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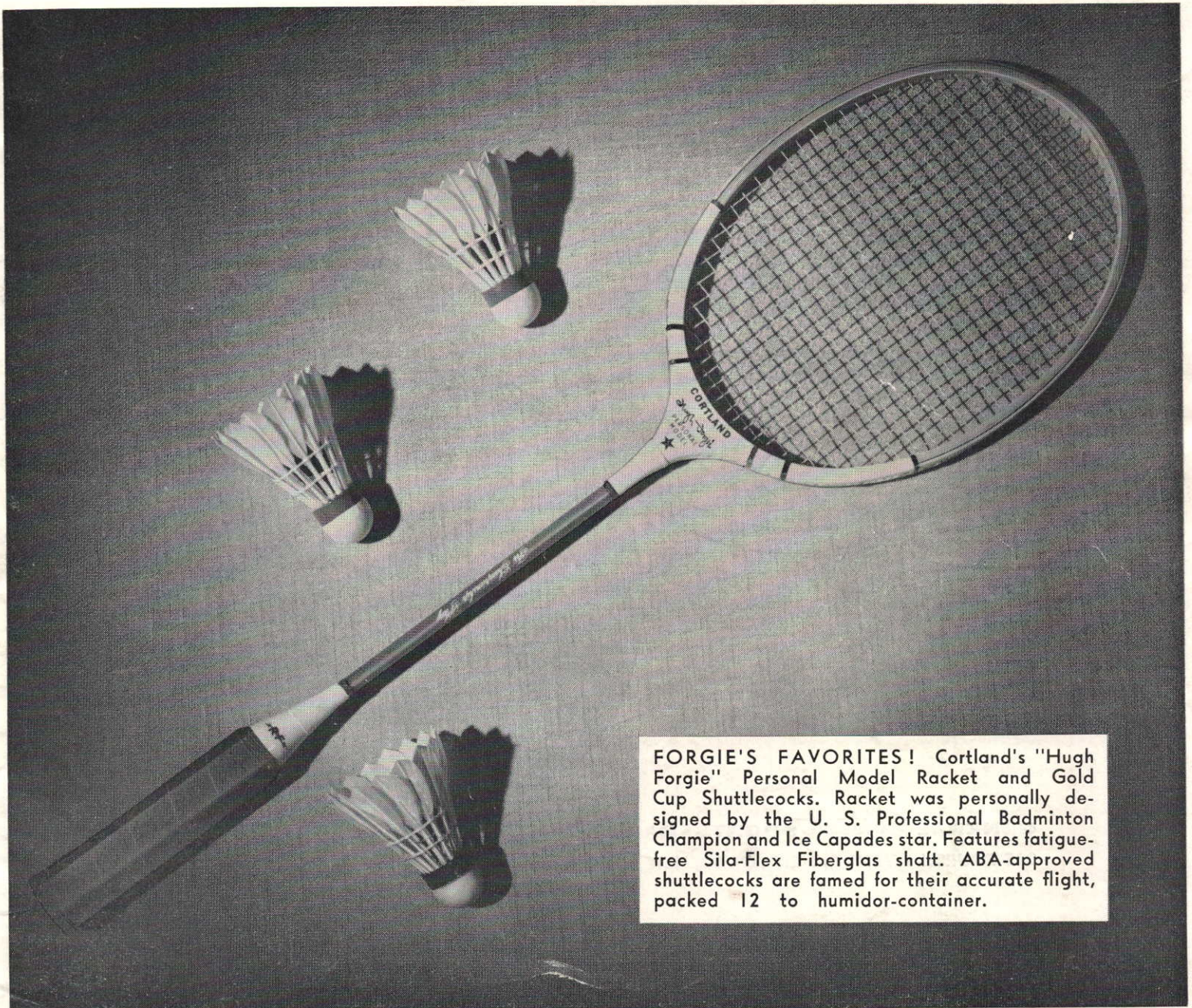


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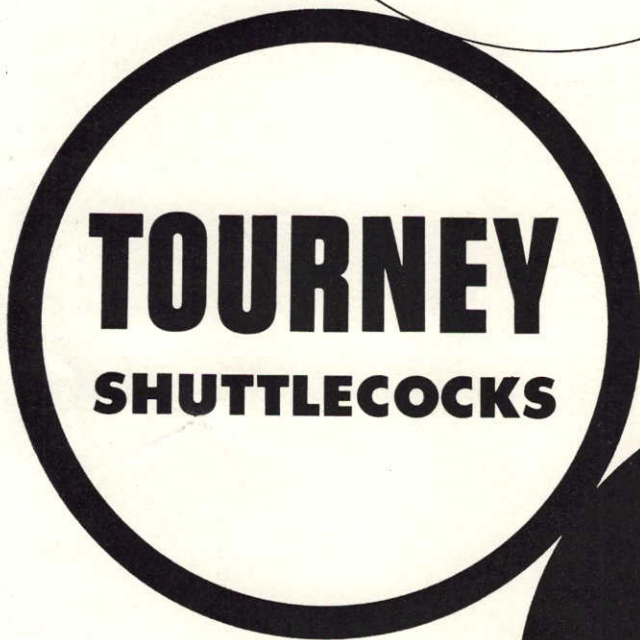
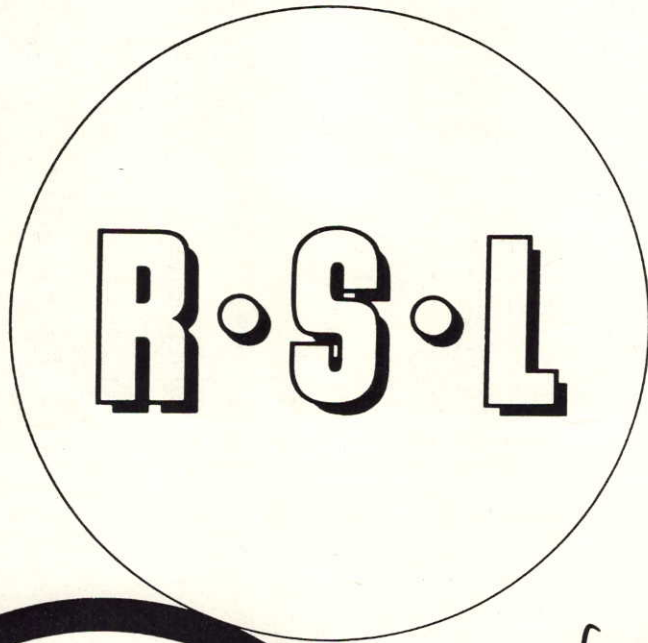
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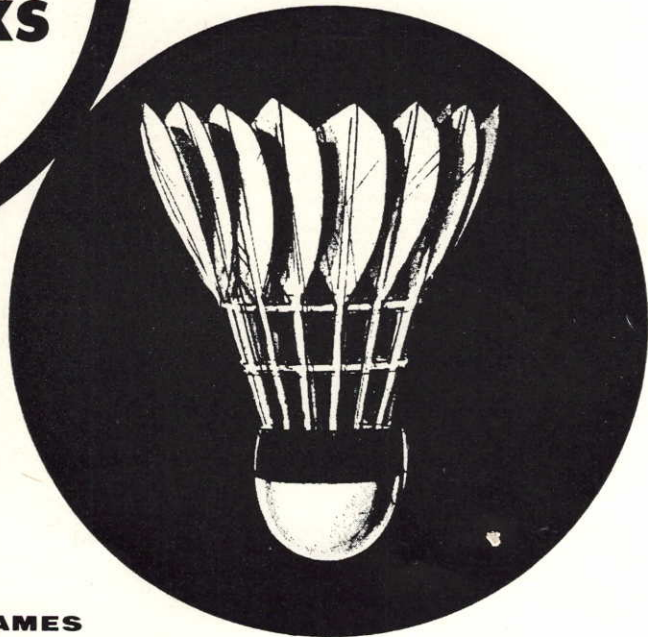
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EDITORIAL

That scourge of efficiency, redtape, played tricks on us over the November-December issue. For three weeks the post office held on to BIRD CHATTER and finally, the third week in November, sent the copies on their way. Our apologies to our readers but this was beyond our control and should not happen again.

There have been many complimentary letters sent from readers over the country and we would like to thank them all for their encouragement and suggestions. Unfortunately space does not permit the printing of more than a few of them.

There has been a good response from reporters with news. If you feel that your area is not being properly represented, send us information and if we have room, we will use it. When sending results of match play be sure to give the dates and sites of the tournaments; otherwise we cannot use them.

In this issue you will find a feature article on American badminton in its infancy, and an article on badminton in India and one on Canadian badminton. There is also the second questionnaire and the announcement of the Uber Cup Team for the tie against Canada. We hope you enjoy this issue.

1957 NATIONALS

Spokane, Washington sends news that there will be excellent playing conditions for the nationals on April 8-11. The ceiling of the Coliseum is so high that there is probably no player who can touch it with a bird, and the hall is without windows so there should be no draft. There is room to accommodate over 5,000 spectators and ample dressing quarters and meeting rooms. The Coliseum is less than a mile from the main hotels. Merle Corrin, Associate General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., in Spokane is the General Chairman and enquiries should be sent to him at the Y., W. 827 First Avenue.

JUNIOR NATIONAL NEWS For March 29 through April 1

Plans are well under way for the Eleventh U.S. National Junior Championships to be held this year in Wilmington, Delaware. The Honorary Chairman is Mrs. R. R. M. Carpenter and the General Chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. William Bender.

Of particular interest to prospective entrants at this time are the names of the chairmen of housing, transportation, and publicity, and the tournament directors. They are, respectively, Mrs. Robert S. Smith III, and Mrs. R. R. M. Carpenter, Jr., F. A. C. Vosters, and Mrs. F. A. C. Vosters and Endsley Fairman.

The under 15 matches will be played on the courts of the Tower Hill School up to the semi-finals. The semi-finals and finals will be played on the Dilwyne Courts in Montchanin where all the under 18 matches will be held.

The Tower Hill Cafeteria will offer the best of luncheons and dinners and there will be a Snack Bar as well.

In the way of entertainment a square dance get-together is planned for Friday evening, Sunday will bring forth a trip to the famed Longwood Gardens and Winterthur and Monday will feature a trip to either Independence Hall in Philadelphia or the National Capitol.

For the program and for publicity purposes the committee would like to have a picture of the various state champs and the winners and runners-up of recent tournaments. These should be sent to Mrs. F. A. C. Vosters, 1509 Brandywine Boulevard, Bellevue Hills, Wilmington, Delaware. Any enquiries about the tournament should be sent to Mrs. Wm. Bender, 118 West 23rd Street, Wilmington.

Hoping to see many juniors from all over the U.S.A. at the Nationals!

FROM ACROSS THE SEA

Two items of interest appeared in the Badminton Gazette, the official organ of the Badminton Association of England. The first is the announcement that challenges for the fourth contest for the Thomas Cup, the international badminton trophy for men, to be played in the 1957-58 season, must be received by the International Badminton Federation as follows:

Asian and Australian zones by January 1st, 1957.

American and European zones by June 15, 1957.

Challenges have already been received from Japan, Australia and Indonesia.

The second item is that the Council of the Badminton Association of England has provisionally accepted an invitation from the South African Badminton Union to send an English Team of three ladies and three gentlemen to tour South Africa and the Rhodesias during July and August 1957.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sorrow we have learned of the recent passing of Mr. Frank A. Henley, of London, England, and we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their sadness.

To the present generation, Mr. Henley was a beloved gentleman and an intense "badminton booster." To the past generation of players Frank was a wonderful friend of all. His efforts in the promotion of badminton were tireless—even in his recent years of illness; and his kindness to players inexhaustible.

The Badminton World has indeed lost a great man, and both players and organization of the past thirty years will mourn a personal loss.

T.W.

It is with great regret that we report that badminton has lost a really active booster. Ches Isaacs died aboard ship on his trip home from Europe. He had planned to go to Melbourne for the Olympics. Ches has encouraged junior badminton in Southern California for years. A letter written by Ches from Feldskereh, Austria appeared in the November-December issue of BIRD CHATTER.

NOTES FROM CANADA

H. I. Evans

The Canadian Badminton Association was organized in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, on December 3, 1921, with Colonel S. H. McKee as its first President and R. B. Buchanan as Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

At that time the Clubs affiliating with the Canadian Badminton Association were largely of a Military nature and play was confined to the various Armories across the Country. Gradually, over a period of years, Provincial Badminton Associations, seven in all, were formed. Individual Clubs within a Provincial Area became affiliated and under the control of the Provincial Association which deals directly with the parent body of the Canadian Badminton Association.

As interest in Badminton increased throughout Canada many small Clubs were organized in Church Halls, as well as in newly built Sports Centres which house many types of Sport.

In Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Kitchener, Montreal and Quebec, one finds excellent Badminton Courts as-

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

January 8-13	Strathgowan Invitation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	February 25, 26	Uber Cup Tie, U.S.A. vs. Canada, Waterloo, Ontario, Can.
January 11-13	Philadelphia District B, Phila., Penna.	February 27-March 2	Canadian Badminton Association Open Championships, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.
January 11-13	Mass. State D, Massachusetts	March 1-3	Mass. State Junior Chps., Massachusetts.
January 19-20	Metropolitan Championships, White Plains County Center, N. Y.	March 4-10	Granite Club Invitation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
January 19-20	Illinois Open, Glencoe, Ill.	March 8-10	Mason Dixon Open, Baltimore.
January 18-20	Maryland State C, Baltimore.	March 16, 17*	Midwest B. T., Chicago, Ill.
January 18-20	Philadelphia District A, Phila., Penna.	March 15-17	Middle Atlantic, Philadelphia.
January 25-27	Mass. State C, Massachusetts.	March 15-17	Mass. State A, Boston, Mass.
January 26, 27	Wilmington Ladies Doubles, Wilmington, Dela.	March 20-23	All England Championships, London, England.
February 1-7	British Columbia Open, Victoria, B. C., Canada.	March 22-24	Maryland State Closed, Baltimore, Maryland.
February 1-3	National Capitol Chps., Washington, D. C.	March 23, 24	Kodak Invitation, Rochester, N. Y.
February 8-10	Maryland State B, Baltimore.	March 29-31	Southern B. A. Tournament, Atlanta, Georgia.
February 8-10	Mass. State B, Massachusetts.	March 30-April 1	U. S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Wilmington, Delaware.
February 17-23	Manitoba Open, Winnipeg, Man., Canada.	April 6	Western New York B & C Chps., Lewiston, N. Y.
February 19-21, 24	Oregon Closed, Oregon.	April 6, 7*	Oregon State Open, site undetermined.
February 22-24	New England Open, Boston, Mass.	April 8-12	U. S. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Spokane, Wash.
February 23, 24	Niagara Falls Country Club Invitation, Lewiston, N. Y.	*Tentative	

25 Years Ago

LEALAND R. GUSTAVSON

This should start off with, "Once upon a time" only this is not a fairy tale but a true adventure.

The popularity of badminton seems to be developing very slowly, much too slowly for us who know what a good game it is, but there are generally good practical reasons for all things. Some may even be our own fault.

When we look backward twenty-five years we then become aware of a very considerable development across the country. Twenty-five years is more than a lifetime for some of our active players of today, so it is interesting to note that some of the active people of 1930-31 are still active today, some in a guiding capacity and some still playing.

We can all bow in deep respect to the Badminton Club of New York from which all things started. They are the oldest badminton club in the world in continuous operation, having formed in 1879. In 1925, an English team headed by Sir George Thomas came across and played a series of exhibitions in Canada and New York. Frank Devlin was the star of that group. The Friarcliff Lodge Sports Club, with Chauncey DePaw Steele as President invited the Kingston Garrison Club of Kingston, Canada to come down for a match with the New York Club in 1883. Men and women competed with Kingston winning. The entire party was lavishly entertained by their host during their stay. Through their early years the New York Club members gave generously of themselves by traveling to local and distant places to play exhibitions and to promote the game in general.

This is a brief background of events leading up to 1931. I will give you what I can, based on fact and memory aided by Ted van Winkle, of New York, Phil Richardson of Boston, Roy Jordan of St. Louis and Tim Royce of Seattle. There are some very notable names and events appearing at about that time. The officers of the Badminton Club of New York were Frederick Ashton DePeyster, President; Francis Stoddard, Vice-President; Walter Rysam Jones, Treasurer; Wm.

Breadwell, Secretary; and Richard Mann, Captain. Among its members were: Reginald E. Wigham, James McKinley Rose, E. K. van Winkle and Mrs. van Winkle, John Welles Arnold, Miss Alouise Boker, Miss Edith Handy, Mrs. F. R. Stoddard, Mrs. Christine Capehart, Mrs. Richard (Cornelius) Ford, and the Champions for 1931 were Wm. Bramwell—Singles and Wm. Bramwell and John W. Arnold—Doubles. The women champions names are not available.

The tournament event of that season was the New York Club invitation tournament. The exact time is unimportant, but some of the people involved did become important. No other organization was capable of handling any event just then as the Metropolitan Badminton Association did not come into being until a year later. Records are unavailable but checking memories, the winners of that Invitation Tournament were Donald Vaughn, Jr., Garden City, L. I., Miss Fanny Curtis, Boston and Kenneth Ridgeway—Tailor Townsend, Garden City, L. I. Other players who gained prominence later were Mills Baker, Elliott Baker, Harry Gorgas, Harry Conlan, Wanda Bergman and Lea Gustavson.

About 1930 Dr. Taylor introduced the game to Jamaica, Long Island and Dr. Wambold to the Central Presbyterian Church on Park Avenue, New York City. Four clubs are the original members of the Metropolitan Association of New York: Larchmont B. C., Garden City B. C., Great Neck, L. I., B. C. and the Badminton Club of New York. This association eventually grew to a membership of 62 clubs. Mr. John Welles Arnold contributed a trophy cup standing about two feet high to be competed for in Mens Class A team matches. Garden City won it consistently.

The Badminton Club of Westport was formed in 1931 with six male members, Sam Brown, Sid Saunders, Kenneth Littaver, George Goodspeed, Jock Fulton and Lea Gustavson. Connecticut then had four clubs all of whom joined the Metropolitan Association. Later, Westport con-

tributed a large cup to be competed for in Womens Class A team matches, known as the Westport Trophy. Connecticut furnished some prominent names, Mrs. Roy (Wanda) Bergman, Mrs. Wm. (Cora) Lindsay, Mrs. L. R. (Lu) Gustavson, Lea Gustavson and a little later Gil Carpenter and Helen Gibson.

Boston was a center of activity before the year 1931. There are names that have become famous since that early date. Others, that again, laid the foundation that provided facilities for future development. Prominent among the player names is Jess Willard, professional at the University Club. Others are Raynor Hutchinson, Walter Mitchell, M. Stanley Houghton, Donald and Philip Richardson and Gil Carpenter. The ladies of playing ability were Mrs. Whitefield Painter, Mrs. H. C. Simmonds, Miss Pricilla Bartol, Miss Fanny Curtis and Miss Harriet Nichols.

The Greater Boston Badminton League was organized the latter part of 1931 with Robert S. Boyd of Hingham as President and John Burchard II of the University Club as Secretary-Treasurer. Fourteen clubs or organizations made up the league with twenty teams in four divisions, A—B—C and Southern. The following year there were twenty-one groups with twenty-seven teams. A Women Badminton League had been active for three years with eight teams entered, and the following year this increased to twelve teams. Around 1930 the New England Badminton Association was formed. The records of 1933 show that the 4th annual New England Open Tournament started at the University Club on March 20th with the finals played Saturday April 1st. Roger Morse and George K. Briggs were among its early officers. Going back to earlier dates Dr. Caines of Caines Health Institute in Boston comes up as one of the earliest enthusiasts and promoters.

Early badminton in Boston became competitive minded. It was close enough to Montreal for an interchange of players and the influence

of Canada was marked. Though that influence was felt, a stronger influence took over. Jess Willard was a Physical Education instructor at the University Club who quickly recognized the value of badminton as a club activity. He personally learned the game quickly and well, so well that he laid claim to the title of American Professional Champion. Jess glided about like a cat. He developed his game around a hard hitting attack and a notoriously strong defensive backhand. A favorite phrase was "Blast your opponent off the court," and as a consequence of this teaching some of the early Boston stars developed that style of play, which was far removed from the Canadian style, which was based on sound tactics employing finesse and deception backed up by power when needed.

Jack Purcell, winner of many Canadian titles, was now a professional and claimed the title of World's Professional Champion. He met all comers, including Jess Willard, and defeated them all, making his title stand up. Jack was the greatest ex-

ponent of the smooth, deceptive Canadian style and, through his frequent visits to all parts of the United States, brought that influence to all of us, much to our benefit.

I have learned very little about the game in the Middle-west of that period. There was active playing around Detroit, Cleveland and Western New York State, but that is all I know. As four names came into great prominence a few years later it is reasonable to assume that they must have been active in '31 to attain such status in '37. Such names as Ward Starett, Justin Canfield, Ham Walters and Horm Trimborn in the Chicago area, Reese Cramer and Wally Kramer from Detroit. Our first A.B.A. Champion was too young to have been heard from, but somebody must have been playing well at that time to help him develop. Windsor, Canada, just across the river had some effect on Wally because Wally was an outstanding exponent of the Canadian style. The finals of the New England Open in Boston in '32 between Stan Houghton of Boston and Wally Kramer was

hitting power against control and deceptive finesse, and Wally won. It was a thrilling match to see.

These were depressing years and just as tough on badminton as on every other activity.

The old adage "Go west young man" must have been true in '31 but there is little information available about what was going on there when the young man arrived to play badminton. The greats that we know now were in toddling clothes then. Hardly seems thinkable, does it? They seem to have been around, always.

Tim Royce of Seattle is one name that must have been active then, because he certainly has been a most constructive force since.

I wish to apologize right now for any errors I may have made. To prepare a piece of this kind requires a great deal of time to do the adequate research to authenticate all names and places. My colleagues were very helpful in supplying information that that was available to them and although this is not complete I hope it is not too inaccurate.

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Roger A. Baird (Moffett)

A native Midwesterner, Roger Baird was born in Illinois and brought up and educated in Chicago. A graduate of the University of Chicago and of the University of Chicago Law School, he practiced law for seventeen years in Chicago, with time out for service on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific during World War II. In June of 1956 he accepted the position of General Attorney for the Kimberly-Clark Corporation, one of the country's leading manufacturers of paper and paper products with main offices at Neenah, Wisconsin. He is now Assistant Secretary of the company.

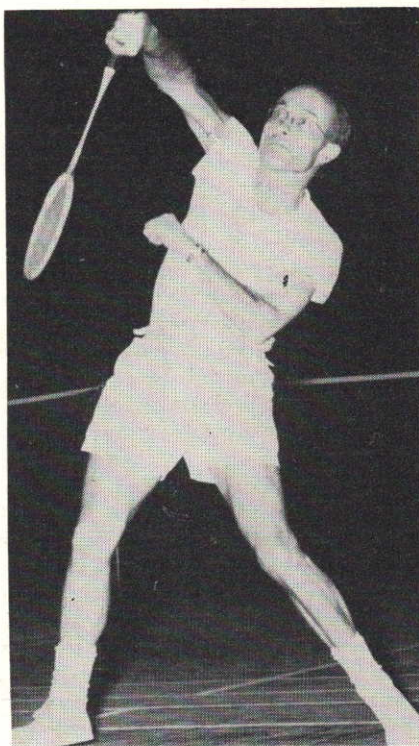
An enthusiastic spectator of almost any sport, Roger plays tennis, golf badminton and enjoys sailing and skating. A past president of the Chicago Badminton Club he is now a member of the Neenah Badminton Club and the North Shore Golf Club in Neenah. He has been a director of the American Badminton Association since 1950 and is now the First Vice-President. Following along in his footsteps are two daughters, aged fourteen and eleven, who are both badminton players.

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Born July 27, 1907 Edwin S. Jarrett, after schooling in New York and California received degrees from Princeton University and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He was employed by Equitable Life Assurance Society until 1954 and is now Director of Field Training for Mutual of New York.

An Elder and Member of the Session of the Central Presbyterian Church of New York City, Ted is also in the United States Army Reserve with the rank of Lt. Colonel Artillery, Cmdg. Officer, 902nd Field Artillery Battalion. His sports activities, other than badminton, consist of sailing and tennis and he is keenly interested in football, baseball and hockey, as a spectator! Choral singing and chamber music concerts are other forms of relaxation.

In badminton Ted is a member of the Central Badminton Club of New York, Gramatan Hills Badminton Club of Bronxville, N. Y. and The Badminton Club of the City of New York. In the ABA he is presently 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the Thomas Cup Committee. He was Past Chairman of the Ranking Committee (1952-1955) and Chair-



Edwin S. Jarrett

man of the Umpires Association. He has been fortunate enough to be able to travel all over the country and in four Canadian cities, playing badminton wherever and whenever possible. He has played in all but three of the Nationals, including all ten which have been held since World War II. Ted also attended the first two Thomas Cup Ties with Canada, Pasadena in December 1948 and Calgary in March 1952; he was the umpire during four matches in Calgary.

His tournament record during the last few years includes twice reaching the semi-finals in the Veterans' Doubles in the Nationals in 1948 and '49, and more recently, runner-up in the mens singles in the New York Metropolitan Championships last season.

E.S.

NOTES FROM CANADA

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sociated with various large Clubs. These combined with Armories, Church and other halls, house the Badminton players across Canada.

For the season of 1955-56 one finds an affiliated membership of 7377. This figure does NOT include the hundreds who play the game in small Church and other Clubs. The playing total is probably well over 10,000.

The Uber Cup Tie (International Ladies Championship) in the American Zone, with the United States as opponents, is one of the big events of the 1956-57 season. The locale chosen is the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club, in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

Badminton is not a game which draws Spectators in the same proportion as Baseball, Hockey and Football. It is "a player's game." Consequently, the amount of cash available for promotional work is usually at a low ebb and expenses are always high when the Association participates in International Events such as the Thomas and Uber Cup. At this time no assistance whatever is given by Government authorities in sending a representative team to International Events, which is not as it should be.

The popularity of Badminton in Canada is increasing year by year and important advances in promotional work are expected in 1956-1957.

THE INDIAN SCENE

by Kishor Lotwalla

It is perhaps in character with India's reputation, particularly in the U.S., as a country of unsolvable mysteries that Badminton inferentially regarded to be Indian in origin should defy all attempts to establish beyond repudiation its real parentage. The origin of Badminton is a case in point. There are neither the archival treasures to draw upon nor even fragmentary recordings of those who have indulged the game to help piece a coherent account.

Casting aside the aura of mystery surrounding Badminton's origin and its early history, it will be readily conceded that a game is played for the sense of exhilaration and the scope for exercise it offers notwithstanding where and in what manner it originated. No game can be claimed to belong to a particular country by virtue of its origin there any more than the League of Nations belonged to Switzerland by virtue of its location in Geneva. A game has no frontiers, its association with a country or a set of countries being principally an offshoot of well-practiced skill and dexterity and eminence acquired by such a country in playing it.

Badminton has been played in India for 70 years but looking to the average standard of the game in the country, it does not seem to have advanced far beyond its juvenescence. If Nandu Natak and T. N. Seth, India's best, are left out of the reckoning the next three in the order of ranking, P. S. Chowla, Datta Dhongade and Amrit Dewan, would form, on the basis of recent local performances, a ramshackle nucleus for India in international competition. The expensiveness of Badminton as compared to other Indian games has discouraged many from taking to it. In a country where the average inhabitant leads a precarious existence on a marginal standard the thought of a rapid improvement in sporting standards must be discountenanced. Even so there is evidence of plentiful enthusiasm among people for recreational activities, sports among them being the most prominent. A happy augury for the future is the increasing interest which our Union Government takes through its two officially sponsored bodies, the Raj-



The author, Kishor Lotwalla and his wife, Mumtaz, captain of India's Uber Cup Team.

kumari Coaching Scheme and All India Sports Council. Badminton receives its fair measure of financial assistance from the Government which has enabled States associations to sponsor coaching schemes not only for school boys and girls but even for those who already enjoy a degree of prominence in the game. The total lack of professional coaches in the country is depressing. Beyond 30 miles south of Bombay there is a tremendous interest in Ball Badminton which, as is apparent, is played with a woolen ball. Quite a few tournaments are played down south and even in Bombay.

Of the many places in India where the shuttlecock game is ardently followed Bombay offers the finest opportunities to the players. There are more than a dozen indoor courts belonging either to exclusive clubs or colleges. The flooring is wooden save in two or three instances where it is tile. Playing conditions are fetching and the lighting ideal as Miss Margaret Varner and Miss Judy Devlin would testify from their own experiences of playing in this city two years ago. The late Ken Davidson remarked to me during his visit of 1954 that better courts than those he had played on in Bombay were unthinkable, but the rest of the country has hardly a court or two worth taking note of. Multi-purpose halls are used occasionally to conduct a tournament. Sometimes a wooden floor is rigged up in an expensive marquee to accommodate 700 to 800 spectators for the National Badmin-

ton Championships. The venue for the Nationals changes depending upon the willingness of a State association to run the financial risks in staging the Championships.

As for out-door courts, there is no dearth of them in any centre where the game has its enthusiasts. Both in Bombay and other parts of the country, the bulk of players either due to impecunious circumstances or for some reason connected with unavailability or lack of easy accessibility to an indoor court practice on out-door courts. It is not uncommon to find these courts overlaid with a dressing of cow-dung which is allowed to dry before being played upon. This dressing lacks, by the nature of what it consists of, enduring qualities and has to be done at least once a week. It is a cheap and easy way of ensuring a smooth playing surface. The outdoor variant of badminton however has to be discontinued during the four months of heavy monsoon in the country.

Fortunately, the international rules of the game are well understood and assimilated by players and officials alike and rigidly enforced in a tournament. Tournaments in India are rather a sprawling affair and take well-nigh two weeks for completion as against two or three days in which they are run through in England or the States. The lack of an adequate number of courts at the disposal of the club conducting a tournament is one reason which accounts principally for its extended duration. Secondly, the climate, in my opinion, would impose too taxing a strain on the players to play three or four matches in a day. But the current practice will doubtless need revision in view of the fact that Indian players in international championships are disadvantageously placed when called upon to play several matches in a single day.

The Indian system of ranking requires that a player must have played in the National Championships and two other major tournaments held in any part of the country. It savours of enigma that the women players have never been ranked in this country. Not through prejudice, but because the best among them who are in Bombay sel-

dom leave their home-town to play in a badminton tournament, National or otherwise.

India does not boast of a single badminton journal to promote interest in the game or to boost up its stock. This is not for want of enthusiasm as one may be tempted to conclude. Exiguous pecuniary resources rule out of consideration any scheme for launching a journal. If one were attempted, it would be like a still-born child.

It is a heartening sign that Indian shuttlecocks are used in all tournaments including the nationals. There are widely varying standards in the quality of indigenous shuttlecocks owing to the difficulty of obtaining the right kind of feathers and suitable cork. The inadequacy of raw material is such that a shuttle with a distinctly slow flight to start with acquires, to put it facetiously, the qualities of jet propulsion half way through the game. An imported shuttle, even if permitted by Government, would be an extravagance within the reach of only the upper ten. An Indian shuttle costs in Indian currency one rupee and four annas which is roughly equivalent at the present rate of exchange to 25 to 30 cents.

No sport would be financially manageable but for the lively and continued support it gets from crowds that through the playing arena to witness it. There would be little or no incentive for players themselves without the fortissimo vocal support and applausive frenzy of the crowd. Now hushed to whisperous silence, now exploding into a crescendo rising sky-high, now subdued to incredible immobility, now rising to its feet in a wild rampage of uncontrollable rapture, hero-worshipping at one moment and wrathful at another, cock-a-hoop and chapfallen in a giddy jumble of moods—the crowd puts a player in the van or relegates him to the ever swelling dust heap of mediocrity and makes it worthwhile for the rivals to be locked in an unrelenting struggle for supremacy.

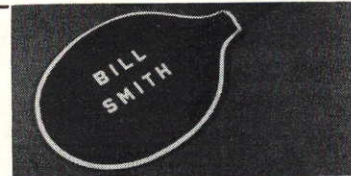
Yes, there is plenty of crowd interest in badminton wherever it is played in India, but halls where tournaments are conducted cannot accommodate as many as would like to see the game. Understandably, there is a larger crowd and keener spectatorial interest when foreign stars are billed to play. Indian

crowds are intelligent and alert and discerningly fair in the apportionment of support in a match between a local star and a foreigner. No foreigner who has played in any tournament in India has ever complained of being discouraged by the crowd. The crowd psychology is the same the world over only its manifestations take different forms. A peculiarity of the Indian crowd is the slow-clapping which by its orderliness piques the curiosity of foreign players. Slow-clapping, spontaneous in its origin becomes gregarious immediately afterwards and its main purpose is either to disturb the equilibrium of a player who is sensitive to it or is illustrative of the crowd's delight as its favourite triumphantly approaches point by point the end of a match against a visiting star.

A visiting player is at once struck by the variegatedness of dress worn by women badminton players. There are some who don a 'sari' which with its graceful, well-hung folds is the most cumbersome imaginable sporting outfit. Undoubtedly, it helps conceal female anatomical sinuosity from full-eyed male stares but impedes dexterity of movement required in badminton. This mode of dress is commonly adopted by those women players whose outlook is bound in orthodoxy and are too bashful to discard the 'sari' in favour of an appropriate sporting gear. There are others who are impelled by similar reasons to wear a different type of attire which consists of a tunic worn over a pair of pyjamas with a sash-like piece of cloth known locally as 'dupatta' slung across the shoulders and fluttering loosely at both ends but knotted at the waist to prevent slipping during play. The rest who are keener on playing the game as best they can and less concerned about guarding bareness of the limbs wear a skirt, shorts or a frock, depending upon individual prepossessions.

Of the standard of game among women, I cannot help observing that there are two distinct compartments. Those at the top consisting of barely half a dozen players dominate those in the lower category whose standard is woefully below average. There is a stagnancy about women's badminton which ill-forbodes for its future progress. The average age of the half dozen top-notchers is well

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THE TEAM

Helen Gibson, chairman of the Uber Cup Committee, has announced the team selected by the committee to play in the tie with Canada, February 25, 26 at the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club in Kitchener, Ontario. The team members are Lois Alston, Judy Devlin, Susan Devlin, Ethel Marshall, Beatrice Massman and Margaret Varner. Margaret has been elected team captain. The Uber Cup is pictured above. It is approximately fifteen inches tall, of sterling silver with the countries depicted in gold.

THE FUND

The Pasadena Badminton Club with the able management of Chuck Tibbets, Joe and Lois Alston and many others of its members, held the Pacific Southwest Tournament November 9, 10 & 11. It was agreed that all profits from the tournament

were to be contributed to the Uber Cup Fund and the Directors of the Southern California Badminton Association also agreed to waive their percentage of the profits and permit it to be used for this purpose. Beautiful trophies were donated by Dick Mitchell and Carl Loveday; Dottie Hann, Chuck Fagelson, Wynn Rogers and Jack Searl donated door prizes and Connie Davidson did a great job in the food department. All this combined to produce a \$306.75 Uber Cup donation.

The Baltimore Badminton Club held a Bingo and Bridge party and forwarded \$27.00 for the fund. Mrs. Helen McLeod forwarded a check for \$25.00 on behalf of the Midwest Badminton Association. Proceeds of a Draw held in Baltimore for a Hostess Basket and an anonymous donation of \$28.00 produced another \$200.00 towards the fund. Margaret

Varner solicited \$121.00 from the Massachusetts Association. The fund now stands at \$5,051.41.

THE TIES

News has been received from Denmark that Ireland defeated Sweden 6-1 in Dublin November 17 and play Scotland in January.

THE SQUAD

Beulah Bymaster Armendariz has been named to the Squad.

McGregor Stewart, 1956 Junior National Champion, challenged Charlotte Decker. They met in the quarter-finals of the Towson Open Tournament. Charlotte defeated McGregor 11-4, 4-11, 11-7. Because BIRD CHATTER was late in reaching the Midwest, Ramona Gunner, Shirley Mans and Irene Urashi have been given permission to use the Illinois Open in Glencoe as a venue for challenge matches for the Squad.

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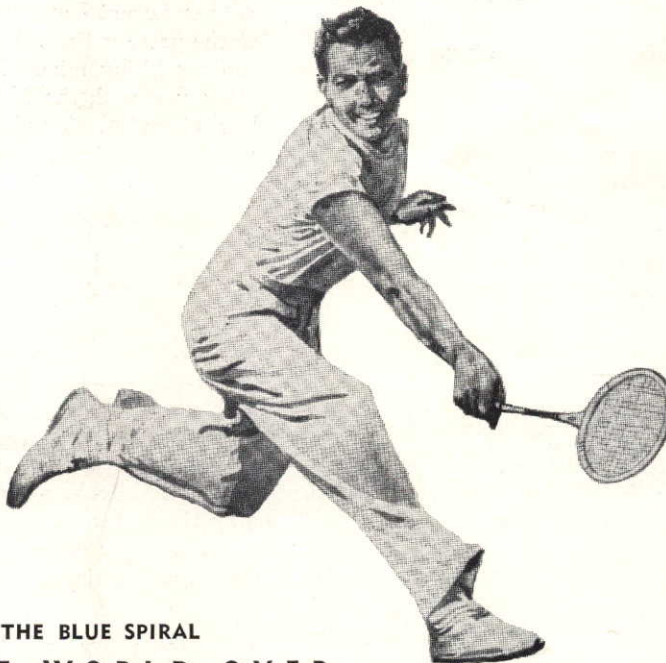
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The second in a series of questions and answers asked of badminton players throughout the country.

1. If facilities could be made available for all year round play throughout the country, do you think it would give a boost to the game or do you feel that a rest from the game improves the new season's play?

Abbie Rutledge, Indiana. I feel that I, personally, need a rest from badminton, and I am always glad to put my rackets away for a while. I find that I am more eager to begin a season's play after a three month lay-off. I also enjoy very much playing golf and tennis during the summer and should hate to have to give these games up. I know people who play all year round and seem to thrive on it, but I favor a rest from the game.

Nancy Metcalfe, Mass. I, personally, do not try to play much badminton in the summer time because I find that after the concentrated play of the winter season I welcome a break and find myself going stale if I do not take one. I also think summer badminton would suffer from the competition of outdoor sports such as tennis, golf and sailing.

Vic Pritula, Mich. For the up and coming young players, it would undoubtedly improve their game tremendously. For the older players I think a rest is in order. We start in September and by April, with the coming of Spring, we've had it.

Shirley Mans, Minnesota. Without the opportunity for nearly year round play, how can desirably imitable badminton heroes continue to be developed? Without the kind of facilities and staff available to give the needed status, prestige, and accessibility to our player-heroes and to the game that should be played in badminton halls, not just in basketball-centered armories and school gymnasiums, I find it more and more difficult to see how we can hope to attract and hold youngsters to our game who would just as soon be Mickey Mantles, Patty Bergs, or Lew Hoads. In regard to a rest from the game, I have found that a short one is useful to me, but I find little

need for the usual 5½ to 6 months lay-off that lasts from mid-April to October.

Donna Connolly, Wash. In Seattle we do have facilities available the year round and we have almost as large a group that plays in the summer as plays in the winter. Perhaps we get stale at the game and don't know it, but we love every minute of it. We also have an annual Seafair Tournament in August and a great many players enter it. I don't know if a rest from the game would improve the seasons play or not as I have always played the year around.

2. Of the five main tournament events, which one do you prefer to play in and why?

Rutledge. I have difficulty in deciding which of the three events I prefer. I have always loved to play singles, but I find doubles very fast and exciting. I prefer singles and doubles over mixed doubles, I believe; and probably if I could enter only one event I would choose singles at the present time. Part of my reason for liking mixed doubles less is concerned with the fact that I know less about it, though it is a very exacting and interesting game.

Metcalfe. Although I enjoy both singles and doubles very much, I guess doubles has the preference to me. It is much less tense than singles and there is that added satisfaction of fast smooth-working team play that develops when you and your partner know instinctively where to go and what to do. Although both singles and doubles demand "heady" play the faster pace of doubles calls for a greater accuracy in placing shots and continual rapid thinking.

Mans. Ladies doubles is my preference. I love to feel "fired up" and seem to be able to get and hold this feeling longer in doubles. The thrill of fast, sudden rallies and the surprise of reactions that unthinkingly come into play will never cease to fascinate me.

Connolly. This is a very difficult question to answer. I like to play singles very much but I am not very good at it. I like to play ladies doubles because good team-work is so essential. You not only have to know where your opponents are at all times but you have to keep track of your own partner as well. Mixed doubles is fun, too, as it is a challenge to a net player's quick thinking. I guess I like ladies doubles best, but I'm not sure.

(Ed. Answers not received from three men also questioned.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations

Dear Editor,

Just received your first BIRD CHATTER. Congratulations . . . with such a successful issue now published you need no help from us other than more subscriptions.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE MILLER, Calif.

Dear Editor,

This is just a short note to congratulate you on the recent issue of BIRD CHATTER. . . I personally enjoyed very much the many news bits which you include, and particularly liked the 'What Do You Think' part. You should feel that it is a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

ABBIE RUTLEDGE,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on BIRD CHATTER with the new slant. 'Flying Feathers' must be kept flying and 'What Do You Think?', I think is great. Am anticipating '25 Years Ago in the U.S.' with much interest and the 'Overseas news' is certainly a must. . . .

Sincerely yours,

THELMA WELCOME,
Glendale, Calif.

Dear Editor,

I just received the latest issue of BIRD CHATTER and I hasten to congratulate you on the fine job and please keep up the good start. I know that we in America can be proud of its quality when it goes into the hands of people living in other countries. . . .

Here is wishing you future success.

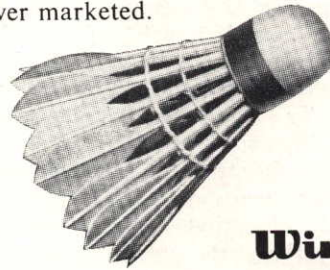
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P. E. Convention

Dear Editor,

I was very interested in reading the article in the November-December issue of *BIRD CHATTER* concerning the meeting of the National Section for Girls and Women's Sports at the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Convention at Atlantic City last April at which Lealand Gustavson represented the American Badminton Association. Perhaps the readers would be interested in a comment of one who was in the audience at that meeting.

It seems to me that Mr. Gustavson strayed from the topic, "How can we meet the needs of the athletically gifted girl?" by saying the "unpolished truth." His statement, "Badminton in the schools is being taught very badly. . . ." is entirely right, but he should have followed it by telling of some of the programs for Juniors which exist in some parts of the United States which could serve as opportunities for more advanced play for these athletically gifted girls. Mrs. Vosters of Wilmington, Delaware, representing the

United States Lawn Tennis Association outlined the Junior program for tennis. Badminton could have been compared to that, possibly stimulating interest in our Junior programs. Instead, Mr. Gustavson used many harsh words—something to the effect of, "Our junior players at the age of 18 cannot compete with the adults in the senior ranks. They just aren't good enough." These resulted in squelching any desire to help in junior development on the part of the physical educators present at that meeting. Their attitude is, "What is the use? Young players will not be able to play with adults upon graduation from school and we want to teach something which can be used as a recreation activity after graduation from high school or college."

The unpolished truth is swell—just so all of it gets into the record. I am still gnashing my teeth over that missed opportunity for telling an influential group how much junior badminton programs really have to offer the athletically gifted girl.

Sincerely yours,
VIRGINIA BALL
Baltimore, Md.

Fault?

Postscript to a letter from Lealand Gustavson, Connecticut.

Somebody got careless, maybe Manny Armendariz, in that photo of him serving. (The November-December issue.) His racket is obviously illegally high. The shaft is slanted above the horizontal.

International Exchange

Dear Editor,

By the way this is an idea I have had before but is it possible to have a correspondence opening between American Leagues and English Leagues, the small town ones? The club I play for is Pegagues and we compete in the Willesden District League with three teams, two mens and one Mixed. Do you think it would be a good idea if we could say have a similar league over the Herring Pond, keep in touch with and exchange ideas. I think myself it is a good idea and who knows where it could go from there.

Yours in Badminton,
M. KNAPMAN,
London, England

BADMINTON (146 pp.)—Noel Radford—Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, Ltd. \$2.95.

Devoting Chapter 1 to a thorough coverage of the history of the game by Herbert Scheele, Secretary of the Badminton Association of England and of the International Badminton Federation, Noel Radford then writes for the Beginner in his Chapter 2, where he describes the Orthodox Grips and the "Fundamental Shots and their Strokes." He divides the strokes into two classes, Overhead and Underhand and says "It is necessary for the beginner fully to realize that when choice allows every effort should be made to play the shuttle overhead rather than permit it to drop until an underhand stroke becomes necessary. It is logical to wish to have every advantage in height in contacting the shuttle. The net is 5 ft. in height and the higher that contact is made the greater the area of the opponent's court that becomes available for your choice of shot, and the greater the opportunity for attack. . . . In general, all back-court shots (i.e. shots played from the back of the court) should be played overhead, and any tendency to allow the shuttle to drop low in the back court should be promptly corrected. . . . From the foregoing, the beginner will understand that in general underhand strokes are correctly used from mid-court or fore-court but not from the back court at all except in emergency, and that overhead strokes are correctly used whenever possible in any part of the court where the shuttle may be reached sufficiently early."

In the section entitled Court Covering and Footwork, the author describes with great clarity how to run and move your feet. Saying, in part . . . "intercept the shuttle by quick movement of the feet from a well-balanced position in which the weight is kept off the heels and on the balls of the feet. Do not run more than necessary: the surest way to cover the court is by short quick initial steps and a final stretch."

Having dealt with the strokes, the author then turns his attention to the Singles and the Doubles games. In describing the serve in the singles game he says "The standard singles serve is a deep lob high enough to

force the opponent to the extreme back line, and directed, if possible, at the most vulnerable point of the opponent—this is generally the backhand, and it requires careful practice to obtain a consistently deep and accurate service. The server's position should be taken up near the junction of the centre and short service lines, but sufficiently far behind the short service line to enable him to take up a centre-court position easily after the serve is played." With remarks such as "It is well to remember in singles that, when in doubt, you should CLEAR. It is the only shot that will give you a safe breather," the author deals with the elementary as well as the advanced strategy of the Singles game.

In 27 pages he goes on to describe the various types of Doubles games, dealing with serving, "The low short serve is the standard doubles serve . . . it must on no account rise after crossing the net, as this renders it easy prey for the agile serve-jumper," receiving the serve, and all the tactics and combinations necessary for doubles play. In the Up-and-Back or Mixed Doubles game he tells the lady that "the net game is most definitely not an easy one to excel at" and then in clear terms describes how she can best help her partner playing his powerful game at the back of the court. Describing doubles as "a game where each player seeks rather to exploit the opening or obtain the weak return for the partner's benefit rather than himself, and for the up-and-back teamwork it is what the lady achieves at the net on behalf of her back-court partner and what he does from the back court for the benefit of his forecourt partner that determines the quality of the pair."

With a chapter devoted to Serving and Receiving, another to Deception, a third dealing with the more controversial aspects of some shots and yet another on General Match Advice, Noel Radford ends his book reminiscing on the great players he has met during the thirty years of his Badminton career. He takes us all the way from "my earliest recollections of Sir George Thomas and J. F. Devlin when they visited Canada in 1925" to David Freeman, Wong Peng Soon, the Choong Brothers, the Danes, Poul Holm and Jorn Shaarup and the Indian player Devinder Mohan.

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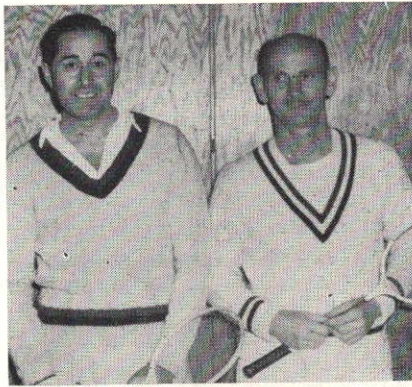
From Coast to Coast

KALAMAZOO

The first match with Grand Rapids was played at the Kalamazoo College Gym in which the hosts squeaked out a 9-7 victory. The eight mixed doubles and four womens doubles matches were split but Kalamazoo won the match on the strength of the mens double.s The return match will be played in Grand Rapids in January.

MIDWEST B. A.

News comes from Joe Tiberi, president of the Midwest Badminton Association giving the Midwest rankings for the 1955-56 season. Numbers one and two in each event are. Womens Singles, Abbie Rutledge, Mildred Sirwaitis; Mens Singles, Ted Moehlmann, Jr., Tom Heden; Womens Doubles, A. Rutledge-M. Sirwaitis, Thelma Burdick-Eleanor Coombs; Mens Doubles, Wm. Anderson-Vic Pritula, Earl Boston-T. Moehlmann, Jr.; Mixed Doubles, E. Coombs-E. Boston, Mary Conner-W. Anderson; Veterans' Doubles, Harry Drewry-Jerry Burns, Ken Aderholt-H. Herpel Perkins.



Mens Doubles Winners in the New Rochelle Tourney, Ed Shields and Max Schirmer (Pereira)

OREGON BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Twenty-seven players participated in a round robin tournament held November 11 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Joe Griffith, Rita Muntz, Harold Muntz and Betty Clare went home with the prizes.

METROPOLITAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION New York

The first handicap doubles matches of the season for members of the Metropolitan Badminton Association were held on Saturday, November 3 at the New Rochelle Badminton Club. Sonny Oppenheimer, assisted by Ed Shields and Frank "Pop" Hinds, set up the draw and handled the matches. Three events were staged consisting of a ladies' doubles round-robin and double elimination in men's and mixed doubles. Since each team must lose two matches before being eliminated, the entrants had a great deal of play during the day.

The winners of the round-robin were Doris De Lord and Irene Bradenberg who tied for first place; Mildred Riggio placed second and Adelaide Marx was in third position. The men's doubles victors were Max Schirmer and Ed Shields who defeated Charlie and Willie Scheck in the finals. Doris DeLord and Ralph Davidson won the mixed doubles event with Eda and Harold Daume as runners-up.

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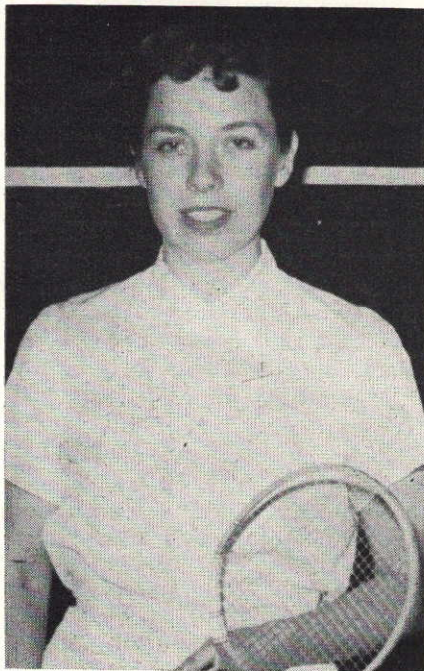
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Flying Feathers



Beulah Bymaster Armendariz, new member of the Uber Cup Squad (Norment)

Congratulations to Mannie Armendariz and Beulah Bymaster who became partners for life on November 17th. Best wishes from all the players. . . . Did you ever see a keen badminton player? One of the most travelling of the lot must be Connecticut's Dot O'Neil. Surely there aren't many other players who travel 500 miles a week to practice badminton. . . . News comes from Denmark that Mike Kolle, the young Dane who wowed the East Coast several seasons ago is the number 6 ranking player in mens doubles. With players like Finn Kobbero and Hammergaard Hansen heading the list, that's not bad! . . . More Danish news is that Hammergaard was married to his co-holder in the Danish Badminton Mixed doubles championship, Anni Jorgensen a certain member of the Danish Uber Cup Team.

Seattle's Don Davis, a University senior this year, is president of his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta. . . . California's Pat and Bob Noble are grandparents again. Son John and his wife had their first child on November 6, a nine pound eight and a half ounce boy, Robert Gregory Noble. . . . Paul Coke is proudly displaying his new watch, a gift from

Standard Oil honoring his thirty years with the company. . . . Know anyone who has attended a tournament eighteen years in a row? Well, Helen Gibson was ill and missed the Westport Mens Doubles Tournament for the first time in nineteen years! . . . Bunky Roche, the nation's No. 5 player now in the army stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky was able to compete in, and win, the Louisville Open on December 16.

News reaches us from the Badminton Gazette that the Falkland Islands have become affiliated with the International Badminton Federation. Does everyone know where they are? . . . Fifteen nations have held or will hold OPEN national championships during the season from October 1956 until May 1957. . . . News of two more junior badminton programs newly set-up. One is under the direction of Lilian Otto at the Baltimore Badminton Club. The second one is being run in Philadelphia. . . . Boston's Dick and Betsy Hewes expecting their second child in February. . . . South Africa's Dot Schnell, finalist in the 1956 South African mixed doubles championships and member of the Northern Transvall team which played the U. S. touring team in 1955, is now living in England. (Gazette).

Linda Cobb, Junior National Girls Doubles champ in '52 and '53 and mixed doubles winner in '54 is living in Boston and working for the American Express Company. . . . Butch Kevorkian, 1954 and 1955 champ, is studying at Boston University. . . . The committee of the Yorkshire County Badminton Association in England has established a trophy in honor of the late Kenneth Davidson to be awarded each year to the most outstanding player in county team competition. Ken was a Yorkshireman by birth. (Gazette) . . . Baltimore and Philadelphia played a friendly match December 2 at the Wisohicken Club in Philadelphia. The Quaker City team were the victors. . . . By the end of November, entries for the Eastern Open Junior Tournament, held in Boston, the week ending December 29 had been received from Toronto, Norris-town, Penna. and Baltimore.



Dick Slauer

Dick Slauer, the immediate past Secretary of the ABA, has moved from Boston to Wheeling, West Virginia. Fixture sales manager for lighting products of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., he has been put in charge of sales organization for fluorescent lighting fixtures. . . . The biggest news around Philadelphia is that Ruth Jett has returned from the West Coast and has settled in the Philadelphia area again. . . . Doris Cooper is the Rhode Island chairman of junior activities.

THE INDIAN SCENE

(Continued from page 9)

past 25, while among younger players, there is hardly anyone in whom promise can bear its fruition.

The likely contingent for the Uber Cup has already undergone a rigorous spell of coaching whose benefits, until such time that an occasion arises to test the mettle of trainees, must remain conjectural. The Indian players' performances against the Anglo-American women players who visited Bombay with the late Ken Davidson stir hopes of an Indian victory over Malaya in the zone final. But against the Devlins and Margaret Varner in the semi-final . . . well, well, that's the end . . . of this article, anyway.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST Pasadena, Calif.

Favorites came through in all events except two in the Twelfth Pacific Southwest Badminton Tournament held Nov. 10 and 11 by the Pasadena Badminton Club. The upsets occurred in mixed doubles and ladies doubles. The results of the finals:

"A" Flight

Mens Singles—Dick Mitchell def. Bill Berry 15-9, 15-3

Ladies Singles—Lois Alston def. Thelma Welcome 15-5, 15-8

Mens Doubles—Alston-Rogers def. Hargrove-Armendariz 6-15, 15-9, 15-4

Ladies Doubles—Bymaster-Alston def. Welcome-Pons 15-7, 15-5

Mixed Doubles—Hartgrove-Tibbetts def. Alston-Alston 3-15, 15-8, 15-12

Veterans Doubles—Mendez-Serafin def. Wilkinson-McArthur 15-7, 15-8

"B" Flight

Mens Singles—Don Paup def. Ted Ebenkamp 15-8, 15-5

Ladies Singles—Mary Ann Breckell def. Ann Erkkila 11-4, 11-7

Mens Doubles—Foy-Fagelson def. Seiler-Gordon 7-15, 15-10, 15-11

Ladies Doubles—Shaw-Breckell def. Kanaga-Winton 15-7, 18-17

Mixed Doubles—Paup-A. Carr def. Foy-Foy 18-15, 15-8

Veterans Doubles—Scofield—Auxier def. Jack van Praag-Giles 12-15, 15-5, 18-16



Marten Mendez, former U. S. Singles Champ., now winning veterans events.

MONTREAL A.A.A. INVITATIONAL November 23-25

Mens Singles

Semi-finals: J. Carnwath (Can) def. C. Irving (Can) 15-7, 10-15, 15-10. P. Ferguson (Can) def. D. Ball (U.S.) 15-5, 17-14

Finals: Ferguson def. Carnwath 12-15, 15-9, 15-11

Ladies Singles

Semi-finals: M. Shedd (Can) def. H. Doig (Can) 11-5, 11-2. M. Varner (U.S.) def. D. O'Neil (U.S.) 11-2, 11-4

Finals: Shedd def. Varner 7-11, 12-10, 12-11

Mens Doubles

Semi-finals: H. Kirkconnell-J. Martin (Can) def. L. Lafontaine-G. Simpson (Can) 15-12, 5-15, 15-5. Carnwath-Ferguson def. W. Purcell-B. Porter (Can) 11-15, 15-8, 15-7

Finals: Carnwath-Ferguson def. Kirkconnell-Martin 6-15, 15-10, 18-17

Ladies Doubles

Semi-finals: Varner-O'Neil (U.S.) def. N. Common-Doig (Can) 15-3, 15-0. Shedd-P. Smith (Can) def. E. Fitzpatrick-C. Lamore (Can) 15-4, 15-3

Finals: Varner-O'Neil def. Shedd-Smith 15-9, 15-9

Mixed Doubles

Semi-finals: Purcell-Shedd (Can) def. H. Moody-Doig (Can) 15-4, 15-2. W. Schell-Varner (U.S.) def. G. Simpson-Fitzpatrick 15-2 9-15, 15-7

Finals: Shedd-Purcell def. Schell-Varner 15-9, 15-9

Veterans Doubles

Finals: E. Wright-R. Henderson (U.S.) def. G. Wood-W. Silve (Can) 15-3, 15-12

PURDUE OPEN, INDIANA Nov. 17-18

Ladies Singles

Semi-finals: Abbie Rutledge def. Norma Pritula 11-1, 11-0; Beatrix Mare def. Mildred Sirwaitis 2-11, 11-3, 11-1

Finals: Rutledge def. Mare 11-4, 11-0

Mens Singles

Semi-finals: Victor Pritula def. Dick Root 15-4, 15-2; Victor Van De Ven def. Fred Trifonoff 17-14, 15-12

Final: Pritula def. Van De Ven 9-15, 15-10, 15-5

Ladies Doubles

Semi-finals: Shirley Mans-Irene Urashi def. Sirwaitis-Mary Connor 15-6, 10-15, 18-14; Rutledge-Mare def. Ramona Gunner-Norma Slauer 15-8, 15-9

Finals: Rutledge-Mare def. Mans-Urashi 15-6, 15-3

Mens Doubles

Semi-finals: Bill Anderson-Pritula def. Roy Nusbaum-Root 15-9, 15-1; Trifonoff-Van De Ven def. Rufus Eichelberger-Rick Hoppe 12-15, 15-5, 15-5

Finals: Anderson-Pritula def. Trifonoff-Van De Ven 15-7, 15-12

Mixed Doubles

Semi-Finals: Connor-Anderson def. Mare-Root 15-9, 15-12; Sirwaitis-Wayne Sheppard def. Virginia Anderson-Eichelberger 13-15, 15-9, 18-13

Finals: Connor-Anderson def. Sirwaitis-Sheppard 15-5, 15-5

MANHATTAN BEACH OPEN Calif.

Pasadenans dominated the finals of the Sixteenth Annual Manhattan Beach Open Badminton Tournament, at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, with Joe Alston of the Pasadena Badminton Club copping three titles, while his wife, Lois, garnered two crowns. The only title to elude the grasp of Pasadenans was the Veterans Doubles event.

"A" Flight

Mens Singles: Alston def. Ron Palmer 15-5, 15-1

Ladies Singles: Lois Alston def. Thelma Welcome 11-7, 11-7

Mens Doubles: Alston-Rogers def. Hartgrove-Armendariz 15-4, 14-18, 15-12

Ladies Doubles: Hann-Gibbs def. Pons-Welcome 15-6, 8-15, 15-9

Mixed Doubles: Alston-Alston def. Armendariz-Armendariz 15-9, 15-6

Veterans Doubles: Mendez Serafin def. McArthur-Wilkinson 15-2, 15-11

"B" Flight

Mens Singles—Paup def. Fagelson 15-4, 15-11

Ladies Singles: Erkkila def. Wise 11-1, 7-11, 12-9

Mens Doubles: McArthur-Wilkinson def. Randolph-Janes 15-4, 15-6

Womens Doubles: Kanaga-Winton def. Foy-Shaw 15-12, 15-4

Mixed Doubles: Paup-A. Carr def. Ebenkamp-M. Carr 15-5, 15-6

MICHIGAN LEAGUE INVITATIONAL

Held November 24 in Birmingham with 60 contestants.

Mens Singles—Bill Bryant def. Gunner Hemstrom 15-3, 15-0

Ladies Singles—Stockton def. Carolyn Arnold 11-2, default

Mens' Doubles—Bryant-Love def. Art Mowray-Hans Rogind 18-17, 15-8

Ladies Doubles—C. Arnold-Stockton def. Nora Simpson-J. Hengel 15-9, 18-13

Mixed Doubles—H. Rogind-Pat Dupler def. G. Hemstrom-J. Hengel 15-9, 15-9

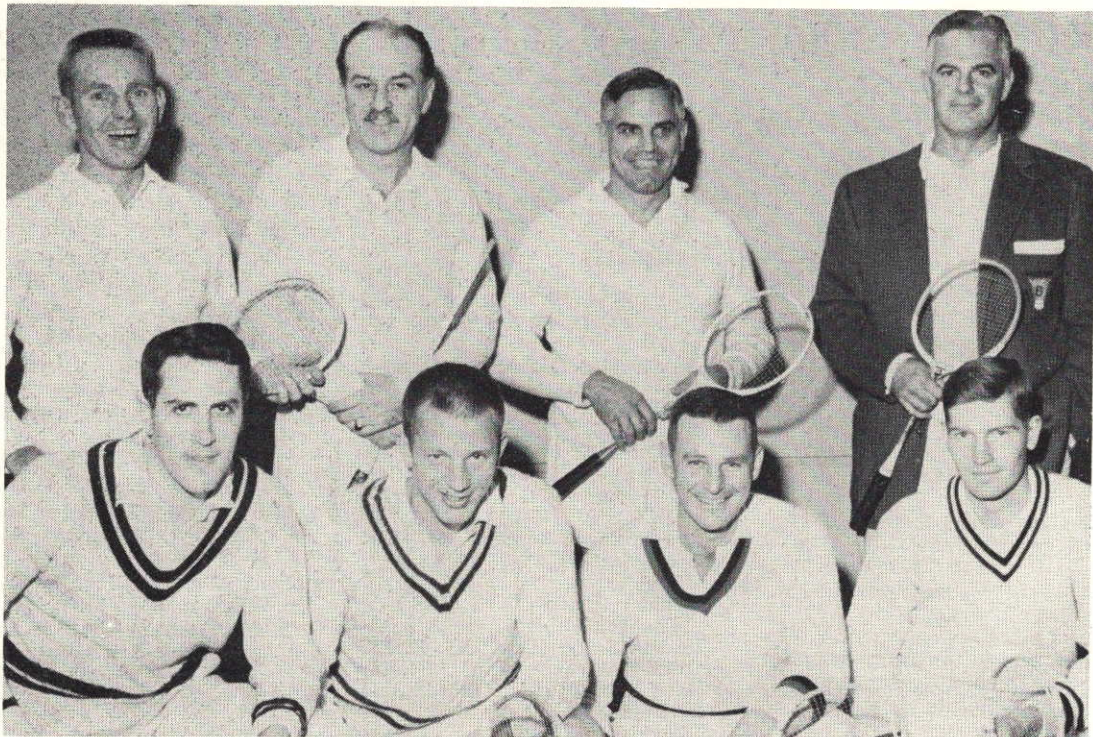
Boy's Singles—Ches. Mowray def. Jim Hengel 15-3, 15-4

Girl's Singles—Lyn Wright def. Ru-laine Hacker (No score)

WARWICK, R. I. MIXED UP DOUBLES

The first informal tournament of the season was held at Lockwood Junior High Gym on Sunday, November 18 sponsored by the Warwick-East Greenwich Y.M.C.A. Forty-one people entered the tournament.

Ladies Winners—Ruth Blake and Marcia Meade, Finalists—Grace Donaldson and Betty Emond. Men's Winners—Walter Hackett and Dave Gale, Finalists—Karl Rittmann and Dick Downs.



Quarter-finalists in the Westport Mens Doubles. The winners Wayne Schell and Bob Wright, back row on the right. Winners of the Towson Open, Noel Fehm and Dick Ball front row left. The others: Back row Ken Kost and Bob Lougheed, front row Jack Cooper and Bill Goodman.

THE WESTPORT INVITATION MEN'S DOUBLES

The Twentieth Annual Westport Invitation Mens' Doubles Tournament was held on December 1st, 1956 at the Westport, Connecticut, YMCA. As usual, there was a good entry with many east coast states represented. The caliber of play was high, resulting in a number of closely contested matches.

The first upset of the tournament occurred in the quarter finals, when Bill Goodman, Boston and Jack Cooper, Providence, defeated Bob Bachman and Butch Kevorkian of Boston. The scores of this match were 15-12, 15-7.

Advancing to the semi-finals, this team turned in a very fine performance against the top seeded team of Noel Fehm and Dick Ball. After losing the first game 15-10, Goodman and Cooper came back to win the second 15-13. In the third game, Goodman and Cooper ran up a lead of 10-5, only to be tied at 10 all. After many service changes and some exciting rallies, Fehm and Ball went ahead 13-12. Minutes later the score was again tied at 13 all. From this point on it was nip and tuck all the way with the score being tied three

more times after the initial set of five. Fehm and Ball finally pulled the match out—the final score 18-17. It was interesting to note that there was a total of ten match points, four by the losers and six by the winners.

In the other semi-final match Wayne Schell and Bob Wright, Boston, defeated Ken Kost and Bob Lougheed, Westport, 15-9, 15-12. Both teams played well and there were many fine rallies. However, the steady play of the veteran combination from Boston proved too strong for the Westport duo.

In the finals, Schell and Wright continued to produce fine badminton, winning the first game 15-10. In the second game, Fehm and Ball, the defending champions, settled down and committed fewer errors. With steadier play and the hard hitting of Fehm, plus some fancy net play by Dick Ball, the #1 seeded team ran out the game at 15-8. The third game again saw Schell and Wright dominate most of the play. Wayne Schell was very aggressive and made numerous put-aways. He was especially effective on returning smash, putting the opposition off balance on many occasions. This, along with Bob Wright's fine back court play enabled the Boston team to win the final game 15-9.

This marked the sixth time that Schell and Wright have won the Westport Doubles Tournament.

A consolation round was also held, and this was won by Dick Davenport and Ed Drabb, Waterbury, when they defeated Harold Daume and Charles Scheck, N. Y. by scores of 15-8, 11-15, 15-12.

D.O'N.

Quarterfinals—Noel Fehm-Dick Ball def. Al Dockray-Ed Crocker 18-17, 15-3. Jack Cooper-Bill Goodman def. Butch Kevorkian-Bob Bachman 15-12, 15-7. Ken Kost-Bob Lougheed def. Bob Warren-Phil Blanchard 15-8, 18-15. Bob Wright-Wayne Schell def. Harry Hacket-Carl Fischer 15-10, 15-12
Semi-finals—Fehm-Ball def. Cooper-Goodman 15-10, 13-15, 18-17. Wright-Schell def. Kost-Lougheed 15-9, 15-12
Finals—Wright-Schell def. Fehm-Ball 15-10, 8-15, 15-9

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WESTERN NEW YORK B&C OPEN

Held December 1 at the Niagara Falls Country Club with 60 entries from Buffalo, Dunkirk, Alfred University, Lewiston and Syracuse.

Class "B"

Men Doubles—Semi-finals. Ed Lord-Rusty Lewis def. Ed Wendall-Bill Farrell by default. Jo Di Carlo-Paul Loveday def. Dave Meyer-John Kinsey 15-8, 15-2

Finals—Di Carlo-Loveday def. Lewis-Lord 15-7, 15-12

Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals—R. Lewis-Rose Baroody def. J. Di Carlo-Joan Dulak 15-8, 15-3, P. Loveday-Mary Calder def. John & Betty Kinsey 15-8, 15-6

Finals—Lewis-Baroody def. Loveday-Calder 15-1, 15-4.

Class "C"

Men's Singles—Philip Lau def. Ed Wendell 15-11, 15-4. Dave Nickerson def. Dick Shaw 15-6, 15-7.

Finals: Nickerson def. Lau 15-13, 15-11

Ladies Singles—Semi-finals. Lois Roecklein def. Del Zymrusz 11-2, 11-4. Joan Tulloch def. Mary Kosin 11-3, 11-0

Finals—Tulloch def. Roecklein 11-4, 5-11, 11-3

Mens Doubles—Semi-finals. Nickerson-Lau def. Mickey Graver-Bill Kullman 15-5, 15-9. Wendall-Farrell def. Mike Wechter-Don Reuther 15-2, 6-15, 15-8

Finals—Nickerson-Lau def. Wendall-Farrell 15-8, 15-1.

Ladies Doubles—Semi-finals. Marge Kropp-Olive Bellamy def. L. Roecklein-Marilyn Young 15-6, 15-5. J. Tullock-Barbara Maedl def. Kosin-Zymrusz 15-10, 15-12.

Finals—Tulloch-Maedl def. Kropp-Bellamy 15-5, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals. Graver-Maedl def. Bob Hird-M. Young 15-4, 15-2. Karl Heinrich-L. Roecklein def. Dave and Sally Nickerson 15-2, 11-15, 15-11.

Finals—Heinrich-Roecklein def. Graver-Maedl 15-14, 14-15, 15-6

TOWSON OPEN Towson, Maryland

Several upsets marked the Towson Open Tournament held December 7, 8 and 9 at the Goucher College Gym in Towson, Maryland. The first reversal of seeding occurred in the semi-finals of the mixed doubles where Connecticut's Noel and Peggy Fehm defeated the number one seeded team of Charlotte Decker and Spencer Davis. The finals produced two more upsets, the first being the defeat of Dick Ball, #10 nationally, by Noel Fehm. A few costly errors in the third game made the difference.

The final upset of the day was the loss of Sue and Judy Devlin to Dot O'Neil and Margaret Varner in which Dot showed up as having a greatly improved defensive game.

Ladies Singles

Quarter-finals: Judy Devlin def. Sheila Williams, 11-1, 11-0; Charlotte Decker def. MacGregor Stewart, 11-4, 4-11, 11-7; Susan Devlin def. Dorothy O'Neil, 7-11, 12-10, 11-9; Margaret Varner def. Virginia Ball, 11-0, 11-0

Semi-finals: J. Devlin def. Decker, 11-1, 11-1; Varner def. S. Devlin, 11-7, 11-3

Final: J. Devlin def. Varner, 11-4, 11-3

Mens Singles

Quarter-finals: Dick Ball def. Robert Merrick, Jr., 15-6, 15-2; Os Steinwald def. Dan Rudy, 15-6, 15-9; Ed Tillery, Jr., def. Ed Dunning, Jr., 15-4, 15-2; Noel Fehm def. Howard Herbst, Jr., 15-3, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Ball def. Steinwald, 15-1, 15-2; Fehm def. Tillery, 15-10, 15-6

Finals: Fehm def. Ball, 15-11, 10-15, 15-14.

Ladies Doubles

Semi-finals: Devlin-Devlin def. Stewart-Ball, 15-3, 15-5; Varner-O'Neil def. Decker-Marie Using Nylen, 15-11, 15-2.

Final: Varner-O'Neil def. Devlin-Devlin, 15-10, 4-15, 15-12.

Mens Doubles

Quarter-finals: Ball-Fehm def. Bernard Talley-Dunning, 15-4, 15-2; Tillery-Steinwald def. Howard Eisler-Harvey Snavely, 15-11, 15-5; Herbst-Joe Vaeth def. Roy Reeves-Maung Kla Kyi, 8-15, 15-9, 15-6; Spencer Davis-Fred Stieber def. Gordon Smith-Manuel Baltaian, 15-8, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Ball-Fehm def. Tillery-Steinwald, 15-3, 15-1; Davis-Stieber def. Herbst-Vaeth, 15-4, 15-4.

Final: Ball-Fehm def. Davis-Stieber, 15-6, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Quarter-finals: Decker-Davis def. Evie Talley-Tillery, 15-11, 15-9; Peggy Fehm-Fehm def. Stewart-Steinwald, 15-4, 15-9; O'Neill-Fred Fullin def. Williams-Rufus Williams. w.o.; S. Devlin-Ball def. Joanne Hessey-Hal Webb, 15-0, 15-1

Semi-finals: Fehm-Fehm def. Decker-Davis, 15-11, 15-10; S. Devlin-Ball def. O'Neil-Fullin, 15-9, 15-5

Final: S. Devlin-Ball def. Fehm-Fehm, 15-7, 15-5.

MICHIGAN OPEN Detroit, Michigan

Once again, the Michigan Open Badminton Tournament, sponsored by the Detroit Badminton Club, is history. This year's event was held Saturday and Sunday, December 8 & 9, 1956, on the courts of the Ford Motor Recreation Center in Dearborn, and was the largest since before World War II, with 120 entrants from the entire Midwest, the East, and Canada.

A new champion was crowned in the Women's Singles. Beatrix Mare, from South Africa, now an instruc-

tor and graduate student at Purdue University, defeated four-time winner, Abbie Rutledge, also of Purdue. Vic Pritula retained his Men's Singles title by defeating Vic VanDeVen, recently returned from service.

Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman demonstrated quite handily why they are National Women's Doubles Champions by losing not more than four points per match throughout the tournament, and defeated the strong team of Rutledge and Mare in the finals. Bill Anderson and Pritula, of Detroit, ranked #4 nationally, retained their Men's Doubles title by defeating Earl Boston and Jim Wigglesworth, of Chicago. Anderson and Mary Connor, of Detroit, for the third time won the Rees Cramer Memorial Trophy for Mixed Doubles, by defeating Boston and Eleanor Coombs, of Chicago.

In the Veterans Doubles, the sprightly Jerry Burns and Harry Drewry, of Detroit, came through to win the title from George Geever and Bert Fish of Chicago. In the second game, Burns and Drewry had match point seven times before losing the game to Geever and Fish, proving once again that a match is not over until the final point has been scored!

Results:

SEMI-FINALS

Women's Singles—Abbie Rutledge def. Norma Slauer, 11-3, 11-3; Beatrix Mare def. Dorothy Tinling 2-11, 11-2, 11-2

Men's Singles—Vic Pritula def. Dick Root 15-6, 15-1; Vic Van De Ven def. Fred Trifonoff, 15-14, 15-8

Women's Doubles—Marshall-Massman def. Tinling-Starr, 15-2, 15-1; Rutledge-Mare def. Burdick-Coombs, 15-7, 15-8

Men's Doubles—Anderson-Pritula def. Burns-Drewry, 15-9, 15-10; Boston-Wigglesworth def. Trifonoff-VanDeVen 10-15, 15-13, 15-10

Mixed Doubles—Anderson-Connor def. Wigglesworth-Burdick, 15-3, 15-3; Boston-Coombs def. Sheppard-Sirwaitis 15-12, 15-6

Vets. Doubles—Burns-Drewry def. Burdick-Franzack 18-16, 15-5; Geever-Fish def. Mowrey-Love 15-8, 15-9

FINALS

Women's Singles—Mare def. Rutledge 11-7, 11-8

Men's Singles—Pritula def. VanDeVen 13-18, 15-5, 15-13

Women's Doubles—Marshall-Massman def. Rutledge-Mare 15-2, 15-2

Men's Doubles—Anderson-Pritula def. Boston-Wigglesworth 15-12, 15-9

Mixed Doubles—Anderson-Connor def. Boston-Coombs 15-9, 15-11

Vets. Doubles—Burns-Drewry def. Geever-Fish 15-3, 14-17, 15-10

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