Bucky Upham def. Cliff Reid, 7-15, 15-10, 15-10.

## Oregon State Tournament

Rita Muntz, Correspondent

L.S.—M. Geldseth def. M. Wolfe, 11-0, 11-8; M.S.—D. Davis def. R. Hill, 15-3, 15-2; L.D.—M. Geldseth-M. Busell def. H. Phillips-M. Wolfe, 15-11, 11-15, 15-0; M.D.—J. Paull-Bob Deacon def. H. Mahnkey-H. Mitchell, 18-17, 15-8; Mx.D.—J. Paull-M. Cruikshank def. B. Deacon-V. Anderson, 18-13, 11-15, 15-11; Vet.D.—G. Lane-R. Knott def. H. Mitchell-Mahnkey, 15-11, 13-15, 15-5.

*Oregon Closed*

Rita Muntz, Correspondent

L.S.—M. Wolfe def. B. Rankin, 11-4, 11-7; L.D.—M. Wolfe-H. Phillips def. B. Rankin-G. Noraine, 15-12, 15-11; M.S.—R. Hill def. C. Cleveland, 15-7, 15-11; M.D.—C. Cleveland-J. Griffith def. J. Rankin-R. Hill, 10-15, 15-5, 15-11; Mx.D.—C. Cleveland-J. Becker def. J. Griffith-M. Wolfe, 15-12, 15-8; Vets.D.—G. Clinton-E. Brown def. N. Lewis-D. Sercombe, 15-7, 15-11.

We are sorry to have to omit several articles from this issue but due to limited space it has been necessary.

It is a fault if before or during the delivery of the service any player makes preliminary feints or otherwise intentionally balks his opponent.



# From the MAIL BAG . . .

Dear Ed:

My wife and I have received Bird Chatter with pleasure during our three years in Norway and particularly enjoyed the last issue. It has served to keep us in touch with state-side badminton while we have been playing in Norwegian circles and occasionally in Sweden and Denmark.

Yours for better badminton,  
Major and Mrs. P. G. Buskey  
(The Buskey's have returned to the U.S.)

Dear Editor:

The November-December and January-February issues of Bird Chatter have just reached me via devious routes and I want you to know that I like your publication very much. One letter in particular in the first issue struck a sympathetic bell—the one in which "Hopeful Lady Vet" voiced a desire for a Ladies Veterans Event, a suggestion in which I heartily, as a semi-retired Lady Vet, concur. Now that our kids have grown up to the point of not requiring all our time, we would enjoy the opportunity of competing on the same competitive level with others in like circumstances. I hope Bird Chatter will push such a worthwhile suggestion.

Yours very truly,  
Marion A. Goodhue

(Editor's Note: How about it gals! Do you want a "Ladies Vets"? Let us know.)

Dear Editor:

I recently subscribed to "Bird Chatter" and just finished reading the second copy I have received. I find it very interesting. I especially liked the article about Ethel Marshall since we in Buffalo are naturally very proud of her and so sorry she won't be playing singles in the Nationals, which are being held so close to home this year.

I belong to the Delaware Avenue YMCA and we ladies quite enjoy our badminton. Twice a year we have tournaments—nothing like the big tournaments, of course, but they afford us much pleasure. We are always trying to improve our knowledge of the game and rules, etc.

We also have Co-ed nights at the "Y" so we get a chance to play in Mixed doubles. All the YMCA's in Buffalo have women members and four of the branches have gotten to-

gether and formed a Round Robin Tournament. Each "Y" plays the other branches on two occasions, once at their own "Y" and once at the other's. The results of these meetings are totalled at the end to see which branch is winner. Each meeting consists of 2 sets mixed doubles, one men's doubles, and one ladies' doubles. It's a grand way to meet other people and play on other courts. We enjoy it.

We have also in the past visited the YMCA in Rochester and played together and hope to have them back. We are expecting a visit from a Toronto badminton group.

Olive Bellamy, Buffalo, N.Y.

## International Badminton News

By Jack van Praag

The third competition for the Thomas Cup got under way early this month when the draw was made for the Asiatic and Australasian Zones of the contest. The draw for the two other zones, American and European, will not be made until June when entries for those sections close. The draw is as follows: Asiatic Zone—Ceylon vs. Pakistan; India vs. Thailand; Hong Kong vs. Burma; Japan—a bye. Australasian Zone—Australia vs. New Zealand. The winners of the two zones will be entitled to send their teams to Malaya for the final ties scheduled to be held in the country of present champion nation in May, 1955. First

matches will be played by July 31, 1954.

Germany played her first Badminton International on January 10th when she met and defeated the Netherlands at Bonn by 9 matches to 2. The game in West Germany has caught on tremendously in the past twelve months, the Germans having entered the game with all their usual ardor and thoroughness. The Deutscher Badminton Verband became affiliated with the International Badminton Federation last summer.

## TASMANIA

Rex Collins, Correspondent

The finals of the Australian Badminton Championships were held at the City Hall, Hobart, during Sept. 1953. The Tasmanian Badminton Association conducted the tournament (Ed. note—according to Rex it was a Badminton Carnival). States competing were Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania. Winning the Ladies' Singles Championship of Australia was Miss E. M. Peacock, Victoria, who defeated Miss A. Pincott, also of Victoria with a score of 11-1, 11-5. D. Muarry of Tasmania won over S. Russell of Victoria 15-10, 15-6 in the Men's Singles Championship. (Rex Collins was the umpire of the Men's Singles.)

S. Russell and A. McCabe of Victoria won the Men's Doubles, Miss E. M. Peacock and Miss P. Grant also of Victoria won the Ladies Doubles and Miss Grant teamed with A. McCabe to win the Mixed Doubles Championships.

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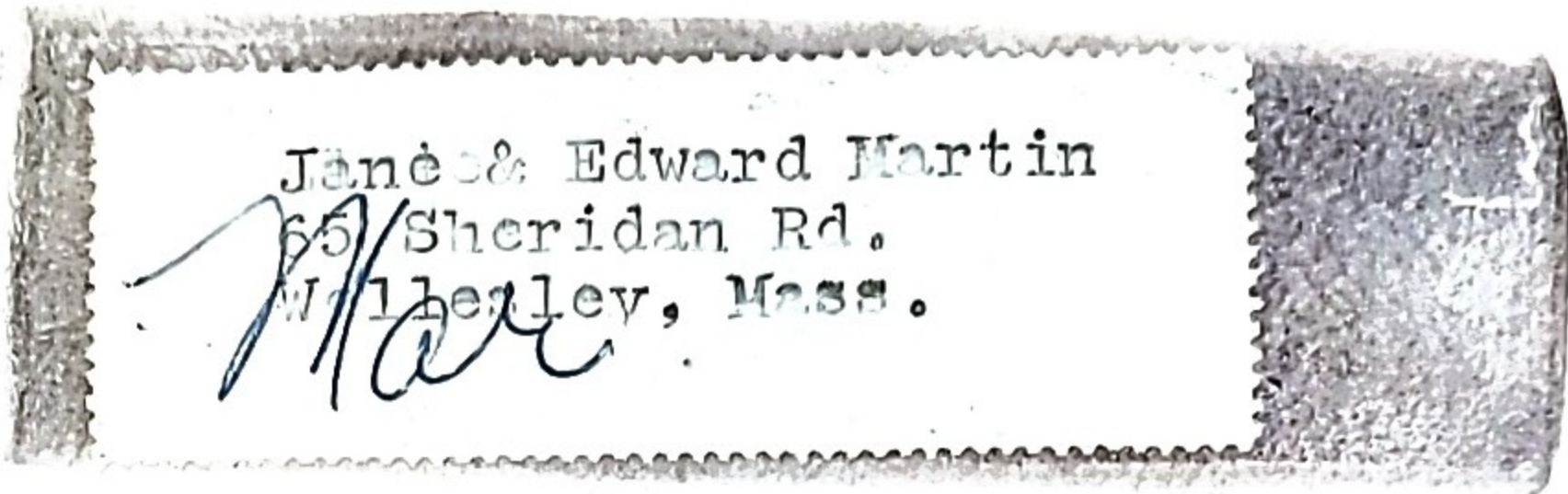
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