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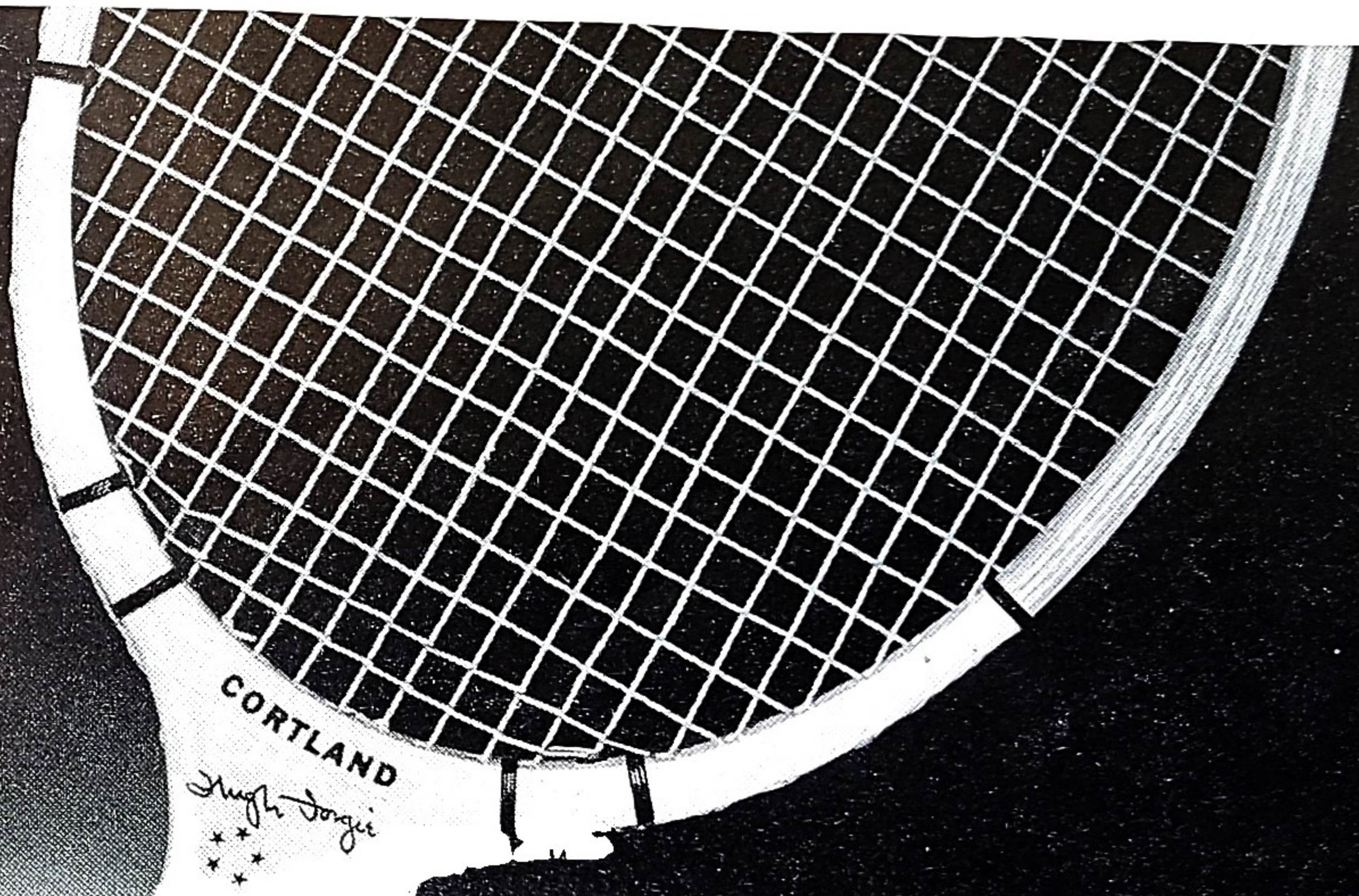


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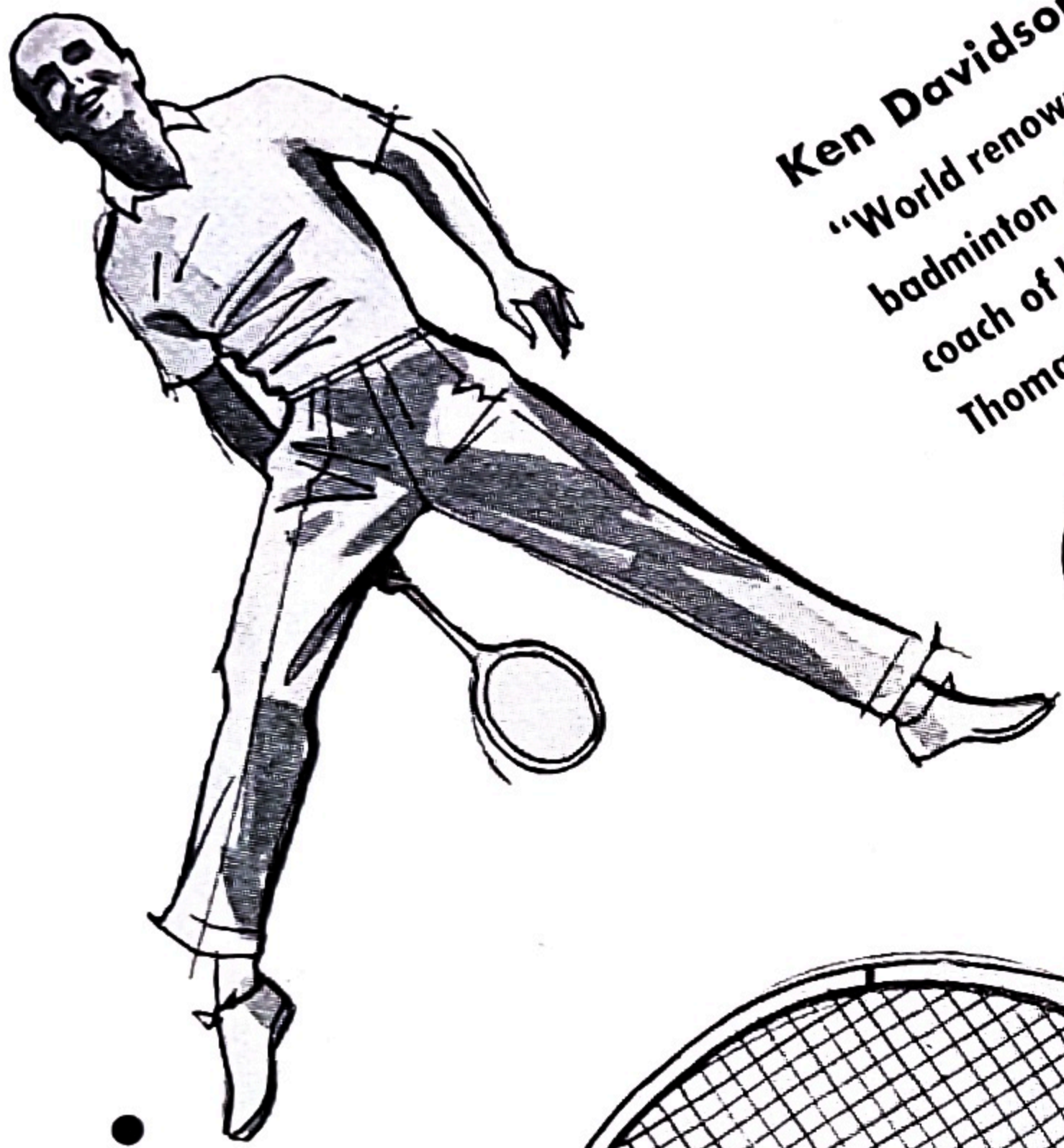
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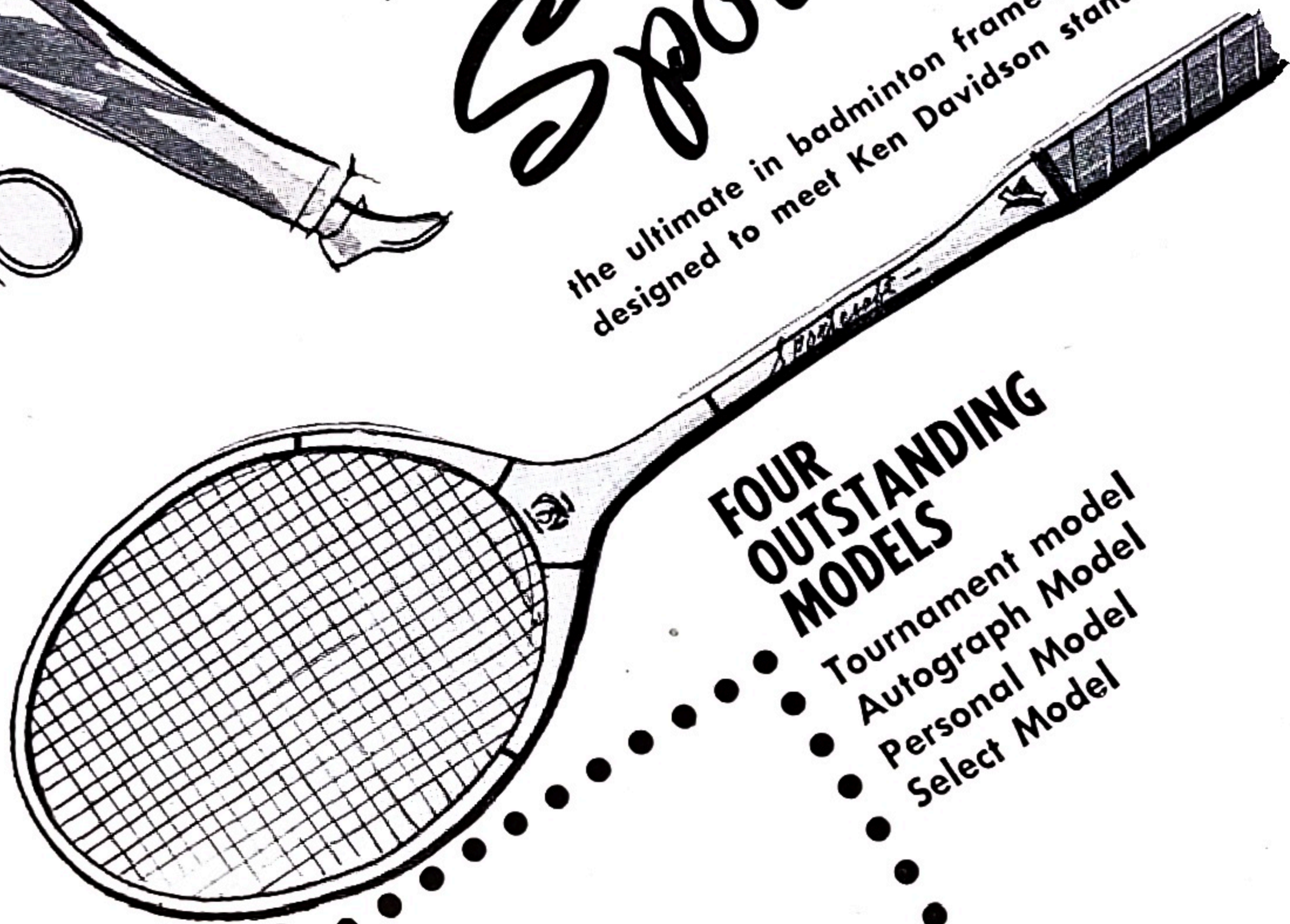
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## National Tournaments 1956

Possible site of the 1956 Senior National Championships will be Philadelphia, Pa. The Delaware Valley Badminton Association placed a bid for the tournament on March 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1956. The committee will be Peter Salmon, Endsley Fairman, Harry Hackett, and John Cornell, if the bid is accepted.

No definite bid has been received for the 1956 Junior Championships. However, Needham, Mass., and Burbank, Calif., indicate interest. It would be nice to have it on the West coast to give the many juniors in Southern California an opportunity to enter a National Tourney, and to give the other juniors an opportunity to visit the Golden State.

## Team Honored

The United States Thomas Cup Team was honored at a going-away party on May 8th at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club in Manhattan Beach, Calif. A final practice session was held in connection with the party. Sports writers, television and radio announcers, club members and guests were given a preview of what can be expected in the way of badminton when the boys meet their first opponents in foreign lands during the month of May.

The Manhattan Beach Club is to be congratulated on such a successful press party.

## Our Error

In naming the alternates for the United States-Canada Ties in the March-April issue of *Bird Chatter* (page 3) two names were omitted. Five alternate members should have been named. The other two, Don Davis, Seattle, and Ted Moehlman of St. Louis.

## Notice

The Patrons Association voted to disband at the Annual Meeting held in Long Beach, April 9, 1955. All funds were turned over to the American Badminton Association, earmarked for Thomas Cup Fund.

## New Clubs

Word comes to Dick Slauer, ABA secretary, that many clubs are springing up in the Hawaiian Islands with much competition between the home clubs. Gilbert R. Yulo, Nuuanu YMCA Badminton Club, has requested all information available. Mr. Yulo read of the American Badminton Association in *Bird Chatter*.

A badminton group in China Lake, Calif. (P.O. Box 499), and a group in Bedford, N.Y., the Bedford-Ripowam School, has requested information from Dick Slauer. Mr. Stanley M. Feret of the school says, "I am anxious to obtain all possible information concerning this wonderful game."

CREDIT—The helpful suggestions found throughout this issue are by Hugh Forgie.

## YOUR Association

1954-55 Season

Following are some highlights of the Annual American Badminton Association meetings held in connection with the Open Amateur Championships at Long Beach:

1. A preliminary financial analysis, allowing for adjustments to special accounts, indicates that ABA operated with a slight surplus for 1954-55

2. Over 48,000 Rule Books were sold in 1954-55.

3. *Bird Chatter* concludes successful year financially and editorially.

4. Open Amateur Championships to continue for additional two years, making five years total. Executive Committee studying Philadelphia proposal for 1956 with reasonable certainty of acceptance in the very near future. Spokane considering a bid for 1957.

5. Special committee to be appointed to study ABA participation in international women's competition (Uber Cup).

6. Special committees to be appointed to study organizational make-up of ABA and to study membership problems.

7. Patron's Association liquidated and in process of dissolution; funds to be turned over to ABA.

8. Membership continued to drop; current records show 155 clubs.

From these meetings it was evident that a number of devoted people are needed to keep the wheels of badminton turning. Some of these are players prominent in tournaments; many are those who never won a trophy and never expect to do so; quite a few are individuals no longer active as players but still interested in the success of the game. To give readers of *Bird Chatter* some idea of the things that are happening, your Editor asked Dick Slauer, national secretary, to summarize the reports of the fourteen regular committees. Here is the result—even cut to the bone, it provides impressive reading on the scope of our Association. Only chairmen are listed but these would be the first to emphasize the importance of the complete roster.

## AMATEUR STATUS—Ham Law

Only one problem was presented during the year. This problem was settled satisfactorily for all concerned parties.

### **BIRD CHATTER—Marguerite Miller**

With a circulation of 1131 and with good advertising support, Bird Chatter was comfortably "in the black" for the year. This may not hold for 1955-56 since an increase in printing costs is expected. The Editor states that her biggest challenges are circulation and coverage. With no other publication carrying regular news on badminton and its players, she sees no reason why 2000 subscriptions should not be a reasonable goal. To get this, she needs, along with the subscriptions, volunteer reporters. Many clubs, particularly those remote from California, just don't seem to realize that others are interested in their activities but that stories about these activities must be self-initiated.

### **HANDBOOK—Tim Royce**

The Handbook is the operating guide of the Association. It is free to all committee chairmen, officers, and other key workers. For others a charge of \$2.00 is made which includes annual revisions necessary to keep it up to date.

This year, in March, 233 sets of the changes were mailed to Handbook holders. Prepared by the Chairman from minutes of meetings and other official documents, they were reproduced, collated, and packed by volunteers from the Washington State Badminton Association.

### **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES—Mollie Richardson**

An increasing appreciation of the importance of junior activities is noticeable in many areas. Most of the annual report of this committee was devoted to listing such activity.

A major indication was the holding of nine junior tournaments as compared with six in 1954 and four in 1953. The Midwest U.S.-Canada Junior match seems to have reached an annual status. Minnesota led in the statistics department with 280 competitors in its State event. Maryland has one regular Saturday clinic involving 115 and a state tournament registration of 102 players.

### **MEMBERSHIP—Dick Harvey**

The work of this committee has been in the direction of preparing plans for future action. Key items under consideration are the development of intercollegiate badminton, the establishment of activities to make national membership in ABA more beneficial to its member clubs, exploring procedures by which active groups can be brought in the ABA framework, and reviewing the interest at military posts in the hope that some way can be found to channel such interest into later activities at clubs or other centers.

### **NOMINATING—Buzz Martin**

Four new directors were nominated for three year terms starting in April; two incumbents were renominated. The former group includes John Hessey of Baltimore, Guy Johnson of Atlanta, Roy Harrison of Fort Worth, and Carl Andersen of Seattle. Repeaters are Ken Kost of Bridgeport and Roger Baird of Chicago.

Following a tradition (officers elected for a one year term) the nominating committee suggested that all officers be retained for a second year.

### **PUBLICITY—Jack van Praag**

This Committee's activities have been concentrated on national aspects and coverage in major metropolitan areas. A real

achievement was getting *Sports Illustrated* to use Joe Alston's picture on its March 7th cover.

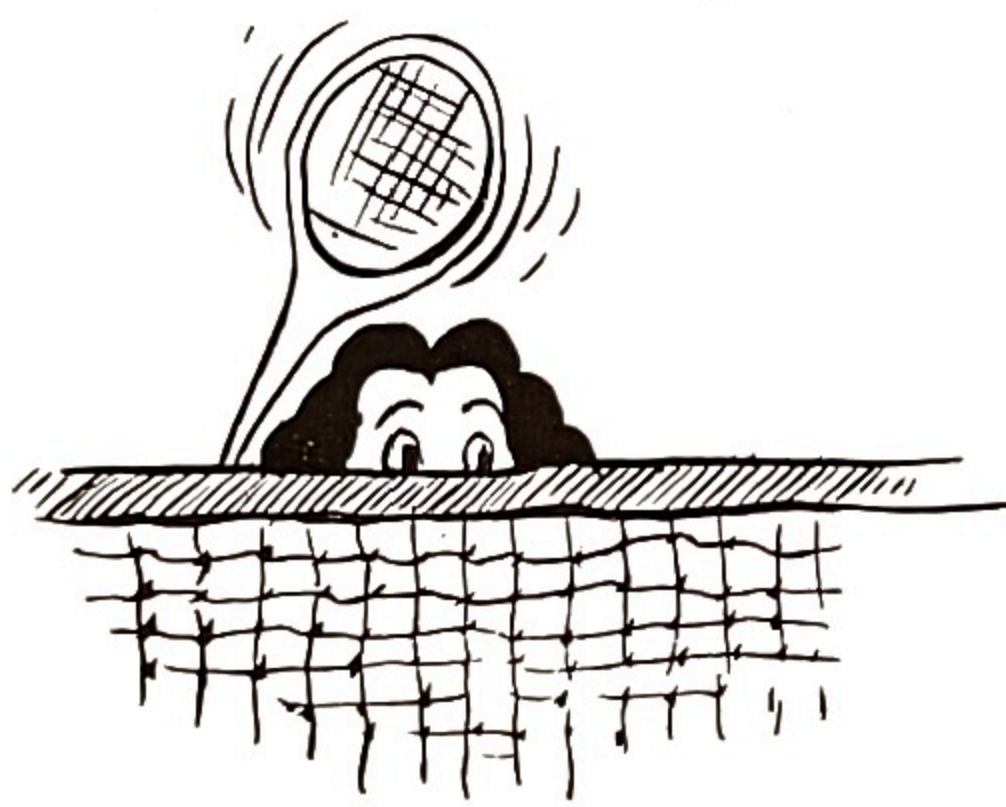
It is difficult to describe the overall success of this committee since it seldom shows up as definitely as it did in S I. But the committee's scrap book is of tremendous size and getting heavy with clippings. Naturally most of this work depends on successful and spectacular tournament results. However, the committee is not overlooking the educational and fundamental phases of badminton—a successful exhibition on TV has resulted in planning for another.

### **RANKING—Ted Jarrett**

This committee's report was "progress" since its real work could not start until the end of the "Open." While play in other tournaments is not overlooked, the performance of a player in the Open is given more than average weight in any evaluation. A set of ranking procedures (published in this issue) has been received from a Special Task Committee which is being put into use immediately. A new tournament result form has been prepared to facilitate information reaching both the committee and Bird Chatter.

### **RULES—Phil Richardson**

No serious changes in rules are under consideration; the few made last year by the International Badminton Federation have been incorporated into our American rules. These have been reported previously in Bird Chatter; they were largely clarifications of existing laws.



### **RULE BOOK—Rufus Beach**

Over 48,000 Rule Books were sold during the past year, a real indication of the interest in badminton. This record is all the more remarkable since no Rule Book was available for a few months because of the changes in rules and the need for incorporating these in the text.

It has been pointed out that a change in the Rule Book is advisable. Many of the copies go to real beginners—it might help them and badminton as a whole if the Rule Book started with a page or two describing the game. If some of the rules could be illustrated, they would be far more easily followed. It is urged that the changes be reviewed promptly by the Special Committee assigned to this interesting challenge.

### **SHUTTLECOCK—Dick Mitchell**

Eight manufacturers submitted nine different shuttlecocks for approval during the past year; all performed satisfactorily and hence such approval was granted. Two companies submitted bids for the Open

and the National Juniors; RSL Pointed was selected for the former and Wilson T-8910 for the latter.

One manufacturer has submitted shuttlecocks with slight changes aimed at greater durability for the committee's cooperation in testing.

### **THOMAS CUP—Don Richardson**

This was a big year for this committee, Thomas Cup matches being held each third year. While it seemed probable that five players from the 1952 team would be selected automatically, this could not be made definite too early since availability is always a question and since a new player might show exceptional strength over the winter.

An official squad was announced October 17th which listed fifteen players; this was reduced to ten on January 24th when it became necessary to be specific in regard to the Canadian Tie. Six players were chosen to make the trip to Winnipeg—Joe Alston, Carl Loveday, Dick Mitchell, Wynn Rogers, Bob Williams and Bill Berry.

Our win over Canada was close—we needed all four doubles to add to a lone victory in singles for a 5-4 win. Close or not, it set the stage for a trip to Singapore where we will be scheduled to meet the winner of the Asiatic Zone on May 24-25. Success here means meeting another Zone winner, possibly Denmark, on May 31-June 1 for the privilege of challenging Malaya on June 4-5 for the Cup. Our team will remain the same as the one which provided the Canadian victory except that Manny Armendariz' doubles play won him the sixth place over Bill Berry.

### **TOURNAMENT—Roger Baird**

Seventy-one tournaments were sanctioned during the year, an increase of thirteen. This increase was not primarily in one group but spread fairly evenly over all groups. A new simplified classification and fee schedule was put into effect during the year and the necessary forms printed. In addition a new Results Form was prepared for greater inter-committee effectiveness.

One real problem exists—the failure of many local chairmen to follow directions regarding applications for sanctions. Failure to file such applications well in advance results in conflicts of scheduling and general confusion. This is not fair to other clubs close enough to be affected and frequently hurts the sponsoring club even more. The Tournament Committee favors completion of the tournament schedule for major events by October 1st; in the case of all tournaments, it recommends filing at least forty days in advance.

### **UMPIRES—Ralph Mathews**

"Rules and Regulations" have been prepared for referees, umpires, and linesmen. By using these on a trial basis, it is hoped that a permanent set can be prepared during the forthcoming year. The Umpires' Association is being well organized with over a dozen regional chairmen already appointed. Over two hundred cards have been issued to "working umpires." Hope exists that an Umpires' Manual can be made available in the near future. Whether or not the Umpires' Association can be recognized as the official governing group for sanctioned tournaments is again up for consideration.

# 1955 National Singles CHAMPIONS



Margaret Varner, Helen Gibson



Dr. David Freeman, Joe Alston

## Second Open Amateur Championships of ABA

By Jack van Praag

Another National championships tournament has become history. In many ways it was one of the most interesting tournaments. Many upsets kept players and spectators constantly on the "qui vive." Five of the six titles changed hands with the Devlin sisters, Judy and Susan, the lone title holders to come through in ladies' doubles for the third successive year. The tournament was held at Long Beach, Calif., in the Long Beach City College Gymnasium, April 6 to 9. Eight courts were used during the early rounds of play. The international flavor was imparted by entrants from Canada, Mexico, Indonesia, Canal Zone and Malaya.

One of the most thrilling matches was the smashing victory of Joseph Cameron Alston over the defending champion, Eddy Choong of Malaya, 15-5, 15-8. It was sweet revenge for Alston who had lost last year's championship to Choong at Niagara Falls, N.Y., after coming to within three points of victory. But he wasn't to be denied this time.

Choong, who normally plays an aggressive game, was forced to stay on the defensive throughout the match while Alston was delivering deadly smashes to either sideline. In both games Joe jumped into wide leads.

In the first, he took a 5-0 lead, allowing Choong one point, and then rattled off four more points for a 9-1 advantage. Behind 12-5, Choong sent two smashes in a row into the net to erase his hopes. Alston's counter smash that hit the sideline won the game. Alston jumped into a 4-0 lead in the second game, but Choong vaulted back into contention by narrowing his deficit to 6-5. Alston then made three straight points, and after Choong tallied one, he put over the clinchers with two beautiful smashes, both within an inch of the sidelines to lead 11-6. After that it was give and take, with Alston emerging with the title, 15-8. Alston has held the title once before when he won the singles event at Dallas, Texas, in 1951.

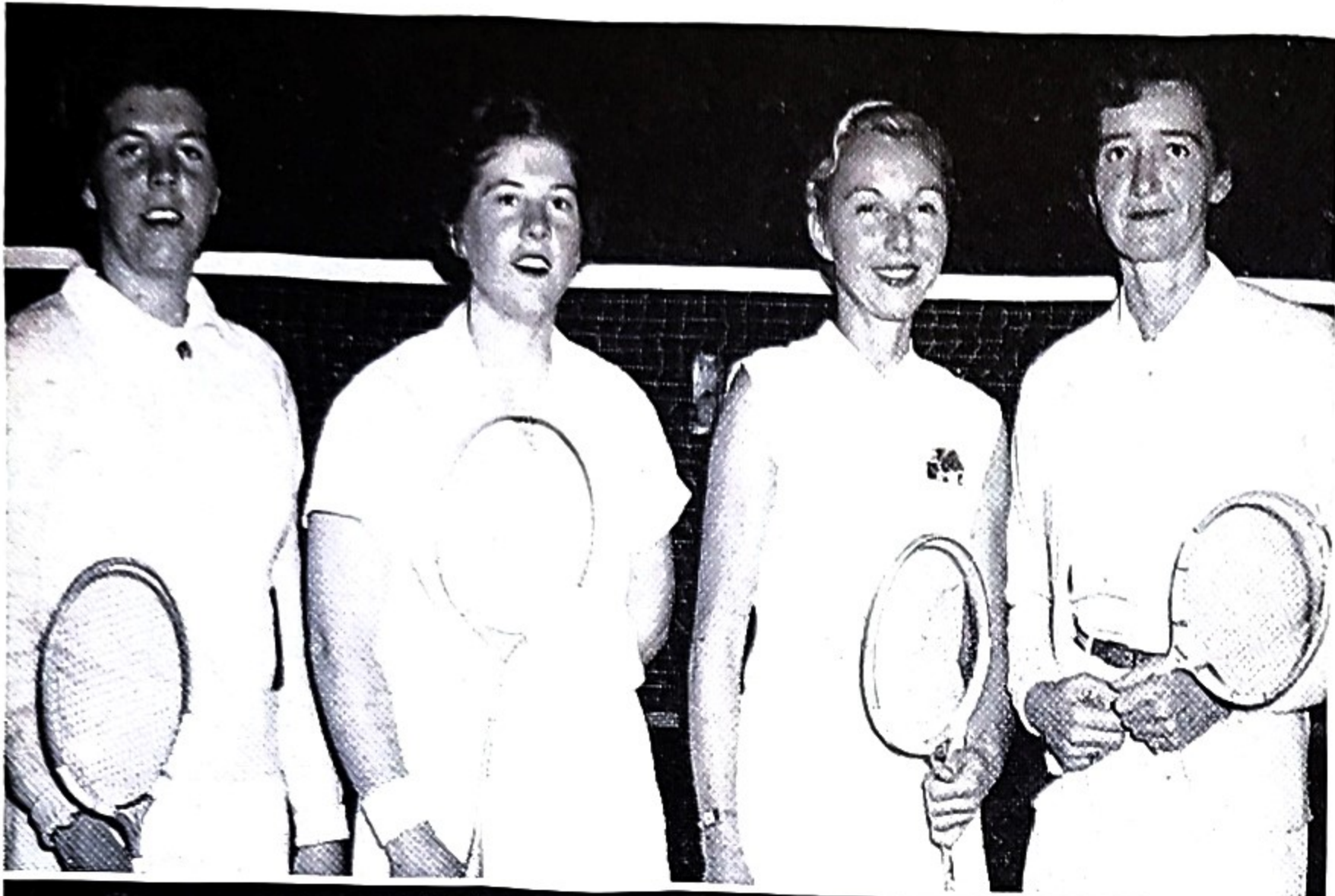
In one of the greatest comebacks in badminton history, Margaret Varner of Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., defeated defending champion Judy Devlin of Baltimore, 6-11, 12-9, 12-9, to win the women's singles title.

One game down and behind 9-3 in the second, Margaret surged back to tie the score at 9 all. On her consecutive serves she garnered the next three points to make it game each.

In the third game, Miss Varner jumped into a commanding 6-0 lead. But this time it was the hard-hitting Miss Devlin who rallied to deadlock the count at 9-all. Miss Varner won the next two points but the serve changed hands before she could deliver the deciding point on a drop shot.

It was Margaret's second straight win over Judy, having defeated the Baltimore girl in the finals of the All-England championship in another three-game thriller late in March in London.

However, Judy gained some solace in the ladies' doubles event when she and her sister, Sue, combined forces to take the title by defeating former national champions Janet Wright and Thelma Welcome, 15-10, 15-9. This makes the third successive women's doubles title for the Devlin sisters. Unfortunately on the very last point Janet Wright tore her achilles tendon and had to be taken to the hospital where it was found that an operation was necessary. She was flown to San Francisco where the operation was



# DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

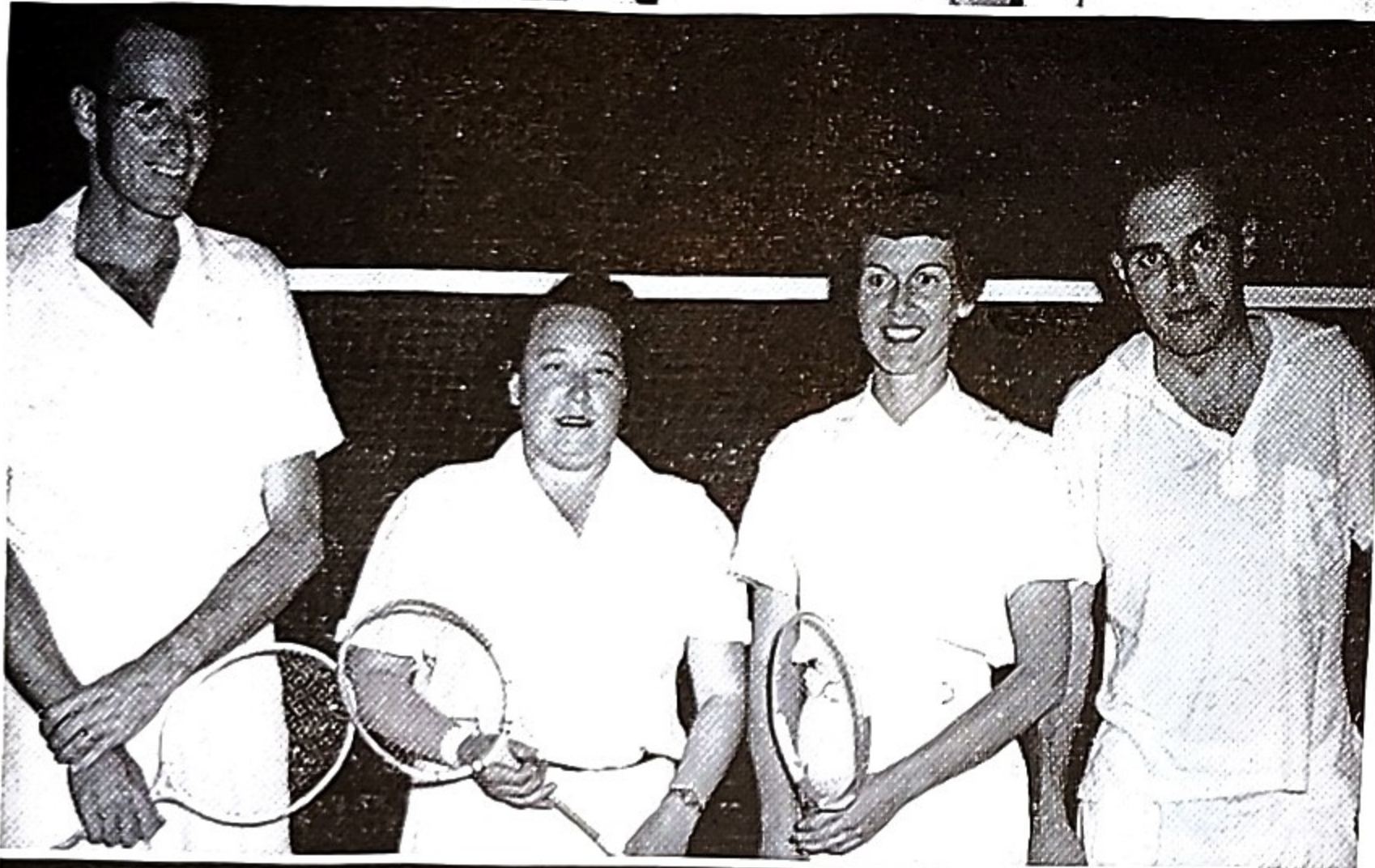
## LADIES' DOUBLES

Left to Right: Sue and Judy Devlin, winner;  
Thelma Welcome - Janet Wright,  
runner-up.



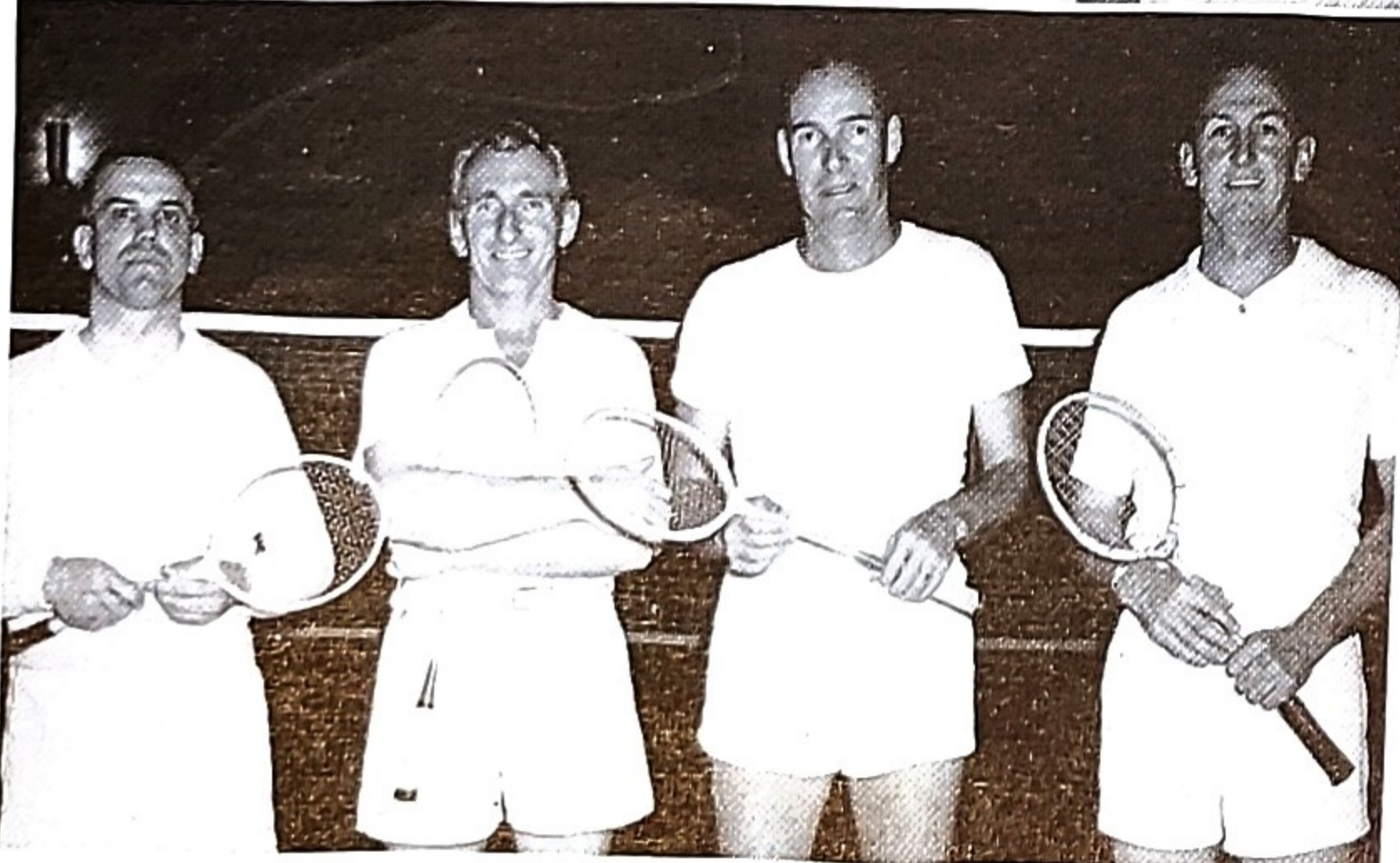
## MEN'S DOUBLES

Darryl Thompson - Eddie Choong, runner-up;  
Joe Alston - Wynn Rogers, winner.



## MIXED DOUBLES

Wynn Rogers - Dottie Hann, winner;  
Joe Alston - Lois Alston, runner-up.



## VETERANS' DOUBLES

Wayne Schell - Ken Fullin, runner up;  
Roy Lockwood - Dick Fleming, winner.

performed. It is hoped she will make a speedy recovery.

Before leaving for the hospital, Janet was carried back to the court on a stretcher to receive the Kenneth R. Davidson Memorial Cup for Sportsmanship, thus becoming the first person to win this magnificent trophy donated by the badminton players of the world. This coveted award was presented by the late Ken Davidson's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Miller.

The men's doubles event proved to be another disappointment for the great little Eddy Choong when he and Daryl Thompson, current Canadian Dominion men's doubles champion, were defeated in a crowd-pleasing battle by the former national champions, Wynn Rogers and Joe Alston, 15-6, 12-15, 15-8. Many incredible retrieves and volleys featured the match. Choong and Thompson put up a good fight but they were facing a team grimly determined to regain the title which they had lost to two other Malaysians at Niagara Falls.

Wynn Rogers gained his second title, and prevented Joe Alston from making it a "grand slam," when he teamed with Dottie Hann to defeat Joe and his wife, Lois, in the mixed

doubles event, 8-15, 15-11, 15-9. The Alstons had defeated Wynn and his partner, Loma Smith, the past two years for the title but Wynn was not to be denied this time and played a heady game to snatch victory from defeat after dropping the first game.

In the men's veterans' doubles, Roy Lockwood of Burbank and Dick Flem-

ing of Glendale, Calif., won an hour long struggle with Wayne Schell of West Newton, Mass., and Fred Fullin of So. Norwalk, Conn., 17-14, 12-15, 15-13. Both Schell and Fullin are former title holders. The team of Lockwood and Fleming is a new one, both men having just reached the veterans age requirement.

Beautiful California weather prevailed to add to the enjoyment of our visitors from all parts of the United States as well as our foreign guests. A whirl of social activities made the time seem all too short. Now we may look forward to next year's tournament in Philadelphia, March 28-29-30-31, 1956.



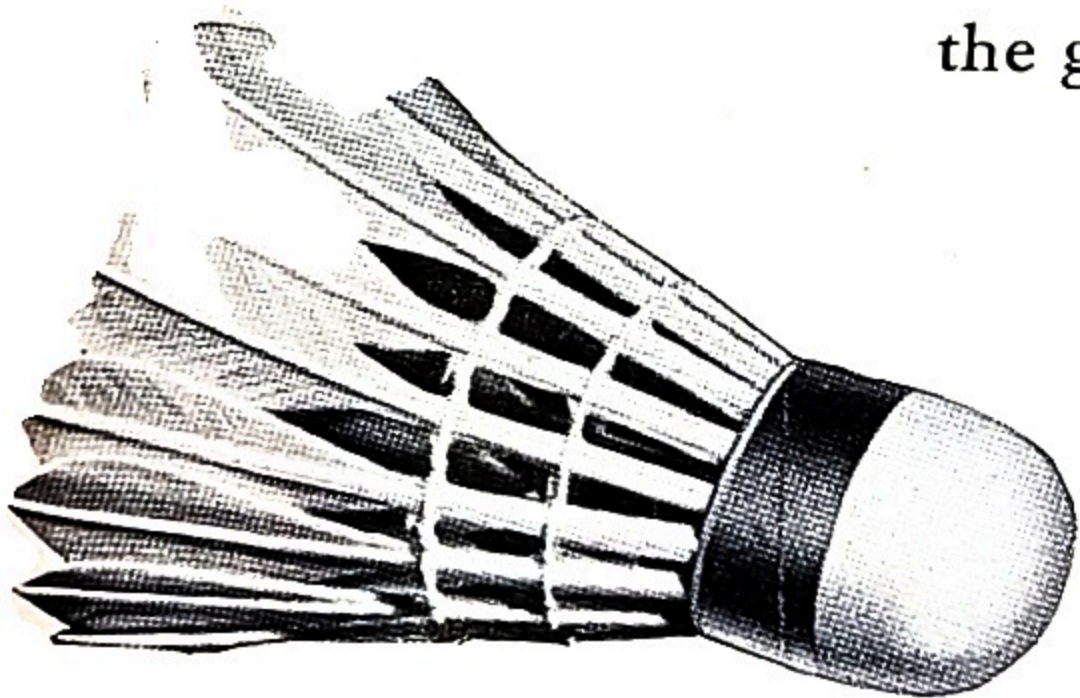
## Have Sox - Will Umpire

By Helen Tibbets

Long Beach, California, can relax again. The 1955 version of the American Open Badminton Championships has come and gone. The weatherman provided a week of beautiful sunshine and temperatures around 75°. The usual excitement of such events started high and built up to a night of such finals that it was difficult to take it all in.

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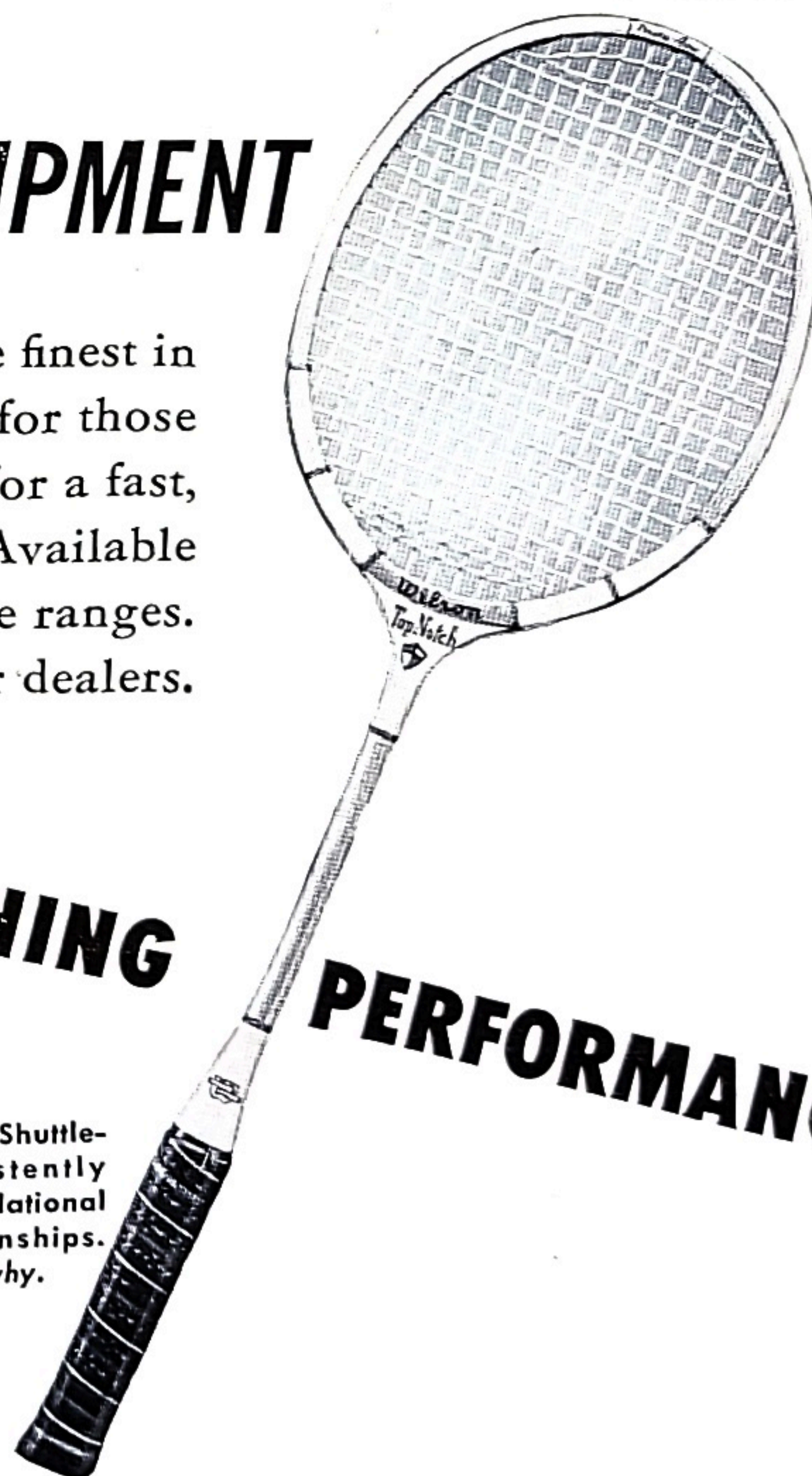
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# MEN'S SINGLES

## SEEDED PLAYERS

1. JOE ALSTON (Calif.)
2. BOB WILLIAMS (Calif.)
3. DICK MITCHELL (Calif.)
4. TED MOEHLMANN (Mo.)
5. BILL BERRY (Calif.)
6. DON DAVIS (Wash.)
7. MANUEL ARMENDARIZ (Calif.)
8. JOHN LEIB (Calif.)

## Foreign

1. EDDY CHOONG (Malaya)
2. DAVID McTAGGART (Canada)
3. RUBEN MEJIA (Mexico)
4. MARTIN SEMPLE (Canada)
5. FERNANDO MOLINAR (Mexico)

| FIRST ROUND                       | SECOND ROUND         | THIRD ROUND       | FOURTH ROUND       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. JOE ALSTON (Calif.)            | Alston               | Alston            |                    |
| 2. Bye                            |                      | Alston            |                    |
| 3. DON PAUP (Calif.)              | Paup                 | 15-1, 15-1        |                    |
| 4. ANDY GANDOLFO (Calif.)         | 15-2, 15-3           |                   | Alston             |
| 5. WALLY KINNEAR (Calif.)         | Kinnear—default      |                   | 15-2, 15-5         |
| 6. HIRAN MEJIA (Mexico)           | Kinnear              | Kinnear           |                    |
| 7. BILL McLAUGHLIN (Calif.)       | McLaughlin           | 17-16, 15-11      |                    |
| 8. WILLIAM RHETT (Canal Zone)     | 15-3, 15-8           |                   |                    |
| 9. RUBEN MEJIA (Mexico)           | Mejia                |                   | Alston             |
| 10. Bye                           |                      | Palmer            | 16-18, 15-6, 15-1  |
| 11. FRED ALTSTADT (Calif.)        | Palmer               | 15-4, 15-6        |                    |
| 12. RONNIE PALMER (Calif.)        | 15-0, 15-0           |                   | Palmer             |
| 13. RUSS HILL (Ore.)              | Hill                 |                   | 15-9, 15-6         |
| 14. FRITZ BOLDT (Calif.)          | 15-1, 15-8           | Leib              |                    |
| 15. SERGIO FRAUSTRO (Mexico)      | Leib—default         | 15-8, 15-4        |                    |
| 16. JOHN LEIB (Calif.)            | Berry                |                   |                    |
| 17. BILL BERRY (Calif.)           | Berry                | Berry             |                    |
| 18. Bye                           |                      | 15-2, 15-4        |                    |
| 19. JUAN PEDEVILLA (Calif.)       | Calvert              |                   | McTaggart          |
| 20. LARRY CALVERT (Calif.)        | 15-0, 15-1           |                   | 15-11, 15-4        |
| 21. BUZZ MARTIN (Calif.)          | Martin               | McTaggart         |                    |
| 22. HERBERT BURDICK (Ill.)        | 15-11, 15-1          | 15-3, 15-5        |                    |
| 23. Bye                           | McTaggart            |                   | McTaggart          |
| 24. DAVID McTAGGART (Canada)      | Knight—default       |                   | 18-16, 15-12       |
| 25. RAUL DIAZ GONZALES (Mexico)   | Knight               | Fehm              |                    |
| 26. FRED KNIGHT (Calif.)          | Fehm—default         | 15-5, 15-6        |                    |
| 27. EDDY MEYERS (Calif.)          | Fehm                 |                   | Moehlman           |
| 28. NOEL FEHM (Conn.)             |                      |                   | 15-9, 15-1         |
| 29. BUD MUEHLEISEN (Calif.)       | Muehleisen           | Moehlman          |                    |
| 30. SJAMSUDDIN PUTIH (Indosensia) | 15-5, 15-2           | 15-1, 15-8        |                    |
| 31. Bye                           | Moehlman             |                   |                    |
| 32. TED MOEHLMANN (Mo.)           | Mitchell—default     |                   |                    |
| 33. DICK MITCHELL (Calif.)        | Mitchell             | Mitchell          |                    |
| 34. Bye                           |                      | 15-9, 15-3        |                    |
| 35. EUGENIO GONZALES (Mexico)     | Eichelberger—default |                   | Mitchell           |
| 36. JERRY ICHELBERGER (Calif.)    | Quinn                |                   | 15-5, 15-11        |
| 37. HARRY QUINN (Conn.)           | 15-7, 15-7           | Pitman            |                    |
| 38. VERNON MILLER (Calif.)        | Pitman—default       | 18-13, 18-15      |                    |
| 39. BOB PITMAN (Calif.)           | Pitman               |                   |                    |
| 40. HORACIO HANSON (Mexico)       | Choong               |                   | Choong             |
| 41. EDDY CHOONG (Malaya)          | Choong               | Choong            | 15-11, 15-2        |
| 42. Bye                           |                      |                   |                    |
| 43. TED JARRETT (N.Y.)            | D. van Praag         | 15-0, 15-3        |                    |
| 44. DICK VAN PRAAG (Calif.)       | 15-13, 14-15, 15-10  |                   | Choong             |
| 45. BOB WELLS (Calif.)            | Wells                |                   | 15-3, 15-1         |
| 46. Bye                           |                      | Davis—default     |                    |
| 47. GENE RAHINKAMP (Calif.)       | Davis                |                   |                    |
| 48. DON DAVIS (Wash.)             | 15-8, 15-0           |                   |                    |
| 49. MANUEL ARMENDARIZ (Calif.)    | Armendariz           | Armendariz        |                    |
| 50. JACK HARVEY (Wash.)           | 15-2, 15-6           | 15-2, 15-10       |                    |
| 51. BUSTAMI ACHIR (Indonesia)     | Davidson             |                   | Loveday            |
| 52. RALPH DAVIDSON (N.J.)         | 15-4, 15-0           |                   | 15-5, 15-7         |
| 53. CARL LOVEDAY (Calif.)         | Loveday—default      | Loveday           |                    |
| 54. JIMMY LYNCH (Calif.)          | Loveday              | 13-15, 15-2, 15-3 |                    |
| 55. Bye                           | Semple               |                   |                    |
| 56. MARTIN SEMPLE (Canada)        | Semple               |                   | Loveday            |
| 57. FERNANDO MALINAR (Mexico)     | Molinar              |                   | 17-18, 17-16, 15-4 |
| 58. Bye                           |                      | Kevorkian—default |                    |
| 59. AL ADAMS (Calif.)             | Kevorkian            |                   |                    |
| 60. JOHN KEVORKIAN, JR. (Mass.)   | Kevorkian—default    |                   | Williams           |
| 61. ED LOMCZAK (Ill.)             | Fagelson             |                   | 15-5, 15-6         |
| 62. CHUCK FAGELSON (Calif.)       | 17-14, 15-4          | Williams          |                    |
| 63. Bye                           | Williams             | 15-3, 15-7        |                    |
| 64. BOB WILLIAMS (Calif.)         | Williams             |                   |                    |

## SEMI

- Alston  
15-11, 7-15, 15-4
- Choong  
15-7, 15-0

## FINALS

- Alston  
15-5, 15-8



In order to protect the playing floor of the beautiful gym at Long Beach City College, Walt Sheek suggested all street shoes be covered by a pair of sox, wool or otherwise. The large white feet of the men and the not so large white feet of the ladies was an interesting sight.

Tuesday night's warm-up session was rather short., just long enough to give a sample of the style of such players as Dave McTaggart, Martin Semple, Daryl Thompson, Don Davis and the newly crowned three-way junior champion, Butch Kevorkian. It built up the curiosity about who would do what in those next four days (see complete results this issue).

What a fine way to start a tournament—losing the first round to a bunch of Rainbow Girls! (Mixup at the hotel). Spirits were good enough for some people to go out and get sunburned. Gladys Mallory and Donna Connolly won the prize for the team with the reddest legs. Aside from that, plus Jean Bardsley's bad cold, Sue Devlin's bad leg, and Noel Fehm's water on the knee, people were fairly free of ailments until Janet Wright's leg developed problems at the end of the women's doubles final. Winning the Kenneth R. Davidson Trophy for sportsmanship will inspire her fast recovery, no doubt.

Connie Davidson was really kept busy doling out shuttles. Her daughter, Margaret, pretty as always, was an interested spectator, while Don Miller, Margaret's husband, was among the legion of shutter bugs in action. There was a nearly continual run of flash bulbs, flood lamps, snapping shutters, and movies being made throughout the week. Eddy Choong had the smallest camera in evidence—2/3 inch by 1 inch, by 4 inches.

The biggest single smile in the four days was seen on Bob Pitman after he won his close match with Harry Quinn. But, for ever-ready smiles, no one could beat Wayne Schell and Jim Watt.

Ola Royce didn't have her usual good time at the tournament this year because of a throat infection and bad cold she acquired in Redwood City on the way south. Ola and Tim's cute granddaughter Harriet was with them and didn't miss a thing, except one week of school!

California's past and present badmintonites turned out by the dozens for the semis and finals. For instance, George McCook (half of the very first National championship veterans'

doubles team), Barney McCay and Webb Kimball (each a former National men's doubles titlist), Don Eversall, Kay Wood Drake, Ruth Jett, Bernice Marignan, Mariana Gott and Dr. Dave Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Varner came along with Margaret on this trip and got their first look at her tournament style. Ken Wells, aside from doing a wonderful job as tournament director, and always looking happy, really came over with an ideal "mike" voice.

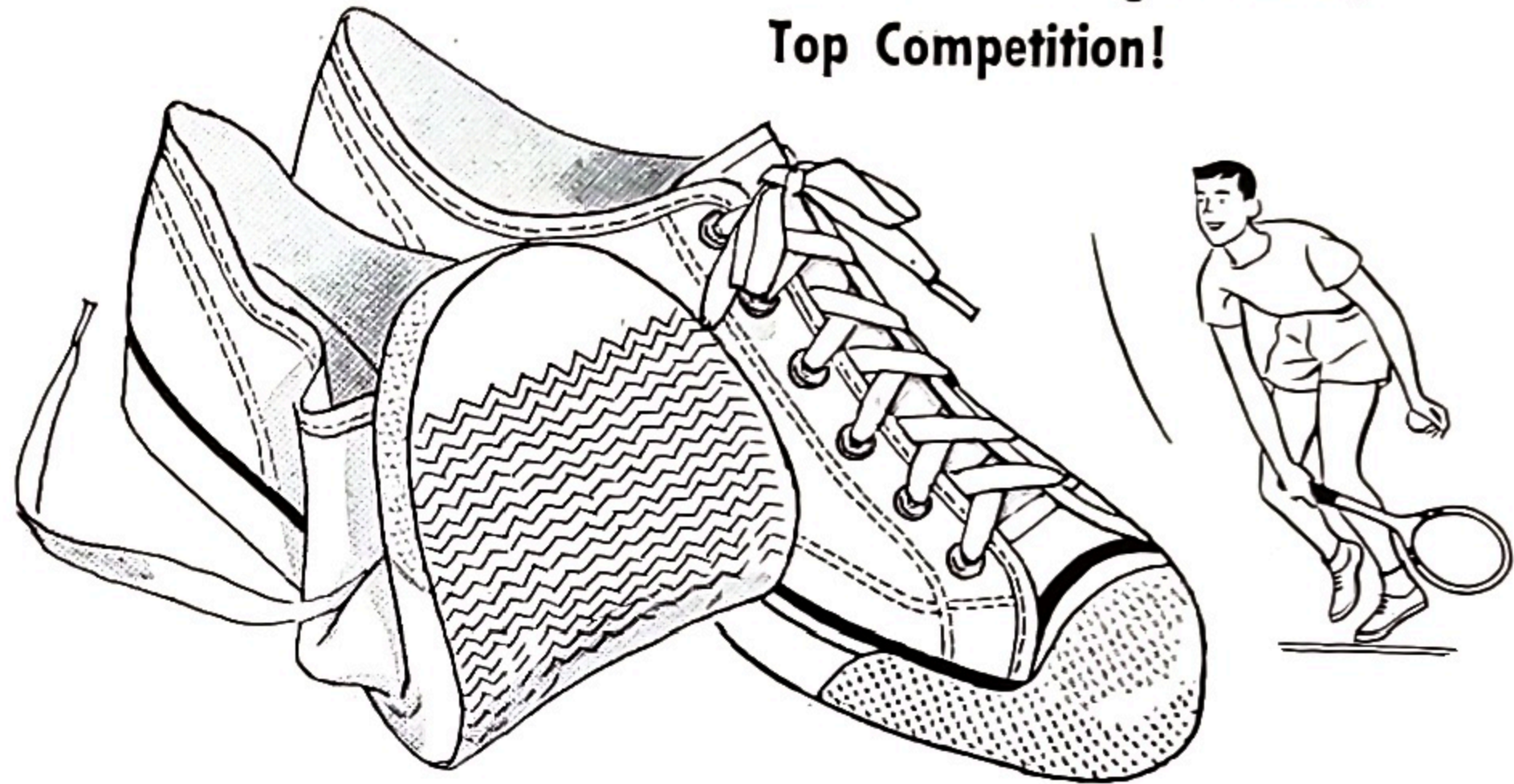
Sophie Holdstein and George Thompson put on another fine party after Friday's matches for the players. Sorry Mr. Holdstein couldn't be present this year, but Sophie brought daughter Jill—a nice addition.

The job of running the tournament was done so efficiently it flowed right along. A large bouquet to everyone who had a part in it. The week was very full, successful and exhausting. Now back to a normal life until next spring in Philadelphia.

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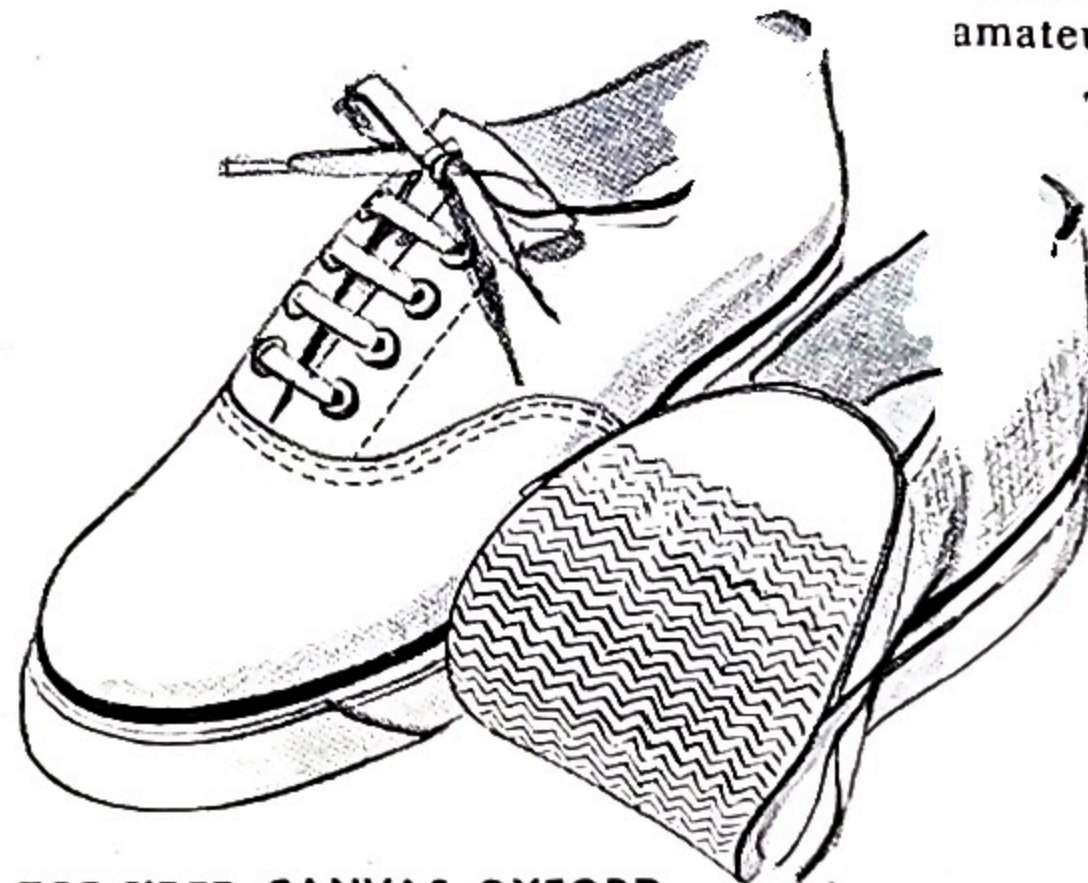
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# LADIES' SINGLES

| FIRST ROUND                  | SECOND ROUND     | THIRD ROUND      | FOURTH ROUND | SEEDED PLAYERS             |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. JUDY DEVLIN (Md.)         | Devlin           | Devlin           |              | 1. JUDY DEVLIN (Md.)       |
| 2. Bye                       |                  | 11-0, 11-0       |              | 2. MARGARET VARNER (Mass.) |
| 3. Bye                       | Pellegrin        |                  |              | 3. LOIS ALSTON (Calif.)    |
| 4. ANN PELLEGRIN (Calif.)    |                  |                  | Devlin       | 4. THELMA WELCOME (Calif.) |
| 5. MARY McMURRAY (Calif.)    | McMurray         |                  | 11-1, 11-1   | 5. ABBIE RUTLEDGE (Ind.)   |
| 6. Bye                       |                  | McMurray         |              | <b>Foreign</b>             |
| 7. Bye                       | Hester           | 11-5, 11-3       |              | 1. CLAIR LOVLETT (Canada)  |
| 8. CARLENE HESTER (Calif.)   |                  |                  |              | 2. MAUREEN BRAY (Canada)   |
| 9. ABBIE RUTLEDGE (Calif.)   | Rutledge         |                  |              |                            |
| 10. Bye                      |                  | Rutledge         |              | <b>SEMI</b>                |
| 11. JEANNE PONS (Calif.)     | Bray             | 11-5, 11-0       |              | Devlin                     |
| 12. MAUREEN BRAY (Canada)    | 11-8, 9-12, 11-8 |                  |              | 11-5, 11-1                 |
| 13. DONNA CONNOLLY (Wash.)   | S. Devlin        |                  | Rutledge     |                            |
| 14. SUSAN DEVLIN (Md.)       | 11-4, 11-2       | Welcome          | 11-5, 11-7   |                            |
| 15. Bye                      | Welcome          | 11-2, 11-9       |              |                            |
| 16. THELMA WELCOME (Calif.)  |                  |                  |              |                            |
| 17. LOIS ALSTON (Calif.)     | Alston           |                  |              | <b>FINAL</b>               |
| 18. Bye                      |                  | Alston           |              | Varner                     |
| 19. LAURIE COOK (Calif.)     | Burdick          | 11-6, 11-7       |              | 6-11, 12-9, 12-9           |
| 20. THELMA BURDICK (Ill.)    | 11-5, 11-1       |                  |              |                            |
| 21. CLAIR LOVETT (Canada)    | Bardsley         |                  | Alston       |                            |
| 22. Bye                      |                  |                  | 11-3, 11-2   |                            |
| 23. Bye                      |                  |                  |              |                            |
| 24. BEULAH BYMASTER (Calif.) | Bymaster         | Bymaster—default |              |                            |
| 25. RUTH BERRY (Calif.)      | Berry            |                  |              | Varner                     |
| 26. Bye                      |                  |                  |              | 11-3, 5-11, 12-9           |
| 27. JEAN GIBBS (Calif.)      | Gibbs            | 11-6, 11-8       |              |                            |
| 28. Bye                      |                  |                  |              |                            |
| 29. PAT LARNER (Calif.)      | Larner           |                  | Varner       |                            |
| 30. Bye                      |                  |                  | 11-1, 11-0   |                            |
| 31. Bye                      |                  | Varner           |              |                            |
| 32. MARGARET VARNER (Mass.)  | Varner           | 11-0, 11-0       |              |                            |

# LADIES' DOUBLES

| FIRST ROUND                        | SECOND ROUND        | THIRD ROUND     | FOURTH ROUND      | SEEDED PLAYERS              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. J. DEVLIN-S. DEVLIN (Md.)       | Devlin-Devlin       | Devlin-Devlin   |                   | 1. DEVLIN-DEVLIN (Md.)      |
| 2. Bye                             |                     | 15-2, 15-3      |                   | 2. WELCOME-WRIGHT (Calif.)  |
| 3. HARAUGHTY-O'CONNELL (Calif.)    | Haraughty-O'Connell |                 |                   | 3. ALSTON-BYMASTER (Calif.) |
| 4. KUEHN (Ill.)-WATSO (Calif.)     | 15-4, 15-2          |                 | Devlin-Devlin     | 4. BURDICK-COAMBS (Ill.)    |
| 5. JUDE-BERRY (Calif.)             | Jude-Berry          |                 | 15-8, 15-1        | 5. HANN-JOAN GIBBS (Calif.) |
| 6. Bye                             |                     |                 |                   | <b>Foreign</b>              |
| 7. Bye                             |                     | Hester-Pons     |                   | 1. LOVETT-BRAY (Canada)     |
| 8. HESTER-PONS (Calif.)            | Hester-Pons         | 15-12, 15-4     |                   |                             |
| 9. HANN-JOAN GIBBS (Calif.)        | Hann-Gibbs          |                 |                   | <b>SEMI</b>                 |
| 10. Bye                            |                     |                 |                   | Devlin-Devlin               |
| 11. Bye                            |                     | Hann-Gibbs      |                   | 15-1, 15-6                  |
| 12. ANDERSEN-GOULD (Wash.)         | Andersen-Gould      | 18-13, 15-1     |                   |                             |
| 13. IVIE-PHILLIPS (Calif.)         | Ivie-Phillips       |                 | Hann-Gibbs        |                             |
| 14. Bye                            |                     |                 | 7-15, 15-3, 15-13 |                             |
| 15. Bye                            |                     | Burdick-Coombs  |                   |                             |
| 16. BURDICK-COAMBS (Ill.)          | Burdick-Coombs      | 15-3, 15-6      |                   |                             |
| 17. ALSTON-BYMASTER (Calif.)       | Alston-Bymaster     |                 |                   | <b>FINAL</b>                |
| 18. Bye                            |                     | Alston-Bymaster |                   | Devlin-Devlin               |
| 19. Bye                            |                     | 15-5, 15-1      |                   | 15-9, 15-10                 |
| 20. CONNOLLY-MALLORY (Wash.)       | Connolly-Mallory    |                 |                   |                             |
| 21. LOVETT-BRAY (Canada)           | Bray-Bardsley       |                 | Alston-Bymaster   |                             |
| 22. Bye                            |                     |                 | 15-9, 15-12       |                             |
| 23. F. SHAW-P. SHAW (N.J.)         | Tibbetts-Gibbs      |                 |                   |                             |
| 24. TIBBETS-JEAN GIBBS (Calif.)    | 15-3, 15-4          |                 |                   |                             |
| 25. GIBSON (Conn.)-RUTLEDGE (Ind.) | Gibson-Rutledge     |                 |                   |                             |
| 26. Bye                            |                     | Gibson-Rutledge |                   | Welcome-Wright              |
| 27. McMURRAY-MIES (Calif.)         | McMurray-Mies       | 15-5, 15-9      |                   | 11-15, 17-16, 15-2          |
| 28. Bye                            |                     |                 |                   |                             |
| 29. ARMBRUSTER-WILSON (Calif.)     | Armbruster-Wilson   |                 | Welcome-Wright    |                             |
| 30. Bye                            |                     |                 | 9-15, 15-5, 15-7  |                             |
| 31. Bye                            |                     | Welcome-Wright  |                   |                             |
| 32. WELCOME-WRIGHT (Calif.)        | Welcome-Wright      | 15-0, 15-2      |                   |                             |

# MEN'S DOUBLES

## FIRST ROUND

1. ALSTON-ROGERS (Calif.)
2. Bye
3. TOMCZAK (Ill.)-Ted JARRETT (N.Y.)
4. FRISZ-FULLERTON (Calif.)
5. WATT-McCURDY (Calif.)
6. GONZALES-MEJIA (Mexico)
7. J. VAN PRAAG-WELCOME (Calif.)
8. COGAN-KNIGHT (Calif.)
9. FEHM-QUINN (Conn.)
10. SAGE-MIES (Calif.)
11. MILLER-McLAUGHLIN (Calif.)
12. SEMPLE (Canada)-HILL (Ore.)
13. HOLMAN-RULISON (Calif.)
14. ANDERSEN-MAHNKEY (Wash.)
15. Bye
16. BERRY-MITCHELL (Calif.)
17. MARTIN-ARMENDARIZ (Calif.)
18. GONDOLFO-MUHR (Calif.)
19. R. VAN PRAAG-FAGELSON (Calif.)
20. DABA-HUNTER (Calif.)
21. THOMPSON (Can.)-CHOONG (Malaya)
22. BOLDT (Calif.)-PUTIH (Indonesia)
23. GRAY-HELMAN (Calif.)
24. MOEHLMANN-BOSTON (Ill.)
25. KEVORKIAN (Mass.)-DAVIS (Wash.)
26. MAHAFFEY (Calif.)-HARVEY (Wash.)
27. BURDICK-FRANCZAK (Ill.)
28. KINNEAR-CALVERT (Calif.)
29. LOCKWOOD-FLEMING (Calif.)
30. DAVIDSON-TOMAN (N.J.)
31. RAHINKAMP-PAUP (Calif.)
32. LOVEDAY-WILLIAMS (Calif.)

## SECOND ROUND

- Alston-Rogers
- Tomczak-Jarrett  
15-5, 15-11
- Watt-McCurdy  
15-8, 15-4
- Cogan-Knight  
15-2, 15-4
- Fehm-Quinn  
15-2, 15-9
- Miller-McLaughlin  
15-9, 13-18, 18-14
- Andersen-Mahnkey  
15-11, 16-18, 15-11
- Berry-Mitchell
- Martin-Armendariz  
15-8, 15-3
- van Praag-Fagelson  
13-15, 15-4, 17-14
- Thompson-Choong  
15-1, 15-1
- Boston-Moehlman  
15-3, 15-5
- Kevorkian-Davis  
17-14, 15-9
- Kinnear-Calvert  
15-2, 17-18, 15-5
- Lockwood-Fleming  
15-3, 15-5
- Loveday-Williams  
15-4, 15-5

## THIRD ROUND

- Alston-Rogers  
15-4, 15-2
- Watt-McCurdy  
15-2, 15-8
- Fehm-Quinn  
4-15, 15-11, 15-12
- Berry-Mitchell  
15-5, 15-12
- Martin-Armendariz  
15-2, 15-10
- Thompson-Choong  
15-3, 15-10
- Kevorkian-Davis  
15-8, 15-8
- Loveday-Williams  
17-15, 15-11

## FOURTH ROUND

- Alston-Rogers  
15-4, 15-3
- Berry-Mitchell  
15-4, 15-12
- Choong-Thompson  
15-13, 17-16
- Choong-Thompson  
10-15, 18-15, 15-7
- Loveday-Williams  
12-15, 15-5, 15-7

## SEEDED PLAYERS

1. ALSTON-ROGERS (Calif.)
2. LOVEDAY-WILLIAMS (Calif.)
3. MARTIN-ARMENDARIZ (Calif.)
4. BERRY-MITCHELL (Calif.)
5. FEHM-QUINN (Conn.)
6. MOEHLMANN-BOSTON (Ill.)
7. KEVORKIAN (Mass.)-DAVIS (Wash.)
8. COGAN-KNIGHT (Calif.)

## Foreign

1. THOMPSON (Canada)-CHOONG (Malaya)
2. SEMPLE (Canada)-HILL (Ore.)
3. GONZALES-MEJIA (Mexico)

## SEMI

- Alston-Rogers  
15-11, 15-3

## FINAL

- Alston-Rogers  
15-6, 12-15, 15-8



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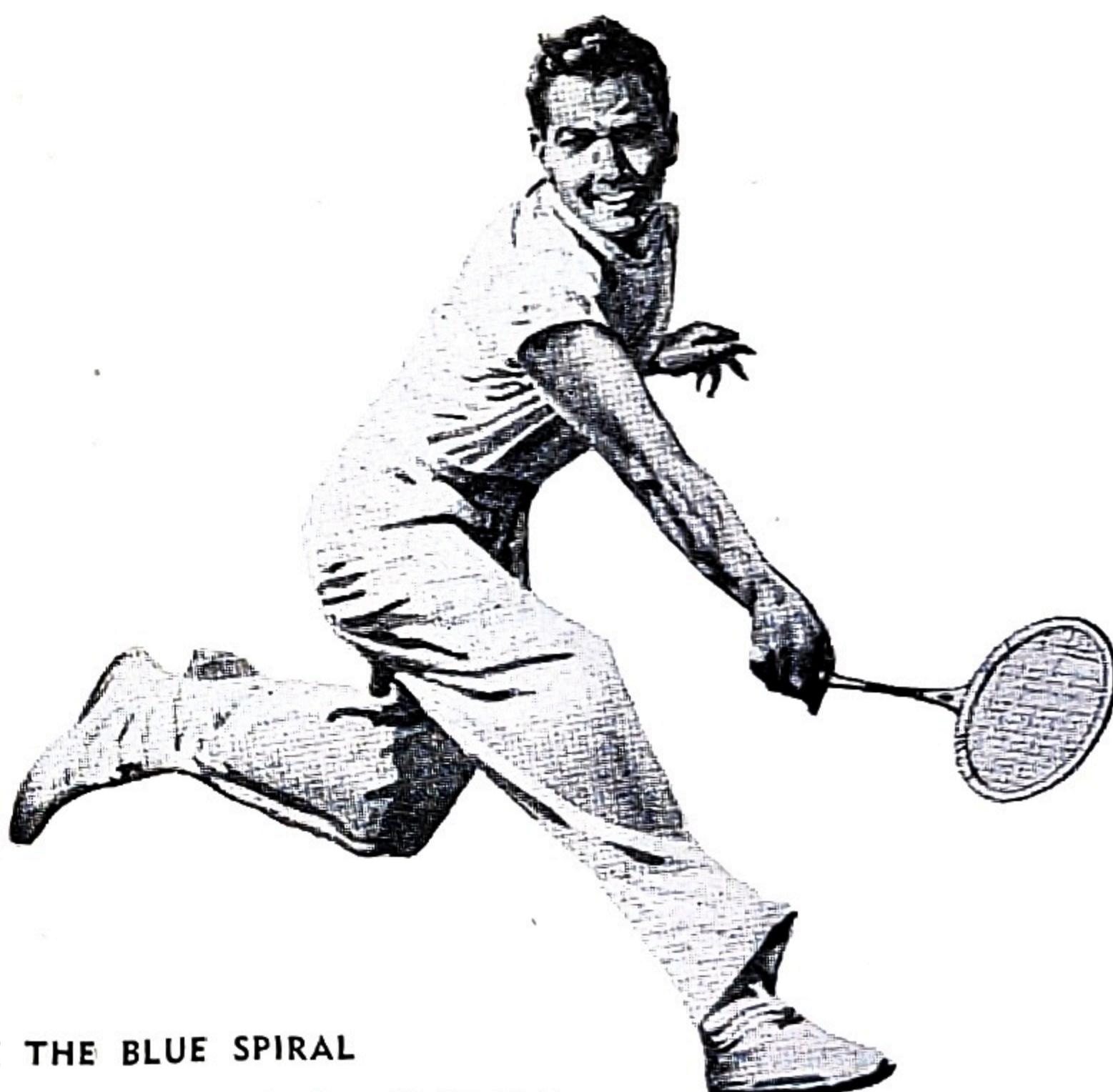
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# MIXED DOUBLES

## SEEDED PLAYERS

1. ALSTON-ALSTON (Calif.)
2. ROGERS-HANN (Calif.)
3. LOVEDAY-JEAN GIBBS (Calif.)
4. ARMENDARIZ-BYMASTER (Calif.)
5. SCHELL-VARNER (Mass.)
6. MOEHLMANN (Mo.)-RUTLEDGE (Ind.)
7. MARTIN-JOAN GIBBS (Calif.)
8. BOSTON-COAMBS (Ill.)

## Foreign

1. THOMPSON-BARDSLEY (Canada)
2. CHOONG (Malaya)-WELCOME (Calif.)
3. SEMPLE (Canada)-BEAN (Calif.)

| FIRST ROUND                          | SECOND ROUND        | THIRD ROUND         | FOURTH ROUND        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. ALSTON-ALSTON (Calif.)            | Alston-Alston       |                     |                     |
| 2. Bye                               |                     | Alston-Alston       |                     |
| 3.                                   | Bye                 |                     | Alston-Alston       |
| 4.                                   |                     |                     | 15-2, 15-5          |
| 5. Bye                               | McLaughlin-Meis     |                     |                     |
| 6. McLAUGHLIN-MEIS (Calif.)          |                     | McLaughlin-Meis     |                     |
| 7. MAHNKEY-GOULD (Wash.)             | Mahonkey-Gould      | 15-9, 18-15         |                     |
| 8. TOMCZAK-BURDICK (Ill.)            | 15-8, 15-2          |                     |                     |
| 9. KEVORKIAN (Mass.)-J. DEVLIN (Md.) | Kevorkian-Devlin    |                     |                     |
| 10. Bye                              |                     | Kevorkian-Devlin    |                     |
| 11. Bye                              | Semple-Bean         | 15-3, 15-3          |                     |
| 12. SEMPLE (Canada)-BEAN (Calif.)    |                     |                     | Boston-Coombs       |
| 13. KINNEAR-PONS (Calif.)            | Kinnear-Pons        |                     | 8-15, 15-5, 15-5    |
| 14. Bye                              |                     | Boston-Coombs       |                     |
| 15. Bye                              | Boston-Coombs       | 13-15, 15-2, 15-4   |                     |
| 16. BOSTON-COAMBS (Ill.)             |                     |                     |                     |
| 17. SCHELL-VARNER (Mass.)            | Schell-Varner       |                     |                     |
| 18. Bye                              |                     | Schell-Varner       |                     |
| 19. WATT-JUDE (Calif.)               | Watt-Jude           | 15-11, 14-18, 15-12 |                     |
| 20. DAVIS-CONNOLLY (Wash.)           | 9-15, 15-9, 15-8    |                     | Choong-Welcome      |
| 21. CHOONG (Malaya)-WELCOME (Calif.) | Choong-Welcome      |                     | 15-9, 15-8          |
| 22. Bye                              |                     | Choong-Welcome      |                     |
| 23.                                  | Bye                 |                     | Choong-Welcome      |
| 24.                                  |                     |                     | 4-15, 18-17, 15-9   |
| 25. FULLIN-GIBSON (Conn.)            | Fullin-Gibson       |                     |                     |
| 26. ANDERSEN-MALLORY (Wash.)         | 5-15, 15-13, 15-6   | Fullin-Gibson       |                     |
| 27. TOMAN-SHAW (N.J.)                | Hill-McMurray       | 4-15, 15-6, 15-4    |                     |
| 28. HILL (Ore.)-McMURRAY (Calif.)    | 15-3, 15-4          |                     | Armendariz-Bymaster |
| 29. HARVEY (Wash.)-COOK (Calif.)     | Harvey-Solomon      |                     | 15-6, 15-5          |
| 30. COATS-COATS (Calif.)             | Default             | Armendariz-Bymaster |                     |
| 31. Bye                              | Armendariz-Bymaster | 15-7, 15-4          |                     |
| 32. ARMENDARIZ-BYMASTER (Calif.)     |                     |                     |                     |
| 33. LOVEDAY-JEAN GIBBS (Calif.)      | Loveday-Gibbs       |                     |                     |
| 34. Bye                              |                     | Loveday-Gibbs       |                     |
| 35. BOLDT-PELLEGRIN (Calif.)         | Helman-O'Connell    | 15-8, 18-14         |                     |
| 36. HELMAN-O'CONNELL (Calif.)        | 15-0, 15-4          |                     | Loveday-Gibbs       |
| 37. JOHNSON-CAVIN (Wash.)            | Cogan-Hester        |                     | 18-17, 15-12        |
| 38. COGAN-HESTER (Calif.)            | 15-1, 15-5          | Fehm-Devlin         |                     |
| 39. O'MEARA-O'MEARA (Calif.)         | Fehm-Devlin         | 15-8, 15-18, 17-14  |                     |
| 40. FEHM (Conn.)-S. DEVLIN (Md.)     | 15-3, 15-1          |                     |                     |
| 41. MAHAFFEY-TIBBETTS (Calif.)       | Mahaffey-Tibbets    |                     | Loveday-Gibbs       |
| 42. Bye                              |                     | Mahaffey-Tibbets    | 15-8, 4-15, 15-10   |
| 43. Bye                              | Thompson-Bardsley   | 15-7, 15-8          |                     |
| 44. THOMPSON-BARDSLEY (Canada)       |                     |                     | Moehlman-Rutledge   |
| 45. McCURDY-WRIGHT (Calif.)          | McCurdy-Wright      |                     | 15-8, 8-15, 15-7    |
| 46. Bye                              |                     | Moehlman-Rutledge   |                     |
| 47. Bye                              | Moehlman-Rutledge   | 15-8, 9-15, 15-6    |                     |
| 48. MOEHLMANN (Mo.)-RUTLEDGE (Ind.)  |                     |                     |                     |
| 49. MARTIN-JOAN GIBBS (Calif.)       | Martin-Gibbs        |                     |                     |
| 50. Bye                              |                     | Martin-Gibbs        |                     |
| 51. DEACON-ANDERSEN (Wash.)          | Deacon-Andersen     | 15-9, 15-1          |                     |
| 52. DEPRY-KANAGA (Calif.)            | 15-3, 15-5          |                     | Berry-Berry         |
| 53. WELLS-BRAY (Canada)              | Mejia-Haraughty     |                     | 15-10, 8-15, 15-11  |
| 54. Bye                              |                     | Berry-Berry         |                     |
| 55. Bye                              | Berry-Berry         | 15-2, 10-15, 15-6   |                     |
| 56. BERRY-BERRY (Calif.)             |                     |                     | Rogers-Hann         |
| 57. DABA-WATSO (Calif.)              | Davidson-Shaw       |                     | 15-7, 15-8          |
| 58. DAVIDSON-SHAW (N.J.)             | 15-1, 15-11         | Davidson-Shaw       |                     |
| 59. FRAN CZAK-KUEHN (Ill.)           | Miller-Larner       | 15-7, 15-12         |                     |
| 60. MILLER-LARNER (Calif.)           | 15-9, 15-11         |                     | Rogers-Hann         |
| 61.                                  | Bye                 |                     | 15-1, 15-1          |
| 62.                                  |                     | Rogers-Hann         |                     |
| 63. Bye                              | Rogers-Hann         |                     |                     |
| 64. ROGERS-HANN (Calif.)             |                     |                     |                     |

## SEMI

- Alston-Alston  
15-8, 15-2
- Rogers-Hann  
17-18, 15-5, 15-1

## FINAL

- Rogers-Hann  
8-15, 15-11, 15-9

# VETERANS' DOUBLES

## FIRST ROUND

## SECOND ROUND

## THIRD ROUND

## SEEDED PLAYERS

|  |                    |  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| 1. SCHELL (Mass.)-FULLIN (Conn.).....    | Schell-Fullin      |  |
| 2. SWANN-ERKKILA (Calif.) .....          | 15-3, 15-0         |  |
| 3. VAN PRAAG-WELCOME (Calif.).....       | Burdick-Franczak   |  |
| 4. BURDICK-FRANCZAK (Ill.).....          | 15-6, 15-6         |  |
| 5. WILKINSON-McARTHUR (Calif.).....      | Wilkinson-McArthur |  |
| 6. LYON-ARMBRUSTER (Calif.).....         | 15-4, 15-10        |  |
| 7. AUXIER-SHAMPINE (Calif.).....         | Deacon-Mahnkey     |  |
| 8. DEACON-MAHNKEY (Wash.).....           | 15-7, 15-5         |  |
| 9. HOLMAN-RULISON (Calif.).....          | Holman-Rulison     |  |
| 10. MUHR-HUNTER (Calif.).....            | 15-4, 15-7         |  |
| 11. KIRBY-JOHNSON (Calif.).....          | Kirby-Johnson      |  |
| 12. JARRETT (N.Y.)-ALSTADT (Calif.)..... | 15-13, 15-8        |  |
| 13. COKE-CARTER (Calif.).....            | Coke-Carter        |  |
| 14. BUFORD-RAYMOND (Calif.).....         | 15-2, 15-4         |  |
| 15. GILES-GRAY (Calif.).....             | Lockwood-Fleming   |  |
| 16. LOCKWOOD-FLEMING (Calif.).....       | 15-8, 15-6         |  |

Schell-Fleming  
15-7, 15-11

Deacon-Mahnkey  
3-15, 15-6, 15-4

Holman-Rulison  
15-5, 15-9

Fleming-Lockwood  
15-9, 15-8

1. SCHELL (Mass.)-FULLIN (Conn.)
2. LOCKWOOD-FLEMING (Calif.)
3. HOLMAN-RULISON (Calif.)
4. DEACON-MAHNKEY (Wash.)

## SEMI

Schell-Fullin  
17-14, 15-13

## FINAL

Fleming-Lockwood  
17-14, 12-15, 15-13

Fleming-Lockwood  
15-9, 15-8



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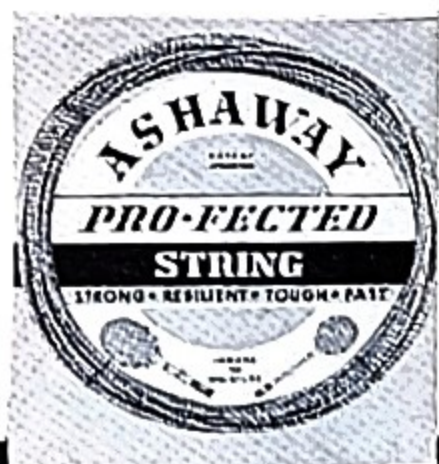
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# U. S. WINS AMERICAN ZONE THOMAS CUP TIE

## Canada Defeated 5-4

For the third straight time the United States Team became the American Zone Champion in the International Badminton Championships for the Thomas Cup, by defeating the Canadian Team, 5-4.

All matches were played on the courts of the Winnipeg Badminton Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on March 11 and 12, before some 1000 spectators each night.

The result was in doubt until the last match, for while the U.S. Team led 3-1 after the first night's play, the Canadians came back strongly and actually led 4-3 before the start of the last two doubles matches.

Faced with a far superior aggregation of Canadian top players than was used in 1952, when the U.S. won 6-3, it was primarily the superiority in the doubles which actually settled the decision. The teamwork, power, steadiness and tactics of our doubles play so far overshadowed the individual ability of the Canadians that the teams of Joe Alston-Wynn Rogers and Carl Loveday-Bobby Williams never lost a game, and in fact there was very little doubt of the outcome.

The results of the matches were as follows (in order of play):

### Friday Night, March 11

Dick Mitchell (U.S.) def. Don Smythe (C.) 17-16, 8-15, 15-3.

Dave McTaggart (C.) def. Joe Alston (U.S.) 15-4, 6-15, 15-11.

Carl Loveday - Robert Williams (U.S.) def. Daryl Thompson-Gordon Simpson (C.) 15-7, 15-9.

Joe Alston-Wynn Rogers (U.S.) def. Don Smythe-Bud Porter (C.) 18-17, 15-9.

### Saturday Night, March 12

McTaggart (C.) def. Mitchell (U.S.) 15-4, 9-15, 15-7.

Smythe (C.) def. Alston (U.S.) 7-15, 17-16, 17-15.

Bev Wescott (C.) def. William Berry (U.S.) 15-12, 15-11.

Loveday - Williams (U.S.) def. Thompson-Simpson (C.) 15-8, 15-5.

Upsets and surprises came fast throughout the singles play. Both No. 1 players, Alston and Smythe, while playing brilliantly at times could not hold their anticipated superiority and met unexpected defeat. (Mitchell's win was unexpected by the Canadians but was a definite possibility by our team.)

In the opening match, Dick Mitch-

ell surprised and shocked the Canadian audience by beating Don Smythe in three games, and he really ran away with the third game. Never has Dick played so brilliantly, as he fought off the tremendous aggressiveness of one of the world's finest, and cleanly beat him with outright steadiness and sharp smashes. In the first game Dick raced away to a quick lead of 9-1 with a series of smashes and great net drops, and worked this to 12-3. During the next 12 serves the score ran to 13-6, 13-7, 14-7. At this point Dick's game point serve went out and the complexion changed. Errors dominated the next 5 points played and then Don got a big run of 7 points, losing his serve only once during this surge to 14 all. Dick won the next 2 with a smash and a close net shot, but Don evened it up by forcing two errors before he lost this game by hitting out. The second game was all Don as he beat Dick consistently at the net. Coming back from the rest period Dick won this largely by revised tactics, as he refused to get sucked in at the net game, and continually scored clean points and forced errors. His perfect condition was a big factor in being able to maintain a top pace.

While the Canadian spectators were still buzzing dejectedly over the defeat of their three-time National Champion, another spectacular match was shaping up. Twenty-two year old "brassy and flamboyant (copy Winnipeg Free Press) Dave McTaggart, entering his first Thomas Cup play, was on the court with the U.S. Captain Joe Alston. Dave was the underdog even by the Canadians. Mentally Joe was in a tough spot. Sports Illustrated just came out the week before, had given him the featured cover space, he had interviews in Winnipeg from both sports and featured writers, with many pictures and TV shots on the court. Many a person, with even more public attention, has had the normal reaction which in Joe's case was a subconscious over-confidence (particularly after Dick's victory) and a hidden tenseness, noted especially by wife Lois, which hurt the wonderful concentration he normally has.

There were plenty of rallies and great "gets" on both sides but Joe was making the errors, and errors sometimes hard to believe. In the relatively short first game (only 37 serves—the average is usually well

into the 40's, and the first game of the Mitchell-Smythe match was the almost unbelievable 71), Dave actually only scored 4 outright points, Joe had 2. This continued up through the first 10 serves in the second game, but Joe was now settling down and coming fast. He had one earned point now but he had only allowed Dave 3. He was now getting sharp and his deception had Dave diving and falling around the court. At 4 all he ran 6 straight points with three of them outright wins. Only an amazing court covering and off balance shots, which mostly worked, saved Dave from a quicker beating before Joe went out at 15-6.

The third game found Joe going on high, gaining a fairly fast lead of 7 points though he really had to earn them for Dave kept the rallies going. Here Dave countered with 4 points in 5 serves to 7-6 but Joe bounced back with a run of 3 and a single. What happened here is hard for me to say. Perhaps Joe was upset by missing two "putaways" from desperate fancy shots which Dave pulled off. At 11-9 Dave garnered 4 successive points, 2 with shots from almost impossible angles which became winners, from Joe's well placed position shots. Such shots hurt the best concentration and when the now famous "flick" serve, allowed under the strange Canadian serving rules came off, the game and match point followed fast. Dave was great and those who subsequently saw him at our Nationals know he has plenty of ability.

As for the Alston-Smythe match it can hardly be said that this was an upset. They are both great players, no game is over until the last bird is hit, and that was a large part of this match of the "giants." Joe's drops were murderous in the first game, and that was the real margin which gave him the edge of 15-7. The second game was a thriller. While Don had the edge at 6-3 it took 22 serves to get there. In the next same number of serves, points were mostly gained in bunches, Joe to 7-16, Don to 13-7, and 14-7, and then a wonderful surge by Joe to tie it up with 7 straight points without a service break. From here to the end, the points eked out slowly with the final one another "unusual" for Joe on a net push.

Following the 5 minute rest both came out fighting for every point. Joe had a 5 run from 3 to 7 and a 3 run

from 10 to 13, at which point the score stood 13-8 for Joe. Here Don really dug in and went to 11, with Joe making 1 for match point. Two nets by Joe closed the gap to 14-13, and then Don nicked the back line for the set game. By now the crowd was rocking the rafters and no doctor would have dared to examine anyone on either bench. Don, who gets more net-corders than any six players, came up with one now. An out bird gave Joe a chance. Both players were smashing with their last bit of energy, for covering the court seemed at least almost impossible to the audience. Don put Joe out with his smash, while Joe's next two hit the net and just outside the line. Only truly great players could have walked off the court—they both did.

The Mitchell-McTaggart match was hardly less gruelling though the terrific toll of Dick's struggle with Smythe the night before and the phenomenal getting by Dave caught Dick halfway through the third game. A 6 point straight run at 8-6 was enough for Dave to get the odd point in the next five serves against one of the gamest there is.

The Berry-Westcott match came

after intermission about midnight. At that point the match score was 3 all, and half the crowd was off the courts for cokes and smokes to revive them. Both players had watched over almost four hours of titanic struggles by the big four and it must be, and was, admitted by both sides that, while the match was as close as the scores indicate, both players showed the effects of the strain and long sitting. Each lad showed some good stuff though the match was an anticlimax because of the ones just completed ahead. Three years from now they might be repeating and you can safely back our Bill. This experience and his tremendous fighting spirit will carry him a long way.

The singles were spectacular and naturally, to Canada, were the focus of more attention and comment because it was here they gained their four points, though two of them could have easily have been ours with even a couple of those well known "breaks." However, the doubles were another story, for the Carl-Bobby and Joe-Wynn tandems completely outclassed their opponents. Our teams were really sharp and completely "up" for these games.

In the first match, Carl and Bobby playing Thompson and Simpson, each side had the serve seven times but only once could the Canadians prevent our pair from scoring. The big jumps were from 3 all to 6-3, from 6-5 to 9-5, and from 10-5 to 13-5. The second game found two big surges, from 4-3 to 8-3, and from 10-7 to 14-7. Bobby was cracking them, as only he can when he is "hot," and Carl clearly demonstrated his great control and tactics. Big Darryl Thompson was run from corner to corner and both Canadians were digging out smashes and flat shots in an entirely defensive game.

The first game with Joe and Wynn against Smythe-Porter was close only because it appeared that Joe was still thinking about his match with Dave. Consequently they could not sustain a steady pace and had to come from behind at 8-10, 12-13 and 2-4 on the set. During all this play, Wynn roamed the court, keeping great pressure on with his fast drives and sharp smashes. Let it not be thought that Joe wasn't taking a share too, but the real greatness of our many times National Champs only really showed up

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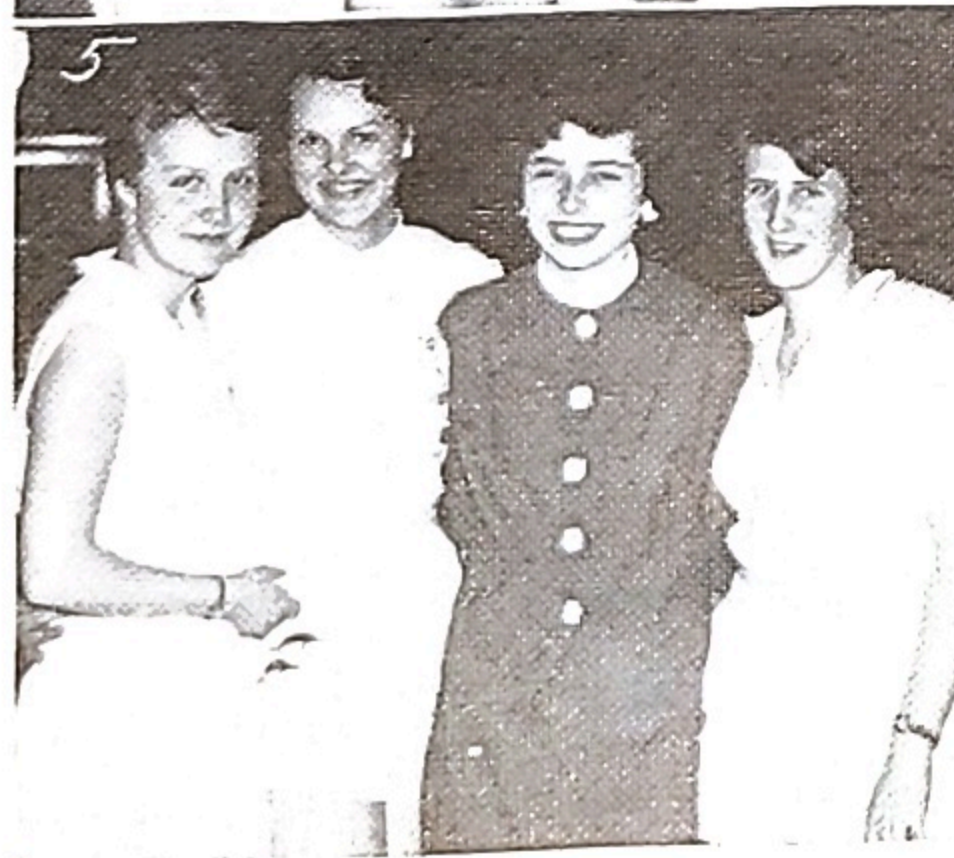
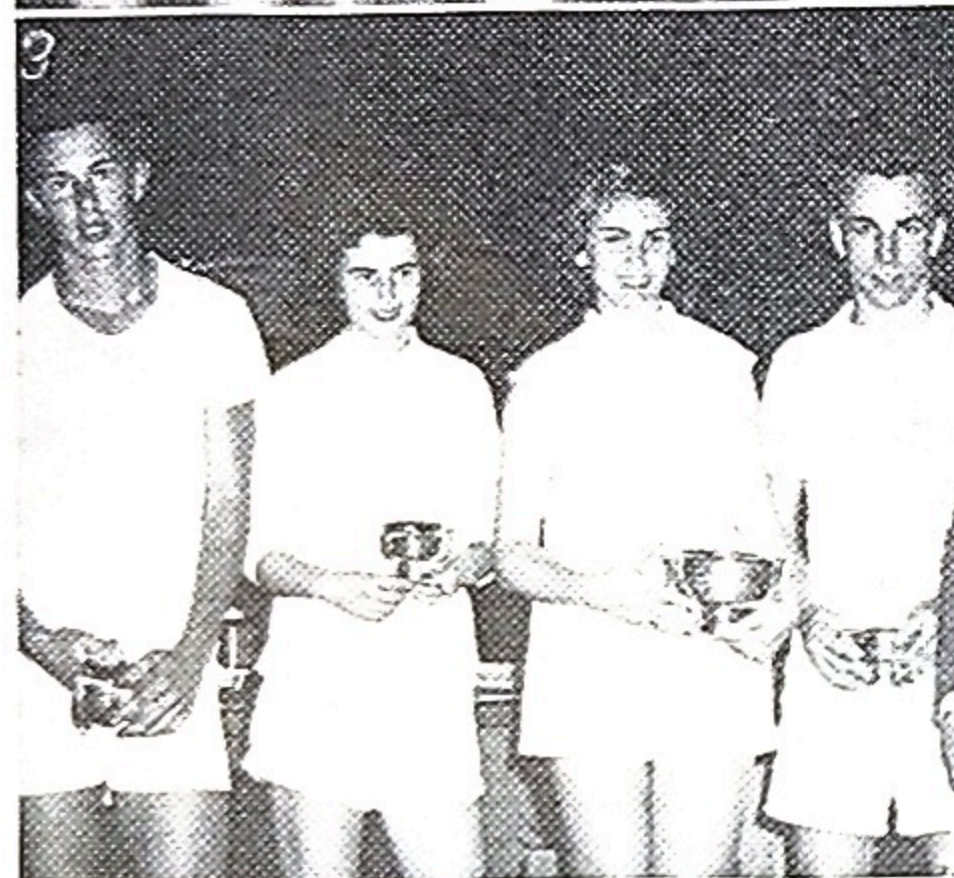
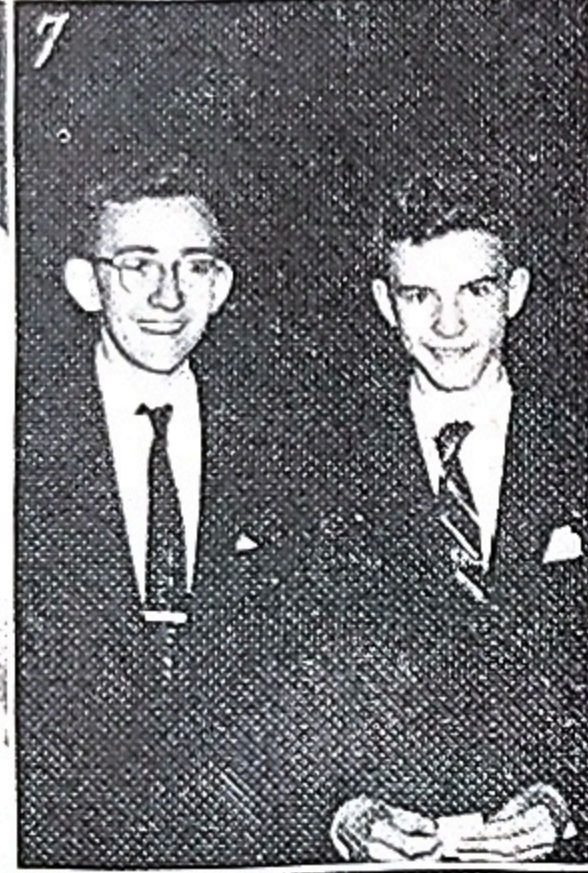
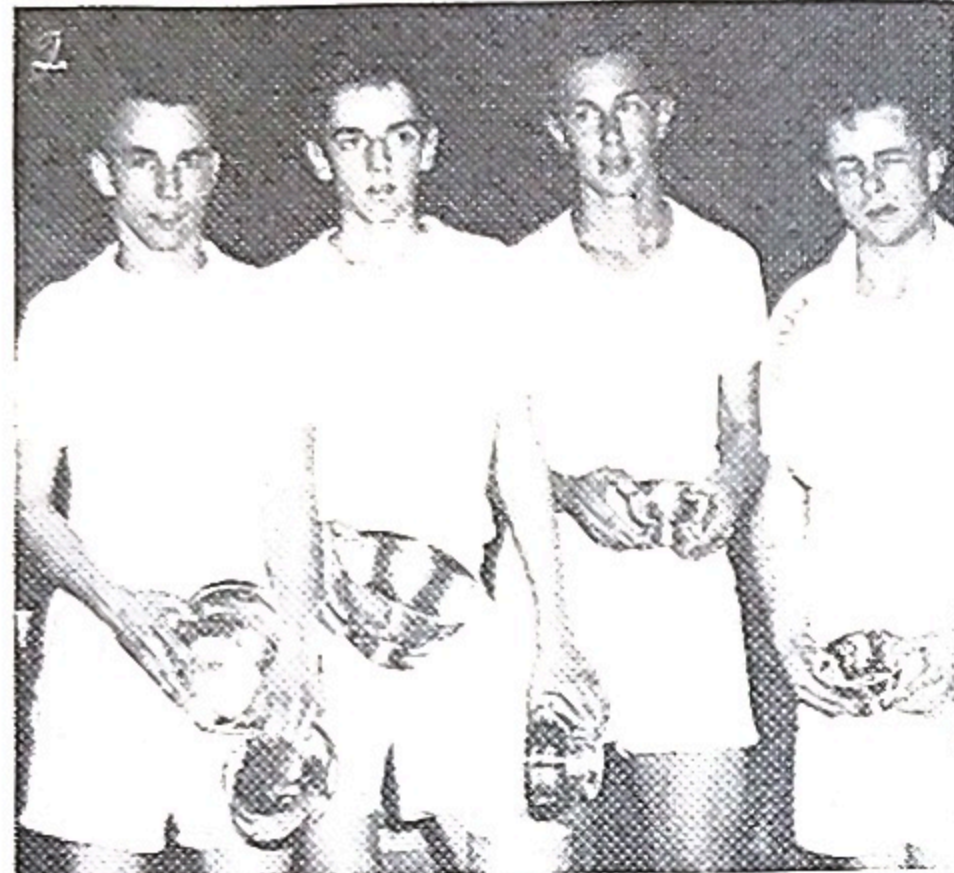
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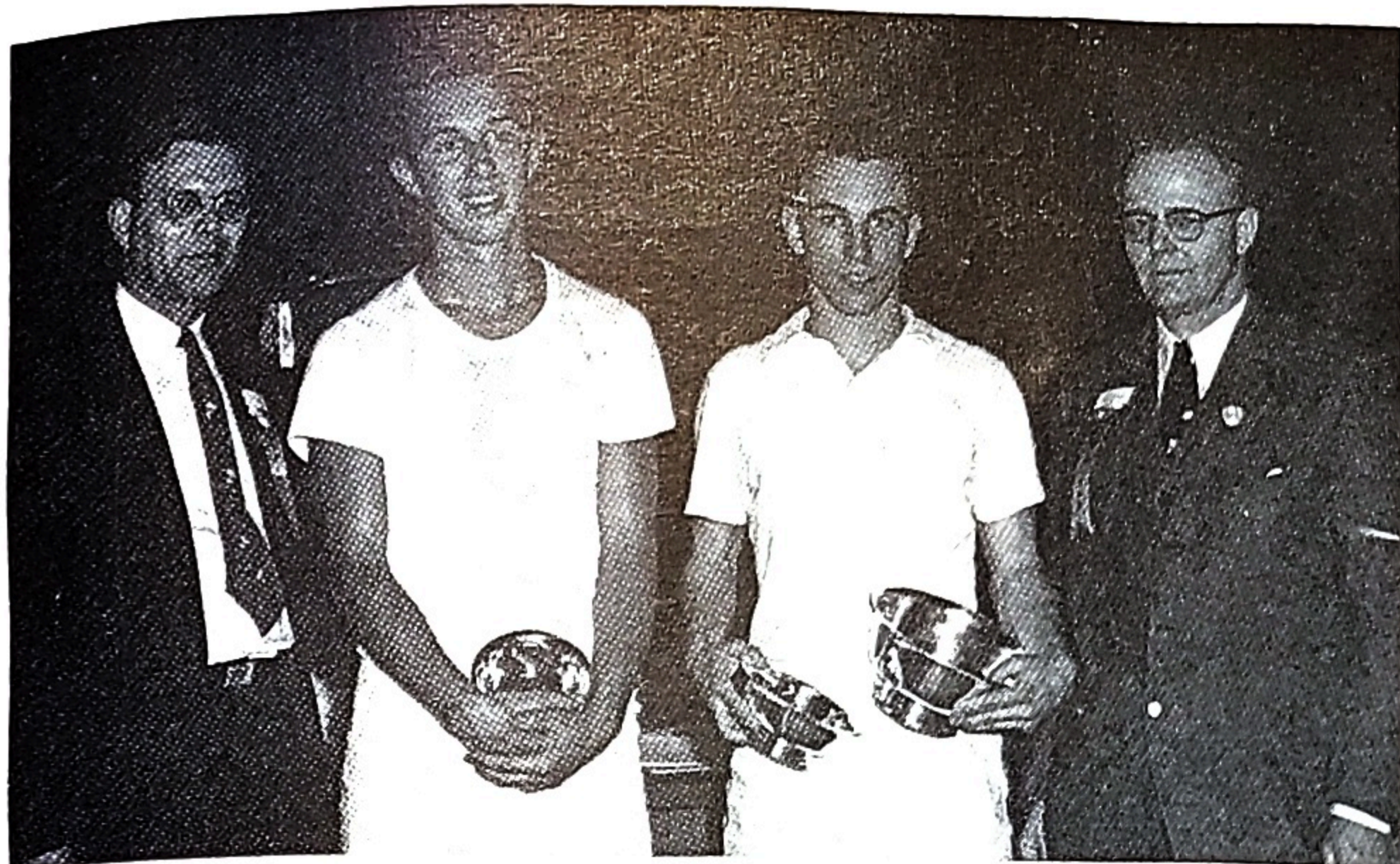
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4. Sally Coulter, Cynthia Dryden, Dan Rudy, Charles Gambo.
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6. Sally Coulter, Linda Windsor.
7. John Schultz, Gary Nippes.
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10. Marilyn Merchant, Heda Voelcker.

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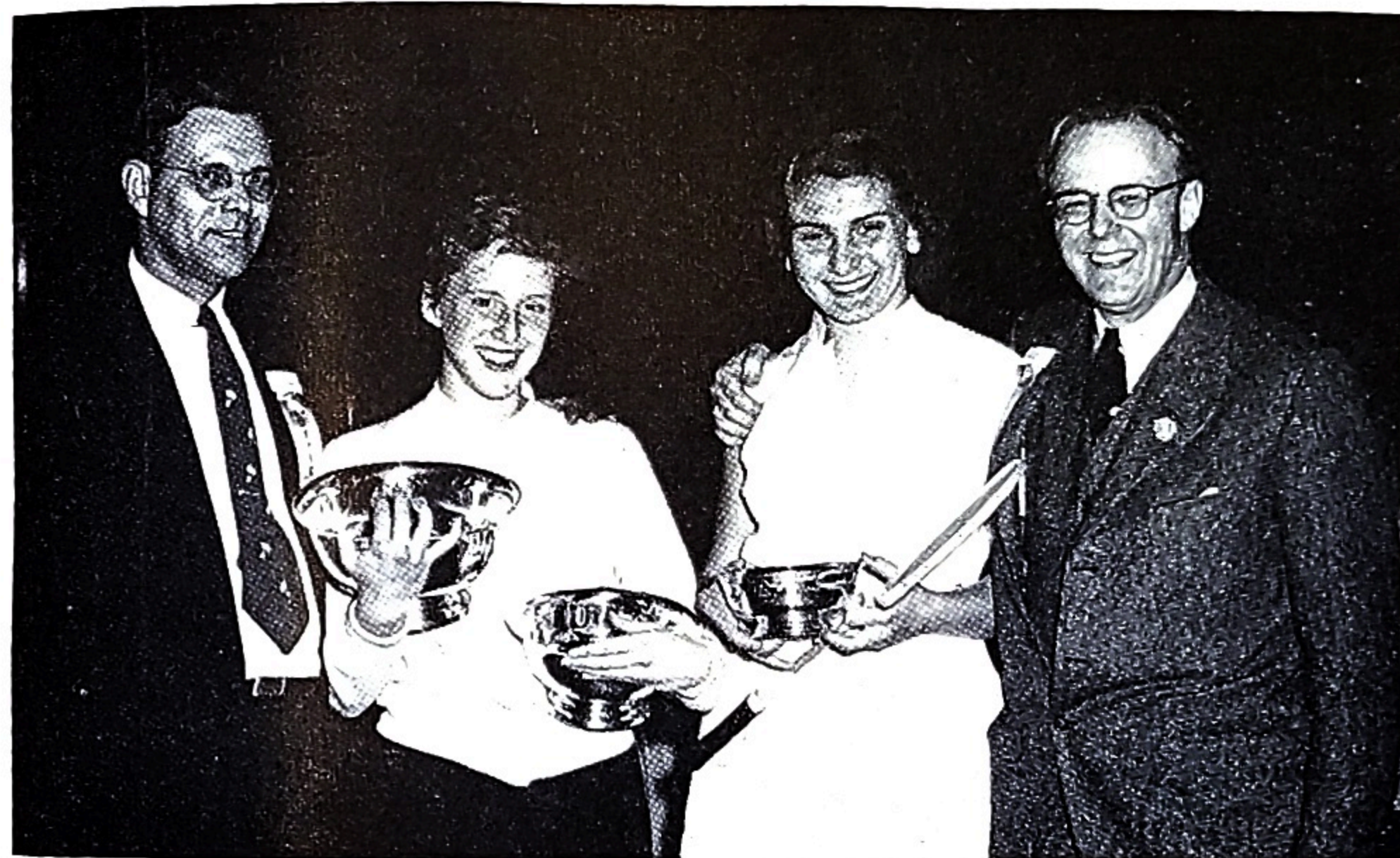
Below: Gary Nippes, Dan Rudy, Charles Gambo, Ron Young.



# 1955 National Singles Champions



Bud Warner, Ron Miller, Butch Kevorkian, Charlie Newhall.



Mr. Warner, McGregor Stewart, Norma Slauer, Mr. Newhall.

## FIVE OF SIX JUNIOR TITLES GO TO MASSACHUSETTS

The Ninth Annual National Junior Championships and Under-Fifteen Tournament was held in Cleveland, Ohio, early in April. The Ohio State Badminton Association was sponsor and Whitney Warner, Jr., was tournament director.

The highlight of the four-day event was an exhibition by Eddy Choong, 25 year old Malayan, and Vic Pritula of Detroit. Eddy, a member of the Malayan Thomas Cup Team, was en route to his home in Penang.

Bob Steinwald of Baltimore, Md., won the Kenneth R. Davidson Memorial Trophy.

McGregor Stewart of Baltimore, became the National Girls' Junior Champion by defeating Norma Slauer of Marblehead, Mass., 11-2, 11-8. McGregor in her easy win over Norma has replaced Judy Devlin, who held the title for six years. Norma and Nancy Metcalf, Marblehead, teamed together to win the girls' doubles title by defeating McGregor and Jay Tishinger, Cockeysville, Md., 15-11, 15-11.

In mixed doubles, Norma teamed with Butch Kevorkian, also of Mass., to defeat Ronald Miller, Glendale, Calif., and Linda Flack, Baltimore, 15-10, 15-0.

Kevorkian, winner in all three events, won the boys' single title by

defeating Miller, also in three final events, 15-9, 15-5. Gary McFarlane, Lewiston, N.Y., and Kevorkian defeated Miller and Bill Davidson of Seattle, Wash., in boys' doubles, 15-4, 15-7.

In the Under-15 events, Sally Coulter of Baltimore, defeated Linda Windsor, also of Baltimore, 1-11, 12-9, 11-8, to win the singles crown. Sally and Linda then teamed together to defeat Cynthia Dryden, Baltimore, and Janet Ogilvie, Lewiston, N.Y., in a hard fought battle, 15-10, 8-15, 15-10, for the doubles championship. In mixed doubles, Sally teamed with Charles Gambo of Baltimore to win over Cynthia and Dan Rudy, Baltimore, 15-8, 15-4. In boys' singles, John Schultz defeated Gary Nippes, 15-7, 15-4. Both boys live in Norristown, Pa. Gambo and Rudy won the boys' doubles championship by default from Nippes and Ron Young of Mt. Lakes, N.J.

### Odds and Ends

Karen Warner of Needham, Mass., nine year old badminton hopeful of Al Warner, was cheering for left-handed Butch Kevorkian, from her home state when she suddenly turned to Mother Kevorkian and said, "Butch plays a good game of badminton and you know, it's awful hard to learn to play with your left hand!"

Wonder who the two boys were that Bud Warner was warned would be the "bad boys of the tournament"?

Hear tell there were some who went barefooted at the Juniors.

What two gals were known as "Ma" and "Little Ma" because they did so much for all the kids at the tournament?

From all evidence at the Juniors, "You All" has moved from the south to Maryland, courtesy Linda Flack.

Wonder if the four girls looking for the haunted house in the wee' sma' hours ever found it? Was it these same gals who played cards?

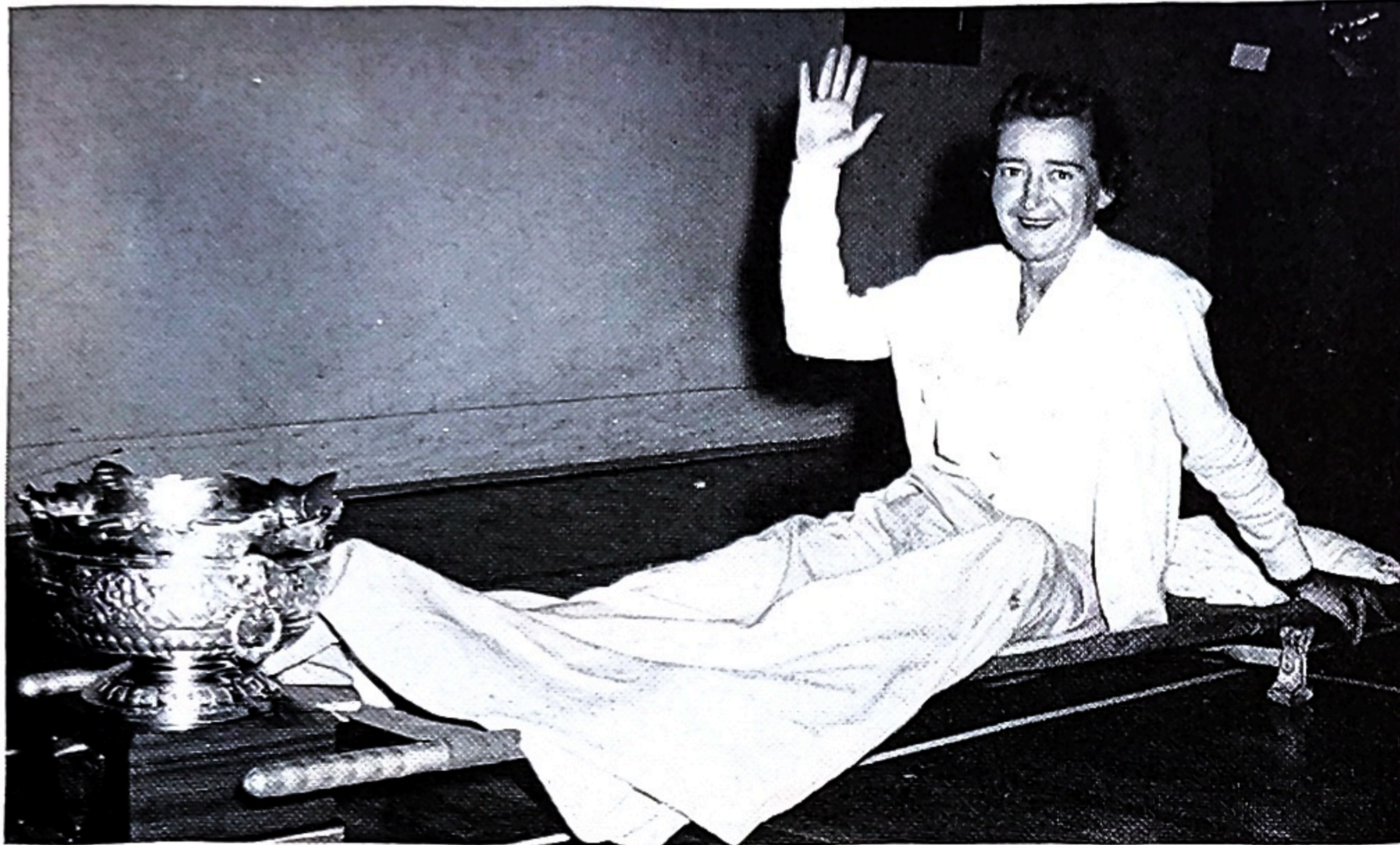
What bridge enjoyed the company of what two Juniors on the night of the finals?

How else can you break rackets but by playing with them, maybe Bill D. found out.

Can we still call you "Smiley," Marilyn?

# Ken Davidson MEMORIAL AWARDS

By Lois Alston for the Committee



Janet Wright



Charlie Newhall, ABA President,  
Bob Steinwald.

The committee to organize the Ken Davidson Memorial Trophies would like to extend a million thanks to all of you contributors who so generously "rallied to the cause"! We were actually amazed at the number of replies we received, so many of which included notes commending the idea as a fitting memorial to Ken. We were so pleased with your response, as it made it possible for us to obtain two beautiful cups that we feel you will be proud to present as memorials worthy of Ken. We hope that those of you who witnessed the presentations will agree. Your contributions enabled us to obtain not only the two perpetual cups, but enough silver goblets (for the winners to keep permanently) for the next ten years. This certainly insures the success of the Memorial.

Our one regret is that the cup for the Junior Tournament was not fin-

ished in time for presentation. The winner did receive his silver goblet, however, and will have the cup as soon as it can be sent to him. Contributions were coming in at such a rate that we were unable to even guess our final total until a very late date, and thus left the silversmith with very little time. Both cups are appropriately antique English pieces, with etchings of Ken on the base.

The organizing committee would also like to congratulate the selection committees of both tournaments on their excellent choice in picking the cup winners. They were awarded to the outstanding player of each tournament, with four factors to be considered: 1) sportsmanship, 2) contribution to the game, 3) competitive spirit, and 4) improvement in play. The Junior winner was Bob Steinwald of Maryland, and the Senior winner was Janet Wright of San Francisco, both most deserving persons in all four categories. Although Janet's unfortunate leg injury at game point of the ladies' doubles final had no bearing on her selection as cup winner (the decision was made before the finals), it made it even more fitting that she should receive the cup at what could possibly be the end of her competitive play.

May we again thank you all for your wonderful support of this project? We all were thrilled, but not surprised, at your response, and feel that it is a wonderful tribute to our dear friend from the badminton players of the world.

## Midwest Junior Championships

The 1955 Midwest Junior Championships, held at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill., drew 46 players with 99 event entries from four states. Highlight of the tournament was an exhibition by Hugh Forgie of the Ice-Capades.

Helen McLeod of Minneapolis is due much credit for the excellent play of the eleven Minnesota entrants. The three boys from the Detroit area who showed up so well are principally the products of Vic Pritula's training. Racine was represented by eighteen players under the direction of Elmer Blaesing.

Don Braun of Wilmette and Emily Perreult of Evanston directed play and Jan Mitchell of Wilmette handled publicity.

*Results:* Girls' singles, Ramona Guner (Minn.) def. Marcia Dotson (St. Paul), 11-5, 11-6. Boys' singles, Russell Paquette (Detroit) def. Larry Marth (Detroit), 15-10, 15-3. Girls' doubles, Gunner-Dotson def. Hubbard Meagher (Minn.), 15-1, 15-3. Boys' doubles, Marth-Paquette def. Charles Wilson-Larry Leider (Minn.), 15-11, 15-9. Mixed doubles, Gunner-Wilson def. Christensen-Paquette, 15-9, 15-6.

## Junior International Play

On April 23rd a team of United States Juniors traveled to Winnepeg, Canada, to compete in the Junior International Matches between Canada and the United States. W. R. Smith of the University of Minnesota was appointed manager of the team. Members of the U.S. team are: Claudia Christensen, Marcia Dotson, Ramona Gunner, Jinny Hubbard and Marian Meagher, Bill Bryant, Larry Leider, Larry Marth, James Olson, and Russell Paquette.

This, a Western Sectional Event, is played between the juniors of Western-Canada and the Midwestern United States. Western Canada includes the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The Midwestern U.S. area is the area included in the Midwest Badminton Association.

Good players hurry to their base after each shot, thereby being ready to go in any direction for the return. Poor players stand admiring or fascinated by their own shots and as a result have to scramble for their opponent's return.

Be in good condition, it may be the deciding factor in a hard-fought match.

# Some (North) Americans in England

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By Susan Devlin

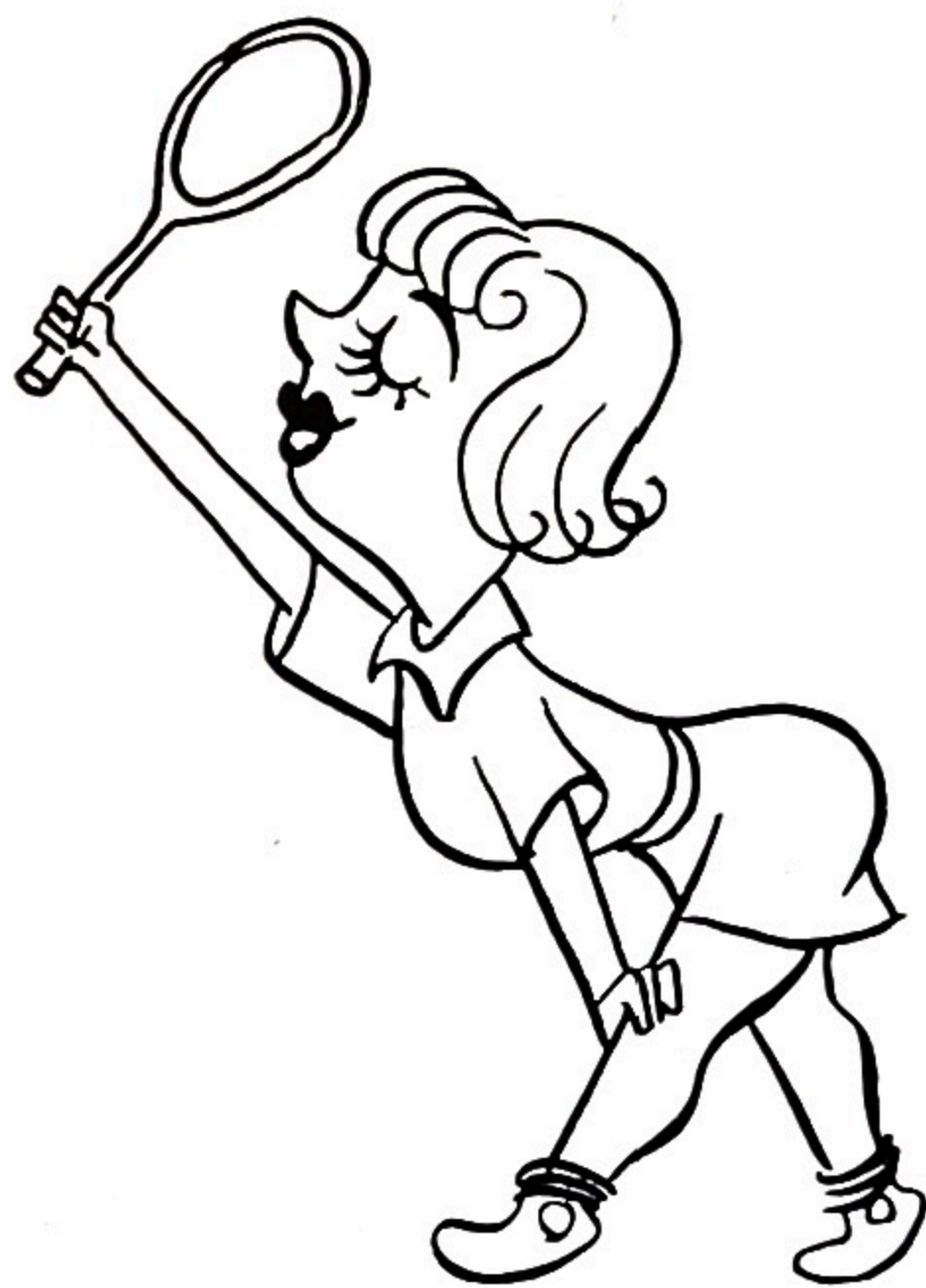
Five a.m., Scotland. Dawn just breaking over the green hills so dear to Robert Burns. For the first time in my life I knew what a relief map really meant. Looking out of the plane window the soft hills surrounding Glasgow and the airport at Prestwick stood out, a teal blue in the shadows of morning.

Marg Shedd, the 1954 Canadian champion, and I arrived in Great Britain after an inauspicious start. Delayed nearly a day in New York, we spent part of the time shopping for a very handsome handbag for Marg, and the rest of the time sleeping, to make up in advance for what we knew we wouldn't get enough of for several weeks! After we landed at Prestwick we found a hotel in Ayr, about three miles away, at which we stayed while roaming the Ayrshire countryside that day. A walk along the seashore and a trip to the birthplace of Robert Burns, the poet, whom every Scotsman idolizes, completed our sightseeing and we left by train the following day for Hull, on the East coast of England.

The snow was heavy on the Scottish hillsides and along the stone walls surrounding each of the fields in the north of England. For the second day we had sunshine. We sat in the train compartment, facing each other, as in all British trains. We were met at Hull by Mr. Jeffrey Marshall, one of the leading spirits behind the Hull Open Tournament, now just completing its 22nd year. We were very comfortably housed at the White House Hotel, where we met other entrants in the tournament and Mr. Bill Holwill of R.S.L. Saturday, March 12th, saw us on the courts of the Hull and East Riding Badminton Club, battling away for the glory of North America! It was a doubles tournament with a very large entry and a very able tournament committee. Marg and I had a great time in our left-handed fashion and managed to confuse our way into a triumph and possession of perpetual silver Cups for one year. Marg and Ken Weldon of Yorkshire were mixed doubles winners. The club is one of the most comprehensive in Britain, boasting four good badminton courts (cold as h—), tennis courts and two squash courts, a hockey field, soccer field with permanent bleachers, billiard hall and a very nice lounge with food and drinks available. The particular week-end we were there

was one of the more active ones for, beside the badminton activities, there was a school-girl hockey game and a County rugger match, with a squash exhibition by the Khans of Pakistan scheduled for the following week. The tournament, held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, finished with a very pleasant dinner back at the hotel. Sunday saw us on our way to London.

Marg spent most of the week in London, on a shopping spree as far as I can gather, while I went to Oxford to stay with an aunt. We joined up again in Manchester, meeting Judy, who had flown over. Along with twenty others, we played in an invitation tournament held at the Corn Exchange, on a plastic court of a green rubbery material which eventually proved to



be the "turning point" in my play. The following week I sprained an ankle playing on the same court surface in the All-England. The players consisted, along with the three of us, of Thelma Welcome, Jean Waring, the present Canadian singles champion, two Irishmen, two Danish men, and two Danish women, two Swedes, Eddy Choong and the present All-England champion, Wong Peng Soon of Malaya, two other Malaysians, four English men and two English women. Play started Friday night; no one was entered in more than two events; the semi-finals were Saturday afternoon and the finals Saturday evening. The finals served as an interesting preview to the All-England finals. Eight subsequent All-England finalists played at Manchester, seven of them reaching

the finals. In each case, the winner here was the loser in the All-England; Eddie Choong beating Wong Peng Soon, 15-8, 15-5; Judy and I beating June White and Iris Cooley, 15-11, 17-14; the Choong brothers defeating Finn Kobbero and P. Hammergard Hansen, 6-15, 17-15, 15-3, and June White and David Choong defeating Kirsten Thorndahl and Finn Kobbero, 7-15, 15-13, 15-11, quite a remarkable situation. We were all entertained at Tea by the Lord Mayor of Manchester at the Town Hall on Friday afternoon, and were very pleased to see him again at the matches on Saturday night. The matches were good, though the spectators on the whole were sparse, as British badminton crowds go. There were about 300 spectators at the semis and about 750 at the finals. We all stayed in the village of Alderley Edge, about 15 miles outside Manchester, at the foot of the Cheshire hills, among which some of us were driven on Sunday. Most of the country near the hotel was farmland still in its winter trim, but without snow. We went into the 18th century Parish Church and practically got involved in a frantic auto race through the hills.

Monday saw nine of us leave for an exhibition at the famous steel town of Sheffield, while the others went on to London. We were met at the train station by a reporter, photographer, and the local badminton committee. After half an hour of frigid picture taking we drove to the hotel to warm up and then Chick Doyle from Dublin, Judy and I paced the Sheffield streets. That evening we three, along with the four Danes and two Swedes, went to the Armory for the exhibition. The tickets were a complete sell-out and approximately 500 people sat in the cold and clammy building watching Bertil Glans, Sweden's No. 1, defeat Chick Doyle, Ireland's No. 1; Judy and I beat Kirsten Thorndahl and Anna Jorgenson of Denmark; Hammergaard Hansen and Finn Kobbero of Denmark defeated Glans and Brent Dahlberg of Sweden. The Danes are by far the best mixed doubles players in Europe and Hansen and Joergensen easily defeated Judy and Chick, while Kobbero and Thorndahl polished off Brent and me. The crowd was very enthusiastic, arriving fully half an hour before the matches

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## Report of Special Study Committee on Rankings

It is recognized that the sole purpose of ranking is to list players in the order of their ability as can best be determined by the committee and that any rules promulgated are for guidance only.

This committee believes that there should be no change in the present regulations on Rankings as outlined in the American Badminton Association Handbook.

It is their recommendation, however, to this and subsequent administrations that each Ranking Committee be required to outline their procedures for ranking (within the framework of the regulations prescribed in the Handbook) prior to the beginning of the fall playing season. These procedures should be approved by the Executive Committee and publicized either through *Bird Chatter* or bulletin to all member clubs and associations of the American Badminton Association.

The present Ranking Committee has made the following suggestions indicating the policy that they would like to follow this year and with which your special committee concurs.

Procedures for American Badminton Association Ranking Committee:

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. The final report of the committee *must* be in the hands of the Executive Committee not later than *August 1*.
2. The primary functions of the chairman of the committee shall be:
  - a. To keep all members of the committee informed on all rules and procedures to be followed by the committee;
  - b. To prepare and submit to the committee the composite records of each player or team to be considered;
  - c. To act as a clearing house for the transmission of opinions;
  - d. To tabulate the final rankings as decided upon by the recorded vote of the members of the committee.
3. Each member of the committee will be expected to draw up his or her proposed ranking in each event, based upon personal and impartial evaluation of the performance records as submitted by the chairman. No tentative or proposed rankings will be prepared by the chairman which might influence the members or interfere with a member's obligation to prepare his listings independently.
4. All decisions of the committee are to be reached by group action, and each decision will be determined by majority vote. The chairman has no vote except to break a tie where only an even number of votes are cast and are equally divided. Subject to provision in Paragraph 6.

5. It is the obligation of each member of the committee to consider himself or herself as a representative of the A.B.A.—a national organization. While each member is expected to give the committee the benefit of observation of play in his or her area, the primary responsibility is to represent the A.B.A. and not to be merely a guardian of and an advocate for the interests of the players in a particular region.
6. If, after the circulation of all opinions and at least two rounds of voting, a unanimous decision cannot be reached, it shall be the duty of the chairman to secure from each member, who is in the minority, his opinion, in writing which will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the American Badminton Association. If the Executive Committee feels that these minority opinions have merit, the report shall be referred back to the Ranking Committee for review and consideration.
7. Final responsibility for accepting a Ranking Committee report as with all committee reports lies with the Executive Committee or with the Directors. It is strongly urged that for greatest harmony within the Association these groups be guided entirely by matters involving rules or interpretation thereof, not by questions of judgment except wherein their collective opinions a major injustice exists.

### II. TECHNICAL

1. In order to be eligible for national ranking, a player or team must participate in the National Championships or in at least 3 major open tournaments. On the other hand, no player or team making a once-only appearance in the National Championships is thereby to be favored over an established player or team with a representative record, unless such once-only player or team reaches the semi-final round of the Championships.
2. The numerical system, which translates the record of each player or team into a figure summarizing the composite performance, is to be recognized as having primary value for sectional or regional comparisons. It cannot be considered valid for intersectional comparisons without taking into account the relative standards of play in the areas involved. In allotting the numerical factors for tournament performance under this system, records made in the National Championships will be weighted 3 times the normal scale.
3. As between any two players or teams, results of competition with each other are determinative. Where no direct wins or losses are part of the available records, comparative scores against common opponents are to be considered.
4. In general, middle or late season results are to be given more stress than others, especially if the record includes any formal competition prior to November 1st.
5. No player or team shall be considered for automatic ranking unless

a finalist in the current season's National Championships, and only the National winner is to be considered as entitled to the Number one position without references to the rest of the record.

6. The category of "Honorable Mention" to be reserved for players or teams with adequate records for consideration in the numerical rankings but who do not place high enough to be on the numbered list. Players or teams listed under "Honorable Mention" are to be listed alphabetically, irrespective of competitive records.
7. The category of "Insufficient Data" is to include players or teams previously ranked who do not meet the requirements of Paragraph 1 for the current season, and any other players or teams with limited but creditable performance records.
8. The listings of teams in the ranking for the Mixed Doubles event will appear with the man's name first.

ROY W. JORDAN, Chairman  
E. S. JARRETT  
RICHARD W. SLAUER

## EDDY CHOONG EXHIBITION

The people of Michigan were privileged to see Eddy Choong in action during an exhibition held in Grosse Pointe High School, Grosse Pointe, Mich. on Sunday, April 3. The Michigan Badminton League, who sponsored the exhibition, was fortunate to catch Eddy on his way to the Nationals in Long Beach.

Some 300 persons listened and watched as Eddy explained the game and demonstrated strokes. He then engaged in four exhibitions, first defeating Michigan state champion, Vic Pritula, 15-2, and then former champion Harry Drewry, 15-1. Mrs. Mildred Sirwaitis, eight time Michigan state women's champion, teamed with Eddy to beat Mrs. Mary Connor and Bill Anderson 15-10, and at last Eddy and Jack Lavis beat Drewry and Anderson, 15-12.

Eddy, through his fine sportsmanship and charm, made the event an outstanding success. He is a grand representative for Malaya and you must like Malaya after meeting him—that is one of the good sides of the sport.

Thanks, Eddy, for coming to Michigan, showing us your skill and for your readiness in promoting the game of badminton. Also thanks to Charley Newhall, ABA president, who attended the exhibition with Eddy.

Call all your double hits or carries promptly. Don't wait for a dirty look.

## U.S. WINS AMERICAN ZONE THOMAS CUP TIE

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in true colors in the second game. By then, Joe had really settled down, and after they lost their first two services they ran it out in the next six serves, with two big runs of 4 and 5 points.

On the last night with the score 3-4 against us, Bobby and Carl (the former with fire in his eyes, and I mean just that) and Carl as cool as a cobra, went out to avenge their defeat by the same pair in the 1952 Tie. Don and Bud had the confidence of a previous victory, and they wanted that Tie winning point badly. They jumped away to a fast 8-1 lead but the continued pressure on them told and out of their next six chances to serve they could only get 3 points, while Bobby and Carl scoring every time they serve, collected the needed extra 14 points. This was probably the greatest winning surge of the whole Tie.

At 2-4 in the second game our boys had an almost unbeatable string, moving out to 9-4. Back came the Canadians to move out in front to 10-9, but 4 points in the next two serves gave us the lead at 13-10. Don and Bud worked up to 12-13 but that was it, and now the matches were all tied again.

Midnight had long passed but only baby sitters were thinking of going home, for coming up was the deciding match and no one was worrying about a baby then. Here were the two Captains facing each other, Joe and Daryl, and all four were experienced players. The differences, however, quickly showed up. Joe and Wynn (rated the world's finest doubles player in Malaya in 1952) were at their peak. It was almost a slaughter, particularly the second game where we had runs of 2, 4, 4, and 3 before Wynn made the last serve count.

Memories of off-court items recall—Mollie and Don meeting the incoming plane at midnight, finding Bill Berry with no hat or top coat and the temperature 4 above, and Mollie telling him to rush back to the plane for his coat (which he never had)—the official luncheon at the Hudson Bay Company—the wonderful hospitality of officials and others we met, with a special assist to Herb Richards, pro at W.B.C., and Scotty Peniman, our continual chauffeur—plenty of snow and cold and the storm which prevented the plane leaving and the use of a bus to Grand Forks, North Dakota—the grand company for Mollie

and Don of the Canadian prexy and frau Eleanor on the train from Montreal to Winnipeg and return—and, of course, Charlie on the telephone at any time of day or night.

### Illinois

Eleanor Coombs and Dick Schneider of Evanston Badminton Club defeated Janet Mitchell, Evanston, and Phil Meier, Chicago Badminton Club, 15-8, 15-7, in the finals of the Whooperdoo mixed doubles round-robin mixer, sponsored by the Chicago Badminton Club on April 17. There were entrants from ten clubs from the Chicago area and Wisconsin in the round-robin.



### Intercollegiate

The New England Intercollegiate Badminton Tournament was held at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., in February. Eligibility was based on any regularly enrolled college or junior college student at undergraduate level in the six state New England area.

Mount Holyoke College placed first for the Team Trophy and Middlebury College was second. Nancy Metcalfe, Wellesley, won the ladies' singles; Harry Quinn, Fairfield, the men's singles; Virginia Ball, Sargent, and Nancy Metcalfe won the ladies' doubles; Win Cobb of Middlebury and Bob Rice, also of Middlebury,

took the men's doubles; in mixed doubles Harry Quinn teamed with Elaine Langdon, M.H.C., to win the title.

Margaret Varner, Elaine Langdon and Richard Slauer served as heads of the committee.

### A JUNIOR MAKES GOOD

When Manuel (Manny) Joseph Armendariz wandered in to the Sport Center on South Olive Avenue in Burbank, Calif., in 1948 it was impossible to imagine the little barefoot school boy as a representative of the United States, who would travel to Malaya to compete in the 1955 Thomas Cup Ties, but that is just what is happening for Manny was chosen for the sixth man on the team recently in try-outs held in Long Beach.

Bill Overkamp was an important factor during that first year of Manny's badminton. Bill was in charge of a junior group sponsored by the Burbank Badminton Club and had many of the well known juniors of later years under his supervision. As Manny's game improved he was encouraged to go on to better competition and began playing with the Burbank Club as well as the Pasadena Club.

In seven years of badminton Manny has made quite a name for himself. In 1950 he teamed with Steve Hinchliffe to win the Junior National Championship in boys' doubles at Boston, Mass. In 1953 Manny returned to the scene of his Junior triumph to establish himself as a senior contender. Manny and Buzz Martin were runner-up in the men's doubles that year and Manny teamed with Beulah Bymaster but lost to stronger opponents in the finals of the mixed doubles.

It looks as though there is a future in badminton for the Armendariz clan as there are four more of them on their way. Louis, 17, Ralph, 15, Pat, 12, and Ernie, 10, are learning how to play at the same Sports Center where Manny began a few short years ago.

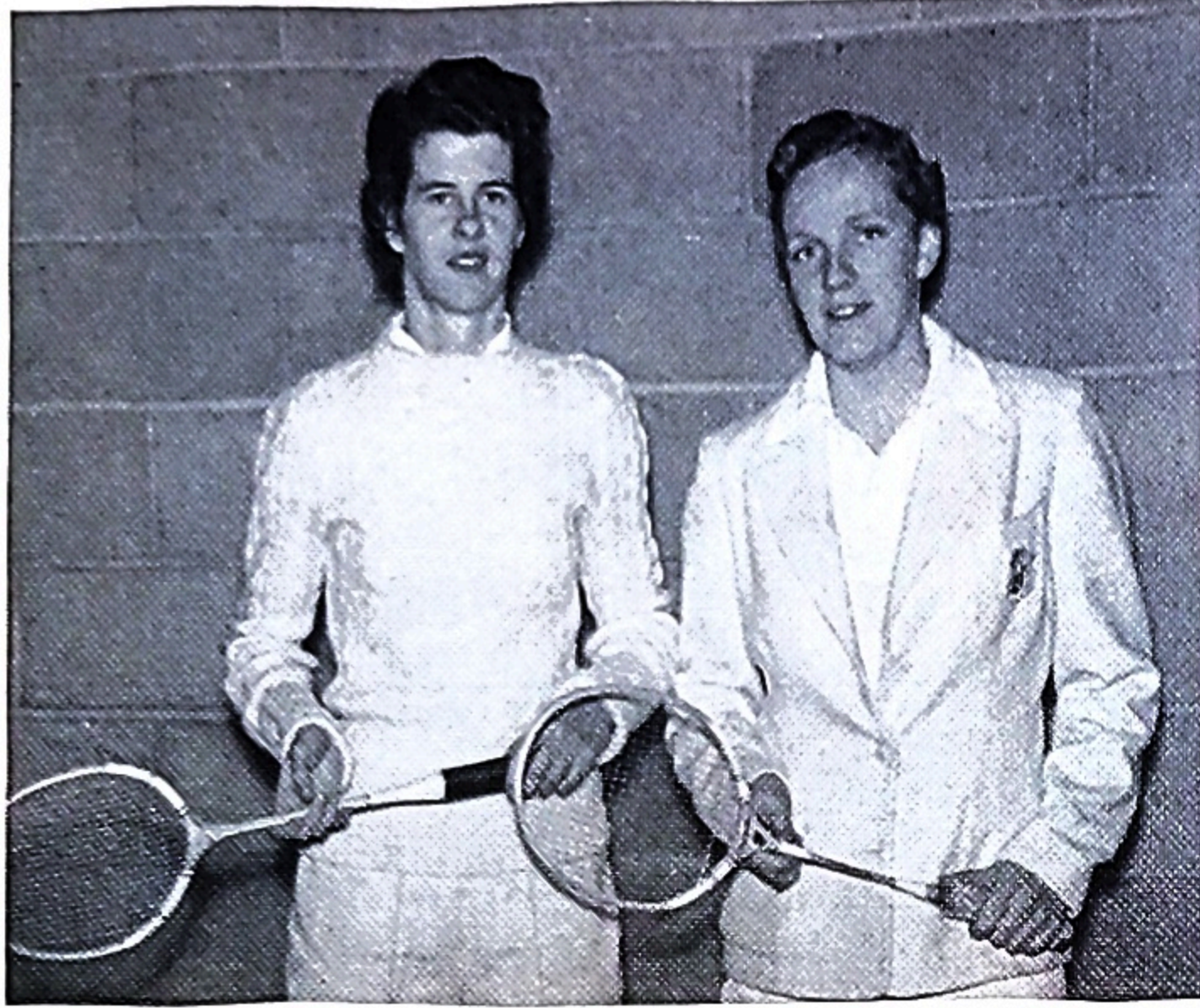
To the entire Thomas Cup Team we wish the very best of luck.

### Washington

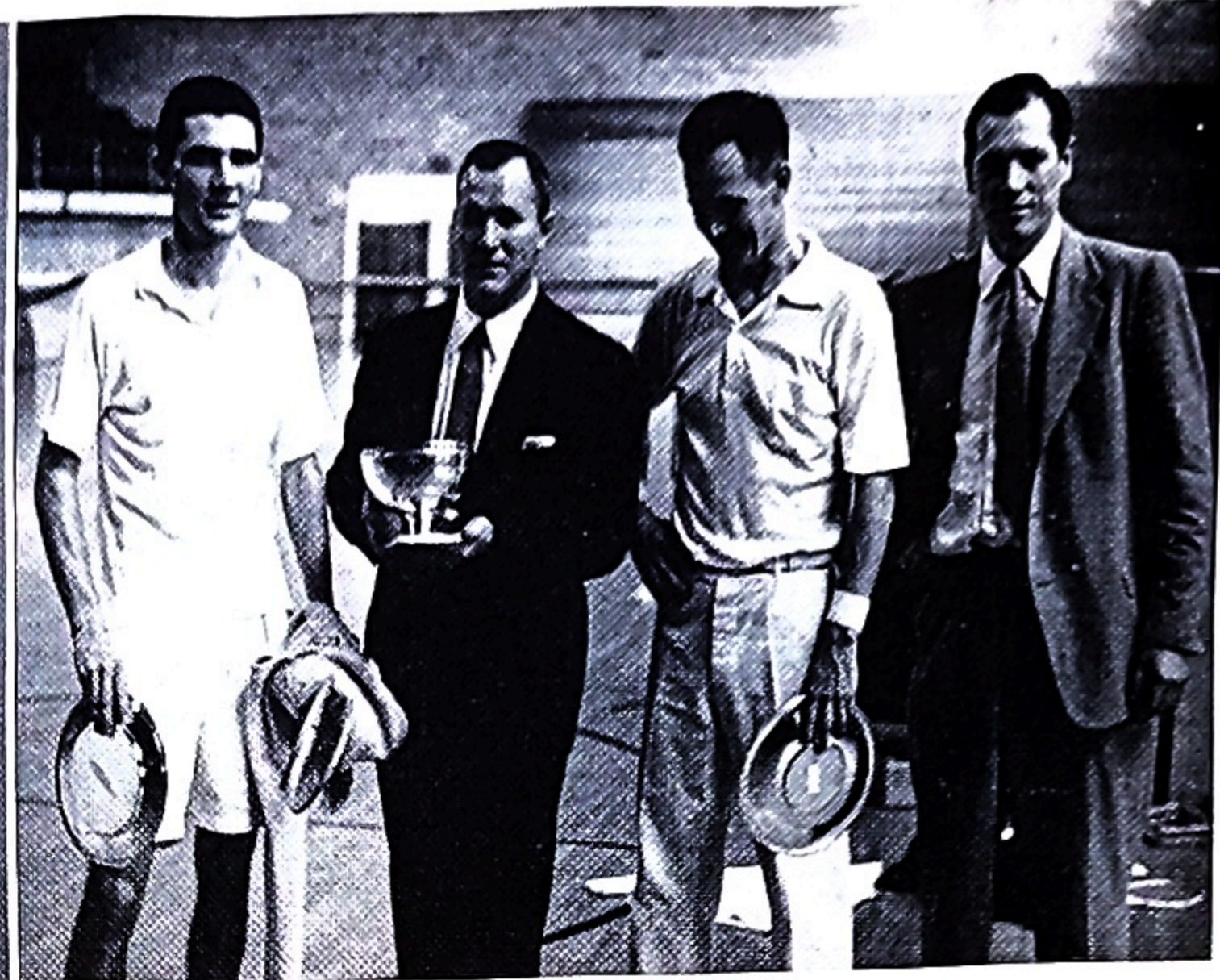
Tim Royce writes that Dick Bonesteel is now on the Washington Law Review which means that he is an honor student plus. The editors and writers for the Law Review are selected from the honor students in the law school of the University of Washington. Dick still found time to help out on the 1954 changes of the ABA Handbook.

# From Coast . . .

## Mid-Atlantic **BADMINTON TOURNAMENT**



Left to Right: Lee Chadbourne, Dorothy O'Neil.



Bunky, Roche, Art Jones, Clint Stephens, John Cornell.

The Middle Atlantic Badminton Championships were held March 11, 12 and 13 at the St. Joseph's Alumni Memorial Field House, Philadelphia, Pa. Although the tournament, itself, ran smoothly, it was marked by several mishaps, including illnesses, defaults and upsets.

Eleanor Ross (Raymond), who had been seeded first in the mixed doubles with Bunky Roche, Baltimore and third in the women's doubles with Dotty O'Neil, Conn., was unable to come at the last minute because of a virus attack. Bunky picked up Evie Talley, Baltimore, and they reached the finals losing to Gerry Skillicorn and Doris DeLord of New York.

Bunky, incidently, did a neat job of upsetting Clint Stephens in the men's singles in three games. Thus Bunky became the first winner of the Ken Davidson Memorial Trophy.

Eddie Shields, New York, came down to the tournament only to develop a very bad leg and back condition, causing him a great deal of pain and forcing him to default his matches. He had to be driven home in an ambulance on Sunday. We hope he is better by now.

Clint Stephens and Harry Hackett were very ably upset in the men's doubles finals by the coming team of Noel Fehm and Harry Quinn from Connecticut.

Lee Chadbourne from Baltimore (formerly Massachusetts) won the women's singles in an upset over Dotty O'Neil from Connecticut.

Unfortunately, several top players on the East coast were unable to play in the Middle Atlantics this year. Judy and Sue Devlin were in England for the All-Englands. Peg Varner stayed in Massachusetts to defend her titles in the Massachusetts State A Tournament, and Patsy Stephens was also unable to come.

However, a tournament of upsets is always interesting and exciting and we had plenty of it.

### Inland Empire Tournament

The Inland Empire Tournament was held at the Washington State Armory and the YMCA in Spokane in February and was sponsored by the Athletic Round Table of Spokane.

The tournament drew entries from Castlegar, Rosslandy, Trail, and Nelson, Canada, as well as Eastern Washington, Whitworth, and Washington State Colleges. A strong group came from Seattle, and the nearby local, making seventy-five entries in all. The entry was expected to be larger but bad weather a couple of days before the tournament slowed down entries. Gus Cozza opened his home to the contestants after the tournament.

The Athletic Round Table has hopes of making a bid for the National Badminton Tournament in Spokane in the near future (possibly 1957) after considering the great interest in badminton here. The city has just finished the show place of the Inland Empire in a new coliseum, and is hoping to show it off to the

rest of the world by bidding for a National Tournament.

*Results:* M.S.—Jack Harvey def. Frank Gaylord, 15-2, 7-15, 15-4. L.S.—Marge (Gieldseth) Gould def. Donna Connolly, 11-3, 7-11, 11-0. M.D.—Deacon-Harvey def. Andersen-Mahnkey, 15-7, 10-15, 18-13. L.D.—Bushell-Gould def. Mallory-Connolly, 15-10, 15-8. Mx.D.—Gould Mahnkey def. Andersen-Bell, 17-14, 15-10. Vet.D.—Bell-Mahnkey def. Corrin-Show-acre, 10-15, 15-12.

Newly elected officers of the Washington State Badminton Association are: Carl Andersen, Seattle, President; Bob Deacon, Bellevue, Vice President; Donna Connolly, Seattle, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Delaware State Jr. Championships

Fifty-two Juniors competed in the second annual Delaware State Championships sponsored by the Recreation Department of the Wilmington Park Board.

*Results:* In the under 13 division Patsy Hitchens def. Lee Daughtridge, 4-11, 11-2, 11-8, for the girls' singles title. Boys' singles—Richard Cussler def. Sam Gawthrop 15-1, 15-2. Girls' doubles, Nina Voster-Patsy Hitchens def. Anne Canby-Lynn Morgan, 15-6, 15-3. Boys' doubles, Richard Cussler-Hawhy Pollard def. Stephen Pollock-Jack Lockwood, 15-12, 15-10.

18 and under—Sandy Loving def. Peggy Lindsay, 11-7, 11-2, in the girls' singles. Boys' singles, Fred Roland def. Edward Cussler, Jr., 15-9, 15-0. Girls' doubles, Sandy Loving-Karen Krieger def. Peggy Lindsay-Betsy Henry, 15-5, 15-11. Boys' doubles, Fred Roland-Gail Belden def. Richard and Edward Cussler, 15-9, 9-15, 15-13.

# ... to Coast

## Glendale Has Waiting Lines

Definitions: (according to Webster)  
Referee—an umpire.

Umpire—a third party to whom a dispute is referred for settlement; one chosen to see that the rules of games, etc., are observed.

Volunteer—one who enters into any service of his/her own free will.

Call them what you will, referee or umpire, either way it would do your heart good to sit at the desk of a Glendale Badminton Tournament and listen to the number of players who VOLUNTEER to referee or umpire. At the 10th Annual "C" Tournament held the last of April there was actually a waiting line of umpires, not once but three times. Your editor, who has worked on many tournaments in Southern California, would not have believed this if she had not been working at the desk. With only two exceptions every player did his share of umpiring. With 250 event entries it took a lot of umpires and the committee wishes to thank the players for their wonderful cooperation. We have always had an easy time getting umpires but to have waiting lines!!!

As usual the tournament went off in grand style, a lot of fun, and a lot of good food.

The new event, "Ladies' Veterans Doubles," had a small entry, but will build up in a short time and become as popular as the Mixed Veterans' event.

Defending champions of the mixed veterans' doubles, Roy Lockwood and Thelma Welcome, lost their title to Tom Carter and Elsie VanHeil in a hard fought three-game battle.

*Results:* L.S.—Evelyn Simms def. Virginia Greene, 4-11, 11-3, 9-7 default. M.S.—Bob Gordon def. Don Paup, 14-17, 15-12, 15-5. L.D.—Simms and Jannen Winton def. Joyce Paschall-Betty Landy, 15-6, 15-3. M.D.—Gordon-Bob McMurray def. Paup-Ted Ebenkamp, 15-8, 17-18, 15-8. Mx.D.—George Pajares-Daphne Carter def. Gordon-Mae Carr, 15-9, 15-0. L.Vets.—Betty Bean-Marguerite Miller def. Elsie Van Heil-Babe Pajares, 15-2, 15-0. Mx. Vets.—Tom Carter-Van Heil def. Roy Lockwood-Thelma Welcome, 15-7, 12-15, 6-15.

Develop a good tournament temperament. Do not let the umpire, the linesman or the antics of your opponent upset you. Above all, don't go on the court already beaten. Even if he is a better player, your opponent can have an "off day."

## 14th Annual S.B.A. Tournament



Left to Right: Rufus Eichelberger, Stan Sangdahl, Elma Roane, Martha Bass.

### Southern Badminton Association

The 14th Annual Tournament of the S.B.A. was held at the Shades Valley High School in Birmingham, Alabama, during March. Seventy-five players participated and the new event, "Veterans' Mixed Doubles," was a huge success. Seven teams entered the event. The only defending champions able to keep their titles were the ladies' doubles team.

The first champion to fall was Martha Bass of Chattanooga, who had held the ladies' singles crown for six successive years. Martha was beaten by Elma Roane of Memphis, 3-11, 11-1, 11-3. Stan Sangdahl of Birmingham won the men's singles title by defeating Rufus Eichelberger, 15-13, 15-5.

Elma Roane teamed with her sister, Virginia Anderson, to win the ladies' doubles from Martha and Martelia Bell of Birmingham, 10-15, 15-2, 15-13. Ruf teamed with Rick Hoppe to beat Bob Love and Earl Pate of Memphis, 15-13, 15-10, to win the men's doubles crown. Bob and Virginia teamed to win the mixed doubles from Rick and Elma in an exciting match, 15-7, 15-12.

Cam Mitchell and Ed Patton of Atlanta, for many years one of the top

men's doubles teams, were eligible for veterans' doubles for the first time and won this event from Bill Rocker and Allen McGhee, also from Atlanta, 15-6, 15-5. In the hotly contested veterans' mixed doubles event Ben Spears and Virginia Anderson won out over Len and Dot Dobson of Atlantic, 9-15, 15-2, 15-10.

The team trophy was won by the Memphis team.

William O. Bullock was elected president of the S.B.A. and Memphis, Tenn., was chosen as the site of next year's tournament.

### Minnesota

The Minnesota District Junior Badminton Tournament was held in March at the University of Minnesota. There were 280 event entries, the largest in the history of the tournament. Mrs. Helen McLeod and Maury Ostrander were in charge of entries.

*Results:* Class A—G.S.—Ramona Gunner def. Marcia Dotson, 11-4, 12-9; G.D.—Ramona Gunner-Marcia Dotson def. Jinny Gubbard-Marian Meagher, 15-10, 15-8. B.S.—Larry Leider def. Jim Olson, 15-5, 15-6. B.D.—Larry Leider-Jim Olson def. Marty Peterson-Jim Kinsel, 15-4, 15-13. Mx.D.—Marsha Dotson def. Jinny Hubbard-Jim Olson, 15-4, 15-8.

# From the MAIL BAG . . .

## An Open Letter to Wynn Rogers

Dear Wynn:

A very great and wise man once said, "God must have loved the common people — He made so many of them."

I am sure that Honest Abe won't mind if I apply his epigram to badminton. Certainly the number of "B" players in badminton far outnumber the "A" players. It is they who form the background of badminton. It is from their ranks that the champions of the future will come. The type of player who deliberately chooses to remain a "B" player to cop the attractive trophies that may be offered, certainly is not the type of player who would become a champion or top player. In any case, he or she wouldn't win very many such trophies before being placed in the "A" division by an alert ranking committee or tournament draw committee. It is true that in a few cases the club putting on the tournament has provided outstanding "B" trophies. However, when one is a guest, one does not question the generosity of one's host. Certainly in our recent Southern California Open Tournament no one, yourself included, questioned the intrinsic value of the "A" trophies, while we still managed to give to the "B" flight finalists adequate rewards. When "B" flight players frequently outnumber the "A" flight group two to one it certainly is not out of line to provide suitable trophies.

It is true that the champions provide the lustre and the drawing power of any sport. It is also true that it is necessary that the vast majority who love the game but cannot be champions provide the backing necessary for the success of any sport. It is still further true that proper publicity is essential. No one knows better than I the uphill battle it is to get the cooperation necessary to do a good job of publicity. However, Wynn, may I point out to you that it is a "B" player like me that has worked hard to get this publicity? Do you realize the many hours of plain hard work, the vast volume of correspondence, the disappointments that come before a ray of light like the fine picture of Joe Alston on the front cover of the March 7 issue of "Sports Illustrated," together with interview, burst forth

to make the many months of preparation worth while? Do you realize that after every California tournament this writer has taken time in the wee sma' hours to get the results to the papers so that champions like you may get their accomplishments duly publicized? Frankly, I fail to see on what possible grounds you can question the backing and the publicity which players in this Association receive.



As a substantial contributor and member of the ABA Patrons' Association I had occasion to see at first hand that many of the "mediocre" players, whose "mediocrity" you decry, were glad to help send our Thomas Cup Team to England and Malaya in 1949. We whole-heartedly rejoiced in their success. Perhaps you are unaware of the fact that when the Southern California Badminton Association assumed the responsibility of putting on the National Tournament in Long Beach it was understood that San Di-

ego would take on the Thomas Cup Tie with Canada. When the boys in San Diego decided they couldn't handle the Tie it was suggested that Pasadena, with three of the members of the team in that area, might want to put it on. It is true that I was approached as to the advisability of trying to sell tickets through the medium of sending a certain number of tickets to each member of the Association. I pointed out that probably a number of willing workers would buy or sell these tickets but that there would be many on whom the effort would be lost. This has been proved on other occasions as you have pointed out in your letter. The Manhattan Beach Badminton Club was approached and they were willing to put on the Tie. However their offer was turned down because it was felt that a sufficient gate to pay expenses could not be had there due to limited space for spectators.

It wasn't so long ago that such top flight players as Joe and Lois Alston, Bill Berry, Ronnie Palmer, Mannie Armendariz, Mike Hartgrove, Jean and Joan Gibbs and Beulah Bymaster, to name but a few, were playing "B" flight. It was the encouragement given these "B" players that led to their ultimate success in "A" flight competition. As long as this healthy advancement continues I am afraid I cannot accept your point of view and will continue to do everything in my power to encourage "B" players to enter tournaments and to enable them to go through this testing ground to that upper strata where they may be worthy to join the ranks of such champions as Wynn Rogers, Dave Freeman, Joe Alston, Marten Mendez, Lois Alston, Thelma Welcome and so forth. To this worthy purpose I dedicate my efforts in behalf of the advancement of badminton on a local, national and international scale.

Sincerely,  
JACK VAN PRAAG  
President,  
Southern Calif. Badminton Assn.

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Don't be constantly looking for someone better than yourself to play. You have much more time to practice your strokes and analyze your game by playing someone not as good as yourself.



Dear Marguerite:

Your mail-bag of March-April issue of "Bird Chatter" certainly contained "meat," and I would like to make some comments on two letters contained therein.

In the first of these, Wynn Rogers appears to have quite a point in regard to the promotion of the Thomas Cup Tie, and it is unfortunate that the A.B.A. were unable to find a suitable site equipped with the promotion and backing that was necessary. However, Wynn, by his remarks, seems to have forgotten that individuals, including a large percentage of "B," "C" and non-players, were responsible through the Patrons' Association for his, and the whole team's opportunity to go to England in 1949, and Malaya in 1952.

His assumption that the "B" players are "content to play in their own backyard and let the game go to pot," displays a very intolerant attitude toward "B" players. Subjected to this attitude, one could hardly expect the respect, support or financial aid from the large group of "B" players, who after all, represent the backbone of practically all clubs.

The intimation also, that "our association being essentially a "B group" seems to have very little significance since some of the most valuable active members are novice players without rank.

In regard to Wynn's comments on trophies, I am frankly flabbergasted! To quote: "One can't help wonder when many 'B' trophies these days are as good or better than the Champions, it's no wonder that promising players prefer to stay in 'B.' Why become a champion when you can get just as good a trophy by beating first round losers. The whole psychology is wrong."

My comment here is that the whole psychology of the above quote is wrong. In the first place, a trophy is merely a symbol of a certain measure of success, although its sentimental value is priceless. However, its intrinsic value is no more than the entry fee and a few minor attendant expenses of playing in a tournament, and the player who prefers to remain in "B" for the purpose of acquiring a trophy hasn't the makings of a real champion from the beginning. I believe this type to be so much in the minority as to be discounted.

In answer to (quote) "Since when does our way of life put the emphasis on mediocrity?" (end quote). I venture to say that the really success way

of life is tempered with moderation in things, and any game is comparable to our daily living in which we encounter under all circumstances, many different ideas, ideals and attitudes.

A champion is made of no better clay than the player who merely seeks recreation and sociability with fellow club members, and although the growth of any sport does depend largely on the popularity of our champions, is it not up to these champions to promote their own interests by giving of themselves, their ability to help lesser players, and their respect rather than derision for those always in the shadow of the champion?

I do not believe that the inability of the A.B.A. to hold the Thomas Cup Tie in the U.S. this year was due to (quote) "the bucking, and not the backing, of the vast majority of players who love the game but cannot become champions" (end quote). I do believe that we who love the game make the most of a situation as it arises, accept disappointments, inaccuracies and inconveniences as gracefully as possible, and throw off the "chip on our shoulder" before it becomes a chronic "pain in the neck."

We know that badminton has a "long row to hoe" to become a major sport, but meanwhile a few champions are reaping a harvest of opportunities, made possible by the large number of mediocre players. I might add, the champions of 1955 have a good deal more of such fine opportunities and financial support than had the champions of 1935, and after all, there have been champions of badminton since the turn of the century.

Perhaps we should all remember that although playing the game is fun, working at its organization causes many headaches, and as yet such work has not found its place on the books of any employment agency! On the contrary, many of these voluntary workers experience considerable personal - fund - deficiency. Why then, should the novice be expected to bear all of these headaches as a "duty" to the champion who *must* be promoted to maintain that status? National representation is truly an honor, but in the vernacular "let us not get carried away!"

Let us remember, badminton is a GAME; to do our best to help it and refrain from criticism of those who are diligent and selfless enough to organize our associations and devote valuable hours in their efforts to support and develop the game. Our sincere thanks and appreciation are

the least any one of us can offer.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who have kept badminton alive and thus enabled me to continue the recreation which has meant so much to me.

Thelma Kingsbury Welcome

Dear Editor:

I read the letter in the last issue of Bird Chatter by Mr. Lee Koopsen of the Kalamazoo Badminton Club with a great deal of interest. He is wondering as to "the merits of badminton in the development of the tennis player." There is no doubt in my mind but that badminton *does* help certain parts of a person's tennis game—footwork, serve, overhead smash, volley and general fitness and condition. It requires quicker footwork and reflexes for badminton, and any player could profit by being faster around the tennis court. The stroking of the overhead shots is very similar. Meeting the shuttle is very much like meeting the ball in the volley. The type of running and endurance in badminton is somewhat different but definitely of value to the tennis game. It seems to me that each game complements the other greatly in these various aspects.

The question as to whether or not a person should play tennis *and* badminton depends on the weather and the extent to which a player wishes to pursue either sport. If the winter season is such that tennis is impossible, then badminton is undoubtedly the best sport to be played. If there are tennis courts available, and not badminton courts, then tennis is the better game to be played until a badminton court can be found. The only objection to playing both games (if a person wishes to be tops in either) is the matter of TIME. It would take all of one's leisure time to practice and compete in one of the games at championship level. This problem does not apply to a large number of people, so the objection is minor. There are those who play tennis and badminton at the same time and not especially by season. This seems very difficult to me, and not advisable since the person would not be giving or getting the best of either game. Both sports are such fine games, it would be difficult to say which has more values, or which is the better game. I think most players would learn much by playing both sports.

Margaret Varner,  
The University Club of Boston

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## SOME (NORTH) AMERICANS IN ENGLAND

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were scheduled to begin and staying to the bitter end.

By Tuesday afternoon we were back in London having seen some of the countryside between Sheffield and London—much of it flat which surprised me, as I had the misconception that all England was hilly. One day of rest and then the All-England championships.

Some of us stayed at the Eccleston Hotel, where we met up with Margaret Varner. The hotel was comfortable and very conveniently located near Victoria Station so that we could easily make our daily jaunt to Empress Hall via the underground. We could really use that underground by the time we left England. Using our racket bags as battering rams it's surprising what good time one can make through crowds!

The Empress Hall, where the All-England has been held for the last several years, is an ice rink during most of the winter. As a matter of fact we followed an ice show by four days. When filled to capacity the oval-shaped hall holds 11,000 people, though 8,000 seem to fill it well enough. Five courts, again of the green plastic, were laid side by side the length of the oval, each completely surrounded by green canvas about one foot high. For every match played there are a dozen officials—ten linesmen, an umpire and a scorer operating the official scoreboard. By the final day, when only one court was left on the floor, from the stands one gets the feeling of looking down from a great height at a doll-sized court standing in solitary splendour. About 500 spectators watched the opening rounds on Wednesday afternoon and evening. By Thursday the figure was up to about 1,000. The semi-finals on Friday night attracted close to 6,000 while the final afternoon boasted 8,000 badminton enthusiasts. And this even with the televising of two hours of play, along with the running of the Grand National Steeplechase and the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race. Oh, for such interest this side of the Atlantic!

There was great interest over the appearance of Thelma Welcome once more in the All-England. She had held the singles title in 1932, '34, '36, and '37, had won the doubles from '33 to '36 and had been mixed doubles champion with Ian Maconachie in '37.

Thelma again played doubles with her former partners, Mrs. Henderson and Mr. Maconachie, both of whom had been going through a period of rigorous training to keep up with an ever-fit Thelma! Sad to relate, she was unable to repeat her previous victories.

Jean Waring, the 17 year old Canadian National champion, showed up well in her first All-England, beating Thelma in three close games in the first round, winning her second round and then losing to Iris Cooley, England's No. 1, in a very good three-game match. I battled my way past Elizabeth Nichols, England's No. 3, and a member of the English team which toured South Africa in 1953. After a second round win I went out to Marg Shedd of Canada, who then lost to Judy in the semi-finals. Margaret Varner beat Tonny Ahm of Denmark, the All-England champion in 1950 and '52, Iris Cooley in the semis and Judy in the finals.

In the men's singles, Eddy Choong had little difficulty in reaching the final round, while Wong Peng Soon had a 17-14 game with Hammergaard Hansen in the quarters and an 18-13 game with Glans in the semis. The first game of the finals produced the best badminton that I have ever seen. Wong Peng Soon hit shots that I have seen only one other man ever hit. Eddie played his best, but was unable to cope with this 37 year old genius. By the middle of the second game Wong's age began to tell, even though he had done little running compared to Eddy. After some marvelous shots Eddy pulled out of the second game, only to lose the third to a determined Wong, winning his fourth All-England title.

The ladies' doubles was a toss-up. Margaret Varner and Marg Shedd lost to Iris Cooley and June White, Margaret's and Judy's traveling companions on the tour to the Far East last Fall. Margaret and Marg did not show the teamwork and sharpness that they had in Boston in February. Judy and I beat Kirsten Thorndahl and Tonny Ahm, winners in 1947, '48, '50 and '51, to get to the finals. The finals did not produce the best ladies' doubles. As one spectator was heard to say, "This looks like a poor club match and not like a world championship." June White played the best of the four, as Judy and I lost our title to the 1953 winners in three games. In contrast to the ladies' the men's doubles was excellent. The Choongs are both small men, while both Finn

Kobbero and Hammergaard Hansen are over 6 feet and towered above their opponents. The match produced some fine smashing, especially by the Danes, and showed great interception by Finn who cut off any shot that was not deep and returned it with sharpness and deception. Both boys were popular champions and deserved to win.

The mixed doubles again brought Finn and David on to the court, Finn playing with Kirsten and David with June White, the 1953 winners. Finn reached the finals last year playing with Mrs. I. B. A. Hansen of Denmark. Again new champions were crowned, Finn and Kirsten winning the last match of the day. Except for the men's doubles, all the 1954 champions were back to defend, all but the mixed doubles winners reached the final round, but no champion successfully defended his title.

As always happens after the finals, we were invited to a very delightful dinner and dance, held this year at the Criterion Restaurant, and run expertly by the U.S. Representative to the I.B.F., Mr. Humphrey Chilton and his sister, Mrs. Maurice Kitton. The ballroom looks out over the famous neon lights of Piccadilly Circus.

Sunday morning found us very much the worse for wear. Marg Shedd was voiceless and I was limping badly. Margaret, Judy and I were taken to the Air-terminal by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scheele (Mr. Scheele is the competent Secretary of the Badminton Association of England) who wished us well on our journey home. Little did we all guess that we would be spending thirteen hours in Nova Scotia before reaching New York. Nothing like sightseeing on Cape Breton Island in March!

Our stay in England was wonderful, thanks to the kindness of the badminton folks over there. It is a marvelous opportunity to get to know the players of other countries and to discover how much we all have in common. I hope we can get some of the European players over here next year to show them what America is like and I hope, too, that some of us may go back to England to try to prove our worth again.

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Left to Right: Win Way, Dee Degroot, Starkie Swenson, Hy Hoffman, Wally Seims.

Marge Day and Lois Swenson were appointed to sell subscriptions to *Bird Chatter* at the Wisconsin State Badminton Tournament. Marge and Lois were very successful in their selling and sent TEN new subscriptions. Another highly successful committee was the publicity committee. Releases appeared in the Milwaukee Journal and Sentinel, and the two Madison papers, the Capital Times and the Wisconsin State Journal, in addition to the many papers in the Fox River Valley.

The State Tournament was a big success, thanks to Starkie Swenson, in fact, many contestants say it was just about the best tournament in the history of the State Badminton Association. There were more entries, more events, more trophies and more spectators than any previous tournament in Wisconsin.

Badminton is in a healthy state in Wisconsin; they have had several new clubs start in the past couple of years on a strictly informal basis and the WBA hopes to have them as Association members soon.

The Association voted to give strong consideration both to a junior program and a possible tournament, as well as a State Open Tournament next year. Even though the Association is small plans for the future are large.

*Results:* L.S.—Doris Rather (Green Bay) def. Dorothy Sommerfeld (Racine), 11-2, 3-11, 11-6. M.S.—Norm Derringer (Racine) def. Jim Wanek (West Allis), 15-9, 6-17, 15-3. L.D.—Ellen Wehrle-Gert Dahlquist (Racine) def. Lillian Foote-Irene Gollish (West Allis), 15-11, 15-5. M.D.—Jim Wanek-Dean Foote (West Allis) def. Starkie Swenson-Win Day (Neenah), 15-11, 15-5. Mx.D.—Foote-Gollish def. Derringer-Sommerfeld, 6-15, 15-4, 15-8.

### California

The 20th Annual California Open Badminton Championships were wide open this year for the first time in many years, giving the better-than-average "A" player a chance at the titles. Of *nineteen nationally ranked* players living in California only one entered the State tourney. The ladies' singles title went to Carlene Hester, 18 year old, from Pasadena. Don Davis, of Washington, won the men's singles crown.

Davis defeated Martin Semple (Canada), 18-13, 15-12; Hester defeated Thelma Burdick (Chicago), 11-3, 11-6. Hester teamed with Jean Pons, Pasadena, to defeat Janet Wright and Doris Martin of San Francisco, 15-11, 15-7. In the men's doubles, Noel Fehm and Harry Quinn (Conn. champions), downed Bruce McCurdy and Chuck Bishop, Oakland, 15-7, 15-12. Martin and Davis won the mixed doubles title by defeating Burdick and Semple, 15-13, 15-10. Louis Rulison, Pasadena, and Howard Holman, Fresno, defeated Hap Burdick and John Franczak of Chicago in the Veterans' doubles event.

Married, April 16, were Norma Berger and Bob Taylor of Chicago Badminton Club.

Warm up before a match by clearing again and again—fancy flourishes, etc., are of no use at all.

Hit the shuttlecock cleanly and crisply—don't try to cut or slice it.

Dear Marguerite:

The letter of Mr. Lee Koopsen in your March-April issue of "Bird Chatter" I hope will bring forth many letters of discussion on the merits of badminton in the development of the tennis player.

We have considerable proof that badminton is not lethal to the tennis player when we can give as examples, Dave Freeman, Judy Devlin, Margaret Varner and Ethel Marshall, as being tennis players of recognized ability.

I believe that any one person would experience difficulty in perfecting both games, as was my own case, merely from lack of opportunity, since this would necessitate twelve months a year of freedom, training and finances! However, the question of whether badminton would be better for the tennis player than no tennis or badminton during the winter months, my own experience prompts me to answer a very positive YES! Both games require coordination, court strategy, timing and concentration. The latter is, in my opinion, the secret of being able to combine both games to advantage. The tennis player who plays badminton will think faster, move faster, and by concentration will develop faster reactions which are essential in badminton.

For the player who is fortunate enough to have both games accessible at all times, the change from one to another is not noticeable, but when played strictly seasonally, several sessions of play are necessary to regain touch and familiarity with one's game when the change from one to the other is made. I will be very interested to hear other opinions on this matter as I have tried to convince many a prospective badminton player!

Thelma K. Welcome

### Maryland State Junior Championships

Winners in the Under-13 years were Lyn Schmeiser and Ned Nichol-sen. Under-15, girls' singles, Linda Windsor; boys' singles, Dan Rudy. Under-18 winner in the girls' singles was McGregor Stewart and in boys' singles, Bobby Steinwald. Girls' doubles, Jay Tischinger and McGregor Stewart won; boys' doubles, Bunny Talley and Bobby Steinwald; and winners in mixed doubles were Jay Tischinger and Bunny Talley.

Working on the committee were Ed Schmeiser, Norman Windsor, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ball.

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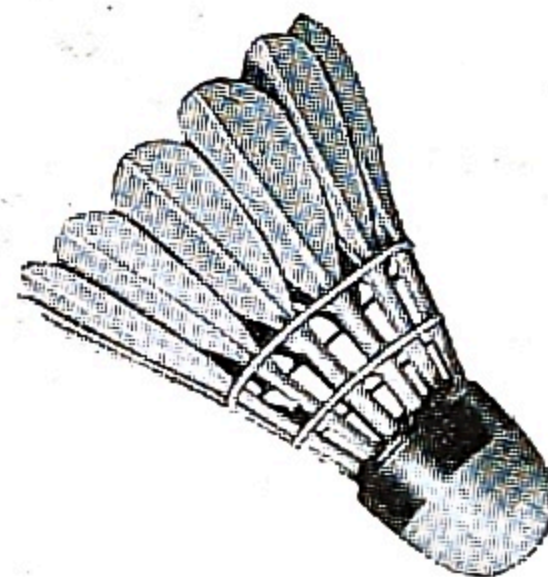
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