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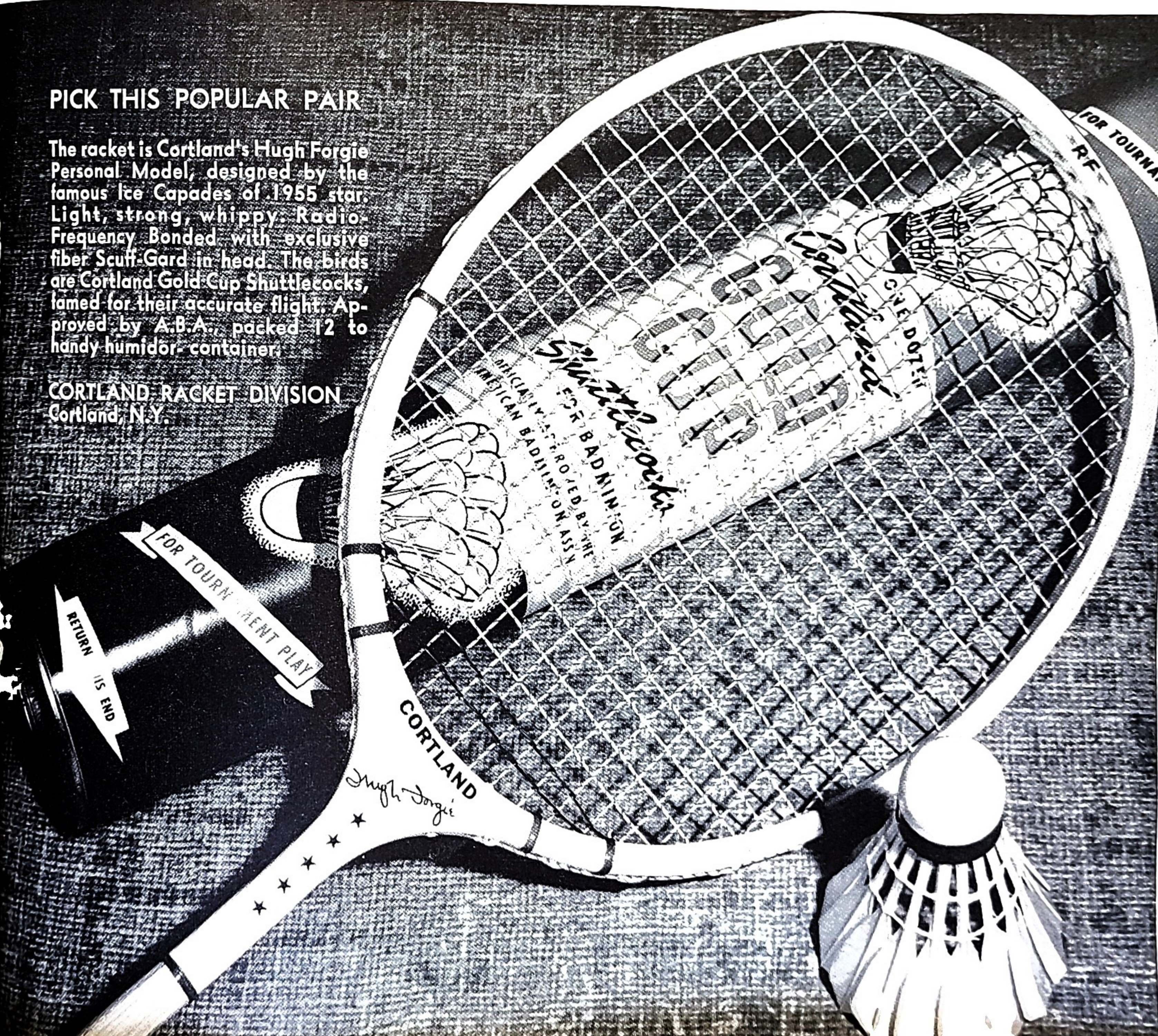
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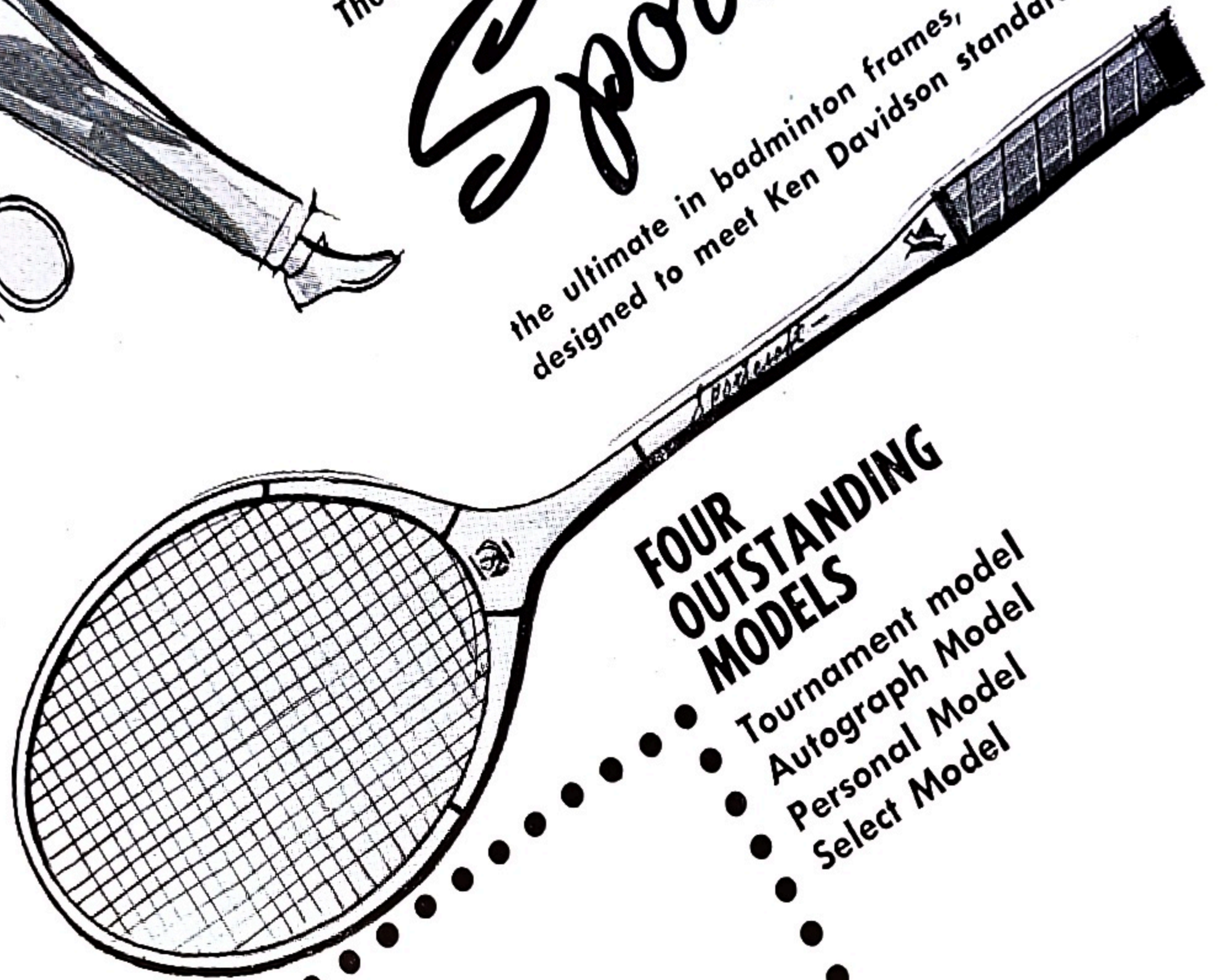




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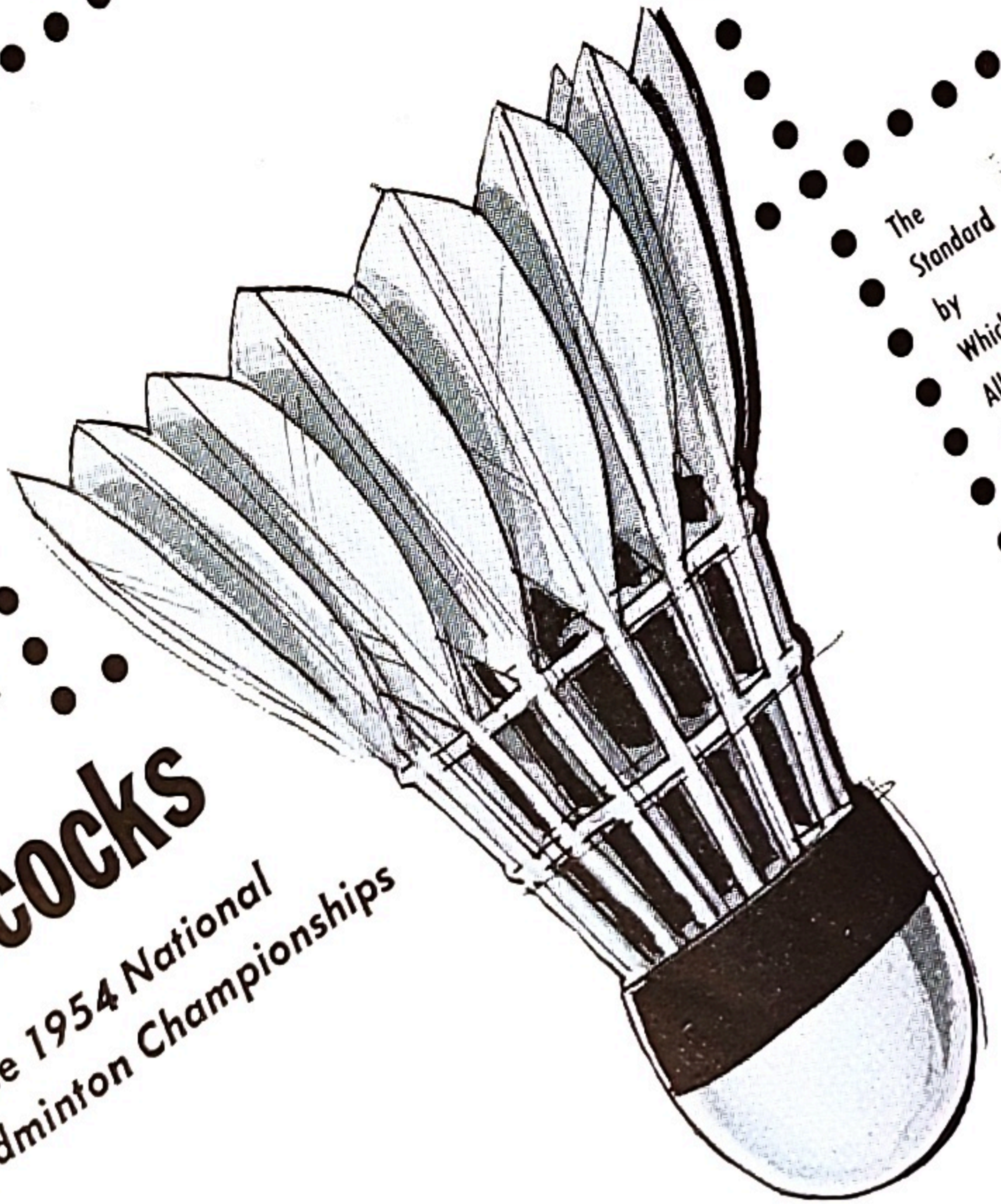
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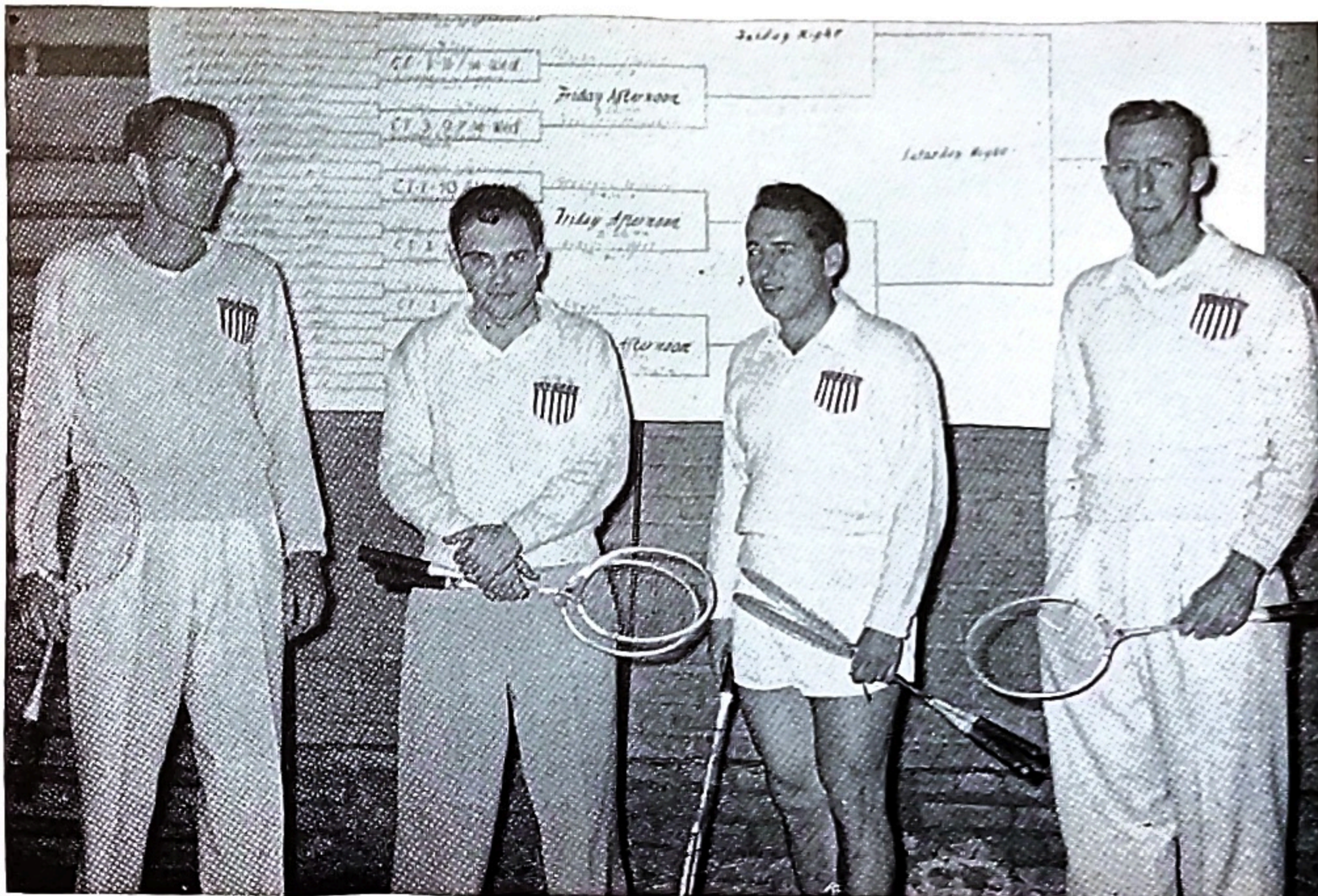
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## United States-Canada Tie – Winnipeg, Mar. 11-12



### THE TEAM

Above: Wynn Rogers, Joe Alston, Carl Loveday,  
Dick Mitchell



Left: Bobby Williams

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Word has just been received from Don Richardson, chairman of the Thomas Cup Committee, that the United States-Canada Thomas Cup Tie will be sponsored by the Winnipeg Badminton Club and will be played March 11-12 at Winnipeg, Canada. The winner of this American Zone match will meet the winner of the Asiatic Zone play-offs, which will see India and Hong Kong meeting each other. The winners of the two Zone finals will play each other in Malaya May 31, June 1, 1955.

Named to the United States team are Joe Alston, Carl Loveday, Dick Mitchell, Wynn Rogers, and Robert Williams, all of Southern California.

Three alternate members have been chosen. They are Manny Armendariz, Burbank; Bill Berry, San Diego; Ronnie Palmer, Redlands University.

The late Ken Davidson was named honorary coach and his memory will serve as an inspiration to the United States team. Dick Mitchell has been named players' representative. A team captain will be elected later.

The Canadians have named three players to their team: Daryl Thompson of Vancouver; Don Smythe, Toronto, and Gordon Simpson, Montreal. The balance of the team will be chosen after the Canadian National Championships March 3-4-5, 1955.



# BADMINTON INSTRUCTION FOR LARGE CLASSES

By HELEN GIBSON

This article is intended as a guide for the Physical Education or Recreation instructors who desire to teach the game of badminton.

It is your job to teach the children the fundamental principles and skills of the game, not to develop badminton champions. It is hoped that the knowledge derived from class instruction will create sufficient interest in seeking further instruction in organized badminton clubs or from a badminton professional.

Unlike many other sports, badminton is a game which you can play not only during school and college days, but also throughout middle age. That is one of the reasons why badminton is assuming a more important place in school and college athletics, and why increasing numbers of boys and girls are taking up the game as their favorite sport.

The material presented is solely for mass teaching. When the fundamental techniques and mass game formations are mastered, the official badminton game of singles or doubles may be played in after-school clubs and tournaments conducted as a part of the intramural program.

## Teaching in Line Formation

### GRIP

The forehand grip is the same as tennis (Eastern grip). Shake hands with the racket is the simple explanation. The side of the racket fits into the V of the fingers and thumb. When the racket is held downwards with the thumb against the body, the face of the racket should lie against the leg.

The backhand grip is the same as the forehand grip but a subconscious movement of the thumb brings it more along the flat of the handle, and this adds force to this stroke, which is as a rule weaker than the forehand stroke. A slight shifting of the forehand grip from right to left on the racket handle may be tried for the pupils who have not enough power on backhand strokes by using the forehand grip and thumb shift.

### Footwork

This need not be emphasized until the pupil becomes accustomed to hitting the shuttle, but for the actual playing of strokes the correct position of the feet is very important. The left foot should usually be a little ahead

of the right foot when making the forehand shots. For backhand shots the right foot is ahead and slightly across the left foot. This makes for a freer swing of the arm. The body weight should be kept off the heels in preparation for a quick start in any direction. In badminton no matter where you may be one moment you must be prepared to be somewhere else the next moment.

### Four Basic Strokes

There are only four basic strokes in badminton—the Smash, the Clear, the Drive and the Serve. The drop and every other stroke is a variation of these strokes.

The instructor will teach only one at a time, dealing with the principles of each and then with the practice of each on the court in practice formation. There is a special fascination in the variety of strokes used in badminton but these may be added after the player develops the four main types.

Have any extra players check on the players who are practicing, and take the place of the person serving or stroking incorrectly.

Use the wall for players who cannot learn to serve.

At the end of each period have the players check the shuttles for the next class.

To have the class enjoy badminton make the game social. Ask at the end of the period, "Did you have a good time?" and "Did you learn anything about the game?" If the answer is "yes" you as a teacher have done your job well and have launched the game in the hearts of your class.

### Organization and Method

The following basic principles of organization and method may be used in mass instruction regardless of the size of the class or the amount of playing equipment obtainable.

In this kind of practice insist upon the student using the proper grip, wrist and arm action, and footwork. This is all a period of hard work for a beginner, but if they do not adopt and use these methods here they will not do so later on.

1. The ideal situation is for every pupil to have a racket. If this is not possible the number of available rackets must rotate with the players.

2. Teach the grip of the racket,

stance, footwork and arm motion in line formation. Make sure that each pupil has enough space to swing the racket without interfering with any other pupil.

3. Keep every pupil in the class busy at some phase of the game. Rotate the pupils at a speed which will keep up the interest of all the classes.

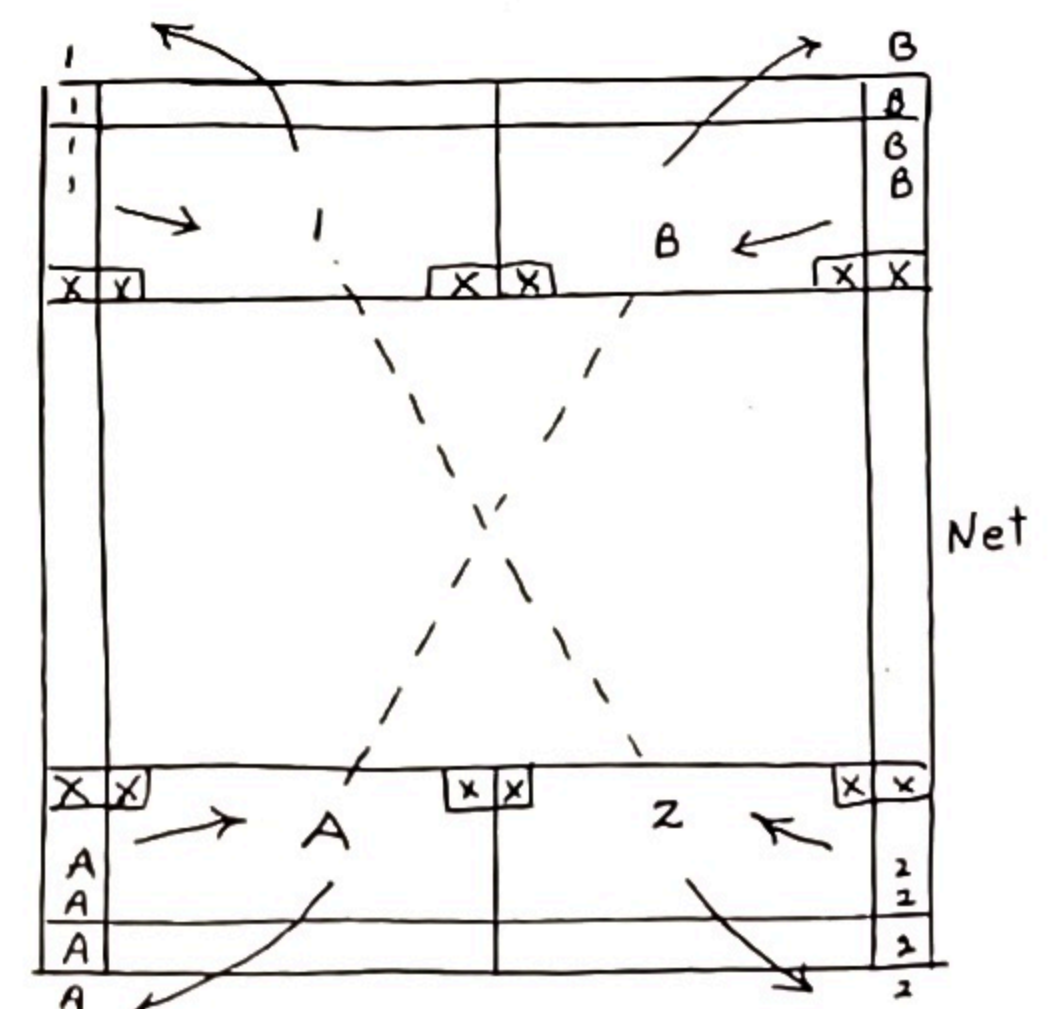
4. Allow one shuttlecock for every two players for practice.

5. Before placing the class on the badminton court for practice explain the markings of the court, check on grips. The Eastern forehand and Eastern backhand (same as tennis) are the accepted grips in badminton. The racket is gripped in the fingers, not the palm of the hand. This makes for a freer wrist action. Place the thumb along the racket for added support for the backhand shots.

6. For preliminary serving practice arrange the class in two straight lines about 15 feet apart, facing each other. Practice just hitting the shuttlecock back and forth with an underhand stroke to get the feel of the shuttle on the racket.

7. Divide the players equally on each court according to the diagrams for service, stroke and game situation practice.

### PRACTICE FORMATION FOR THE SHORT SERVE (Used mostly in the doubles game)



Players 1 and 2 practice across the net. Other players in each squad use the width of the backcourt and available space beyond the baselines.

Placement points in the serve are indicated by X. Solid lines indicate method of rotation. Broken lines indicate the flight of the shuttle.

1. When each player has a racket



Players 1 and 2 alternate in practicing techniques.

Players A and B do the same.

Remaining players on each squad follow in rotation on instructor's signal.

- When there is one racket for every two players

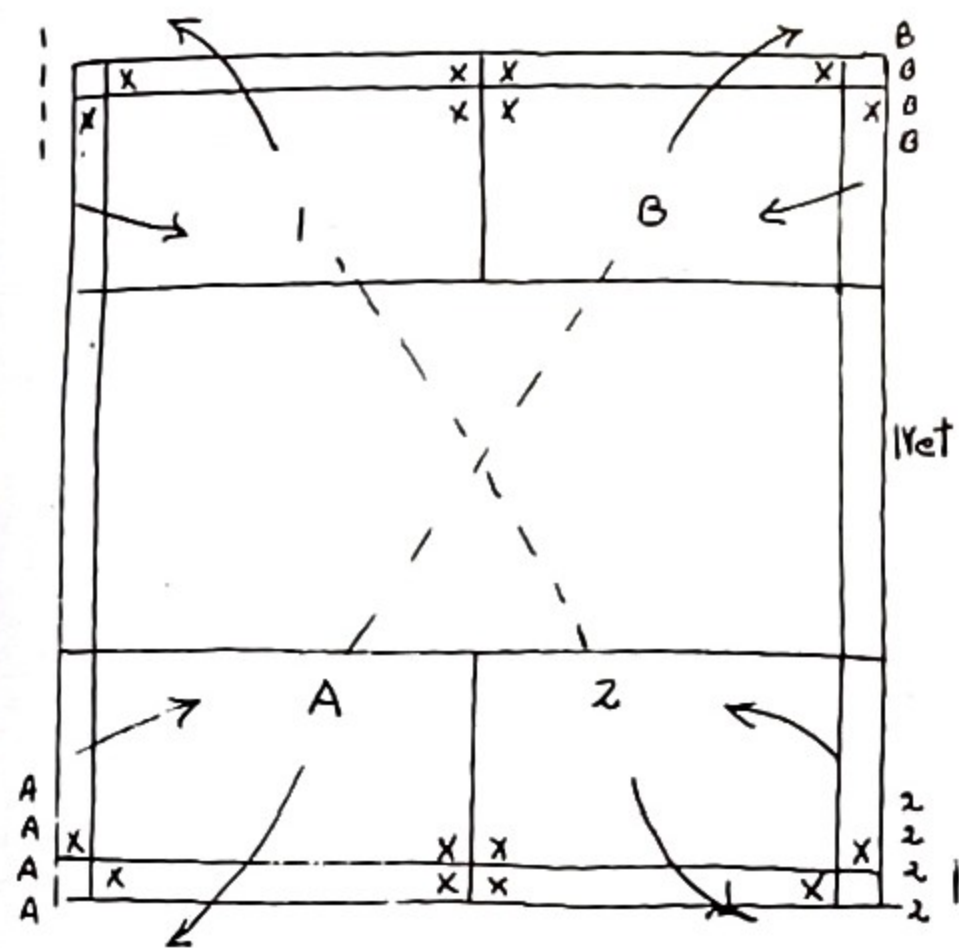
Players 1 and 2 practice diagonally across the net.

Players A and B retrieve the shuttles and supply 1 and 2.

Reverse this procedure on signal.

Only after the service stroke is somewhat mastered should the receiver attempt to return it. Then return it with a close net drop shot directly in front of him.

### FORMATION FOR HIGH SERVE (Used mostly in Singles)



Players A and B practice diagonally across net.

Players 1 and 2 do the same.

Placement spots indicated by X.

Broken lines indicate flight of shuttle.

Solid lines indicate the method of rotation.

- When each player has a racket  
Players 1 and 2 practice placements to spots marked X.

Second player in each squad collect shuttles, supply server.

Remaining players in each squad practice serve to each other.

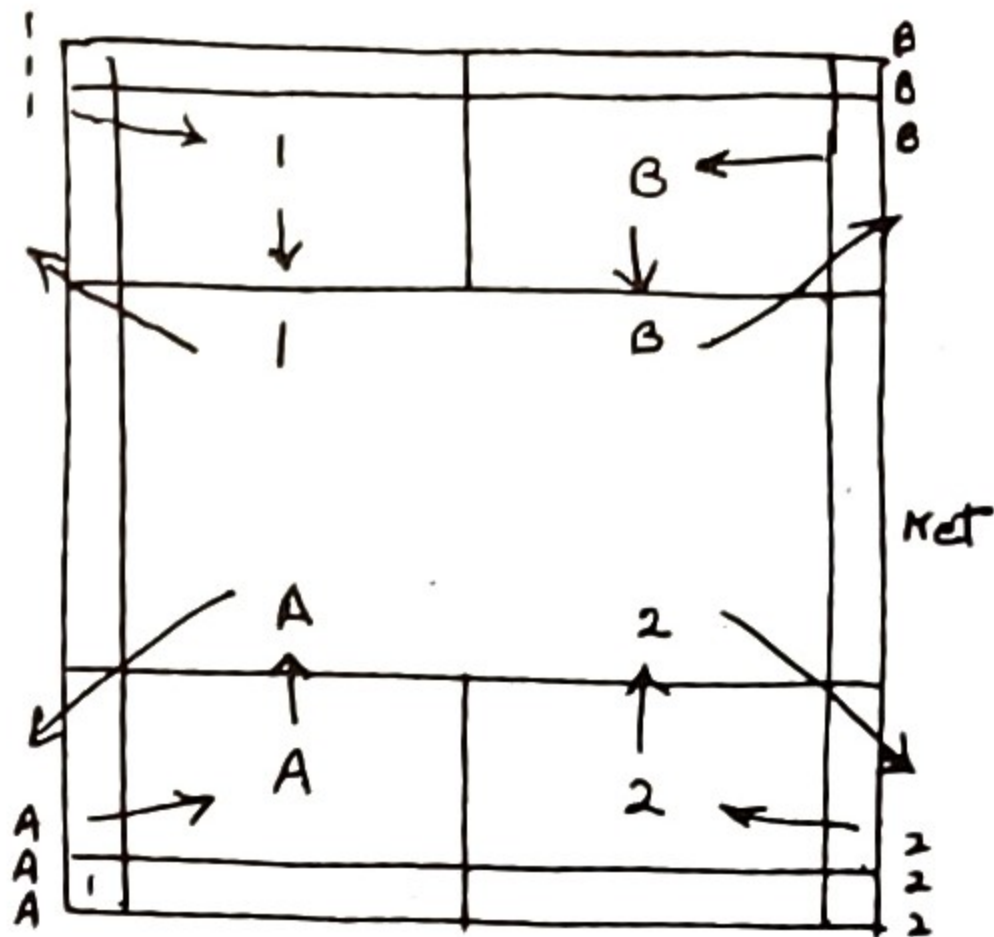
- When there is one racket for every two players

Players 1 and 2 and A and B practice placements as above.

Remaining players keep the same formation and alternate in working on techniques, and supply servers with shuttles.

After each player has practiced the serve, the player in the receiving court practice returning the shuttle to the server by smashing downward. Keep up the rally until the shuttle is missed.

### PRACTICE FOR NET SHOTS, DRIVES AND CLEARS



First player in group practice net shots.

Second player practice drives and clears.

On signal from instructor the players practicing net shots move back and practice drives and clears, the back players go to the end of the line.

- When each player has a racket

First players in each group 1 and A, 2 and B play across the net to each other with close net shots.

Second players in each group 1 and A, 2 and B play drives and clears to each other.

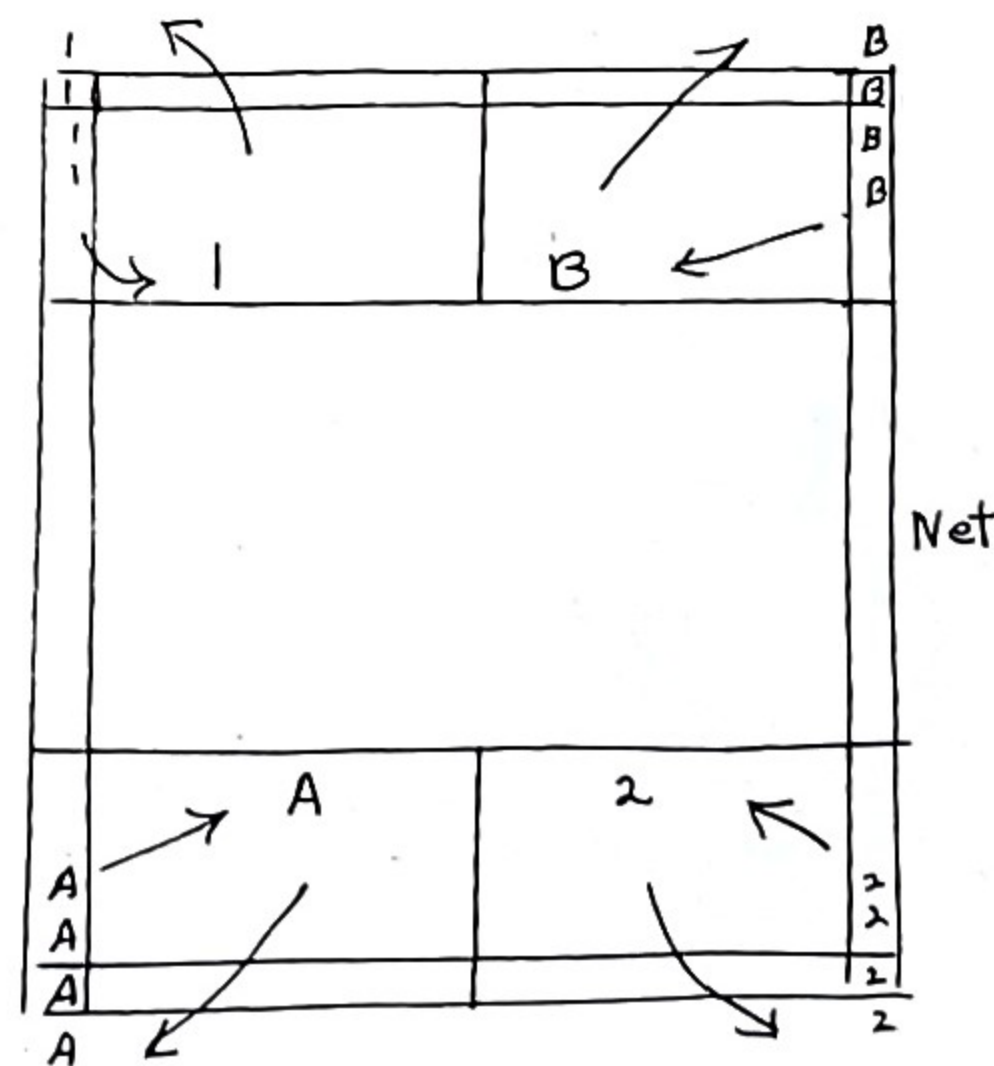
Emphasize at this time the importance of clearing very high and deep.

- When there is one racket for every two players

First players of 1 and 2 hit shuttles tossed up at the net by A and B.

Second players 1 and 2 hit shuttles thrown by A and B. Reverse these procedures and rotate on signal from the instructor.

### PRACTICE FOR BACKHAND STROKE



Practice backhand after forehand is learned. Player A will set up the shut-

tle for 1, and B will set up for 2. 1 and 2 will return the shot with a backhand.

Continue a rally, both players using backhand strokes until the shuttle is missed.

Reverse the procedure on set-ups.

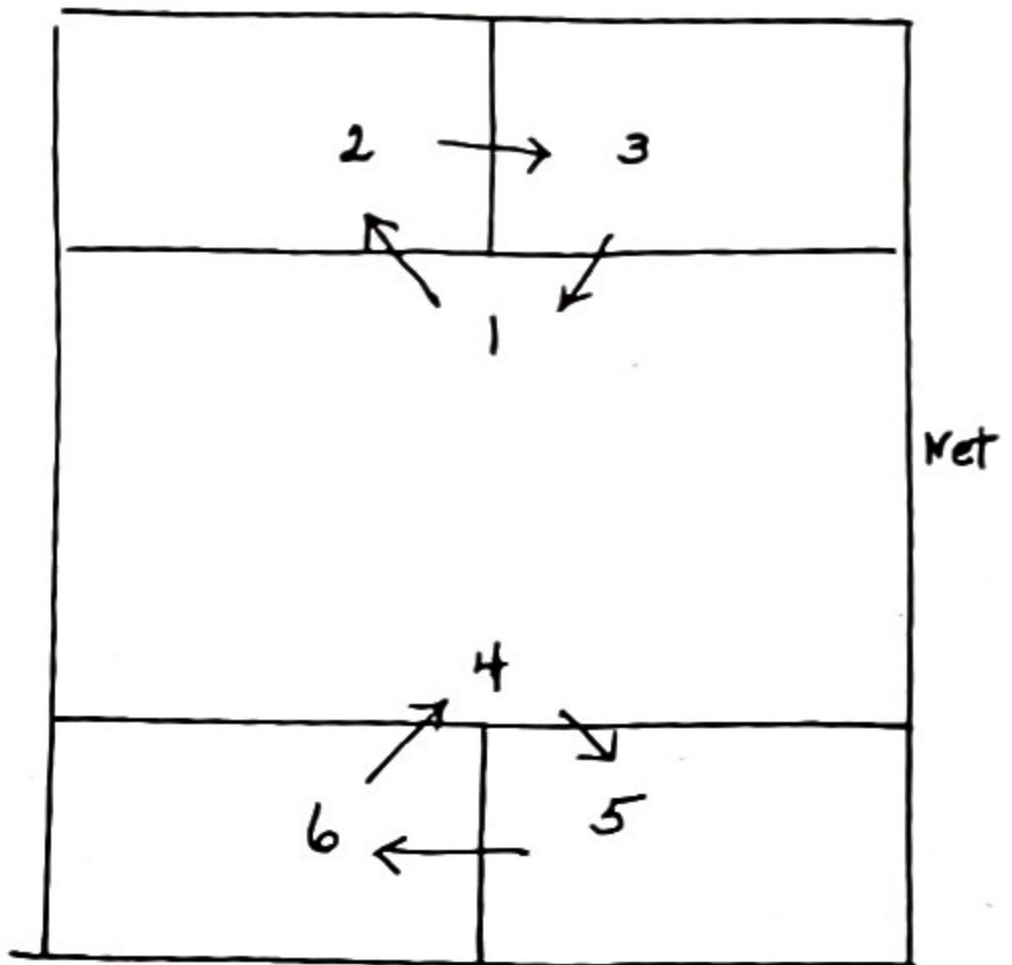
After the second rally players retire to the end of the line and four new players take the court.

Instructors should call attention to change of grip for the backhand and the proper footwork.

### PRACTICE—GAME FORMATION

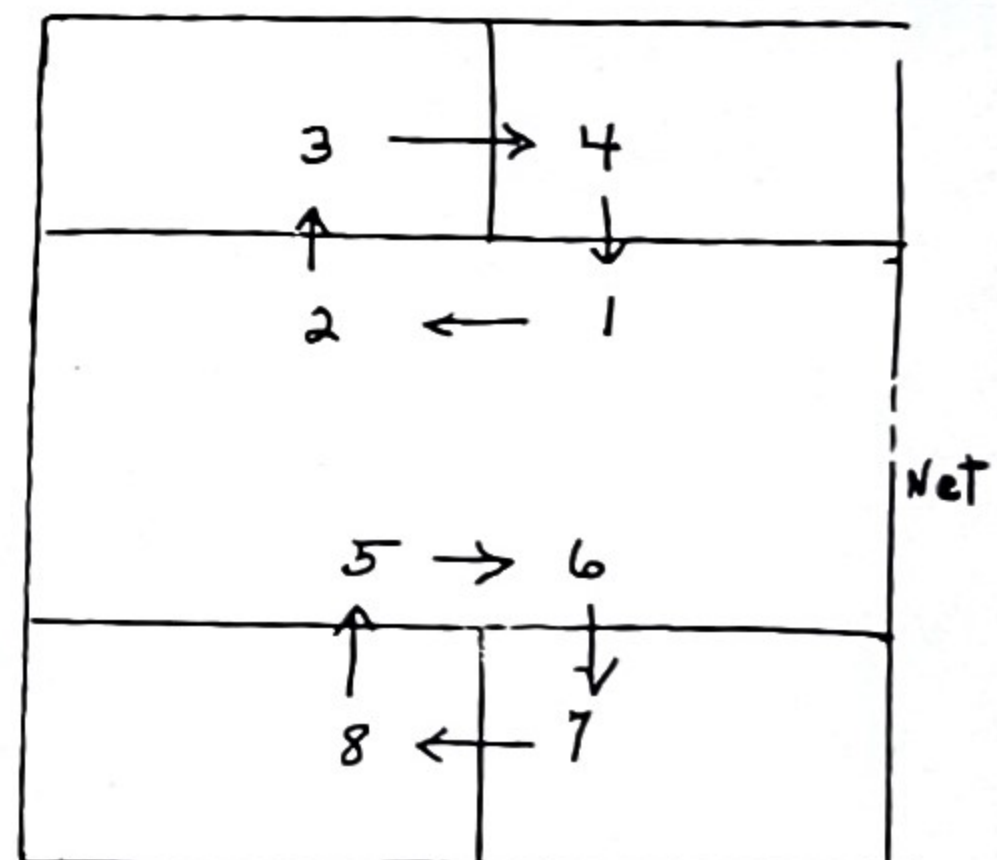
Regulation badminton is played in these three forms with the following exceptions:

#### SIX PLAYER GAME



There are three players on each side. Players 1 and 4 play only the low shots in front of the short service line. Players 2 and 3, 5 and 6, serve, receive service and play all shots in back of the front service line. Players rotate when their side wins the serve.

#### EIGHT PLAYER GAME



Players 1 and 2, 5 and 6 play only the low short shots within the area in front of the short service line. Players 3 and 4, 7 and 8 play only within the area in back of the short service line. They serve and receive service according to official rules. Players rotate when their side wins the serve.

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# OVERSEAS NEWS

(Reprint from "The Badminton Gazette" of England, H.A.E. Scheele, Editor)

Courtesy of Jack van Praag

Belated, but none the less grateful, acknowledgment is made to Herbert Scheele, Editor of the Badminton Gazette of England, for permission to reprint from the *Gazette* many of the news items which have appeared in this column in the past. The following items have been gleaned from this valuable mine of information.

The exhibition matches which were held in December at Singapore proved conclusively the superiority of the American and English ladies over the Malayan ladies and bodes well for the United States in the Uber Cup (Ladies Thomas Cup) matches which will commence in 1956. With one single exception the Westerners soundly trounced the top Eastern ladies. The only defeat was sustained by Miss June White who was defeated by Miss Lam Kit Lin of Penang, and who seemed to suffer from nervousness brought on by the understandable shouting of encouragement for the home player. The principal difference would seem to be that the Asian ladies rely mainly on delicate placements and lack the much more robust type of game developed in the West. The United States ladies, Judy Devlin and Margaret Varner and their English companions, the Misses Iris Cooley and June White, were managed by the late Kenneth Davidson.

From December 11th to 15th the above-mentioned ladies took part in an international invitation tournament promoted by the Bombay State B. A. in Bombay's Brabourne Stadium. There the first day commenced with shocks as both the English ladies were eliminated by Indian players. Miss Cooley lost to Mrs. Sunder Patwardhan, Indian champion in 1946-47, 6-11, 6-11, while Miss White was badly defeated by Mrs. Mumtaz Lotwalla, Indian champion in 1945-46, 0-11, 3-11. The Indian ladies demonstrated that their play is much higher than that of the Malaysians.

Judy Devlin and Margaret Varner, however, reached the final where the U.S. and All England champion, Judy, emerged the winner after a terrific struggle at 3-11, 11-3, 12-10.

Miss Cooley and Miss White won the doubles when they beat the Americans, 15-10, 15-10, in the final.

The third Thomas Cup contest is entering upon the decisive stages in both the European and Asiatic Zones. Denmark has already reached the final round in Europe by virtue of eliminating both Wales and Ireland without the loss of a match. The Danish team is undoubtedly a very strong one indeed. England will meet the winner of the Sweden versus France Tie to determine which team will meet the Danes in the final European round. In the Asiatic Zone, India defeated Pakistan, 9-0, while Hong Kong defeated Japan, 6-3. The two winners will play each other to determine the winner of the Asiatic Zone. This winner will in turn play the winner of the U.S.-Canada Tie in Malaya, May 24-25.



It is with regret that we learn that Sir George Thomas, who has been president of the I.B.F. for 21 years, has announced that he does not wish to stand for re-election at next summer's annual general meeting. The news will come as a surprise and as a matter of great regret to all interested in any way in the administration of the game. Ever since badminton has become a real world game, Sir George

Thomas has been the best known and most respected character connected with it. The committee of the I.B.F. has announced the nomination of Mr. J. Plunkett-Dillon, who has been a vice-president since 1936, as a successor to the retiring president.

From the columns of our worthy contemporary we also learn that Thelma Kingsbury Welcome, who has won seven All-England titles in the past, is seriously contemplating revisiting the scene of her former triumphs with the intention of participating in the All-England Championships in March. Thelma in private life is the wife of Claude Welcome, first vice-president of the A.B.A. We wish her the best of luck if she makes the trip. We hardly need mention that Thelma has won numerous United States National titles.

The Executive Committee of the I.B.F. has elected the Swiss Badminton Federation and the Finland Badminton Association to membership as national organizations. Their election brings the membership up to 31 National organizations.

The Executive Committee of the I.B.F. will recommend to the annual general meeting the acceptance of a trophy generously offered by Mrs. H. S. Uber for the Ladies' International Championship which will be instituted in 1956.

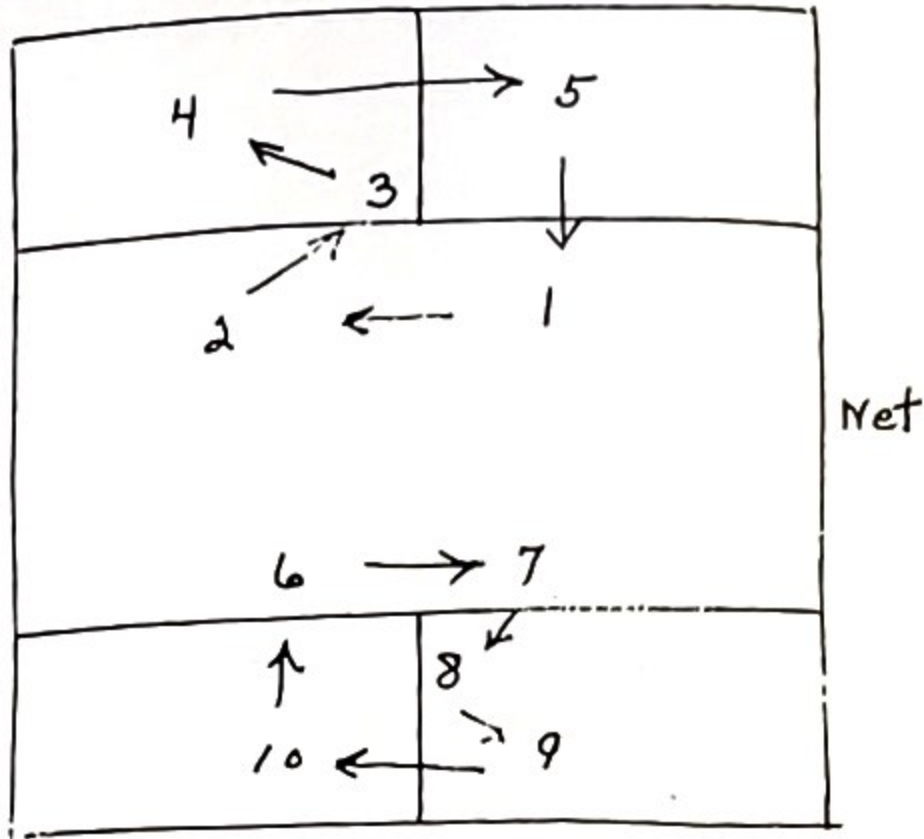
A verly heartfelt feeling of gratitude goes out to the Spirit of Ken Davidson for all the help received from him in the past. Your correspondent will geratly miss his help and counsel. No matter where he was or how busy he was he always found time to write me and to send me clippings and programs of overseas tournaments and events. Three weeks after his tragic death a package arrived by surface mail containing a 68-page program of the Singapore Badminton Exhibition and many clippings detailing the progress of the exhibition. To you, Ken, go my most profound thanks for all you have done to make my job lighter and richer in experience. Hail and farewell.

Jack H. van Praag



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### TEN PLAYER GAME



Players 1 and 2, 6 and 7 play only short shots within the area in front of the short service line. Players 3 and 8 serve and receive the service according to official rules, playing near the center line thereafter. Players 4 and 5, 9 and 10 play only within the area back of the short service line.

First serve in each inning is made from the right hand court. Players rotate when their side wins the serve.

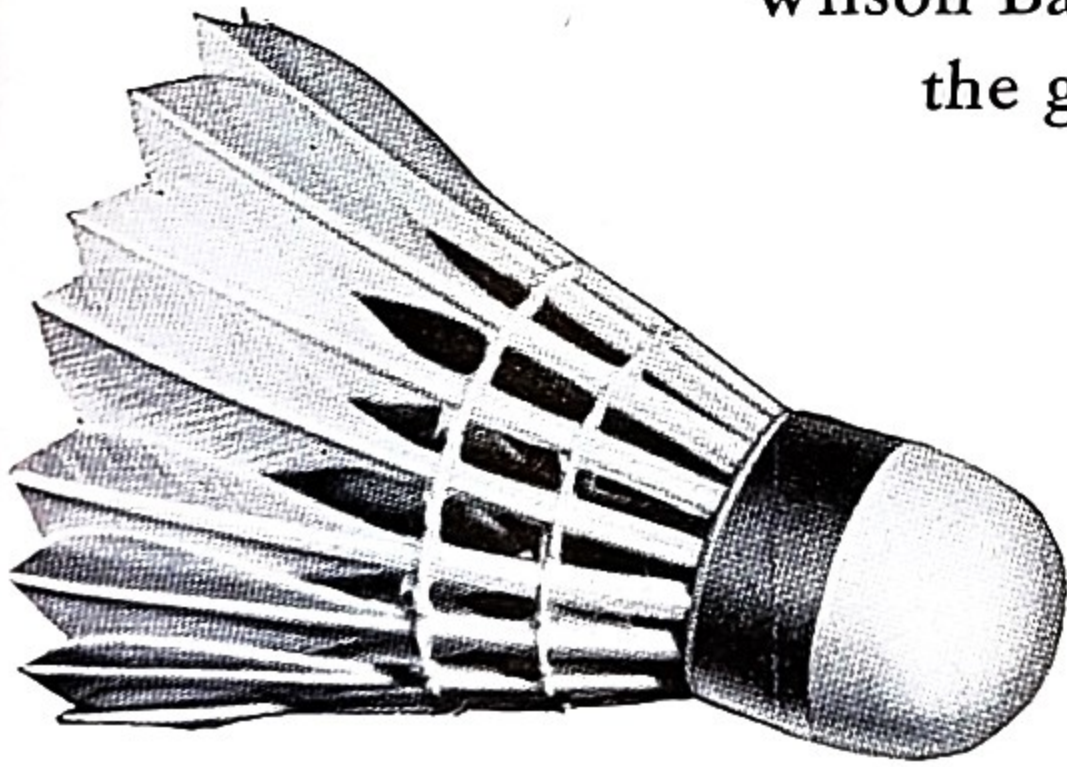
Teachers who wish to improve their own game may profit by joining a badminton club and by observing better players in a championship tournament.

## ABA Sanctioned Tournaments

Mar. 3, 4, 5, 6	Mason-Dixon Badminton Tournament, Baltimore
" 5	Michigan Badminton League Annual Tournament, Grosse Pointe, Mich.
" 5	11th Annual Senior Bad. Tournament, Minneapolis
" 4, 5, 6	Massachusetts Jr. Champions, Boston
" 4, 5, 6	Kodak Invitational, Rochester, N.Y.
" 11, 12, 13	Massachusetts State Championships, Boston
" 12, 13	Midwest Badminton Championships, Winnetka, Ill.
" 12, 13	Midwest Junior Bad. Championships, Winnetka, Ill.
" 12	Maryland State Junior Bad. Champs. (under 15), Baltimore
" 11, 12, 13	Middle Atlantic Open, Philadelphia
" 18, 19, 20	New York A, B & C Championships
" 19	Maryland State Junior Bad. Champs. (under 15), Baltimore
" 19, 20, 21	Needham Jrs. Bad. Tournament, Needham, Mass.
" 25, 26	Maryland State Junior Bad. Champs. (under 18), Baltimore
" 25, 26, 27	New Haven County Champs., Waterbury, Conn.
" 26	North Shore Mixed Round Robin, Glencoe, Ill.
" 28, 29, 30, 31,	
Apr. 2, 3	Maryland State Championships, Baltimore
" 2, 3	Wisconsin State Bad. Tournament, Neenah, Wisc.

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## WESTPORT, CONN.

By Lea Gustavson

The score was about even in a quiet, sociable game of badminton. Bill said, "Just a minute," and then slumped to the floor. The players went to him, pillowed his head, covered him with warm clothing and phoned for a doctor. The doctor arrived within fifteen minutes but Bill had left this world. A fine friend to all of us had gone. A later examination showed sclerosis of an artery.

He was always the smiling gentleman who made the game being played a pleasant experience, win or lose.

Bill at the age of 50 was on our No. 1-B doubles team, had been a finalist for State B doubles championships in '54 and had been B team captain. He and Alfreda attended many events as spectators.

We knew he was Dr. William E. Galt, but to us he was Bill. Now we know he had many honors and degrees: Bachelor of Science, Masters and Ph.D. in psychology, First Lieutenant in Army Air Force, and served as Aviation Psychologist, edited Burrow's "Science and Man's Behavior," and authored "Phyloanalysis—A study in the Group or Phyletic Method of Behavior—Analysis" and numerous articles dealing with various aspects of human behavior. In December, 1954, he presented a paper "Current Resurgence of Interest in the Function of Attention," before the Psychology Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Berkley, Calif. He was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychological Association, and the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, and chairman of the Education Committee of the Westport-Weston Mental Health Committee.

Alfreda, his widow, Elizabeth 2, John 5, and George 8, are going to miss Bill, and so are all of us.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

By Ted Jarrett

L.S.—Judy Devlin def. Margaret Varner, 11-6, 11-2. M.S.—Bunky Roche def. Noel Fehm, 15-10, 15-11. L.D.—J. Devlin-S. Devlin def. M. Varner-P. Stevens, 15-12, 15-10. M.D.—C. Stephens-B. Roche def. Noel Fehm-Quinn, 15-9, 15-12. Mx.D.—Stephens-Stephens def. Davis-Decker, 15-8, 15-4.

## ILLINOIS

By Shirley Hanzelin

Results of the Illinois Open Badminton Tournament, held at Evanston High School, January 22 and 23, are as follows:

M.S.—Ted Moehlmann def. Vic Pritula, 15-14, 15-9. L.S.—Abbie Rutledge def. Marge Wright, 11-3, 11-3. M.D.—Ted Moehlmann-Earl Boston def. Harry Drewrey-Bill Anderson, 15-6, 3-15, 15-6. L.D.—Eleanor Coombs-Thelma Burdick def. Betty Newman-Abbie Rutledge, 15-12, 15-6. Mx.D.—Earl Boston-Eleanor Coombs def. Ted Moehlmann-Abbie Rutledge, 15-5, 15-9. Vets.D.—Ted Brooks, Harry Drewrey def. Ted Jarrett-Herbert Burdick, 15-12, 15-7.

This tournament was sponsored by the Skokie Badminton Club with as-

sistance from the Chicago Badminton Club.

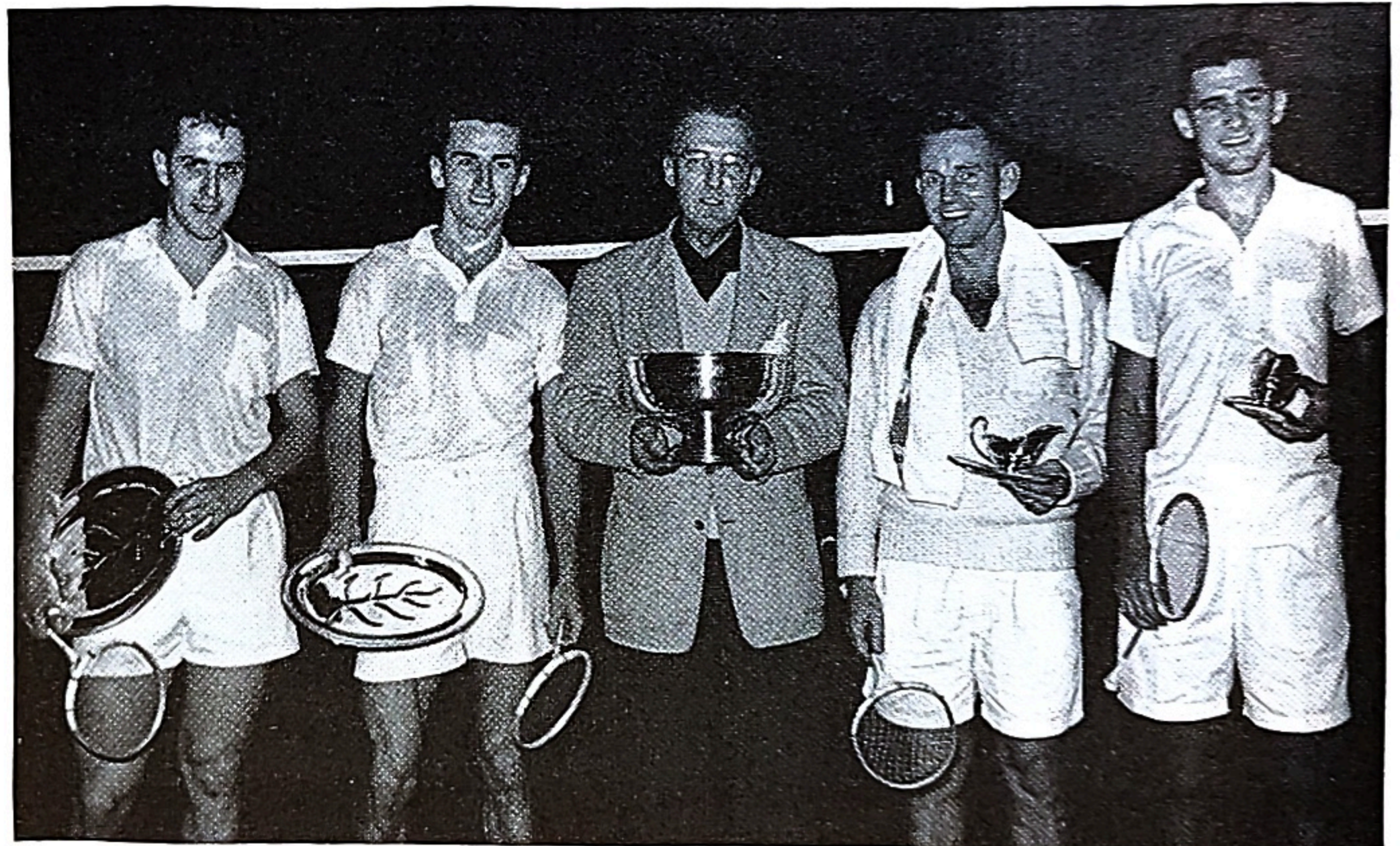
## ILLINOIS

By H. C. Burdick

The 19th Annual Chicago District Badminton Championships were held at the Altjeld Park Badminton Club January 15 and 16. Results as follows:

M.S.—Earl Boston def. Bob Mullen, 15-12, 17-15. L.S.—Thelma Burdick def. Jean Moore, 11-7, 11-0. L.D.—Thelma Burdick-Eleanor Coombs def. Jan Mitchell-Kay Gibbs, 15-2, 15-5. M.D.—Earl Boston-James Wigglesworth def. Bob Mullen-J. Ponitch, 5-15, 15-9, 15-3. Vets.D.—Burt Fish-George Geever def. William Gibbs-John Prest, 15-12, 15-6.

## Gustafson Trophy



Left to Right: Noel Fehm, Harry Quinn, Lea Gustafson, Ken Kost and Bunky Roach

## CONNECTICUT PAIR WINS MAJOR TOURNAMENT

Noel Fehm and Harry Quinn of Westport, Conn., became the first team to repeat a prior victory in the ten years of competition in the Annual Invitation Men's Doubles Badminton Tournament of the Gut 'n Feathers Club of Marblehead when on Saturday night they defeated Wayne Schell and Bob Warren of the University Club of Boston in the finals, 15-7, 15-11. Fehm and Quinn had reached the final round by defeating Bob Wright and Don O'Callaghan in the semi-finals, 18-17, 15-13. In the other semi-final match Schell and Warren had won over Phil Blanchard and Butch Kevorkian, 13-15, 15-13, 15-9.

Twenty-eight teams of leading players in the North-eastern section of the United States competed in the tournament.

The Consolation round was won by Bill Goodman and Larry Roberts.

The finals of the Poona Club Ladies' Doubles Tournament, in which 27 teams took part, were held between the semi-final and final rounds of the Men's tournament, with Miss Margaret Varner of Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., and Miss Eleanor Ross of New York, winning over Mrs. Doris DeLord and Miss Rosine Capehart, both of New York, 15-7, 15-9.



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## ILLINOIS

By Joan Bulley

A Junior Badminton Program is being sponsored by the Glencoe School System, thanks to Joe Bradley, from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Joe Tiberi, Roger Baird, Jim Wigglesworth, Dick Stern, and many other members of the Skokie Badminton Club are on hand to help out.

## MASSACHUSETTS

By Albert A. Warner

The First Annual Junior-Senior Badminton Tournament will be held on March 18 and 19 at the new Needham High School gymnasium in Needham, Mass. The Needham Junior Badminton and Tennis Club will run the tournament and the Needham Recreation Department will be the sponsors.

Two more Junior groups are under way. The Canton Junior Badminton Club, sponsored by the Canton Youth Committee, and the Dedham Junior Badminton Club, sponsored by the Dedham Recreation Department. The Canton group will play at the Canton High School gym and the Dedham group at the Dedham High School. There are about thirty members in each group.

## MASSACHUSETTS

By Henry G. Der

### "B" Results

M.S.—Bob Bachman def. Art Scully, 15-13, 15-8. L.S.—Nancy Metcalf def. Penny Pritchard, 11-0, 11-3. M.D.—Bob Bachman-Art Scully def. Charles Plummer-Lew Fowler, 13-18, 15-6, 15-8. L.D.—Ann Jones-Jane St. Amant def. Ruth Pritchard-Penny Pritchard, 15-8, 15-9. Mx.D.—Shirley Sawyer-Art Scully def. Dorothy Hills-Jack Tarbell, 15-9, 15-18, 15-5.

### "C" Results

M.S.—Arthur Scully def. Gunnar Sernablad, 15-7, 15-9. L.S.—Penny Pritchard def. Mary McClure, 11-4, 11-9. M.D.—A. Scully-A. W. Vanderfoof def. Albert Warner-John Baier, 7-15, 15-18, 15-3. L.D.—Ann Jones-Jane St. Amant def. Marjorie Moore-Jean Rowell, 15-4, 15-5. Mx.D.—A. Scully-Edith Scully def. Andrew Long-Ruth MacKay, 15-13, 4-15, 15-6.

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## VIRGINIA

By Byron Settle

The Roanoke Badminton Club has elected Charlie Turner to the post of president for the 1954-55 season. Serving with Charlie will be Nancy Leonard as secretary, Jean Bentley as treasurer, and John Wood as vice-president.

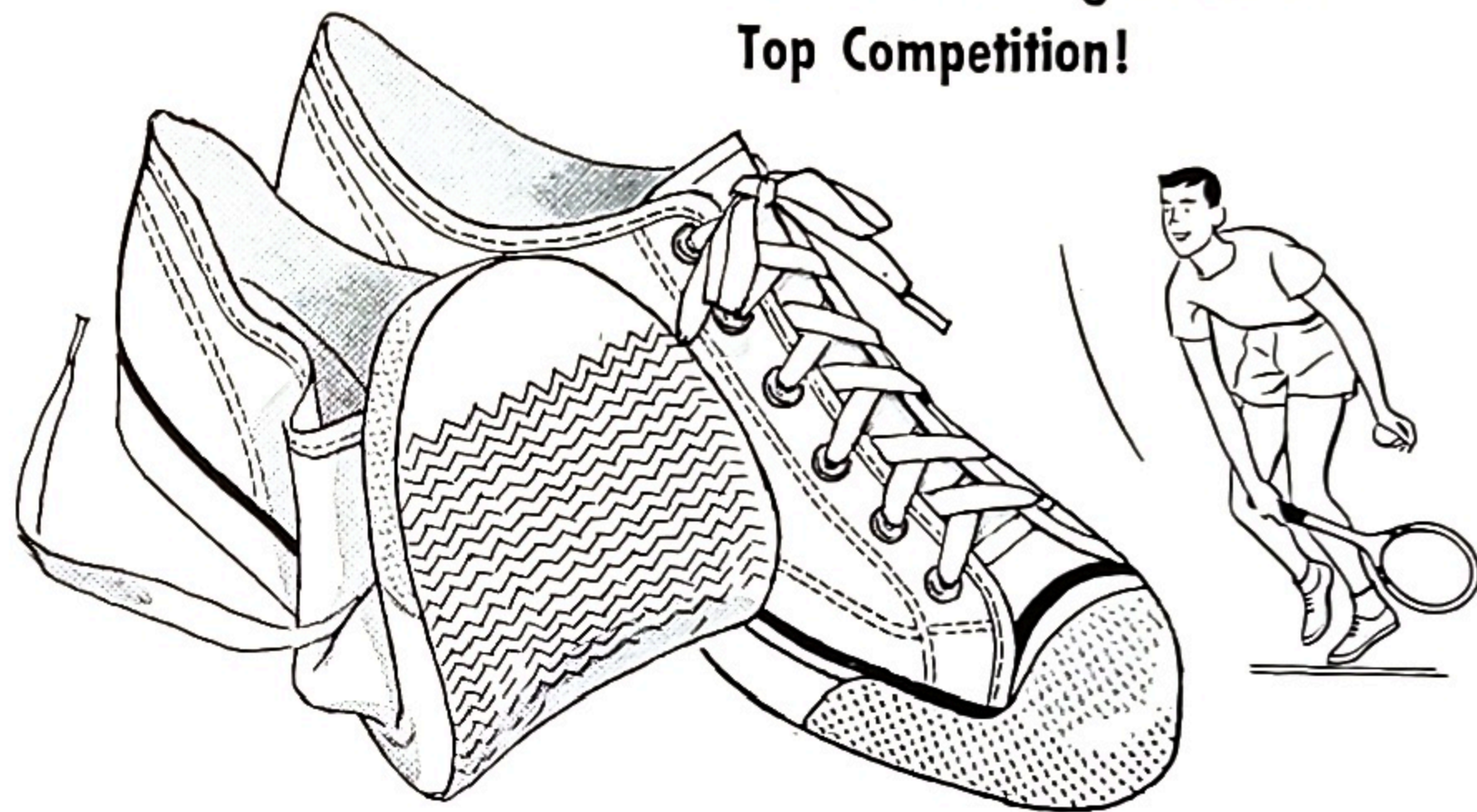
Bill Linkous (Jr.) is taking post-graduate work at the University of Virginia and is playing badminton with the Badminton Club of Charlottesville which is sponsored by the Recreation Department of Charlottesville.

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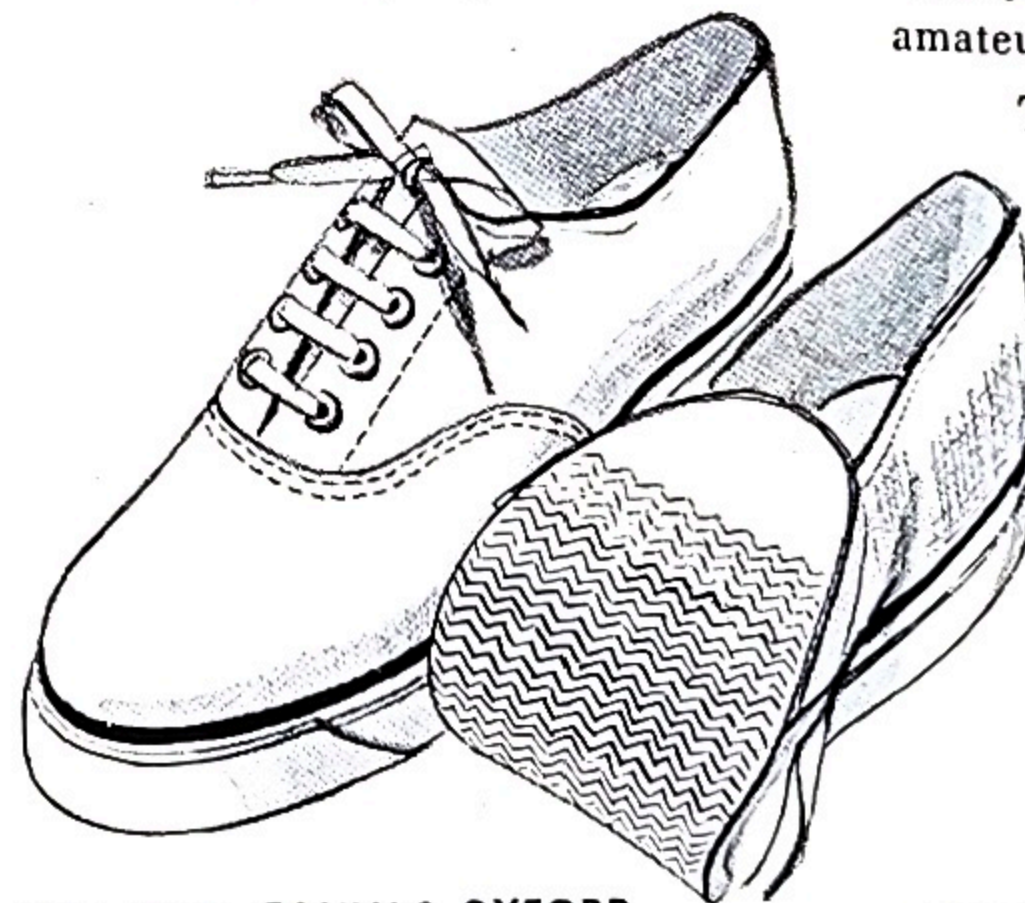
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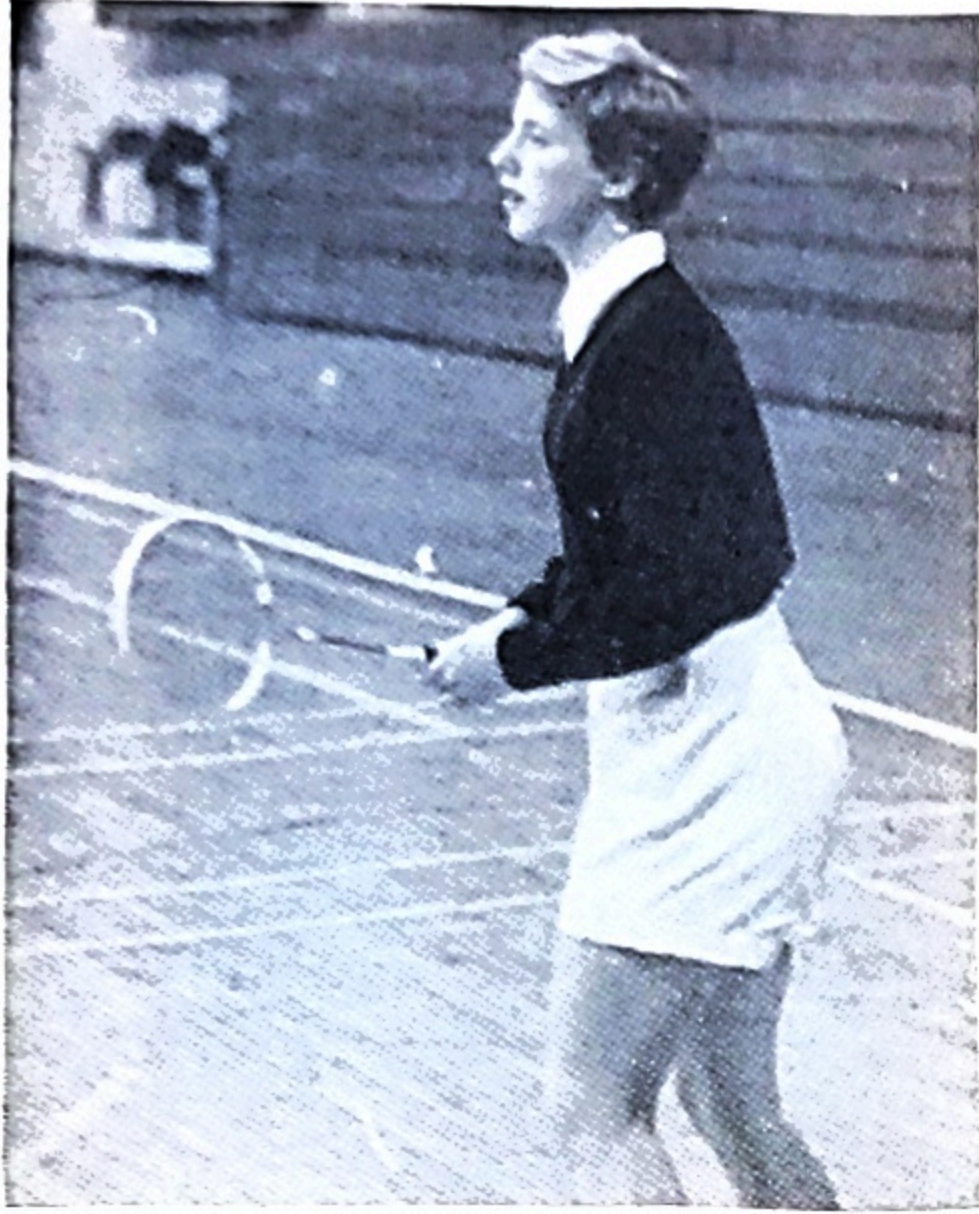
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## MARYLAND



McGregor Stewart

By Estelle M. Dryden

The skill of Butch Kevorkian was apparent as he dominated the Under 18 events in the Eastern Open Tournament held December 28-29 at Goucher College in Baltimore. His partner in Mixed doubles was Jay Tischinger of Baltimore and Gary McFarlane of Canton, in Boys' doubles.

McGregor Stewart won the Under 18 singles in the girls' division and paired with Jay Tischinger to win the doubles. This doubles match was most exciting as the finely coordinated team of Norma Slauer and Nancy Metcalf of Marblehead, Mass., pushed them into three games.

Sally Coulter of Baltimore won the singles title in the Under 15 girls' division, while John Schultz from Norristown, Pa., topped the Boys' singles.

Bonnie Owens of Haverford, Pa., was the top girl in the Under 13 girls' group and Philip Upham of Mass. carried off the boys' trophy in that age division.

Judy Devlin, fresh from her triumphant world tour, helped Sue and their parents serve a tasty turkey supper, planned by Mrs. Devlin, before the finals, after which a party with Evelyn Talley as hostess, was held for all contestants. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood did snack bar duty during the tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Ball and W. Pinkney West efficiently directed the activities of the tournament and made everyone feel at home and inspired all with the desire to come back again next year to participate in this most enjoyable event.

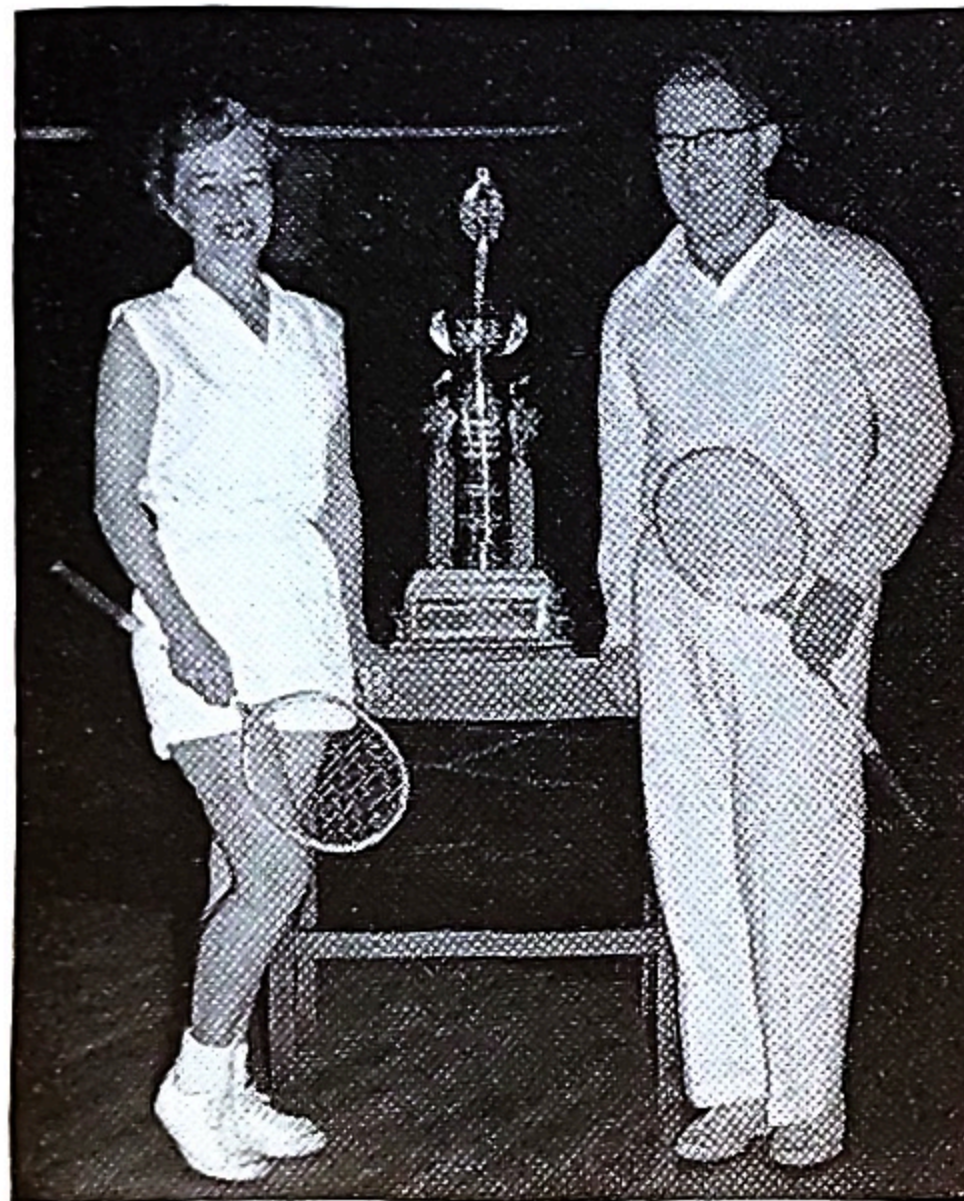
## MIDDLE ATLANTIC

By John Cornell

The Middle Atlantic Badminton Champions will be held in Philadelphia, Penn., March 11, 12 and 13. The tournament is expected to draw players from the whole East Coast. It will be held at the St. Joseph's Memorial Field House, 54th and City Line. This is a beautiful building with room for six or more spacious courts, excellent lighting conditions, and ideal spectator galleries.

A special Ken Davidson Memorial Trophy (perpetual) will be awarded for the men's singles winner, won last year by Clint Stephens. Veterans' doubles will be played for the first time.

## CRAMER TROPHY



Marry Connor - Bill Anderson

## REES CRAMER MEMORIAL A REALITY

By Jimmy Coyne

It was most gratifying to find the Badminton clubs of Michigan, as well as the entire Mid-West rallying to support the "Rees Cramer Memorial Trophy" fund. The trophy was presented for the first time at the Michigan Open Badminton Championships. The dedication ceremony was a solemn, lasting tribute to one who did so much for the game of badminton in the state of Michigan. The trophy will be awarded annually to the mixed doubles winners of the "Michigan Open."

The first names to be inscribed on the trophy will be two very dear friends of Rees Cramers, Mary Connor and Bill Anderson who defeated Elanore Coombs and Earl Boston in a closely fought battle.

## CALIFORNIA

Dan McArthur of Santa Monica has been elected president of the Southern California Badminton Association at the annual meeting of the Association held in Pasadena Feb. 6th. Others elected were Al Kirby, Long Beach, vice-president, and Virginia Hill, Burbank, secretary-treasurer, a post she has held for 10 years.

Newly elected directors are Al Kirby and Art Nagle, Glendale. Other directors re-elected to serve another two years include Jack van Praag, Pasadena; Claude Welcome, Glendale; Carl Loveday, San Diego; and Mrs. Hill. Holdover directors are: Clement Gilbert, Hollywood; Howard Taylor, Los Angeles; Buzz Martin and Joe Alston, Pasadena; Dan McArthur, the new president.

Retiring president is Jack van Praag who has served for two years; van Praag is also immediate past president of the California State Badminton Association, and chairman of the National Publicity Committee of the American Badminton Association.

The 23rd Annual Southern California Open Badminton Tournament will be held February 18-19-20 at Long Beach City College, which will also be the site of the Second Open National Championships on April 6-7-8-9. The Southern California Tournament will see all the members of the United States Thomas Cup Team in action. On March 11-12 this team will compete with the Canadian team at Winnipeg, Canada, to determine the winner of the American Zone.

## AT LAST!

For the first time in the history of badminton in Southern California there will be a "LADIES' VETERANS" event. Yes, gals, that is right. The Glendale Badminton Club will inaugurate this event in their Tenth Annual "C" Tournament to be held April 21-22-23-24 at the Glendale High School in Glendale, Calif. The age limit is 35. Not bad for us ole gals.

The Glendale Club has encouraged the junior players to enter its tournaments by making a special rate on the entry fee of only \$1.00 for players 18 years and under.

Come on, all you juniors and lady vets; let's make these two events the biggest ever!

DON'T adjust your laces when out of breath; your opponent may be glad of the rest.



## CALIFORNIA

Run in three flights the Third Annual Dr. Dave Freeman Tournament was held at San Diego Jan. 28-29-30. Results follow:

### "A" Flight

M.S.—Dick Mitchell def. Ron Palmer, 15-4, 15-6. L.S.—Lois Alston def. Thelma Welcome, 11-9, 10-12, 11-9. M.D.—Loveday-Armendariz def. Rogers-Berry, 10-15, 17-16, 18-16. L.D.—Hahn-Joan Gibbs def. Gallagher-Pons, 15-4, 15-7. Mx.D.—Rogers-Hann def. Loveday-Jean Gibbs, 15-11, 15-11. Vets.D.—Jarrett-Wilson def. Kirby-Swan, 15-12, 15-9.

### "B" Flight

M.D.—Don Connor def. Dick van Praag, 17-14, 15-10. L.D.—Dianne Ivie def. Mary Phillips, 11-2, 11-6. M.D.—Dick van Praag-Fagelson def. Frisz-Rawak, 15-7, 15-8. L.D.—Phillips-Ivie def. Hoffman-Armbruster, 15-3, 15-5. Mx.D.—Mies-Mies def. Rawak-O'Connell, 17-14, 9-15, 18-15. Vets.D.—Gray-Giles def. Jack van Praag-Conn, 15-8, 15-11.

### "C" Flight

M.S.—Don Paup def. Brent Palmer, 4-15, 15-4, 15-7. L.S.—Page def. Lyon, 11-7, 11-0. M.D.—Butler-Putih def. Jack van Praag-Welcome, 15-5, 15-10. L.D.—Mitchell-Kincaid def. Lyon-Auxier, 15-1, 15-2. Mx.D.—Butler-Mitchell def. Auxier-Auxier, 15-6, 10-15, 17-15.

## Mixed Doubles Champions 1954



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**ENTRIES WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th at 5:00 P.M.**

#### SCHEDULE OF PLAY

**Wednesday, April 6, 1955 — 10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

Preliminary rounds Men's & Women's Singles  
Men's & Women's Doubles

**Thursday, April 7, 1955 — 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

Preliminary rounds Mixed & Veterans' Doubles  
Round of Sixteen all Events

**Thursday, April 7, 1955 — 7:30 P.M.**

Quarter Finals — All Events

**Friday, April 8, 1955 — 7:30 P.M.**

Semi-Finals

**Saturday, April 9, 1955 — 7:30 P.M.**

#### FINALS

Admission for those not competing—Season Tickets for all play—\$5.50. Wednesday, including morning, afternoon and evening—\$1.10. Thursday, including morning and afternoon—\$1.10. Thursday night, Quarter-Finals—\$1.10. Friday night, Semi-Finals—\$2.20. Saturday night, Finals—\$2.20. Competitors admitted free to all playing sessions. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. W. L. Martin, 520 Sombrero Rd., Monrovia, California.



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## CONDITIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT

**Eligibility**—Open to all amateur players, members in good standing of clubs in associations affiliated with the International Badminton Federation. Age: Over 16 as of April 6, 1955. To enter Veterans' Doubles, players must be 40 or over as of April 6, 1955.

**Entries**—Certified entries by your club secretary on the entry forms enclosed herewith are necessary and must be endorsed by the Secretary of the National Association of which your Club is a member.

**All Entries** must be in the hands of Mrs. Hulet P. Smith, 110 West Sycamore, Arcadia, California, Wednesday, March 16, 1955. ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY BLANK OR NAME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW. Entry Fees: 1st event \$4.00; 2nd Event \$3.00; 3rd Event \$3.00. (Limited to 3 Events.)

A competitor may not enter a Doubles Event without a definite named partner. Any substitutions will only be allowed at the discretion of the Draw Committee.

The Open Amateur Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Grant System and applicable Rules and Regulations of the American Badminton Association.

Umpires approved by the American Badminton Association will be provided for each match. R.S.L. Shuttlelocks have been approved and will be used in this tournament.

Competitors will wear white, and will play as scheduled; if absent when called will be defaulted.

## OF GENERAL INTEREST

ABA BREAKFAST AND ANNUAL MEETING, 11:00 A.M., Saturday, April 9th. All participants and guests are urged to attend.

ABA DANCE after Finals Saturday night, 11:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M. Lafayette Hotel Roof Ballroom. All contestants and their escorts are invited. Admission Free!

Every effort will be made to make your stay in Southern California enjoyable. Informal parties and trips will be arranged. Make your wants known to the Committee and we will do our best to make this visit a memorable one.

Plan to leave early and play in the California State Open Tournament April 1-2-3 in the San Francisco-Oakland area (announcement and entries will be sent out soon).

THE LAFAYETTE HOTEL, Long Beach, California, will be the "Official Hotel." Special "run of the house" rates are available as follows: Singles, \$6.00; Doubles, \$8.00; Twins, \$10.00; Suites, \$16.00-\$25.00. All rooms with bath.

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## S.C. Badminton Assn. Extends Invitation

By Jack H. van Praag, President

The Southern California Badminton Association is happy and proud to extend to all qualified badminton players throughout the world a very cordial invitation to participate in the Second Annual Open Amateur Championships of the American Badminton Association to be held at Long Beach, California, April 6-7-8-9, 1955. Details of this tournament appear elsewhere in this magazine.

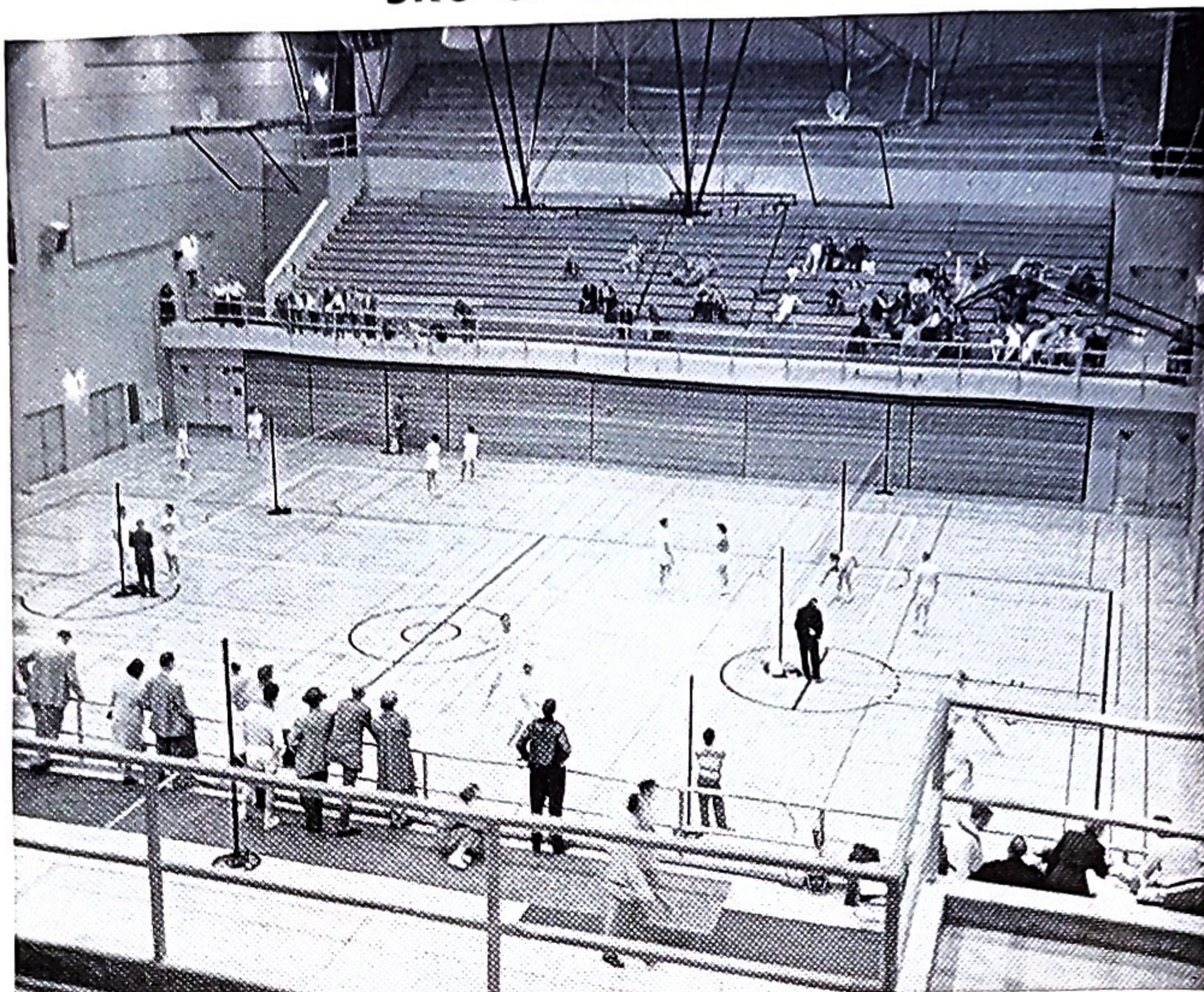
It is hoped that many of the outstanding players from all parts of the world will participate, providing badminton fans with an opportunity to see many players of world renown in action. Word has reached us that it is very possible that our Malayan friends will return to the United States to defend their titles. Let us hope this will materialize as all of us who saw these colorful players in action at Niagara Falls last year will eagerly anticipate a repetition of the thrilling matches that took place there. This tournament will afford another opportunity to renew old friendships formed at previous tournaments. Every effort will be made to enable you to fully enjoy your stay in our midst. Southern California in the spring can be very lovely, indeed (yes, we do have some occasional "unusual" weather, but rest assured there'll be never a dull moment).

The beautiful blue Pacific Ocean is only two short blocks from the Lafayette Hotel, our "official" hotel. Long Beach itself offers many fine attractions. It is famed as a navy base, world port, convention city, and fisherman's paradise. The snow-crowned Sierra Nevadas form a lovely background for this lovely sun-drenched city. Off shore lies fabulous Catalina Island. Within easy driving distance lie Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Mission San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Beach, Balboa, Newport Harbor.

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You will probably want to visit magnificent story-book San Francisco with its famous bridges; Chinatown, in all its Oriental splendor and the largest Chinese settlement outside of Asia; picturesque Fisherman's Wharf with its colorful waterfront scenes and huge fishing fleet; romantic Old Barbary Coast; aristocratic Nob Hill; The Top of the Mark, that world-famed cocktail lounge atop the Mark Hopkins Hotel with its sweeping view of the Golden Gate revealing a fairyland below.

Nearby is big, sprawling Los Angeles with its many cultural attractions, its noted night clubs and its many sporting attractions. Fifteen minutes from Los Angeles, along one of the famed freeways, lies Pasadena and its renowned Rose Bowl and beautiful homes. Laguna Beach and La Jolla offer famous artists' colonies and beautiful ocean vistas.

Not too far away lie wide-open Las Vegas with its twenty-four hour gaming rooms and famous Hoover Dam. Big Bear Lake and Lake Arrowhead offer superb mountain scenery and many fine resorts. Travel any of California's justly famous highways and

discover for yourself how wonderful California really is.

All of the above is to indicate to you that you owe it to yourself to come to Long Beach and enjoy badminton at its best, good company amid breath-taking scenery. A most cordial welcome awaits you. We will do everything in our power to help you enjoy a most pleasant vacation. We are yours to command.

We look forward to your coming and when you leave reluctantly we hope you will take with you the indelible memory of many happy, carefree hours spent with good friends.

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## Long Beach Offers Entertainment

The city of Long Beach offers such a variety of entertainment and sight-seeing that visitors never run out of things to do or interesting places to go.

The limitless expanse of the Pacific Ocean off the shore from Long Beach is famous the world over as a favorite rendezvous for sport fishermen.

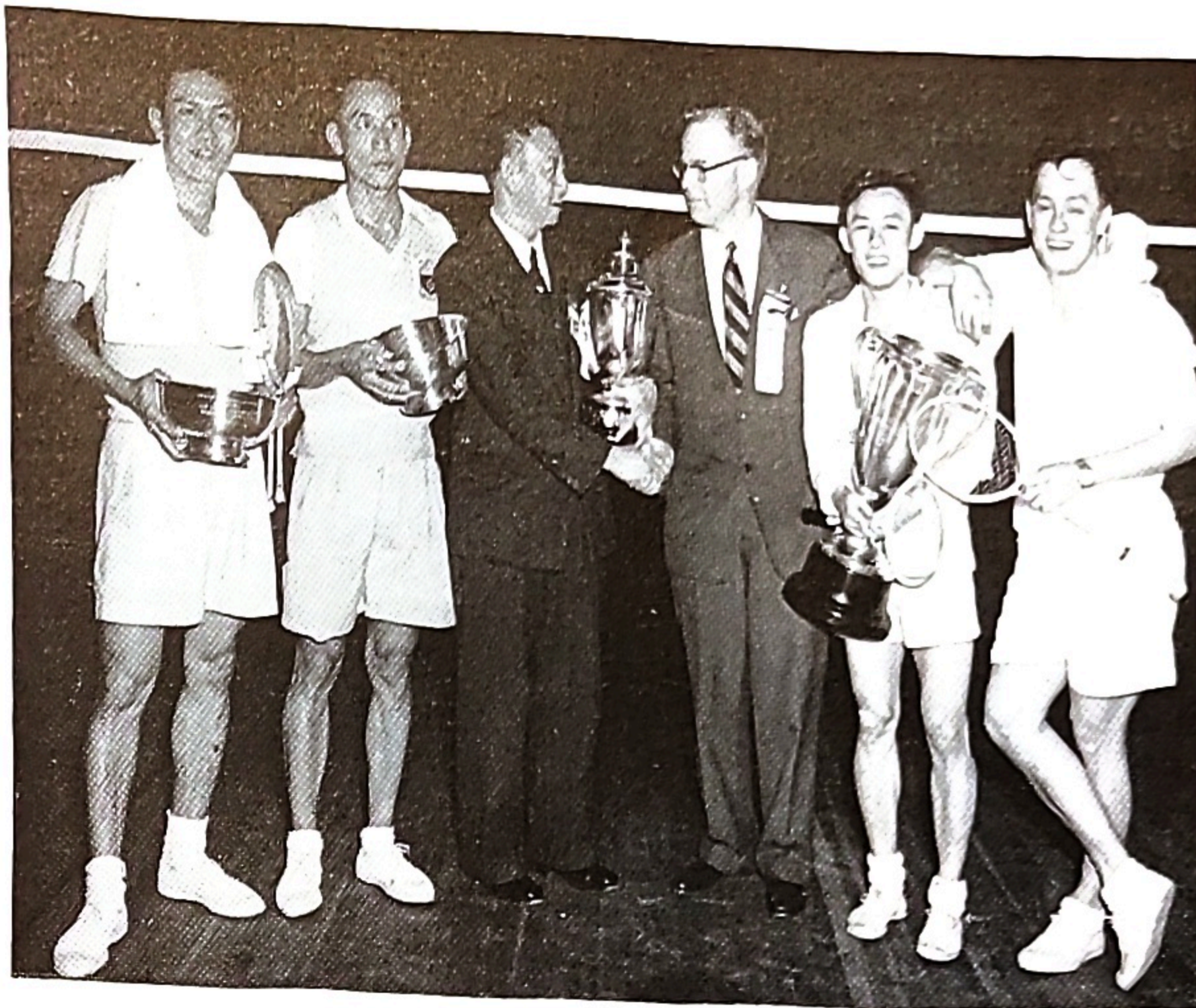
For those who enjoy swimming, there are both surf and still water bathing. The tournament committee, however, cannot guarantee what the temperature will be, though the Chamber of Commerce advertises Long Beach as the "Year 'Round Playground of the Pacific."

Just seventeen minutes away by amphibious plane is the "magic isle" of Catalina. If the visitors prefer, they may make the trip by boat which takes about two hours each way.

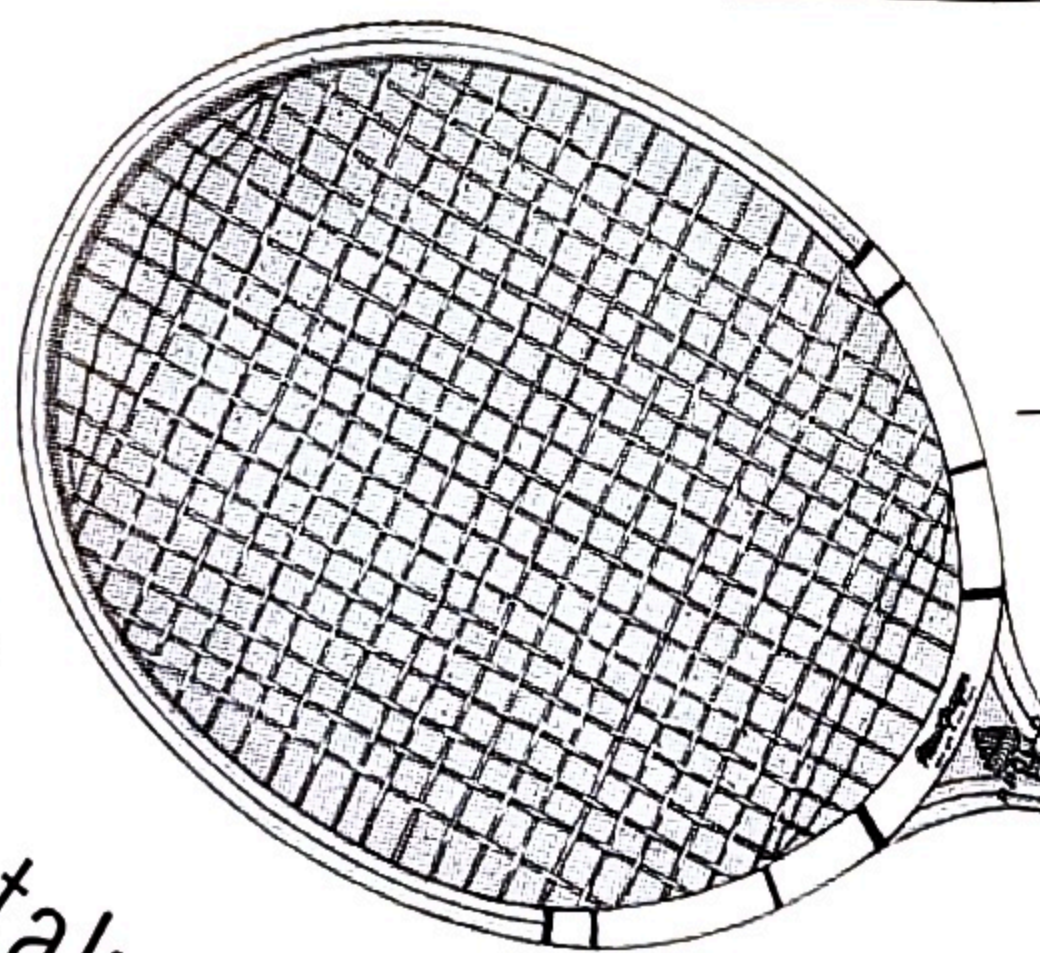
Another trip which is recommended is a trip to Ghost Town, a part of Knott's Berry Farm and one of Southern California's most famous eating places. Here is reproduced a typical early California wild west town, com-

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## Will They Defend Their Title



Left: Ooi Tiek Hock and Ong Poh Lim, winners of 1954 Open Championships  
Center: Lim Chuan Geok, Coach of Malayan Team, and Charley Newhall, ABA prexy  
Right: Eddy Choong with singles trophy and David Choong



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# TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Marguerite:

I would like to comment on a situation which, to me, appears to be sad in more ways than one, namely, the loss to Canada of the site of the United States-Canada Thomas Cup Tie. It was our turn to hold the matches in this country but we had to default because, with one exception, no club or state association in this big country of ours was willing to take the trouble to put it on. So now Canadian players not only will have the advantage of playing in their own climate and on their home courts but will now play us *after* their nationals, enabling them to use the player who is currently "hot." We, the Cup players, believe we can overcome the above named obstacles. However, the sad part is that we lost the site of the Tie. I cannot speak for other parts of the country but from what I have been able to gather from various sources "in the know" locally, the problem was primarily financial, i.e., selling tickets. When the method of giving each club member 2-5 tickets to sell was suggested to a Southern California official it was turned down as impractical. Why? Because previous experience (the 1948-49 Tie with Canada in Pasadena and the more recent exhibition last Spring in Pasadena with the top Malaysians) has shown that it was like pulling teeth to get any but a few really loyal boosters to sell tickets. If one club assumes the responsibility to put it over the rest seem to feel none whatsoever.

If we had to raise, say \$500, and if we made \$1.00 on each ticket sold, one would think that with more than 250 active members here in this area we *should* have enough pride in the game in the local association to take one other person to an international event such as the Canadian Tie. Even if we had to pay the other person's way, it certainly isn't going to break anyone at \$2.40 for two tickets and it would at least be an effort to promote interest in the game itself.

Perhaps I am wrong in assuming that our club members here are interested in promoting the game. Perhaps their only interest is playing "in their own backyard" and let the sport go to pot. If that's the case, Heaven help our Thomas Cup squads of the future. They'll need it!

Or perhaps, along the same line, our association is becoming essentially

a "B" group, as some have been contending. One can't help but wonder when many "B" trophies these days are as good or better than the Champion's, *it's* no wonder that promising players prefer to stay "B." Why become a champion when you can get just as good a trophy by beating first round losers? The whole psychology is wrong. Since when does our way of life put the emphasis on mediocrity! The future of any sport depends primarily upon the drawing power of its champions, properly publicized, and *complete* backing, not bucking, by the vast majority who love the game but cannot be champions.

If our game is to progress, the backing I mentioned must be much more in evidence than has been shown so far.

Lest other state associations feel too smug, let me point out that to my knowledge only one other area in this large country made a genuine bid to run the Tie. Also, I would like to know why one club or association should have to carry the whole burden of a match in which our players are representing our *country*. The least that other clubs could do is to help out financially. Who, in this country, when properly approached, would refuse to donate 50c to a cause of such national importance? We *ought* to have at least 1000 members throughout this country willing to help by giving the price of two malts. If we don't, our game will never get *near* the top.

Now I feel better, Marguerite. Please print it, will you? Thanks.

Sincerely,  
Wynn Rogers, California

Dear Ed.:

We are trying to secure more subscriptions to *Bird Chatter* in our area, but frankly, however—the magazine has little appeal to beginners or class "C" players—which includes most of the players in our club. I would suggest more space be directed to that type of player.

Ed Geng

(We actually thought our so-called "educational articles" were for the beginner and "C" player. If you will let us know what the demand is for in your area we will attempt to accommodate. Editor.)

Dear Editor:

This year more than ever before, it seems there is going to be a lack of an adequate number of tournaments in the East to keep alive the interest that having an open national championship has aroused. Speaking for the Baltimore-Washington area, the advent of the International Invitational of Maryland last April provided a great stimulus to local badminton.

Games are and should be a means of getting fun and relaxation and an aid to general health; but they thrive on maintaining within each sport a competitive spirit so necessary to keep anything up to its best level. It is this competitive spirit, coupled with the meeting of old and making of new friends that makes the holding of tournaments so important.

All classes of players profit. The best have a chance to prove to themselves just how good they are in comparison to the national standard. This is an added incentive to the young and eager and an invaluable aid to a ranking committee lacking in data. The average club player has an opportunity to see the best in action since his game is good enough to permit him to play in, and enjoy, the major tournaments. He can learn much from playing against the better players and he has the added incentive to attain the same heights. Even the novice can profit through tournaments—not perhaps by participation but by seeing how the game should be played. The B and C tournaments and restricted club tournaments give him an opportunity to put what he has learned into practice. But how can he learn without being given the chance to see a major tournament in his area?

To get a greater number of people playing and interested in the game throughout the country we think every badminton center should hold at least one open tournament each season. The East coast should have a network of tournaments from Atlanta to Boston and as far west as Cleveland and Pittsburgh; at least one held every weekend from early January to the Nationals and perhaps one each weekend from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Locally, as well as nationally, the game would grow in interest and prestige as out-of-town, and perhaps foreign players, come in to each district to play.

Perhaps a "Tournament Promoter" or "Co-ordinator" could be appointed by the ABA to organize the tournament schedule for each season. Many



local associations would hold a tournament with encouragement from the ABA and the assurance of its help in getting some of the better players. What one local committee learns through running its tournament can be passed on to other tournament committees. The "Co-ordinator" working with the sanction committee, would know immediately when the established tournaments, such as Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, etc., are to be held. He could then try to work up tournaments for the open weekends in the districts such as New Jersey, Wilmington, or Atlanta, which now hold no major five event tournaments but probably would do so with a little encouragement. This work should be done early enough to publish the full schedule in the November issue of *Bird Chatter*.

We feel something should be done in expanding the tournament schedule to keep pace with the interest and enthusiasm brought about by an open national championship.

Signed: Charlotte Decker  
Washington, D.C.  
Judy - Susan Devlin  
Baltimore, Md.



To "Bird Chatter":

We wonder if we can have some sort of discussion in *Bird Chatter* on the merits of badminton in the development of the tennis player.

Our club has had several very good future badminton prospects from our local colleges who took up the game of badminton only to help their conditioning during the winter season, and get them into shape for spring tennis. Recently, a tennis coach has not allowed his tennis members to participate in winter badminton because it definitely hurts their game of tennis. We would like to know from people with more experience along this line if the active game of badminton is a detriment to the game of tennis for the tennis player who cannot play tennis during the winter season, or if the badminton game at least would be better for the tennis player than if he did not play badminton at all.

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Lee Koopsen, President

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# TENTATIVE PROGRAM

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1st

Registration of players and parents for both tournaments at Moreland School, 3:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Upon registration, players will be assigned to and taken to the homes of their hosts.

Practice sessions and Welcome Get-Acquainted Party for players during the evening at the school.

School cafeteria will be open for dinner from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., \$1.75.

Snacks will be available until 10:00 p.m.

To bed by 11:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd

The Grant System of Play will be used.

Your time of play for first 2 matches will be given you upon registration.

Play starts for both tournaments at 9:30 a.m.

Last matches will be called at 9:30 p.m.

Buffet Lunch.....11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.....\$1.25

Buffet Dinner.....5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.....\$1.75

Snack bar open until 10:00 p.m.

There will be informal, chaperoned club rooms open during the entire tournament for the Juniors, and also for the Under-Fifteen Group, where contestants and their friends can lounge between matches, listen to records, play games or otherwise enjoy themselves.

Informal dance and swimming party for contestants and friends from 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd

Quarter finals in all events for both tournaments start at 1:30 p.m.

Semi-finals in all events for both tournaments start at 7:00 p.m.

The School cafeteria will be open for:

Buffet Lunch.....12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.....\$1.25

Buffet Dinner.....5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.....\$1.75

Snacks will be available until 10:00 p.m.

## MONDAY, APRIL 4th

Finals for all events of the Under-Fifteen Tournament start at 9:30 a.m.

Monday afternoon: Sight-seeing bus tour of Cleveland for out-of-town contestants from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., \$2.00.

Finals in all events of the National Junior Championships start at 7:00 p.m.

School cafeteria will be open for the Annual American Badminton Association luncheon at 12:30 p.m., \$1.25.

School cafeteria open for dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., \$1.75.

Snack bar will be open until 7:00 p.m.

## Of General Interest To All PLAYERS

Players are requested to fill out Entries providing their 1954-55 record on back of form and return promptly.

Contestants who are under fifteen, please note that only three events may be entered. Any three events between the Jr. Tournament and the Under-Fifteen Tournament may be selected. In other words, you may enter the singles in the Jr. Tournament, the singles in the Under-Fifteen tournament and one doubles event in the Under-Fifteen Tournament, or you may enter the singles and one of the doubles event in the Jr. Tournament and one event in the Under-Fifteen Tournament.

In the event of a large entry, the above schedule may be changed to provide play Friday night for local contestants.

Private housing will not be provided for any out-of-town contestants prior to Friday night, April 1st, or after Monday night, April 4th, except by special request and approval obtained in advance.

Do not forget to bring your bathing suits for a swimming party Saturday night.

## PARENTS

Housing arrangements have been made with the Shaker House Motel and Motor Rest Motel to accommodate those parents or others not availing themselves of private housing. In addition to these two motels, which are handy to Moreland School, accommodations can be obtained in any of the leading hotels, either directly to the hotels or through the Committee. Convenient Rapid Transit Service is available to Moreland School from the Cleveland Public Square.

Meals — Parents may take advantage of the meals provided for players at the same rate and at the same time providing advance notice is given.

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# Holdover From January-February Issue

## 14TH ANNUAL MANHATTAN BEACH TOURNEY

By Helen Tibbetts

From the first matches in the 6th Annual Manhattan Beach Doubles Tournament, over Labor Day, there were upsets. That, plus some juggling of partners, gave the finals a slightly different look.

In the A flight finals, Wynn Rogers won Men's and Mixed Doubles with different partners than usual. Playing with Carl Loveday he won the Men's Doubles from Buzz Martin and Manuel Armendariz in a match that sawed considerably. The eventual winners had it all their way the first game, but lost the touch to Buzz and Manny in the second. The third game was disappointingly easy for Carl and Wynn.

In mixed, Wynn and Dottie Hann had no trouble winning the initial game from the Alstons. However, Joe and Lois came back to make the second a very exciting and close game up through 14-all. Then the all important 3 points slipped away to Hann and Rogers.

The longest and closest of all the finals was the B flight Women's Doubles between Laurie Cook and Pat Larner and Lois O'Connell-Lillian Wells, with the latter team eventually winning the bout 8-15, 15-7, 18-17.

As is the usual course at MBBC tourneys, on the court and off, a good time was had by all.

### "A"

W.D.—Lois Alston-Beulah Bymaster def. Jean Gibbs-Helen Tibbetts, 15-7, 15-18, 15-12. M.D.—Carl Loveday-Wynn Rogers def. Buzz Martin-Manuel Armendariz 15-8, 9-15, 15-4. Mx.D.—Dottie Hann-Wynn Rogers def. Lois & Joe Alston, 15-5, 17-14. Vets Mx.—Wally Kinnear-Lois O'Connell def. Liz Anselm-Larry Calvert, 15-9, 17-16.

### "B"

W.D.—Lois O'Connell-Lillian Wells def. Laurie Cook-Pat Larner, 8-15, 15-7, 18-17. M.D.—Jan Lamar-Toy Erkill def. Jack van Praag-Bill Giles, 15-8, 15-17, 15-12. Mx.D.—Jim Poole-Laurie Cook def. Bill & June Bayley, 17-14, 15-8. Vets Mx.—Frank Auxier-Faye Harraughty def. Arcella Cook-Dick van Praag, 15-11, 15-7.

For the sake of Thomas Cup comparison, the four top Men's Doubles teams in the Manhattan Tournament held December 3, 4, 5, were juggled considerably. In the semi-final matches this was the lineup:

Carl Loveday-Ron Palmer vs. Bob

Williams - Mannie Armendariz. Joe Alston-Dick Mitchell vs. Wynn Rogers-Buzz Martin.

Both matches went 3 games, had long rallies, close net play—terrific competition. Men's doubles still gets the vote as the best event for spectators.

M.S.—Joe Alston def. Dick Mitchell, 17-14, 15-4. L.S.—Lois Alston def. Thelma Welcome, 11-7, 11-3. M.D.—Loveday-Palmer def. Rogers-Martin, 11-15, 15-13, 18-17. L.D.—Alston-Bymaster def. Hann-Gibbs, 15-7, 7-15, 15-7. Mx.D.—Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Hann, 15-12, 15-6. Vets—McArthur-Wilkinson def. Kirby-Johnson, 17-14, 15-5.

### Consolation

M.S.—Dick van Praag def. Sergio Fraustro (Mexico), 15-12, 15-12. L.S.—Jean Gibbs def. Carlene Hester, 11-5, 5-11, 12-9. M.D.—Grey-Hellman def. Christie-Wilkinson, 18-17, 15-7. L.D.—Haraughty-Martin def. Mies-Cook, 15-7, 15-12. Mx.D.—McLaughlin-Mies def. Rawak-O'Connell, 15-3, 15-5.

## MISSOURI BADMINTON ASSN.

Dear Marguerite:

The 1954 Missouri Open Badminton Tournament, sponsored by the Missouri Badminton Association, was held on November 13th and 14th at the new Concordia Gymnasium in Clayton, Missouri.

The tournament was a huge success, with entries from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Tennessee.

I am enclosing one of the pairings with the results of all events filled in. There were consolation matches in all events and rather than list all winners in this letter, I shall let you determine just how you wish to print the results.

The Missouri Badminton Association held its annual election meeting on December 7th. The following officers who served so faithfully during the 1953-54 season were reelected, with the addition of Ethel Horne being appointed as corresponding secretary.

President, M. J. Mathis; Vice-President, Harry Burrus; Secretary, Audrey Mathis; Treasurer, Mrs. Virginia Smith.

We in St. Louis are well pleased with "Bird Chatter" since you have improved it so much and we wish you continued success.

Ethel Horne

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## BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON NEWS

Baltimore welcomes Lee Chadbourne and Norma Keech Fulton. Both hail from New England where Lee attended Sargent College. She is now teaching Physical Education at Garrison Forest School, just outside Baltimore. Lee, along with Judy Devlin, was a member of the 1954 U.S. Women's LaCrosse team. Norma Fulton is now living in Catonsville, a Baltimore suburb, with her husband and offspring.

Barbara Scarlett (now Mrs. Milton Allen), the first U.S. Girls' Champion, is living in Hartford, Conn. She is teaching her husband to play tennis and badminton so as to make a team both on and off the courts.

Bobby Roberts, brother of Patsy Stephens, and Charlotte Skinner were married in October. Hamilton Easter, who usually plays in the Philadelphia and Washington tournaments, is engaged to Ginny Crocker, a doctor's secretary and tennis enthusiast.

Bob Steinwald, ranked No. 4 in the National Boys' Doubles for 1954, is President of the Freshman class at Johns Hopkins University. Evie Talley, a finalist in the 1950 Junior National Singles, graduated from Chestnut Hill College and is working at the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co.

Bunky Roche is hoping for that Thomas Cup berth; Dick Ball present National Boys' Doubles Champion, and a Loyola College freshman is concentrating on his badminton game; Howard Herbst, a boys' doubles finalist in 1949, is serving his hitch in the Army.

Baltimore has been active in inter-city matches. We played Wilmington a junior and a senior match the second weekend in November. There has also been a senior match with Philadelphia in the City of Brotherly Love on December 5.

Washington boasts of a new site for its badminton club, the Landon School Gymnasium, with four good courts. It is hoped to hold the National Capitol Tournament there this year.

Polly Thompson is engaged to George Kollé, brother of Mike Kollé, the Danish wonder who awed us all in the 1952-53 season.

Charlotte Decker is now able to fit badminton tournaments easily into her schedule. She is selling mutual funds and does not keep strict hours. Spencer Davis' wife was in charge of a very successful tennis exhibition featuring Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas.

Bill Shreve welcomed another addition to the family this fall.

Hope to see a lot of you down our way in March. The Mason-Dixon Tournament is being held March 3 to 6.

Paul Holm, famed Danish player, has become a professional coach and is now associated with the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association. With his genius as a player and his radiant personality, Holm should be a most successful coach.

Another Malayan star to appear on the badminton horizon is the 18 year nephew of Wong Peng Soon, Oon Chong Teik, who is spending a year at Perse School in Cambridge prior to going to University there. Oon comes from Kuala Lumpur where he learned the game from A. S. Samuel and from his Uncle Wong. A sign of the things to come is the fact that in the Malayan championships last August Oon gave Ooi Teik Hock a remarkably close battle.

DON'T contradict the umpire; he might be right.

Dear Editor:

We are wondering whether or not we could have the enclosed article published in your magazine "Bird Chatter." We think it might be good publicity for Canadian badminton if we could have our tournament noted by our fellow Americans. This year we certainly missed not having Bobby Williams at our tournament. We hope he is doing well down there in the South.

I do enjoy "Bird Chatter" very much and have shown it to members of our club. I think it would be good to have it every month as it is most interesting and so well written.

Please accept our very best wishes to you all who help make "Bird Chatter" such a fine magazine. Maybe we can get more people from around here to subscribe also. I believe you have received a few from Canadians.

Margaret Raymond

Ed. Note: Love that gal from Canada. We do have many subscriptions from Canada.

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## LONG BEACH OFFERS ENTERTAINMENT

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plete with jail, stage coach, blacksmith shop, gold mine, hotel, etc.

There will be no matches scheduled on Friday, April 8, until 7:30 p.m. so that players and friends may spend the day sightseeing if they wish.

One of the large dining rooms at the LaFayette Hotel has been reserved for the breakfast and annual meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 9. The charge for the breakfast is \$1.50 plus tax and tip. It is hoped that everyone interested in badminton will be present.

Immediately following the finals matches on Saturday night, an informal dance will be held in the LaFayette Hotel Roof Ball Room. All contestants and friends are invited as guests of the Southern California Badminton Association.

For the benefit of those who never visited Southern California before, the natives (anyone who has lived here six months or longer) wear just about any type of clothing that suits their fancy. The keynote of dress is informality and comfort. Evenings may be a bit chilly, so it is advisable to bring a coat.

The tournament committee hopes to make your stay in Southern California enjoyable. If you have any questions regarding the tournament you may write to Virginia Hill, 460 Spencer St., Glendale 2, Calif.

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Steve Hinchliffe, Jr., of Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, recently received a scholarship in economics presented by the Staats Co. and known as the William R. Staats scholarship. Steve is a senior at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

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

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

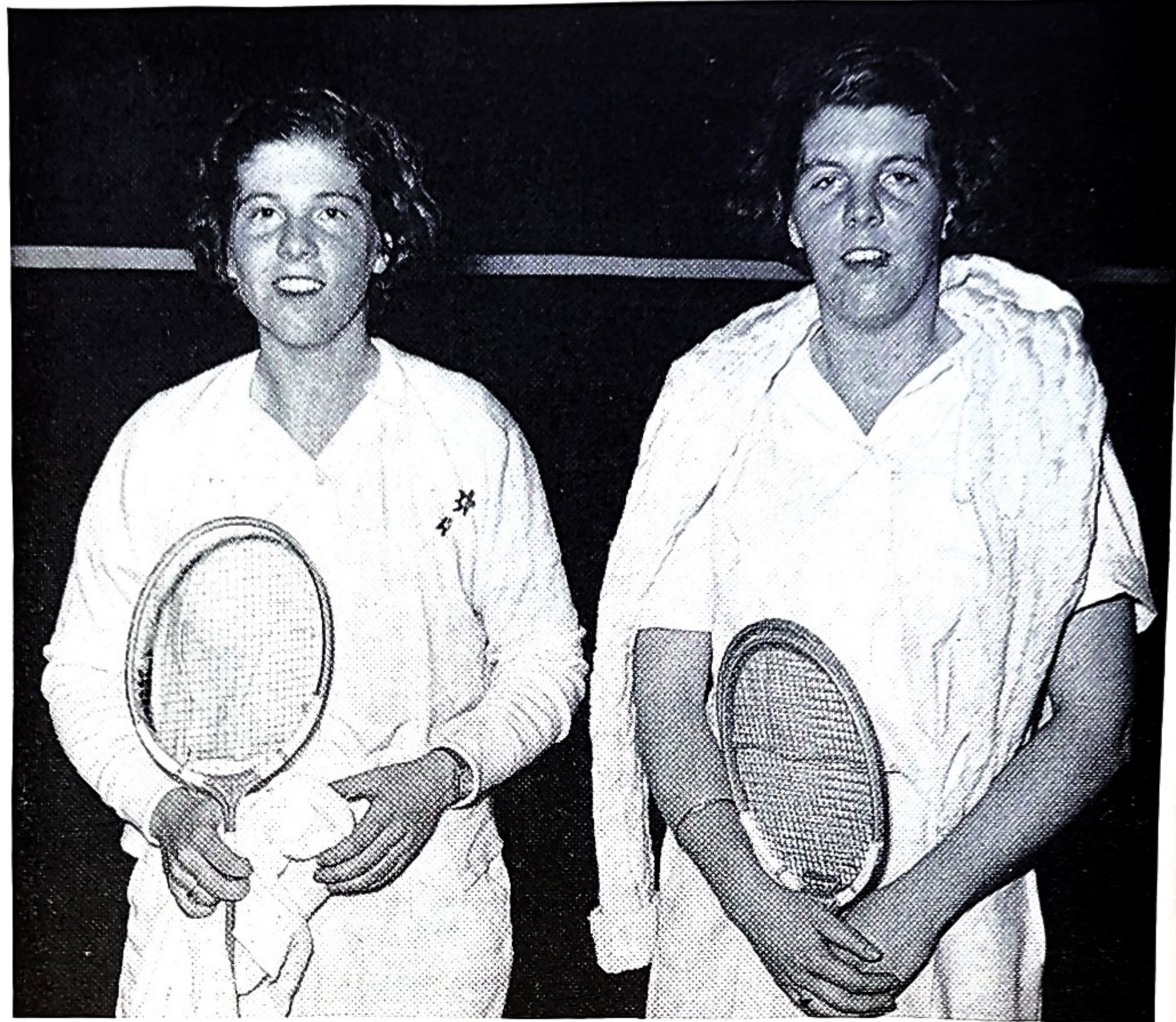
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DON'T hesitate to enter a tournament because a few "stars" are there; they can't beat you without teaching you.

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## United States Champions



Judy and Sue Devlin

## Singles Champions



Joe Alston and Eddy Choong, winner, 1954



## HOLDOVER (Continued)

### WATERLOO

By Margaret Raymond

It was "Trophies for Toronto day again at the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Badminton Club recently as Toronto shuttlers walked off with a major share of the sixth annual International Invitation Tournament silverware.

Marg Shedd and Bill Purcell of the Toronto Carleton Club and Don Smythe of the Toronto Boulevard Club emerged double winners in the finals. It was old stuff for this trio. All three were in the winners circle last year when all the laurels went to Toronto.

This year, however, a pair of Buffalo gals prevented a Toronto sweep. They were Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman, who combined to take Ladies' Doubles honors with a 15-9, 15-4, victory over Marg Shedd and Joan Hennessey, who failed in defense of their title. Miss Marshall has won the U.S. Ladies' Singles title five times and paired with Miss Massman, won the doubles championship in 1953 and they were runners-up last year.

Miss Shedd, however, repeated as Ladies' Single champ. She did this via an 11-6, 11-1, victory over clubmate Hennessey. And she also repeated in the mixed doubles, combining with Purcell to post a 15-1, 18-16, victory over Mary Connor and Bill Anderson of Detroit.

Smythe also defended his singles crown with a handy 15-4, 15-2 victory over Jim Carnwath of Woodstock. Carnwath had earlier provided one of the best matches of the tourney when he battled through three games with Martin Semple to come out of the semi-finals 15-10, 12-15, 18-17.

He couldn't quite cope with Smythe however, who counted repeatedly on a fine drop shot from his backhand and also was clearing much more strongly. In the second game Smythe ran his first serve to 7 and went to 11 on the second.

Smythe then combined with Purcell to defend the Men's Doubles title against Bunny Brewster of Hamilton and George Thorpe of Woodstock in what was probably the best set of the tournament. They came through with a 15-13, 15-9 victory, but not before a see-saw battle that featured some rousing rallies, fine positional play by Smythe, and some really crisp smashing by Thorpe.

In that first game the Smythe-Purcell duo took a 4-1 lead on their first serve and then going in tied 6-6 ran their margin to 11-6. This lead was whittled down to 13-10, but they kept pecking away to take the game at 15-13 with the last two points being taken on net birds.

The second game was nip and tuck to 8-8 when the winners gradually pulled away with their best rally good for three points and the match.



At the annual meeting of the International Badminton Federation, held this summer, it was decided to institute a Ladies' International Championship along the lines of the Thomas Cup competition. Unlike the Thomas Cup contest, the ladies' championship will be open to be challenged for every year, the purpose behind this idea being to accommodate distant nations who might find it difficult to take part if the actual seasons of play were arbitrarily specified. The first competition will take place in the European season of 1956-57, though Asiatic and Australasian participation will probably commence during the middle months of 1956. Countries will be at liberty to challenge in any of the four zones which also exist for the Thomas Cup, and zone winners will then play off in Great Britain so as to establish the first champion nation. Thereafter, the holders will stand out of the preliminary contest, and will have to defend the trophy on courts of their own choice in any season in which a challenge has been registered. Zone play will always take place, so that the holders will not have to play more than one challenge tie per season. The Thomas Cup pattern will be followed, except that there will be only three singles matches instead of the five as in Thomas Cup. The reverse singles matches between the two top players will be omitted. These three singles and the four doubles matches between two pairs, will all be played off in one day. Teams will be restricted to a maximum of six players.

In connection with the Ladies' International Championship, Mrs. H. S. Uber has again offered to present to the Federation a trophy for the event.

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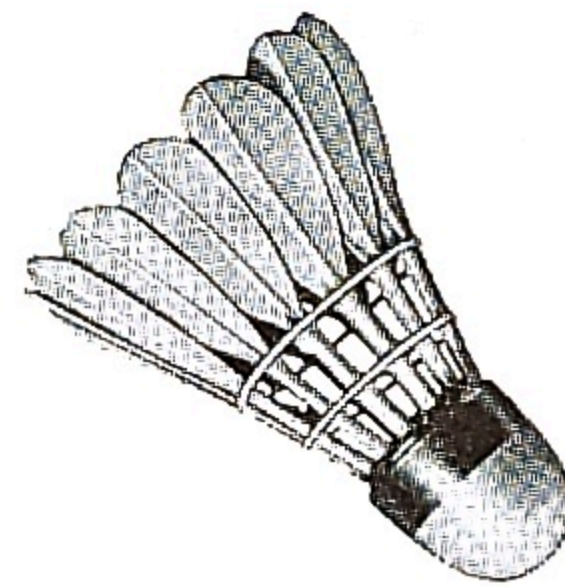
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