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Uber Cup Squad Tryouts

The Uber Cup Committee conducted tryouts for the Uber Cup Squad on Friday and Saturday afternoons, during the week of the National Open Badminton Championships in Philadelphia.

It was gratifying to the committee to see the interest shown by the number of spectators that attended these tryouts.

Every member Association was asked to recommend players from their area, who, in their opinion, warranted consideration in these tryouts. All recommendations received were considered by the committee, and such players were invited to participate.

Three teams were considered as measuring sticks in the schedule of play. These teams were: Judy and Sue Devlin, Ethel Marshall and Beatrice Massman, and Thelma Burdick and Eleanore Coombs. The first two for their National Rankings and the latter for being an established

team of long standing plus being the Midwest Champions.

The first two teams played together against other possible strong combinations and also split up and each played with another player. These matches pointed out the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of top notch players, while giving the east, west, and midwest an opportunity to show a comparison of ability playing both with, and against, each other.

Some young players who have shown great promise were also invited to try out. Comments made by the umpires of these matches, plus spectators and the committee were recorded.

The same system of playing various players in different parts of the country was used in the singles play.

The players who participated were: Lois Alston, Thelma Burdick, Buelah Bymaster, Lee Chadbourne, Eleanore

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RANKING 1955-56

The committee has agreed and it has been approved by the Executive Committee of the A.B.A. that rankings of 1955-56 period will be in accordance with the special report on rankings issued last year and that may be found in the minutes of the meeting at Long Beach. There will be exceptions, however, in Section 2, entitled Technical, paragraph number one, the compulsory provision of three major open tournaments will be waived, although the spirit of it will be retained. The committee has agreed not to use numerical calculations, as they felt that they were misleading. Paragraph number four, under the above section will be eliminated.

The majority of the ranking committee met at the Nationals in Philadelphia and discussed tentative rankings. Procedures for the Ranking Committee will be found in the May-June, 1955, issue of Bird Chatter, Volume 14, No. 4, Page 20.

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Valedictum Praesidentis

The following attempts to highlight for the information of the members of the American Badminton Association and other readers of "Bird Chatter" some of the progress made during the past season toward our desired goal to bring badminton to the position in the United States sports world which it so richly deserves. Too few of those engaged in one or more of the activities of the Association realize what a large number of other activities are also engaged in by the Association in addition to their particular interest. More than twenty important fields of different activities are summarized in this report, in each case as briefly as is consistent with giving to the readers some idea of the particular topic. It is of course impossible to list in this report the large number of names of those who have been outstanding "badminton boosters" in different ways. Failure to mention others than the approximately twenty persons named below is not due to lack of appreciation for all that they have done, but is due solely to lack of space.

1. *Junior Activities Program.* The future of badminton in this country, of course, depends upon building up the enthusiasm of the younger generation who will provide the players for the years to come. The foundation has now been laid by the Junior Activities Committee (which this past season has been chairmaned by Naomi and Bill Bender) for more detailed regional supervision and assistance by the Association in the several principal geographical areas in the United States through a Regional Sub-committee system. Also, due to the efforts of Dick Slauer, Junior competition at an international level has been expanded by the resumption this Spring, at Toronto, of the Eastern United States-Canada Junior Matches (in addition to the United States-Midwestern Canada Matches, which have for several years been arranged by Helen McLeod, and which were held this year at Indianapolis). Each of the members of the Association should give his wholehearted support of this vital work, with special emphasis upon obtaining the local "badminton boosters" essential for the carrying on of Junior badminton clinics in his own neighborhood. Also in this general connection, it is hoped that the newly established Kenneth Davidson Memorial Development Fund will (through contri-

butions made to it by players and others desiring to assist in the promotion of badminton at the Junior level) grow from its present modest size to a more adequate amount for doing an effective job. Nothing lay closer to Ken Davidson's heart than Junior activities. The receipt by the association at its annual meeting of two enthusiastic bids for next year's Junior National Championship Tournament from widely separated sections of the country shows a healthy interest in Junior development.

2. *Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Program.* There is an urgent need for increased playing interest in the 19 to 25 year age level group, which in previous years has constituted to a large extent a "lost age" for us in badminton. This lies at the foundation of any real expansion of badminton. If we could only in some way establish badminton as a recognized intercollegiate sport in this country, as is the case with tennis, what a difference it would make! For this reason, a special effort has been made to promote interest in badminton among college students by holding intercollegiate tournaments. This last year, in addition to holding at Tufts College the second New England Intercollegiate Tournament, two other intercollegiate tournaments were arranged by the committee headed by Margaret Varner—one in the Midwest and the other in the Southwest. Definite plans for intercollegiate tournaments next year in other areas have been made by the committee. Here again, each of the members of the Association should give wholehearted support to this vital work, to the end that we will have in as many colleges as pos-

sible the "badminton boosters" needed to promote badminton in their respective physical education departments. A program still exists as to how physical education schools can be convinced that greater attention should be given in their courses to proper badminton instruction.

3. *Increased Membership in the American Badminton Association.* This past season, for the first time in a long period, the trend towards a decrease in the total number of member clubs was reversed. However, a serious problem remains, especially in the Southwestern and Southern areas. As in the case of the Junior Activities Program, the foundation has been laid (in this case by the Membership Committee, chairmaned during the past season by Bucky Gwyn) for regional sub-committees to be set up to give greater direct help by the Association to member clubs at local levels. A new official Rule Book, prepared by a special committee headed by Don Richardson, and containing a fund of valuable information, will soon be published. Among other things, this will specifically call to the reader's attention the benefits resulting from membership in the Association. In addition, there will be supplied to each of the member clubs, free of charge, an instructional wall chart based upon Ken Davidson's book, "Winning Badminton." Special badminton lapel pins, tie clips and cuff links are being made available for purchase through member clubs. Company employee recreational programs, city recreational programs and YMCA groups should provide a fertile field for the finding of "badminton boosters" to promote increased

UBER CUP SQUAD TRYOUTS

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Coombs, Charlotte Decker, Doris DeLord, Judy Devlin, Sue Devlin, Jean Gibbs, Joan Gibbs, Dorothy Hann, Shirley Mans, Ethel Marshall, Beatrice Massman, Dorothy O'Neil, Eleanore Ross, Abbie Rutledge, McGregor Stewart, Helen Tibbetts, Irene Urashi, Margaret Varner, Thelma Welcome.

The committee, consisting of Grace Devlin, Dorothy Hann, Helen Gibson and Roy Jordan, chairman of the Ranking Committee selected a squad of twelve players, namely: Lois Alston, Lee Chadbourne, Charlotte Decker, Judy Devlin, Helen Tibbetts,

Sue Devlin, Ethel Marshall, Beatrice Massman, Dorothy O'Neil, Abbie Rutledge, Margaret Varner and Thelma Welcome. Selection of the squad was based on tryouts, tournament results and scores, rankings, etc.

Players may be added to this squad at any time. The Uber Cup Team will be chosen in January, following a tournament to be held in the midwest, at which time all possible candidates from various sections of the country will have an opportunity to meet.

A complete story and pictures will appear in next issue of Bird Chatter.

badminton play and to organize badminton clubs. Here once more, each of the members of the Association should give whole-hearted support to the vital work of promoting more member clubs. Among other things, this will produce necessary revenue to the Association for use for the benefit of badminton.

4. *Publicity.* Never before have we had a more efficient Publicity Chairman than Jack van Praag. Due largely to his hard work and that of a few others, greater publicity has been given to badminton this last year than ever before, including the publicity incident to the initiation of the Badminton Hall of Fame by the Helms Foundation. Much, however, remains to be done to overcome the reluctance on the part of our magazines and newspapers to give badminton the publicity its deserves. This reluctance has been largely due to ignorance as to what badminton really is, and partly due also to a lack of appreciation on the part of newspapermen as to the substantial number of people in the United States who play the game of badminton. More badminton sets and more badminton rule books were sold this past season in this country than ever before. As in the case of other vital work of the Association, each of the members should give his whole-hearted assistance to aiding the Association's executive officers to line up the "badminton boosters" needed to serve on regional sub-committees for the obtaining of more publicity in his respective region.

5. *"Bird Chatter."* Under the able editorship of Marguerite Miller an outstanding job has been done this past season in the publication of "Bird Chatter." We are greatly indebted to the "Bird Chatter" staff for the tremendous amount of time and effort expended by them. Each member of the Association should do something toward the repayment of this debt. More "badminton boosters" are needed to serve on regional sub-committees to increase the number of "Bird Chatter" subscriptions, and also on regional sub-committees to provide interesting news items to "Bird Chatter."

6. *Organizational Set-up.* A step in the right direction was taken at Philadelphia this year in amending the constitution of the Association, as indicated in the notice of the annual meeting. Additional constructive suggestions by a special study committee headed by Dick Slauer are being considered, and further proposed amend-

ments are in prospect for next year's annual meeting which are hoped will be especially helpful.

7. *Uber Cup.* The official entry by the Association of a team in the Ladies' International Competition, and the raising of a substantial part of the funds needed in connection therewith, are real tributes to Helen Gibson, chairman of the Special Uber Cup Study Committee, and to the women members of the Association. Never before have we had so much enthusiasm among our women players as has been aroused by the participation of our Association in the Uber Cup competition. This is a wonderful thing for badminton in this country, and for our Association. We are confident that the work so well started will be successfully consummated by the permanent Uber Cup Committee soon to be appointed.

8. *Thomas Cup Committee.* Our Thomas Cup team was defeated by Indian at Singapore this last May, but we can be proud of the play in the Thomas Cup matches of all of our players, as I can personally attest through being present at all of the Thomas Cup Ties, both at Winnipeg and in Malaya. The task now faces us of building up a team for the next round of matches in 1958, and the obtaining of such funds as are required for engaging in such competition, without cutting down the moneys sorely needed at home for the promotion of badminton in this country, in addition to the funds raised for the Uber Cup competition. We have had this last year an extremely competent Thomas Cup Committee with Ted Jarrett as Chairman, and we think that the Thomas Cup Committee over the next two years will be able to work out satisfactory solutions to the problems confronting them.

9. *Umpires' Association.* The adoption of a definite set of umpires' rules is the culmination of the efforts of Ralph Mathews, and he has earned the gratitude of all members of the Association. These rules fill a long existing need and provide an additional way in which the Association can be of assistance to local member clubs.

10. *Ranking Rules.* A constructive move has been made by the Ranking Committee, chairmaned by Roy Jordan, which has never been taken before. It is being made clear to all those concerned, through publication in "Bird Chatter," Volume 14, No. 4,

page 20, and Ranking report on page 3, this issue, the basis followed this year by the Ranking Committee in determining its rankings. All of this procedure has been approved by the Executive Committee. The dissemination of such information in this way should help to avoid misunderstandings and feelings of dissatisfaction which have sometimes occurred in the past on the part of persons not on the Ranking Committee.

11. *Amateur Status.* It is hoped that a helpful report as to the revision of the Amateur Status Rules will shortly be made by the special study committee chairmaned by Bob Wright. A compilation of the Amateur Status Rules elsewhere than the United States was prepared for the use of the special committee by Tim Royce, in his usual thorough manner. The promotion of badminton through more widespread adequate instruction throughout the country would probably be better assured by some changes in the existing Amateur Status Rules.

12. *Other Committees.* The work during this past season by all of the nineteen committees of the Association, as well as the outstanding jobs done by Dick Slauer in his capacity as secretary and by Helen Gibson in her capacity as treasurer, is greatly appreciated. Space does not permit a detailed description of what each has done. Committees not already referred to above in this report include the Amateur Status Committee, Bud Warner, Chairman; Handbook Committee, Tim Royce, Chairman; Nominating Committee, Buzz Martin, Chairman; Rule Book Committee, Rufus Beach, Chairman; Rules Committee, Herpel Perkins, Jr., Chairman; Shuttlecock Committee, Dick Mitchell, Chairman; and the Tournament Committee, Jack Hessey, Chairman.

13. *Paid Secretary for the American Badminton Association.* The Association should have a full-time paid secretary in order to utilize more efficiently the experience gained in previous years, and in order to take over numerous details which are now handled with great difficulty by those who already have full-time jobs elsewhere. Such paid secretary would be of great assistance by travelling throughout the country, assisting in connection with badminton clinics in various localities and becoming acquainted with local "badminton boosters" who might not otherwise become known to any of the national officers.

The difficult question exists: How can the financing of such a secretary be handled? One of the principal problems of the Association already is that it does not have sufficient funds to pay for all of the numerous things which it should do for the promotion of badminton in the United States. An attempt is now being made to work out a plan for obtaining the necessary financing through sources outside the Association. It is hoped that something more definite along these lines can be reported during this coming season.

14. *National Championships.* The 1956 Open Amateur Championships held at Philadelphia, under the Chairmanship of Pete Salmon, and the 1956 National Junior Championships held at Detroit, under the Chairmanship of Hans Rogind, both set extremely high standards for succeeding championships to meet. We thank each of the hard working committees in charge of these tournaments for jobs exceptionally well done. The participation in the 1956 Open Amateur Championships of Finn Kobbero and Hammergaard Hansen of Denmark, Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lim of Malaya, and David McTaggart of Canada, as well as other top foreign players, added considerable interest. In addition, the series of exhibitions held before and after the Open Amateur Championships in which some or all of these foreign players took part was very helpful in connection with the general promotion of badminton in the various areas where the exhibitions were held. We are looking forward to the 1957 Open Amateur Championships to be held in Spokane, Washington under the auspices of the Washington State Badminton Association, and the 1957 National Junior Championships to be held in Wilmington, Delaware, under the auspices of the Dilwyne Badminton Club of the Delaware Valley Badminton Association. The plans for each of these 1957 Championships are already far advanced, and both of them promise to be outstanding events. We are also hopeful that the 1958 National Junior Championships will be held in Burbank, California.

15. *South African Tour.* We are exceedingly grateful to the South African Badminton Union for acting this past summer as hosts to our team of three men and three women (captained by Margaret Varner) who completed a successful two months' tour through the Union of South

Africa and Southern Rhodesia, with all expenses being defrayed from New York back to New York by the South African Badminton Union.

16. *Status of Badminton Abroad and in the United States.* It has been my good fortune to become friends in Singapore, London and elsewhere with many badminton players and officials in other parts of the world, and my conviction still remains that badminton occupies a unique position in the world of sports in that it is played with great skill in more parts of the world than any other sport. There is top badminton play in Europe (where the Danes are presently supreme); in Asia (where the top position of the Malaysians is being challenged by the Indonesians, as well as by the Indians); in Africa (where some of our best players recently had such keen competition); and in North America (where badminton is played by each of the countries on this continent). In many other parts of the world the amount of badminton being played is growing rapidly. So far as this country is concerned, badminton can be regarded as still in the state of infancy, with, however, a real possibility of maturing into an outstanding sport here. My final plea as the retiring president of the Association is for enough "badminton boosters" throughout the country to adequately promote the game of badminton and to achieve Ken Davidson's golden dream for badminton in the United States.

17. *New President.* The Association is extremely fortunate to have as its new president such a competent and experienced badminton enthusiast as Claude Welcome. He has for many years been prominent in National and Southern California badminton circles, occupying many responsible posts. I know that I speak on behalf of all of the members of the Association in pledging to him every assistance during his term of office.

CHARLES B. NEWHALL
Retiring President of the American
Badminton Association

Johnny Leib and Buddie Anita Baker of San Diego, California, were married June 11, 1955, at the Mission Hills Congregational Church.

Indiana—The Indiana Open at Purdue U. found kleenex boxes galore—curtsy Marg Werle.

Who was holding Eleanor Coombs' ring when she lost that match?



June 30 - July 8, 1956

With its Spanish heritage, Santa Barbara preserves the charm and quiet dignity of the early days of California . . . truly the period of gracious living. With its fiesta hospitality, historic landmarks, and ideal weather, this city is compactly situated in a valley between sloping mountains and miles of seashore, attracting many travellers, vacationers, and sports lovers. The harbor has for many years been the mecca for sportsmen from the entire Pacific Coast.

Some years ago a group of forward-looking businessmen decided to stage a great event during the coming summer to show the world just what beauty, charm, and recreation facilities the area afforded. It was decided to start with marine sports, and they chose the Spanish for "Marine Week" — SEMANA NAUTICA. That summer was the beginning of one of the most famous of all marine week festivals, featuring sailing and power boats, small dinghys to sleek yachts, competing in an overnight race around Anacapa Island.

The public acceptance of the Semana Nautica was immediate. It was decided to make the event an annual celebration and incorporate it into the patriotic ceremonies held during Independence Day week.

As the years passed, new events were added to the Semana Nautica. The parade, fireworks staged along the beach, and even some land events were included in the sports activities. The addition of new events opened up the remarkable range of sports activities possible in the Santa Barbara area, and visitors began making plans to spend the July 4th week here, either to participate in the sports, or to enjoy them as spectators.

In recent years, the popular Battle of the Flowers has become a special and very colorful feature. The parade of the flower-bedecked boats follows a traditional feature of the European Royal Regattas, held on the French and Italian Riviéras. Sponsored by different Santa Barbara organiza-

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You are cordially invited to participate in the 1956 Semana Nautica Badminton Tournament July 6th, 7th and 8th. This year for the first time we will have "THREE FLIGHTS," or two separate tournaments, an "A" and a "B and C" tournament.

The tournament will be held in the Santa Barbara High School gym and will be played the three days IF the entry warrants it, otherwise play will be on the 7th and 8th only.

For hotel reservations may we suggest you write the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau, 11 East De La Guerra St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

Ben Goetke

MARYLAND

Jack van Praag

Word has just been received from the Maryland Badminton Association and the "Baltimore Sun" that Clinton P. Stevens has been appointed manager of the Towson branch of Alex Brown and Sons, oldest investment banking firm in America.

Clint, a graduate of City College of New York, is a major in the United States Army Reserve and served during World War II in the Pacific and later in Korea with the Far East Command.

However, to badminton fans all over the country, Clint is better

known as a former United States and All-England champion. In both cases his partner was his very charming wife, Patsy. Patsy, incidentally, is the daughter of Frank Roberts, well known sporting goods dealer, who originally put over badminton in Baltimore some years ago.

Clint is also a former Thomas Cup member playing on the United States 1948-49 team. It was while he was in England for the Thomas Cup Tie with Malaya that he and Patsy won the All-England title. They won the U.S. National title at Waco, Texas, in 1948.

INDIANA

Results of Indiana Open Tournament held at Purdue University: L.S.—Abbie Rutledge def. Thelma Burdick, 11-1, 11-0. M.S.—Ted Mochlman def. Molinar, 15-1, 15-10. L.D.—Burdick-Coombs def. Rutledge-Newman, 15-13, 15-10. M.D.—Mochlman-Boston def. Hoppe-Eickelberger, 15-12, 15-11. Mx.D.—Connor-Anderson def. Rutledge-Mochlman, 15-7, 15-6. Vet.D.—Aderholt-Perkins def. Tiberi-Franczak, 15-7, 15-10.

CONNECTICUT

Results Connecticut State (Closed). L.S.—Dorothy O'Neil def. Judy Seitz, 11-6, 11-7; Noel Felm def. Louis Smith, 15-5, 15-4. L.D.—Gibson-Bergman def. O'Neil-Emeneger, 15-3, 15-7. M.D.—Beattie-Felm def. Kost-Lougheed, 12-15, 18-17, 18-16. Mx.D.—Gibson-Felm def. Berman-Lougheed, 15-4, 15-5. Vet.D.—Beattie-Lougheed def. Lockwood-Davenport, 15-7, 13-18, 15-5. Vet.Mx.D.—Bergman-Lougheed def. Gibson-Parahus, 18-13, 15-4.

1956 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jack van Praag

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Another United States Open Amateur Badminton Championship Tournament has gone down into history with the astonishing result of seeing all six national titles change hands. A large crowd braved the snow to watch the record breaking turnover of titles at St. Joseph's College Alumni Field House in Philadelphia on Saturday April 7th.

Spicing the star studded field were the foreign stars Finn Kobbero and J. Hammergaard Hansen from Denmark, and Ong Poh Lim and Ooi Teik Hock from Malaya. Mexico's many times champion, Ernesto Villareal, and Canada's David McTaggart, Jean Miller, Jean Waring, and Joan Warren, were also competitors.

Starting the fireworks in the opening event, the ladies' singles, Judy Devlin of Baltimore, the 1954 champion immediately served notice that she meant to regain her crown from the titleholder, Margaret Varner, of Boston, by running up a lead of 10-4. However, Margaret showed the stuff of which champions are made by fighting her way back point by point to tie the score at 10 all. Judy was not to be denied in her determination to lift the title. Drawing her opponent from position and passing her with an overhead shot, Judy gained the necessary point to win the first game 12-10.

In the second game Margaret led early in the game at 4-2 and it seemed as though she might succeed in retaining her prized crown but Judy proved to be a little more durable and out-steadied her opponent to set up match-point. It was a great match between two great champions.

A magnificent forty minute match pitted the men's singles titleholder, Joe Alston of California, against Finn Kobbero of Denmark. Tall, lean Kobbero, recent runnerup for the All-England title (won by Eddy Choong) was effortless in his play, always in position, never wasting a step, with smart changes of pace and finely placed overheads. His tremendous backhand smashes, unbelievably accurate, were a sight to behold.

Always on his toes, displaying a wealth of power and deception, Alston then made a dramatic comeback to tie the score at 11 all. However, that was the end of Joe's scoring as Kobbero went on to win the next four points to take the first game 15-11. In the second game Kobbero lead by a



Back Row (left to right): Jack Vaniver, John Cornell, Art Jonas. Front Row: Tom Hamilton, Pat Cornell, Pete Salmon, Julia Salmon, Jann Jonas, Chuck Hickman.

score of 12 to 6, when Alston made two excellent shots to narrow the Dane's lead to 12-8, but that was as far as he could get. Kobbero made three great placement shots to sew up the game and take the men's singles title 15-11, 15-8.

In gaining his way to the finals Joe Alston defeated Hammergaard Hansen 15-8, 9-15, 15-13 in a crowd pleasing 60 minute match. Joe had lost to Hansen in a quarter final match in the All-England held recently.

Probably one of the most interesting matches of the tournament was the 90 minute quarter final duel between Dick Mitchell of California, and Dave McTaggart of Canada, which captured the attention of the crowd and led to almost continual roars and thunderous applause from the gallery. Dick fought every step of the way to win over McTaggart, his very fine opponent from across the border, 9-15, 15-13, 15-13. Dick later lost to Kobbero 15-10, 15-4.

In the third event of the evening, the Buffalo pair of Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman regained the ladies' double title they held in 1952 by ending the three year reign of Judy and Sue Devlin. After getting off to a very slow start with the Devlins

having a 9-0 lead in the first game, Ethel and Bea began to "catch fire" and altho they lost the first game 10-15 they went on to take the next two games 15-7 and 15-10. Fine team work and the sterling play of Miss Marshall, seven times ladies' single title holder, proved to be the determining factor in their fine victory which deprived Judy Devlin from making a grand slam of three titles in this tournament.

As expected the All-foreign men's doubles match proved to be the "piece de resistance" which pitted the Danish pair of Hansen and Kobbero against the popular Malayans, Ong Poh Lim and Ooi Teik Hock. In spite of an injured leg, Ong partnered by Ooi put up a terrific fight to keep the crowd in a constant state of excitement as blinding speed and almost unbelievable returns of apparent "kill" shots on both sides were the rule rather than the exception. However, the Danes prevailed as Kobbero and Hansen went on to win 15-7, 9-15, 15-7.

The defending titleholders, Wynn Rogers and Joe Alston of California were eliminated in the semi-finals by the Danes' 15-7, 15-2.

To pull the "hat-trick" and make a grand slam of three titles, Kobbero partnered by the newly crowned

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ladies' singles champion, Judy Devlin, powered their way over the Buffalo pair of Bobby Williams and Ethel Marshall in a sparkling match by a score of 15-6, 15-11. This was the seventh time that Bobby competed for a national title. As some measure of compensation Bobby and Ethel gained a fine semi-final victory over the defending champions from California, Wynn Rogers and Dottie Hann 18-15, 15-7, 15-11.

The final exchange of titles took place in the Veterans doubles event when Roy Lockwood and Dick Fleming of California did not defend their title. Displaying great power and versatility the Buffalo team of Rupert Mee and Robert Traquair defeated Joe Tiberi of Chicago and Ernesto Vallareal, of Mexico, 15-3, 15-10.

Our hats are off to our fine friends from Copenhagen for their magnificent display of power and brilliant badminton. As the Danes go back to Copenhagen with the lions share of the trophies and titles it is our hope that our own United States players will sharpen their game and regain these titles at Spokane, Washington, next April.

It is impossible to finish this little

informal article without words of praise for the fine manner in which the tournament was conducted.

Everything went smoothly and the many social events were outstanding. The fine hospitality extended by our Philadelphia and Delaware Valley friends will not soon be forgotten. The very fine success of the tournament bespeaks long months of preparations for the tournament and plain hard work. The publicity for the tournament was an outstanding piece of work and was fully and completely covered by Associated Press, United Press, Movietone News and TV. The local papers gave much space to accounts of the results of the tournament.

Since the dangers of sins of omission in singling out names in connection with the outstanding success of this tournament are obvious, because experience teaches that it takes the combined effort of many people to successfully promote a major tournament, we must regretfully forgo the temptation to name names. However, a general salute to all of the fine workers, whose many hours of hard work were so well rewarded. You have set a goal which will be hard to

equal and almost impossible to surpass.

OUR THANKS

Dear Marguerite:

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who helped us in running the Nationals this year in Philadelphia. However, there are a few people who deserve a special thanks and I would like to begin with you, Marguerite. All of us appreciate your cooperation in sending lists, etc., and in your efforts in Bird Chatter to give us good publicity.

We are so grateful to Jack van Praag. His tremendous cooperation and willingness made our job so very much easier. He was constantly in touch with our committee and sent us endless pieces of information and pictures. He never failed to answer us when we called on him for help.

Next, we want to thank Charlie Newhall. It was chiefly through his efforts that we were able to bring over the four foreign players who added such a grand international flavor to the tournament. He also was most willing to guide and help us along the way.

Then we would like to thank

Helen Gibson. She gave us much valuable information and cooperated with us in every way she could.

Also, we want to thank Wayne Schell and Ken Kost for helping us during the tournament and giving their time so generously.

And last, but not least, we are grateful to all the people who helped in any way and particularly those who constantly umpired, refereed and acted as linesmen.

We hope all the contestants, officials, friends, etc., enjoyed the championships as much as we enjoyed having them.

Pat Cornell
Secretary of the 1956
Open Amateur Championships

APRIL IN PHILLY

Helen Tibbetts

Another "U.S. Open" is a matter of record. From the first practice sessions and registration at the Penn Sherwood Hotel, until the last party was over and we crammed our belongings back into the suitcases and went home, the days were filled with all the activities that go to create a memorable week. From now on, this year's tournament will join the statistics referred to as, "Wasn't it at L.A. in '47—?" or, "Now in Boston in 1953—?" or, "Remember in 1956 at Philly—?"

... Peg Varner, Judy and Sue Devlin, Joe and Lois Alston were kept busy throughout the week answering questions about their experiences in England and Scotland.

... Badminton really must be important to the Fehm family. On Easter Sunday, Noel's son was born, and the proud papa came on to Philadelphia anyway, leaving the naming of the baby for later. At the same time, a sick baby girl caused Norma Pritula to miss the trip.

... St. Joseph's provided not only a gym for the tourney, but also a large, enthusiastic student body audience who clapped and cheered the fancy shot artists the first days of play.

... Don Kerr was seen hitting some mighty tricky shots on a free court one afternoon. Having just had an operation on his foot, he was unable to play in the matches. Here's hoping it heals quickly and Don will be an entrant in Spokane.

... The Air Force sent Lt. Jim Poole from Tyndell, Florida, to play in the tournament.

... The introduction of Bird Chatter's granddaughter created quite a stir among the California players.

... At the A.B.A. meeting, without warning, Charlie Newhall called on a number of people to make reports on various activities of the past year. Among these Joe Alston did a fast job of transferring to Dick Mitchell the honor of telling about the Thomas Cup trip. Margaret Varner gave her modest version of the South Africa Tour. Hans Rogind (with his wonderful accent) reported on the Junior Nationals.

... Hammergaard Hansen and Dave McTaggart each gave a short speech of thanks to everyone present on behalf of the foreign players.

... It seems only proper that Charlie Hickman's car (if you can call that immense red Cadillac convertible just "a car") should win some sort of beauty prize. And while we're making awards, if there had been voting for the quietest, most seldom seen player in the tourney, surely Ooi Teik Hock would have won by a landslide!



... Ken Kost and Bob Wright were playing their matches with one bad leg apiece. By time for the Uber Cup singles play on Saturday, Dottie O'Neil was having trouble with both her legs. "Everybody's cousin" Ong Poh Lim, hit himself in the head with his own racket on a smash. Outside of these casualties plus a few people who were hit by flying rackets, the week was quite free of problems and injuries.

... Audiences and players were all surprised by the excellent showing made by Lee Chadbourne. Two major upsets to her credit!

... From the very first appearance on the courts of Finn Kobbero and Hammergaard Hansen with their amazing wrist action, the rest of us seemed to put more thought to backhands.

... Sophie and Wally Holdstein and George Thompson outdid themselves again! This year's party after semis was held at the Cynwyd Country Club and it was a sensation. Beautiful place, good food, and "great" music from a group called the "Mello Tones."

... Speaking of music, is there any instrument that Tom Heden *can't* play?

... With two such gorgeous gals as Mrs. Salmon and Mrs. Vaniver selling admission tickets at the finals, how could there have been anything but a packed house?

... And how about Pete Salmon hustling the left over programs after the last matches! And Don Kerr trying to talk Bird Chatter into buying the programs, filling them out and then selling them to raise money for the cause.

... The presentation of the Ken Davidson Sportsmanship Trophy to Helen Gibson. A surprise to Helen but to no one else. I doubt if anyone has done more hard work for our favorite game. She gets not only our congratulations on the award, but our thanks for deserving it.

... An extra attraction on Saturday night was the snow, which added to the excitement. There was one mishap. All the windows had been left open in the Newhall's suite while they were out. Mary reported she needed a snow-shovel to get back into the room.

... Is there a name for Harry Hackett's style of dancing? "Miss Badminton" doesn't need to name her's! And the way Fernando (alias "Ferdinand," "Chita," and "The Squire") Molinar dances to the Latin American rhythms, he always collects an audience.

... Fred Serafin's trip east must have been very interesting—traveling with all that "blue blood."

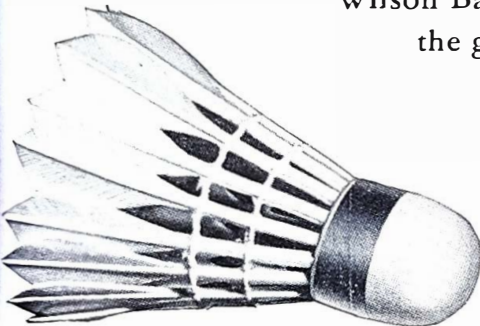
... With a thank you to the entire committee for a wonderful tournament, we can settle down once more to saving enough money, energy, and time to do it all over again next year in Spokane.

Lost—Two excellent badminton players otherwise known as Gertrude Kuehn and Ardith Taylor. Come, come girls out of hiding and back to badminton.

Ohio—Bud Warner is moving all the way out of the state and down to Charletson, W. Virginia.

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National Publicity News

Jack van Praag

National publicity for badminton continues to gain ground. The latest example is the fine action shot of our national ladies' singles champion on page 76 of the March 26th issue of Sports Illustrated. Margaret justified the publicity by winning the All-England title in singles by defeating Judy Devlin 11-8, 11-5. Lois Alston also reached the semi-final round and was eliminated by Margaret Varner 11-6, 11-0. This fine showing by our American ladies places the United States in a commanding position with regards to the Uber Cup competition. It behooves all of us to get behind the Uber Cup Committee drive for funds. Helen Gibson and her committee are doing a tremendous job and deserve all the help they can get.

After his disappointment in the All-England Championships, bowing to Denmark's J. Hammergaard Hansen, 11-15, 18-16, 15-12, Joe Alston came through with a win in the finals of the Scottish International Tournament

over the young Indonesian wizard, Ferry Sonneville, 15-2, 13-15, 15-12.

A very fine action shot of Joe and Lois Alston was featured on the front cover of the February issue of the "Badminton Gazette of England," an excellent 34 page magazine devoted entirely to English and world badminton news. It is the official organ of the Badminton Association of England.

Pat Cornell, the hard working secretary of the National Tournament in Philadelphia, took time out on March 8th to have a baby boy. This on top of running a full time insurance business took some doing. To Pat and her husband, John, we extend our heartiest congratulations.

Information has been provided Sports Illustrated for a story on Uber Cup prospects and potential candidates for the Uber Cup Squad. We hope that by the time this column appears in print S. I. will have run the story.

We learn from our contemporary, The Badminton Gazette, that the Dutch Open Badminton Championships were held at Haarlem on January 7th and 8th. It was a first opportunity for Europeans to see the remarkable Indonesian player, Ferry Sonneville, in action. Sonneville won the singles title handily. On Sunday afternoon a crowd of one thousand Badminton fans were on hand to witness the finals and the entire program, lasting three hours, was televised and relayed throughout Holland and its neighboring countries.

George and Babe Pajares and Ed White were awarded "citations" for their outstanding services rendered to the Park and Recreation Program for youth and adult citizens. Kenny Wattenberger of the Department presented the awards at the Calif. State Tourney in Burbank.

Sue Devlin is heading the "Young Player Committee" for giving help to the just out of the junior ranks and not quite "24" group.

Essential Elements For Better Badminton

Elizabeth Anselm

In teaching badminton, it is of primary importance to emphasize the fact that executing correct form is much simpler than using incorrect form. Also the teacher should demonstrate the correct playing techniques, rather than point out the errors of the pupil. After all, anything is easy if you know how to do it, so attempt to show the student how to do the correct things, this in turn will keep him from doing the wrong things and will put him on the offensive instead of the defensive. It is much easier to concentrate on the "DO's" than the "Don'ts."

(1) Having the correct "handshake" grip, (2) the proper foot work, (3) and keeping the eye on the base of the shuttle are the three more important "MUSTS" for playing better badminton. Let us take each point one step at a time.

(1) **GRIP:** There are two basic grips, forehand and backhand. The correct grip is important in that it will largely determine the flexibility of the wrist and thereby aid the execution of any given stroke. If the racket is held too tightly with all fingers in a clinch grip, it will tense the whole arm and possibly the body, which will hinder the execution of a proper stroke. By loosening the grip slightly of the first and second fingers the wrist and arm can move freely, thereby facilitating a smooth stroke. Evidences of an improper grip are sore wrists or thumbs, blisters or callouses.

(2) **FOOTWORK:** The prime importance of good foot work is to get into position as quickly as possible so there is ample time to make a well-executed stroke. In order to move quickly in any direction it is essential to have one foot slightly ahead of the other and the feet close together as in walking, weight should be distributed on the balls of the feet and the body balanced in such a way that quick starts and stops can be made. The knees should be slightly bent and the body relaxed which helps to produce smooth and fast movement. Owing to the short distance there is to cover on a badminton court, it is seldom how fast you run but how fast you **START** that really counts.

(3) **STROKING:** First and probably the **MOST IMPORTANT**

thing in badminton is to keep the **EYE ON THE BASE OF THE SHUTTLE AT ALL TIMES**; this can't be over-emphasized. Only by doing this can one be assured of a true hit, proper timing and control of the shuttle. The importance of keeping the eye on the base of the shuttle is two-fold. Much too often players watch the shuttle only until just before impact. Many times failure to keep the eye on the shuttle causes mis-hitting. Complete concentration on watching the shuttle until it is hit, together with a well executed strike, produces that crisp sound which is so desirable and noticeable in finished players.

Secondly, **WATCHING THE SHUTTLE WHEN IT LEAVES THE RACKET OF THE OPPONENT** gives the first indication of its speed and direction, therefore al-



lowing one to move immediately into position. So often the first move is not made until the shuttle is crossing the net and that fraction of a second is lost. Watching the opponents racket or body, instead of the shuttle, will allow the opponent to deceive you into moving in the wrong direction, thereby resulting in over-anticipation or unnecessary court coverage.

There are two completely independent factors of speed applying to badminton, the actual speed of moving on

the court and the speed with which the arm goes out to meet the shuttle.

Without going into specific strokes there are certain basic principles which are common to all strokes. At the moment of impact the arm should be straight. This eliminates any variation of the distance between the head of the racket and the shoulder, whereas a bent elbow can change this distance on every stroke. This variation of distance makes it very difficult to attain a true and consistent swing. By reaching for the shuttle, there is greater court coverage with less moving and this in turn keeps one closer to the proper position on the court.

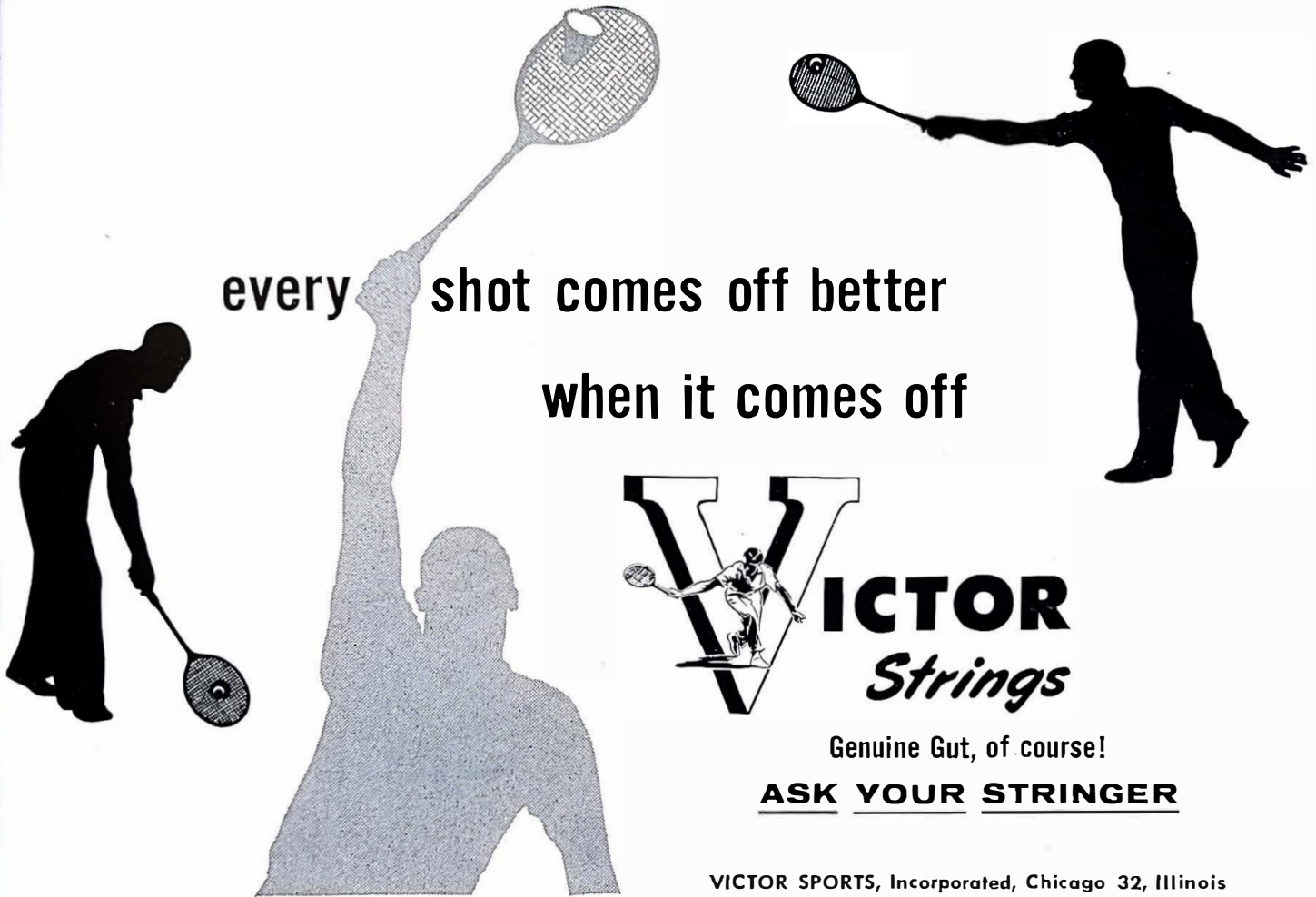
In the course of the swing it is important that the wrist be fully cocked, in other words, the swing is completed. However, it is the uncocking of the wrist that produces a great deal of the power when needed and all of the deception.

It should be remembered that the shuttle should be hit at the earliest possible moment and by so doing the shuttle will be back in the territory of the opponent quicker, thereby shortening the time he has for preparing for his next stroke. Also in overhead strokes you get a steeper angle and because you are taking it nearer and higher than the net, your margin of error is reduced.

The shuttle should always be hit well in front of the body, that is, it should be hit at a point between you and the net. In order to be in this position it is important to go out to meet the shuttle rather than waiting for the shuttle to come to you. In the case of the shuttle going over the head, an immediate start should be made toward the base line so there is ample time to get well behind the shuttle to complete the swing.

Basic "MUSTS": It has often been said that a particular individual has slow reactions, whereas the individual is only slow in starting. And why is the individual slow in starting? It goes right back to the same basic "musts." There are three reasons for a slow start: (1) the **FEET** not being in a proper position for quick movement in any direction, (2) not keeping the **EYE** on the base of the shuttle at point of impact by the opponent so as to know in what direction to start moving, and (3) not having the **RACKET HEAD** up in hitting position.

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Dear Marguerite:

On my return from Philadelphia, several delightful letters awaited me from friends in Africa. I have also received similar letters throughout the season and would like you and your diligent staff to know that "Bird Chatter" has been very graciously received among the enthusiasts in that country.

Am personally very happy to have our little "rag" so warmly received, and will be more than happy to renew my gift subscriptions next season.

Very sincerely,
Thelma K. Welcome

Illinois—Seems Al Sikorski is not only a badminton player but an outstanding athlete in place—or should we say table kicking.

The good luck charms from Patrick County, Virginia, presented to two BC workers were greatly appreciated.

Philly—The odor of "Ben-Gay" heralds the arrival of the "VETS" from the locker room.

A favorite chant during certain veterans matches—"Come on, Joe, get that jacket off!"

There were certain Californians who had some interesting conversation with some very interesting people from Nigeria. Seems that Franco Oglugbake, Secretary, Union of Seamen of Nigeria, will be visiting these same Californians in their home state soon.

Washington—Donna Connolly and Gladys Mallory, with the help of Don Davis, are really on the ball for "Uber Cup"—Raffles, parties and tournaments are just a few of the ways they are raising money for our "GALS."

Somewhere in Ohio (Shaker Heights we think) there is a pretty hot typist or maybe typewriter—anyhow something burnt the carbon paper of some copy for BC.

BALTIMORE Mason-Dixon Open

L.S.—Varner def. Devlin, 11-7, 11-12, 11-8. M.S.—Roche def. Ball, 15-11, 15-6. L.D.—Devlin-Devlin def. Varner-Chadbourne, 15-6, 15-10. M.D.—Stephens-Roche def. Ball-Fehm, 15-13, 15-8. Mx.D.—Gibson-Roche def. Devlin-Ball, 15-7, 18-15.

From Virginia comes word that the recommended badminton "attire" is RED FLANNELS, no less! Seems there is a certain sheriff in Durham, N. C., that keeps things moving in the badminton world in the South.

Paul Wolff and Chuck Hattersley have enjoyed a bit of skiing at Sun Valley recently and Ted Anderson tells the story that the hole in the rear window of his car was done by a ski. Could be!

Lost—One umpire's card—anyone finding please return to Mike Hartgrove.

'Twas nice of the people of Vancouver, Portland, Tacoma and Spokane to support the Washington State Open Tournament.

Junior Nationals In Detroit

The Tenth Annual Junior Badminton Tournament was held in the beautiful new gym at Grosse Pointe High School in Detroit on March 24, 25 and 26th. Sponsored by Michigan Badminton Association and under the management of Hans Rogind the tournament was a huge success with 85 boys and girls entering the two tournaments—18 and under and 15 and under.

It was an easy matter to handle so many event entries with ten courts in the gym. Private housing was furnished for the contestants. There were three hundred and sixty birds used during the three days. Grosse Pointe Badminton Club and MBA furnished silver trophies for the winners and runner-ups.

Special guests were Charley Newhall, ABA president from Boston; George Thompson, of R.S.L., Altoona, Pa.; Walter Holdstein of General Sportcraft, New York, and Irene Gardner, subscription manager of Bird Chatter.

In the 18 and under girl's singles event MacGregor Stewart of Maryland, defeated Norma Slauer of Massachusetts with a score of 12-9, 11-2. In the boy's singles Gary McFarlane defeated Russ Paquette 15-10, 13-15, 15-7.

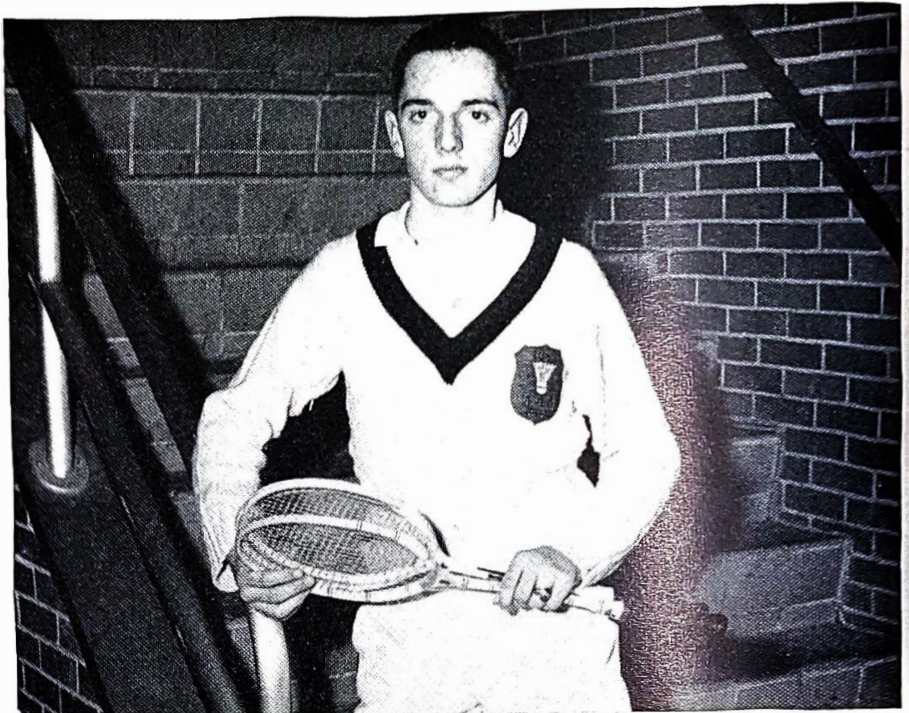
In the boy's doubles Russ teamed with Bill Bryant, of Grosse Pointe, to win the event in the most exciting match of the tournament by defeating Don Paup and Ted Ebenkamp of Long Beach, Calif., 15-3, 15-17, 15-7.

Bryant then teamed with Marcia Dotson of Minnesota to win the mixed doubles from the newly crowned single champions Gary McFarlane and MacGregor Stewart 15-10, 15-2.

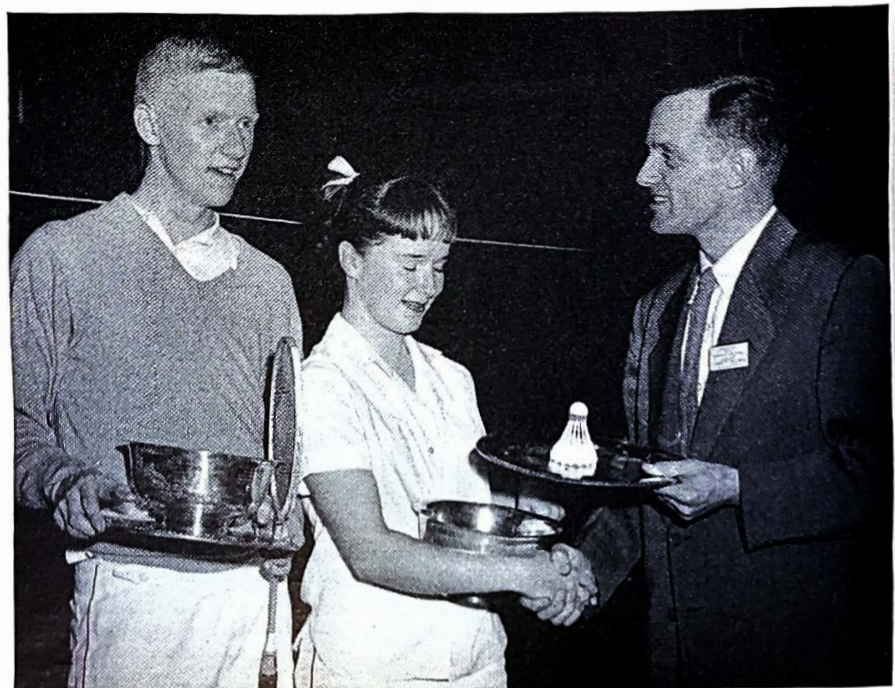
In the girl's doubles Norma Slauer teamed with MacGregor to defeat Marcia Dotson and Babs Prince of Pennsylvania 15-11, 15-6. Marcia Dotson was awarded the Ken Davidson award for good sportsmanship.

With only one show of poor sportsmanship in a finals by stalling for time during the play, the tournament was a huge success with all of the contestants returning to their various homes with glowing reports of the fine play and wonderful hospitality of Detroiters.

JUNIOR

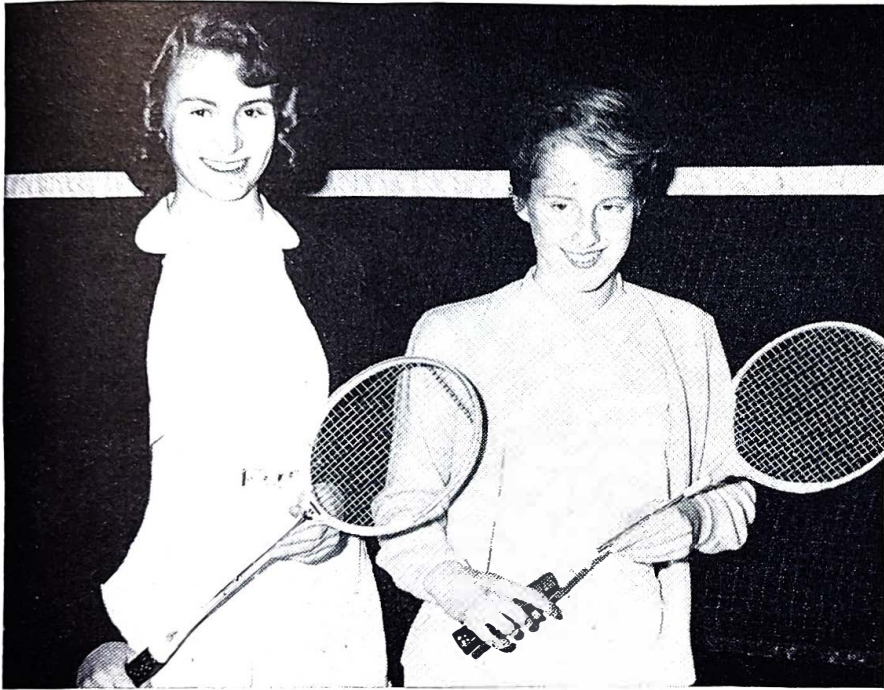


Gary McFarlane — Singles

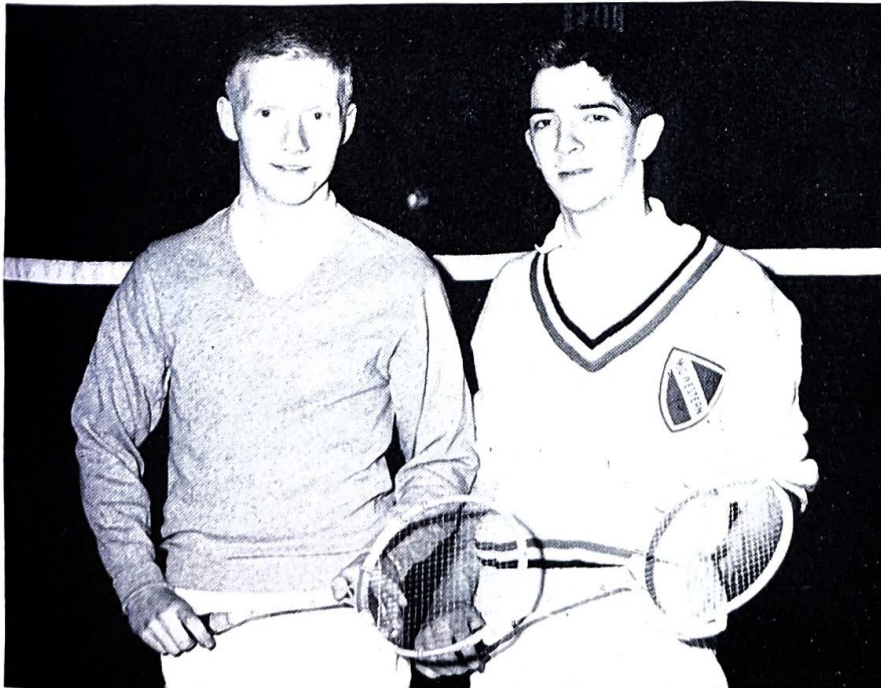


Bill Bryant - Marcia Dotson — Mixed Hans Rogind, Tournament Chairman

CHAMPIONS



Norma Slauer — Doubles McGregor Stewart — Singles and Doubles



Bill Bryant - Russ Pacquette — Doubles

Junior Badminton Statistics

Location of U.S. Junior Championships:

- 1947—Baltimore, Maryland
- 1948—New Britain, Connecticut
- 1949—Baltimore, Maryland
- 1950—Boston, Massachusetts
- 1951—Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1952—Niagara Falls, New York
- 1953—San Antonio, Texas
- 1954—Orange, New Jersey
- 1955—Cleveland, Ohio
- 1956—Detroit, Michigan
- 1956 Tourney:

Out of 85 entrants, eight from Minnesota, entered the '18 and under tourney, while Maryland had six contestants; New York, 2; New Jersey, 1; Washington, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; Massachusetts, 4; Michigan, 16; California, 8. In the fifteen and under tournament Minnesota had 7 entries; Maryland, 5; Pennsylvania, 1; Massachusetts, 4; California, 1; Michigan, 12; W. Virginia, 4; Illinois, 2; Delaware, 2.

Bids received for 1957:

- 1—Delaware
- 2—California

Location of 1957 Junior Tournament—Delaware

Names and sayings from the '56 junior tournament:

"Mac"—MacGregor Stewart.

"Ardy"—Ardyce Carr.

"Ouch"—favorite saying of Marcia Dotson while playing badminton.

"Thanks a bunch, Krunch!"—favorite saying of the tournament.

Maryland—Grace Devlin is working hard to make one and all Uber Cup conscious.

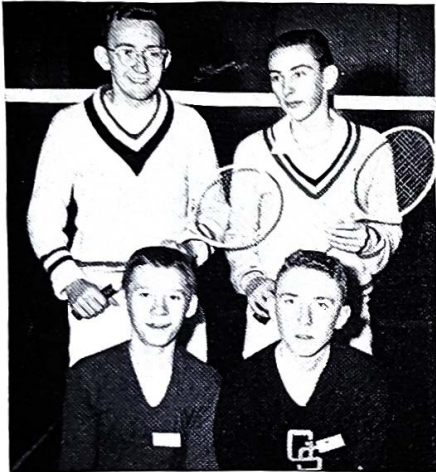
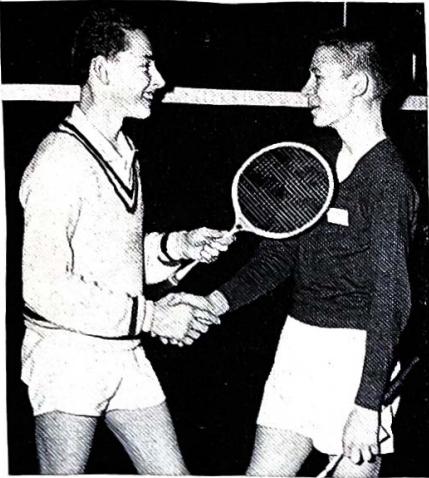
Seems Seattle's Mayor Pomeroy is very interested in badminton.

The New Jersey puzzle proved to be too much for California and was returned to Don Kerr in a basket.

Anyone for bottle-cap checkers? Mr. and Mrs. Hayley need opponents.

Hear tell Al Sikorski is doing alright at his bowling, and Harold Jolley is sporting an expensive tan courtesy of Naples, Florida.

UNDER 15 CHAMPIONS



Top (left to right):
Scott Sieler, Jack Keating, Dan Rudy,
Faith Ferris, Maribeth Halloran, Jack
Keating.

Lower Left:
John Schultz, Scott Sieler, Dan Rudy,
Jack Keating.

CALIFORNIA LOSES

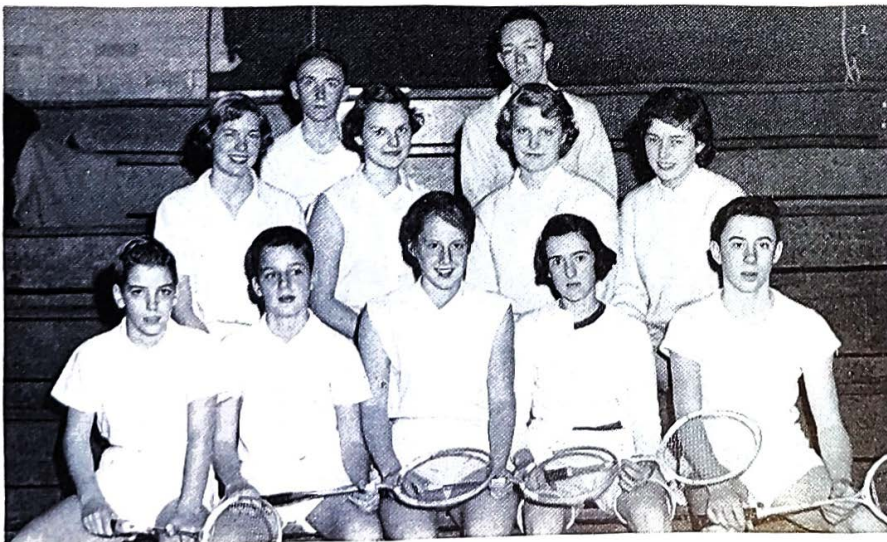
April 7th in Philadelphia was not only a cold and snowy day for Californians but a sad one, for they lost their bid for the '57 Junior National Badminton Tournament.

For the first time in the history of the American Badminton Association two very excellent bids were made for a national tournament. Many things were in favor of both groups, but the directors voted for the bid from Delaware as presented by Mrs. Naomi Bender.

The two groups were considered to be equal in ability and competence. The Delaware group offered six, possibly seven, courts in two separate buildings; California offered eight courts in one building, with kitchen facilities. Both groups offered "home-cooked" food. Trophies had been offered free of charge to both groups. Cash donations had been offered to both groups, however, Delaware had the edge here. California offered a moving picture, of the finals with an able commentator explaining the game. This movie was to be made available, at small rental fee, to high schools and colleges for the purpose of encouraging more schools to include badminton in their programs.

The board of directors in voting in favor of Delaware included in their minutes a motion stating that they would automatically approve a bid from California for the 1958 Junior Tournament if the bid is presented before February 1, 1957.

MARYLAND JUNIORS



Left to Right, First Row
John Snead, Ned Nicholson, McGregor
Stewart, Faith Ferris, Tom McDavid.

Second Row
Joan Wood, Cynthia Dryden, Sally
Coulter, Linda Windsor.

Third Row
Dan Rudy, Denis Eichhorn.

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CALIFORNIA JUNIORS



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Bottom Row: Ardyce Corr, Virginia Green.

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We Were Invited To England and Scotland

Lois Alston

Honest to gosh, it was just like in the movies!! As we got off the plane in London, there were FIVE photographers to meet and interview us! I kept thinking there must be some mistake. Bill Holwell of RSL also met us, and, after a wonderful lunch, took us to the hotel, where we snoozed for about two days. We were anxious to meet the Scheeles and other people of whom we had heard so much, and this was nicely taken care of at the lunches, dinners, press parties, and practice sessions of the next few days. Everyone was so cordial and helpful it was overwhelming! I loved just listening to them talk—a whole roomful of “Commander Whiteheads!”

One evening Eddie Choong took us to dinner and to a night club in Soho. The place was really rockin’—it was an experience BELIEVE ME! The following evening we were to be on TV (on the same program with Stan Kenton, yet!) Al Hunt, who was working on publicity, took us to the studio and showed us the town later. Al and Joe get along famously, as Al used to be on the Metropolitan Police Force in London—they spent hours comparing law enforcement procedures. Al introduced us to Stan Kenton at the studio, and I nearly collapsed! But he and his wife were so friendly I felt I’d known them for years. We went to his concert the next night, and loved it—natch.

The rest of the United States playing contingent, Margaret Varner and Judy and Sue Devlin, were arriving by this time, as were the five Canadians. It was nice to learn that Charlie and Mary Newhall were to be there, too. Charlie NEARLY represented the U.S. in the veterans doubles, however, since his arrival was just in time for the finals his entry was not accepted.

When the tournament started on Wednesday, everyone was raring to go. Those of us who had not seen it before stood gaping at the size of the huge Empress Hall. When they told us it was completely sold out for Friday and Saturday nights, it was too much for us to take so we collapsed again.

TEN THOUSAND seats sold out for two nights!! The tournament was run expertly, and the play was amazing. We all were particularly impressed with the high calibre of mixed

play, as were the Canadians. We agreed that the first round mixed matches over there were better than many of our tournament finals. All the play was rough, but if I started writing about the good matches I could go on for days. We were very proud of Margaret, Judy, and Sue for their fine wins in ladies’ singles and doubles, and we felt the U.S. was very well represented by these gals both off and on the court. We were disappointed by Joe’s narrow loss to J. Hammergaard Hansen in the quarters, but it was a well played match, and as tense as they come. It was some consolation that Joe got revenge in Philadelphia in another nerve-racker.

Eddie Choong played a beautiful, well planned game to defeat Finn Kobbero for the men’s singles title, and it was quite something to see the two Danish men’s teams, Kobbero and Hansen winning. The most impressive play of the afternoon, in my opinion, was the mixed final, which pitted the English team of Tony Jordan and June Timperley against Hansen and his fiance, Annie Jorgensen. June and Tony had to play well to beat the Danish pair, and to say they did is the understatement of the year! Both teams played fabulously, and I have never seen such mixed in my life. Joe and I just sat there with our mouths gaping. It was a close three game before Tony and June pulled it out for Tony’s first ‘All England’ win at the age of twenty.

The dinner dance that night was a gala affair—delicious dinner, champagne, dancing and toasts galore! It was practically a U.N. meeting there were so many countries represented. Afterwards, Herbert and Betty Sheele, Joan Warren, from Canada, and Joe and I sat up in our room ‘til the wee small hours chatting and drinking nescafe — made with tap water. Joan and Joe and I were trying to get some pointers as to how to bring badminton interest in our countries up to the high level in England.

Next day, about 17 haggard faces boarded the plane for Glasgow. David Bloomer started his wonderful hospitality with a bang! Dave met us at the airport with five long, black “gangster cars” to take us to the hotel. We nicknamed Mr. Christensen (the Danish manager) “Dillinger,” because he would always sit in front with the driver, his hat pulled down over his face and a big cigar in his mouth. He was a natural.

The hotel was a small one, and

with our “mob” there, we almost took over the entire place. The waitresses and porters treated us swell, although a little formally at first. I don’t think they knew quite how to figure us out. By the time we were all there a couple of days, however, they were very friendly, and really got into the spirit of things. I am sure they were glad to see the last of us so they could get back to normal.

Monday we were taken to Edinburgh, where we had lunch and did some sightseeing. We were all very impressed with the Castle, and could hardly believe how very old it is. According to a “plaque” it was recaptured in 1313.

Play started on Wednesday, and was run off in sessions of about six matches an evening on one court. This explained why the entries were invitational. Preliminary rounds were eliminated with no ladies’ singles due to limited courts. Kelvin Hall was packed every session and jammed for both the semis and finals on Saturday. Ferry Sonnevile, from Indonesia, who had defeated Wong Peng Soon last year in the Malayan Championships, had had a bad time in the tournament in London, but he seemed to find his form in this tourney and played a beautiful, steady game to defeat Finn Kobbero in the semis. Joe took a three game match from Palle Granlund, the number two Dane, in the other semi. Joe and Ferry had a real battle in the finals with Joe the winner at the end of the three games.

Kobbero and Hansen defeated Ooi Teck Hock and Ong Poh Lim in an exciting men’s final, and Margaret and I won the ladies’ doubles over June Timperley and Iris Rogers, the top English team. Kobbero and Marjory Forrester defeated Joe and me in the mixed final. We found out later that Marjory had become engaged that afternoon to Alastair Russell, the top Scottish player. (Unfair tactics to key-up our opponent—they could have warned us so we would have had an excuse for losing!)

The trophies were beautiful “silver tankards” engraved with the signatures of everyone who participated in the tournament. They are the most unique trophies we have ever won.

After the finals, we were taken to David Bloomer’s home, where he and Mrs. Bloomer had arranged a wonderful dinner party. Later we all gathered in the lobby of the hotel, where John McCrary of Scotland joined us, for a final cup of coffee and

farewells. Everyone was so nice to us at both tournaments and were so wonderful we found it very hard to leave them.

We all departed in different directions the next morning—some for home, some for our nationals in Philadelphia and the Alstons for Paris. We had a riotous time as neither of us knew a word of French!

As we boarded the plane in London for Philadelphia we couldn't stop talking about how wonderful it was to have been the ones to be invited to England and Scotland and it is our wish that the ABA can some day invite the players from England and Scotland to our country so we can in some small measure return their hospitality.

We will NEVER forget:

. . . Meeting Sir George Thomas and Mrs. Betty Uber! . . . Battling with "BOAC" for two days for losing my suitcase, only to find it in the trunk of Bill Holwell's car! . . . The TV people mistaking Joe for Stan Kenton! . . . Ferry demonstrating his newly learned slang with gestures! . . . Margaret scolding the group for not attending her Texas Barbecue last year . . . Joan Warren, unable to find a hotel room, staying across the street at the Salvation Army! . . . David Choong meeting our train from Glasgow at 2 a.m. and taking us to the hotel in his racy car!

CALIFORNIA

Results—California State: L.S.—Beulah Bymaster def. Helen Tibbetts, 11-8, 11-3. M.S.—Dick Mitchell def. Bill Berry 18-15, 17-15. L.D.—Hester-Pons def. Gibbs-Tibbetts, 1-15, 15-9, 15-6. M.D.—Rogers-Palmer def. Berry-Mitchell, 15-11, 4-15, 15-5. Mx.D.—Rogers-Hann def. Hartgrove-Tibbetts, 18-17, 17-14. Vet.D.—Carter-Lockwood def. Fleming-Serafin, 15-7, 15-4. Consolation: Ardyce Carr def. Marianne Breckell, 11-3, 11-3; Dick van Praag def. Don Paup, 15-1, 15-3. L.D.—Carr-Pajares def. Fleming-Miller, 15-9, 9-15, 15-13. M.D.—Foy-van Praag def. Gray-Helman, 13-15, 15-9, 15-9. Mx.D.—Shaw-Conner def. McMurray-Dobel, 15-7, 15-3. Vet. D.—McMurray-Pajares def. Auxier-Scofield, 13-15, 15-10, 15-10.

CINCINNATI

Camargo Invitational

L.S.—Rutledge def. Wright, 11-4, 11-1. M.S.—Heden def. Trifonoff, 18-13, 15-7. L.D.—Burdick-Coombs def. Rutledge-Connor, 15-13, 8-15, 17-15. M.D.—Pritula-Anderson def. Boston-Wigglesworth, 15-12, 15-6. Mx.D.—Connor-Anderson def. Coombs-Boston, 15-7, 15-7. V.D.—Perkins-Aderholt def. Drewry-Burns, 15-9, 15-11.

NIAGARA FALLS

N.Y. - WNY "C"

L.S.—Simpson def. Tulloch, 6-11, 11-6, 11-4. M.S.—Lewis def. Dunlap, 15-9, 15-5. L.D.—Calder-Seibold by default. M.D.—Crandall-Dunlop def. Lewis-Franczak, 15-7, 15-7. Mx.D.—Siebold-Lewis def. Calder-Franczak, 15-11, 17-14.

SAN DIEGO

Dave Freeman Open

L.S.—Alston def. Welcome, 11-7, 12-11. M.S.—Alston def. Mitchell 15-9, 15-8. L.D.—Alston-Bymaster def. Hann-Welcome, 15-1, 15-1. M.D.—Alston-Rogers def. Mitchell-Berry, 15-13, 15-11. Mx.D.—Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Hann, 8-15, 18-7, 18-17. V.D.—Ekillan-Kirby def. Giles-Janes, 17-15, 1-15, 17-14.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT JUNIOR

Under 15—G.S.—Halloran def. Gilfillan, 11-3, 11-4. G.D.—Halloran-Gilfillan def. Poppick-Carlson, 15-1, 15-5. B.S.—Nelson def. Allen, 11-15, 15-8, 15-8. B.D.—Feidt-Allen def. Nelson-Pass, 15-8, 15-12. Mx.D.—Nelson-Gilfillan def. Pass-Halloran, 6-15, 15-12, 18-14. Under 13—G.S.—Gunner def. Rotzel, 11-0, 11-2. B.S.—Holstad def. Ryan, 11-0, 11-0. B.D.—Holstad-Nelson def. Cilfillan-Peterson, 15-0, 15-1. Under 18—G.S.—Hubbard def. Dotson, 11-6, 11-1. G.D.—Hubbard-Christensen def. Dotson-Nelson, 9-15, 15-4, 15-13. B.D.—Johnson-Oberg def. Halloran-Jackson, 15-4, 15-7. B.D.—Johnson def. Oberg, 15-9, 15-8. Mx.D.—Johnson-Christensen def. Oberg-Hubbard, 8-15, 15-11, 15-4.

SAN DIEGO

Grinalva Junior Tournament

Senior High—G.S.—Elliott def. Nelson, 11-7, 11-3. B.S.—Sieler def. Armendariz, 15-8, 15-9. G.D.—Minter-McGarry def. Scott-Isley, 15-3, 15-1. B.D.—Foy-Lynch def. Trelloggen-Armendariz, 15-11, 5-15, 15-13. Mx.D.—Minter-Sieler def. Woynar-Trelloggen, 15-10, 15-6. Consolation—G.D.—Burns-Treaster def. Wright-Hill, 15-9, 15-8. B.D.—Samson-Lyon def. Pyles-Keyes, 8-15, 17-16, 18-16. Mx.D.—Foy-Elliott def. McGarry-Lee, 15-4, 15-6. Junior High—G.S.—Minter def. Lyon, 11-2, 11-1. B.S.—Trelloggen def. Murphy, 15-0, 15-1. Elementary—B.S.—R. Freeman def. D. Freeman, 15-9, 15-7.

NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls Invitational

M.S.—Semple def. Cartwell, 15-8, 15-5. M.D.—Williams-Thorpe def. Hardison-Bechtel, 15-4, 15-9. L.D.—Marshall-Massman def. Reddick-Haines, 15-0, 15-2. Mx.D.—Williams-Marshall def. Traquair-Ferracio, 15-0, 15-2. V.D.—Stafford-Traquair def. Bowling-Schauer, 15-7, 13-18, 15-7.

DELAWARE JUNIOR STATE

Under 18—I.B.S.—Roland def. Christofferson, 15-12, 15-9. I.G.D.—Loving-Sylvester def. Laughlin-Fleming, 15-0, 15-4. J.B.D.—Roland-Christofferson def. Mitchell-Rustomji, 15-2, 15-4. J.G.D.—Vosters-Hitchens def. Morgan-Fairman, 15-7, 15-8. J.B.D.—Holmes-Conant def. Gawthorpe-Reese, 15-4, 15-5. I.G.S.—Loving def. Lindsay, 11-4, 11-4. J.G.S.—Hitchens def. Vosters, 11-3, 11-3. J.B.S.—Cussler def. Holmes, 15-7, 15-8.

PONCA CITY, OKLA.

L.S.—Round def. Humble, 11-2, 5-11, 11-4. M.S.—Sudbury def. Cremers, 15-7, 13-15, 15-3. L.D.—Round-Harman def. Cremers-Harman, 15-4, 15-5. M.D.—Sudbury-Harman def. Walker-McQuie, 15-12, 14-18, 15-6. Mx.D.—Harman-Harman def. Round-Sudbury, 15-6, 15-7. V.D.—Rawak-Harman def. Horne-Ott, 15-4, 15-9.

GLENCOE, ILL.

Midwest Championships

L.S.—Rutledge def. Sirwaitis, 11-6, 5-11, 11-8. M.S.—Moehlmann def. Heden, 15-3, 12-15, 15-9. L.D.—Rutledge-Sirwaitis def. Burdick-Coombs, 15-11, 15-10. M.D.—Anderson-Pritula def. Boston-Moehlmann, 18-14, 15-9. Mx.D.—Coombs-Boston def. Urashi-Heden, 15-8, 15-5. V.D.—Drewry-Burns def. Aderholt-Perkins, 7-15, 17-14, 15-11.

PHILADELPHIA

16th Delaware Valley Championships

L.S.—Neely def. Bender, 11-1, 12-11. M.S.—Cornell def. Salmon, 18-13, 15-9. L.D.—Bender-Peoples def. Frazier-Gilliford, 15-5, 15-10. M.D.—Richey-Miller def. Hackett-Fischer, 15-6, 15-3. Mx.D.—Hackett-Allen def. Cornell-Frazier 7-12, 15-12, 15-8. V.D.—Levy-Emondson def. Ukil-Koth, 15-8, 15-10.

FLINT, MICH.

Michigan League

L.S.—Bowling def. Stockton, 6-11, 11-10, 11-4. M.S.—Koppsen def. Skinner-default. L.D.—Hammond-Stockton def. Arnold-Rundell, 15-12, 17-15, 15-4. M.D.—Adams-Koopson def. Skinner-Crosson, 15-4, 15-10. Mx.D.—Lavis-Bowling def. Calhoun-Hammond, 17-14, 5-15, 15-4.

CHICAGO

Chicago District Championships

L.S.—Burdick def. Pontow, 11-4, 11-5. M.S.—Mullen def. Hayley, 15-6, 15-3. L.D.—Burdick-Coombs def. Mitchell-Gibbs, 15-10, 15-2. M.D.—Boston-Wigglesworth def. Tiberi-Robinson, 18-14, 17-15. Mx.D.—Coombs-Boston def. Burdick-Wigglesworth, 15-10, 11-15, 15-9. V.D.—Tiberi-Robinson def. Franczak-Hayley, 15-7, 15-10.

BOSTON

New England Open

L.S.—Devlin def. Varner 11-6, 11-4. M.S.—Simpson def. Williams 15-9, 10-15, 15-8. L.D.—Devlin-Devlin def. Varner-Chadwick, 15-12, 15-12. M.D.—Williams-Schell def. Fehm-Ball, 15-11, 17-18, 15-5. Mx.D.—Kevorkian-Devlin def. Schell-Varner, 15-11, 9-15, 15-10. V.D.—Lougheed-Wright def. Albion-Seavy, 15-11, 11-15, 15-11.

TENNESSEE

Results: Southern Badminton Association Championships. L.S.—Elma Roane def. Ann Phillips, 11-0, 11-2. M.S.—Stanley Sangdahl def. R. A. Eichelberger, Jr., 15-3, 15-8. M.D.—Sangdahl-Wright def. Hoppe-Eichelberger, 15-12, 15-11. L.D.—Anderson-Roane def. Bell-Kulze, 15-2, 15-10. Mx.D.—Anderson-Love def. Hoppe-Roane, 15-4, 15-5. Vet.D.—Pate-Caffery def. Mitchell-Patton, 15-2, 15-8. Vet.Mx.D.—Anderson-Spears def. Roane-Pate, 15-10, 8-15, 17-16.

From Coast . . .

OHIO

John McIlwraith

On March 3rd and 4th, Cleveland and the Shaker Badminton Club played host to the umpteenth annual renewal of the Midwest's oldest badminton tournament—the Ohio Open.

Although the proximity of the Midwest Open (March 10th and 11th) acted to keep many familiar faces from Chicago and Northern Indiana at home, Detroit and Buffalo were well represented with the York Staters making off with a lion's share of the honors.

Some 50 entrants gathered to do battle on Saturday morning and when the smoke finally cleared away on Sunday afternoon only one defending champion had proved successful: The ladies' singles going to Marg Wright of Warren, Ohio, over Norma Pritula of Detroit, 11-2, 11-6.

But after that first successful defense, new champions were the rule for the rest of the afternoon. In men's singles, Bob Williams (back in Buffalo after several years in California) defeated last year's winner, Vic Pritula of Detroit, 15-1, 15-9. Incidentally, the early play in men's singles produced one of the best battles of the entire tournament when Cleveland's Ken Quigley made his annual emergence from semi-retirement to take on Bruce Bedford of Detroit. After dropping the first game 15-6, Quig rallied to win a sizzling second game 18-14. But in the third game, with the score standing 12 for Quigley and 7 for Bedford, Quig's legs suddenly remembered that it was 1956 and not 1941 and Bruce closed out game match 17-14. The match took the better part of an hour and for those fortunate enough to see it, it was a real thriller.

Buffalo took the honors in men's doubles when Williams and Fred Cartmell downed the '55 champs, Vic Pritula and Bill Anderson of Detroit, 15-13, 15-8. To Buffalo also went the ladies' doubles crown with Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman triumphing over Detroit's Norma Pritula and Dell Bedford, 15-1, 15-3. And just to put the final touch to a highly successful afternoon, Buffalo's Ethel Marshall and Bob Williams defeated the defending mixed doubles team of Mary Connor and Bill Anderson from Detroit, 15-6, 15-7.

To Cleveland, which had been pretty shabbily treated up to this point, was returned to veteran's doubles crown when last year's winners, Ev Gesaman and Art Mowrey of Detroit, bowed to former champions Bud Warner and Ed DiLeone, 15-12, 15-9.

And with that, another Ohio Open was written into the books. With the tournament under all new management this year, things were a little shaky around the edges; but everyone seemed to have as much fun playing in it as we did giving it, so maybe our miscues were overlooked.

Incidentally, at the party Saturday night, the possibility of holding the Open in mid-November of each year was discussed and was received with considerable enthusiasm. I would very much appreciate hearing from anyone in the Midwestern area who has any suggestions pro or con on this idea. Write 'em on a post card and send it to John McIlwraith, 2555 Kemper Rd., Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.

MIDWEST INTERCOLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT

Abbie Rutledge

This was the first Midwest Intercollegiate Tournament as such, though we have held intercollegiate tournaments of one type or another for four years. This year there were eight schools represented with approximately fifty students participating. The play was of unusually high calibre and was enjoyed very much by both participants and spectators. Shirley Mans, senior from the University of Minnesota, was probably the outstanding single player, since she won the ladies' singles and was on the winning teams in both ladies' doubles and mixed doubles.

The tournament was held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., with entries from University of Minnesota, Eastern Illinois, Washington University, and Purdue.

Results: L.S.—Shirley Mans def. Irene Urashi, 11-0, 11-3. M.S.—Tom Heden def. Fernando Molinar, 18-15, 15-2. L.D.—Mans-Urashi def. Rigden-Diebel, 15-6, 15-3. M.D.—Gunner-Heden def. Molinar-Root, 8-15, 15-6, 15-12. Mx.D.—Mans-Molinar def. Urashi-Heden (scores not received by BC).

ILLINOIS

Results of the Illinois Open Tournament are as follows: L.S.—Abbie Rutledge def. Thelma Burdick, 11-4, 11-6. M.S.—Ted Moehlman def. Vic Pritula, 15-13, 15-18, 15-12. M.D.—Moehlman-Boston def. Anderson-Pritula, 15-10, 15-3. L.D.—Marshall-Massman def. Coombs-Burdick, 15-4, 15-8. Mx.D.—Rutledge-Moehlman def. Connors-Anderson, 15-8, 10-15, 15-8. Vet. D.—Lee Robinson-Joe Tiberi def. B. Gibbs-J. Prest, 15-9, 15-12.

Results of the Chicago District Tournament: L.S.—Thelma Burdick def. Pat Pontow, 11-4, 11-5. M.S.—Robert Mullen def. Clayton Hayley, 15-6, 15-3. L.D.—Burdick-Coombs def. Mitchell-Gibbs 15-9, 15-2. M.D.—Boston-Wigglesworth def. Tiberi-Robinson, 18-14, 17-15. Mx.D.—Coombs-Boston def. Burdick-Wigglesworth, 15-10, 11-15, 15-9. Vet.D.—Tiberi-Robinson def. Franczak-Hayley, 15-7, 15-10.

PENNSYLVANIA

George Blake of Conshohocken sends us the following bit of news about badminton in Delaware Valley Badminton Association. Norristown, a member of DVBA, is the largest independent borough in the United States. It is situated fifteen miles northwest of Philadelphia. Seat of Montgomery County, its 1950 population was 38,126. The adjacent sections, Valley Forge, Whitemarsh, King of Prussia and Upper Merion—choosing a few at random—possess rich historical heritages. Without exaggeration, this entire region lies within "the cradle of American liberty," the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

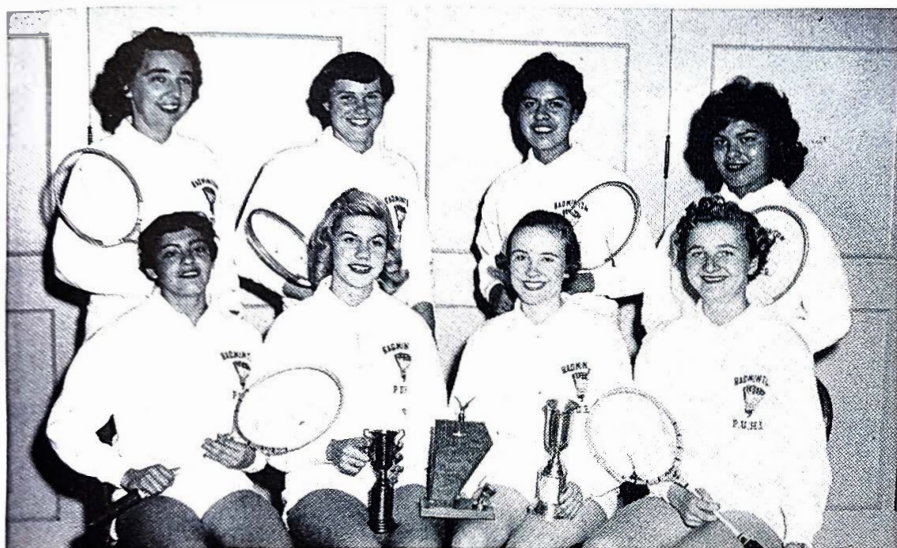
The local badminton club, a member of the American Badminton Association through the Delaware Valley Badminton Association, boasts 81 male and female players. It utilizes a gymnasium in Norristown Senior High School providing four excellent courts and other facilities.

Since Dec. 8, 1949, when George organized the Delaware Association, shuttle exponents have participated in 61 team matches, including two this season. Records disclose 28 victories, 31 defeats and two draws. Noted for intersectional events the team has played in three different states during the past six years.

(Ed. Note—It is interesting to note that there are only 35 subscriptions to Bird Chatter from Pennsylvania).

... to Coast

ARIZONA



Phoenix Union High School Badminton Club members. Trophies won at State Tournament last year. Front Row (left to right): Helen Lerma, Shirley Glenn, Darlene Newby, Pat Dixon. Back Row (left to right): Miss Berneil Moxey (instructor), Donna Moore, Martha Sanchez, Rosie Orabuena.

Badminton At Phoenix High School

Berneil Moxey

The Girls' Badminton Club at Phoenix Union High School has over 125 active members. This is one of the most active clubs on the campus from January through April. Every day after school you will see birds flying wildly on our sixteen outdoor courts and our four indoor courts. Great interest is created in badminton through the use of "challenge ladders." Each girl must play at least three challenge matches per week or she is removed from the ladder. Every girl works very industriously in hopes that she may earn the chance to play on the "A" ladder which practices indoors and serves as the competitive team.

We hold "Play Day" matches with other schools in the Valley of the Sun two or three times a week. These Play Days start out as competitive matches between the two schools but upon the completion of these matches the girls "mix" with the opponents and exchange valuable technique and strategy ideas. We always conclude these Play Days with the teen-age favorite—FOOD.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association holds an Annual State Badminton Tournament in cooperation with Arizona State College at Tempe. Last year eighteen high schools entered teams in the class A singles, class B singles and the doubles tournaments. To play in this tournament is the goal of each and every member of the Phoenix Union High School Badminton Club. In the past five years we have been fortunate to win our share of championship trophies and titles.

The boys are often invited to play badminton with the girls and they are amazed at the ease with which many of the more skilled players are able to defeat them. Mixed doubles is a popular sport for both boys and girls and it is hoped that we may soon be able to run a state tournament in mixed doubles.

Out in this desert country we are indeed creating a real and sincere interest in this ever popular sport. Distance is the only factor that prevents more of us from entering the larger tournaments on the west coast. Perhaps some day we will be able to enter more of these tournaments. Until that time, we are building a great interest in this "feathered sport."

DELAWARE

The first Dilwyne Invitation Ladies' Doubles Round Robin tournament was held in January on the Dilwyne Badminton Courts on the estate of Mrs. R. R. M. Carpenter, Sr., in Montcharion, Del.

The tournament was a tremendous success having seven teams enter to compete for trophies which were presented by the Parks Department of Wilmington.

Judy and Sue Devlin took first place with a score of 132, in second place with a score of 113, were Charlotte Decker and Marie Ussing, and Margaret Varner and Lee Chadbourne had a score of 110 for third place. Each team played each of the other teams a 22 point game. Housing was furnished for the players.

All concerned were agreed that the tournament should become an annual event with a possible entry of twelve teams next year.

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Southern Calif. Junior College Badminton Tournament

Nancy Griffith

The Southern California Junior College Badminton Tournament was held April 12 at Fullerton Junior College, with over 100 girls entered from ten different junior colleges.

The Pasadena City College women's badminton team did exceptionally well by winning all the trophies and four medals.

In the "A" flight singles finals Carlene Hester defeated her teammate Nancy Griffith for the trophy. Winning the "A" flight doubles trophy were Carol Spanks and Verona Maxson. In the "A" flight consolation doubles, Karen Sattergren and Julie Spencer took top honors. Janett Hoover won in the "B" flight singles division. Other members of the W.A.A. team who represented P.C.C. very well, were Alberta Amend, Pat Barr, and Louise Fundenberg. Miss Pauline Brown is the coach.

CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN

The Cleveland Plain Dealer previewed this tournament more accurately than it imagined when it named us a "Badminton Smorgasbord." In an attempt to give everyone the chance to play as much as possible and to meet as varied an opposition as possible, we set up round robin preliminaries and multiple consolations to such an extent that it would have surprised no one to have found himself scheduled to play himself at some point in the proceedings. Fortunately, we somehow or other managed to keep everything straight and the end result was a lot of badminton and a lot of fun for the close to sixty people on hand.

Friday night, April 13th, we played all the singles matches—this year limited to men's, due to a serious shortage of gal players in this area—and it turned out to be unlucky Friday for the reigning Ohio singles champ, Norm Atchison, who bowed to fellow Moreland BC member, Ed DiLeone, 18-16; 15-4. The consolation went to still another Moreland man, Al Obermeyer, who defeated Dr. Wilke of Lorain, 15-1, 15-1.

Saturday the 14th was clear and warm (for Cleveland) and the doubles play even warmer. In the men's division, Moreland BC met Shaker BC with the nod going to Moreland as Ken Quigley and Ted Worthington downed Bud Warner and Al Rhea, 15-0, 15-5. The consolation

here went to the Euclid duo of Jack Zeitz and George Krich, 15-9, 15-5, over Jerry Lanterman and Ben Hummel of Hudson. On the distaff side, Shaker BC's Gloria Moeder and Mary Patterson bested the Mansfield team of Evelyn Cook and Sally Wilson, 15-3, 15-4, while in the lower bracket, Sandy Hills (yup) and Jane Barr of Hudson, defeated Barb Kepes and Paula Ignazzatto of John Adams HS, 15-7, 15-6. In mixed, the ranking Midwest team of Marg Wright and Norm Atchison (Moreland) topped Ronnie McLelland (Shaker) and Ken Quigley, 15-5, 15-2, in a match which was much closer than the scores indicate. The consolation went to Bette Davis and Jack Zeitz (Euclid) over Sandy Hills and Ben Hummel (Hudson), 17-14, 15-9. As usual, the semi-finals produced the feature match of the tournament when the McClelland-Quigley duo met Gloria Moeder and Bud Warner and emerged bloody but unbowed at 10-15, 15-11, 17-14.

All in all, a lot of badminton, a lot of fun and a fitting close to the Cleveland season.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The National Capital Tournament for 1956 featured two of the best singles finals seen in Washington in several years.

Bunky Roche of Baltimore scored a startling upset over No. 1 seeded Bobby Williams in the men's singles, by a score of 10-15, 15-5, 15-5. In the first game, Bobby's excellent defensive play and well-placed and well-timed drop-shots, kept him in full control of the play and it appeared that his experience would be too much for Bunky. During the second game, however, Bunky began to use the drop-shot effectively and take advantage of opportunities by smashing much more decisively.

Although at the start of the third game both players seemed unusually tired, it became apparent that the younger Bunky had slightly more in reserve, and he was able to run out this game in a much shorter time than the second, even though the scores were the same.

The ladies' singles brought together Margaret Varner and Judy Devlin, the world's top woman players in their first meeting of the season, and the result was an interesting and close match, as always. Margaret won the first game 11-5, running about nine points before Judy could seem to get

started. Judy came back to take the second game 11-4, continuing the level of play she had reached near the end of the first game. In the third game, Margaret regained her concentration and completely dominated the play to win decisively at 11-2. The principal differences between the two players at this meeting were Judy's inability to find the lines consistently and Margaret's almost errorless badminton, perhaps the result of constant practice during her summer tour.

In the men's doubles Dick Ball and Noel Fehm def. Bobby Williams and Major Paul Buskey 15-10, 15-6. Judy and Sue Devlin won the ladies' doubles from Margaret Varner and Lee Chadbourn by a score of 15-8, 15-6. In mixed Bobby and Judy won over Noel and Ellie Ross 15-12, 15-12.

Welcome guests were Hugh Forgie and Stig Larson who have been on hand for the tournament for the past several years.

MARYLAND

In Baltimore the Maryland State "B" tournament found Bunney Talley the runner-up and Bob Steinwald the winner. Bob was the winner of the Ken Davidson sportsmanship award last year. A "bang-up" party was enjoyed by one and all at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Eareckson following the finals.

Results: L.S.—Evie Talley def. Cynthia Dryden, 11-6, 11-5. M.S.—Steinwald def. Talley, 15-11, 15-4. L.D.—Dryden-Wood def. Hessey-Thompson, 15-8, 15-10. M.D.—Webb-Stoltenberg def. Shipley-Drinkwater, 15-11, 13-15, 18-15. Mx.D.—Webb-Hessey def. Talley-Talley, 15-11, 18-15.

The Maryland State Junior tournament was held in Baltimore at Gilman School during the month of March.

Results: G.S.—McGregor Stewart def. Sally Coulter, 11-2, 11-2. B.S.—Bernard Talley def. Denis Eichhorn, 15-4, 15-8. G.D.—Stewart-West def. Coulter-Windsor, 15-11, 15-6. B.D.—Talley-Eichhorn def. Gambo-Nicholson, 15-8, 18-13. Mx.D.—Windsor-Talley def. Dryden-Rudy, 15-11, 15-12.

OHIO

Results—Ohio Open: L.S.—Marguerite Wright def. Norma Pritula, 11-2, 11-6. M.S.—Bob Williams def. Vic Pritula, 15-1, 15-9. L.D.—Marshall-Massman def. Bedford-Pritula, 15-0, 15-3. M.D.—Williams-Cartmell def. Pritula-Anderson, 15-13, 15-8. Mx.D.—Marshall-Williams def. Connor-Anderson, 15-6, 15-7. Vet.D.—DiLeone-Warner def. Gesaman-Mowrey, 15-12, 15-9.

OFF THE COURT

Helen Tibbetts

Southern Cal.—Long Beach, Calif.

How does she do it? How can Bert (Barkhuff) Byerly be as attractive and personable, and, in general, show no sign of any changes in 15 years? Having come down for the Helms Badminton Hall of Fame Awards, she said she planned to get back to playing. Bert and husband Oliver are living in Santa Barbara.

Good to see Faye and Paddy Shaw out on the West Coast these days. They are living in La Jolla (for the benefit of non-Californians, this is near San Diego).

Connie and Howard Taylor visited the So. Cal. Tourney and both looked *wonderful!*

It's good to see Jeri Lockwood, plus children Johnny and Ann, out watching matches.

I'm glad to see that "us" referees are official now—because of the cards issued.

California State—Burbank

Bob and Mary Ellen Pitman dropped by the quarter-finals. He joined the service September '55 and is stationed permanently at Van Nuys.

They finally did it—Wally Kinnear and Fay Haraughty were married on Feb. 25th.

The younger part of the Armenariz clan really covered the tournament—Pat, Ernie, Ralph and Louis were all there watching Manuel play. Pat even celebrated his St. Patrick's Day Birthday (the 13th one) right there in the gym.

Miscellaneous

Do you realize that E. F. Tackaberry has been playing badminton for 40 years? Tack began shuttle-chasing in Vancouver, B.C. After moving to Southern California he played at Black Foxe and later joined the Pasadena club.

In browsing through some back copies of Bird Chatter, I ran across the following article:

"Let's Shoot the Best Players," by Bob Noble. Gee, Dad! I'd never have thought of THAT! (It happens he was speaking as a photographer, but—)

Why do I play badminton? That's easy—to get out of the house and away from the kids for a few hours! (Ed. note—Helen was asked to write an article for BC on the above subject—while it is very good it IS a little too short.)

MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ev Gesaman

The 22nd edition of the Michigan State Badminton Championships, sponsored by the Detroit Badminton Club, was held on the five courts of the Ford Recreation Center in Dearborn, April 21-22, 1956.

The tournament was highlighted by the largest entry since the war years. An encouraging number of entrants were juniors who had participated in the National Junior Badminton Tournament held in this area recently. Outstate representation was most gratifying to the tournament committee, with entries coming from Grand Rapids, Flint, Birmingham, Pontiac, Ypsilanti, Mt. Clemens, Monroe, Plymouth, Grosse Pointe and Dearborn, as well as Detroit.

The women's singles title was won by Mrs. Norma Pritula who quite handily defeated Mrs. Mildred Sirwaitis, the defending champion, 11-7, 11-7.

One of the most exciting matches of the tournament was the semi-final singles match between Vic Pritula, defending champion, and Harry Drewry, who had retired from singles competition and was now trying a comeback. Harry won the first game 15-14, and after leading 14-8 in the second game, ran out of steam and saw his opponent come on to tie the score at 14-all. Harry refused to set and after some terrific exchanges, Vic won the point and the game. At this juncture, Harry wisely decided to bow out and Vic won on default and then went on to defeat Fred Trifonoff in the finals 15-8, 15-8.

Mrs. Sirwaitis and Mrs. Hazel Brown retained their women's doubles title after a nip-and-tuck battle with Mrs. Dell Bedford and Mrs. Pritula, 13-15, 15-11, 15-11.

In the men's doubles, Harry Drewry and Jerry Burns, the Midwest and Michigan Open Vet's Champs, defeated Bill Anderson and Vic Pritula, 10-15, 15-5, 15-11.

Detroit's favorite mixed doubles team of Mary Connor-Bill Anderson took their third consecutive state title by defeating the new and very promising team of Mrs. Dell Bedford and Fred Trifonoff, 15-7, 15-8.

The Veteran's doubles title went to the doubles champions, Harry Drewry and Jerry Burns who defeated Jimmy Coyne and Larry Mularoni, 15-8, 15-9.

Again, one of the highlights of the tournament was the Buffet Supper served without charge to contestants and their friends on the stage of the Recreation Hall between the quarter-final and semi-final rounds. The food was prepared and served by the women of the Detroit Badminton Club, under the direction of Gerry Gesaman, who also did her usual efficient job of handling the lunch counter during the tournament.

MIDWEST JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Midwest Junior Championships were held on March 10 and 11, on the same weekend as the Nineteenth Annual Midwest Senior. Saturday play for the Juniors was at Evanston (Illinois) High School and the finals were held Sunday at Central School in Glencoe, Illinois.

Contestants entered from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin; no players were present this year from either Indiana, Missouri or Ohio.

One of the major upsets was scored by Bill Bryant, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, who defeated Russ Paquette of Detroit in the finals in three games. In this same tournament last year, Russ beat Bill in two games in the semi-finals.

Marcia Dotson, St. Paul, repeated her 1955 win over Jinny Hubbard, Minneapolis, although this time they met in the finals and the match went three long games rather than the two of the previous year.

The tournament was not a particularly large one this year, although the finals play was of very high calibre, and Minnesota and Detroit, coached by Helen McLeod and Vic Pritula, proved again that they have a stranglehold on Junior play in this area.

Results: G.S.—Dotson def. Hubbard, 11-4, 8-11, 11-4. B.S.—Bryant def. Paquette, 11-15, 15-8, 15-2. G.D.—Hubbard-Christensen def. Dotson-Nelson, 15-11, 14-17, 15-13. B.D.—Paquette-Bryant def. Bing-Betke, 15-3, 15-2. Mx.D.—Dotson-Bryant def. Hubbard-Paquette, 15-2, 15-2.

Consolation: G.S.—Mandernack def. Clayton, 12-10, 4-11, 11-5. B.S.—Domm def. Meier, 15-10, 16-18, 18-16.

Hot tip! If you ever need gum at a tournament, Mary Ellen Dobel is the one to bum from! She works for Wrigley's.

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