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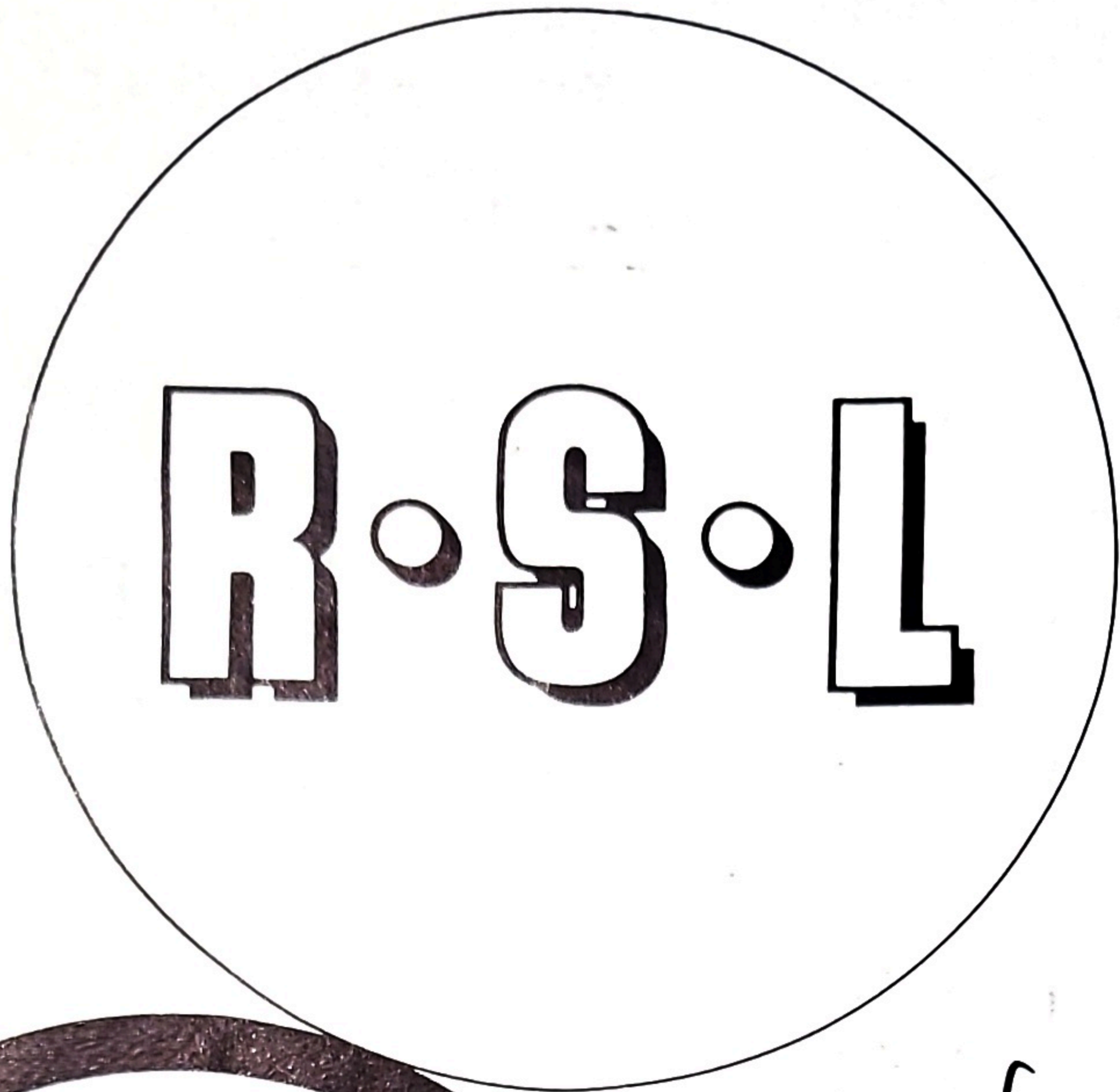
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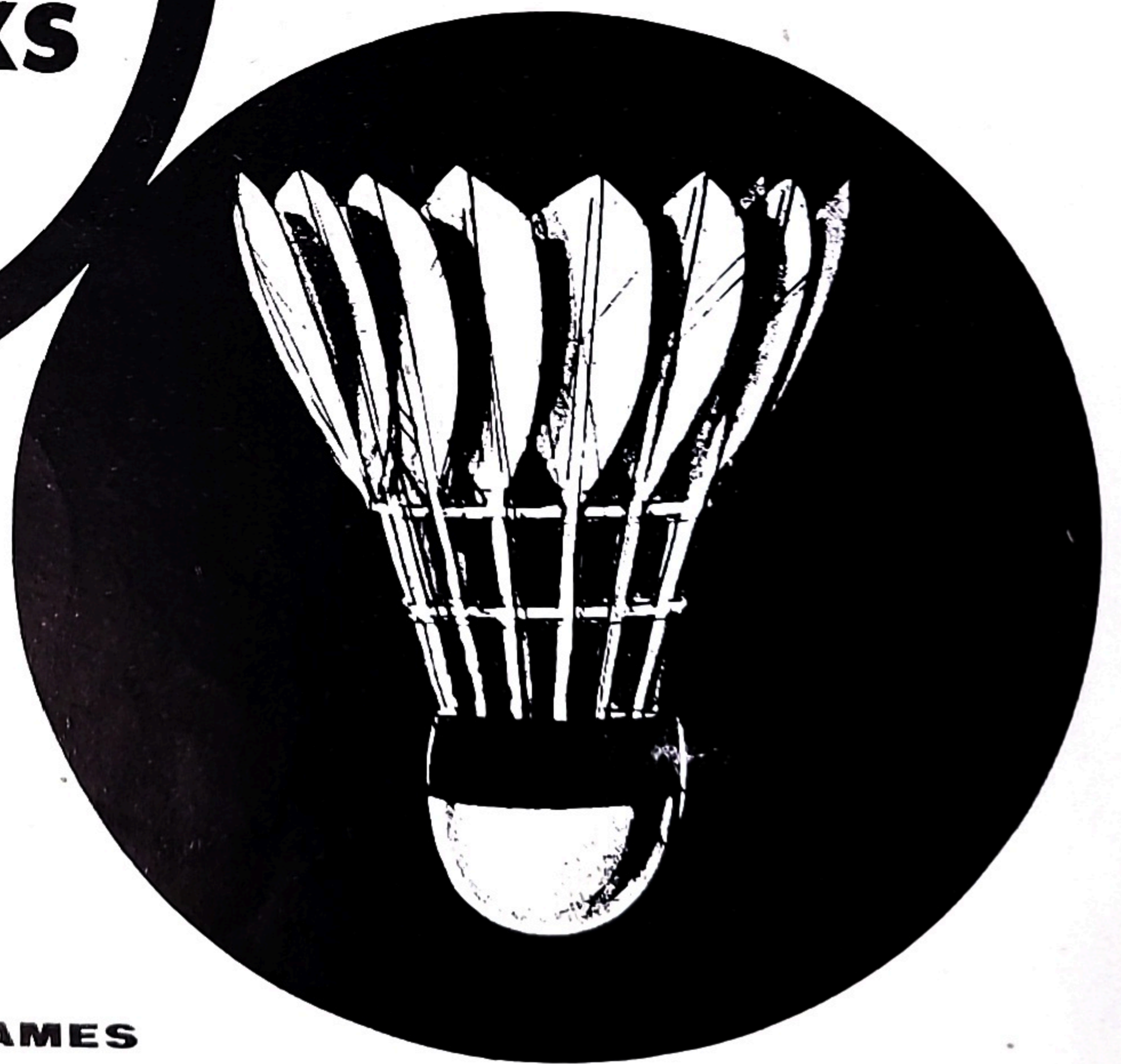
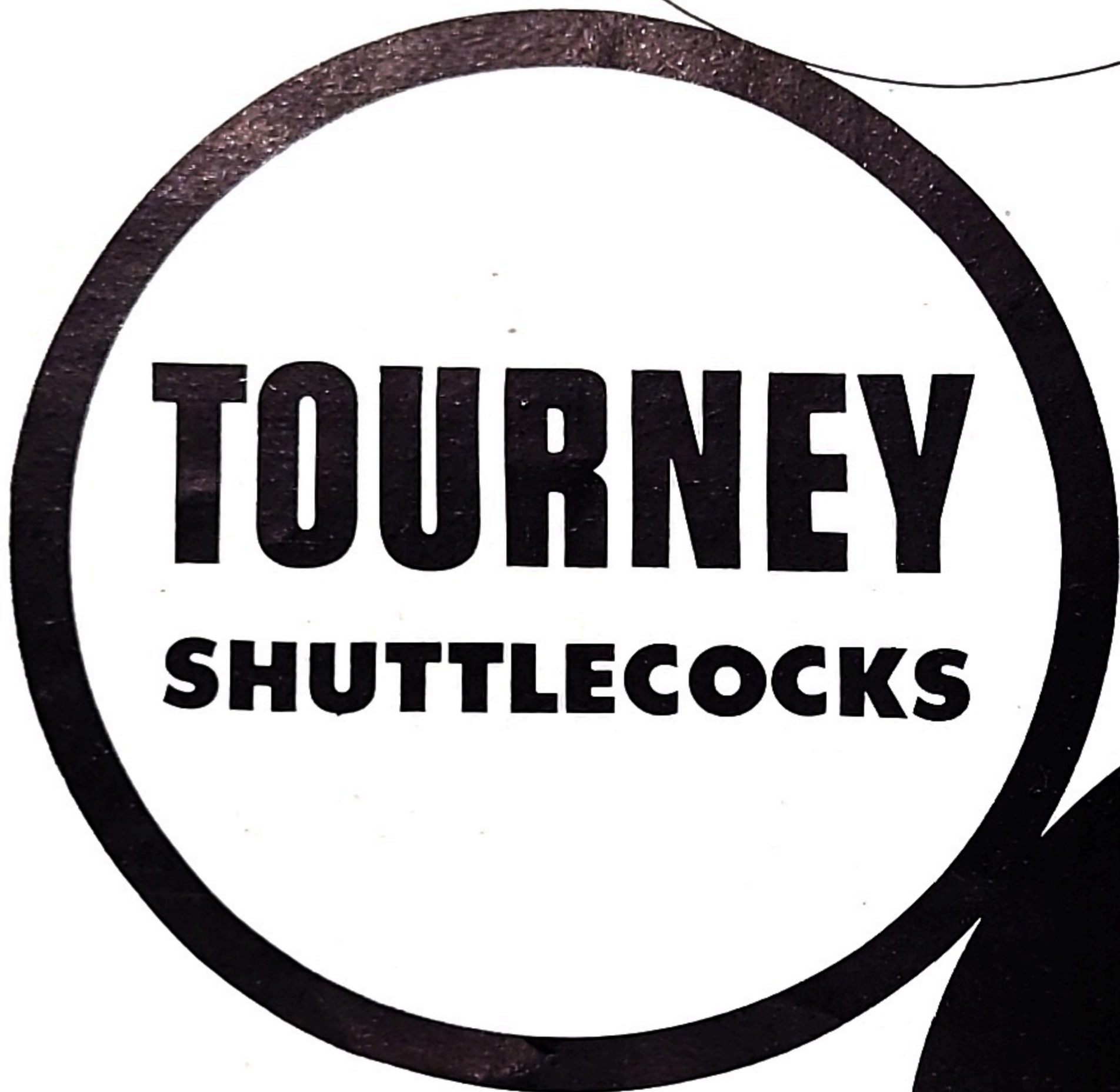
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A CLOWN ON SKATES but a champ on the court . . . that's Hugh Forgie, U. S. Professional Badminton Champion and Ice Capades star, shown here with Cortland's "Hugh Forgie" Racket with Sila-Flex Fiberglass Shaft. Forgie calls it "the finest racket I've used in my 20 years as a professional."





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From The President

Miss Susan F. Devlin,
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Dear Miss Devlin,

It is with the greatest pleasure and pride that I take this opportunity to introduce you as Editor of Bird Chatter to all of its readers and to the entire American Badminton Association Membership.

Three years ago, through various causes which were beyond the control of the officers and directors of this Association, Bird Chatter had gradually gone backwards, both editorially and financially, from its earlier successful operation. At that time Mrs. Marguerite Miller and a small group of loyal helpers, all of the Glendale Badminton Club of Glendale, California, came courageously forward with a plan to restore the dignity and stability of the publication.

It is now history that these people, starting off with good intentions, a woeful lack of experience, a deficit in the treasury, a very meager subscription list, practically no tools and equipment, but an enormous amount of ambition and energy, brought the magazine back to its old respected condition as regards subscriptions, advertisements, editorial matter and sound finances.

Recently, when this staff asked to be relieved, it first appeared very difficult. However, your offer to take over was the perfect answer for several excellent reasons.

Firstly, you personally are one of our outstanding young winners of both United States National and All England Championships.

Secondly, you have a wonderful family who, I am sure, will aid you greatly, in your sister Judith, with her experience of numerous successes during recent years in United States National and All England Championships; your illustrious Father whose outstanding record of championship titles and International representation, plus his valuable experience as former Editor of the highly successful Badminton Gazette of England, and last, but by no means least your enthusiastic Mother whose tireless efforts on behalf of Junior play both within the U.S.A. and internationally with Canada, plus her present invaluable contribution to our present promotion and deliberation regarding the Uber Cup Team.

Thirdly, your location in Baltimore with many other fine Badminton enthusiasts and many young players available to help, will also contribute to your success I am sure.

To sum this all up, I feel that Mrs. Miller and her committee produced results far above those expected by the A.B.A., and in doing so have given you a firm foundation on which to build. We have the greatest confidence in you as evidenced by the unanimous Directors approval of your appointment, and I pledge you the utmost support of the entire American Badminton Association.

Good Luck to you and Bird Chatter.

Sincerely,

CLAUDE WELCOME, President
American Badminton Association

EDITORIAL

With this issue the new staff sets forth on what we hope will be a successful journey into the field of distribution of badminton news and views. We have much to live up to in equalling the accomplishments of our immediate predecessors and we, naturally, hope to contribute something of our own to the history of this publication. We are starting off with wonderful cooperation from the ABA officers and we have a nucleus of fine reporters on whom we can depend.

You will find in this issue a feature article on the Uber Cup Squad, a personality sketch of the three west coast ABA officers and the first of a series of questionnaires which will be sent to a cross-section of players throughout the country. We also have a section of foreign news which we plan to make a permanent fixture of the magazine.

In the future we will run an article on what was going on in the U.S. badminton world 25 years ago, reports from our neighbors Canada and Mexico, and further articles of instruction for all grades of player.

This magazine is for you, our subscribers, to keep you informed about badminton activities and to provide instructive and constructive articles for you to read. We want to print what interests you so if you have any ideas for new themes, any news or any pictures to send us or want to know any information, please let us hear from you. And if you are interested in or pleased with any project we might undertake, remember you can show this best by helping us to obtain new subscribers. S.D.

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

November 22-24—Montreal A.A. Tournament, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
December 1—Niagara Falls Country Club Invitational Class B & C, Lewiston, N.Y.
December 1—Westport Mens Doubles, Westport, Connecticut
December 7-9—Towson Open Tournament, Towson, Md.
December 8, 9—Michigan Open, Dearborn, Mich.
January 8-13*—Strathgowan Invitation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
January 18-20—Maryland State C, Baltimore, Md.
January 19*—Providence Open, Providence, R.I.
January 26, 27—Wilmington Ladies Doubles, Wilmington, Dela.
February 1-3 *—National Capitol Chps, Washington, D.C.
February 8-10—Maryland State B, Baltimore, Md.
February 23, 24—Niagara Falls Country Club Open, Lewiston, N.Y.
February 27-March 2—Canadian Badminton Association Open Championships, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
March 1-3—Mason Dixon Open, Baltimore, Md.
March 20-23—All England Championships, London, England
March 22-24—Maryland State Closed, Baltimore, Md.
March 23, 24—Kodak Invitation, Rochester, N. Y.
March 29-31—Southern B.A. Tournament, Atlanta, Georgia
March 30-April 1—U.S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Wilmington, Dela.
April 6—Western New York B & C Chps., site undetermined
April 8-12—U.S. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Spokane, Wash.

*tentative

Copies of the new International Badminton Federation Handbook may be obtained from Jack H. van Praag, Secretary, The American Badminton Association, 905 South Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California. This fine handbook, available for delivery at 75 cents each, contains a wealth of badminton news, records and information. When writing for the handbook please include payment and your name and address clearly printed.

BADMINTON DISCUSSED AT PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONVENTION AT ATLANTIC CITY

On Monday, April 23rd 1956 the Eastern District American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, National Section for Girls and Womens Sports, held a Forum Session at their Convention in Atlantic City, at which Lealand R. Gustavson represented the American Badminton Association.

The subject for discussion was "How can we meet the needs of the athletically gifted girl?" Eight sports were represented, with Mr. Gustavson the only man on the panel. Miss Minnie L. Lynn from Pittsburgh acted as moderator. Lea writes "nice complimentary things were being said by everybody but me. I felt that the unpolished truth was the only thing I could say that could do badminton and the kids in school any good. Here is what I said, 'Badminton in the schools is being taught very badly and the result is that the standard of play is low. It is just not good enough. If reading, writing and arithmetic were taught as badly as badminton is taught the teachers would all get fired.'

"I fully realized that I was being harsh and that perhaps that is no way to win friends, but from that point on badminton was referred to frequently by other panel members, some in self defense, some critically and sofe favorably, but all much aware of badminton.

"After the panel discussion had ended questions from the floor were invited. Some were directed to me. One was loaded. 'You said the teaching of badminton isn't good enough. Good enough for what?' My answer was: 'It is not good enough to prepare a girl so that she may improve her game to the full extent of her capabilities.' I opposed the thought that was quite prevalent, that competition is not good for children.

"Aside from the panel discussion I was pleased to learn that the schools are ready to welcome sports like badminton. It is recognized individual sports should be part of their program. More schools and colleges do have badminton programs than we of the ABA are aware of. Most of it however is for girls."

Lea came away with the plan of a direct mail campaign conducted by

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The Uber Cup Squad

LOIS ALSTON



Lois was born in San Diego July 27th, 1928. She is a graduate of San Diego State College. Her height is 5'4", weight 120 lbs.

Small and vivacious, Lois is a great favorite wherever she goes. The top woman player in California, she was twice National Mixed Doubles Champion with husband Joe, and they were invited to play in the All England Championships last year. Lois lost to Margaret Varner in the semi-finals of the Singles and in the Doubles, with Margaret, to England's number one team of Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Timperley, also in the semi-finals. However, the girls had their revenge a week later when they beat this pair in the Scottish International Invitational.

Nationally Lois is ranked No. 3 in Singles, No. 4 in Doubles with Beulah Bymaster and No. 2 in Mixed with Joe. Lois is the possessor of beautiful deceptive drop-shots and is very fast in covering the court. A Physical Education teacher in Pasadena, both she and Joe spend a tremendous lot of their spare time putting on exhibitions for the betterment of Badminton, and also helping the Juniors in Pasadena.

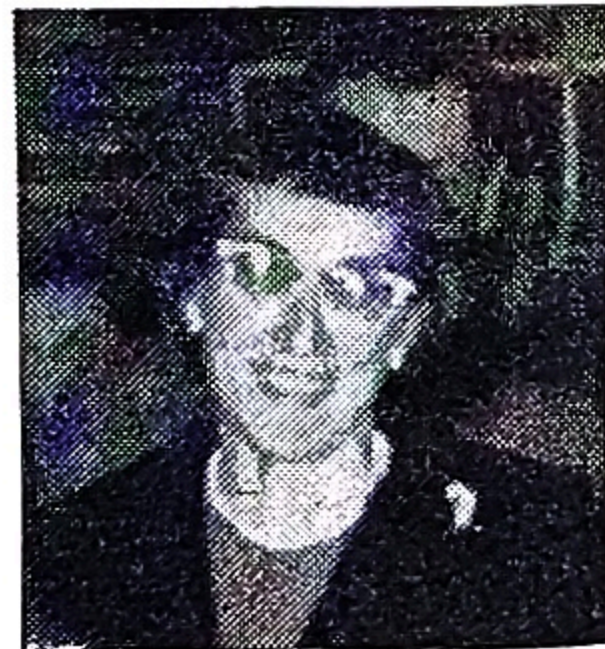
LEE CHADBOURNE



At the Nationals in Philadelphia last April, Lee had some very creditable wins in Singles, defeating Abbie Rutledge and Jean Miller (Canadian Champion). She won the Middle Atlantic Singles last year, and with Margaret Varner reached the finals of every doubles tournament on the East Coast in which they played together.

For the past two years teaching Physical Education at Garrison Forest School, Baltimore, Maryland, this fall she is doing the same kind of work at Smith College in Mass. Lee is 5'5½" tall and weighs 123 lbs.—age, 24 years. She is a graduate of Sargent College in Boston. For the past three years she has been a member of the United States Womens Lacrosse team, and last year made the Reserve team in Field Hockey. Hobbies—all sports, photography and music.

CHARLOTTE DECKER



Squad Member. Washington, D.C.

JUDY DEVLIN



Born in Winnipeg, Canada, October 22nd, 1935, came to the United States in October 1936. A 5'6" red head, Judy is ranked No. 1 in Singles and No. 2 Nationally in Doubles with her sister Susan. She also holds the U. S. Mixed Doubles with Finn Kobbero of Denmark. Judy won the All England Singles and Doubles in 1954 and the National Singles and Doubles, and the Junior Singles that same year. Judy first won the National Junior Championship at the age of 13 and held it for the following five years. In 1955 she and Susan lost the All England Doubles to Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Timperley but regained them again this year from the same pair.

Judy is fond of all sports, played field hockey until 1953 when she made the Southeast Team and was named on the U. S. Womens La-

crose Team in 1954 and 1955. Nationally ranked by the U.S.L.T.A. in Class A Singles in '54 and '55 and in Doubles (with Susan) at No. 5 in '54 and No. 6 in '55. However, Badminton remains her favorite game and her general all-around excellence has already taken her far along the road to the very top.

Judy is a Senior at Goucher College in Maryland, majoring in English. With all this activity, I don't know how she finds time to have a hobby, but she has—Stamp Collecting.

SUSAN DEVLIN



She was born in London, England and came to this country in 1936 along with her parents Grace and Frank Devlin who as we all know, do so much hard

work for Badminton. Sue is 25 years of age and 5'7" tall. She is ranked No. 2 in Doubles with Judy, with whom she also holds the All England title.

Sue won the First Junior Nationals Doubles Championship in 1947 with a fellow Baltimorean, Barbara Scarlett, now Mrs. Milton Allen, again in 1948, and in 1949 she held it with Judy.

A south-paw with strong shots she makes up in severity what she loses in somewhat slow foot-work. Her Singles play improved so much in the latter part of last season that she defeated both Beulah Bymaster and Jean Waring (the Canadian ex-Champion), in the Nationals and now ranks No. 7.

A graduate of Goucher College, Towson, Maryland, she is now a Research Technician, The McCollum-Pratt Institute, Dept. of Biology, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. In 1954 she was a member of the U. S. Reserve Womens Lacrosse Team with an Honorable Mention in 1955. Her U. S. Womens Doubles

Tennis Ranking was No. 5 in 1954 and No. 6 in 1955.

Susan is the new Editor of BIRD CHATTER.

ETHEL MARSHALL



For seven years in succession 1947-1953 inclusive, Ethel was our National Singles Champion, where her accuracy, severity and superb foot-work put her in a class by herself. A south-paw, her round-the-head shots are probably her best. Ethel was perhaps one of the best women Singles players the game has known, but after her win in 1953 she decided to quit Singles and just play Doubles with her partner, Bea Massman. She is now 32 years of age—height 5'4", weight 120 lbs. Winning the National Womens Doubles this year gives her and Bea the No. 1 Ranking.

Ethel is a member of the Buffalo Athletic Club, Niagara Falls Ontario Badminton and Tennis Club and the Triad Badminton Club. Other sports in which she is interested are Tennis, Skating, Biking, Baseball, Volleyball and Basketball. She is ranked No. 2 in National Public Parks Tennis this year with Bea. In the business world, Ethel is Supervisor of Order-Writing Mail and Filing Sections, in the Purchasing Dept. of the Bell Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo. In August of this year she celebrated 14 years service with this company.

An ABA Director, she is also Chairman of the Junior Activities Committee.

BEA MASSMAN



A member of the Buffalo Athletic Club, Niagara Falls Ontario Badminton Club and Triad Badminton Club, Bea, along with Ethel, has a very good rec-

ord over the last nine years they have played doubles together. They hold the United States Open, Ohio Open, Michigan Open, Illinois Open, Strathgowan International, Granite Club Toronto, Niagara Falls Invitational and Western New York titles. Bea works as a Physical Ed. Teacher at the Buffalo High School and also at St. Mary's School for the deaf. This year the Western New York Junior Girls Champ was one of her deaf pupils, and also one of Bea's proudest achievements. She has also partnered Ethel in doubles in Tennis, and ranked No. 2 in the National Public Parks. Her height is 5'4½" and weight 135 lbs.

Her hobbies are Home Movies and painting.

DOROTHY O'NEIL



This year Dottie won the Connecticut State Singles, and also put on a good showing at the Nationals in Philadelphia. She is 5'4½", and weighs 132 lbs., age 26. She is a member of the Norwich, New London and Westport Badminton Clubs in Connecticut, and also the University Club in Boston. Other sports she is interested in are Tennis, Softball, Basketball and Bowling.

Dottie's occupation is X-ray Technician in Norwich, Connecticut.

ABBIE RUTLEDGE



A tall blonde, Abbie plays a strong all-court game. Suffering from a sprained knee during last season, she expects it to be as good as new again this year. She was a member of the U. S. Team which toured South Africa in 1955.

A Physical Education Teacher at Purdue University, Abbie is the holder of numerous Titles in the Mid-West. The best Singles player

in the Mid-West she is the current holder of the Open Championships of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. This year she ranks nationally No. 5 in Singles and No. 3 in Doubles with Margaret Varner.

HELEN TIBBETTS



Born in Alhambra, Calif., Feb. 17th, 1925, Helen first played badminton on a backyard court at home, in 1936. She joined the Alhambra Tennis and Badminton Club in 1937 and in 1938 joined the Pasadena Badminton Club, of which she is still a member. She also holds a playing membership at the Manhattan Beach Club.

Helen is ranked 8 in the womens doubles National Rankings 1955-56 with her partner Jean Gibbs. She is 5'5" in height, weight 120 lbs., and before her marriage to Chuck in 1945, she was a secretary. Helen has three children, Jeffry 10, Mindy 5½ and Debbie 3. She has always done a lot of exhibitions in schools and colleges to promote badminton in the Los Angeles vicinity.

MARGARET VARNER

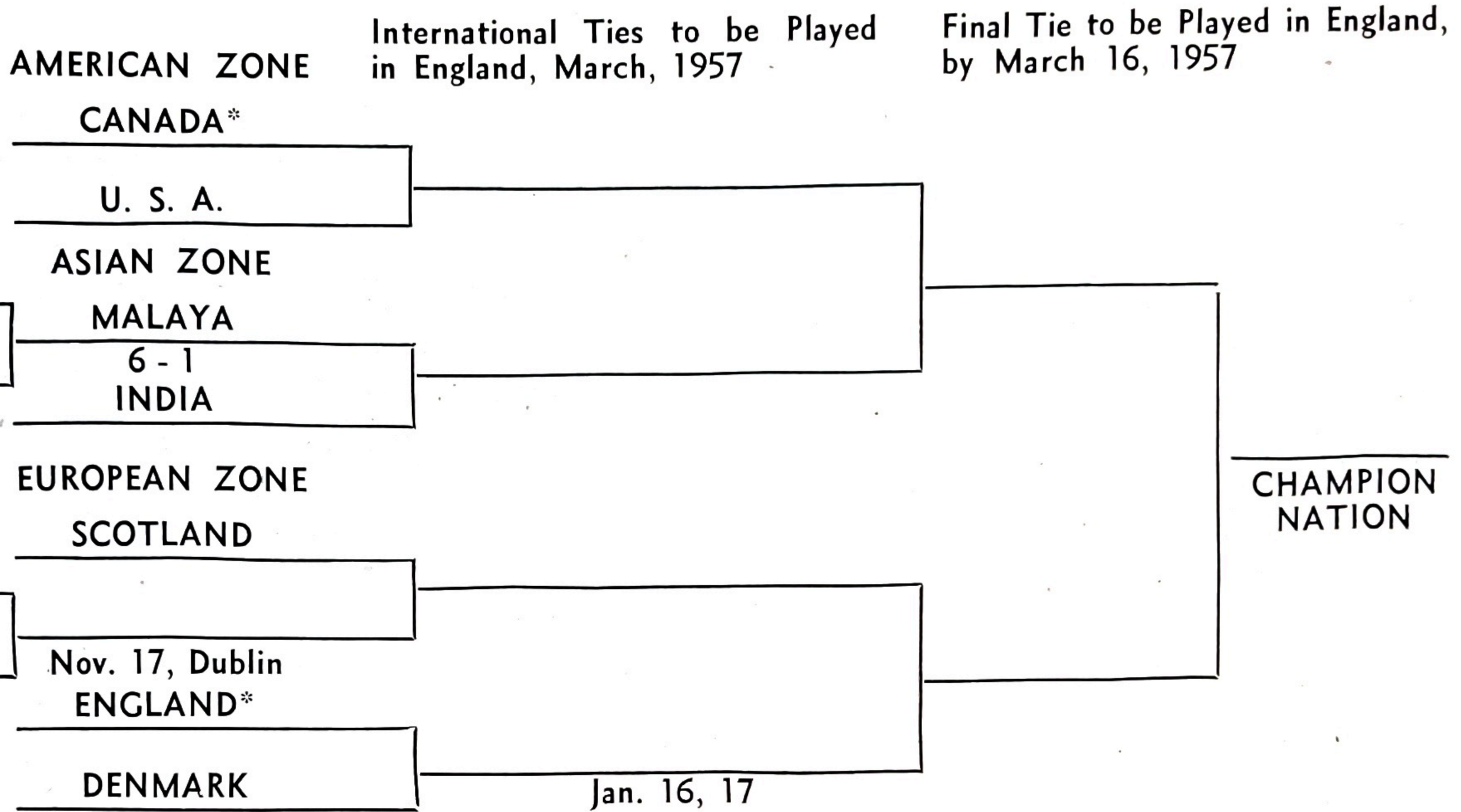


Margaret was born in El Paso, Texas, October 4th, 1927. She graduated from Texas State College for Women and is now Assistant Professor at Sargent College of Physical Education, Boston University. She is ranked No. 2 Nationally in Singles. She holds numerous singles titles on the East Coast and also the All England Singles and the Scottish World Invitational Doubles with Lois Alston.

A 5'6" tall red-head, Margaret has a powerful all-around game with an extremely severe smash and great sense of anticipation. She was Captain of the U. S. team which toured South Africa in the summer of 1955.

At the early age of ten she was an expert rifewoman, and won medals

Final arrangements for the Uber Cup Matches were made at the London, England meeting of the I.B.F. in June, and the Draw made as follows:



Australasian Zone first was represented by New Zealand alone. They have since retired from the Competition.

* These Nations have first choice of Courts.

The Badminton Association of Malaya selected a five woman team for the Uber Cup tie with Hong Kong which took place in Hong Kong on August 30th. Malaya won 6 to 1. The team consisted of Cecilia Samuel, Captain of the team, Lam Kit Lin, Helen Heng, Tan Gaik Bee and Dolly Tan. The last member of the team is the reserve in case of injury. Lam Kit Lin is Malaya's number one girl and is by far the strongest player they have. They are now to meet India to determine the Asian Zone winner.

in Texas and New Mexico Rifle Matches. In Tennis she was U.S.A. National Junior Doubles Champion in 1944 and 1945, and in 1954 was ranked No. 3 Nationally in Womens Doubles, also a six times winner of the Texas State Singles.

THELMA WELCOME



Thelma was born in England forty five years ago and came to this country in 1937. Prior to her coming to this country she won numerous International Titles, including the All England Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. She was runner-up six times in the U.S.A. Nationals to Ethel Marshall, and also five times Title Holder with Janet Wright of the U.S.A. Womens Doubles. She was the third woman member of the 1955 South African Touring Team.

Her weight is 129 lbs. and height 5'6".

Thelma's other sports activities are Tennis, Swimming and Table Tennis. When living in England, she was a contestant in the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. At the present moment she is holder of the Southern California Badminton Championships in Doubles. Thelma is married to Claude Welcome, our ABA President, both being members of the Glendale Badminton Club.

Squad Challenge Month

In order to stimulate womens play throughout the country December has been set aside as Uber Cup Squad Challenge Month. Any player or players desirous of challenging any members of the Uber Cup Squad in either singles or doubles (in your area), may do so during this month.

Kindly send your challenge to Helen Gibson, Chairman of the Uber Cup Committee, 6 Bridge Street, East Norwalk, Connecticut, and she will arrange the match.

Committee

The following are the members of the Uber Cup Committee: Mrs. Kenneth Davidson, Mrs. J. Frank Devlin, Mrs. Nelson Howard II, Mr. Roy W. Jordan, Mr. Claude Welcome, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee and Helen Gibson, Chairman.

Fund

We have not yet reached our minimum goal, which will provide transportation and housing for our team against Canada, and if we win, in the matches in England. This minimum sum leaves the team paying for its own meals and for all other expenses.

The Committee are still working on fund raising and hope that all badminton players, particularly the women players, will do something, no matter how small, to help fully support our team.

Let's make them feel that the entire A.B.A. is behind them.

Uber Cup Committee.
(Fund Report is on page 22)

NATIONAL RANKINGS 1955-56

The following are the national rankings of the ABA approved by the Executive Committee and at present being submitted to the Board of Directors for Ratification.

MENS SINGLES

1. Joe Alston California
2. Dick Mitchell California
3. Don Davis Washington
4. Bill Berry California
5. Ted Moehlmann Missouri
6. Michael Roche Maryland
7. Ron Palmer California
8. Mike Hartgrove California
9. Manuel Armendariz California
10. Richard Ball Maryland

Honorable Mention

- Noel Fehm Connecticut
Gary MacFarlane New York

LADIES SINGLES

1. Judy Devlin Maryland
2. Margaret Varner Massachusetts
3. Lois Alston California
4. Lee Chadbourne Maryland
5. Abbie Rutledge Indiana
6. Thelma Welcome California
7. Susan Devlin Maryland
8. Beulah Bymaster California
9. Helen Tibbetts California
10. Charlotte Decker Maryland

MENS DOUBLES

1. J. Alston California
Wynn Rogers California
2. D. Mitchell California
B. Berry California
3. M. Armendariz California
M. Hartgrove California
4. Bill Anderson Michigan
Vic Pritula Michigan
5. N. Fehm Connecticut
R. Ball Maryland
6. T. Moehlmann Missouri
Earl Boston Illinois
7. Alan Mahaffey California
H. Knight California
8. D. Davis Washington
M. Roche Maryland

Not Ranked For Insufficient Data

- Clint Stephens Maryland
M. Roche Maryland
Barton Harvey Maryland
Spencer Davis Maryland
Bill Bryant Michigan
Russell Paquette Michigan

Honorable Mention

- Robert Traquair New York
Ray Young New York
Robert Hardison New York
Don Bechtel New York

LADIES DOUBLES

1. Ethel Marshall New York
Bea Massman New York
2. Susan Devlin Maryland
Judy Devlin Maryland
3. L. Alston California
B. Bymaster California
4. A. Rutledge Indiana
M. Varner Massachusetts
5. Rosine Capchart New York
Doris DeLord New York
6. H. Tibbetts California
Jean Gibbs California
7. Thelma Burdick Illinois
Eleanor Coams Illinois
8. C. Decker Maryland
McGregor Stewart Maryland
9. Carlene Jo Hester California
Jeanne Pons California
10. L. Chadbourne Maryland
Dorothy O'Neil Connecticut

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Bobby Williams New York
E. Marshall New York
2. J. Alston California
L. Alston California
3. W. Rogers California
Dottie Hann California
4. M. Hartgrove California
H. Tibbetts California
5. M. Armendariz California
B. Bymaster California
6. M. Roche Maryland
Helen Gibson Connecticut
7. Bill Anderson Michigan
Mary Conner Michigan
8. T. Moehlmann Missouri
A. Rutledge Indiana
9. E. Boston Illinois
E. Coams Illinois

Honorable Mention

- S. Davis Maryland
C. Decker Maryland
A. Mahaffey California
J. Gibbs California
R. Ball Maryland
S. Devlin Maryland

VETERANS DOUBLES

1. Dick Fleming California
Fred Serafin California
2. Wayne Schell Massachusetts
Bob Wright Massachusetts
3. Joe Tiberi Illinois
Lee Robinson Illinois
4. Robert Traquair New York
H. Schmidt New York
5. Herpel Perkins Missouri
Ken Aderholt Missouri

GIRLS SINGLES

1. McGregor Stewart Maryland
2. Norma Slauer Massachusetts
3. Virginia Hubbard Minnesota
4. Marcia Dotson Minnesota
5. Barbara Prince Pennsylvania
6. Sally Coulter Maryland
7. Ardyce Carr California
8. Cynthia Dryden Maryland
9. Joan Wood Maryland
10. Virginia Greene California

BOYS SINGLES

1. Gary McFarlane New York
2. Russ Paquette Michigan
3. Don Paup California
4. Bill Bryant Michigan
5. David Lycette Washington
6. Ted Ebenkamp California
7. Dennis DePry California
8. Jim Lynch California
9. Glenn Hackett New York
10. Tim O'Donnell New Jersey

GIRLS DOUBLES

1. N. Slauer Massachusetts
M. Stewart Maryland
2. M. Dotson Minnesota
B. Prince Pennsylvania
3. Claudia Christensen Minnesota
V. Hubbard Minnesota
4. A. Carr California
V. Greene California
5. S. Coulter Maryland
L. Windsor Maryland
6. C. Dryden Maryland
J. Wood Maryland
7. Lucie Gustavson Michigan
Judy White Michigan
8. Donna Madden Michigan
Sue Mann Michigan
9. Joanne Nelson Minnesota
Karen Williams Minnesota
10. Judy Seng Minnesota
Joan Seng Minnesota

BOYS DOUBLES

1. B. Bryant Michigan
R. Paquette Michigan
2. T. Ebenkamp California
D. Paup California
3. D. DePry California
J. Lynch California
4. G. Hackett New York
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Roy Lockwood California
7. Jerry Burns Michigan
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| | Cliff Reid | Massachusetts |
| 10. | John Schultz | Pennsylvania |
| | Scott Sieler | California |

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| | M. Dotson | Minnesota |
| 2. | G. McFarlane | New York |
| | M. Stewart | Maryland |
| 3. | R. Pacquette | Michigan |
| | N. Slauer | Massachusetts |
| 4. | D. Paup | California |
| | A. Carr | California |
| 5. | T. Ebenkamp | California |
| | V. Hubbard | Minnesota |
| 6. | D. Lycette | Washington |
| | L. Gustavson | Michigan |
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LETTERS

Dear Madam,

In Girl Scouts I am working toward a Curved Bar rank in Sports. I have taken up Badminton and wish to know the laws and regulations of the Badminton Association of the U.S. and what competitions are held, where. I also would like some interesting stories about the game or people playing the game. Can you supply me with this information or send me any old copies of BIRD CHATTER that might help me on this badge?

Thank you.

Yours truly,
SARABETH TOMLINSON
Two River Council Girl Scouts
Rushville, Illinois

P.S. My mother is leader of my troop and district director, and any material sent will be used and kept in our Scout Library.

(Ed.—Perhaps some of the readers have back copies of BIRD CHATTER they would like to send to Miss Tomlinson for her Scout Troop.)

Ches Isaacs, enthusiastic junior booster from Paramount, California, makes some interesting comments to fellow Californian George McCook. Feldskereh, Austria

Dear George,

Thought I better drop you a line to let you know we are all having a fine time in Europe. I know you'll be interested to find out that our little game of Badminton is sweeping the country. Of course they have no courts nor know any rules, but everyone has a couple of rackets and a plastic shuttlecock. It makes no difference where it is, what time of day, or what age—somebody is always beating a bird back and forth trying to keep it in the air, and a few have nets, or string up a rope to hit it over.

A German policeman told me that the game has hit the masses pretty hard during the last two years, especially in Germany, Holland, and Austria. Well you know what might come of all this mass participation in a few years; we better look after our laurels.

As ever your friend,
CHES ISAACS

ABA Officers from the West Coast



Claude Welcome

California's trio of ABA officers has hopes and plans for doing an excellent job to further the country's Badminton affairs during this term in office. Each has an active interest in shuttle chasing plus the ability and interest to fulfill the job.

Claude Welcome has had "presidential experience" which should help him with the duties in the office that Charlie Newhall handled so well. In 1946, Claude was president of Northside Club in Altadena after which he became a member of the Southern California B. A. Board of Directors with the special job of directing league play among the local clubs. Elected president of the S.C.B.A. in June 1948, he served through 1951, during which time he took an active interest in developing a junior program and helped establish a Junior Activity Fund to assist the younger players. Another project he has furthered is the Thomas Cup, having been president of the Patron's Association in 1952.

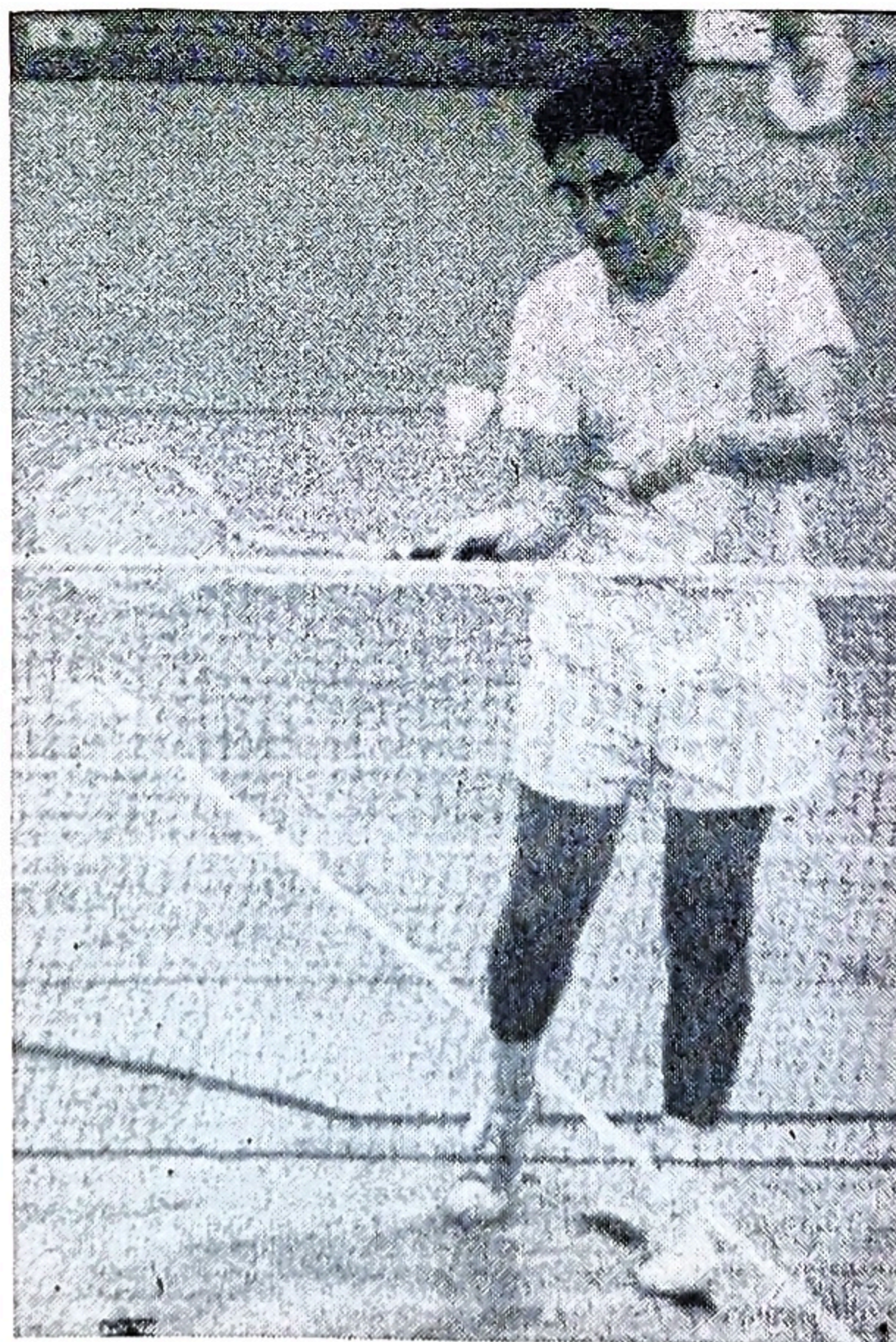
It was obvious from the beginning of Claude's days as an official that he had a talent for hard work. His drive and energy keeps his co-workers hopping. He is in close touch with all clubs and activities. According to the records, Claude won his first trophy for veterans doubles in 1946, now has a total of 21, a number of them won while paired with Jack van Praag. He seems to be more interested in wife Thelma's trophies than his own, but the Welcomes beautiful new home in Glendale has a trophy room which displays both collections.

Jack van Praag, the new ABA

Secretary, has long been one of the southland's most energetic workers. After being a Southern California Badminton Association Director for some time, he served as president, 1953-55. Any project put into Jack's hands is carried out competently and willingly. He keeps a *very* large and *very* complete scrapbook on world badminton. At all the local tournies players can be found reading it to catch up on foreign as well as domestic news of all phases of the game. He is also an active player in veterans' doubles events with quite a collection of trophies in his home. Along with all his other duties, he is presently prexy of Northside Club in Altadena.

In his "off-the-court" life, the Treasurer, Manuel Armendariz, works for an accounting firm in Los Angeles. As a player his record is well known. He began as a junior at the Olive Park Recreation Center in Burbank. While still in the eighteen-and-under brigade, he won the Southern California Junior Singles and Doubles titles plus the Junior National Doubles title. Ever since becoming a senior player Mannie has had high U.S. rankings in all events. He was a member of the Thomas Cup Team which went to Malaya in May of 1955. He has several younger brothers whom he is encouraging toward topnotch badminton in the future.

With the experience, talent, and enthusiasm these three officers have, we feel sure that their duties will be



Manuel Armendariz



Jack van Praag

expertly handled. For more about the other officers, Ted Jarrett and Roger Baird, see the next issue.

Good luck and much success to you all.

H. T.

ENGLISH VIEWPOINT

by I. Witness

The attention of the Badminton world in Europe at the moment—these notes are being written before the start of the season—is focused on the prospects for the inaugural year of the Uber Cup competition. The first match in this Zone, between Sweden and Ireland, takes place on November 17th in Dublin, and the winners later meet Scotland. Although prophesying is a risky business, on paper the Irish ladies should win through to meet the winners of the Denmark-England tie which is scheduled for mid-January. In fact, it seems reasonably safe to assume that the winners in this first-round tie will prove ultimately the winners of the European Zone, but over this result the writer refuses to be oracular. England's top pair of last season, Mesdames Rogers and Timperley, stand a good chance of winning both their doubles matches if they are in form, and Mrs. Rogers must be a favourite for the top singles, but in the remaining matches the odds must be reckoned as slightly in favour of Denmark. From the English point of view, it is to be hoped that the national characteristic of losing gracefully is not too prominently on view!

Apart from the players in the

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This is the first in a series of questions and answers asked of badminton players throughout the country. We hope that it will prove interesting to you, our readers, and that you will send us any questions that you feel would be interesting for us to get an expression of opinion on.

1. In some countries, England is one, it is the practice to present certificates at some of the tournaments instead of prizes. There are also perpetual challenge trophies. These "vouchers" may be used at certain stores towards the purchase of articles such as appliances, cutlery, flat silver, jewelry and luggage. Do you think this is a good idea or would you prefer to win a prize?

Margaret Varner, Mass. I like the idea of certificates in lieu of prizes because then the recipient can exchange them for something she does not already have or combine certificates for a nicer article. Too often the award is meaningless if it is a duplication or a large but obviously inexpensive one. I think junior players might prefer trophies. For national and international tournaments, a small but fine memento is highly treasured.

Another idea is to have two tables of awards, one with winners awards and the other with runners-up awards. The players may then choose. All may choose the same article and the store which provides the article sends it to the player if there are not duplicates on hand.

Hap Burdick, Ill. I am very much in favor, with apologies to the top players, of having prizes such as trophies or silver plates for tournaments. They are symbolic of an honor and accomplishment which will withstand the sands of time.

Ethel Marshall, New York. This depends on whether you are talking to the individual or considering this as general practice. I think it a fine idea but have found that the person in charge of prizes has shown excellent taste and I have received many fine prizes that have pleased me very much. As a general practice I don't think it is a good idea for Class B or C championships or for junior awards as nothing could quite measure up to one's first trophy or prize. Tradition has in many instances, dictated silver-ware as awards in closed regional tourneys and I am inclined to abide by tradition in these instances.

Joe Alston, Cal. I think that the certificate idea is an appealing one,

but only for an occasional tournament. It would be a pleasant change now and then, particularly for those who win a number of tournaments throughout the season. I do feel, however, that for the most part any player appreciates a prize that he can keep always and which serves to remind him throughout the years of that match he killed himself to win! I think this applies particularly to the major tournaments of the year. *Ramona Gunner, Minn.* It depends whether experienced champions or new first-tourney people are playing. Naturally the beginner would want a trophy as that is the typical award of most athletic events. The experienced winner may have many trophies and they may appreciate something more useful. Yet many trophies are useful. I can't seem to come to any conclusion. I still am at the stage where I love to win trophies.

Doris DeLord, New York. I think most of us play the game for its own sake and, frankly, to win. The kind of prize seems to me pretty secondary. It is true, however, that if you play for ten years or so you're likely to pick up a few local trophies. Then they become something to be cleaned and polished and/or ultimately deposited in some box in the basement and forgotten. The certificates on the other hand, let you buy something you really want and can use, many times something for which you would not feel justified in spending your own money. If you feel that the event justifies special notice you can always get something with the certificates that is permanent.

Mary Jane Stille, Ohio. While the certificate awards do seem to be practical, I would still prefer to win a prize. I think a table of prizes and their presentation add considerable color to tournaments. Also, receiving a certificate would, to me, be like receiving a gift of money and this could hardly be considered a memento of the occasion.

2. What do you consider the most exciting match that you have played in or watched?

Varner. The most exciting match I have ever played in was in the finals of the 1955 U.S. Open Championships in Long Beach, Cal. The match was against the finest player and best sport I have ever played against, Judy Devlin. I was behind 6-11, 3-9

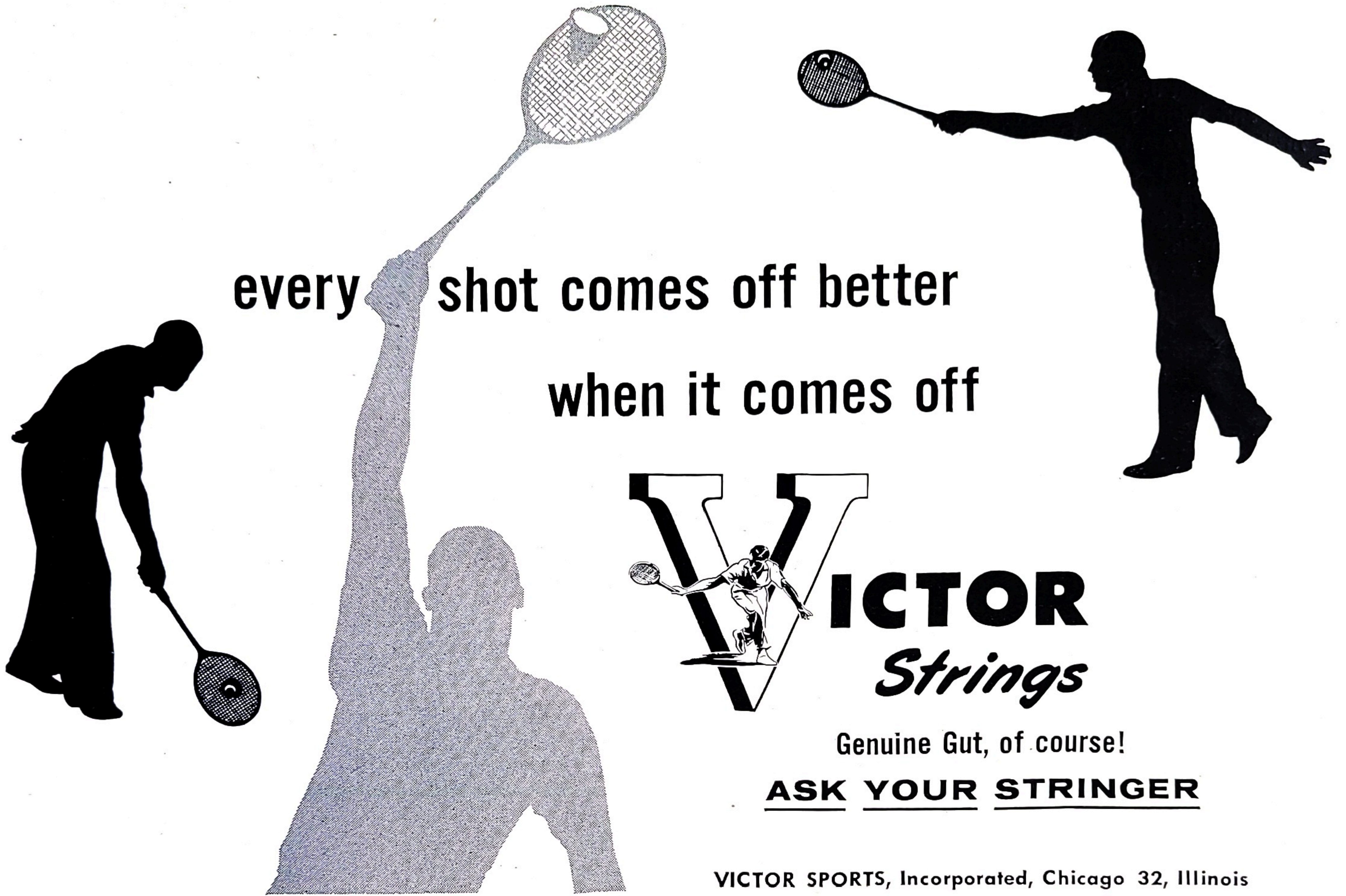
before I got in the game and finally won. Both of the last two games were set games, Judy having pulled up from 6-9 in the third. It was a tense gruelling physical and mental battle which we both wanted to win badly. It meant a lot to me because I had won the All-England title the previous week and because it was my first, and so far only, U.S. title.

Burdick. What a thrill it was to be in a foreign land cheering the Thomas Cup Team at the Glencoe Club in Calgary, Canada in March 1952! But, from an impartial point of view, the most exciting and spectacular match I ever saw was the mens doubles final at the First U.S. Open in Niagara Falls in 1954 when Ong Poh Lim and Ooi Teik Hock beat fellow Malaysians Eddie and David Choong 15-11, 15-4. The scores certainly don't indicate the struggle and sensational badminton that took place.

Marshall. Mohan of India vs Dick Birch, Canada in a Thomas Cup match in Toronto about seven years back. Birch, a picture of the orthodox and Mohan, though lethargic appearing, actually possessing a quick unorthodox style, combined to give a match of opposites with the unexpected happening innumerable times. (Ed.: Canada topped India 7-2, went on to lose to the U.S. 8-1. Davinder Mohan Lal (No. 1) defeated Dick Birch (No. 1) 9-15, 15-7, 15-14.)

Alston. The most thrilling match I have ever played was winning my first national title in 1951 but the most exciting match was during the Thomas Cup matches in Singapore in 1952. It was 4-4 in the match with India for the right to challenge Malaya for the Cup. Wynn (Rogers) and I were down 8-2 in the second game after losing the first in the deciding match against T. N. Seth and Monoj Guha. The crowd of over 10,000 screamed hysterically as we pulled out the second game 15-10 and led all the way in the third to win 15-7.

Gunner. The most exciting match to me was also the first real badminton I had ever seen. It was a girls doubles match in the Junior Nationals held in Minneapolis five years ago and the only players that I remember playing in it were Deedy McCormick and Judy Devlin. That match made me realize what a great game badminton was and how much there was to learn about it. (Ed.



This was undoubtedly the finals in which Deedy and Judy defeated Joan and Jean Gibbs 15-10, 15-12 after having been led 5-0 in the first and 6-0 in the second game.)

DeLord. I'd like to duck this one.

Stille. The most exciting match I've watched was in the Dallas Nationals in 1951 when Ted Moehlmann and Bob Stille won a three set, ooh-so-close one from Dick Mitchell and Irl Madden to enter the semi-finals.

ENGLISH VIEWPOINT

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running for places in the teams, the various promoting Associations are slightly on edge about the forthcoming series, for there is widespread apprehension that the 'gates' attracted will not be sufficient to offset the cost of the ties. On latest reports, however, this would seem to be too gloomy a view, and there will certainly be enthusiastic audiences for the final rounds, which are due to be played in these islands at the end of the season, and in which the United States is likely to be keenly interested.

In addition to the Uber Cup preparations, the usual friendly international matches have been arranged. An innovation is that this year for the first time the English team will take part in the Swedish Open Championships at Stockholm during their Scandinavian tour in January. Plans are also afoot for a Pakistani team to visit this country for the All-England and to play some friendly matches.

The recent announcement that the Badminton Association of England have provisionally accepted an invitation from the South African Badminton Union to send a team to that country next summer has caused great excitement among those players likely to be in the running for selection, and no doubt this will be in their minds at the English Invitation Tournament at Wimbledon in December, which serves as an International Trials. Competition from the younger players is certain to be even more intense this year, and the established team members will have to look to their laurels.

There is very little news of per-

sonalities at this time of the year, when racquets are just being taken out and dusted. There are, however, rumours that Eddy and David Choong are returning to Malaya for good very shortly, and if this is indeed the case, they will be a great loss to English Badminton. It was very noticeable last year, when they stopped competing in many tournaments, that the standard often fell away owing, I think to the lack of a 'target' at which ambitious players could set their sights. The Choongs have fulfilled this role through many seasons in England now, and our younger players, who would otherwise have been denied the opportunity of seeing the world's best more than once a year at the All-England Championships, have a great deal to thank them for.

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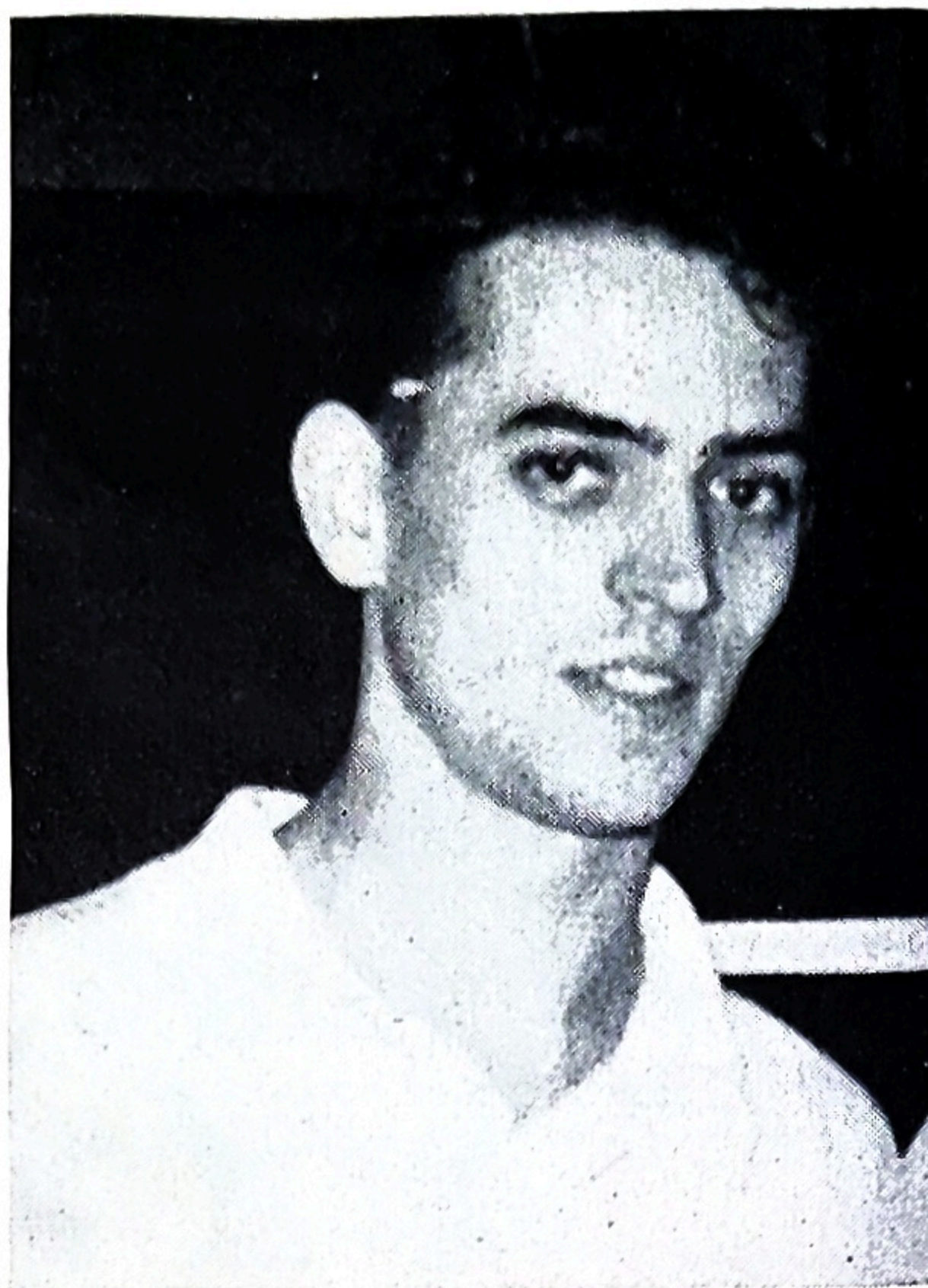
As the first official Danish representatives, J. Hammergaard Hansen and Finn Kobbero received an invitation from the ABA for a tour of part of the United States and Canada in connection with the National Championships held in Philadelphia. Here are a few impressions by Hammergaard of their trip translated from *BADMIN-TON*, the official magazine of the Danish Badminton Association, by Jorgen Kolle.

After the transAtlantic crossing on SAS we arrived in New York and were lodged at the Phi Gamma Delta Club. After dinner with the chairman of the New York Badminton Club, we rushed down the subway and rode to Times Square. We stood gaping over the fantastic sight which just cannot be described in print. We had to compare Copenhagen to this and between the lights, the cars, the skyscrapers and the busy stores, at 9 p. m., it was just overwhelming.

The following morning we were picked up and put on the train for Baltimore where, among other things, we went to the barber who, without even blinking an eye, asked 10 Danish kroner for a haircut. (This, due to the exchange rate, is about five times as much as in Denmark and virtually compared to 1/3 of an average worker's daily pay. Translator's remark). Finn got sore and demanded a crew cut, since he was paying so much he wanted to have something to show for it.

We went to a store to buy me some rubber shoes (sneakers) only to find that they wanted to charge me 50 Danish kroner. (About 1-1/2 days pay. Translator's remark). Then I really got sore and threatened to play in my stocking feet. This softened the man's heart and he let me have them for 35 kroner.

After having recuperated from these various shocks, John Hessey took us to his house where we were to stay. However, we had to leave again immediately to attend a party at the Devlins'. This family among other celebrities counts Frank Devlin, the great Irish Badminton player. Here we had a wonderful dinner and met a lot of people. However we only had a couple of hours there before being rushed off to play badminton, which as you



The author, 1956 U.S. Doubles titleholder

might have guessed was actually the reason for our being there in the first place.

The club had arranged the presentation of the players with all the trimmings; however, due to technical difficulties the arrangement became mixed up. The players were called on the court one by one and all lights were shut off except for one spotlight which shone right in one's face. But unfortunately the total blackout prevented the speaker from reading his manuscript, so that among other things Finn Kobbero was introduced as being from Penang while Ooi Teik Hock became Danish! Well those things can happen. . . . After the matches we were invited to Clint and Patsy Stephens' home, where we relaxed for a couple of hours with a lot of the badminton people from Baltimore.

The next morning we were off again for New York. After a sight-seeing trip in the afternoon (Finn did that while I stayed home to take care of a prize cold I had caught in Scotland on the way over), we played the evening matches at Hunter College. Here again we five foreigners, Finn, Ooi Teik Hock, Ong Poh Lim, Dave McTaggart and myself, and some local people were on the courts. After the matches again a party and then we were taken "Night Seeing" in this fabulous city of New York. Dead tired,

but happy and very impressed, we hit the sack.

Next morning a train took us to Boston where Charles Newhall met us and took us to the University Club. The evening matches were played here and as in Baltimore and New York, the fabulous amount of about 300 spectators were present. In Boston, as in most places, we only stayed one night and already next morning we found ourselves on a plane bound for Buffalo. From here we proceeded by car to Lewiston, where we were to play in the Niagara Falls Country Club Invitation tournament over the weekend. We were put up in a private home with a wonderful family who did everything for us. Here we learned a whole lot about American customs and watched TV, which in the U. S. A. is a story in itself.

After all this travelling and my cold, Finn and I did not feel too hot and had to see ourselves defeated by the two Malaysians in the finals. We met the two Malaysians in eight matches while in the States and this was the only one we lost. This tournament took place in one of the U. S. A.'s five specially built badminton clubhouses and we spent the entire two days there playing. If we were hungry or thirsty, all we had to do was order something and sign for it and somebody else had to take the blow and pay for it. Quite a treat! It was a disappointment to us that while in Lewiston we did not have time to see Niagara Falls. Well I bought a postcard and studied that.

Monday morning we flew to Boston and from there we continued to Marblehead where the evening's matches were held in the Gut and Feathers Club which had two quite good courts in an old church. While in Marblehead we stayed with the Newhalls and the Slauers and both families were wonderful to us.

Next stop Philadelphia. This trip was made by car and this was quite an experience. The whole trip on turnpikes which can be compared to the European "Autobahns", but the most peculiar thing was that every so often you have to stop at toll booths and pay up. Considering the amount of traffic on these turnpikes, it must be a profitable business for what-ever treasury collect the money.

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BADMINTON "SHOTS" AND THEIR EXECUTION

by Wallace (Buzz) Martin

Badminton for the competitive player calls for athletic ability and knowledge of court tactics capable of forcing the opponent out of position. Thus, mere ability to return a bird is not a prime consideration and requisite of a champion, as the inevitable "out of position" shot is bound to come and end the defensive tactics of a retriever. Only an elementary knowledge of badminton stroking would be necessary for most players to achieve the ability to keep the bird in play for five minutes at a time without error. This type of recreation is entirely satisfactory for the non-tournament player. For the tournament player, however, to make the bird hit the floor on your opponent's court, is the objective.

This objective is achieved by execution of about nineteen different shots. But, when discussing types of shots, it must be kept in mind that court strategy goes hand in hand with shot execution. In the ensuing paragraphs, see how many of the nineteen you can distinguish as belonging to your repertoire. If you can claim all nineteen of them, chances are you will go far, and win more than your share of the "hardware."

First, we come to the service. Keep in mind that this is the most important shot in the game, whether you are playing singles, mixed, or regular doubles. Too many players feel that the serve should merely put the bird in play. They fail to consider the important fact that a good service will retain the offense, a bad one will gain the defense. A wide-awake opponent is poised like a cat on the other side of the net ready to ram the bird down the server's throat if the service is set up for him. Practice of service is an essential to winning performance—watch the top players and you will realize that they spend considerable time in this manner. When serving, the eye should be on your opponent, so you can determine if he is poised, anticipating and hoping for a short service. If so, flip the bird to the back of the court. Many times he will be fooled completely and not even get his racket on the bird. This will be especially

true if you have concealed your intentions and made no false motions. A large percentage of doubles victories can be attributed to superior serving.

Likewise, the service return is of major importance. In mixed doubles, the girl is often guilty of a setup return, and the cause is nothing more than her own lack of concentration. Ability to put the bird in play when serving and returning is the major part of the job that the man requires of the girl. "Have an idea" when you execute these shots, and improvement will come without fail.

Next, we will consider the deep court shots, that is, shots that are placed close to the opponent's baseline. The most typical example is the "clear." It is easy to execute, but, in using it, an objective must be kept in mind. If the shot is a high lob clear, the opponent usually has time to get set for a hard smash return. Thus, you give up the offensive, unless you have made a placement. In 90% of the cases, the logical placement is to the opponent's back hand. A good backhand return, meaning a backhand smash or sharp placement, is a rarity. This is logical, as proper foot work is so vital to the strong backhand return. Most players turn to a professional teacher for instruction on this shot, as the natural ability to execute it is rare. To avoid being in a deep court backhand predicament, the opponent will employ an "around the head" shot if he can maneuver into that position. An "around the head" shot can demoralize the opposition very quickly, as placement with this weapon is not difficult. Keep in mind that this game is largely a psychological matter, and if you can take the fight out of your foe with a sharp placement on what he had figured for a tough get, you will have him talking to himself in no time. Soon he loses confidence in his shots and starts playing into your hand.

A fundamental of badminton tactics is the recognized fact that a player is on the offensive when he is hitting the bird with a downward slant. The opposite, or upward slant, is a defense maneuver and

should only be used when in trouble. This is particularly true in a doubles contest, because once on the offense in doubles, the opposition has little chance to recover the initiative. Take your mind off the game in the middle of a rally and the next thing you know, you have lobbed yourself right out of a point.

The "smash" is the game's most colorful shot. In executing it, the player "takes" the bird in front of him, by reaching out and hitting in a downward slant. The powerful smash is traveling at an estimated one hundred mile and hour pace, and is difficult to return with an offensive shot. The opponent may return it, but usually it is a setup for the next volley, unless, he has had an element of luck in his favor. But, the smash is not too recommendable in a close match as endurance is a factor that must be considered. The smash definitely saps your strength if overdone, and it's often amazing to see an adept retriever make effortless returns of it. Quick reflexes are necessary for the retriever. I have nicknamed this type of player "bird dog," always dependable, keen witted, and intent on the business at hand.

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The Danes Invade America

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At the Penn Sherwood Hotel we five boys had a three room suite and all during the four days of the tournament we lived here as a little international family in the best of companionship. Our first duty was to go down to the town hall to see the Danish Consul and from here we went to a large bank where we were photographed from all angles with the magnificent trophies on display there. Then in a caravan of Cadillacs with Miss Badminton in the front and police escort, we were taken to St. Joseph's College where the matches were to take place. On this trip through Philadelphia our little slogan "What a life" was very apropos as it was most of the time on our trip to good old U. S. A.

After the tournament in Philadelphia we took off for Canada for a few more matches in Toronto and Montreal and then before we knew it, our dream trip was over.

Flying Feathers

Oregon B.A. congratulating Don Deardorff and Shirley Lomax on their marriage this summer. . . . Lee Chadbourne, a New Hampshireite who taught physical education at the Garrison Forest School in Baltimore for the last two years, has returned to the northern climes. She is at present on the faculty of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. . . . The former Dallas Badminton Club held a farewell party in honor of the Hap Horns, leaving for Kentucky and the Bill Olivers, leaving for San Francisco. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin. Mrs. Martin is the former Dorothy Lander, a competitor in four nationals and one junior national. . . . Southern Cal's Muriel Horner made a trip to France this summer to visit her nephew who is stationed there with the Army. . . . Baltimore's Dale and Bill Winand the proud parents of a son born on October 1st. . . . Judy Landtroop, formerly of Dallas, Fort Worth and Waco is now in Sacramento, California. Somebody out there look her up and get her playing. . . . Alan and Betty Mahaffey took leave of California in August to settle in Newcomerstown, Ohio where Alan will manage a new company being started there. Their family was enlarged September 12th by the addition of daughter Donna Maree.

Our sympathy to Sunny Rogers, Wynn's wife, whose mother passed away this summer. . . . Badminton player switches to Judo! Fort Worth's Thelma Harrison demonstrated her ability to pick up a man twice her size and fling him over her shoulder at a demonstration of what airmen are required to learn to protect themselves for any eventuality. Item appearing in the Fort Worth KIWANIS NEWS. . . . It's a good thing that Virginia Hill sews well, with four grand-daughters! Newest of that quartet, Kathy, kept people waiting for her arrival all through June—but July 5th was the date. . . . The Hulet Smith home was the scene of a beautiful wedding on September 3rd when daughter Julie was married to Leland Scheu. The newly-weds went to Hawaii on their honeymoon. . . . Sandra Dailey, 1951 junior runner-up, back from three months in Europe and expecting to brush up on shorthand and apply for an overseas government post. Sandra will be living in Philadelphia. . . .

Both Patsy Stephens and Doris DeLord were seen watching the National Tennis at Forest Hills.

The Canadian Badminton Association has engaged Poul Holm of Copenhagen, Denmark to coach and train the Canadian Thomas Cup Team. Poul was back in Denmark this summer after two years as an instructor for the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association. . . . The present Norwegian champion, Hans Gustav Myhre, a contestant in the 1956 All England Championships, has been granted a scholarship at the State University of Iowa to study Business Administration. We hope he will be able to get some practice while he is over here and to play in the National Open in Spokane. . . . Bob and Marie Vandenburg, formerly from D.C., are now living in Atlanta, Georgia. . . . Gary McFarlane, the 1956 U.S. Junior Champ, attending the University of Virginia. . . . Seattle seems to go in for family teams. Joe and Nicky Johnson are father and son, Gladys Mallory and Donna Connolly are mother and daughter and Carl and Frank Peters are brothers.

Virginia Ball is back in Baltimore after graduating from Boston's Sargent College of Physical Education and a summer in Europe. Virginia will be teaching at the Byrn Mawr School, alma mater of Sandra Dailey, singles runner-up in the San Antonio Junior National in 1953. Sandra and her family now live in Miami, Florida. . . . Norma Slauer, two-time Junior National doubles winner, is a freshman at Purdue University and will probably sharpen her game with Abbie Rutledge and South Africa's Beatrix Mare. . . . Washington's Don Jones has switched from mail carrier to insurance salesman. . . . Marilyn Banks Batchelder, 1948 Junior National runner-up, has moved from California to Orono, Maine. Her husband, Richard, is a minister. Her opponent in the New Britain finals, Barbara Scarlett Allen and husband Milton, have just moved into a new house in Hartford, Connecticut. . . . John Cooper, a San Antonio junior, has received a national scholarship sponsored by nineteen leading American corporations and the National Merit Scholarship program. . . . Dick and Zoe Yeager have returned to the courts in Seattle, perhaps plan to

play in the '57 Nationals. . . . Bill Bullen, a Massachusetts junior in 1948, is now married and living in his wife's home country, Nova Scotia. . . . Badminton pointers are still being given to Seattle's juniors by Tim Royce. He helps 22 kids at the Laurelhurst Fieldhouse every Thursday night. . . . Vic Pritula, a Detroiter, claims that a broken jaw caused his interest in badminton. An ice hockey player, Vic became keenly interested while waiting for his jaw to mend. One of his first pupils, Vic Van de Ven, also of Detroit, was the number three ranking junior in the 1952 Niagara Falls Junior Nationals. Vic Van de Ven is now serving his hitch with Uncle Sam's army. We hope to see him back on the courts soon.



Detroit's Viv Pritula (l.) and Bob Williams, Lewiston, at the Ohio Open in Cleveland.

An encouraging report from Washington State shows that a record sixty four girls entered the singles event at the Seattle-King County Junior tournament. . . . Connecticut Badminton Association has elected Lea Gustavson as its new president. Lea has also just done the illustrations on the current bestseller "Captain of the Queens." This is the autobiography of Captain Harry Grattidge as told to Richard Collier. Captain Grattidge is the retired captain of the liner Queen Elizabeth. . . . The Kalamazoo Club has been lucky to have the interest of Lee Koopsen who has done the lion's share of the work since it started. . . . The Delaware Valley Associations' Art and Janet Jones expecting a little batter in March. . . . Carlene Jo Hester and Bob Pope both attending the University of California at Santa Barbara College and hope to keep up their badminton during the school year. . . . Merle Corrin of Spokane had a lot to do with having the Nationals in Spokane in

April. . . . Peggy Vilbig Landtroop responsible for obtaining Uber Cup funds from Dallas, Texas. . . . John Barrett of Washington State now in the Army at Fort Tilden, New York. Bunky Roche of Baltimore, an ex-junior and one of the up and comers in the game, reported to the Army on September 28. He has now joined the ranks along with Connecticut's Harry Quinn and Detroit's Vic Van de Ven. . . . Congratulations to Jean Waring and David Folinsbee of the Glencoe Club of Calgary on their marriage this summer. Jean was the 1955 Canadian Champion.

Badminton players on the tennis courts! In the National Public Parks Championship Ethel Marshall lost a close three set match to eventual winner June Stack in the semi-final round. Ethel and Bea Massman lost in the finals of the women's doubles in the same tournament. . . . Margaret Varner and Charlotte Decker played in the National Singles at Forest Hills. Margaret also reached the quarter finals of the Mixed Doubles with Paul Remy of France. . . . Middle Atlantic Champions Sue and Judy Devlin playing in the National Doubles at the Longwood Cricket Club in Boston. Mary Richards officiating at the tourney, Don O'Callaghan and Norma Slauer among the spectators. . . . McGregor Stewart made the Middle Atlantic Girls Sectional Team and played in the Junior Nationals in Philadelphia.

East Coasters will remember Seattle's Cliff Mulberg who played in some of the eastern tournaments last year. Cliff was discharged from the Army in April and stopped in at the Nationals in Philadelphia on his way home. . . . Denmark's Marie Ussing, a former All-England singles winner and at present a resident of Washington, D. C., was married on June 9 to Augie Nylen from Norway. . . . D. C. is losing two faithful badminton players in Hank Todd and Al Edgell. Hank leaves for a tour of duty in Japan and Al is going to New York. . . . On August 3 D. C.'s Clay Norment became the father of a third daughter, Catherine. He'll be able to field $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Uber Cup Team of his own! . . . Polly and George Kolle burned up some trans-Atlantic wires upon the birth of their first child, Karen, on June 14. Father Kolle was in Russia at the time but managed to make a phone call from Poland to the hospital, causing no end of consternation on the part of

hospital personnel. How did he find out? Simple! He just called his mother in Denmark and she gave him the glad news!

In a military wedding, tradition decrees that the newly weds leave the church under an arch of crossed swords. England's June White and John Timperley pulled a slight switch. After their wedding in July of 1955 they ducked out of the church under an arch of badminton rackets. June is a two time winner of the All-England Ladies Doubles and present holder of the All-England Mixed Doubles with fellow countryman Tony Jordan. . . . Noel and Peggy Fehm of Connecticut became the proud parents of a son last April first.

BADMINTON SHOTS

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To really "look alive" in badminton, a player must constantly be mindful of the necessity of reaching for the bird. If you wait for it to come to you, the opponent has more time to get set for the return and even anticipate the next move. When a player is fresh, he is apt to be reaching for the bird and picking off sharp, crisp drives, but if tired he becomes lazy and waits until the bird is parallel with the body. Some mediocre players never see the importance of "reaching," and consequently stay in a rut—good enough to put up a struggle, but seldom, if ever, a winner. Tennis players who play badminton are guilty of delaying their shots, simply because they are so used to hitting the tennis ball from a position parallel to the body.

To stress and emphasize the importance of concentration during a match, let me give you a typical example. You are playing a foe you usually trim, but he suggests, "Let's put a beer on the game." So with a nice friendly wager drawn up, you proceed to play and end up setting up the drinks. Why? Obviously, your guzzling friend has been more intent than usual on what he should do. He has played as much with his head as his racket. There are lots of players who "lift their game" only when they have an incentive.

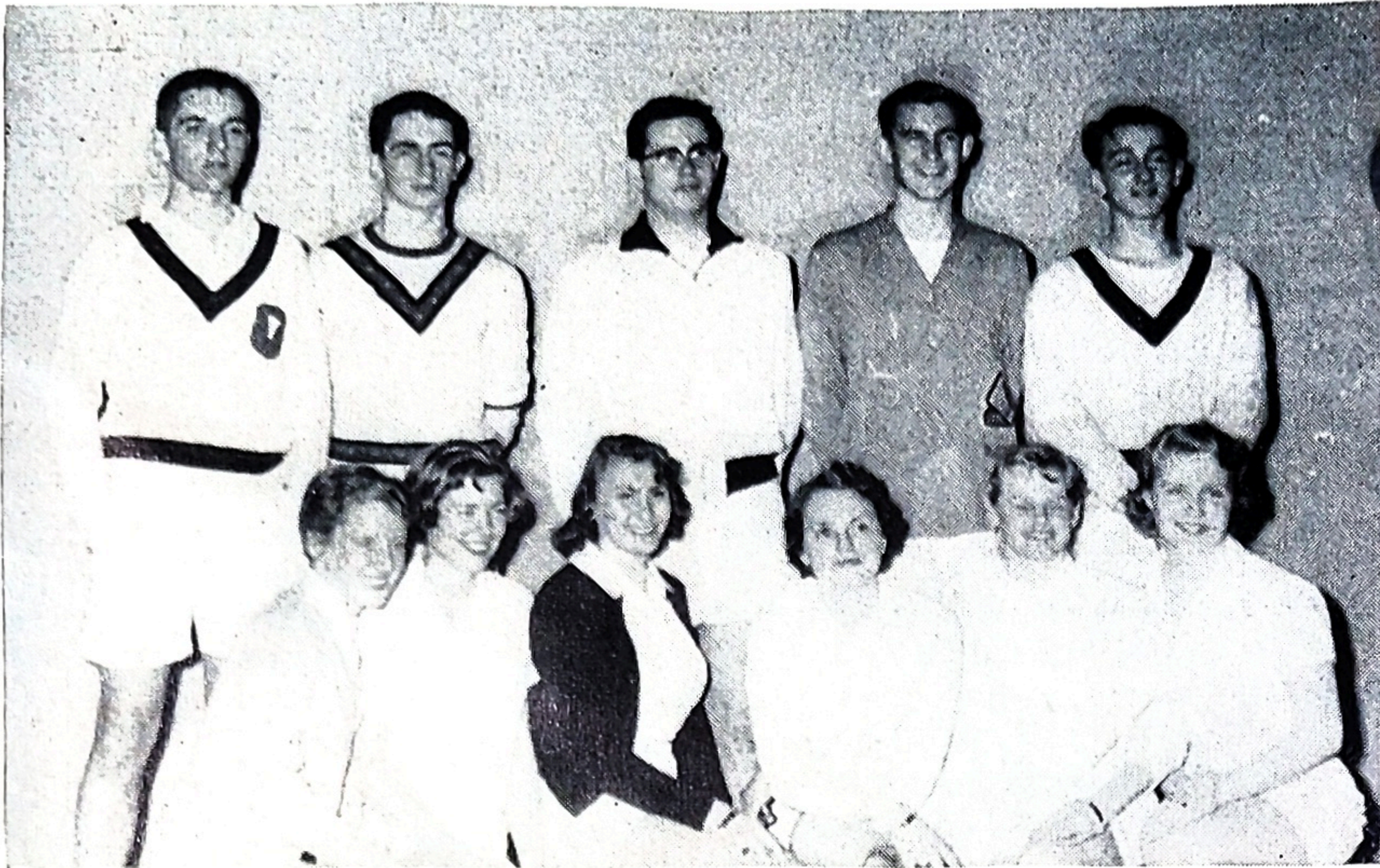
In contrast to the deep court shots, let's delve into some of the techniques required at the net in a game of singles. The shot that is placed to just clear the net is called a "drop." This is always an offensive weapon if the shot is extremely

close to the net, as the return must be directed in the upward slant to clear the net. The opponent has several alternatives for placement—that is assuming the drop has not been "put away." He can return a drop straight ahead, drop cross court, or clear deep to the base-line. Players depend on the drop shot to work the opponent out of position. If the "touch" is off, however, and the drops are a little too long or fail to reach the net at all, results will be disastrous. Drops that clear the net by more than a couple of inches will often afford offensive returns. Reaching the bird in plenty of time, the opponent can out-guess the dropper and feint or fake the return with a hesitation motion that will cause loss of balance. Another excellent net shot is the "cut." This is one of the most difficult shots I know of, and the tendency is to err in its attempt. The cut fools the foe, because the executor gives the appearance of intending a smash. But instead, the racket is slanted for a cross-court placement, and the flight of the bird is rapid but definitely not as fast as the smash. Most players are incapable of perfecting the cut, and keep down their per-

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EASTERN U.S. JUNIOR TEAM which lost to Canada 11 matches to 8, left to right. Front row: McGregor Stewart, Joan Wood, Norma Slauer, Cynthia Dryden, Barbara Prince, Sally Coulter. Back row: Gary McFarlane, Tim O'Connell, Glenn Hackett, Don Paup, Len Pleasants

Because Detroit, the site of the 1956 Junior Nationals, is so close to some of Canada's badminton centers, arrangements were made to hold an Eastern Canada versus Eastern U.S. junior badminton match following the Nationals. The date selected by the U. S. was March 28th, two days after the finals of the Junior Nationals. The place selected by the Canadians was the Strathgowan Club of Toronto. Pem Pleasants and Dick Slauer were in charge of the U. S. Team with additional cooperation from Irene Gardner, Mrs. Paup and Mrs. Ed Prince.

The program consisted of nineteen matches; ten singles, four doubles and five mixed doubles. Things looked bad for the Canadians when the U. S. girls, McGregor Stewart, Norma Slauer, Barbara Prince, Sally Coulter and Cynthia Dryden swept all their singles matches rather convincingly. But Canada came back strongly taking four out of five of the boys singles matches just as convincingly from Gary McFarlane, Don Paup, Glenn Hackett, Tim O'Donnell and Len Pleasants. The presence of Don Paup from "east" Long Beach, California was a courtesy of the Canadians. Don and his mother were vacationing in the area; a last minute decision of one of the eastern boys to return to school left the team one short. Don needed no persuasion to get ready

and the Canadians unhesitatingly agreed to his substitution.

The doubles left the teams even at seven matches each since only our national champions McGregor Stewart and Norma Slauer won their match. Joan Wood, a sixth U. S. girl, and Cynthia Dryden made a real bid by going three long games but could not score their point. The boys did not fare as well.

This left everything to the mixed doubles. When Don Paup and Norma Slauer scored the first win things looked rosy. But then the roof fell in, the U. S. losing all four remaining matches to climax an interesting evening and victory by the score of 11 matches to 8 for Canada. Two of the mixed matches went to three games but a unique feature of the match was that the Americans did not win any of the close three game matches.

The overall standard of play was excellent. The U. S. fielded a top notch girls team but our boys team was no push over with the winner and semi-finalist from Detroit on the team. The answer is simply the splendid play of the Canadian boys, particularly Ed Hreljac and Harold Moody. Perhaps the Thomas Cup Committee should have been available to scout these boys in preparing for the 1958 challenge.

Even more important than winning or losing was the splendid

hospitality shown by the Canadians. All players were billeted at no expense to themselves; all received a bracelet memento as attractive to the boys as to the girls. A buffet supper was held at the club prior to the matches with manager Stuart Lawson setting a standard of charm and interest that will be hard to match. After the matches a dance wiped out most of the competitive angles; a house party followed to complete the evening with rumors indicating that 4:30 A. M. closed the event. Your reporter does not know; he is no junior and dropped far behind much earlier in the evening.

Results

Canada Defeated U. S. 11-8

Girls Singles: McGregor Stewart (U. S.) def. Jackie Stevens 11-5, 11-3; Norma Slauer (U. S.) def. Dale Perrin 11-1, 11-7; Barbara Prince (U. S.) def. Barbara Coutts 11-3, 11-2; Sally Coulter (U. S.) def. Judy Johnstone 11-8, 11-2; Cynthia Dryden (U. S.) def. Pat Buckthorpe 11-7, 11-3

Boys Singles: Harold Moody (Can.) def. Gary McFarlane 15-11, 15-6; Ed Hreljac (Can.) def. Don Paup 15-11, 15-12; Glenn Hackett (U. S.) def. Paul Wendling 15-12, 15-12; Larry Beemer (Can.) def. Tim O'Donnell 15-12, 15-4; Ross Lundy (Can.) def. Len Pleasants 15-2, 15-3

Girls Doubles: Stewart & Slauer (U. S.) def. Molly Copus & Stevens 15-6, 15-6; Perrin & Buckthorpe (Can.) def. Joan Wood & Dryden 12-15, 15-10, 18-13

Boys Doubles: Moody & Hreljac (Can.) def. McFarlane & Hackett 15-12, 17-14; Lundy & Frank Porter (Can.) def. Paup & O'Donnell 15-1, 15-12

Mixed Doubles: Hreljac & Perrin (Can.) def. McFarlane & Stewart 15-10, 15-7; Paup & Slauer (U. S.) def. Lundy & Copus 15-2, 15-7; Moody & Coutts (Can.) def. Hackett & Prince 8-15, 15-11, 15-10; Beemer & Johnstone (Can.) def. O'Donnell & Coulter 7-15, 15-10, 15-4; Porter & Stevens (Can.) def. Pleasants & Wood 15-3, 15-7

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centage of error by ignoring it entirely.

Now for net technique in mixed doubles. This is a different matter, as the girl is assigned to cover the net almost exclusively. Covering the entire net is sometimes too much, so the man must take net shots that are out of his partner's range and also cover the entire back court. Mixed doubles is generally considered modified, less homicidal game of men's singles. With the girl crowding the net and watching it like a hawk, the drop shot that is not very close to the net is a setup for her. Thus, the strategy is changed to work two people out of position. So, we find the "half-court" shot coming in as a major objective. The well placed half-court shot is out of the girl's range and requires a long stretch for the man. And when stretching and bending for a bird, you will seldom be in position for an effective return. While the girl has a small area of the court to cover, it is still wise to play shots at her, because she has less time to get set for a smash and only returns some shots as stabs in the dark. The girl should keep her racket poised in an upright position to pick off shots, and her foe should, if aiming the bird in her direction, plan to place it just below the upright racket. Usually these shots are non-returnable or result in set ups.

Mixed doubles is often a battle of "flat" shots. This is a straight ahead crisp shot, designed to catch the foe napping. Fast reflexes are essential to mixed play, as the bird is sometimes picked off in flat shot exchanges by the unintended opponent. Planning a shot for return by the man, it is disconcerting to have the girl take the shot and spoil the strategy. To recover from the error your actions must be quick.

A heady player will test his opponent to see if he has a tendency to over-protect his backhand court. By this is meant, a tendency to establish a neutral position to the backhand side of the center line of the court. If this is the case, a hard smash down the forehand alley will generally be out of his reach, and force a reshuffling on his part. It might cost you a point or two to discover weaknesses in the other person's

tactics, but it will pay off if and when located.

Now we come to trick shots. In competitive play, the trick shot is as defunct as the horse and buggy. Trick shots refer to hitting birds between your legs, changing hands, and excessive feinting. They are impressive to watch, and thus some players are prone to attempt them. The percentage of error takes a jump, and returns are practically always setups. Trick shots should be left for the "pro," as a competitor will fall into bad habits by practicing them.

In conclusion, let me emphasize the more important considerations. First of all, be alert, especially when serving or receiving; second, reach out and take the bird ahead of the body; third, the offensive shot is a downward slanting shot that will require a raised return; and fourth, have an objective in mind with each shot.

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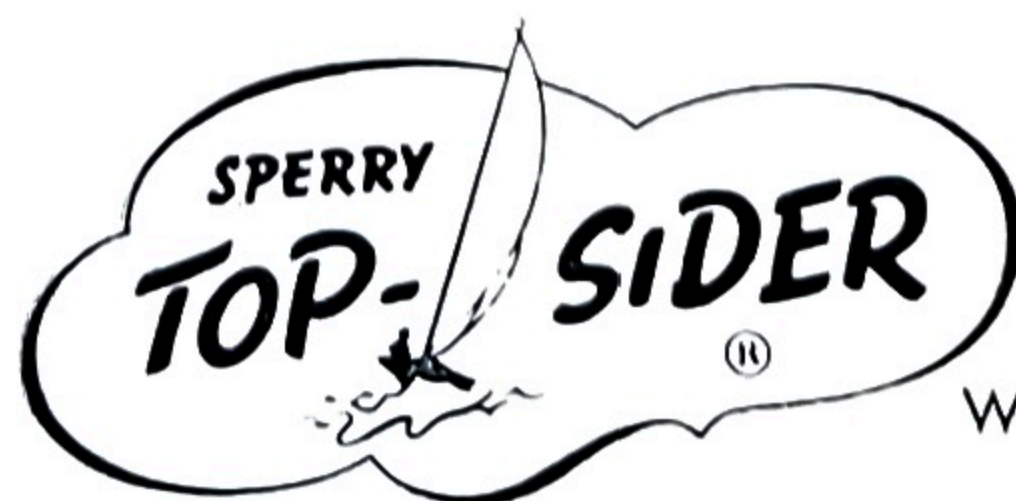
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

News from the San Antonio Badminton Club comes from the new Secretary-Treasurer, Marjory Willecox. She lists the new officers: President Major Joe Salvo; Vice President Mrs. W. E. Muldoon. The club also has a board of directors: W. P. Dobbias, Mrs. T. A. Randall, Mr. E. Muldoon, Marjory Willecox and Robert Daubert.

As a help to new clubs, San Antonio sends its membership set-up. Dues are \$4.50 plus \$.90 tax for senior members and 25¢ each time he plays. Juniors pay \$2.00 per quarter. Guests are allowed free the first time, pay 50¢ the second time. In this way it is hoped that the guests will join and boost the present membership of sixteen seniors and five juniors. Birds are provided for play on club nights which are Monday and Wednesday from eight until ten p.m.

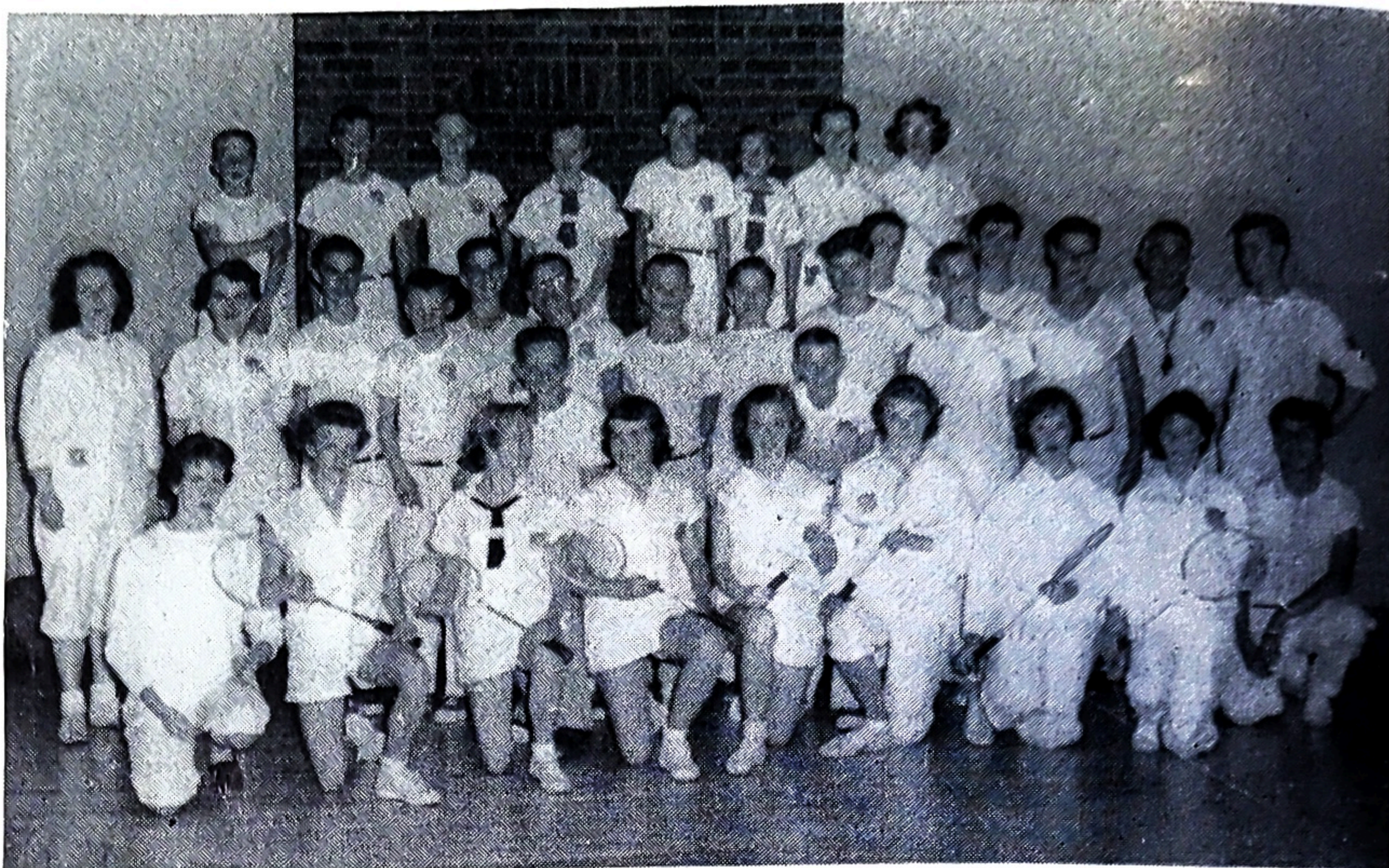
WASHINGTON D. C.

The Badminton Club of the District of Columbia started their annual pilgrimage to the badminton courts some time in October. The locale is the St. Albans School in Washington, D. C. which has a good gym with four courts. They plan to hold the annual National Capitol Badminton Championships again in February. This tournament is considered to be one of the more important tournaments in the east coast. The officers of the club are: President Clay Norment, Vice-President John Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer Polly Thompson Kolle. Any other nominations gladly accepted!

WASHINGTON STATE

Gladys Mallory and Donna Connolly headed the Uber Cup Fund raising in Washington. With \$25.00 help from Tacoma, under the supervision of Elsie and Bob Allen and Jeanne Pitts, Washington raised a grand total of \$370.70. The re-elected officers of the Association are: Carl Anderson as President, Bob Deacon Vice-President, and Donna Connolly Secretary-Treasurer. The directors of the association are Gladys Mallory, Henry Mahnkey, Don Davis, Joe Johnson, Merle Corris, Jack Harvey, Ken Harvey and Jeanne Pitts.

From Coast . . .



PORT ANGELES JUNIORS, Vern Burton, supervisor, second from right middle row

PORT ANGELES, WASH.

A most encouraging note was received from Washington State, an area where badminton interest has been steadily rising. The small town of Port Angeles, on the Straits of Juan de Fuca, an area with little badminton interest a year ago, has now become a "boom" town. Port Angeles boasts of one hundred and eighty nine youngsters under high school age who are actively interested in and playing badminton. Backed by the Lions Club, which provides special emblems for them, sixty of the youngsters travelled to Seattle for a match arranged by the Seattle Park Department. Vern Burton who started the group took charge of the Port Angeles juniors. He and his wife are doing a wonderful job promoting badminton and hope to get as large a group of high school kids playing this year. And more good news, they are one of BIRD CHATTER's newest subscribers.

WESTERN NEW YORK

The first meeting of the Western New York Badminton Association was held on September 25 in Lewiston. The newly elected officers are: President Ethel Marshall, 1st Vice-President Ed Lindsay, 2nd Vice-President Bea Massman, and Secretary-Treasurer Dick Harvey.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Southern California Badminton Association welcomes a new club, the Baldwin Park B.C. The thirty-five members from Baldwin Park, Covina and West Covina have elected Brad Bennett as President. The Burbank area will soon have a big, new gym, strictly for sports, that is no dances. It will have eight courts! It should be finished soon and what a spot for holding tournies.

OREGON BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

One of the member clubs of the OBA has plans for a new building which sounds very good. The Multnomah Athletic Club is planning to start in the Spring of '57 on a new building which will hold three courts and provide plenty of spectator space. There is a lot of tournament play at the club and spectator interest is high. The Oregon Open Tournament drew a large turnout from Canada and Washington due to the holding of Handicap events.

The new officers of the OBA are: President Clayton Wentz; Vice-President Don McIrney and Treasurer Anna Mutti. Louise Niklas was re-elected Secretary which she has been for the last few years in spite of a back injury from which she has not completely recovered. She does such a good job that she is always asked to run and she graciously complies.

. . . to Coast

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

We are pleased to hear that Kalamazoo, Michigan, has a very active badminton club. Working under a volunteer basis for the past few years, the club has elected officers for the new season. They are: President Frazer Jones; Secretary Barbara Adams; Treasurer Ward and Mary Greiner; Social Chairman Barbara Bowman; Inter-city team captains Eric Pratt and Eleanor Grabarek. The inter-city captains arrange four home-and-home team matches with Grand Rapids. In addition, two area tournaments are run.

There are about forty members, one third of them juniors. After trying various methods, the club found that the best system of dues was one whereby juniors pay \$5.00 and seniors \$10.00 a year with the birds being provided by the club. Included in the benefits is a year's subscription to BIRD CHATTER. Guests are welcome with the hope that they will become members of the club. They may play without charge for the first night, pay \$1.00 for two more nights, with this dollar applied to the membership dues if the guest decides to join.

Kalamazoo is a well run organization which might well be used as a model for other clubs. Partially sponsored by the Kalamazoo Recreation Department which provides two gyms with five courts at minimum cost, it looks forward to holding a sectional or national championship.

MARYLAND BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Badminton interest seems to be increasing in the Baltimore area. The Glyndon Badminton Club and the Saturday morning Junior Class report a heavy flow of dues coming in. The juniors, who play every Saturday morning throughout the season, are happy to report 50% enrollment of boys this year, a very healthy sign. They have also organized a racket raffle for the benefit of the Uber Cup fund. The Gilman Badminton Club is planning a new venture in the staging of three clinics for the benefit of novice and intermediate members, the first of which is to be conducted by former Thomas

Cup player Clint Stephens. A very successful MBA swimming party and picnic was held in July which provided a summer get-together for the badminton players and funds for the Uber Cup. The Glyndon Club, a small but very popular organization, was filled to capacity by September and has a waiting list. They have only two courts and play once a week, keeping a running score of the players, whom they handicap, throughout the season and presenting monthly prizes and a grand prize at the end of the season. The new Glyndon president is C. P. Wroe Sr. and the Secretary-Treasurer is Mrs. James Laudeman. The president of the Baltimore Badminton Club is Mrs. C. Albert Lapointe.

The current MBA officers are: President Hal Webb; Executive Vice-President Bart Harvey Jr.; Second Vice-President Fred Stuart Jr.; Secretary Mrs. Walter J. Higgins and Treasurer Mrs. Charles LaPointe.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The Fort Worth Club is active again this year. A part of the recreational activities of Convair Aircraft, play is held Thursday evenings at Stripling Junior High School. Attendance is good and everyone is happy to have Dr. Chuck Samson back in the fold. Chuck has been away for the past three years teaching at Notre Dame. He had a dual role there teaching both engineering and tennis. The FWC is also pleased to have Jim Jackson playing. Jim was a darn good junior and is now attending TCU.

WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

This year the Westport Badminton Club will have a very active junior program. Doc Marshall will be in charge. Most of the practice sessions will be held Saturday mornings and will be run by Doc Marshall and volunteer club members. Lea Gustavson has been attending state meetings throughout the summer for the promotion of junior badminton through Connecticut. The tournament season is initiated again by the very popular Westport Invitation Mens' Doubles.

DELAWARE VALLEY

At a meeting last spring the Delaware Valley Association elected their new officers. They are: President Peter Salmon, Vice-President Bill Bender, Secretary Pat Cornell and Treasurer Rachel Funk. The Haverford Badminton Club, one of the Pennsylvania members of the association, held a cocktail party in September at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fox, Jr. in Merion, Pennsylvania. It was a great success and was considered to be a grand way of starting the new season.

MICHIGAN

The Michigan Badminton Association which for the last couple of years has been inactive was revived at the last meeting of the Junior National Committee in May, 1956. Everett Gesaman was elected president and Maurice Simpson, vice-president. The Association plans to run several tournaments in Michigan, give special consideration to the development of Juniors, and are planning some exhibitions in Schools and Y.M.C.A.'s through the season.

The Michigan Badminton League comprised of Grosse Pointe, Birmingham and Flint Badminton Clubs will again this year conduct its inter-club tournaments with the annual League Tournament to be held in Birmingham Badminton Club in March, 1957. The League's new officers will be Maurice Simpson, president and Hans Rogind, vice-president and Secretary.

After the tremendous success of the Junior National Championships held last March, the Grosse Pointe Club has planned an increased Junior program this year backed by the School Board and the Grosse Pointe News. Two nights a week time has been set aside for the juniors under the supervision of coaches.

SOUTHERN B.A.

The Southern Badminton Association announces its officers for the 1956-57 season. They are President, William P. Rucker, Vice-President William Graham and Secretary-Treasurer James H. Taylor Jr. The Roanoke, Va. Association has elected Nelson Burkholder as their President.

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Since this convention Lea has been elected President of the Connecticut Badminton Association and is planning a junior program for the 1956-57 season that will include about 10 schools and junior groups. This will not be officially sponsored by the schools but will be carried on by the badminton minded instructors in these schools. Lea also plans to set up an evening program of once a week for five weeks, for all the Physical Education instructors in a nearby town and has agreed to instruct these classes for free and then see if this is a way to get the game to the students.

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| New Haven "Y", N. H., Ct. | 50.00 |
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| Bristol, Bristol, Conn. | 20.00 |
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| Rahway, Rahway, N. J. | 117.00 |
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| Houston, Houston, Tex. | 10.00 |
| Gilman, Baltimore, Md. | 50.00 |

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Other Sources \$734.91

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| Pittsburgh Badminton Assn. | 2.00 |
| Ohio Badminton Assn. | 10.00 |
| Interest from bank | 50.00 |
| | 18.61 |

TOTAL, Sept. 1, 1956 \$4,322.06

*Amount includes clubs and individuals.

SELANGOR INVITATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS AT KUALA LAMPUR, MALAYA

(From the Singapore Straits Times of July 31st, 1956.)

Mens Singles. Nandu Natekar (India) def. Abdullah Piruz (Selangor) 6-15, 15-9, 15-7. Womens Singles. Yang Weng Ching (15 year old Indonesian sensation) def. Pratheung Pattabongse (Siam) 11-4, 11-6. Mens Doubles—Ong Poh Lim (Singapore)—Lee Hoo Chve (Penang) def. Tan Jin Eong (Perak)—Lim Kee Fong (Selangor) 15-5, 15-18, 15-3. Womens Doubles—Yang Weng Ching and Oei Lin Nio (Indonesia) def. Dolly Tan (Selangor) and Pratheung Pattabongse (Siam) 9-15, 15-13, 15-6. Mixed Doubles—Ong Poh Lim and Mrs. Cecelia Samuel (Selangor) def. Kamaruddin Ismail and Lim Ee Lian (Selangor) 15-4, 15-11.

The minimum goal for the Uber Cup Fund has not yet been reached.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SEATTLE—KING COUNTY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Four players appeared in three events each at the Junior Tournament held May 4-5 in the Magnolia Bluff Fieldhouse. Two triple winners emerged. Girls Singles—Dianne Golick def. Dottie Hageman 12-9, 11-12, 11-3. Boys Singles—Carl Peters def. Frank Peters 15-4, 15-4. Girls Doubles—Golick-Hageman def. Grace Orchard-Julie Ajeto 15-5, 15-5. Boys Doubles—Peters-Peters def. G. Neilson-Phil Collier 15-1, 15-4. Mixed Doubles—Golick-C. Peters def. Hageman-F. Peters 15-6, 15-4

LOS ANGELES CITY "B" & "C" Flights

Held in the Los Angeles City College
June 21-24, 1956

"B" Flight Results

Womens Singles—Esther Gwinnett def. Ardyce Carr 11-4, 11-4. Mens Singles—Rod Starkey def. Don Paup 18-17, 14-15, 15-6. Womens Doubles—A. & N. Carr def. R. Shaw—M. Breckell 10-15, 15-11, 15-11. Mens Doubles—F. Serafin-B. McMurray def. D. Paup-T. Ebenkamp 18-14, 15-10. Mixed Doubles—F. Serafin-A. Foy def. D. Paup-A. Carr 17-18, 15-8, 18-13. Mixed Veterans Doubles—E. Mies-M. Carr def. J. van Praag-J. Meis 15-12, 15-11.

"C" Flight

Womens Singles—Anne Wise def. Sara Crisler 11-2, 11-3. Mens Singles—Paul Hyde def. Don King 15-13, 18-15. Womens Doubles—M. Falba-G. Gamba def. A. Wise-L. Carlson 4-15, 17-14, 15-9. Mens Doubles—B. Gordon-J. Scarlett def. D. King-P. Hyde 15-9, 15-11. Mixed Doubles—H. Carlson-R. Hoffman def. J. Christie-L. Neiss 15-5, 9-15, 15-5.

"A" Flight

Veterans Mixed Doubles—W. Kinnear-L. Kirby def. F. Serafin-M. Dobel 18-16, 7-15, 15-1

CONTINENTAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT, OKLAHOMA

Mens Singles—John Sudbury def. Laddie Cremers 17-18, 15-9, 18-17. Womens Singles—Eleanor Round def. Lana Harman 7-11, 11-5, 12-10. Mens Doubles—Laddie Cremers and Sam Pruyne def. John Sudbury and Al Roebuck 7-15, 15-0, 18-17. Womens Doubles—Eleanor Round and Pat Harman def. Jean Sudbury and Maxine Scott 15-11, 15-2. Mixed Doubles—John Sudbury and Lana Harman def. Jean Sudbury and George Harman 15-12, 15-9. Veterans Mixed Doubles—Frances Coppock and George Harman def. Al Roebuck and Eleanor Round 17-15, 17-18, 18-17. Junior Boys Singles—Bill Eaton def. Vic Ray 15-0, 15-0. Junior Girls Singles—Josephine Clinton def. Lynda Harman 11-3, 11-0. Junior Boys Doubles—Bill Eaton and Vic Ray def. Danny Jack and Kent Malone 15-2, 15-1.

MANHATTAN BEACH SUMMER DOUBLES

Pasadenans dominated most events as the Eighth Annual Manhattan Beach, Calif., Summer Doubles Tournament came to a highly successful conclusion over the Labor Day weekend. The tournament was conducted at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club in two flights with consolation in each flight.

One of the highlights of the tournament was the men's doubles final which saw the United States number one team of Wynn Rogers and Joe Alston come from behind to defeat their Pasadena Badminton Club team-mates Mannie Armendariz and Mike Hartgrove 17-18, 15-2, 18-8.

Complete Summary of results follows:

"A" Flight

Mens Doubles—Alston-Rodgers def. Armendariz-Hartgrove 17-18, 15-2, 15-8
Ladies Doubles—Alston-Bymaster def. Hann-Joan Gibbs 15-12, 15-12
Mixed Doubles—Alston-Alston def. Hartgrove-Tibbetts (PBC) 15-4, 15-2
Mixed Veterans—Calvert-Thelma Welcome (Northside) def. Knight (MBC)-Connie Davidson (PBC) 15-4, 13-18, 15-11
Mens Veterans—Serafin-Kirby def. McArthur-Wilkinson 15-11, 13-15, 15-18

"A" Consolation Flight

Mens Doubles—Paup-Ebenkamp def. Calvert-Wells 10-15, 15-8, 15-4
Ladies Doubles—Kinnear-Kirby def. Davidson-Knight 15-9, 15-8
Mixed Doubles—Cogan-Jean Gibbs (PBC) def. Leib-Hann (PBC) 15-12, 17-16
Mixed Veterans—Kinnear-Kirby def. Jack van Praag (NBC)-Bymaster 15-10, 15-10
Mens Veterans—Giles-Gregory def. Jack van Praag-Myers 17-15, 15-9

"B" Flight

Mens Doubles—Paup-Ebenkamp def. Kirby-Wells 15-7, 15-6
Ladies Doubles—Carr-Greene (PBC Jr.) def. Kanaga-Cogan 15-6, 15-6
Mixed Doubles—Paup-Carr def. Myers-Gardner 15-12, 15-13
Mixed Veterans—Wilkinson-Wells def. Myers-Gardner 15-12, 15-12

"B" Consolation Flight

Mens Doubles—Auxier-Al Hales (PBC Jr.) def. Moore-Loomis 10-15, 15-7, 15-9
Ladies Doubles—Wise-Auxier def. A. Cook-Gardner 9-15, 15-10, 15-3
Mixed Doubles—Giles-del Valle def. Moore-Nance 15-9, 15-10
Mixed Veterans—McArthur-Auxier def. Bennett-O'Meara 15-7, 15-7

SEMINA NAUTICA OPEN, CALIFORNIA

Run in three flights, "A", "B", "C", the Sixteenth Annual Semina Nautica Open Badminton Tournament came to a successful conclusion July 8 with many Pasadena area players among the winners and finalists. Conducted by the Santa Barbara Badminton Club at the Santa Barbara High School the success of the tournament was largely due to the efforts of Chuck Tibbetts who was Tournament Director.

After first upsetting top seeded Ronnie Palmer in the semi-finals, Marten Mendez of San Diego also upset second seeded Mannie Armendariz of Pasadena Badminton Club 12-15, 15-10, 15-8 to win the men's singles championship. Mendez also made his debut as a veteran by winning the veteran's doubles title, teaming with Fred Serafin of Glendale to defeat Ozzie Hilton, Santa Barbara, and Rand Myers, Walnut, 15-7, 15-4.

Helen Tibbetts, P. B. C. was a triple finalist losing the ladies singles to her Pasadena Badminton Club teammate, Beulah Bymaster, 11-1, 11-6. She was runner-up in the ladies doubles and won the mixed doubles title with Mike Hartgrove also of P. B. C. Complete summary of results follows:

"A" Flight

Mens Singles—Mendez def. Armendariz 12-15, 15-10, 15-7
Ladies Singles—Bymaster def. Tibbetts 11-1, 11-6
Mens Doubles—Hartgrove-Armendariz (PBC) def. Mahaffey (PBC)-Knight (Man. Beach) 15-4, 4-15, 15-10
Ladies Doubles—Hester-Pons (PBC) def. Tibbetts-Jean Gibbs (PBC) 10-15, 15-12, 15-8
Mixed Doubles—Hartgrove-Tibbetts def. Palmer-Gibbs 15-7, 13-15, 15-13
Veterans Doubles—Mendez-Serafin def. Hilton-Myers 15-7, 15-4

"B" Flight

Mens Singles—Pomeroy def. Starkey 15-11, 15-11
Ladies Singles—Carr def. Myers 11-6, 11-7
Mens Doubles—Pomeroy-Foo (S.F.) def. Foy-Fagelson (PBC) 15-9, 13-15, 15-10
Ladies Doubles—Gwinnett-Tucker def. Carr-Carr 15-3, 18-13
Mixed Doubles—Dick van Praag-Laurie Cook (Northside B.C.) def. Pomeroy-Ingram (SF) 15-9, 15-10
Veterans Doubles—Jack van Praag (NBC)-Bill Giles (LB) def. Kornder-Widstrup 12-15, 17-15, 15-12

"C" Flight

Mens Singles—Hyde def. Gibbons 15-7, 15-11
Ladies Singles—Erkkila def. Cardiff 11-5, 11-3
Mens Doubles—Scarlett-Tilton def. King-Hyde 8-15, 15-10, 15-2
Ladies Doubles—Kanaga-Winton def. Crisler (Pasa. Jr. BC)-Erkkila 15-4, 18-13
Mixed Doubles—Auxier-Kanaga def. Wilkinson-Auxier 8-15, 15-12, 15-2
Veterans Doubles—Pajares-McMurray def. Auxier-Carr 15-10, 13-15, 15-7

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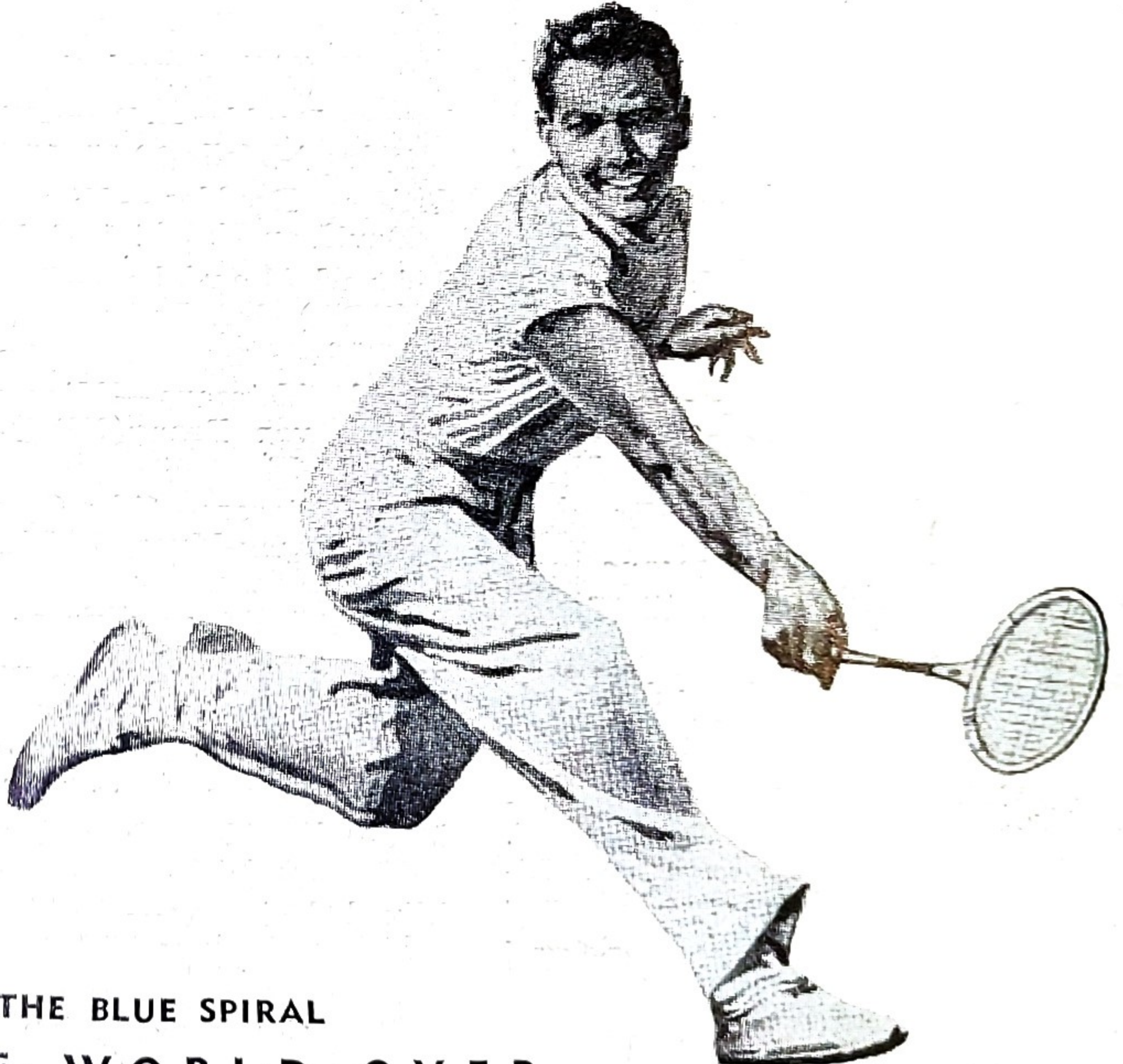
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