

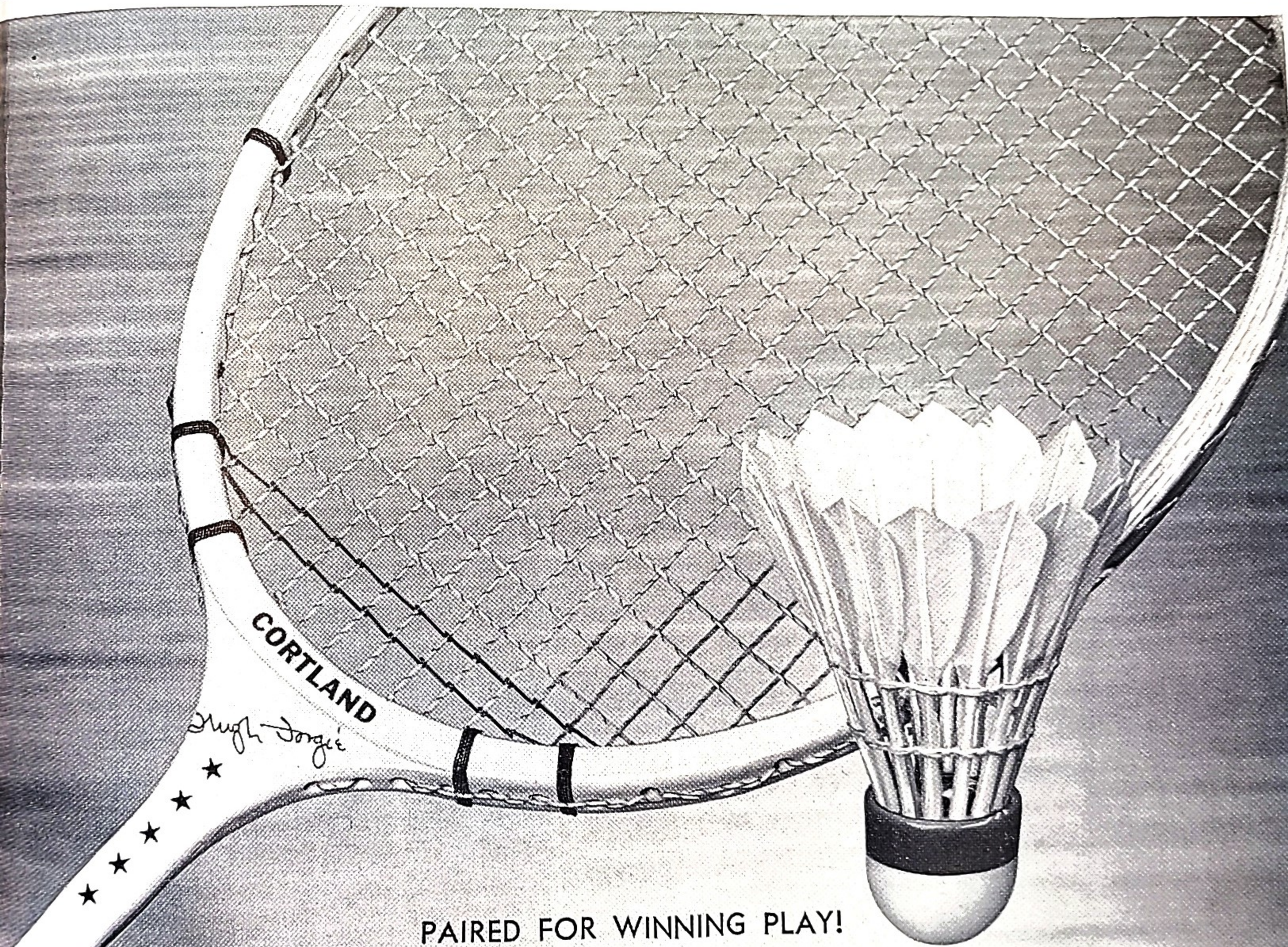
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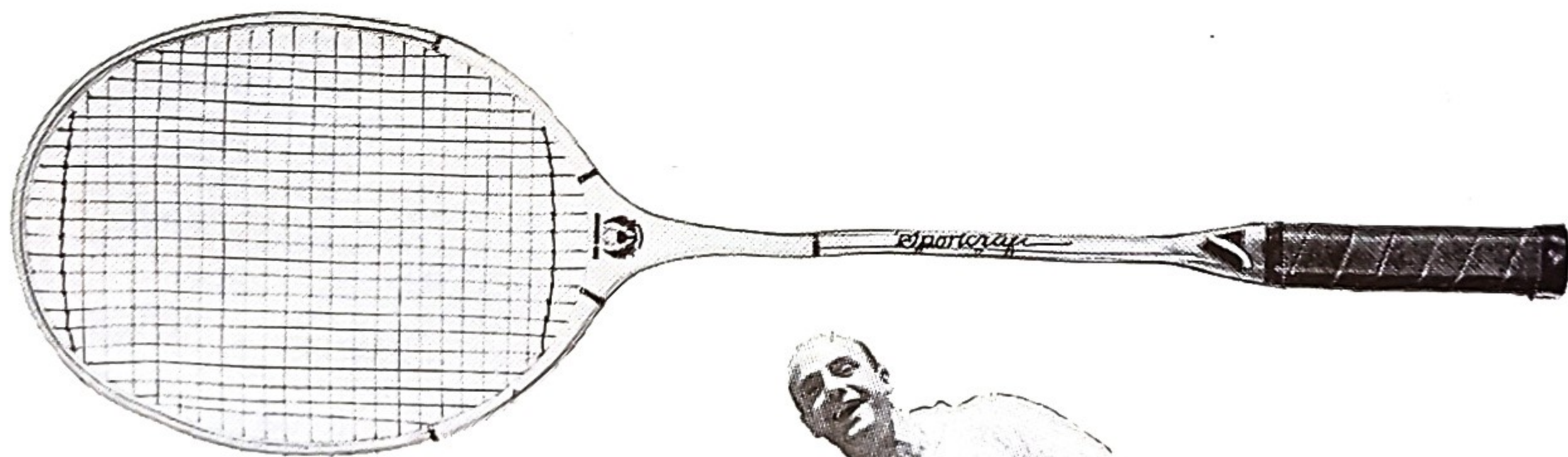
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CHARLEY NEWHALL

President's Message

Greetings are extended to badminton players throughout the United States at the opening of what promises to be an interesting badminton season, reaching a peak (as can be attested by all those fortunate enough to be present at the First National Open Amateur Championships at Niagara Falls) with the Second National Open Amateur Championships to be held at Long Beach, California, on April 6-9, 1955. Special stimulus to badminton in this country, as well as a source of much valuable publicity in our newspapers and elsewhere, should

be provided by outstanding foreign competition not only in the National Open Amateur Championships, but also in Thomas Cup Matches to be held between the United States and Canada to determine the winner of the American Zone Competition, and (if the United States team defeats Canada) in subsequent play between the United States and other countries to take place in Malaya in the later rounds of the Thomas Cup Competition. Exhibition matches in Asia and in South Africa are also in prospect for some of our top players.

But, important as this international competition may be, our primary interest is to encourage and promote more badminton play in this country through member clubs and tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by state or regional associations. Also it is hoped that there will be, this season, increased junior play and increased badminton competition in our schools and colleges. In the foregoing connections, as well as in all other activities to stimulate badminton play in the United States, the importance of the state and regional associations cannot be over-emphasized. We urgently need the active cooperation of each state and regional association, each member club, and each individual member, if badminton is to gain the prominent place in this country's sports picture to which it is entitled.

Suggestions for furthering the above objectives will be welcome.

Charles B. Newhall

Champions In The Making

Through the cooperation of Fred C. Cope, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation and Stuart Spencer, Director of Recreation, Alhambra has its first city sponsored Junior Badminton Club, composed of boys and girls in the 14 and under age group from which a national champion or two is being moulded. The kids all love the game and play with the zest of seasoned veterans and call themselves the "Moors."

The club sent a team to the Southern California Junior Tournament at Pasadena and the most that they could do was to win first and second places in the 15 and under "Boys Singles." They took first, second and third in 15 and under "Boys Doubles." Bob Mesias, Alhambra school-

boy champion, won the singles from another "Moor," Carmen Chiarenza, and these boys later teamed to beat clubmates Bob Stengel and Mike Tibaldi in doubles. Jack Richetts and Mike McCallum placed third.

The team and club have over fifty members at the present time and are supervised and coached by Ned Valerand and Laurie Cook.

DON'T hesitate to enter a tournament because a few "stars" are there; they can't beat you without teaching you.

Don't forget that, whether you favor long white shorts or short white longs, the term "white" should be truly applicable in either case.

Sidelights of the Nationals

by Ken Davidson

It may interest Bird Chatter readers to learn that our Malayan and Indian visitors to the first open Nationals at Niagara Falls found the tremendous amount of automobiles; the tall buildings such as the Empire State Building and the Rockefeller Building; and the friendly informality of their hosts who generously housed them wherever they visited as the most impressive of their impressions of the United States.

The high standard of living found in this country brought forth many expressions of admiration. When it was pointed out, after they had been driven over many miles of our super-express highways in the north-eastern part of the countryside, that similar highways were to be found in all sections of the United States and that they had seen less than one-tenth of such magnificent traveling conditions, their praise of the country reached higher and higher.

Sincere letters of appreciation have been received by me, Chairman of the Overseas Committee in charge of all arrangements for the overseas visitors, expressing deep gratitude to all those who helped make their trip to the United States such a memorable one. Mr. Lin, who made such a fine speech at the Annual Luncheon, wrote on behalf of the Malayan squad, and Nandu Natecar wrote for the Indians—both prayerfully hoping that it may be possible that some, if not all, of the 1954 National visitors may return to this country again in the future—possibly for the 1955 National at Long Beach, California.

NOTICE

BIRD CHATTER has been asked to publish systems of ranking from various parts of the country; to date we have been unable to make the proper contacts but hope to have something in the next issue. If your association has a good system, please send it to B.C.

Anyone wishing a copy of "The Laws of Badminton and The Rules of the American Badminton Association" may obtain one by writing to Richard G. Slauer, 20 Saturn Rd., Marblehead, Mass.

Changes In Laws Of Badminton

by Phil Richardson

Comment: Actually there are no major changes of any kind, merely clarification by changing some of the language of the sentences.

The following alterations to the Laws of Badminton were adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation of June 30, 1954, and become operative at once:

LAW 9(b) the third sentence now reads, "The shuttle is thereafter in play until it touches the ground, or until a fault or let occurs."

LAW 9(b) third sentence altered to read as follows: "The shuttle is thereafter "in play" until it touches the ground, or until a fault or "let" occurs, or except as provided in Law 19."

LAW 10 last sentence now reads: "No player may receive two consecutive services in the same game."

LAW 10 last sentence altered to read: "No player may receive two consecutive services in the same game, except as provided in Law 12."

LAW 12. The following new paragraph was inserted after the existing second paragraph: "If in either of the above cases the side at fault *loses the rally*, the mistake shall stand and the players' positions shall not be corrected during the remainder of that game."

LAW 12. The following words were added at the end of the existing third paragraph (which has now become the fourth paragraph): "and the players' position shall not be corrected during the remainder of that game."

Comment: Under the old rule neither side, if out of correct position, could change back to correct position if the mistake was discovered after the next service was made. That part of rule is still in force. The new clarification now covers when the mistake is discovered before the next service. The side **WINNING THE RALLY** must change back to its correct position. The side **LOSING THE RALLY** shall not change back.

This means that one partner, in this case only, may, therefore, receive two consecutive services and that ac-

Northern California Junior Tournament

Lloyd Gowen, Correspondent

The Sixth Annual Northern California Junior Badminton Championships were held at Berkeley High School on May 1, 1954. The size of the tournament this year surprised even the optimistic co-sponsoring Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Berkeley Recreation Department, with 257 individual entrants in the nine events offered. Over 350 event entries were played off during this marathon one-day tournament, including a full bracket of consolation events. Real credit is due to the members of the Northern California Badminton Association for the comparatively smooth running of the tournament. All but one semi-final was off the floor by 7 p.m. Saturday, with the last of the finals out of the way by 9:30 p.m. Because of the large entry, Berkeley High's fourteen courts were augmented by three courts each at Burbank Junior High and Grove Recreation Center for the first two hours of play. Anyone interested in organizing a Junior Badminton Tournament may write to Mr. Gowen, manager of the tournament, at 921 Cerrito St., Albany, Calif., for information on the type of publicity used.

counts for the change in the last sentence of Law 10.

LAW 13. The last eight words in section (a) have been altered to read: "server's score is an odd number of points" (the word "has" changed to "is").

Interpretation No. 1, page 10, in "Laws of Badminton"—fourth word "action" was altered to the word "conduct," now reading: "any movement or conduct by the server that has the effect of breaking the continuity of service after the served and receiver have taken their positions to serve and to receive the service is a preliminary feint."

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Badminton Personality



DICK SLAUER

In Dick Slauer, the American Badminton Association has as its new Secretary, a badminton enthusiast who has shown in numerous ways his marked ability as a "builder-upper." His enthusiasm, conscientious work and outstanding organizing skill were invaluable in restoring badminton to a thriving condition at the Tedesco Country Club in his home town of Marblehead, after the club's badminton activities had dwindled to such a point that the club officers were seriously considering dropping badminton entirely. As First Vice President of the Massachusetts Badminton Association, Dick is one of the bulwarks of the state organization. He has a keen interest in Junior badminton play, as is evidenced by his chairmanship of the newly created Special ABA Committee for Promotion of Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Competition. His daughter Norma is one of the most promising Juniors in New England.

Besides playing a very competent game of badminton, Dick's principal hobbies are tennis and bridge. He is manager of the Applied Laboratory of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. He graduated from the Stevens Institute of Technology in 1926 with a degree of M.E. Prior to coming to Massachusetts in 1944 he lived in New Jersey where he was born in 1906.

How About A Round Robin Tournament?

by
Thelma Kingsbury Welcome

With the beginning of a new badminton season many clubs are faced with one problem or another. The question of whether, or not, we can resume play as previously, or if facilities will permit the usual run of tournaments. If the former remains status quo, there will no doubt be the usual enthusiasm of a new season which brings out the membership in droves. NOW is the time to promote a Round Robin tournament which has three invaluable aspects. It provides an equal amount of play for all, regardless of caliber, an opportunity to practice with a specific partner and perhaps most important of all, just now, to become acquainted with most of your fellow club members.

A Round Robin tournament requires a minimum of organization and is very successful as a one-evening tournament, and divided into sections if the quantity of entries deem necessary.

Let us suppose three courts are available and there are thirty players (fifteen teams) entered. One section of five teams per court would provide four matches for each team. At an average of twenty minutes per match a tournament such as this should approximate three and a half hours with three sectional winners determined. The ultimate winner may be decided by the largest total score, but in the

case of a tie a play-off should decide. All matches may be one game of 15 points or one game of 21 points, but in either case no games are set and total *points* determine the individual scores. This factor is well to remember during play as every point prevented, from each opponent strengthens one's own position, whereas one low score could well reduce the chances for a team with otherwise high scores. *Every point counts.* This is good training for concentration! (Note scores of Black and Black.)

The diagram below shows the simplicity of a Round Robin score sheet and only two major factors must be remembered, ie.:

1. All teams must be entered in the same order horizontally as vertically, and totals added vertically.
2. Each team's score must be entered vertically under its own name and in line horizontally with each respective opponent's name.

The diagonal line or X's through the center of the score sheet merely eliminates the score square of each team which obviously cannot play itself.

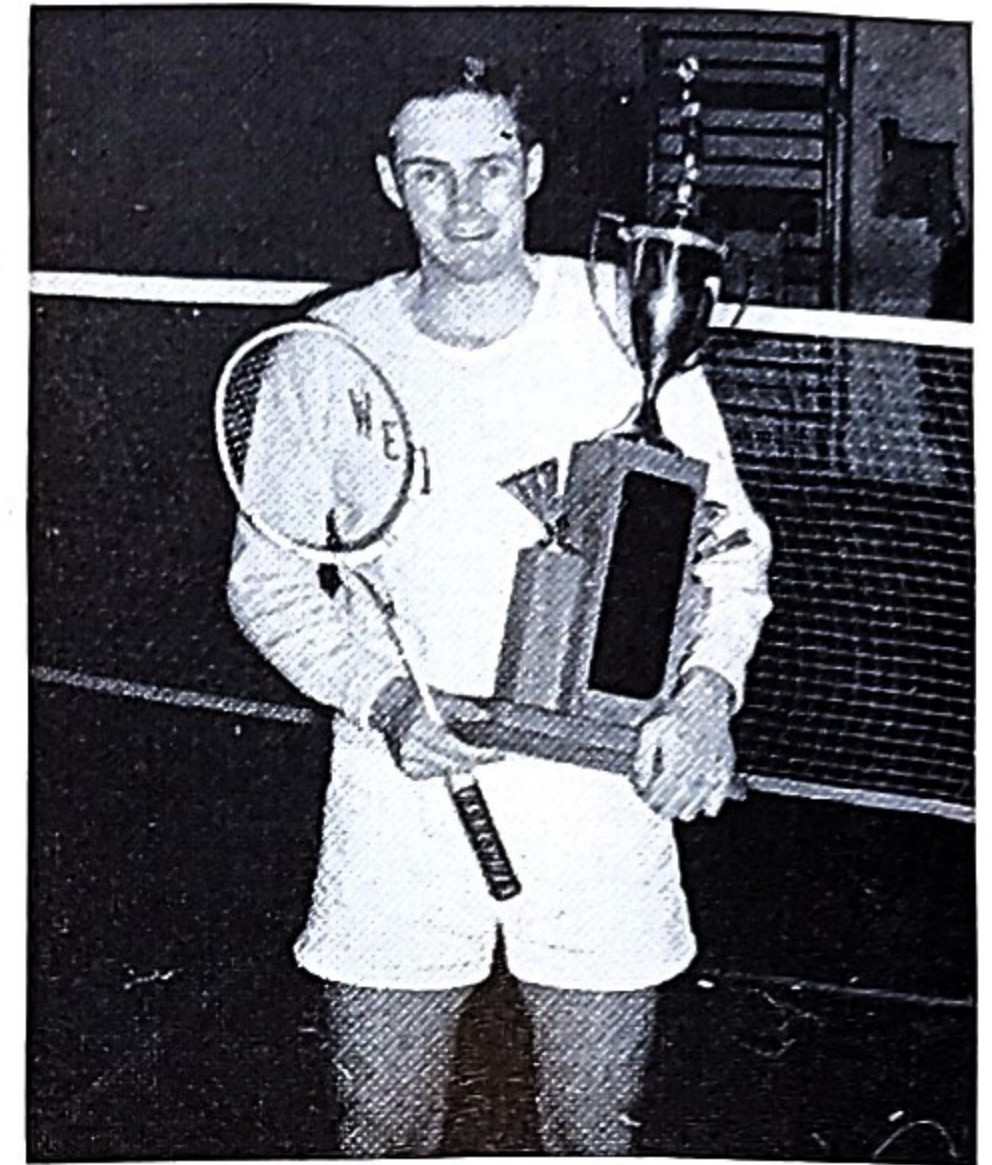
This diagram shows a score sheet in accordance with the proposed five couple section, but may be augmented or diminished according to the number of teams available.

ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT SCORE SHEET
Each match consisting of one 21-point game (no set)

X	JONES and JONES	SMITH and SMITH	BROWN and BROWN	GREEN and GREEN	BLACK and BLACK
JONES and JONES	X	21	18	21	21
SMITH and SMITH	13	X	21	21	21
BROWN and BROWN	21	11	X	18	9
GREEN and GREEN	18	16	21	X	21
BLACK and BLACK	15	14	21	13	X
TOTAL	67	62	81	73	72

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Northern California



BILL BERRY
1954 Winner

ICE CAPADES OF 1955

Hugh Forgie will appear in the "Ice Capades of 1955" with a completely new badminton act on ice. During the 1955-56 tour anyone wishing to contact Hugh may write directly to the arena in which he is appearing. Following is his schedule up to December 13. Schedule from December 26 to May 29 will appear in a later issue.

Oct. 18-31—The Arena, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 2-6—Reynolds Coliseum, Raleigh, N.C.

Nov. 8-14—Memorial Coliseum, Syracuse, N.Y.

Nov. 15-21—Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N.Y.

Nov. 22-26—Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, Ontario.

Nov. 28 - Dec. 5—The Forum, Montreal, Quebec.

Dec. 6-12—The Coliseum, Springfield, Mass.

Sanctioned Tournaments

Nov. 5, 6 and 7, 1954—County Championships, San Diego, Calif.

Dec. 3, 4 and 5, 1954—14th Annual Manhattan Tourney, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Jan. 26, 29 and 30, 1955—Dave Freeman Open, San Diego, Calif.

THOMAS CUP COMPETITION

by Don Richardson

Action on the International front is the focus of attention this 1954-1955 season for both the men and the ladies.

This is the season for the Third International Competition for the Thomas Cup, for a world-wide tour involving two of our United States top lady players, and the year for the ABA to plan its course with relation to the IBF announcement of International Competition for the ladies' teams, somewhat on the same basis as the men's Thomas Cup play.

World Wide Tour

Sponsored by the Malayan Badminton Association, players for many countries will start a trek to Singapore with exhibitions at various places en route. Representing the United States will be National Champion Judy Devlin of Baltimore, Md., and Margaret Varner of South Hadley, Mass., who will leave about October 27th to meet a group in London, composed of English, Danes and others. From here, with David Bloomer, one of our IBF representatives, and Ken Davidson, acting as managers, the group will proceed to numerous countries giving exhibition matches with a final windup at Singapore in an International Invitation Tournament for both sexes. Players are expected to be back in the United States by December 5th.

Ladies' International Championship

Culminating a year of study, the annual meeting of the International Badminton Federation, held June 30, 1954, voted to inaugurate a Ladies International Championship, to commence in the season 1956-1957. In general the regulations pertaining to the Thomas Cup will apply, with certain specific changes applicable to this Ladies' competition. The ABA is studying the details connected with this new operation and at a later date will release a complete report on the details and their thoughts and decisions regarding the participation by the United States. Financial considerations will play a major part in the ABA plans and decisions.

Thomas Cup

Entry into the third holding of the Thomas Cup Competition was voted

by the ABA Directors at the Annual Convention in Niagara Falls last April. Our entry was submitted for play in the American Zone, and at the IBF June, 1954 meeting we were drawn against Canada, the only other entry in this American Zone.

Twice before, 1948-49 and 1951-52, we met and defeated Canada for the American Zone title and went on to compete in the Interzone Ties. Twice before, also, we met and lost to the Malayan team, the Champion Nation of both competitions held.

In the 1949 encounter—a "semi-final round"—we lost 3-6, after a terrific struggle which ended with only a total of 12 points separating the two teams after these 9 matches. The 1952 match was lost 2-7 in the final (Challenge) round after we had edged out India 5-4 in the Interzone Finals. Not as an alibi but merely to factually state our case we became short-handed when Joe Alston had to return to the U.S. just prior to the playing of this match.

The experience gained in these two Thomas Cup series by many of the team members now still available, plus the desire for a place on this season's team has spurred unusual activity by many of the leading candidates. As an instance of this, a try-out was held in San Diego and nearby locations July 17-31. Those attending were most of the former members of the team with new candidates Davis, Roche, Berry, Armendariz and Leib. Singles play dominated the play of the new candidates but doubles play, instruction and tactics were also included. It is also expected that Ted Moehlmann may visit this area and play with many of the same players. Perhaps others may be on hand by the time this date rolls around.

During the summer months the Thomas Cup Committee has been giving serious study to the many aspects of this Thomas Cup operation, and some of its decisions are herewith officially announced.

1. Appointment of Coach.

Kenneth R. Davidson of Bronxville, N.Y., has been appointed to act, for the third time, as Coach of the Thomas Cup squad and team, for the 1954-55 Competition.

2. Selection of Thomas Cup Squad.

The following players are hereby named to the Thomas Cup Squad:

From California—Joseph Alston, Manuel Armendariz, William Berry, John Leib, Carl Loveday, Wallace Martin, Marten Mendez, Richard Mitchell, Ronnie Palmer, Wynn Rogers and Robert Williams (formerly of Niagara Falls, N.Y.).

From Seattle, Washington—Donald Davis.

From St. Louis, Missouri—Theodore Moehlmann.

From Detroit, Michigan—Victor C. Van De Ven.

From Baltimore, Maryland—Michael J. Roche.

The committee wishes to state that this list may be augmented or changed as the performance of these or other players warrant, and of their desirability of being considered for the team. It does consider that there are others, now in their records, who could be possible future candidates.

It is also the intent of the committee to announce the selection of the Thomas Cup team from the members of squad, as soon as practicable. The timing of this may depend on the results of further tryouts and the date chosen for the U.S.-Canada Tie.

Following the announcement of the team, the committee will conduct a vote of the members of the team for their captain.

3. U.S.-Canada Tie.

The site and dates of the Tie with Canada have not as yet been determined. It is hoped that this will be decided in time for an announcement no later than the next issue of Bird Chatter.

It should be recognized that our match with Canada this season will find us opposed by one of the strongest teams they have been able to field for some years. While many of our players have successfully competed against some of their leading players during the last two seasons in various tournaments, they have never had their strongest potential group in any one tournament. While it is only normal to look forward to possible ties in Malaya, our first and main objective is to meet and defeat the full

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NATIONAL RANKINGS

1954-55

LADIES' SINGLES

1. Judy Devlin Maryland
2. Margaret Varner Massachusetts
3. Lois Alston California
4. Thelma Welcome California
5. Abbie Rutledge Indiana
6. Joan Gibbs California
7. Beulah Bymaster California
8. Mildred Sirwaitis Michigan
9. Ruth Berry California
10. Jo Ferraccio New York

Honorable Mention

- Thelma Burdick Illinois
 Sue Devlin Maryland
 Dorothy O'Neil Connecticut
 Marge Wright Ohio

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. Judy Devlin Maryland
 Sue Devlin Maryland
2. Ethel Marshall New York
 Beatrice Massman New York
3. Abbie Rutledge Indiana
 Margaret Varner Massachusetts
4. Lois Alston California
 Beulah Bymaster California
5. Thelma Welcome California
 Janet Wright California
6. Joan Gibbs California
 Jean Gibbs California
7. Ruth Berry California
 Doris Martin California
8. Thelma Burdick Illinois
 Eleanor Coombs Illinois
9. Dorothy Hann California
 Loma Smith California
10. Charlotte Decker Dist. of Col.
 Dorothy O'Neil Connecticut

Honorable Mention

- Beulah Bymaster California
 Dorothy Hann California
 Rosine Capehart New York
 Doris Delord New York
 Jo Ferraccio New York
 Dolores Zinteck New York
 Mildred Jude California
 Doris Martin California
 Marge Wright Ohio
 Mary Jane Stille Ohio

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Joe Alston California
2. Bob Williams New York
3. Dick Mitchell California
4. Ted Moehlmann Missouri
5. Bill Berry California
6. Don Davis Washington
7. Manuel Armendariz California
8. John Leib California
9. Stan Sangdahl Ohio
10. Michael Roche Maryland

Honorable Mention

- Noel Fehm Connecticut
 Mike Hartgrove California
 Vic Van de Ven Michigan

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Joe Alston California
 Wynn Rogers California
2. Carl Loveday California
 Dick Mitchell California
3. Manuel Armendariz California
 Buzz Martin California
4. Bob Williams New York
 Bob Hardison New York
5. Mike Hartgrove California
 Alan Mahaffey California
6. Vic Van de Van Michigan
 Vic Pritula Michigan
7. Ray Young New York
 Bob Traquair New York
8. Ted Moehlmann Missouri
 Joe Tiberi Illinois
9. Bill Anderson Michigan
 Harry Drewry Michigan
10. Noel Fehm Connecticut
 Harry Quinn Connecticut

Honorable Mention

- Earl Boston Illinois
 Lee Robinson Illinois
 Bill Berry California
 Mike Hartgrove California
 Wayne Schell Massachusetts
 Bob Wright Massachusetts

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Joe Alston California
 Lois Alston California
2. Wynn Rogers California
 Loma Smith California
3. Carl Loveday California
 Jean Gibbs California

4. Manuel Armendariz California
 Beulah Bymaster California
5. Buzz Martin California
 Dorothy Hann California
6. Wayne Schell Massachusetts
 Margaret Varner Massachusetts
7. Ted Moehlmann Missouri
 Abbie Rutledge Indiana
8. Bob Stille Ohio
 Mary Jane Stille Ohio
9. Earl Boston Illinois
 Eleanor Coombs Illinois
10. Bill Berry California
 Ruth Berry California

Honorable Mention

- Vic Pritula Michigan
 Norma Pritula Michigan
 Bob Traquair New York
 Jo Ferraccio New York
 Mike Hartgrove California
 Ruth Berry California
 Steve Hinchliffe California
 Joan Gibbs California

VETERANS' DOUBLES

1. Wayne Schell Massachusetts
 Bob Wright Massachusetts
2. Ken Aderholt Missouri
 Herp Perkins Missouri
3. Harry Keating New York
 Ned Stafford New York
4. Ozzie Hilton California
 Howard Holman California
5. Dan McArthur California
 Al Wilkinson California
6. Lewis Rulison California
 Hulet Smith California
7. Herb Feihrenbach New York
 Phil Michlin New York

Honorable Mention

- Ted Brooks Michigan
 Jerry Burns Michigan
 Dick Fleming California
 Fred Serafin California
 George Geever Illinois
 Dick Headley Illinois
 Raynor Hutchinson Massachusetts
 Fred Bogardus Massachusetts
 Hap Burdick Illinois
 John Franczak Illinois
 Whitney Warner Ohio
 Ed De Leone Ohio

THE THOMAS CUP OUTLOOK

by Ken Davidson

(Coach, U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team)

Another Thomas Cup season is here. The United States and Canada once again have entered the competition, both of course challenging through the American zone. The winner of the American Zone will travel to Malaya next May to meet the winner of the Asiatic Zone, probably India. The European winner, probably Denmark, will meet the winner of the Australasian Zone, where Australia is expected to win in a close match against New Zealand. The winners of these two inter-zone play-offs, due to be played in Malaya on May 24th and 25th; and May 27th and 28th, 1955, respectively, will meet, on May 31st and June 1st, 1955, in the Final Zone play-off, with the eventual winner challenging the present holder, Malaya, in the final Challenge Tie on June 4th and 5th, 1955, to see who will become the "Champion Nation" in 1955, and holder of the Thomas Cup for the next three years.

Twenty nations in all have thrown a challenge at Malaya; two in the American Zone; nine in the European Zone (an interesting entry being Western Germany); seven in the Asiatic Zone; and two in the newly formed Australasian Zone. The competition is already under way, with Pakistan, Indian, Hong Kong and Japan ready to play in the second round before November 30, 1954, and the Australia vs. New Zealand Tie due to be played as Bird Chatter goes to press.

What of the United States? It won't be many weeks before the U.S.A. Thomas Cup Selection Committee will have to choose a team for the 1954-55 competition. The four man minimum, six man maximum team will be chosen from the list of names listed elsewhere in this issue of Bird Chatter, plus any last minute nomination considered worthy of inclusion.

The early tournaments this season may prove to be an important factor in the selection of the team but much depends on the actual date of the Canadian Tie. At the moment, the match has not been fixed, either for time or site. Obviously, the sooner the Canada match is played, the more the selectors will have to rely on past per-

formances in such important tournaments as the Niagara Falls National Championships and the various area tournaments. Of primary importance to the selectors will be the results from the special Thomas Cup tryouts held in August. However, this summer session was restricted to a selected few possibles for the team, and one or two invited were unable to make the journey to California.

Notwithstanding their inability to be present in San Diego, all these



young fellows, plus several other youngsters in several areas throughout the country, will get the opportunity to impress the selectors with their early season's play, and even though a place on the 1954-55 Thomas Cup team may not be achieved, the 1957-58 Thomas Cup competition will soon roll around and it is evident that there are likely to be several openings for young players to make that particular squad and earn for themselves a chance to travel around the world.

Mention of youngsters emphasizes the strange fact that not one of the U.S.A. National Junior Singles Champions since 1947, when these Championships were first instituted, has earned a place on the Thomas

Cup team—notwithstanding such talented performers as Ted Moehlman, Ronnie Ryan, Steve Hinchliffe, Jack Chrisman and Don Davis. (Last season's 16 year old winner, "Butch" Kevorkian, Boston, is considered too young for the 1954-55 Thomas Cup squad.)

Other youngsters who were prominent in National Junior play in the past few years, but not Singles winners, are such fellows as Bunky Roche, Baltimore, Peter Sherwood, Westport, Mannie Armendariz, Burbank, and another California U.S.A. Junior Doubles winner, Dean Maurry of Manhattan Beach. Two seasons ago, in the Boston Nationals, Mannie Armendariz went farther in any Senior National Championships than any other prominent junior male player graduating into the senior ranks when he reached the final in both the Men's Doubles and the Mixed Doubles.

Some of the above-mentioned young players are sure to find their names on the list of players from whom the selectors will make their final choice for the 1954-55 U.S.A. team to meet Canada, or, if success follows our meeting our friendly rivals from north of the border, on the team selected to make the long trip to the Far East for the Zone play-offs. One player, Ronnie Palmer of Glendale, California, who has an excellent chance to be placed on the list of possibles, never played in the U.S.A. National Juniors but his record over the past three years shows several outstanding victories in singles over players who have represented the U.S.A. in Thomas Cup matches. Ronnie, now around 24 years old, during his two years Army duties in the East won many Eastern titles and included among his victims many top-ranking Canadian stars.

Mention might be made too of the hard-luck Mike Hartgrove of Pasadena, California, ran into when he caught his racket hand in some machinery. The accident, necessitating a series of progressive operations and manipulative treatments, will keep this highly promising young player, particularly in doubles, on the sidelines for at least a year—but, Mike,

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JUNIOR NATIONAL RANKINGS

Junior Champion Boys' Singles

GIRLS' SINGLES

1. Judy Devlin Maryland
2. Sally Thomas New Jersey
3. Rosine Capehart New York
4. Linda Cobb Massachusetts
5. McGregor Stewart Maryland
6. Carlene Jo Hester California
7. Gwen Garnsey California
8. Jeanne Coyne Michigan
9. Ramona Gunner Minnesota
10. Janet Harter Minnesota

BOYS' SINGLES

1. John Kevorkian Massachusetts
2. Gary Ogilvie New York
3. Dick Ball Maryland
4. Bill Davidson Washington
5. Ronnie Miller California
6. Bob Gunner Minnesota
7. Bill Corey Maryland
8. Russell Paquette Michigan
9. Charles Wilson Illinois
10. Gary McFarlane New York

GIRLS' DOUBLES

1. Rosine Capehart New York
Sally Thomas New Jersey
2. Judy Devlin Maryland
Linda Cobb Massachusetts
3. Carlene Jo Hester California
Gwen Garnsey California
4. Ramona Gunner Minnesota
Jeanne Coyne Michigan
5. McGregor Stewart Maryland
Jay Tischinger Maryland
6. Nancy Metcalfe Massachusetts
Norma Slauer Massachusetts
7. Janet Harter Minnesota
Linda Flack Maryland
8. Linda Harvey New York
Velma Rice New York
9. Mary Proctor Minnesota
Roberta Rasmussen Minnesota
10. Ann Jones Massachusetts
Jane St. Amant Massachusetts

BOYS' DOUBLES

1. John Kevorkian Massachusetts
Dick Ball Maryland
2. Gary Ogilvie New York
Gary McFarlane New York
3. Bob Gunner Minnesota
Ronnie Miller California
4. Bill Corey Maryland
Bill Steinwald Maryland
5. Charles Wilson Illinois
Steve Schodde Minnesota
6. Bill Davidson Washington
Gordon Gonion Minnesota
7. Allan Horovitz Minnesota
Russell Paquette Michigan
8. Lawrence Larkin New Jersey
Merle Powers New Jersey

MIXED DOUBLES

1. John Kevorkian Massachusetts
Linda Cobb Massachusetts
2. Dick Ball Maryland
Judy Devlin Maryland
3. Gary Ogilvie New York
Rosine Capehart New York
4. Bill Davidson Washington
Linda Flack Maryland
5. Allan Horovitz Minnesota
Jeanne Coyne Michigan
6. Ronnie Miller California
Carlene Jo Hester California
7. Bob Gunner Minnesota
Ramona Gunner Minnesota

8. Bill Corey Maryland
McGregor Stewart Maryland
9. Charles Wilson Illinois
Gwen Garnsey California
10. Gary McFarlane New York
Linda Harvey New York

Glendale, California Club Frances Fleming, Correspondent

Newly elected officers of the Glendale Badminton Club are: George Pajares, president; Dick Lundy, 1st vice present; Elsie VanHiel, 2nd vice president; Anne Foy, secretary, and Art Nagle, treasurer.



JOHN "BUTCH" KEVORKIAN

Boys' Singles Runner-up



GARY OGILVIE

Developing Junior Play

by Dick Slauer

Everyone recognizes that a sound sports program for juniors increases the possibility of active participation in later life. In some cases, the goal may be broader than the game itself as it seems to be in baseball's Little Leagues. Here team play, sportsmanship, and juvenile activity are more important than training for adult participation. In other cases, the goal may be competitive. Australia's tennis success with juniors seems to make the Davis Cup as remote for the

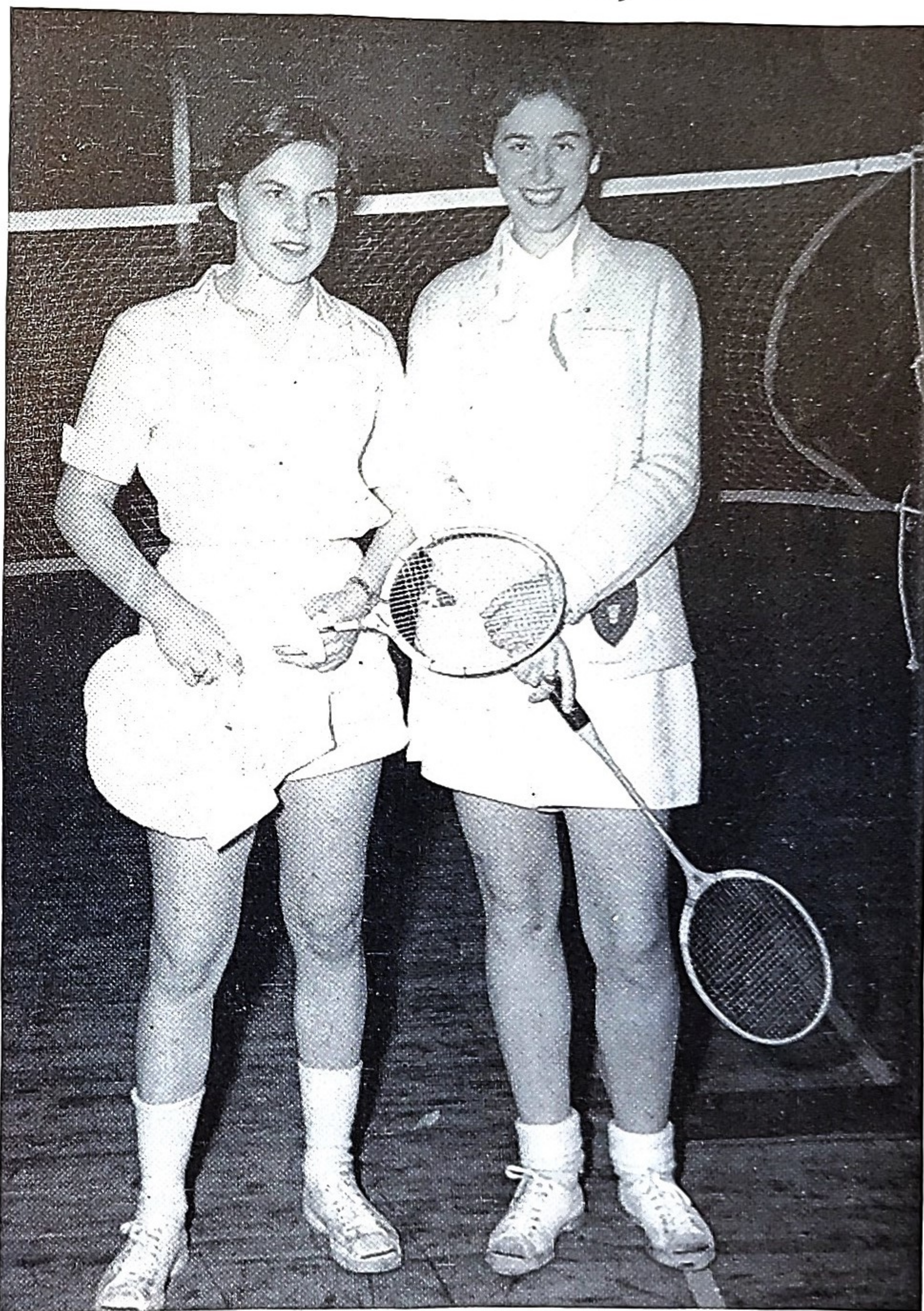
United States as a Republican governor for Mississippi. Hence Jack Kramer's special Junior Davis Cup clinic. In the case of badminton, the goal would seem to be one of basic growth—there aren't enough American youths who know the game's potentials as a sport, an exercise, or as an adult community activity.

One facet of a junior program is an introduction to the game. It is surprising how many juniors—and adults—just don't know what the game comprises except in the broadest sense that it is a racket and net game. Demonstrations by leading professionals, exhibitions and matches of out-

standing players at tournaments, certainly help. Spectacles such as revues or stage shows are open to question—there is the strong probability that most of the audience remember badminton as a stunt and not as an every day sport in which they can participate.

Let's assume that the introduction has been made. Can a local group get something out of such demonstrations and matches or must it leave growth to casual, individual searching? I believe the answer is in "supervised play"—perhaps another name for group lessons. It may not be the only answer but it's good enough to put

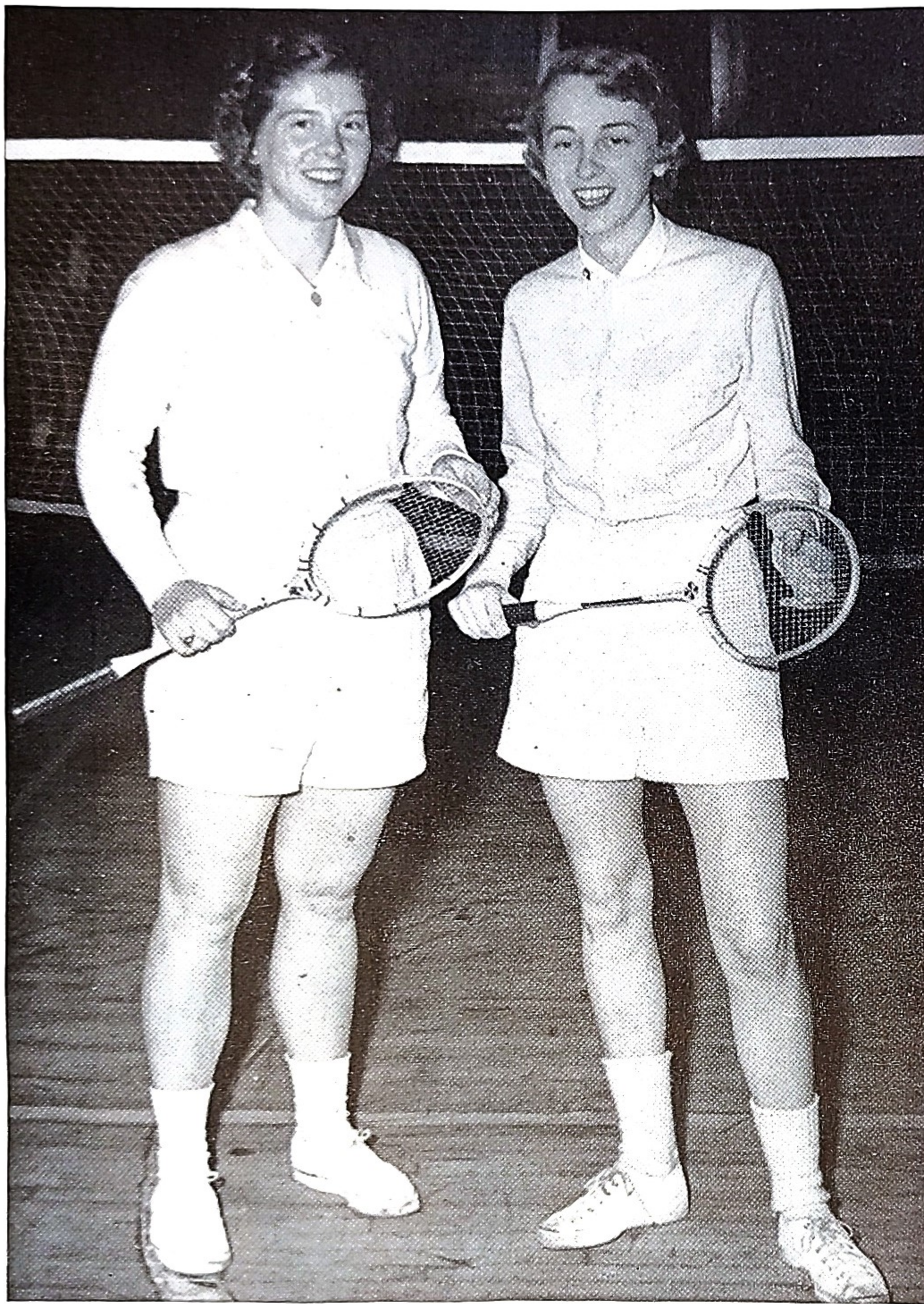
Girls' Doubles Champions



SALLY THOMAS

ROSINE CAPEHART

Girls' Doubles Runner-up



JUDY DEVLIN

LINDA COBB

into practice until something better comes along. Individual lessons are fine but not needed—or not as productive—until the spark of interest is really deep or nurtured in some special way.

At Tedesco in Marblehead, Mass., we develop our junior play around Saturday morning class lessons. They are conducted by a professional, assisted by one adult member of the Club. A professional has real advantages but two adult members can do almost as much good, provided at least one knows and can explain the

basic principles of grip, strokes, and footwork.

The juniors must first be divided by age—an older junior can never be put into a younger group no matter how awkward or how inexperienced. A younger one can occasionally be advanced but it is better to make these youngsters “assistants” for their own age group. We have found that 8-12 and 13-17 works out OK; if we had to divide into three groups, we would probably pick 7-11, 12-14, and 15 and up.

Once divided and the time estab-

lished (which we make an hour and a half for each group, using two courts) two basic concepts govern our operation:

1. Keep each youngster busy all the time.
2. Make sure everyone has game experience each session.

To implement the first our pro takes a few of the group on one court and gives them individual attention for about ten minutes. Then he switches to another three or four and so on until every junior has received personal attention for a least a few minutes. By pairing them off in groups of three or four, the natural number for a doubles alignment, depending on whether the coach counts himself or not, the feeling of individual instruction is quickly created. Furthermore, this is the only way to get thru a large class.

While this is being done, the adult club member organizes repetitive drills. This is the key to the whole program. It provides continued movement, the sense of doing something, and the actual interest that comes with improvement. We usually start with 5 minutes of clears. All the juniors line up on one side and the adult feeds a clear to the player at the head of the line. The junior returns it and drops to the foot of the line. The few seconds involved for an interchange should be enough to keep sustained interest. If too many are in the line, try splitting the line into a right and left court unit. Even with beginners, the court is wide enough. For the other “feeders,” use the best of the juniors. It will be a mark of accomplishment, an incentive. We find that a line becomes unwieldy if it has more than 8 players in it. A shout of “NEXT” adds precision, rhythm and alertness, thereby keeping things moving.

Five minutes of clears gives way to five minutes of serving, five minutes of smashes and so on. Control is emphasized. In one sequence, a junior serves, a second receives, and *must* return the bird to a given spot relative to the server's partner. Although this third player has little to do, he forms part of the sequential line—the server moves to the net spot and then comes around the net to receive. Another way to teach accuracy is to put hats in the four corners of a receiving court. Allow each player 12 birds and see if he can put one in each hat. Try it yourself if you don't be-









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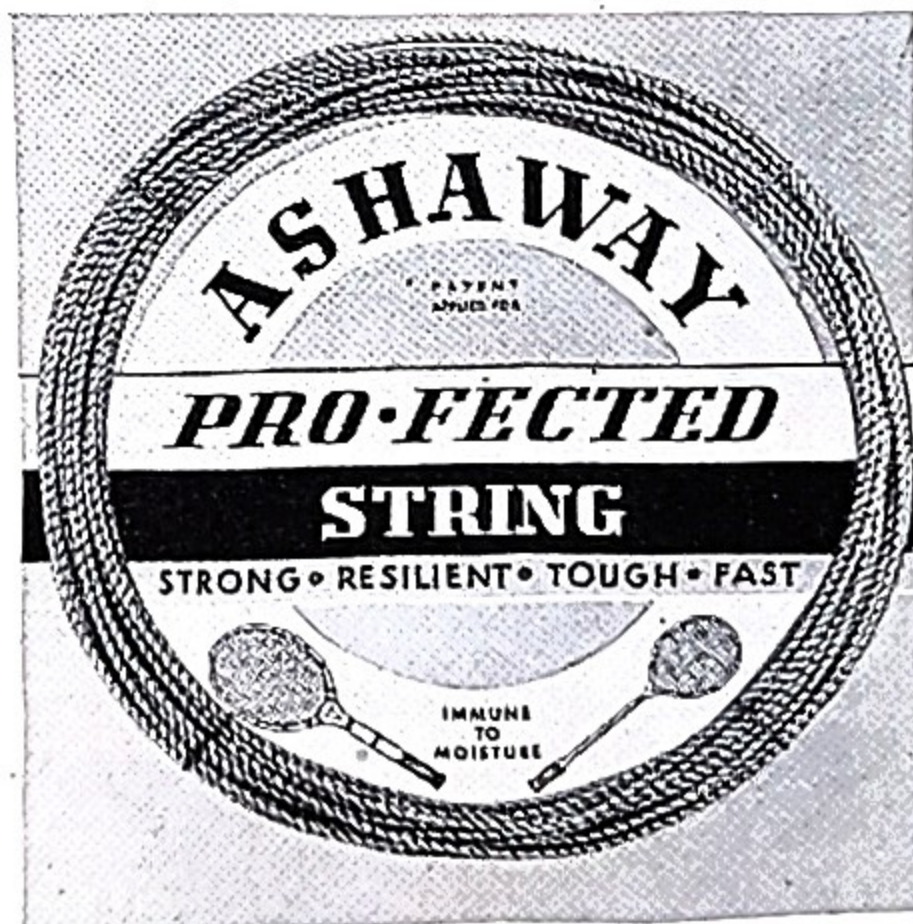
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lieve that success deserves a gold star on an accomplishment sheet. We suggest this procedure only for private practice, however. It is too slow for class activity.

The pro's work and the adult's drill must be coordinated so that sooner or later one or both courts are assigned to actual play. Singles is seldom possible within the limited time but doubles is better anyway for beginners and for group interest. There is no need for full games—9 to 11 points total for a given foursome is sufficient. Then drop one player or one team and add another. And keep going along this pattern so that everyone moves and reacts to the specific stimulation of a measurable goal.

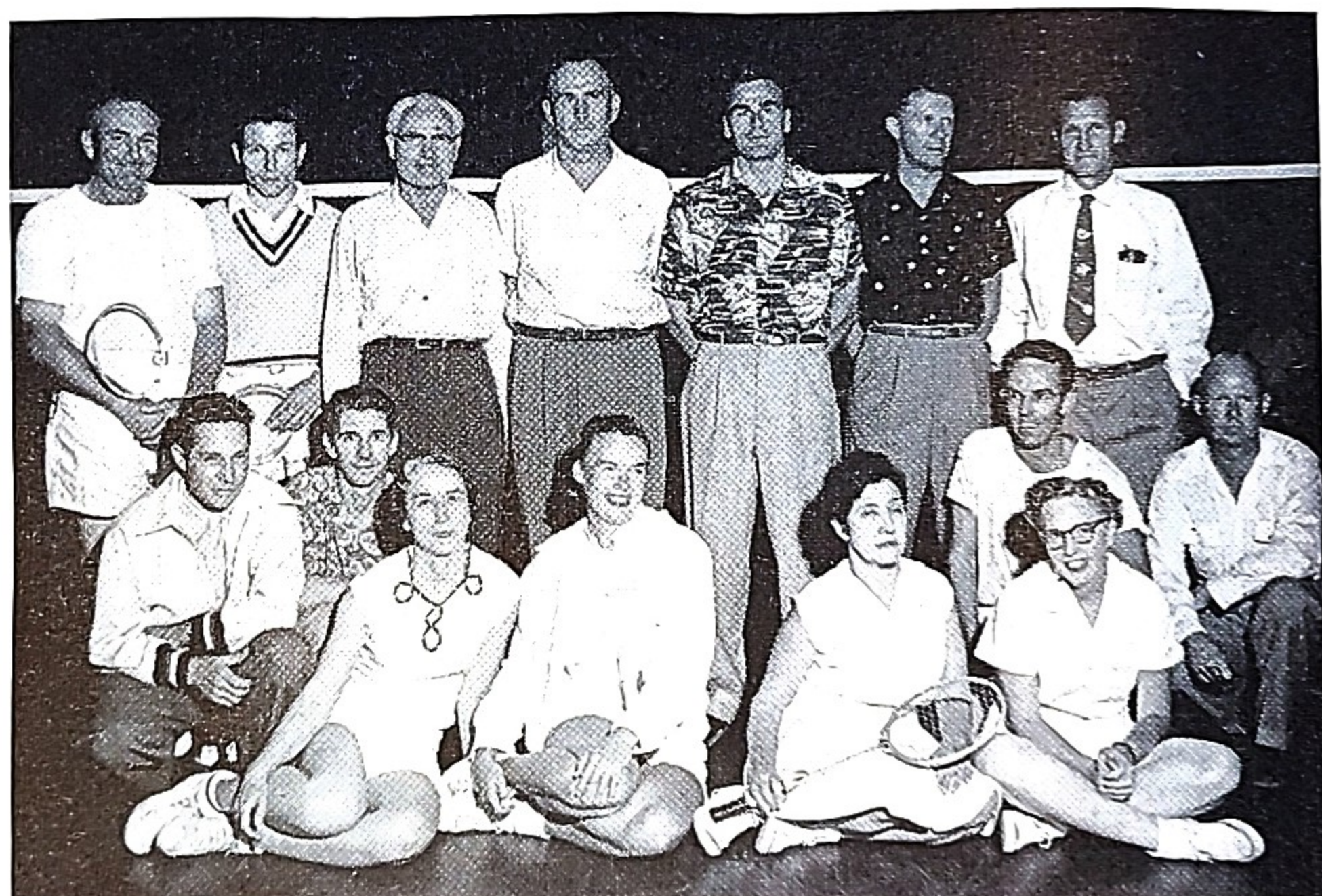
No matter how interesting the above is made, "breaks" are needed every few weeks. Competitive play with other clubs should be used cautiously since it involves only a limited number of players and usually those whose interest is easy to maintain anyhow. Round robin tournaments are best, in which everyone in a group of 8 plays everyone else. The problem of keeping the inactive ones interested returns, but a limited game (e.g. 7 points) and attention to cutting down the time between games pays dividends. Elimination tournaments also should have a place—the feeling of winning, of mutual evaluation, is still an important mental stimulation. The key factor is to have sufficient matches to keep up the interest of those with inherent competitive spirit without having too many to bore those who are slow in advancement or relatively indifferent. All of them have a place as adults in a badminton club and we want to keep them with us.

Supervised practice provides the follow-up that is needed to direct a youngster's attention to badminton as a game. It won't in itself make him a good player; it won't suffice as the only basis for interest. But it is something tangible for adult members to do for the junior in their community, for their club, and for the game of badminton. Juniors need us for guidance but we need them even more as the basis for our clubs of the future.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for the January-February, 1955 issue will be DECEMBER 10th. Please send typed articles IF POSSIBLE—if you do not have a typewriter available, please write so ye editor can read it when it gets cold.

Manhattan Beach (Calif.) Summer Tourney



Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Bob Worthington, Correspondent

The Labor Day week-end found badminton enthusiasts heading for Manhattan Beach and the Sixth Annual Summer Badminton Tournament of the Manhattan Beach Club. Sixty-five teams entered the five-event doubles tournament and enjoyed three days of swimming in the club pool, plus a bang-up party on Sunday evening, sponsored by the tournament committee.

M.D.—Wynn Rogers-Carl Loveday def. Buzz Martin-Manny Armendariz, 15-18, 9-15, 15-4. L.D.—Beulah Bymaster-Lois Alston def. Helen Tibbetts-Jean Gibbs, 15-7, 15-18, 15-12. Mx.D.—Wynn Rogers-Dorothy Hann def. Joe & Lois Alston, 15-5, 17-14. Vets Mx.D.—Wally Kinnear-Lois O'Connell def. Larry Calvert-Liz Anselm, 15-9, 17-16. Vets.D.—

Al Kirby-Bob Johnson def. Dan McArthur-Al Wilkinson, 10-15, 15-13, 17-16.

"B" FLIGHT

M.D.—Jack Christie-Bob Pitman def. Dan McArthur-Al Wilkinson, 15-6, 15-12. L.D.—Lillian Wells-Lois O'Connell def. Pat Larner-Laurie Cook, 8-15, 15-9, 18-14. Mx.D.—Jim Poole-Laurie Cook def. Bill & June Bayley, 17-14, 15-6. Vets Mx.D.—Frank Auxier-Fay Haraughty def. Dick van Praag-Arcelia Cook, 15-11, 15-7. Vets.D.—Jan Lamar-Toy Erkillia def. Bill Giles-Jack van Praag, 15-8, 15-17, 15-12.

Fred Knight and Dorothy Marsden, members of the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club were married recently.

Fay Haraughty is flashing a huge diamond, courtesy Wally Kinnear. Congratulations. (Manhattan Beach, California.)

PLAY *Badminton* AND SEE THE WORLD

by Bill Berry

My "Stranger Than Fiction" tale opens in the Land of the Morning Calm, Korea. However, this is not a war story, although I was in Korea, I didn't see any action. It wasn't that I didn't want to get into the actual fighting, but you see, I had a slight physical defect. It's my back—there's a big yellow stripe down the middle of it. But, back to the plot. When I first arrived in Korea I wrote letters to the various badminton associations in the Far East to ascertain the possibilities of a trip to some country to play badminton. Without exception each of the associations replied to my inquiry with details of their future tournaments and an offer to feed and house my war-torn body upon arrival. Because of the dates involved I settled for Thailand and India and began to make arrangements. If there is one thing real nice about the Army it's their broad-minded attitude towards athletes, international athletics

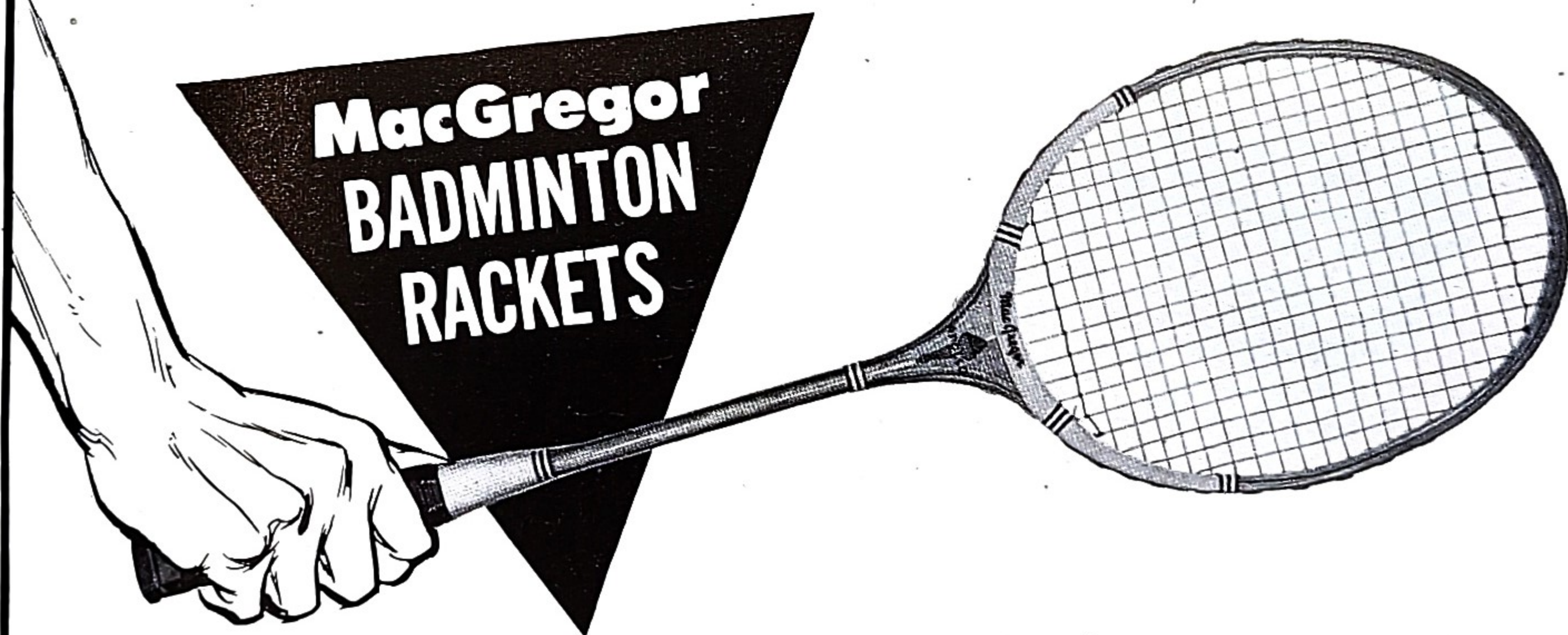
and badminton, in particular. It took only FOUR months of forms and applications and letters before I received final approval. In the last days of November, 1953, I was on my way.

First stop, Tokyo. What a town! I spent most of my time and money buying civilian clothes and, uh! . . . well, for awhile I uhhhh . . . then I—I—would you believe me if I told you I spent the time in art galleries? Those of you who have been to Japan—keep your big fat mouths shut! Anyway, I was supposed to fly out aboard the Army's Embassy flight on a space-available basis. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mild misunderstanding with a master sergeant (may his soul, etc., etc.) and if I hadn't discovered that the Flight Operations officer was a fraternity brother from Santa Barbara, I'd still be in Tokyo. This is bad! Three o'clock next morning we left Haneda Airfield and

headed south. Now I wouldn't say that I had the lowest priority on the plane but they did give me a peculiar assignment. You see, when they started to land, if the landing gear didn't work, I was supposed to stick my legs out the bomb-bay door, hold on to the sides real tight, and as we hit the ground, run like mad. GIs are cheap, anyway.

Upon arrival in Manila they took some more officers aboard and guess who was elected to stay behind? You win. Get the picture now. There I was—money almost gone already, due in Thailand in four days, the next flight not for a week, so hot the mosquitoes were carrying fans; two suit cases, and a heavy, heavy wool uniform. Man, I was real nervous. My only hope lay in getting some sort of cargo flight as far as French Indo China for which I didn't have a visa. Sooooo, I headed for Manila and the French Embassy. Now, Clark Air

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Force. Base is about 50 miles from Manila and American personnel are not allowed on the roads after dark because the guerrilla Huks are prone to take scalps. However, I caught a Philippine bus and made the trip without mishap in about four hours.

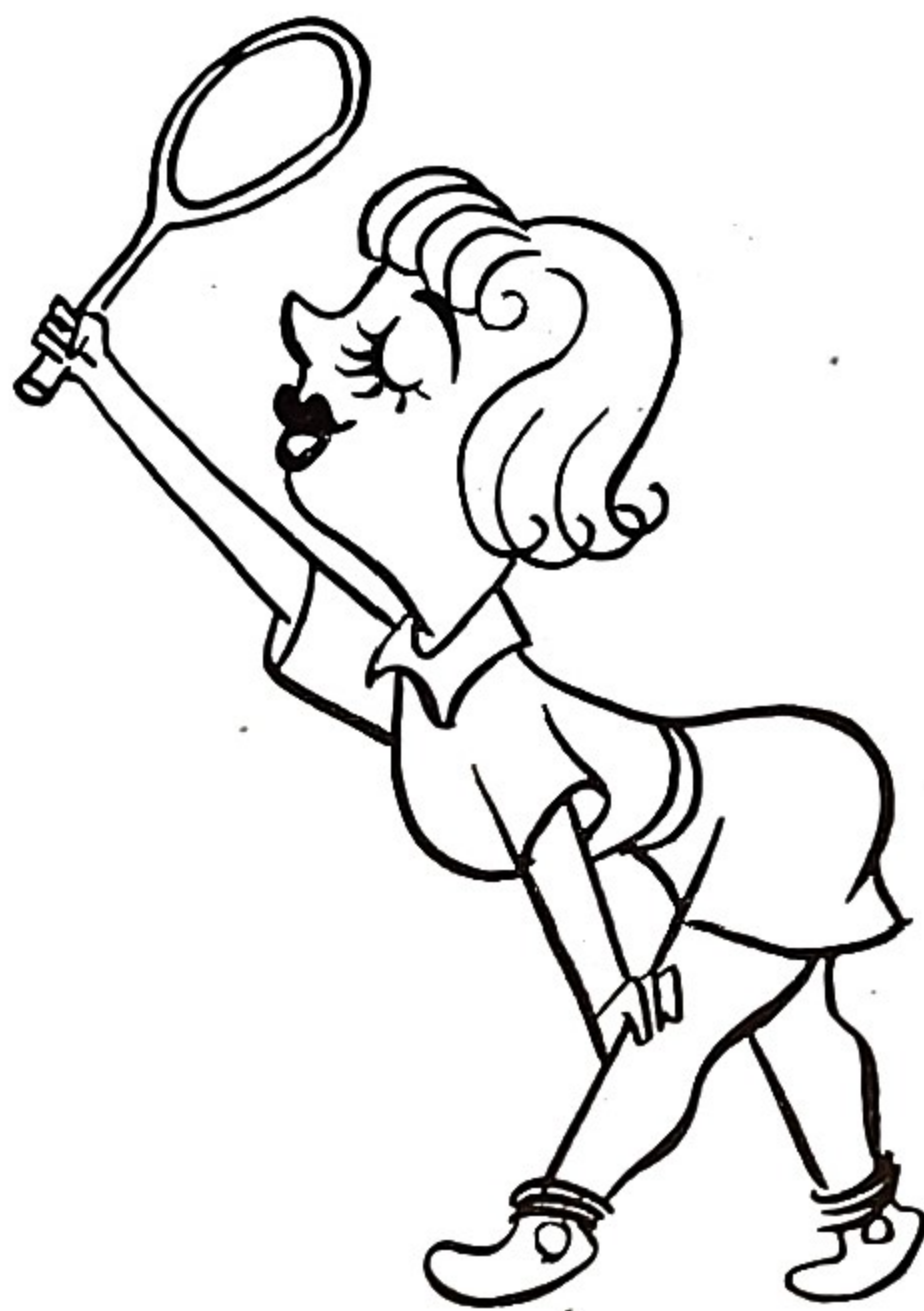
The day after I arrived I discovered that they play badminton at the YMCA. That night I picked up a racket for the first time in 9 months. Next day—I wished I was dead. All of their players that I had the good fortune to meet were very kind. I met and talked with Mr. Susano Negado, the President of the Philippine Association. He was very cordial and we talked of the friends he had made in this country and of the time our Thomas Cup team played in Manila.

I don't believe they have any outstanding players but there did seem to be evidence of a constantly growing interest in badminton. One of the outstanding memories (that I can tell you about) of my three days in Manila is a great delicacy they have named, as I recall, a "baloot," with the accent on the "oot." They take a chicken or duck egg just about ready to hatch and boil it. Then they eat it like a candy bar. They tell me it's really great with beer. As I lead a very austere existence, I passed up this gourmet's delight. Don't like beer.

Having secured the necessary visa, I dragged my aching body back to Clark Field. Next morning I had the good fortune of catching a C-46 cargo flight. It was a beautiful day and the pilot let me sit in the co-pilot's seat most of the way while he explained the use of the instruments. That afternoon we landed in Saigon. It's a fascinating city with the appropriate nickname of "Paris of the East." Most of the people speak French and there are the open stores and sidewalk cafes which, I suppose, are typical of Paris. Surprisingly enough, most of the shops are run by Indians with large fur hats or turbans. The bookstores had some very interesting novels to judge by the covers, but alas! the writing was French and for the life of me I couldn't find one with pictures. I discovered that there were no military flights to Bangkok for at least five days, so it was necessary to spend my last fifty bucks for a ticket on Air Viet-Nam. My dinner was rather meager for the only French word I could think of was crepe Suzette and I knew I couldn't afford that! By much pointing and grim-

acing I finally got some candy, cream puffs, and orange pop. The crew with whom I arrived was kind enough to let me spend the night in a chair in their room, cream puffs and all. At 5 a.m. I was off for Thailand (Siam).

The airplane was a French model with three motors and a top wing. It did get off the ground, however, and I was on my way again. During the flight I was fortunate enough to make the acquaintance of both an Air Force Colonel and Senator Thye of Minnesota. The Senator was making a personal tour of the Far East in connection with one of the Congressional committees on agriculture. Over the province of Cambodia the



plane circled the ancient temple of Ankor Wat, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and quite impressive, I might add. About 2 p.m. we landed in Bangkok, capital of Thailand.

The Colonel drove me to the American Embassy but then I was stuck. In all of Bangkok I knew the name of only one man; I didn't know his address and he didn't have a phone. I hadn't the vaguest idea where he could be and to make things worse, if I were to find him I'd be stuck again because his name was Saowasakdi Phiendham. Fortunately, I found a very cooperative little Siamese girl in the Embassy who spoke English. After an hour on the telephone she contacted Mr. Saow—my friend, who promptly came by for me.

I spent the next eight days lodging in a very nice air-conditioned room

at the Trianon Hotel. I do dearly love to sign my name on those meal checks. This particular week was the date of their yearly Constitutional Fair. The Fair featured many fascinating exhibits from foreign countries, including an exhibit from Russia. It was very interesting as the whole exhibit was concerned only with products of Russian industry and agriculture; not a smell of anything military. There was one Russian product which was particularly interesting—a little Russian blond. I grinned my special GI grin and softly whispered, "Da, da," in my best Russian. The look she gave me suggested that she didn't want to lend what I wanted to lease. By now I could see that I should have majored in language at school. How could I explain to her that I just wanted to promote some sort of friendly relationship and understanding between our countries? However, I could tell that she understood already. Oh, well, *est quaedam flere voluptas*. How about that? Latin! I think.

On the first night they presented me with a ringside seat for the beauty contest at the Fair. Aaaaaahhh! Anyway, on the second day, Wong Peng Soon and his group arrived and that night we were guests of honor at a basketball game. The following day we were taken to see Siamese boxing matches and got our first glimpse of the National Boxing Stadium where we were soon to play the exhibition matches. Their boxing rules are different from ours in that the participants are allowed to use their feet and elbows. I watched one match and decided that this was one country where I'd just as soon not participate in any physical contact sports. I spent quite a bit of time the next few days in sightseeing and taking pictures. Bangkok has some of the most beautiful buildings and unusual architecture in the world. The fantastic artistry of such places as the Emerald Buddha, the Grand Palace, and the Porcelain Pagoda would have to be seen to be believed. The people are fiercely proud of their traditions, their country, and their freedom. Thailand means Free Land. We may look to it as the strongest citadel of freedom in the Far East.

It was a surprise to discover that throughout the Far East and India indoor courts are scarce, but the outlines of badminton courts are everywhere; in the yards, the streets, and

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OVERSEAS NEWS

By Jack van Praag

All hail the new All-England Champions, Judy and Susan Devlin. On the 20th Anniversary of the last grand slam victory of their father, Frank Devlin, who won the All-England singles, doubles, and the mixed doubles crowns in 1929 (1926 and 1927 also) Judy won the ladies' singles and with Sue won the ladies' doubles event. Mr. Devlin won eighteen All-England championships over a period of ten years, one of the greatest records of any of the winners in the 56-year history of the event. Judy with six girls' singles, five girls' doubles, and three mixed Junior United States National titles, as well as one ladies' singles and two ladies' doubles Senior United States National titles, seems well on the way to rivalling her father's great record.

If one refers to the Devlin girls as Americans, this is only in the badminton sense, for neither possesses United States citizenship. Sue, the elder, was born in London, and Judy first saw the light of day in Winnipeg. Both travel on British passports, but their badminton skill has been acquired on American courts, though not without a good deal of assistance from their famous Irish father.

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Anyone who can defeat Eddy Choong, present U.S. Title holder, in singles provides a sensation, and when the victor is only a junior, the sensation is naturally all the greater. But just that happened at Nykobying on the Danish Island of Falster in the final of the annual open tournament of the Nykobing B.K. The victor was 17 year old Finn Kobbero, and he won against the world's number one singles player amidst great excitement by the score of 10-15, 15-10, 18-14. This was on February 21st, shortly after Choong's return from Canada.

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Newly elected to membership in the International Badminton Federation are the Jamaica Badminton Association, and the Malta Badminton Association.

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It may be of interest to some of our Canadian subscribers to know that Poul Holm of Copenhagen, Denmark, has accepted an offer from Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, Canada, as an instructor for this Association.

Asiatic Tour - 1954

Judy Devlin, Baltimore, Margaret Varner, South Hadley, Mass., and Ken Davidson have been invited, and have accepted, an invitation by the Singapore Badminton Association to make a goodwill tour of the Asiatic zone. The following cities will put on exhibition matches or run special invitation tournaments: Karachi, Pakistan; Bombay, Calcutta, India; Bangkok, Thailand; Hong Kong; Singapore, Malaya; and Jakarta, Indonesia.

Joe Alston and Don Smythe, top players in the U.S.A. and Canada, respectively, were invited but, owing to their desire to reserve the time required for this six week tour for the forthcoming Thomas Cup matches, both regretfully turned down the invitation.

Ken Davidson has been invited to manage the tour and is in charge of all player travel arrangements and administrative details. The tour will start from New York around October 27th for the U.S.A. personnel, but the actual jumping off place will be London, England, on November 1, 1954. Here the U.S.A. group will join the two brilliant English girl players, Iris Cooley and June White, All-England Ladies' Doubles in 1953 and runners-up to the Devlin sisters in 1954.

These four players will be joined in Karachi by four men players from the Far East; probably Nandu Natecar and T. N. Seth of India being two of the four men. The other two will be the two top Malayan players who impressed most in the recent Malayan Championships.

The tour will mean a three to five day stop-off in each city, with a seven day allowance being made for the Singapore tournament, before the end of the tour in early December. Judy Devlin, having taken a summer course at College to substitute for her normal Fall session, may represent the U.S.A. in some English tournaments, either before and/or after the tour. Margaret Varner, with a six-week leave of absence from her College teaching duties already granted, may not be able to join Judy in her search for further tournament honors on European soil.

DON'T stand on your heels; keep on your toes both mentally and physically.

1955 Nat'l Tournament

By Jack van Praag

Plans are rapidly going forward for the Amateur Open Championships of the American Badminton Association—the world's championship tournament—which will be held at the Long Beach City College in that city on April 6-7-8 and 9, 1955.

The United States tourney will be open to shuttle stars from all over the globe and a large entry of foreign champions is expected.

Committee chairmen will be headed by an executive committee composed of Jack van Praag, President of the California State and Southern California Badminton Associations; Claude Welcome, 1st Vice President of the ABA; and Virginia Hill, Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern California Association.

The Tournament will be sponsored by the Long Beach Independent-Press Telegram, under the auspices of the American Badminton Association, Charles B. Newhall, President; and conducted by the Southern California Badminton Association and the Long Beach Badminton Club, Tom Gray, President.

The committee is as follows: Tournament Director, Kenneth Wells; Entries, Loma Smith; Tickets, Buzz Martin; Entertainment, Virginia Hill; Publicity, Walter Sheek; Program, Marguerite Miller; Chief Scorekeeper, Howard Taylor; Official Referee, Hulet Smith; Chief Umpire, Al Kirby; Trophies, Thelma Welome; Hospitality, Lois O'Connell; Housing, Gene Rahankamp; Players' Facilities, Walter Sheek; Treasurer and Auditor, Buzz Martin; Counsel, Bertrand Rhine; Physician, Dr. Charles McAlister; Overseas Players, Ken Davidson; Draw, Claude Welcome and Hulet Smith; Registration, Long Beach Badminton Club; Transportation, Tom Gray; Scheduling, A. Leroy Hill; ABA Official Publication, "Bird Chatter," Margeurite Miller.

Current Canadian Champions are: M.S.—Donald Smythe; L.S.—Marjorie Shedd; M.D.—Don Smythe and W. Purcell; L.D.—Marjorie Shedd and Joan Hennessey; Mx.D.—Daryl Thompson and Jean Bardsley; V.D.—J. E. Underhill and A. F. J. Peel.

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Connecticut State, Class 'C' Milford, Conn.

Art Popolizio, Correspondent

M.S.—Alfred Riley def. Charles Von Wrangell, 15-9, 15-8. L.S.—Turio Grotterod def. Ruth Moroney, 11-8, 12-10. M.D.—William Clark-Joseph Lux def. David Chase-F. W. Crossman, 15-5, 14-15, 18-17. L.D.—Helen Radwany-Kay Hamma def. Turio Grotterod-Ruth Moroney, 7-15, 15-8, 15-13. Mx.D.—Alfred Riley-Irene Beauregard def. ? 17-14, 8-15, 17-14.

New Haven County 'A'

Art Popolizio, Correspondent

L.S.—Marjorie Collins def. Jane Laird, 11-2, 12-10. M.D.—Dick Davenport-Ed Drab def. Art Popolizio-Jim Lockwood, 15-12, 18-14. L.D.—Frances Brand-Jess Sumner def. Marjorie Collins-Jane Laird, 15-12, 15-5. Mx.D.—Art Popolizio-Margaret Beattie def. Jim Lockwood-Lena Lockwood, 15-12, 11-15, 15-9.

New Haven County 'B'

Art Popolizio, Correspondent

M.S.—Tom Golden def. Ed VanBeverhoudt, 15-8, 15-6. L.S.—Jane Laird def. Terry Maxwell, 11-0, 12-10. M.D.—Harold Allen-C. Whittaker def. Bill Paoella-Jim McNamara, 15-7, 15-10. L.D.—Margaret Beattie-E. Kimball def. Jane Laird-Babe Smith, 15-8, 11-15, 18-14. Mx.D.—Jess Sumner-Dolly Von Haght def. Jim McNamara-E. Kimball, 15-10, 16-18, 15-7.

Madelyne Schultz of East Hartford, Connecticut, was married in July. Her name is now Madelyne Noyes, and Mr. and Mrs. Noyes live at 260 Brewer St., East Hartford 8, Conn.

Continental Employees' Assn.

Jane Laird, Correspondent

The following officers were elected by the Connecticut Badminton Association on May 10, 1954, to serve for the coming year: President, James L. McNamara; Vice-President, Richard Ober; Treasurer, Marie Schultz; Secretary, Jane Laird.

Rhode Island State Championship "B"

Providence, R.I.

Roland Lundin, Correspondent

M.D.—Roland Lundin-Warren Reed def. Walter Hackett-Robert Nelson, 15-10, 13-15, 15-9. L.D.—Muriel Gilbane-Carol Hulcup won 15-12, 15-4. Mx.D.—Merilun Tucker-Walter Hackett def. Muriel Gilbane-Ed Connor, 15-12, 10-15, 15-6.

Connecticut State Championship Westport, Conn.

Hugh Beattie, Correspondent

M.S.—Noel Fehm def. Kenneth Kost, 15-9, 15-11. L.S.—Dorothy O'Neill def. Deedy McCormick, 11-2, 11-5. M.D.—Noel Fehm-Harry Quinn, Jr. def. Kenneth Kost-Robert Loughheed, 15-5, 8-15, 15-4. L.D.—Helen Gibson-Wanda Bergman def. Deedy McCormick-Dorothy O'Neill, 15-4, 15-5. Mx.D.—Wanda Bergman-Robert Loughheed def. Helen Gibson-Harry Quinn, Jr., 15-10, 15-12. Vet.D.—Hugh Beattie-Robert Loughheed def. Richard Davenport-Peter Parahus, 8-15, 15-6, 15-13. Mx.D.Vets.—Wanda Bergman-Robert Loughheed def. Helen Gibson-Hugh Beattie, 15-8, 15-8.

Connecticut State, Class 'B' Stamford, Conn.

H. Gibson, Correspondent

M.S.—Steve Edson def. Thomas Golden, 15-12, 8-15, 15-6. L.S.—Peggy Quinn def. Jane Laird, 11-5, 7-11, 11-7. M.D.—Marshall Neale-Lou Dibner def. William Galt-Robert Seitz, 15-3, 15-12. L.D.—Peggy Quinn-Janet Emeneger def. Leona Scully-Jane Laird, 15-7, 7-15, 15-3. Mx.D.—Elaine Kimball-James McNamara def. Babe Smith-Ed Van Beaverhoudt, 15-7, 15-13.

The Birmingham Badminton Club, Birmingham, Michigan, started play on Monday, October 4th, at Cranbrook School. The club plays three nights a week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This year they have inaugurated a "Man & Wife" membership fee.

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Wallace Lee Martin (Buzz) and Jacqueline Bacon were married August 28 in Santa Barbara. The Martins will make their home in Monrovia, Calif.

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Dear Ed.

I have enclosed \$1 for my subscription to Bird Chatter for this next season. I figure that my article will probably make the issues more valuable so I will get mine before the price goes up. Never can tell—my article may make half the players take up hop-scotch.

Bill Berry, San Diego, Calif.

Minnesota Aquatennial Junior

Helen McLeod, Correspondent

(18 and Under)

G.S.—Janet Harter def. Marian Meagher, 3-11, 11-4, 11-4. B.S.—Allan Horowitz def. Steve Schodde, 15-10, 15-10. G.D.—Marlene Beyer-Lucille Peterson def. Janet Harter-Mary Proctor, 15-11, 15-11. B.D.—Steve Schodde-Allan Horowitz def. Danny Young-Jim Kinsel, 15-11, 11-15, 15-7. Mx.D.—Mary Proctor-Allan Horowitz def. Janet Harter-Steve Schodde, 18-15, 15-12.

(15 and Under)

G.S.—Lucille Peterson def. Claudia Christensen, 11-7, 11-7. B.S.—Ron Causton def. Barry Johnson, 7-15, 15-12, 15-13. G.D.—Lucille Peterson-Claudia Christensen def. Nancy Bradford-Missy Robinson, 15-2, 15-5. B.D.—Ron Causton-Bill Crouch def. Barry Johnson-Jim Olson, 15-10, 15-13. Mx.D.—Claudia Christensen-Barry Johnson def. Lucille Peterson-Jim Olson, 15-4, 15-17, 17-15.

(13 and Under)

G.S.—Maribeth Halloran def. Karen Gilfillan, 13-10, 9-12, 11-6. B.S.—Lowell Johnson def. Steven Clarke, 15-2, 15-3. (Doubles—any combination) Maribeth Halloran-Karen Gilfillan def. Sandra Eklund-Billy Nelson, 15-5, 15-2.

Continental Employees' Assn. Tourney

Ponca City, Okla.

Jean Sudbury, Correspondent

M.S.—John Sudbury def. Laddie Creemers, 15-3, 15-4. L.S.—Pat Harman def. Eleanor Round, 13-3, 13-11. M.D.—Sudbury-Pruyne def. Creemers-John Wolfe, 15-3, 15-11. L.D.—Sudbury-Harman def. Round-Frances Coppock, 15-4, 15-11. Mx.D.—Harman-Pruyne def. Round-Wolfe, 15-18, 15-3.

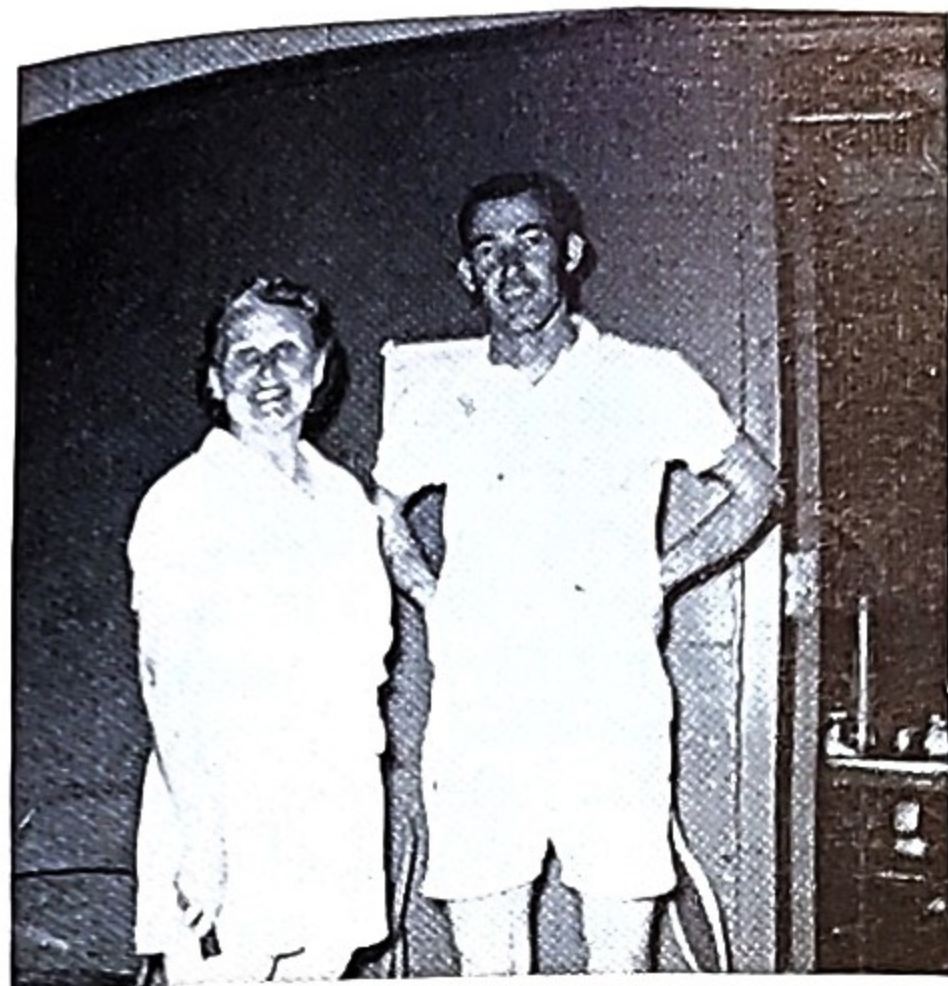
Oklahoma Open Tournament

Jean Sudbury, Correspondent

L.S.—Dorothy Martin def. Thelma Harrison, 9-11, 11-5, 11-8. M.S.—George Harman def. John Sudbury, 15-8, 15-7. L.D.—Thelma Harrison-Dorothy Martin def. Ethel Horn-Eleanor Round, 15-5, 15-10. M.D.—Hap Horn-Nick Roberts def. Harman-Sudbury, 15-9, 15-6. Mx.D.—Dorothy Martin-George Martin def. George and Patsy Herman, 7-15, 15-5, 15-11. Vets.M.D.—Nick Roberts-George Harman def. George Horn-Ed Ott, 15-3, 15-3. L.S. Cons.—Laverne Counts def. Ann Johnson, 11-6, 8-11, 11-2. M.S. Cons.—Tom Murleson def. Carroll Knutson, 15-7, 15-5. M.D. Cons.—George Horn-Ed Ott def. Jerry Walker-James McQuie, 15-18, 15-6, 15-6. L.D. Cons.—Laverne Counts-Ann Johnson def. Pany Roberts-Lana Harman, 15-5, 15-7. Mx.D. Cons.—Jean and John Sudbury def. Laverne Counts-Tom Burleson, 10-15, 15-8, 15-10.

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Seafair Round Robin



August 5 Winners
Alice Robson - Ken Harvey



August 6 Winners
Idell Netwig - Harvey (again)

Seafair Summer Tournament

Bob Kildall, Correspondent

The Queen Anne Fieldhouse of Seattle was the scene of one of the largest summer tournaments to be held by the Seafair Badminton Club. Thirty-two teams entered the handicap event. In the finals Idell Netwig-Ken Harvey of Bremerton defeated Marshall Hansen-Virginia Mahnkey of Seattle, 15-14, 15-10. In the Round Robin "American" event held Thursday, Ken Harvey teamed with Alice Robson of Seattle to defeat Floral Ann Kildall of Seattle and Bob Showacre of Spokane, 15-10.

Los Angeles City 'B'

Dan McArthur, Correspondent

M.S.—J. Poole def. W. Butler, 15-9, 15-1. L.S.—Laurie Cook def. June Mies, 11-7, 11-11, 11-7. M.D.—John Sudbury-Bill McLaughlin def. Jack Christie-Dave Trader, 15-12, 9-15, 15-8. L.D.—E. Van Hiel-Jackie Bacon def. Lois Haraughty-Faye Haraughty, 15-7, 15-2. Mx.D.—Jack Frisz-Jackie Bacon def. R. Myers-June Mies, 15-5, 12-15, 15-13. Vets.Mx.D.—Larry Calvert-LizAnselm def. Al Kirby-Lois O'Connell, 15-11, 15-0.

Los Angeles City 'C'

Dan McArthur, Correspondent

M.S.—Bob Gordon def. Randy Sage, 11-15, 17-15, 15-17. L.S.—Anna Lee Osborne def. Evelyn Hansen, 11-7, 11-3. M.D.—Jim Cracraft-Bill Giles def. Ken Conn-J. van Praag, 12-15, 15-10, 15-11. L.D.—Anna Lee Osborne-Ellen Melzer def. Faith McArthur-Jeanne Knutson, 14-18, 15-4, 18-17. Mx.D.—Jack Christie-Skip Calvert def. Bill Evans-Marguerite Auxier, 15-11, 15-11. Mx.D.Vets—George Pajares-Babe Pajares def. Frank Auxier-Faye Haraughty, 15-2, 15-10.

VACATION TOURNAMENT

Santa Barbara, Calif.

Helen Tibbetts, Correspondent

The Alstons were going strong, as usual, in the 14th Annual Semana Nautica Tourney this past 4th of July.. Each of them won a "not-too-tough" singles match against a "B.B." Lois defeated Beulah Bymaster 11-7, 11-5; Joe eliminated Bill Berry 15-7, 15-4. Later they had a close mixed doubles match against Manny Armendariz and Beulah. At various times Lois would drop back with Joe and the confusion resulted in points for the National champs. Final score, 15-12, 17-16.

In the three events the Alstons were NOT in—Howard Holman and Dan McArthur def. Fred Serafin and Dick Fleming 15-11, 15-11 for the veterans' crown. Dottie Hann and Joan Gibbs had a long, close battle to defeat Carlene Hester and Jeanne Pons 17-14, 12-15, 17-14 in Ladies' Doubles. The Men's Doubles, as usual, was the toughest match and most interesting to watch. With a southpaw on each side, anything could happen and did. San Diego's Carl Loveday and Dick Mitchell took the first game from Pasadena's Buzz Martin and Manny Armendariz 15-8, then lost the second 15-5. In the deciding game, Buzz and Manny had point match at 14-11. Carl and Dick pulled up to their own at 16-14 and finally at 16 all each side served five times before the Pasadenans won the final point.

Semana Nautica, Santa Barbara

"B"

L.S.—Gwen Garnsey def. Esther Gwinnett, 11-1, 5-11, 11-8. M.S.—Jim Poole def. Jim Cracraft, 15-8, 15-13. L.D.—Haraughty-O'Connell def. Miller-Fleming, 15-2, 15-2. M.D.—Frisz-Rawak def. Muhr-Eichelberger, 15-8, 17-14. Mx.D.—Fleming-Fleming def. Bayley-Bayley, 18-15, 15-7. Vets.—Lundy-Pajares def. Auxier-Evans, 15-10, 15-10.

No. Calif. Junior Tournament

Lloyd Gowen, Correspondent

Under 14—G.D.—Reisacher-Newton (Palo Alto) def. McClellan-Turner (Berkeley) 15-3, 15-1. (Cons.) Robbins-Reyes (Berk.) def. Smith-Trice (Berk.) 15-6, 15-7.

Under 16—G.S.—Jean Miller (Sacramento) def. Pat Krebs (Palo Alto) 13-11, 11-6. (Cons.G.S.) Merle Terry (Palo Alto) def. Marie Bonaparte (Berk.) 11-7, 11-8. B.S.—Jack Rogers (San Mateo) def. Stillson Judah (El Cerrito) 15-6, 15-1. B.S. Cons.—Richard Degarmo def. Allen Erwin (Berk.) 15-5, 15-?. G.D.—Collins-Puccinelli (Turlock) def. Durand-Parsons (Palo Alto) 15-4, 15-0. G.D. Cons.—Stewart-Gatson (Berk.) def. Brooks-Taylor (Palo Alto) 15-3, 15-3.

Under 18—G.S.—Judy Basich (Sacramento) def. Dot Strauch (Sacramento) 11-1, 11-5.

G.S. Cons.—Julia Malanche (Berk.) def. Jeanette Yuppa (Sacramento) 11-2, 11-4. B.S.—Jerry Martin (Oakland) def. Pat Peccorarro (Oakland) 15-11, 15-10. B.S. Cons.—Dick Rogers def. Ron Resnich (Los Gatos) 15-1, 15-1. G.D.—Basich-Strauch (Sacramento) def. Soe-Malanche (Berk.) 15-6, 18-16. G.D. Cons.—Mayer-Chung (Berk.) def. Hanson-Bertoli (Miranca) 15-1, 15-4. B.D.—Martin-Peccorarro def. Linson-DeGarmo (Berk.) 15-0, 15-0. B.D.Cons.—Resnich-Gastwirth (Los Gatos) def. Piantano-Farrell (El Cerrito) 15-1, 15-3. Mx.D.—Basich-Peccorarro def. Strauch-Martin, 15-5, 15-9. Mx.D. Cons.—Binsecca-Rickett (San Mateo) def. Bannette-Probert (Walnut Creek) 1-15, 17-14, 15-7.

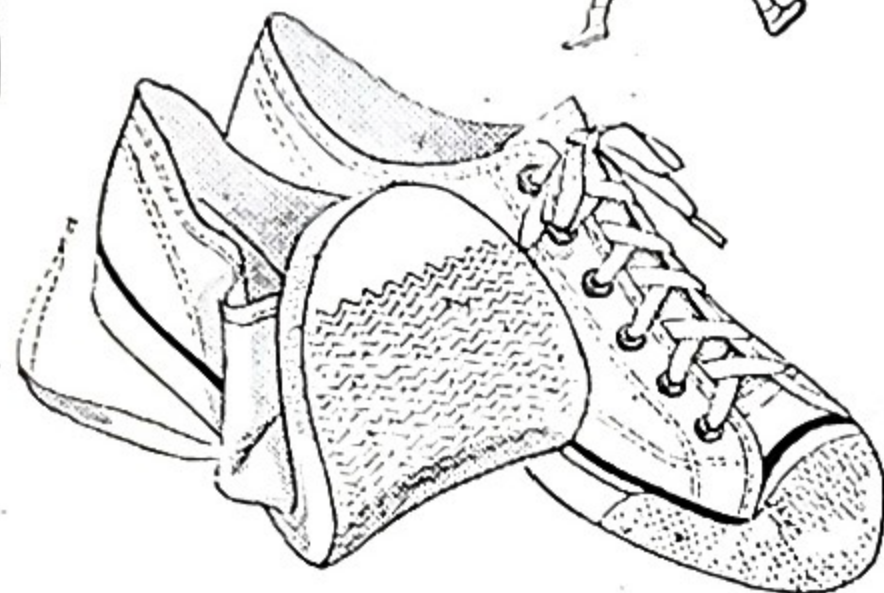
Dave Freeman Open

The Dave Freeman Open Badminton Tournament will be held in San Diego Municipal Gym in Balboa Park, San Diego, California, January 28, 29, and 30, 1955. According to Johnny Leib, president of the S.D. Badminton Association, the tourney will be open to players affiliated with the IBF in any country. For information on the tournament write to Johnny at 3549 India, San Diego 1, Calif.

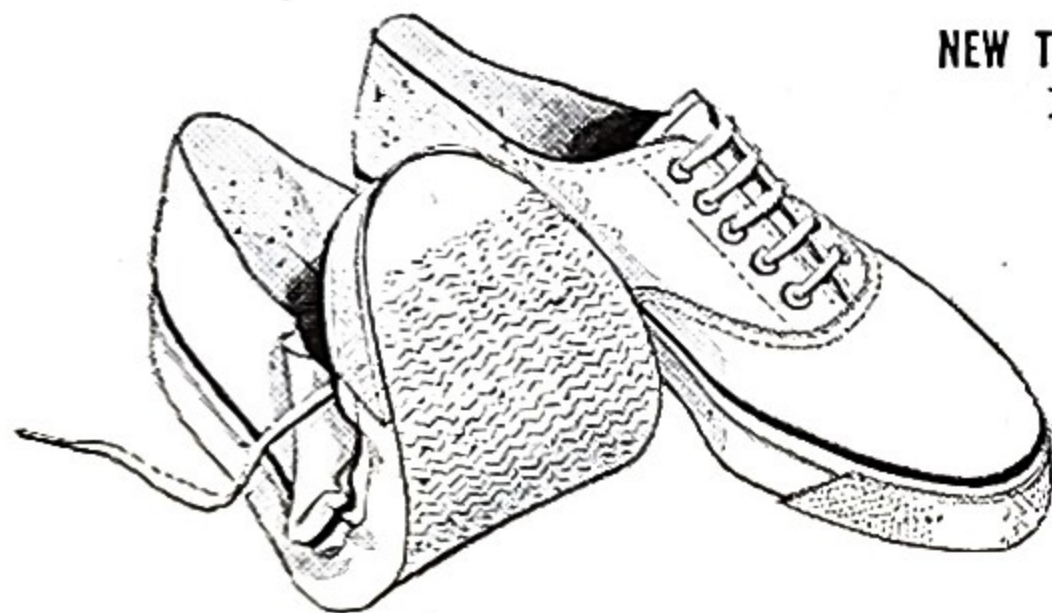
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Badminton Stars Shine at Tennis

Margaret Varner, a top ranking badminton star, defeated Judy Devlin, number one gal in badminton, at the Massachusetts State Tennis Championships in June of this year. Margaret won the tournament by defeating Lois Felix in the finals 6-8, 6-2, 6-1. Margaret and Judy then teamed together to win the Women's Doubles and Margaret teamed with Chauncey Steel to win the Mixed Doubles title.

Manhattan Beach

Bob Worthington, 340 Loma Vista, El Segundo, California, will be the chairman of the 14th Annual Manhattan Beach Tournament to be held in December of this year. The tournament will be open to amateur players in the United States, Canada and Mexico and is sponsored by the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club.

It is a fault if the server's feet are not in the service-court from which service is at the time being in order, or if the feet of the player receiving the service are not in the service-court diagonally opposite until the service is delivered.

It is a fault if, when the shuttle is "in play" a player touches the net or its supports with racket, person or dress.

It is a fault if a player obstructs an opponent.

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.

If the server, in attempting to serve misses the shuttle, it is not a fault; but if the shuttle be touched by the racket, a service is thereby delivered.

DON'T lose your temper; nobody wants to find it for you.

DON'T push the shuttle feathers first along the floor—pick it up.

SEE THE WORLD

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even in the courtyards of some temples. The vice-president of the Badminton Association of Thailand, Mr. Nai Pravat Pattabongse, has one of the few indoor courts at his home and I managed to get in a couple of practice sessions before the exhibition. They have several very good young players and should definitely be considered a threat in future Thomas Cup competition.

Came the big night and about five thousand people turned out to see Wong Peng Soon and victim. I must say that I have played in better places. The Stadium was open under the eaves and as a result there was quite a sharp draft and the cement floor was rather dusty. The spectators, however, were wonderful. As the other players were introduced I noticed that they gave some sort of a Buddhist bow, so when my turn came I did as best I could and bowed to the four corners of the earth with utmost solemnity. From then on out I couldn't do anything wrong. I didn't play well at all but everyone was having such a good time that no one seemed to care. I still think I could have beaten him if he had just given me the chance to hit the bird square. Just like Buzz Martin with muscles. After the match I was presented with a silver badminton tie clip and a large wooden elephant with a silver plaque. The elephant is the national symbol of Thailand and I don't think I'd trade my wooden one for anybody's trophy. Most of the exhibition was arranged by the owner of the Eagle Sporting Goods Company in Bangkok, Mr. Wong Yong Lim, who presented me with two rackets and an airplane ticket to India. Next day found me on a British Comet jetliner bound for New Delhi.

The Indian National Tournament was to be held in the town of Gwalior, about 150 miles south of New Delhi. I arrived at about one in the morning with the grand total of eight dollars in my pocket. Fortunately, the stewardess was a real doll. She knew one of the Marine guards at the American Embassy, so she called and arranged for me to stay with them. The next day some friends of hers in a travel agency said because I was an American serviceman from Korea (complete with Good Conduct Medal) they would take me on a tour of New Delhi for free. It's a fabu-

lous town. I visited the largest mosque in Asia, the market-places of Old Delhi, a huge Hindu temple, the government buildings, the gigantic Red Fort, and the temples of Haas Khas and Qutb Minar. There just aren't enough adjectives to describe these places. I also gave one of the local snake charmers a small fit by taking one of his cobras away from him.

That night I boarded the train for Gwalior. Their second class "sleeper" has just cushion topped benches and one is supposed to bring his own bedding. Now they tell me! The train arrived about two in the morning and I spent the rest of the night at the only hotel in town (on credit, of course). Noon found me in a horse-drawn buggy searching for the tournament and eventually, to the delight of all concerned, I was successful. They had quite an arrangement for housing as all the contestants were quartered and fed at a group of apartments which had been set aside for that use by the Maharajah of Gwalior. That afternoon we visited the Maharajah's palace. Ye gad, nothing but rooms! Tremendous crystal chandeliers, eight stuffed tigers, an electric train on the dining table to carry food around, and the largest one-piece rug in Asia. Before the change which saw the end of British rule and relegated the maharajahs to the comparable position of governor, the Maharajah of Gwalior was reputed to have been one of the richest men in the world. I believe his holdings will include over eighty acres, four airplanes, and many elephants.

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SAN DIEGO

Players interested in badminton and living in San Diego, California, are extremely lucky in having the ambitious Carl Loveday on hand every evening to help them either improve their game or to learn the game. Proof of what Carl can do for our young players is seen in the fine playing of Jim Poole and Jim Cracraft. San Diego has twelve badminton courts open to the public at all times.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Answers by Ken Davidson

Q. Can you please explain the reason for having varying speeds of shuttles? — Ed Garofalo, Jamesville, N.Y.

A. The I.B.F. stipulates that a shuttle, when tested, from "above one back boundary line" should travel "at an upward angle," at least as far as 41' 6" (the far Long Doubles Service line) and not more than 43' (a foot short of the far baseline, 44' away). The rule is made in order to have the shuttle fly the same length no matter what the conditions. It so happens that many halls are heated, and many, for example in Canada, have no heat, so the temperature of the hall varies with the outdoor climatic conditions, and should the temperature go down to zero, it may be only 10° to 20° on the court. Since hot air offers less resistance than cold air, a shuttle of 76 Speed (the *average* speed of shuttle in the normally heated U.S.A. halls or gymnasiums) will fly further in the heated building than in the coldness of an unheated building—so, in order to get the correct length of flight a heavier shuttle will be needed in the colder building in order to make the shuttle, when tested, land within the limits stipulated above.

As mentioned, the *average* speed of shuttle used in the average conditions in the United States is 76 Pointed, but there is one other factor which very occasionally enters into the picture—high elevation. Scientists tell us that the higher we go the air becomes "thinner," thus offering less resistance to any objects flying thru it. Badminton players in such cities as Mexico City, Johannesburg, Denver, Calgary, etc., prove the scientists are right for, when they test the average speed 76 Pointed shuttle in such highly elevated cities, it flies way over the opposite baseline and slower speed shuttles are called for. It is these odd circumstances which have made the I.B.F. recognize that it is necessary to allow the manufacturers to make shuttle outside the regulation limits of 73-85 grains, without substantially varying the design. This is done by cutting down the weight, sometimes as low as 65 grains.

To clarify, the number of grains in weight is commonly referred to as the speed of the shuttle. The addition

of one grain adds about four inches to the length of flight.

Practically all shuttles used in the United States have pointed tips but there are some shuttles made with the feathers cut with a rounded tip. This difference also alters the length of flight; shuttles with the pointed tips will fly a little further than those shuttles, of EQUAL weight, having rounded tips. To make the rounded shuttle fly the same distance as the pointed, requires approximately three more grains, thus the 76 pointed shuttle flies the same distance, when tested, as the 79 rounded shuttle.

Q. Why do some shuttles break up faster than others? — Miss Marion Meigs, Syracuse, N.Y.

A. The first cause of breaking a shuttle is mis-hitting. If we hit the base all the time, we wouldn't break the feathers but, since we are all human, we make mistakes . . . however, strict attention to proper footwork and body balance will allow us all to hit the shuttle cleaner. However, many shuttles break up faster than others because of the lack of storing them in proper conditions. Like cigarettes, if stored in a dry atmosphere (most homes and club locker rooms only have 15% to 20% humidity) shuttles become brittle and the feathers snap easily when hit. If these same shuttles were stored in ideal conditions—60 Fahrenheit; humidity of 75%—it would be found they would be more pliable and would last twice as long—which fact has been proved time and time again . . . keep your shuttles well humidified and double their playing life.

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Ed. Note: This booklet was written for tennis players and since so many of our badminton players turn to tennis during the summer we thought you might like to know where to pick up a copy.

THOMAS CUP OUTLOOK

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there is the 1957-58 Thomas Cup series to look forward to. Good luck and a speedy recovery!

In addition to those already mentioned there are many more young fellows who will receive much attention throughout the coming weeks and months—not necessarily with a view to playing them in the 1954-55 Thomas Cup series but because their potential warrants that they get every opportunity to gain the honor of representing their country. It is possible that the promise they hold could be developed, by dint of hard work and constant concentration, to the degree that one of them might even justify a claim for serious consideration for the 1954-55 squad. Such players as Stan Sangdall, Cleveland; Alan Mahaffey, Pasadena; Vic Van de Van, Detroit; Noel Fehm and Harry Quinn, Westport, Conn.; Tom Heden, Minneapolis; Dick Harvey, Jr., Bob Rice and Gary Ogilvie of Niagara Falls; Dick Ball, Baltimore, Alan Hardin, Atlanta; Billy Muldoon, San Antonio; Ben Cole and Jimmy Jackson of Dallas, could possibly find the inspiration which makes it possible for a badminton star to be "born overnight." Last year several countries found newcomers, "unknown" the year before, ready to enter international play; for example, Nandu Natecar, India; Ingemar Eliasson of Sweden, and Finn Kobero of Denmark, the just 18 year old youngster who beat Eddy Choong in one tournament final and took the All-England and the U.S.A. Singles Champion to three games on two other tournament occasions.

In the meantime, members of former U.S.A. Thomas Cup teams, such as Joe Alston, Carl Loveday, Dick Mitchell, Wynn Rogers and Bob Williams, are not going to sit idly by and



meekly allow others to take away the honor of gaining a position on the 1954-55 U.S.A. Thomas Cup team. Marten Mendez, Number 1 Singles on the 1952 team, but absent throughout the 1953-54 tournament season, is rumored to be making a come-back to fight for a place on the team but all of these former Thomas Cuppers will be pressed hard by the others named on the list of possibles who will have the added incentive of making the team for the first time.

THOMAS CUP COMPETITION

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power of Canada. The selection of our team will be primarily based on this objective.

4. Future Plans.

It has been announced by the IBF that the winner of the American Zone will meet the winner of the Asiatic Zone on May 24-25, 1955, if the tie is to be played in Malaya. Winning of this tie would mean competing in the Final Zone Tie May 31 and June 1, 1955. This tie must be played in Malaya. The Challenge Tie would then follow against Malaya on June 4-5, 1955, again in Malaya.

In the event we are victors in the American Zone it is anticipated that our team would need a period of 5-6 weeks to make the necessary trips involved. These would presumably cover certain exhibitions en route and play in Invitational Tournaments, which usually go hand in hand with these tie operations.

While the present Thomas Cup Fund has a reasonable balance for commencing such operations there is no denying the fact that this operation involves the expenditure of large funds. Spectators in the Asiatic Zone are unusually ardent followers of badminton and some of the largest gates are obtained in Singapore so that reasonable coverage of some of our expenses may be expected.

It would be highly desirable, however, for each association or club to consider holding some function, the proceeds of such to be turned over to the Thomas Cup Fund. A strong position in our finances would assure us the opportunity to field a fully qualified team, in addition to making it possible to conduct more tryouts and hold advance practice sessions for the team before Ties.

This then is the picture of the International front on the current three phases. Additional comment regarding the Thomas Cup will be found in an accompanying article by Ken Davidson, written in his usual interesting manner.

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Good luck this year on the magazine.

Julie Drake
Skokie Badminton Club

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Dear Ed.

Enclosed is a list of the present membership (65) of the Gut 'N Feathers Club. We expect that there will be ten additional members elected within a month or so.

Also enclosed is my check for \$65 to cover the subscriptions.

Charles Newhall

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Dear Ed.

Congratulations on a tough job well done.

Pop Hinds, New York

Dear Mrs. Miller:

At the annual meeting and election of officers of the Connecticut Badminton Association last May, the Board voted unanimously to write you folks a letter of appreciation for the splendid job you have done in publishing our national magazine, "Bird Chatter."

Besides all of the many interesting articles and news items, it has also provided us with a means of learning of important developments in the world of badminton.

Best wishes for "Bird Chatter's" success in the coming season!

Jane S. Laird, Secretary
September 10, 1954

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Dear Ed.

Since I am out of competition and don't get to play much anymore I eagerly look forward to reading "Bird Chatter." You have improved it greatly and are to be congratulated!

Peggy Vilbig Landtroop

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Here is a little incident which might amuse you. An associate of mine went to one of the large department stores here, invaded the magazine department and said she would like a copy of Bird Chatter. The clerk looked at her in some dismay, thought the matter over carefully and said, "We've never carried it—I'm afraid about the only place you'd have a chance of finding it would be at Robinson's Pet Shop in Maiden Lane."

Sic Transit Gloria Mundi.

Sincerely yours,
Dugal O'Liam

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Dear Ed.

All of my brothers and sisters, as well as I—all enjoy Bird Chatter and look forward to each copy issued.

Madelyn Noyes

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Dear Ed.

I enjoy Bird Chatter very much and the only improvement that I could suggest is making a monthly out of it.

Z. J. Obara, Chicago, Ill.



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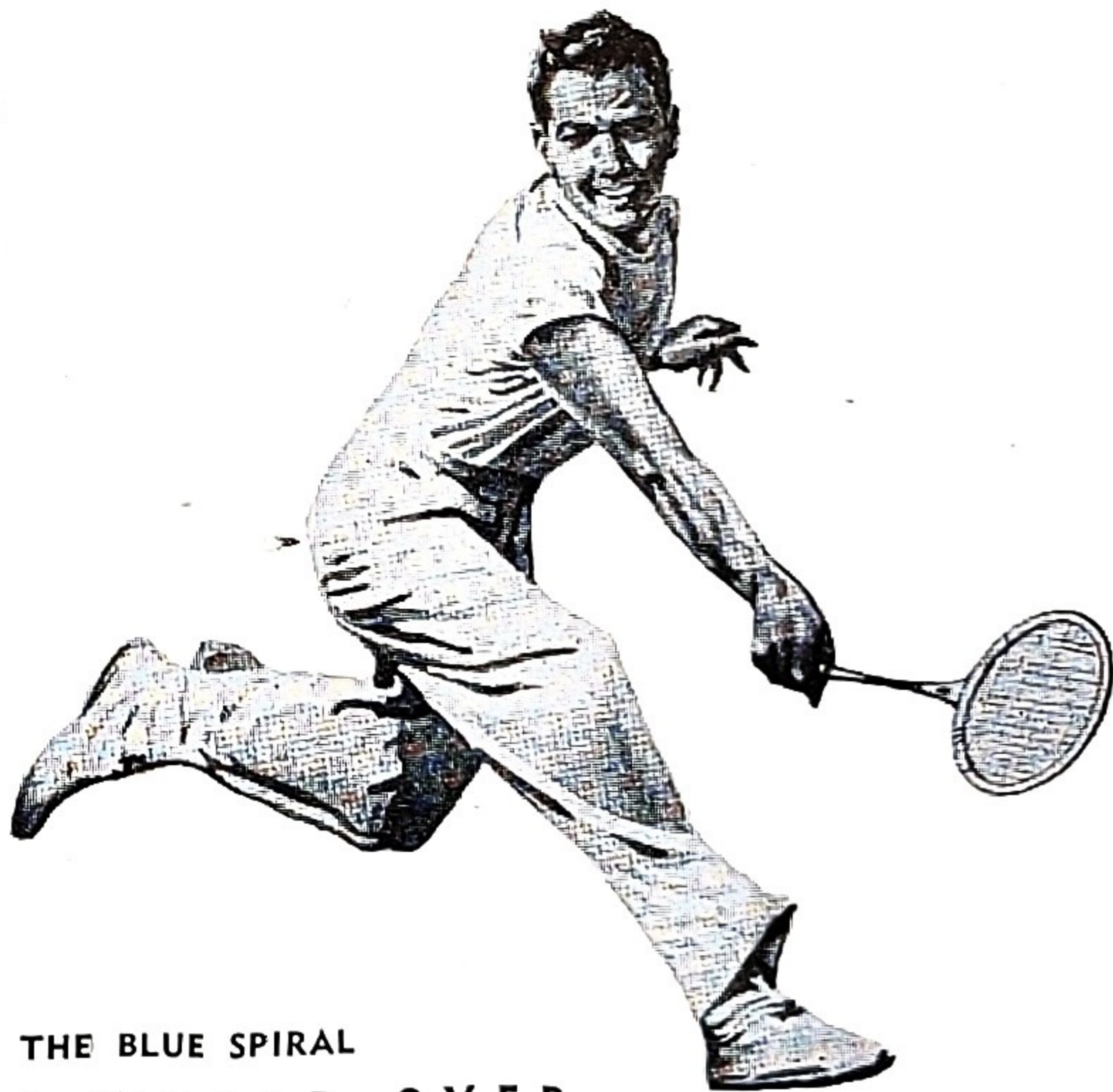
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